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HK OFFICIAL HOLDS TALKS WITH CANADIANS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY - DESIGNATE, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WHO HAS BEEN VISITING HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS OFFICES, HAD A SERIES OF TALKS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS IN OTTAWA ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

HE SPENT MOST OF THE DAY WITH TOP-RANKING MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DISCUSSING A WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, RANGING FROM THE RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT FROM CANADA.

IT WAS NOTED THAT SINCE THE EXODUS OF REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM BEGAN IN 1975, CANADA HAS TAKEN A TOTAL OF 16 739 SUCH REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG, BEING SECOND TO THE UNITED STATES IN DOING SO.

HONG KONG HAS ACCEPTED 14 500 REFUGEES. BUT THERE ARE STILL OVER 11 000 SUCH REFUGEES IN HONG KONG AWAITING RESETTLEMENT OVERSEAS, AS THE RATE OF RESETTLEMENT HAS FALLEN DRASTICALLY IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

WITH REGARD TO TRADE, IT WAS NOTED THAT CANADA-HONG KONG TRADE RELATIONS CONTINUED TO EXPAND. HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE WITH CANADA IN 1984 WAS \$418 BILLION.

EARLIER, MR AKERS-JONES HAD ADDRESSED A BREAKFAST MEETING OF SENIOR CANADIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS, DURING WHICH HE EMPHASISED SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND THE STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE A SMOOTH RUNUP TO 1997, WHEN SOVEREIGNTY IS TRANSFERRED TO CHINA.

HE HAD ALREADY INDICATED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HOPED TO HAVE +EVERY THING IN PLACE BY 1994 OR 1995 SO THAT THE TRANSITION WILL TAKE PLACE WITHOUT A BUMP+.

IN THE LATE AFTERNOON HE HAD A MEETING WITH THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, SIR DEREK DAY, AND DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS DUE TO LEAVE TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR VANCOUVER BEFORE GOING ON TO JAPAN.

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VISIT TO CHINA

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY-DESIGNATE, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT A WIDE RANGE OF VISITS IN PREPARATION FOR HIS NEW FUNCTIONS. AS PART OF THESE PREPARATIONS, HE WILL VISIT CHINA FROM MAY 11 TO 25. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS AKERS-JONES. AT THE INVITATION OF MR XU JIATUN, DIRECTOR OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY HONG KONG BRANCH, HE WILL VISIT PEKING, SHANGHAI, FUJIAN AND GUANGZHOU.

MR AND MRS AKERS-JONES WILL STAY IN PEKING WITH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR. THE AMBASSADOR AND THE EMBASSY WILL BE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN MR AKERS-JONES' PROGRAMME, AS WILL MR TREVOR MOUND, BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL, IN MR AKERS-JONES' PROGRAMME IN SHANGHAI.

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LATEST FIGURES ON ELECTOR REGISTRATION

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LATEST STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS ELECTORS IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED SIZE OF ELECTORATE</u> (REVISED)	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS</u>
COMMERCIAL I	2 610	512
COMMERCIAL II	5 380	1 515
INDUSTRIAL I	830	255
INDUSTRIAL II	2 540	704
FINANCIAL	141	73
LABOUR	390	246
SOCIAL SERVICES	156	70
MEDICAL	4 540	1 295

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LEGAL	2 140	511
TEACHING	53 270	21 449
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	3 160	1 367
ELECTORAL COLLEGE	437	400
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TOTAL	75 594 *	28 397

* THIS ESTIMATED FIGURE IS ON THE HIGH SIDE AS THERE ARE DUPLICATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND MEDICAL CONSTITUENCIES.

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PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN NAMED
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A PROMINENT NEW TERRITORIES EDUCATIONIST, MR NATHAN MA NING-HEI, 53, HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

PRINCIPAL OF THE YUEN LONG LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, MR MA HOLDS TWO UNIVERSITY DEGREES - A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING FROM THE NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY AND A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. HE ALSO HOLDS A DIPLOMA IN SOLO SINGING FROM THE CURWEN MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF LONDON.

HE IS AT PRESENT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS MUSIC AND SPEECH ASSOCIATION, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ASIA COLLEGE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG CHILDREN'S ARTS EXHIBITION, IN ADDITION TO MANY SENIOR APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH GROUP. MANY OF HIS PUBLIC SERVICE INVOLVEMENTS ARE RELATED TO EDUCATION.

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MR MA JOINS THE 24-MEMBER PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WHICH CAME INTO BEING ON APRIL 1, TO ADVISE THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON THE PROVISION OF AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 8), WHEN THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, WILL DELIVER THEIR INAUGURAL SPEECHES.

UNTIL THE COUNCIL'S OWN CHAMBER IN TSUEN WAN IS COMPLETED IN AUGUST, ALL ITS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CNTA CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 12/F, 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 8).

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FOURTH QUARTER SHIPPING STATISTICS RELEASED
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IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984, 3 003 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 17.7 MILLION NRT (NET REGISTERED TONNAGE) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 81 IN NUMBER AND 1.2 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1983, ACCORDING TO THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS DROPPED BY FIVE PER CENT WHILST THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS (MEASURED IN TEUS) DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 14 PER CENT. WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+61) AND ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF VESSELS (+44), WHILE THE NUMBER OF CONVENTIONAL VESSELS DROPPED (-123). INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE NOTED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+30) AND IN TAIWAN (+18), BUT DECLINES WERE RECORDED FOR PANAMANIAN SHIPS (-36), SINGAPOREAN SHIPS (-28) AND LIBERIAN SHIPS (-16). THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH CAPACITY UNDER 10 000 DWT INCREASED (+57).

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IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984, THERE WERE 2 986 DEPARTING SHIPS, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 17.6 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 64 IN NUMBER BUT OF ONLY 0.02 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1983. THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS ROSE BY NINE PER CENT, AND THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS (MEASURED IN TEUS) LOADED IN HONG KONG ALSO ROSE, BY 14 PER CENT. ABOUT 67 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING VESSELS HAD STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

BASED ON INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFEST, 87 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT OF THE INWARD SEABORNE CARGO WAS IMPORTS AND 13 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT. OF THE OUTWARD SEABORNE CARGO, 57 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING RE-EXPORTS) AND 43 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT. THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS WERE JAPAN (20 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT), SINGAPORE (14 PER CENT) AND CHINA (11 PER CENT), AND THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S.A. (22 PER CENT), CHINA (13 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (13 PER CENT). TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED FROM THE U.S.A. (28 PER CENT) AND CHINA (24 PER CENT), AND TRANSHIPPED TO THE U.S.A. (16 PER CENT) AND CHINA (15 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984 WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983, THERE WAS A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS (-9 PER CENT), LARGELY DUE TO DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING (-20 PER CENT FOR JAPAN, -28 PER CENT FOR SINGAPORE AND -34 PER CENT FOR CHINA). THERE WERE, HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. (+68 PER CENT) AND THE PHILIPPINES (+42 PER CENT). AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF OTHER ROAD VEHICLES AND ACCESSORIES (+128 PER CENT), ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (+30 PER CENT), CORK AND WOOD MANUFACTURES (EXCLUDING FURNITURE) (+28 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, SEABORNE EXPORTS TO MOST COUNTRIES DECLINED IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, WITH THE MAIN DECREASES RECORDED FOR EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (-21 PER CENT), JAPAN (-20 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (-18 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR EXPORTS TO CHINA (+38 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+8 PER CENT) AND THAILAND (+3 PER CENT). AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, DECREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED IN THE EXPORT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (-60 PER CENT) AND CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS, N.E.S. (-25 PER CENT), WHILE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE EXPORT OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, N.E.S. (+36 PER CENT), TOYS (+34 PER CENT), AND VEGETABLES AND FRUITS (+27 PER CENT).

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SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPOWNERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS, AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT. PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFEST IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1984, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$12 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 5-452701 AND 5-455422.

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PIK UK TO BECOME INDUSTRIAL PRISON
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THE MINIMUM SECURITY PIK UK PRISON IN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, SAI KUNG WILL BECOME AN INDUSTRIAL PRISON WHEN ITS WORKSHOP BUILDING IS COMPLETED AND PUT INTO USE LATER THIS YEAR.

THIS WAS REVEALED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, AT THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF THE NEW WORKSHOP BUILDING TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY OFFICIALS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE BUILDING PROJECT AS WELL AS LOCAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, MR WAN HON-CHEUNG.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP BUILDING, MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF THE PRISON'S POPULATION, MOST OF THEM SERVING THEIR FIRST TERM, COULD BE EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRIAL WORK, MR GARNER SAID.

THE FOUR-STORY WORKSHOP BUILDING, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IS DESIGNED TO HOLD SOME 280 PRISONERS FOR TRAINING IN CARPENTRY AND GARMENT MAKING WORK. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE STORAGE SPACE FOR RAW MATERIALS AND FINISHED GOODS.

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THE TOP FLOOR OF THE BUILDING IS A SELF-CONTAINED WORKSHOP FOR MAKING LINEN AND GARMENT ITEMS FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WITH A VIEW, EVENTUALLY, TO TAKING UP ALL ITS REQUIREMENTS.

THE OTHER FLOORS ARE FOR CARPENTRY WORK GEARED TO THE MANUFACTURE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICE AND QUARTERS FURNITURE AS WELL AS THE MAKING AND MAINTENANCE OF DOORS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY.

AN IMPORTANT FEATURE IN THE CARPENTRY WORKSHOP IS THE INSTALLATION OF AN EFFICIENT DUST COLLECTING SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE A DEHUMIDIFYING FACILITY FOR DRYING TIMBER AND WATER SPRAY BOOTHS FOR REMOVING VAPOUR AND SPRAY GIVEN OFF BY THE PAINT SPRAYING PROCESS.

THE PROJECT COST \$13.3 MILLION, \$10.05 MILLION FOR BUILDING AND \$3.25 MILLION FOR EQUIPMENT. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS STARTED IN JULY LAST YEAR, AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

FACILITIES AT PIK UK PRISON, WHICH BEGAN OPERATIONS IN 1975, INCLUDE A COMPLEX OF BUILDINGS INCORPORATING AN ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX, A HOSPITAL, A KITCHEN, A DINING HALL, A DOMESTIC LAUNDRY, TAILORING WORKSHOPS AND A PURPOSE-BUILT LAUNDRY FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION FOR SOME 500 PRISONERS.

THE FIVE-STOREY LAUNDRY WAS BUILT ADJACENT TO THE PRISON IN 1981 PROVIDING SERVICE FOR FIVE GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS - PRINCESS MARGARET, KOWLOON, CASTLE PEAK, KWAI CHUNG AND PRINCE OF WALES. SOME 180 PRISONERS ARE EMPLOYED IN THE LAUNDRY, WHICH CAN HANDLE 19 000 KILOGRAMMES OF SOILED LINEN A DAY.

MR GARNER SAID THAT PIK UK PRISON WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED IN THE LATE 1950'S AS A CAMP FOR 400 PRISONERS TO BE BUILT AT LUK KENG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HOWEVER, JUST AS CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS TO START IN 1967, IT WAS DECIDED TO LOOK FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SITE, THE SITE AT PIK UK WAS MADE AVAILABLE, HE SAID.

WHEN THE PRISON WAS BEING BUILT, IT WAS AGREED, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER, THAT SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION FOR 200 MORE PRISONERS BE ADDED, THOUGH OTHER FACILITIES WERE FOR ONLY 400. AND THE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION ADDED WAS QUICKLY PUT TO USE AS WORKSHOPS.

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MR GARNER POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW WORKSHOP WOULD FREE FOR USE ALL DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION AND SO ENLARGE THE PRISON TO TAKE UP TO 600 PRISONERS.

+THE PRISON, THEREFORE, HAS DEVELOPED FROM THAT OF A CAMP TO AN INDUSTRIAL PRISON, AND IS THE FIRST TO BE REFERRED TO AS SUCH IN THE DEPARTMENT.

+IT WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT OF OFFENDERS IN AN INDUSTRIAL SETTING, AND AT THE SAME TIME ENABLES THEM TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND SO CULTIVATE GOOD WORK HABITS,+ MR GARNER SAID.

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CAS HOLDING NT EXERCISE

THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD A NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL EXERCISE IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (MAY 5).

THE EXERCISE WILL TAKE PLACE AT TWO SITES - SO KWUN WAT AND YUEN TUN TRAINING CAMP, FROM 9.45 AM TO 6 PM.

OVER 300 CAS VOLUNTEERS AND CADETS WILL ENGAGE IN THE EXERCISE, WHICH CONSISTS OF A MOCK RAINSTORM AND LANDSLIP EMERGENCY OPERATION INVOLVING LARGE-SCALE SEARCH AND RESCUE WORK, CASUALTY EXCAVATION AND HANDLING.

THE PURPOSE IS TO TEST THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CAS INCIDENT CONTROL, AS WELL AS MOBILISATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF MANPOWER AND RESOURCES, AND CASUALTY EXCAVATION.

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BRITISH VISITORS SEE WELFARE SERVICES
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TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE ROYAL ASSOCIATION FOR DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION IN BRITAIN TODAY HAD A LOOK AT WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED IN ONE OF HONG KONG'S LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH AND QUEENSBERRY, TOGETHER WITH THE DIRECTOR, MR GEORGE WILSON, VISITED A WORKSHOP FOR THE HANDICAPPED, A HOSTEL AND A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE IN TSUEN WAN.

IN ADDITION TO SEEING THE VARIOUS SERVICES AVAILABLE, THEY SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE FACILITIES PROVIDED IN THE ESTATE FOR ACCESS BY DISABLED PERSONS, SUCH AS RAMPS FOR WHEEL-CHAIR USERS.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THE TOUR BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ESTATE MANAGEMENT POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT), MR SIMON LI.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE
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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUITS AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

HE WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE PARADE AND PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE 38 OFFICERS AND 54 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF BASIC TRAINING.

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WEATHER SERVICES BOOKLET UPDATED
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UPDATED INFORMATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FOR SHIPS IN THE CHINA SEAS AND THE WESTERN PACIFIC, AS WELL AS FOR SMALL CRAFT AND SAILING BOATS IN HONG KONG WATERS, IS CONTAINED IN THE TWELFTH EDITION OF +HONG KONG WEATHER SERVICES FOR SHIPPING+, NOW ON SALE.

SERVICES INCLUDE WEATHER FORECASTS, TROPICAL CYCLONE AND MONSOON WARNINGS, TSUNAMI WARNINGS, AND COASTAL VISIBILITY INFORMATION. DETAILS OF BROADCAST SCHEDULES OF WEATHER BULLETINS BY THE HONG KONG AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE BOOKLET, PREPARED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, SUPERSEDES THE ELEVENTH EDITION. IT IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AT \$10 A COPY.

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YOUTHS TO LEARN ABOUT CIVIC SERVICES
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YOUTHS IN SAI KUNG WILL ATTEND A ONE-DAY TRAINING COURSE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES ON SUNDAY (MAY 5) MORNING, ON THE OCCASION OF +YOUTH DELEGATE DAY+.

THE EVENT WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE DISTRICT'S +YOUTH DELEGATE SCHEME+ ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MRS ANITA CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY.

THE COURSE, TO BE HELD IN THE HO CHUNG SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM, WILL CONSIST OF SEMINARS ON THE ROLE OF YOUTHS, SOCIAL WELFARE IN HONG KONG, AND PUBLICITY SKILLS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A TRAINING WORKSHOP ON HOW TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES.

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRPERSON OF 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE'S LIAISON COMMITTEE, MRS CHAN WONG SHUI, THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF HONG KONG CARITAS' SAI KUNG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UNIT, MR FUNG WAI-WAH AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS.

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UNDER THE +YOUTH DELEGATE SCHEME+, YOUTHS FROM SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS WILL FORM INTO SMALL GROUPS TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT, UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP.

THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE SCHEME WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES AND BE CALLED UPON TO CARRY OUT FUTURE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES.

THE YOUTH DELEGATE SCHEME IS PART OF A YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE THE IYY THEME OF +PEACE, PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT+.

LATE THIS YEAR, THERE WILL BE AN ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION, DISPLAYING LOCAL ARTISTS' WORKS ON POTTERY, PRINT, PAINTING, SKETCH, TAPESTRY AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

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KOWLOON CITY MARKET COMPLEX BEING BUILT
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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED A \$25.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STOUREY URBAN COUNCIL MARKET COMPLEX IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, MR JOSE LEI, AND MR LAW KWOK-HUNG, OF THE YU WING CONSTRUCTION AND INVESTMENT CO. LTD.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY WERE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS SELECT COMMITTEE, MR SAMUEL WONG, AND URBAN COUNCILLOR MR PETER C.K. CHAN.

THE COMPLEX WILL PROVIDE RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON CITY WITH A WIDE RANGE OF MARKET AND RECREATION FACILITIES UNDER THE ONE ROOF, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS.

IT WILL BE BUILT ON A 4 600 SQUARE METRE SITE AT NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE OLD KOWLOON CITY MARKET.

THE FOUR-STOUREY COMPLEX, TOTAL COST ESTIMATED AT \$65 MILLION, IS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING TEMPORARY MARKET AT CARPENTER ROAD AND TO ACCOMMODATE ON-STREET HAWKERS, THUS IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND STREET CONDITION IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS, TO BE LINKED BY ESCALATOR, WILL ACCOMMODATE SOME 640 STALLS FOR THE SALE OF FISH, MEAT, POULTRY, VEGETABLES AND SUNDRY GOODS, A LOADING BAY AND A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

FACILITIES ON THE UPPER FLOORS WILL INCLUDE A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, A MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR GAMES HALL, THREE SQUASH COURTS, GAMES ROOMS, A SMALL LIBRARY AND OFFICES.

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WELFARE PROJECTS DISCUSSED
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THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL PAID A COURTESY CALL TODAY (FRIDAY) ON THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, AND DISCUSSED THE HOSPITAL'S WELFARE PROJECTS WITH HER.

THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MRS SOPHIE LEUNG, REVEALED THAT THE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDED A CHILD CARE CENTRE OPENING NEXT MONTH IN TUEN MUN, A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE, TUEN MUN, A HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY IN POK HONG ESTATE, SHA TIN, AND A CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOME AT LAI KING HEADLAND, TSUEN WAN.

MRS CHAN SAID SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HOSPITAL HAD BENEFITED PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND ASSURED BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD FULLY SUPPORT THE PROJECTS.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT URBCO
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TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF THE NEW KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AS PART OF AN ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR BOARD MEMBERS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL BY ITS SECRETARY, MR ROY SPENCER.

FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBERS WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF VARIOUS FACILITIES IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS ARRANGED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MR SPENCER, AND FOUR URBAN COUNCILLORS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

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PARK FOOTWAY SYSTEM PLANNED

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WORK WILL START SHORTLY ON THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TUEN MUN TOWN PARK, LOCATED BETWEEN THE YAU OI ESTATE, THE CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX AND THE NEW TOWN CENTRE.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A COMPREHENSIVE PARK FOOTWAY SYSTEM AND ACCESS ROADS FOR EMERGENCY AND SERVICE VEHICLES ONLY, IN ADDITION TO THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING TEMPORARY ACCESS ROADS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF THE TOWN PARK, WHICH WAS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, WAS NEARING COMPLETION ON THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE SITE.

WHEN COMPLETED, HE SAID, THE TOWN PARK WOULD PROVIDE A MAJOR CENTRAL OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

A PLAN OF THE PROPOSALS WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG, AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 1985.

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WAN CHAI TO HAVE FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM
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A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM IS SOON TO BE BUILT ACROSS QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND QUEENSWAY, AND ACROSS ARSENAL STREET AND HENNESSY ROAD.

THE WORK INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COVERED TRAM ISLAND ON QUEENSWAY AND THE REPROVISIONING AND LANDSCAPING OF MONMOUTH PARK AT QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

THE FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM WILL INCREASE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BY PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS ELEVATED FOOTWAY LINKING THE JUNCTIONS OF QUEENSWAY - QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, AND HENNESSY ROAD - ARSENAL STREET.

IT WILL ALSO ALLOW UNINTERRUPTED TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THESE HEAVILY USED ROUTES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE IS NOON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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RETAIL BUSINESS COURSE OFFERED
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SERVING STAFF IN THE RETAIL SECTOR ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A COURSE ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF RETAILING OFFERED BY THE BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD FROM MAY 27 TO JULY 1 AT THE REQUEST OF THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN ABOUT RETAILING, STORE DEVELOPMENT, MERCHANDISING, CUSTOMER SERVICES AND RETAIL ACCOUNTING IN 10 THREE-HOUR LECTURES.

THE COURSE FEE IS \$250 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT WHO ATTENDS AT LEAST 80 PER CENT OF THE LECTURES AND PASSES THE FINAL EXAMINATION.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MAY 18. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, MR H. HUNG, ON 5-8932341 EXT. 261.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM MONDAY (MAY 6), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO EASTERN STREET FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORKS AT EASTERN STREET.

DURING THE PERIOD, VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST HEADING FOR EASTERN STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WATER STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, SPORTS ROAD FROM 30 METRES TO 60 METRES EAST OF WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA, NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

IN WAN CHAI, THE SECTION OF BURROWS STREET BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND WAN CHAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MONDAY (MAY 6) TO FRIDAY (MAY 10), DAILY FROM 8 PM UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE DRAINS CLEARANCE WORKS.

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TAPS OFF IN TWO AREAS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KENNEDY TOWN AND WONG TAI SIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS BETWEEN MONDAY (MAY 6) AND TUESDAY FOR MAINS WORK.

IN KENNEDY TOWN, SUPPLY TO PREMISES BOUNDED BY SMITHFIELD, FORBES STREET, CADOGAN STREET AND KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA, INCLUDING CATCHICK STREET, HAU WO STREET, BELCHER'S STREET AND DAVIES STREET WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY.

IN WONG TAI SIN, SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY FUNG TAK ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, PO KONG LANE, SHUNG WAH STREET, SHEUNG FUNG STREET, LUNG FUNG STREET AND SHATIN PASS ROAD.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR SIX DAYS THIS MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FIRING PRACTICE WILL BE HELD FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM ON MAY 8, FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM ON MAY 9, AND FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON MAY 21-22 AND 28-29.

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