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INSTALLMENT SYSTEM FOR
AUCTION SALES OF CROWN LAND

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PURCHASERS OF VALUABLE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SITES SOLD AFTER THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER 1979 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY THE PREMIUM BY INSTALLMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE INSTALLMENT SYSTEM FOR AUCTION SALES OF CROWN LAND HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN 1969 TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE MARKET AT A TIME WHEN THE PROPERTY MARKET WAS SLUGGISH. THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN USED WITH MINOR VARIATIONS EVER SINCE. HE SAID THAT THE SYSTEM WAS NO LONGER JUSTIFIED AS THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF DEVELOPERS HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING FINANCE TO PURCHASE AND DEVELOP LAND.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUM BY INSTALLMENTS WOULD REMAIN FOR THOSE SITES FOR WHICH THE CONDITIONS OF SALE HAD BEEN PUBLISHED OR WERE IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF PREPARATION. THE FIRST SALES OF VALUABLE SITES WHERE THE INSTALLMENT CONDITION WOULD BE OMITTED WOULD BE IN DECEMBER, 1979.

HE ALSO SAID THAT IT IS NOT PROPOSED TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM FOR SALES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AT PRESENT BUT THE EFFECT ON INDUSTRY OF WITHDRAWING OR AMENDING THE PRESENT INSTALLMENT TERMS FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND IS BEING EXAMINED AND A DECISION WILL BE MADE LATER.

A REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF SALE OF LAND WAS MENTIONED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 11 THIS YEAR.

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HONG KONG DECLARED CHOLERA INFECTED

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HONG KONG HAS BEEN DECLARED A CHOLERA INFECTED AREA FOR THE SECOND TIME WITHIN A MONTH FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF TWO NEW LOCAL CASES OF THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM AS +THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO CASES+.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CHOLERA, OF THE EL TOR STRAIN, IS ENDEMIC IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION AND THEREFORE THE OCCURRENCE OF SPORADIC CASES IN HONG KONG WAS NOT UNEXPECTED.

THE FIRST OF THE TWO CASES INVOLVED A 28-YEAR-OLD MAN, CHEUNG KAM-CHOI, WHO LIVES IN PEI HO STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, WHILE THE OTHER CASE, A 43-YEAR-OLD MAN, LUK FAT, CAME FROM WEST STREET, SHEUNG WAN, ON THE ISLAND.

/MR. CHEUNG.....

MR. CHEUNG WAS ADMITTED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND MR. LUK TO THE SAME HOSPITAL ONE DAY LATER, BOTH SUFFERING FROM DIARRHOEA AND VOMITTING. LABORATORY TESTS OF THEIR STOOLS LATER CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF CHOLERA VIBRIO OF THE EL TOR STRAIN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CONTROLLED MEASURES WERE IMMEDIATELY CARRIED OUT BY BOTH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS IN THE TWO PREMISES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

ALL CLOSE CONTACTS OF THE TWO PATIENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN CHEMOPROPHYLATIC TREATMENT AND KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND THE PREMISES DISINFECTED.

STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE ALSO INTENSIFIED THEIR SUPERVISION OF ALL FOOD PREMISES AND RESTAURANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT PREVENTION OF A LOCAL SPREAD WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC STRICTLY OBSERVING PERSONAL HYGIENE, FOOD HYGIENE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

+INOCULATION COULD ONLY PROVIDE PARTIAL PROTECTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL FOR A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME,+ HE ADDED.

THE LAST CASE OF CHOLERA IN HONG KONG WAS REPORTED ON AUGUST 24 WHEN A SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY FROM TUEN MUN WAS FOUND TO BE SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA.

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GROWTH IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
SLOWED DOWN - REPORT
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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REMAINED BUOYANT IN 1978, ALTHOUGH THE GROWTH HAD ALREADY SLOWED DOWN, ACCORDING TO A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THE ARTICLE PROVIDES AN ANALYSIS OF THE MAJOR TRENDS IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS.

THE SLOW-DOWN IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, THE ARTICLE SAYS, MAY BE PARTLY DUE TO THE LIMITED SCOPE FOR EXPANSION IN THE CAPACITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, AND PARTLY TO THE RAPID INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

DESPITE THE SLOW-DOWN, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTINUED TO SURGE AHEAD IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1978 SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE ARTICLE POINTS OUT.

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+TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALSO DEMAND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION WORKS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THE LEVEL OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AS A WHOLE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO RISE BUT AT A MODERATE RATE IN THE COMING YEARS,+ IT SAYS.

IN CONCLUSION, THE ARTICLE SAYS THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT SINCE 1975, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAS RESPONDED RAPIDLY TO DEMAND IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

+THE INDUSTRY NOW APPEARS TO BE UNDER SOME PRESSURE, ALTHOUGH SUSTAINED PRESSURE COULD WELL BE A PRECONDITION FOR ITS FURTHER EXPANSION.

+IN THIS CONTEXT, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WILL REMAIN A PRIORITY FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION,+ THE ARTICLE SAYS.

COPIES OF THE JUNE 1979 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS AT \$6 EACH ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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MR. BRIAN CHAU HEADS HK OFFICE IN GENEVA

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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT MR. BRIAN CHAU TAK-HAY HAS ASSUMED DUTY IN GENEVA AS HEAD OF THE HONG KONG OFFICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM MISSION.

MR. CHAU WAS PREVIOUSLY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

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PRESTIGE COMMERCIAL SITE FOR SALE IN YUEN LONG
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THE GOVERNMENT IS SELLING A PRESTIGE SITE IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND A PETROL FILLING STATION.

THE SITE, COVERING 3 038 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION BETWEEN KAU YUK ROAD AND TAI TONG ROAD IN THE NEW TOWN'S BOOMING COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. WAN MAN-YEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE SALE WOULD BE BY WAY OF TENDER RESTRICTED TO OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND ONLY ENTITLEMENTS GIVING THE RIGHT TO A GRANT OF BUILDING LAND WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

+THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST SITES IN THE AREA AND ITS DEVELOPMENT WILL HELP MEET THE DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT,+ MR. WAN SAID.

THE SITE CARRIES SPECIAL CONDITIONS REQUIRING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK FOR 350 MOTOR VEHICLES AND A PETROL FILLING STATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RAPID DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN HAD BROUGHT ABOUT A PARKING PROBLEM FOR AN INCREASING NUMBER OF VEHICLES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAR PARK WOULD BE WELCOMED BY MOTORISTS.

+THE CONDITIONS OF SALE SPECIFY A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$16 850 000 OVER 36 MONTHS AND A PLOT RATIO OF 9.5 WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMPLEX OF MULTI-STOREY COMMERCIAL BLOCKS.

+THE COMPLEX MAY BE USED FOR A VARIETY OF COMMERCIAL PURPOSES INCLUDING BANKS, RESTAURANTS, SUPERMARKETS, SHOPS AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION,+ MR. WAN ADDED.

THE TENDER IS OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21 AND PROSPECTIVE TENDERS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TOGETHER WITH A CHEQUE OR CASHIER ORDER OF \$50 000 MADE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BEFORE NOON ON THAT DAY.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND ANY OF ITS SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

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D.S.W. VISITS TWO INSTITUTIONS RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING VISITED AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE IN KOWLOON TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION THERE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. ALEX FUNG, MR. LEE TOURED THE TAI HANG TUNG HOME FOR THE AGED RUN BY THE SALVATION ARMY, AND THE LEI CHENG UK FRIENDLY CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

HE SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR AT EACH INSTITUTION MEETING THE STAFF AND INSPECTING THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO KEEP HIMSELF INFORMED OF THEIR LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

AT THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME IN TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE, MR. LEE WAS GREETED BY COL. LAWRENCE WEGGERY, OFFICER COMMANDING, AND MAJ. GLEN GILDEN, SOCIAL SERVICE SECRETARY, BOTH OF THE SALVATION ARMY, AS WELL AS STAFF OF THE HOME.

THE TAI HANG TUNG HOME FOR THE AGED WAS OPENED IN 1968 AND IS PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL SERVICE FOR 68 OLD WOMEN WHO ARE UNABLE TO LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES.

APART FROM DAILY MEALS, THE HOME PROVIDES CASEWORK AND NURSING SERVICES TO THE INMATES. ITS FACILITIES INCLUDE BEDROOMS, SITTING, DINING AND RECREATION ROOMS.

LATER AT THE FRIENDLY CENTRE IN LEI CHENG UK ESTATE, THE DIRECTOR WAS MET BY MR. NG SHUI-LAI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, AND STAFF OF THE CENTRE.

OPENED IN 1960, THE LEI CHENG UK FRIENDLY CENTRE IS A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE PROVIDING COMMUNITY WORK, GROUP ACTIVITIES, OUTREACHING WORK, SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND CHILD CARE SERVICE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE CENTRE OPERATES A LIBRARY, A CLUB ROOM FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES, A DAY CARE CENTRE AND A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR OLD PEOPLE.

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CROWN LAND FOR SHORT-TERM LEASE

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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 4 050 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS, VEHICLES, MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND THEREAFTER MONTHLY.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD AND IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE TWO OFFICES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1979.

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NEW PUBLIC DUMP IN SHA TIN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN A NEW PUBLIC DUMP WILL BE OPENED FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ASSIST CURRENT RECLAMATION PROJECTS.

THE DUMP WILL BE KNOWN AS +AREA 14J, SHA TIN+ AND IS NEAR YUEN CHAU KOK.

HOLDERS OF A VALID LICENCE FOR PUBLIC DUMPS IN SHA TIN WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE SITE TO DISCARD APPROVED SOFT MATERIAL, EXCLUDING HOUSEHOLD REFUSE AND VEGETABLE MATTER- AND STONE AND BUILDING DEBRIS UP TO 225 MM IN SIZE, PROVIDED IT IS WELL MIXED WITH EARTH.

VEHICLES WITHOUT VALID DUMPING PERMITS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DUMP MATERIAL IN AREA 14J. DUMPING PERMITS MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE PROJECT MANAGER (SHA TIN), SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER, THE ORIGIN, TYPE AND APPROXIMATE QUANTITY OF MATERIALS TO BE DUMPED AND THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR A PARTICULAR JOB.

DUMPING WILL BE ALLOWED BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 6 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN LATER TO EXTENDING THE DUMPING PERIOD TO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

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COURSE ON TEACHING MANDARIN TO BEGINNERS

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TWO COURSES ON THE TEACHING OF MANDARIN TO BEGINNERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AT THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

+THE AIM OF THE COURSES IS TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH THE PHONETIC SYSTEMS OF MANDARIN IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE A FURTHER STUDY OF THE DIALECT ON THEIR OWN,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

VARIOUS AIDS AND ACTIVITIES WOULD BE INTRODUCED DURING THE COURSES TO TEACHERS WHO WOULD FIND THEM USEFUL WHEN TEACHING MANDARIN TO BEGINNERS IN SCHOOL, HE SAID.

THERE WILL BE 18 SESSIONS IN EACH COURSE, WHICH WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY FROM SEPTEMBER 28, TO JANUARY 25, 1980.

+PARTICIPANTS TO THE COURSES NEED NOT HAVE ANY PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF MANDARIN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE COURSES,+ HE ADDED.

ATTENDANCE CANNOT CONSTITUTE ANY QUALIFICATION, BUT A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO PARTICIPANTS WHO FULFIL THE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT OF THE COURSES.

AS ACCOMMODATION AND EQUIPMENT AT THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE ARE LIMITED, ONLY 20 TEACHERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EACH COURSE.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO RECOMMEND TEACHERS FOR THE COURSE ARE INVITED TO SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 19.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT THE CENTRE, OR BY CALLING TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-488230.

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