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FORMATION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION GAINS IMPETUS

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS GIVEN APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR WORK TO START ON DRAFTING LEGISLATION TO PERMIT THE SETTING UP OF A LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE LEGISLATION COULD MEAN A NEW LOOK FOR THE TERRITORY'S INNER CITY AS AREAS MOST IN NEED OF DEVELOPMENT WERE ALREADY BEING IDENTIFIED.

THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE LDC COULD CHOOSE A SUITABLE PROJECT AND BEGIN WORK AS SOON AS IT WAS SET UP.

BESIDES DRAFTING LEGISLATION, LEGAL EXPERTS ARE LOOKING AT POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE AND THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE.

THESE WOULD ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO DESIGNATE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS AND FACILITATE ACQUISITION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT.

THE LDC WOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY WITH MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES. IT WOULD OPERATE THROUGH SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES SET UP FOR PARTICULAR PROJECTS.

THE COMPANIES WOULD BE ABLE TO ENTER JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATIONS OR WITH MAJOR PROPERTY OWNERS.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OLDER URBAN AREAS WITH POOR HOUSING AND GROSS OVERCROWDING WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP.

+THIS HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN ACQUIRING PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY AND OF REHOUSING THOSE DISPLACED. THE LDC CONCEPT WAS PUT FORWARD SPECIFICALLY TO OVERCOME THESE DIFFICULTIES.+

THE SETTING UP OF SUCH A BODY WAS RECOMMENDED IN A 1981 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND SUPPLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS THE LDC COULD EITHER OFFER TO BUY PROPERTY OUTRIGHT OR OFFER OWNERS A SHARE IN ONE OF THE SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

THOSE CHOOSING THE LATTER OPTION WOULD BE OFFERED TEMPORARY REHOUSING IN THE VICINITY AND BE GIVEN PREFERENTIAL RIGHTS TO UNITS IN THE COMPLETED DEVELOPMENT.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THOSE WHO BENEFITED MOST DIRECTLY FROM LDC PROJECTS WOULD BE PEOPLE WHO HAD HAD TO ENDURE SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS BEFORE REDEVELOPMENT. IT WOULD MEAN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT WHILE PRESERVING THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND BASIC CHARACTER OF OLDER AREAS.

HE ADDED THAT WHERE OWNERS DECLINED TO GIVE UP THEIR PROPERTY THE LDC COULD ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO RESUME PROPERTIES ON ITS BEHALF. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ONLY DO SO IF THE LDC HAD ALREADY ACQUIRED A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF THE PROPERTY IN THE AREA THROUGH NEGOTIATION.

OFFERS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF AN INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL.

THE SPOKESMAN COULD NOT SAY EXACTLY WHAT PROPORTION OF PROPERTY THE LDC WOULD NEED TO ACQUIRE BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO A RESUMPTION ORDER. EACH CASE WOULD BE ASSESSED ON ITS MERITS.

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FIVE MORE FUN POOLS ON THE WAY
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THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS FIVE MORE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES IN THE PIPELINE, FOUR OF WHICH WILL BE BUILT IN KOWLOON AND THE OTHER ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THEY WILL BE LOCATED AT KOWLOON PARK, HAMMER HILL ROAD, HO MAN TIN, SHEK KIP MEI PARK AND JAVA ROAD.

ALL WILL INCORPORATE THE NEWLY-DESIGNED FUN POOLS, WHICH ARE OF A FREE FORM INSTEAD OF BEING BUILT IN THE USUAL RECTANGULAR SHAPE. SPECIAL FEATURES SUCH AS WAVE-MAKING MACHINES AND WATER SLIDES WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE POOL SETTING TO MAKE THE SWIMMING ENVIRONMENT MORE PLEASANT AND RELAXING.

+IT IS FELT THAT THESE FUN POOLS WILL PROVIDE MORE FUN, EXCITEMENT AND ENJOYMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WHO NO LONGER REGARD SWIMMING AS A MERE FORM OF EXERCISE,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN.

THE FIRST FUN POOL IN KOWLOON PARK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO TO THREE YEARS.

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WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE FIVE SWIMMING POOLS, THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 17 COMPLEXES AND SO ACHIEVE ITS TARGET OF PROVIDING ONE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX FOR EVERY 250 000 PEOPLE.

IN GENERAL, MOST URBAN COUNCIL SWIMMING POOLS ARE FULLY UTILISED BY THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PEAK SWIMMING SEASON. HOWEVER, THREE POOLS IN CHAI WAN, PAO YUE KONG (ABERDEEN) AND TAI WAN SHAN (HUNG HOM) ARE RELATIVELY UNDER-UTILISED.

+THIS IS PROBABLY BECAUSE THE CHAI WAN AND TAI WAN SHAN POOLS ARE TO SOME EXTENT IN OUT-OF-THE-WAY LOCATIONS WHILE THE PAO YUE KONG POOL IS RATHER CLOSE TO TWO OF THE MOST POPULAR BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

+IN FACT, THESE THREE SWIMMING POOLS OFFER A VERY RELAXING AND PLEASANT SWIMMING ENVIRONMENT. IT IS HOPED THAT IN FUTURE MORE PEOPLE WILL MAKE USE OF THE THREE SWIMMING FACILITIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MORE YOUTHS JOIN ANTI-DRUGS FIGHT
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TWENTY-FOUR NEW RECRUITS OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP WILL JOIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG AFTER COMPLETING A TWO-DAY TRAINING COURSE WHICH BEGAN TODAY.

THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM 250 APPLICANTS WHO RESPONDED TO THE RECRUITMENT DRIVE LAUNCHED IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

AMONG THE 13 NEW MEN AND 11 NEW WOMEN RECRUITS ARE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICERS, TEACHERS, DENTAL THERAPISTS, CLERKS AND STUDENTS - ALL WITHIN THE AGES OF 20 AND 28 - AND ALL HAVING THE AIM OF HELPING IN ANTI-NARCOTICS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY WORK.

THEY WILL RAISE THE STRENGTH OF THE GROUP TO 60 IN ALL.

THE TRAINING CAMP ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, IS BEING HELD AT MARYKNOLL HOUSE IN STANLEY.

THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP HAS ORGANISED SOME 100 ANTI-NARCOTICS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN 1981.

ITS MEMBERS ARE ALL HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WHO USE THEIR LEISURE HOURS IN THE EVENINGS AND DURING HOLIDAYS TO CARRY OUT THE WORK.

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LANGUAGE TEACHERS' WORK FOR SHOW
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AN END-OF-COURSE EXHIBITION OF WORK BY PARTICIPANTS OF THE SIXTH REFRESHER COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND THE FIRST REFRESHER COURSE FOR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MONDAY (JUNE 24) AND THURSDAY (JUNE 27).

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 21 FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON, FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

THE REFRESHER COURSES FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS ARE ORGANISED EACH YEAR FOR EXPERIENCED TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE COURSES ARE RUN BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. EACH COURSE LASTS 16 WEEKS, COVERING ABOUT 400 CONTACT HOURS.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE COURSES IS TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH PRESENT TRENDS IN LANGUAGE TEACHING METHODOLOGY AND TO INTRODUCE PARTICIPANTS TO NEW PERSPECTIVES IN LANGUAGE LEARNING.

THE END-OF-COURSE EXHIBITION IS A DISPLAY OF PROTOTYPE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL, TEACHING AIDS AND PROJECTS DESIGNED BY COURSE PARTICIPANTS.

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WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD SIX WORKSHOPS ON TEACHING OF LISTENING COMPREHENSION FOR SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN JULY AND AUGUST.

TWO ONE-AND-A-HALF DAY WORKSHOPS ORGANISED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND FOUR TWO-DAY WORKSHOPS ORGANISED FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, WILL BE HELD AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 165 MA TAU WEI ROAD, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON.

THE WORKSHOPS FOR BOTH SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL INCLUDE SHORT TALKS ON THE TEACHING OF LISTENING COMPREHENSION AND DEMONSTRATION OF VARIOUS LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXERCISES.

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PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DESIGN A LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXERCISE SUITABLE FOR USE IN THEIR OWN CLASSES.

SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS WISHING THEIR TEACHERS TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE JULY 2, WHILE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD HAND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE CENTRE BEFORE JUNE 27.

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ROAD WORK TO EASE TRAFFIC
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GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN CARPENTER ROAD TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AND EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE KOWLOON CITY AREA.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INVOLVE WIDENING THE SECTION OF CARPENTER ROAD BETWEEN JUNCTION ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD FROM ABOUT FIVE METRES TO 11 METRES IN WIDTH.

OTHER WORKS INCLUDE: RE-ALIGNMENT OF A SECTION OF LOK SIN ROAD, ABOUT 60 METRES IN LENGTH, NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH CARPENTER ROAD, CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTWAYS ON BOTH SIDES OF CARPENTER ROAD, CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTWAY AT THE SECTION OF CARPENTER ROAD BETWEEN TAK KU LING ROAD AND KAI TAK ROAD AND AT THE UN-NAMED ROAD NORTH OF KAI TAK ROAD, CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAFFIC ISLAND AT THE JUNCTION OF CARPENTER ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD- AND ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG ;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON ; AND
- * THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE AUGUST 20.

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NORTH DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA ENTRIES INVITED

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NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN SWIMMING ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A DISTRICT-WIDE SWIMMING COMPETITION TO BE HELD ON JULY 13 (SATURDAY).

THE FIFTH NORTH DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT AS WELL AS UPGRADING THE STANDARD OF LOCAL SWIMMERS, AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS MAY BE ELECTED TO REPRESENT NORTH DISTRICT IN FUTURE COMPETITIONS.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE SWIMMING GALA CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE RSD'S NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT NO. 170 JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD TELEPHONE 0-925529 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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PEDESTRIAN, CYCLE BRIDGE FOR YUEN LONG

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A COMBINED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE WILL BE BUILT IN YUEN LONG.

WHEN COMPLETED IT WILL PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE CROSSING OVER THE NORTHERN BYPASS AND WESTERN NULLAH.

THE COMBINED BRIDGE WILL BE AN ESSENTIAL PEDESTRIAN-CYCLE LINK BETWEEN LONG PING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND YUEN LONG TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT, WHICH ARE BEING INVITED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REINFORCED CONCRETE BRIDGE SIX METRES WIDE AND 150 METRES LONG AND ASSOCIATED RAMPS AND STAIRCASES.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SAI YING PUN
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE IN SAI YING PUN FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 25) TO ALLOW ROAD WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT TO THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST BETWEEN QUEEN STREET AND WESTERN STREET.

THE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, ARE:

DAILY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 11 PM:

- * VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING 10 TONNES GROSS WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL ON THE WESTBOUND TRAM LANE.
- * FRANCHISED BUSES AND VEHICLES EXCEEDING 10 TONNES GROSS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA QUEEN STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND WESTERN STREET.

DAILY FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY:

- * ALL WESTBOUND VEHICLES EXCEPT TRAMS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA QUEEN STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND WESTERN STREET.
- * VEHICLES LEAVING KO SHING STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, EASTBOUND.

MEANWHILE, THE UP-RAMP LEADING FROM THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD TO AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM DAILY ON TUESDAY (JUNE 25) AND THURSDAY (JUNE 27) FOR ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG WONG CHUK HANG ROAD HEADING FOR AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE COASTAL ROAD ALONG ABERDEEN RECLAMATION, ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, CHENGTU ROAD AND THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE COASTAL ROAD BEFORE ENTERING AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN SHA TIN
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THE JUNCTION OF CHIK LUK LANE WHICH TURNS RIGHT INTO TSUEN NAM ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 25) FOR TWO DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

TRAFFIC ENTERING TSUEN NAM ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO SHING CHUEN ROAD AND SHING WAN ROAD.

KMB ROUTES 72A, 85 AND 88K WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHING CHUEN ROAD.

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