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LAND REQUIRED FOR MTR EXTENSION TO TSUEN WAN
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THE SITE OF THE SEVEN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN SAI LAU KOK, TSUEN WAN, TO BE RESUMED UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE IS REQUIRED FOR AN INTRICATE PATTERN OF INTER-LINKING RAILS TO ENABLE TRAINS TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER FACILITIES IN TSUEN WAN DEPOT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN ORDER TO LAY OUT THESE INTER-LINKING RAILS KNOWN AS THE 'ACCESS FAN', IT WAS NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE RAILWAY LINE WESTWARDS BEYOND TSUEN WAN STATION.

+IT IS THIS ACCESS FAN AND THE EXTENSION OF THE RUNNING LINE WHICH MAKE THE RESUMPTION OF THESE BUILDINGS UNAVOIDABLE,+ HE EXPLAINED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO BUILDING DEVELOPMENT OVER THE ACCESS FAN, THAT IS ON THE SITE ON WHICH THE BUILDINGS INVOLVED ACTUALLY STAND. THIS PART OF THE DEPOT WOULD BE FULLY UTILISED FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES ONLY.

HOWEVER, TO MAKE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMIC USE OF OTHER PARTS OF THE DEPOT LAND, DEVELOPMENT WILL BE PERMITTED ABOVE THE PORTION OF THE DEPOT TO THE EAST OF THE SITE IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

IN ADDITION TO 4,000 FLATS, THE DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE A PRIMARY AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL, A COMMERCIAL AREA, A MARKET AND AN OPEN SPACE, THE LAYOUT OF THE LATTER BEING DESIGNED TO ACCORD WITH THE TIN HAU TEMPLE WHICH WILL BE PRESERVED.

COMMENTING ON SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT THE DEMOLITION OF THE SEVEN BUILDINGS WOULD BE AVOIDED IF THE DEPOT WERE TO BE RESITED FURTHER NORTH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPOT REQUIRED COMPARATIVELY FLAT LAND AND ALTHOUGH IT WAS TRUE THERE WAS A SIZEABLE AREA OF CROWN LAND TO THE NORTH OF THESE BUILDINGS, IT WAS UNSUITABLE FOR A RAILWAY DEPOT BECAUSE OF ITS SHAPE. IN ANY CASE, IT IS MUCH TOO SMALL, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED: +THE AREA MUST ALSO BE SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO ACCOMMODATE TSUEN WAN STATION WHICH WILL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH TSUEN WAN, SERVING MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. IT MUST, IN ADDITION, FIT IN WITH THE PLANNED EXTENSIVE ROAD NETWORK IN THE AREA WHICH WILL PROVIDE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ROUTE TWISK AND TSUEN WAN AND, AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE, BETWEEN THE NEW TUEN MUN ROAD AND THE PROPOSED NEW ROUTE 5 TO SHA TIN.+

THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THIS ROAD NETWORK AND THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THIS PART OF TSUEN WAN, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, MEAN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE THE WHOLE DEPOT AND STATION COMPLEX ANYWHERE ELSE, INCLUDING NORTHWARDS.

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THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT, RECOGNISING THE NEED FOR OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF THESE BUILDINGS TO HAVE NOTICE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMED ALL OCCUPIERS OF THE IMPENDING RESUMPTION ON JANUARY 31, 1978 BEFORE THE GAZETTING OF THE RAILWAY AREA PLAN.

AGAIN, ON APRIL 28, 1978, ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS WERE INFORMED THAT A NOTICE ABOUT THE RESUMPTION OF THESE BUILDINGS WOULD APPEAR IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF MAY 1978 AND THAT THE PROPERTIES WOULD REVERT TO THE CROWN IN NOVEMBER 1978.

OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT, DURING THIS PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, OFFICERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE MASS TRANSIT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, WOULD BE VISITING THE PREMISES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCOMMODATION IN A HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATE AND TO ASSESS THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AND ANY OTHER ALLOWANCES TO WHICH PEOPLE MIGHT BE ENTITLED. THEY WERE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT POSSESSION OF THE BUILDINGS WOULD BE REQUIRED IN APRIL OR MAY 1979.

+THUS, QUITE APART FROM THE PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION, A FULL 12-MONTH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF THESE BUILDINGS OF GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO RESUME THE LAND AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDINGS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RESIDENTIAL OCCUPIERS ELIGIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATION IN A HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATE WILL, BEFORE THE END OF MARCH 1979, BE OFFERED ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT. PEOPLE WHO WISH TO LEAVE THEIR PREMISES AT ANY TIME BETWEEN MAY 1978 AND THE DATE OF CLEARANCE MAY DO SO AND WILL RECEIVE HALF OF THE COMPENSATION OR ALLOWANCE OFFERED THEM BEFORE VACATING THEIR PREMISES, WITH THE BALANCE BEING PAID IMMEDIATELY ON GIVING VACANT POSSESSION.

COMMERCIAL OCCUPIERS WILL RECEIVE AN EX-GRATIA DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, PEOPLE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE WILL BE OFFERED A FAIR MARKET VALUE AT THE DATE OF REVERSION FOR THEIR INTERESTS IN THE PREMISES CONCERNED.

IN RESPECT OF ANY DISPUTE INVOLVING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO BE PAID FOR ANY LEGAL INTERESTS IN LAND ARBITRATION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT MAY BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE LANDS TRIBUNAL.

THE TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER IS IN CONTACT WITH RESIDENTS OF THE BUILDINGS AND HAS HELD MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO THIS RESUMPTION AND WAYS IN WHICH HIS OFFICE CAN HELP RESIDENTS.

HE HAS ADVISED THE OWNERS TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE VALUATION SURVEY WHICH IS NECESSARY TO ASSESS COMPENSATION AND ASSURED THEM OF HIS INTEREST AND SUPPORT IN THEIR CLAIMS FOR REALISTIC COMPENSATION.

/THE MASS TRANSIT

THE MASS TRANSIT ADVISER HAS ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE IN ROOM NO. 1, TSUEN KING BUILDING, HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN, TELEPHONE NUMBER 12-428360 AND ANY OWNER OR OCCUPIER REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING RESUMPTION, VALUATION AND COMPENSATION PROCEDURES OR ANY OTHER RELATED MATTER SHOULD CONTACT MR. VINCENT SUNG AT THAT ADDRESS SO THAT APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED FOR PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED.

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USD HELPS IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT AND
LIVING CONDITIONS IN NT
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IT IS A SAD FACT THAT THE BEAUTY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES IS OFTEN SPOILT BY THE AMOUNT OF JUNK AND RUBBISH SUCH AS BOXES, CRATES, SCRAP WOOD, OLD IRON AND EARTHENWARE THAT ARE DUMPED IN VARIOUS PLACES AND ALLOWED TO LIE THERE BY LOCAL RESIDENTS, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON SAID THIS EVENING.

HE SAID NO ONE SEEMED TO HAVE THE ENERGY OR INTEREST TO TAKE THE JUNK TO THE NEAREST REFUSE COLLECTION POINT FOR REMOVAL BY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

IF THEY DID, HE POINTED OUT, NOT ONLY WOULD IT RID THE COUNTRYSIDE OF UNSIGHTLY MESS, BUT IT WOULD ALSO HELP TO REMOVE HIDING PLACES AND POSSIBLY FOOD FOR RATS.

MR. WILSON MADE THESE OBSERVATIONS IN A TALK HE GAVE TO THE LIONS CLUB OF CASTLE PEAK ON THE WORK OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. WILSON SAID THOUGH THERE ARE SEPARATE USD STAFF FOR THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES BECAUSE OF VARIOUS REASONS, THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE IN THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE STANDARDS REQUIRED.

HE DISCUSSED THE WORK THE DEPARTMENT WAS DOING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO HELP IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE THERE MOST OF WHOM HE NOTED WERE NOT NATIVES WHO HAD BEEN THERE FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS, BUT PEOPLE WHO MOVED FROM THE URBAN AREAS.

ON THE PROBLEM OF HAWKERS, HE SAID IT WAS NOT AS SERIOUS AS IN THE URBAN AREAS, BUT THERE IS NEVER LIKELY TO BE ENOUGH SUITABLE OFF-STREET SPACES TO ACCOMMODATE ALL ON-ROAD HAWKERS.

THE DEPARTMENT WAS, HOWEVER, PERSUING A PROGRAMME OF REBUILDING EXISTING INADEQUATE MARKETS AND CONSTRUCTING NEW ONES THAT WOULD CONTAIN STALLS NOT ONLY FOR THE USUAL MARKET COMMODITIES OF MEAT, FISH AND POULTRY, BUT ALSO FOR WET AND DRY GOODS. THE MARKETS WILL HAVE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS TO HELP CUSTOMERS AND STIMULATE BUSINESS. THE FIRST OF THE NEW ONES IS LIKELY TO BE READY IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO.

IN THE FIELD OF RECREATION, HE SAID, ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION GROUNDS SUCH AS TURFED FOOTBALL FIELDS, HARD-SURFACED MINI-SOCCER PITCHES, BASKETBALL COURTS, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, SITTING OUT AREAS AND AMENITY PLOTS WERE BEING BUILT.

THE FIRST BIG SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IS ALREADY OPENED IN KWAI CHUNG. A SECOND SMALLER POOL IS BEING BUILT AT FAN LING WHILE SEVERAL OTHER POOL COMPLEXES ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGE FOR TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG AND TAI PO.

A SQUASH COURT ON THE UPPER FLOOR OF THE NEW PERMANENT MARKET IN TAI PO IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED.

AS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES, MR. WILSON SAID THE USD HOPED TO EVENTUALLY PROVIDE ONE FOR EVERY 200,000 HEAD OF POPULATION WITH A LENDING SECTION, REFERENCE SECTION, PERIODICALS, JUNIOR SECTION AND A STUDENT STUDY ROOM.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SPACE FOR EXTENSION ACTIVITIES AND AN EXHIBITION ROOM FOR DISPLAYING TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS OF ART, MUSEUM MATERIAL AND ANYTHING THAT WILL USEFULLY STIMULATE AWARENESS OF CULTURE.

TO THIS END, HE SAID, A NEW TOWN HALL IS BEING BUILT IN TSUEN WAN AND DETAILED PLANNING IS GOING ON FOR THE ONES AT SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN.

IN THIS CONNECTION ALSO, HE ADDED, THE DEPARTMENT'S ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS SECTION WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD OF WHICH HE IS THE CHAIRMAN, TO CONSIDER PRESERVING PLACES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST IN THE N.T.

HE SAID THE BOARD HAD RECENTLY INSPECTED A NUMBER OF FINE OLD ANCESTRAL HALLS THAT NEEDED RESTORING AND PRESERVING AS EXAMPLES OF THE OLD WAY OF LIFE.

EXPLAINING THE ORGANISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF FOR THE N.T., MR. WILSON SAID THEY WERE UNDER A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WHO HAD SEVEN URBAN SERVICES OFFICERS (USO) EACH IN CHARGE OF A PARTICULAR DISTRICT SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE USO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL USD ACTIVITIES IN HIS DISTRICT COVERING PUBLIC HEALTH, CLEANSING, RECREATION, PEST CONTROL, HORTICULTURE, CEMETERIES, HAWKERS AND MARKETS.

THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE USD OPERATES IS GOVERNED BY A COMPREHENSIVE MASS OF LEGISLATION. IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, STANDARDS ARE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO ENVIRONMENT OF BUILT-UP AREAS ON ISLANDS
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS TAKING POSITIVE STEPS TO FURTHER IMPROVE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF BUILT-UP AREAS SUCH AS CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU AND MUI WO, MR. VICTOR YUNG, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, ISLANDS, SAID TODAY.

ADDRESSING THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR LUNCHEON, MR. YUNG SAID: +THE BOARD HAS DECIDED TO SET UP AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT GROUP FOR EACH RURAL DISTRICT TO TAKE A HARD AND CRITICAL LOOK AT ITS ENVIRONMENT AND TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO CLEAN IT UP.

+THESE GROUPS WILL CONSIST OF DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF, POLICE AND RURAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AND THEY WILL MAKE REGULAR SITE INSPECTIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND PRODUCE PLANS FOR ACTION TO CLEAN UP THE BLACK SPOTS.+

MR. YUNG ADDED THAT THERE WERE PLANS TO CONVERT SUCH SPOTS INTO SITTING-OUT AREAS BY PLANTING TREES AND PROVIDING BENCHES AND OTHER FACILITIES.

SINCE ITS FORMATION IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, THE BOARD HAS ALLOCATED ITS OWN FUNDS TO SUPPORT VARIOUS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, HE ADDED.

+IN THE FIELD OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE BOARD HAS SPONSORED THE FORMATION OF A CHOIR FROM KEEN SINGERS IN THE DISTRICT, A CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL GROUP, A DRAMA COMPETITION, A PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHIC AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AND A MID-AUTUMN LANTERN-MAKING COMPETITION.

+THE BOARD HAS APPROVED FUNDS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF SUMMER CAMPS, CHILDREN'S GAMES DAYS IN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS, VARIETY SHOWS, LIFE-SAVING CLASSES, A DISTRICT-WIDE SWIMMING GALA AND ATHLETIC MEETS.+

THE BOARD HAS ALSO RECENTLY APPROVED A GRANT OF \$1,000 PER MONTH TO ASSIST THE EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEES TO MANAGE THEIR COMMUNITY CENTRES AND TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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OPENING OF COMMUNITY HALL IN CHAI WAN

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SECOND COMMUNITY HALL ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO SERVE AS A FOCAL POINT OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN CHAI WAN.

THE NEW HALL, NEAR YUE WAN ESTATE, IS SIMILAR TO THE ONE AT HING WAH ESTATE. IT PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY, RECREATIONAL AND TRAINING FACILITIES.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. DONALD LIAO, WILL CUT A RIBBON TO MARK THE OPENING AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE HALL. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN WILL ALSO ATTEND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL WOULD PROVIDE A VENUE FOR A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS IN THE ESTATE.

+PROGRAMMES AIMED AT PROMOTING VOLUNTEER TRAINING, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ARE BEING ORGANISED FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

+THROUGH PARTICIPATION, RESIDENTS ARE HELPED TO BECOME MORE CIVIC-MINDED AND, THROUGH SELF-HELP AND CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS, TO BECOME INCREASINGLY CAPABLE OF BUILDING UP A MORE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY AND ENRICHING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AMONG THEMSELVES.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FACILITIES IN THE 5,000 SQUARE-FOOT COMMUNITY HALL INCLUDE A LARGE HALL WITH A STAGE AND A MEETING ROOM.

THE HALL CAN ACCOMMODATE 350 PEOPLE AND CAN BE USED FOR MEETINGS, EXHIBITIONS, GROUP AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS FOR INDOOR GAMES SUCH AS BADMINTON, CHINESE BILLARDS AND TABLE-TENNIS, HE SAID.

+THE COMMUNITY HALL AND ITS FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY LOCAL GROUPS, SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS FOR MEETINGS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES,+ HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE COMMUNITY HALL BEGINNING AT 5 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE COMMUNITY HALL IN YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES

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AS FROM NOW, DAILY FIGURES ON TOTAL WATER STORAGE WILL INCLUDE THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY AND THE ACTUAL STORAGE POSITION OF HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE INCLUSION OF THE WATER STORAGE FIGURES OF THE RESERVOIR WILL REFLECT A CHANGE IN THE OVERALL SITUATION.

THE PERCENTAGE OF STORAGE, COMPARED WITH THE TOTAL CAPACITY, WILL THEREFORE APPEAR LESS THAN IN THE PAST.

IN THE PAST, THE FIGURES RELATING TO THE RESERVOIR WERE ISSUED SEPARATELY BECAUSE THE STORAGE WAS OF LITTLE RELATIVE CONSEQUENCE.

HOWEVER, THE WATER STORAGE HAS NOW REACHED A LEVEL OF SOME IMPORTANCE.

THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR IS 272 MILLION CUBIC METRES AND IT IS, AT PRESENT, ABOUT 15 PER CENT FULL.

BEARING IN MIND THIS VASTLY INCREASED CAPACITY, BUT THE RELATIVELY SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE ACTUAL WATER STORAGE, THE PERCENTAGE COMPARISON WILL INEVITABLY DROP.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR SALE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON JUNE 21, 1978 AT 2.30 P.M.

THE FIRST SITE, WITH AN AREA OF 730.9 SQUARE METRES AT UPPER LASCAR ROW, HONG KONG, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE OTHER SITE, WHICH IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, IS LOCATED AT YIP KAN STREET, WONG CHUK HANG. IT HAS AN AREA OF 3,750 SQUARE METRES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG= THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, HONG KONG, AND AT THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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MA TAU WAI ROAD BEING RESURFACED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS RESURFACING MA TAU WAI ROAD IN HUNG HOM TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD.

MR. R.K. WINTER, CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER (MAINTENANCE) OF HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) SAID TODAY THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES.

HE SAID THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ROADWORK, WHICH INVOLVED THE RESURFACING OF THE SECTION OF MA TAU WAI ROAD, BETWEEN PAK KUNG STREET AND FAT KWONG STREET, WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED ON FRIDAY (MAY 26).

WORK ON STAGE TWO, INVOLVING THE RESURFACING OF THE SECTION BETWEEN FAT KWONG STREET AND WUHU STREET, WILL START AT A LATER DATE.

MR. WINTER WARNED THAT TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG MA TAU WAI ROAD WAS EXPECTED DURING THE RESURFACING PERIOD.

HE URGED MOTORISTS TO BE PATIENT AND TO EXERCISE SPECIAL CARE WHEN USING MA TAU WAI ROAD DURING THE PERIOD, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 6 P.M. WHEN ROAD WORK IS IN PROGRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S PASSING-OUT PARADE

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISCHARGED PRISONERS' AID SOCIETY, MR. FREDERICK YU SAK-KWONG, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S PASSING-OUT PARADE AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY (MAY 20).

THE PARADE OF 93 RECRUITS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY. IT WILL LAST ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PARADE. PARKING SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FRONT OF STANLEY PRISON.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF QUEENSWAY BETWEEN GARDEN ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE, AND THE SECTION OF MURRAY ROAD BETWEEN CHATER ROAD AND QUEENSWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. DAILY FROM SATURDAY (MAY 20) TO TUESDAY (MAY 23) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS, TRAFFIC FROM GARDEN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

EASTBOUND VEHICLES CAN TURN LEFT FROM DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TO PEDDER STREET WHILE TRAFFIC FROM CHATER ROAD WILL PROCEED VIA LAMBETH WALK TO CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

CROSS HARBOUR BUSES ON ROUTE 121, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL ON THEIR KOWLOON-BOUND JOURNEYS DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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