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TSING YI TOWN CENTRE PROJECT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SPEND \$170 MILLION TO DEVELOP THE CENTRALLY LOCATED TSING YI BAY AREA WHICH WILL INCLUDE A SITE FOR THE PROPOSED TOWN CENTRE.

ENGINEERING WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR AND IT INVOLVES MAINLY LAND RECLAMATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS.

THE CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER OF P.W.D.'S TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR. KEITH AUSTIN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WOULD ALSO MAKE LAND AVAILABLE FOR A VILLAGE RESITE AREA, DISTRICT OPEN SPACES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE PROPOSED TOWN CENTRE WILL HAVE MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, INCLUDING A MARKET, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

IT WILL OCCUPY A 14 HECTARES SITE NEAR THE ISLAND'S DEVELOPING RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, DESCRIBED THE TOWN CENTRE PROPOSAL AS ONE THAT WOULD GIVE TSING YI A VALUABLE FOCAL POINT FOR THE 189,000 PEOPLE WHO WILL LIVE ON THE ISLAND BY THE MID-80S.

+TSING YI IS IN THE PROCESS OF A TRANSFORMATION AND WILL BECOME A BALANCED AND SELF-CONTAINED PART OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT REVISED ESTIMATES SHOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE SPENDING UP TO 1980'S \$2,426 MILLION ON THE TSING YI DEVELOPMENT ALONE.

SITE FORMATION WORK FOR THE TOWN CENTRE PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE THE RESUMPTION OF 45,617 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 422 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND, THREE MONTHS NOTICE OF WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN LAST FRIDAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE RESUMPTION WILL INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF 116 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY 140 FAMILIES. OF THESE STRUCTURES 45 ARE ON CROWN LAND AND THE REMAINDER ON PRIVATE LAND.

IN ADDITION, ANOTHER 157 TEMPORARY STRUCTURES INCLUDING A WORKSHOP, A SHOP, 43 PIGSTIES AND 12 CHICKEN SHEDS WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

MR. HAYES SAID: +DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY, DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR TEMPORARY PUBLIC HOUSING IN TSUEN WAN OR ON TSING YI.

+GENUINE CULTIVATOR FAMILIES MAY OPT FOR A RESITE TOGETHER WITH AN EX-GRATIA REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE OF \$5,000 PER FAMILY, BUT WILL FORFEIT THEIR PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.+

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AS THE LAND TO BE RESUMED LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TSING YI OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVES OF CASH COMPENSATION AT THE RATE OF \$39 PER SQUARE FOOT IN RESPECT OF HALF OF THE AREA SURRENDERED AND THE CHOICE OF EITHER CASH COMPENSATION AT THE SAME RATE OR LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS WITH A CREDIT VALUE OF \$19.50 PER SQUARE FOOT IN RESPECT OF THE REMAINING HALF.

OWNERS OF BUILDING LAND WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVES OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS OR CASH COMPENSATION INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL EX-GRATIA PAYMENT OF \$79 PER SQUARE FOOT OF BUILDING LAND.

THE NEW COMPENSATION RATES FOR LAND RESUMED IN THE NEW TOWN AND MARKET TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST SATURDAY, AND BECAME EFFECTIVE YESTERDAY (SUNDAY).

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FIRST LION ROCK TUNNEL RE-OPENS TOMORROW
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THE FIRST LION ROCK TUNNEL, WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR REFURBISHING SINCE THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY THIS YEAR, WILL RE-OPEN FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH BOTH TUNNELS OPEN THERE WILL BE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC IN EACH OF THE TWO TUNNELS.

THE FIRST TUNNEL WILL CARRY SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC TO KOWLOON IN TWO TRAFFIC LANES WHILE THE SECOND TUNNEL WILL CARRY TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC TO SHA TIN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NEARLY \$14 MILLION WAS SPENT ON REFURBISHING THE FIRST LION ROCK TUNNEL.

THE WORK INCLUDED NEW VENTILATION EQUIPMENT TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF FRESH AIR, THE INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION AND REPLACING THE OLD LUMINAIRES AND THE PLASTIC SECONDARY LINING OF THE TUNNEL TO PROVIDE MORE ILLUMINATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW, ILLUMINATED AND CHANGEABLE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDED ON GANTRIES OVER THE TRAFFIC LANES ON THE IMMEDIATE APPROACHES TO THE PORTALS OF THE TUNNELS.

HE ADVISED MOTORISTS TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE NEW SIGNALS. THE DOWNWARD POINTING GREEN ARROWS INDICATE WHICH LANES ARE OPEN TO TRAFFIC= DIAGONAL RED CROSS SIGNALS INDICATE WHICH LANES ARE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC= AND GREEN ARROWS POINTING OBLIQUELY DOWNWARDS TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT MEAN THAT MOTORISTS SHOULD MOVE INTO THE RIGHT-HAND OR LEFT-HAND LANE AS INDICATED BY THE ARROWS.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED MOTORISTS NOT TO DRIVE FAST IN THE TUNNELS, AND REMINDED THEM THAT THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE TUNNELS REMAINS UNCHANGED AT 30 MILES PER HOUR.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE FOUR SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 7) ON ITS OPENING.

THE FIRST OF THESE SPECIAL NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 11.32 A.M. THE REMAINING THREE WILL DEPART KOWLOON STATION AT 12.31 P.M., 12.57 P.M. AND 1.10 P.M. RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, FOUR SPECIAL TRAINS WILL LEAVE THE RACE COURSE STATION AT 5.55 P.M., 6.08 P.M., 6.21 P.M. AND 7.12 P.M. RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, K.C.R. WILL RE-ROUTE TWO OF ITS SCHEDULED TRAINS VIA THE RACE COURSE STATION AT 4.31 P.M. AND 6.42 P.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS.

TIMETABLES OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB'S OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

A K.C.R. SPOKESMAN REMINDED PEOPLE GOING TO THE RACE COURSE TO BOOK THEIR TICKETS FOR THESE SPECIAL TRAINS AT VARIOUS OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE TIME SCHEDULES OF NORMAL TRAINS OPERATING BETWEEN KOWLOON STATION AND LO WU BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 11 P.M. ON SATURDAY HAVE BEEN REVISED TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL TRAINS TO THE RACE COURSE.

THE REVISED TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAINS BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 11 P.M., ON SATURDAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DEPARTING KOWLOON STATION: 11.09 A.M., 12 NOON, 1.31 P.M., 2.19 P.M., 3.07 P.M., 3.54 P.M., 5.07 P.M., 5.38 P.M., 6.54 P.M., 7.46 P.M., 8.32 P.M., 9.21 P.M. AND 11 P.M.

DEPARTING LO WU: 10.52 A.M., 11.51 A.M., 12.51 P.M., 1.43 P.M., 3 P.M., 3.38 P.M., 4.35 P.M., 5.48 P.M., 6.52 P.M., 7.25 P.M., 8.27 P.M. AND 9.28 P.M.

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DAVID JORDAN RETURNS FROM LEAVE.

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MR. DAVID JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, RETURNED TO HONG KONG LAST WEEKEND.

SINCE MAY, MR. WILLIAM DORWARD HAS BEEN ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS IN PLACE OF MR. JORDAN WHO WAS ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE ON HOME LEAVE.

ON MR. JORDAN'S RETURN, MR. DORWARD NOW RESUMES HIS POST AS COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS WITH MR. ROY PORTER AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, IS ALSO DUE BACK IN HONG KONG THIS WEEK AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH TRADE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, BRUSSELS AND GENEVA.

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+RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD+ EXHIBITION MOVES TO TSUEN WAN
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S EXHIBITION ON +RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD+, WHICH PROVED TO BE A SUCCESS DURING ITS THREE-DAY SHOW AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL A WEEK AGO, WILL MOVE TO TSUEN WAN THIS WEEKEND.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN FOR THREE DAYS ON OCTOBER 6, 7 AND 8.

THROUGH A VARIETY OF VISUAL AND PRINTED EXHIBITS, THE EXHIBITION AIMS AT DRIVING HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL INFLUENCE ON PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN.

THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE EXHIBITION, MR. LAWRENCE IU, SAID TODAY THE DECISION TO HOLD THE EXHIBITION IN TSUEN WAN WAS TO ENABLE MORE PEOPLE IN OTHER DISTRICTS TO SEE THE SHOW.

HE SAID: +RECORDS SHOWED THAT SOME 65,000 PEOPLE HAVE SEEN THE EXHIBITION DURING ITS THREE DAYS AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL, REPRESENTING AN AVERAGE HOURLY ATTENDANCE OF 4,000.

+MANY OF THEM MADE ENQUIRIES ON THE SPOT, WHILE OTHERS WERE SEEN TAKING NOTES OF THE INFORMATION ON DISPLAY,+ HE SAID.

ALL THESE, HE SAID, INDICATE THAT THE EXHIBITION HAS ACHIEVED ITS AIM OF IMPARTING KNOWLEDGE ON PROPER CHILD REARING AS WELL AS AROUSING PARENTS' INTEREST IN THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR OWN INFLUENCE ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

MR. IU SAID THE EXHIBITION IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CURRENT COMMUNITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION DESIGNED TO FOSTER FAMILY TIES AND HELP FORESTALL FAMILY BREAKDOWNS.

HE SAID PLANS ARE BEING DRAWN UP FOR THE EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED IN OTHER LOCATIONS AND THE DETAILS, ONCE WORKED OUT, WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

THE EXHIBITION AT THE ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE AT TAI HO ROAD WILL BE OPEN ON OCTOBER 6 AND 7 FROM 10.30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AND THEN FROM 7.30 P.M. TO 9.30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 8, IT WILL OPEN FROM 2 P.M. UNTIL 5 P.M.

THE EXHIBITION WILL MOVE TO THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE IN CAUSEWAY BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND ON OCTOBER 14 WHEN IT OPENS BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 6 P.M., AND THEN BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 6 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS (OCTOBER 15 AND 16).

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WESTERN FIREMEN GET PAT ON THE BACK

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THE FIRE SERVICES WAS TODAY PRAISED FOR ITS EFFICIENCY AND EFFORTS IN DEALING WITH A WALL COLLAPSE INCIDENT AT CENTRE STREET, WESTERN, IN JULY THIS YEAR.

AS A MARK OF APPRECIATION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, MR. WONG SAU-SAN AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION CALLED AT THE KENNEDY TOWN FIRE STATION THIS MORNING AND PRESENTED THE DIVISIONAL FIRE OFFICER, MR. R.H. BRUCE, WITH A BANNER.

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER 9 A.M. ON JULY 18 WHEN THE WALL OF A THREE-STOREY TENEMENT BUILDING UNDER DEMOLITION COLLAPSED.

DURING THE RESCUE OPERATION, WHICH LASTED FOR ABOUT EIGHT HOURS, FIREMEN EXTRICATED SIX PERSONS WHO WERE BURIED UNDER THE DEBRIS.

WORK HAD TO BE SUSPENDED SEVERAL TIMES DUE TO FURTHER COLLAPSE OF OTHER WALLS.

ALL THE 13 PERSONS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT WERE SENT TO HOSPITAL AND A NUMBER OF HAWKER STALLS ON THE ROADSIDE WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED.

TAKING PART IN THE RESCUE OPERATION WERE 43 FIREMEN AND 12 AMBULANCEMEN.

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URBAN CLEARWAY ON MA TAU WAI ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 5), THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF A SECTION OF MA TAU WAI ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD IN TO KWA WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

THE RESTRICTED ZONE WILL START AT A POINT ABOUT 92 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHEUNG HEUNG ROAD, AND END AT CHATHAM ROAD JUNCTION WITH SHEK TONG STREET.

DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIODS, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING AND UNLOADING GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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NOTICE OF RATES PAYMENT

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RATEPAYERS WERE TODAY REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF 1978 MUST BE SETTLED BY 4 P.M. ON OCTOBER 31.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAD NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE SHOULD APPLY IMMEDIATELY FOR A COPY TO THE RATES SECTION OF TREASURY, ROOM 203, HANG CHONG BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 5 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

+NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES MUST BE PAID BY 4 P.M. ON OCTOBER 31,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AND UNLESS SO PAID IT MAY BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT IMPOSED UNDER THE RATING ORDINANCE. A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF TEN PER CENT MAY BE ADDED TO AMOUNTS, INCLUDING THE NORMAL FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE, WHICH REMAIN UNPAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE,+ HE ADDED.

WHEN MAKING PAYMENT, RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID IS INDICATED ON THE DEMAND NOTE BY AN ARROW-HEAD IN THE +TOTAL AMOUNT NOW DUE+ BOX.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT +RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PROPERTIES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE ORDINANCE.+

HOWEVER, NO REFUNDS WOULD BE PAYABLE IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES, UNLESS IT IS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY-ORDER THROUGH THE POST TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUING. IF THEY ARE PAYING IN PERSON THEY ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO EARLY AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PHOTOGRAPHS OF LEGCO MEMBERS

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COPIES OF TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE HON. DAVID KENNEDY NEWBIGGING, AND THE HON. ANDREW SO HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES TODAY.

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE FOR YOUR RECORD AND EDITORIAL USE.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 4) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TEST BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BLOCK NOS. 16, 17, 26 AND 27 OF LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE, KAI MING LAU AND TAK MING LAU.

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