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ACTING GOVERNOR SENDS CONGRATULATIONS  
TO HK LAWN BOWLS TEAM  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS TEAM IN EDMONTON, CANADA FOR WINNING TWO GOLD MEDALS IN THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES.

THE MESSAGE READS : +CONGRATULATIONS ON THE HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT OF THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS TEAM.+

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PRISON'S DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAMME PRAISED  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. E. I. LEE, SAID TODAY THE PRISON'S DEPARTMENT'S DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAMME HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE SOCIAL IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG.

MR. LEE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 31 PRISON OFFICERS AND 87 ASSISTANT OFFICERS HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

HE SAID THAT SINCE 1969, ABOUT 13,000 MEN AND 500 WOMEN HAVE BEEN TREATED AT THE FIVE ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES WITH A SUCCESS RATE, ONE YEAR AFTER RELEASE, OF 62 PER CENT FOR MEN AND 75 PER CENT FOR WOMEN OR, AFTER THREE YEARS, OF 42 PER CENT FOR MEN AND 62 PER CENT FOR WOMEN.

+WITH THE CRITERION FOR SUCCESS BEING A DRUG-FREE STATUS, GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT, GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, AND NO RECORD OF RECONVICTION, THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF THIS CUSTODIAL PROGRAMME HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE,+ HE REMARKED.

HE ALSO SAID THE CUSTODIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMME, ALONG WITH OTHER ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMMES OF THE GOVERNMENT, HAS MARKEDLY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF THOSE ADDICTED TO DRUGS ON ADMISSION TO PRISONS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN 1950, 90 PER CENT OF ALL OFFENDERS IN HONG KONG PRISONS WERE FOUND TO BE ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS ON ADMISSION. BUT NOW, THIS HAS DROPPED TO UNDER 40 PER CENT.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, THE NUMBER OF INMATES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 HAS DROPPED FROM 25 PER CENT IN 1969 TO FIVE PER CENT AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

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COUNTRY PARK FACILITIES MEET LOCAL STANDARDS

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THOUSANDS OF FACILITIES IN COUNTRY PARKS HAVE BEEN ADAPTED TO SUIT LOCAL NEEDS, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE COUNTRY PARK AUTHORITY'S TASK WAS TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT KIND OF FACILITIES IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS AT PLACES WHICH WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR THE USERS OF COUNTRY PARKS, BUT WHICH WOULD NOT SERIOUSLY DETRACT FROM THEIR NATURAL BEAUTY NOR LEAD TO THEIR DAMAGE OR DESPOILATION.

MR. RIDDELL-SWAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YOUTH COUNTRY PARK FACILITIES DESIGN EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE PENINSULA JAYCEES AT THE LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK.

HE SAID TO DATE, THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY HAS PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES WHICH INCLUDE 92 PICNIC PLACES AND 158 BARBECUE PLACES WHICH CONTAIN 2,042 PICNIC TABLES OF FOUR DIFFERENT DESIGNS, 1,782 BARBECUE GRILLS, 1,742 BENCH SEATS IN TIMBER AND STONE AND 46 SETS OF CHILDREN'S PLAY APPARATUS. THERE ARE ALSO TWO VIEW COMPASSES, 16 INFORMATION DISPLAYS, 370 CAREFULLY DESIGNED SIGNS TO ASSIST VISITORS AND 36 RAIN SHELTERS. AND THERE ARE MORE THAN 20 MILES OF FOOTPATHS REGULARLY MAINTAINED BY THE AUTHORITY.

MR. RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THE INCREASING POPULARITY OF THE COUNTRY PARKS COULD BE MEASURED BY THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VISITORS FROM 323,000 IN 1972-73 TO ALMOST 3.5 MILLION IN 1977-78 +WHILST THE CONTENTS OF 2,900 LITTER BINS AND THE 1,120 TONNES OF LITTER COLLECTED LAST YEAR TESTIFY TO THE HEAVY USE MADE OF THE PICNIC AND BARBECUE FACILITIES PROVIDED.+

+THE TASK OF PROVIDING PARK FACILITIES IS VIRTUALLY NEVER-ENDING, BUT IT IS ONE WHICH IS CHALLENGING IN ITS SCOPE FOR INVENTIVENESS. THESE FACILITIES SHOULD BLEND WITH THE SCENIC SURROUNDINGS AND MEET THE RECREATIONAL TASTES OF LOCAL PEOPLE YET BE CAPABLE OF SOME FORM OF MASS PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO KEEP COSTS DOWN,+ SAID MR. RIDDELL-SWAN.

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SCOTT VISITS PRIVATE HOUSING PROJECT

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. ALAN SCOTT HAS INSPECTED A LOW-DENSITY HOUSING PROJECT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AS PART OF HIS GENERAL INTEREST IN MAJOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS.

THE PROJECT FEATURES SEMI-DETACHED TWO-STORY HOUSES WITH THEIR OWN GARDENS WHICH, MR. SCOTT NOTED, +WOULD GIVE HONG KONG ITS FIRST TRUE TASTE OF SUBURBAN LIVING AT PRICES MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES COULD AFFORD.

+THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE PEOPLE WILL LEAVE THE OLD URBAN AREAS IF THEY CAN BE OFFERED A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT,+ SAID MR. SCOTT. +GOVERNMENT IS LEADING THE WAY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS, AND IT IS HEARTENING TO SEE PRIVATE DEVELOPERS COMPLEMENTING THIS TREND.+

THE HOUSES ARE BEING BUILT ON A 300-ACRE SITE BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND SHEUNG SHUI. WHEN COMPLETED IN THE EARLY 1980'S, THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE A SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP FOR 5,000 FAMILIES WITH A POPULATION DENSITY OF LESS THAN 100 PEOPLE PER ACRE.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO MR. SCOTT WAS THE HIGHLY MECHANISED CONSTRUCTION METHOD BEING USED. WALLS AND CEILINGS ARE PRECAST IN CONCRETE ON SITE, AND CAN BE ASSEMBLED AT THE RATE OF THREE HOUSES A DAY.

+ALTHOUGH THIS METHOD IS ONLY PRACTICAL ON LARGE DEVELOPMENTS WITH UNIFORM DESIGN, IT IS THE SORT OF SYSTEM WHICH ALL BUILDERS MUST CONSIDER IF WE ARE TO KEEP PACE WITH THE DEMAND FOR HOMES,+ HE SAID.

+THE BIGGEST POTENTIAL PROBLEM TO THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME IS SHORTAGE OF LABOUR, SO THAT ANY SYSTEM WHICH USES LESS LABOUR AND SAVES TIME MUST BE ENCOURAGED.+

MR. SCOTT WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE DESIGN OF THE HOUSES, AND COMPLIMENTED THE DEVELOPERS ON THE PRACTICAL LAYOUT AND INGENIOUS USE OF AVAILABLE SPACE.

THE PROJECT, TO BE CALLED FAIRVIEW PARK, IS BEING BUILT BY CANADIAN OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD.

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RE-DEVELOPMENT OF TONG SHUI ROAD PROPOSED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A GRADE SEPARATED INTERSECTION ALONG TONG SHUI ROAD IN NORTH POINT.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR - STAGE I WHICH, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL PROVIDE A PRIMARY ROUTE FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO NORTH POINT.

THE PROPOSED WORKS CONSIST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED ROAD WITH RAMPS ALONG TONG SHUI ROAD, A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH JAVA ROAD AND A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY BENEATH KING'S ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG SHUI ROAD.

THE ELEVATED ROAD ALONG WITH THE ALTERATION TO TONG SHUI ROAD WILL FORM PART OF THE ROAD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE MAIN ELEVATED ROAD ALONG THE NORTH POINT WATERFRONT AND THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORK IN NORTH POINT. THE FOOTBRIDGE AND SUBWAY WILL IMPROVE THE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY BRANCH, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG- OR AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), 884 KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SO AS TO REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 11, 1978.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON CITY AND STANLEY  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT MONDAY (AUGUST 14) TO 6 A.M. ON TUESDAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, GRAMPAN ROAD, DUMBARTON ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD INCLUDING INVERNESS ROAD.

MEANWHILE, ON HONG KONG ISLAND FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES BOUNDED BY STANLEY MAIN STREET AND TUNG TAU WAN ROAD IN STANLEY WILL BE ALSO CUT OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 15) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MAGAZINE GAP ROAD FLYOVER  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE NORTHBOUND LANE OF THE FLYOVER ON MAGAZINE GAP ROAD LEADING TO GRADEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES BETWEEN 7.30 A.M. AND 5 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO FACILITATE THE TESTING AND INSPECTION OF THE SURFACE TREATMENT ON THE FLYOVER.

VEHICLES WISHING TO PROCEED FROM MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD MUST USE THE ALTERNATIVE GROUND LEVEL ROUTE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF THE FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE :

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AUGUST 14 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5.30 P.M.
AUGUST 15 (TUESDAY)	9 A.M. - 5.30 P.M.
AUGUST 16 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5.30 P.M.
AUGUST 17 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
AUGUST 18 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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