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CIVIL SERVICE PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

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ELEVEN TOP-LEVEL CIVIL SERVICE PROMOTIONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE GRADE WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TODAY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AND MINES, MR. NEIL HENDERSON= THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. E.P. HO= AND THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. HENRY CHING, ARE ALL PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE 'A'.

MR. HENDERSON, 49, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1962 AFTER SERVING IN KENYA. HE SERVED IN VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR 12 YEARS BEFORE MOVING TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN 1974 WHERE HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR. HE HAS BEEN COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR.

MR. HO, 50, JOINED GOVERNMENT IN 1954. HE HAS SERVED IN THE THEN SECRETARIAT FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS, THE COUNCILS BRANCH, THE FINANCE BRANCH, THE THEN RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE THEN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES IN APRIL 1977, AFTER HAVING PREVIOUSLY BEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES.

MR. CHING, 44, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1961. HE SERVED IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE SECRETARIAT, THE THEN RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT BEFORE BEING APPOINTED DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN JULY 1976.

THE SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTIONS OF EIGHT OFFICERS TO THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE 'B'.

THEY ARE: MR. STEUART WEBB-JOHNSON, 45, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S LONDON OFFICE= MR. JOHN YAXLEY, 41, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY= MR. YEUNG KAI-YIN, 37, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY= MR. CHRISTOPHER WONG KIM-KAM, 36, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT= MR. PATRICK WILLIAMSON, 37, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, UMELCO= MRS. ANSON CHAN, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH= MR. HUGH ARDLEY, 49, DEPUTY SECRETARY, ADMINISTRATION BRANCH= AND DR. RICHARD BUTLER, 44, DEPUTY SECRETARY, ENVIRONMENT BRANCH.

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## TWO MAJOR ROAD CONTRACTS SIGNED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED TWO MAJOR ROAD CONTRACTS WORTH A TOTAL OF \$88.5 MILLION.

ONE OF THEM WAS THE MAIN CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF TSUEN WAN BY-PASS VALUED AT \$67.4 MILLION.

IT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED BY MR. NICKY CHAN, ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF THE P.W.D. AND MR. R. BENNETT, HONG KONG BRANCH MANAGER OF DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS.

MR. CHAN SAID THAT THE PROJECT, FORMING PART OF THE ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX-LANE ROAD FROM KWAI CHUNG TO TSUEN WAN.

THE TWO-KILOMETRE ROAD WILL RUN FROM A POINT NEAR THE CONTAINER TERMINALS AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO TEXACO ROAD NEAR YEUNG UK ROAD.

IT WILL HAVE THREE INTERCHANGES LOCATED AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD, HING FONG ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD.

MR. CHAN SAID THAT WORK ON THIS MAIN CONTRACT WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

HE SAID THAT STAGE TWO OF THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-KILOMETRE ROAD WHICH WILL RUN FROM TEXACO ROAD ACROSS TSUEN WAN BAY TO LINK WITH TUEN MUN ROAD AT CHAI WAN KOK.

WORK ON THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE OTHER CONTRACT SIGNED TODAY WAS FOR THE \$21 MILLION FLYOVER COMPLEX ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR TAI WO TSUEN. IT WAS AWARDED TO CHUI HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

THE PROJECT, KNOWN AS TAI WO TSUEN INTERCHANGE, WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. CHAN SAID: +THE INTERCHANGE WILL COMPRISE A FLYOVER ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD WITH AN ATTACHED FOOTBRIDGE TO ENABLE PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY, AND A GRADE-SEPARATED SLIP ROAD.+

THE INTERCHANGE WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO DEVELOPMENTS NOW TAKING PLACE AT TAI WO TSUEN AREA AS PART OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THE CONTRACT, MR. CHAN ADDED, ALSO COVERS LANDSCAPING TREATMENT TO THE OPEN SPACES IN THE VICINITY OF THE INTERCHANGE.

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POLICE AND ICAC CONFIRM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FINDINGS  
ON SCHOOL PROBE  
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THE POLICE AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION HAVE NOW CONFIRMED THAT NO EVIDENCE OF FRAUD OR CORRUPTION WAS FOUND IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES AT THE ST. BONAVENTURE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL IN TSZ WAN SHAN.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A COPY OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S REPORT, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES HAD BEEN SENT TO THE POLICE AND THE ICAC ON JULY 20 FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, DID NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THE FULL TEXT OF THE REPORT BECAUSE IT INCLUDED MATTERS RAISED IN CONFIDENTIAL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH SCHOOL STAFF.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT, IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO MAKE KNOWN THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND FINDINGS.

NEARLY ALL THE LETTERS OF COMPLAINTS ALLEGING FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES AND PURPORTING TO COME FROM +STUDENTS OF ST. BONAVENTURE HIGH SCHOOL+ WERE ANONYMOUS AND SENT VIA ICAC, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE AREA INSPECTORATE AND THE ACCOUNTS SECTION, VISITED THE SCHOOL ON FIVE OCCASIONS - ON MAY 23, JUNE 2, 5, 16 AND 26. THE REASON FOR SO MANY VISITS WAS THAT NO SOONER HAD SOME COMPLAINTS BEEN MADE THAN OTHER COMPLAINTS CAME TO LIGHT.

TO MAKE THE INVESTIGATION AS THOROUGH AS POSSIBLE, ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEACHING STAFF WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INTERVIEWED INDIVIDUALLY ALONG WITH A RANDOM SAMPLE OF PUPILS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF THE TUCKSHOP. IN ADDITION, ALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND JANITOR STAFF, EXCEPT FOR TWO PART-TIME WORKERS, WERE INTERVIEWED. OF THE 20 TEACHERS AND 15 STUDENTS INTERVIEWED, THERE WERE FEW COMPLAINTS OF SUBSTANCE. TWO OR THREE TEACHERS COMPLAINED OF WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE HIGH-HANDED METHODS OF THE SUPERVISOR/PRINCIPAL IN ENFORCING STRICT DISCIPLINE AMONG THE STAFF, AND ONE TEACHER FELT THE STAFF WERE INHIBITED FROM MAKING CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS AT STAFF MEETINGS= ANOTHER FELT THAT HELPING WITH THE TUCKSHOP SHOULD NOT BE AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY= AND SOME STUDENTS FELT THE PRINCIPAL WAS TOO STRICT OVER LONG HAIR. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME STAFF SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPAL IN HIS FIRM DISCIPLINARY APPROACH= ONE SPOKE OF THE EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS IN THE SCHOOL= AND OTHERS OF THE GOOD SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE TUCKSHOP.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES AND COMPLAINTS WERE FULLY INVESTIGATED. WHILE THERE WAS SOME SUBSTANCE IN A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS, OTHERS HAD ARISEN FROM GENUINE MISUNDERSTANDING. GENERALLY, THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTS WERE FOUND TO BE IN GOOD ORDER. THE SUPERVISOR/PRINCIPAL WAS VERY CO-OPERATIVE IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS, AGREEING TO HIS STAFF BEING INTERVIEWED AND THE VARIOUS SCHOOL AND TUCKSHOP ACCOUNTS BEING EXAMINED. THE STAFF INTERVIEWED WERE ALSO MOST CO-OPERATIVE. +THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PRINCIPAL AND A SMALL NUMBER OF HIS STAFF,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +BUT IT MAY BE USEFUL TO RESTORE A SENSE OF PROPORTION AND TO BALANCE THE CRITICISMS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE, MAINLY ANONYMOUSLY, BY REFERRING TO A LETTER, DATED JULY 23 AND PURPORTING TO COME FROM +THE TEACHERS OF ST. BONAVENTURE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL+, WHICH PRAISES THE PRINCIPAL'S GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP, AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS HIM.+

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DIRECTOR OF TRADE LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON  
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, LEAVES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR WASHINGTON TO CONTINUE TALKS ON EXPORTS OF CERTAIN NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE TALKS ARE A RESUMPTION OF THOSE HELD IN HONG KONG BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS LAST MONTH.

WHILE IN WASHINGTON, MR. MILLS WILL HOLD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES CONCERNING THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR HONG KONG-U.S.A. TEXTILES RESTRAINT AGREEMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN UNRESOLVED DESPITE SEVERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

IN WASHINGTON, THE HONG KONG TEAM HEADED BY MR. MILLS WILL ALSO MEET CANADIAN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION NEXT JANUARY OF THE THREE-YEAR TEXTILES AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED EARLIER THIS YEAR AND TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON HONG KONG EXPORTS OF COATED AND NON-COATED FABRIC HANDBAGS.

THE TEAM FROM THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT INCLUDES ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF TRADE CONTROLS MR. K. BROADBRIDGE-COMMERCIAL RELATIONS TRADE OFFICER MRS. K.Y. WEI AND ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER MISS Y.P. CHOI. ALSO TAKING PART IN THE TALKS WILL BE MR. D.M. MCPHAIL, A CROWN COUNSEL FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, AND MR. R.B. CROWSON, THE COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON.

FROM WASHINGTON, MR. MILLS WILL GO TO BRUSSELS FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE E.E.C. ON CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN AND CLASSIFICATION PRACTICES.

FINALLY, BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG, MR. MILLS WILL VISIT SWITZERLAND WHERE HE WILL HAVE TALKS WITH MR. PETER TSAO, COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN GENEVA, ON THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH RESUMED THIS WEEK AND ARE REACHING A CRUCIAL STAGE.

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WEATHER IN AUGUST - CLOUDIER AND LESS SUNNY  
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WEATHER IN AUGUST WAS CLOUDIER AND LESS SUNNY THAN USUAL BUT THE MONTH'S RAINFALL WAS BELOW NORMAL, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE MONTH AMOUNTED TO ONLY 230.8 MM OR 45 PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE. HOWEVER, THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FROM THE BEGINNING OF 1978 TO THE END OF AUGUST STOOD AT 1,748.7 MM, ALMOST THE SAME AS THE NORMAL FIGURE FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

DURING THE MONTH, EIGHT TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND FOR TWO OF THEM -- TROPICAL STORM BONNIE AND SEVERE TROPICAL STORM ELAINE -- TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED.

TROPICAL STORM BONNIE DEVELOPED ABOUT 240 MILES TO THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG ON AUGUST 9 AND DISSIPATED OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 11. APART FROM A PERIOD OF STRONG WINDS AND HEAVY RAIN, NO DAMAGE TO PROPERTY WAS REPORTED DURING ITS PASSAGE.

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM ELAINE FIRST DEVELOPED AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION ABOUT 270 MILES NORTHEAST OF MANILA EARLY ON AUGUST 23. THE FOLLOWING MORNING IT ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WHERE IT BEGAN TO INTENSIFY AND BECAME A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM ON AUGUST 25.

IT THEN MOVED CLOSE TO HONG KONG AND FINALLY DEGENERATED INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 28.

ALTHOUGH GALE FORCE WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED IN HONG KONG DURING THE PASSAGE OF ELAINE, LITTLE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY WAS REPORTED.

THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH WAS FINE AND HOT BUT WHEN THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON BECAME ESTABLISHED OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON AUGUST 2, THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON AUGUST 6 AND THE NEXT TWO DAYS WERE MAINLY FINE APART FROM SOME SCATTERED SHOWERS.

DUE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TROPICAL STORM BONNIE, THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 9 AND THERE WERE SHOWERS WHICH LASTED UNTIL THE EARLY MORNING OF AUGUST 12.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED RAPIDLY ON AUGUST 12 AND THE FOLLOWING SIX DAYS WERE FINE AND HOT WITH TEMPERATURE RISING TO A MAXIMUM OF 33.6 DEGREES ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 15, THE HIGHEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

FROM AUGUST 19 TO 23 AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE PERSISTED OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG BECAME CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

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IT WAS MAINLY FINE ON AUGUST 24 AND 25 BUT SCATTERED SHOWERS BEGAN TO SET IN DURING THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 26 AS SEVERE TROPICAL STORM ELAINE MOVED CLOSER TO HONG KONG. THE SHOWERS BECAME FREQUENT AND HEAVY THE NEXT DAY BUT ON AUGUST 28 THE WEATHER IMPROVED AND BECAME FINE AND HOT AGAIN.

SOME SHOWERS WERE AGAIN EXPERIENCED ON AUGUST 29 BUT THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE BRILLIANTLY FINE.

THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE FOR THE MONTH WAS 24.5 DEGREES WHICH WAS RECORDED ON BOTH AUGUST 10 AND 20.

DURING THE MONTH, NINE AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO THE ADVERSE WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERE TROPICAL STORM ELAINE. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

LETTERS AND FORMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER SURVEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO CONTRACTORS FOR INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED AT THE SITES AS AT SEPTEMBER 14.

THE PREVIOUS QUARTERLY SURVEY SHOWED THAT A TOTAL OF 67,680 MANUAL WORKERS WERE ENGAGED AT VARIOUS WORK SITES IN THE MIDDLE OF JUNE THIS YEAR OF THESE 33,564 WERE INVOLVED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE REMAINDER ON PROJECTS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT APPEALED TO CONTRACTORS AND THEIR SITE STAFF FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THE CURRENT SURVEY, AND SAID SURVEY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH CARRYING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL VISIT THE RESPECTIVE SITES FROM SEPTEMBER 14 TO 16 TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED SURVEY FORMS.

INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS OR SITES WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE SOLELY USED FOR COMPILING STATISTICAL TABLES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR. CHAN TUNG-WAH, STATISTICIAN (INDUSTRY) AT 5-444674.

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RESULTS OF LATEST TENDER FOR TAXI LICENCES  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED PROCESSING THE LATEST TENDERS FOR 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES.

A TOTAL OF 5,206 INDIVIDUAL TENDERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFER CLOSED ON AUGUST 18. THE HIGHEST TENDER WAS \$291,500 AND THE LOWEST WAS \$13,280.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT 297 OF THE 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO TENDERERS OFFERING A UNIT PREMIUM RANGING FROM \$242,833 TO \$291,500.

THE REMAINING THREE LICENCES WERE DETERMINED BY PUBLIC BALLOT YESTERDAY (MONDAY) AFTERNOON BECAUSE THERE WERE TWO TENDERS EACH WITH AN IDENTICAL UNIT PREMIUM OF \$242,828 SEEKING A TOTAL OF NINE TAXI LICENCES.

THE AVERAGE PREMIUM IN THE LATEST TENDER WAS \$244,240, AN INCREASE OF OVER 17 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE LAST TENDER IN APRIL THIS YEAR WHEN THE AVERAGE PREMIUM WAS \$208,520.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LETTERS WOULD BE GOING OUT TODAY TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THAT THE FIRST OF THE 300 TAXIS WOULD BE INSPECTED ON SEPTEMBER 19. ALL 300 TAXIS SHOULD BE ON THE ROAD BY THE END OF NOVEMBER.

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CROWN LAND FOR TENDER  
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE THREE LOTS ARE TO BE USED FOR STORAGE, INCLUDING VEHICLES.

THE FIRST LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 5,900 SQUARE METRES IS SITUATED AT HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. THE OTHER TWO ARE AT THE JUNCTION OF SAU NGA ROAD AND HIP WO STREET -- 4,110 SQUARE METRES, AND AT THE JUNCTION OF HIP WO STREET AND HIU KWONG STREET -- 2,740 SQUARE METRES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOT LATER THAN NOON ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1978.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHA TIN AND POK FU LAM  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) THE ROAD JUNCTION OF SHA TIN BY-PASS AND NORTH ENTRANCE TO LEK YUEN ESTATE IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA THE LEK YUEN ESTATE ACCESS ROADS.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD NEAR SASSOON ROAD REST GARDEN WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES FROM 1 A.M. TO 5 A.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC TO WAH FU AREA AND NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC TO THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE DIVERTED TO SASSOON ROAD AND VICTORIA ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THESE AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN REPULSE BAY AND KWUN TONG  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN REPULSE BAY AND KWUN TONG WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVERAL HOURS FROM THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) NIGHT TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IN REPULSE BAY, BOUNDED BY 58 REPULSE BAY ROAD, 70-84 REPULSE BAY VILLAS, 2-8 AND 9 SOUTH BAY ROAD, SOUTH BAY CLOSE, BEACH ROAD INCLUDING THE CALTEX PETROL FILLING STATION AND ROAD DEPOT OF SOUTH BAY ROAD, WILL HAVE NO WATER FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

IN KWUN TONG, THE AREA BOUNDED BY KO FAI ROAD, CHA KWO LING ROAD, SHUNG SHUN STREET AND TUNG YUEN STREET INCLUDING SHUNG TAK WAI, SZE SHAN STREET, CHO YUEN STREET, YAN YUE STREET AND LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE, WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

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