



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNOR PRAISES DEVELOPMENT OF JAPAN-HONG KONG ECONOMIC RELATIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING DESCRIBED THE FIRST JOINT MEETING OF THE JAPAN-HONG KONG AND HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES AS A +MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE-HONG KONG ECONOMIC RELATIONS.+

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER FOR THE HONG KONG-JAPAN JOINT COMMITTEE AT FLAGSTAFF HOUSE.

+CONSIDERING IT WAS ONLY LAST NOVEMBER THAT THIS COMMITTEE WAS FIRST SUGGESTED, I AM IMPRESSED BY THE SPEED WITH WHICH THIS FIRST JOINT MEETING HAS BEEN INAUGURATED. IT INDICATES THE DETERMINATION OF BOTH SIDES TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND HONG KONG,+ SIR MURRAY TOLD MEMBERS OF THE TWO COMMITTEES.

THE HONG KONG COMMITTEE COMPRISES EIGHT TOP BANKERS AND BUSINESSMEN HEADED BY SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BANK OF EAST ASIA.

THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF SONCA INDUSTRIES LTD= MR. MICHAEL SANDBERG, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION= MR. BILL DORWARD, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS= MR. DAVID NEWBIGGING, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN AND SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR OF JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY= SIR YUE-KONG PAO, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLD WIDE SHIPPING GROUP= MR. T.K. ANN, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL= AND MR. LEN DUNNING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

THE JAPAN COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF NINE, LED BY MR. K. YASUI, SENIOR ADVISER, TORAY INDUSTRIES INC. AND VICE-PRESIDENT, KEIDAREN, AND MR. N. GOTOH, PRESIDENT, TOKYU CORPORATION AND VICE-PRESIDENT, TOKYO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES.

THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE:- MR. N. HASEGAWA, CHAIRMAN, SUMITOMO CHEMICAL CO. LTD. AND VICE-PRESIDENT, KEIDAREN= MR. S. MIYAKE, CHAIRMAN, TOKAI BANK LTD. AND PRESIDENT, THE NAGOYA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY= MR. C. TAKEDA, CHAIRMAN, TAKEDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. AND VICE-PRESIDENT, THE OSAKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY= MR. H. YOSHIYAMA, PRESIDENT, HITACHI LTD= MR. M. SEGAWA, SENIOR ADVISER, THE NOMURA SECURITIES CO. LTD= MR. K. TSUYUKI, CHAIRMAN, ISETAN CO. LTD= AND MR. K. YAMADA, VICE-CHAIRMAN, MITSUBISHI CORPORATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS:

+MR. YASUI, CONSUL-GENERAL, SIR Y K, DELEGATES OF THE FIRST JOINT MEETING OF THE JAPAN/HONG KONG AND HONG KONG/JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES.

/+I AM VERY PLEASED

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+I AM VERY PLEASSED TO WELCOME YOU AFTER YOUR VERY BUSY DAY OF DELIBERATIONS. INDEED IT SEEMED THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY IN WHICH I COULD DEMONSTRATE MY GREAT INTEREST IN YOUR PROCEEDINGS AND THE IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO THIS FIRST JOINT MEETING. IT IS CLEARLY A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE/HONG KONG ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

+CONSIDERING IT WAS ONLY LAST NOVEMBER THAT THIS COMMITTEE WAS FIRST SUGGESTED, I AM IMPRESSED BY THE SPEED WITH WHICH THIS FIRST JOINT MEETING HAS BEEN INAUGURATED. IT INDICATES THE DETERMINATION OF BOTH SIDES TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND HONG KONG.

+SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN HAS TOLD ME THAT YOUR DISCUSSIONS WERE FRUITFUL AND THAT THREE WORKING COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN SET UP TO CARRY FORWARD PRACTICAL STUDIES. I AM SURE IT IS THE WISH OF ALL OF YOU THAT FROM THE START THESE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD TAKE AN ENTIRELY PRACTICAL FORM AND I DO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE OUTCOME OF TODAY'S MEETING.

+I WAS PLEASSED AND TOUCHED THAT MR. SONODA SHOULD HAVE ADDRESSED A MESSAGE TO THE FIRST JOINT MEETING. THE JOINT MEETINGS WERE HIS IDEA, AND I WILL HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN WRITING TO HIM TO TELL HIM OF MY SATISFACTION OF THE OUTCOME OF THIS FIRST SESSION IN HONG KONG.

+LIKE HIM, I ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND EXTEND TO IT MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR ITS CONTINUING SUCCESS.+

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COMPENSATION ZONES FOR RESUMED LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DRAWN UP SEVEN ZONES ON WHICH IT WILL BASE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR PRIVATE LAND RESUMED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE ZONES COVER AGRICULTURAL AND BUILDING LAND BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT LAYOUTS AND ARE TIED TO A TWICE-YEARLY REVIEW OF COMPENSATION RATES.

THE FIRST TWO ZONES - A AND B - INCLUDE LAND WITHIN AN URBAN DEVELOPMENT LAYOUT AND LAND TECHNICALLY OUTSIDE THE LAYOUT BUT EITHER ADJACENT TO IT OR HAVING ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A LAYOUT AND WHICH IS RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR RESALE.

COMPENSATION IN THESE ZONES WILL BE PAID AT PRESENT FULL RATE WHICH IS \$39 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND AND VALUATION PLUS \$79 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR BUILDING LAND.

THESE RATES ARE CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED AND WILL BE ADJUSTED ON APRIL 1, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. FRANK ROOME, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THE OTHER FIVE ZONES HAD BEEN DRAWN UP TO COVER LAND AWAY FROM URBAN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WHERE COMPENSATION WOULD BE PAID ON A REDUCING SCALE GOVERNED EITHER BY LOCATION OR DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL. IN THE CASE OF BUILDING LAND, THE PROPORTIONATE COMPENSATION WOULD BE PAID IN ADDITION TO FULL VALUATION.

BACKDATED TO NOVEMBER 1 LAST YEAR, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY THE FOLLOWING FIXED PERCENTAGES:-

- * SEVENTY FIVE PER CENT FOR AREAS IN WHICH NO DEVELOPMENT IS PLANNED BUT WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED BY LATER EXTENSIONS TO THE LAYOUT BECAUSE OF THEIR PROXIMITY-
- * FIFTY PER CENT FOR AREAS IN WHICH NO DEVELOPMENT IS PLANNED AND ARE UNLIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY LATER EXTENSIONS BUT WHICH ARE REQUIRED SOMETIMES FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH LAYOUT DEVELOPMENT OR FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENT -
- * FIFTY PER CENT FOR OUTLYING AREAS WHERE LAND EXCHANGES ARE THE RULE BUT RESUMPTIONS FOR CASH ARE SOMETIMES UNAVOIDABLE-
- * THIRTY PER CENT FOR AREAS NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER ZONES- AND
- * TWENTY PER CENT FOR LAND IN AREAS WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS RESTRICTED - SUCH AS COUNTRY PARKS, FIRING RANGES AND CLOSED AREAS.

MR. ROOME SAID THAT DETAILS OF THE NEW ZONES WERE SHOWN ON A ZONAL PLAN WHICH WAS NOW AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT EACH OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRACTICE OF OFFERING LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS IN CERTAIN AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN THE NEW NEW TOWNS, WOULD IN NO WAY BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW COMPENSATION PROCEDURES.

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18 LOTS OF CROWN LAND TO BE AUCTIONED

EIGHTEEN LOTS OF CROWN LAND WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 74,000 SQUARE METRES WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION AND TENDER DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS FROM APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE LOTS COMPRISED SEVEN NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES, SEVEN INDUSTRIAL SITES, THREE FOR PETROL FILLING STATIONS AND ONE FOR A MARINA AT ABERDEEN.

HE SAID THAT THE NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES, MEASURING A TOTAL OF ABOUT 9,800 SQUARE METRES, WERE LOCATED AT SHANGHAI STREET, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, NEW STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, RECLAMATION STREET AND CHAI WAN.

OF THE SEVEN INDUSTRIAL SITES, FIVE ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND TWO IN KOWLOON. THE AREAS OF THESE SITES VARY FROM 480 SQUARE METRES TO 3,200 SQUARE METRES.

THE OTHER FOUR SITES, FOR PETROL FILLING STATION AND MARINA PURPOSES, ARE SITUATED AT HIU KWONG STREET, CHAI WAN AND SHAM WAN, COVERING A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 55,000 SQUARE METRES.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE PROGRAMME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

SALES DATES FOR EACH LOT WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND ADVERTISED IN NEWSPAPERS.

DETAILS OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST TOGETHER WITH PLANS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE LOTS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE MAY BE SEEN AT THE PWD'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND AT THE KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THEY MAY BE INSPECTED ALSO AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND AT THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

COPIES OF THE SIX-MONTH FORECAST MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM ANY OF THESE OFFICES OR BY WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PWD.

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MORE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT DUE
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TWO 37-METRE TURNTABLE LADDERS ORDERED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF MORE THAN \$2 MILLION WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG SOON.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, MR. D. A. KINGSTON, WILL LEAVE FOR WEST GERMANY ON MARCH 23 TO INSPECT AND TEST THE LADDERS BEFORE THEY ARE SHIPPED HERE IN MAY OR JUNE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR. KINGSTON WILL ALSO DISCUSS WITH THE SUPPLIER -- MAGIRUS-DEUTZ A.G. -- TECHNICAL AND SAFETY POINTS RELATED TO HONG KONG CONDITIONS. +THE ADDITIONAL APPLIANCES WILL FURTHER ADD TO THE EFFICIENCY OF FIREMEN FIGHTING FIRE IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID A THIRD 37-METRE TURNTABLE LADDER HAD BEEN ORDERED AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER. +FOUR 37-METRE TURNTABLE LADDERS HAVE SO FAR BEEN BROUGHT INTO SERVICE AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE CAPABILITIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+EIGHTEEN FIREMEN WILL UNDERGO AN EXTENSIVE SIX-MONTH TRAINING COURSE ON HOW TO OPERATE THE APPLIANCES EFFICIENTLY AND SAFELY,+ HE ADDED.

THE THREE NEW LADDERS ARE SPECIALLY FITTED WITH WIND-GAUGES TO COUNTER THE DANGER POSED BY FREQUENT WIND GUSTS IN SOME PARTS OF HONG KONG.

EACH LADDER, MOUNTED ON A VEHICULAR CHASSIS AND POWERED BY AN AIR-COOLED DIESEL ENGINE, IS EQUIPPED WITH A REMOTE CONTROL CAGE FOR SMOOTH OPERATION AT VARIABLE HEIGHTS.

+THIS TYPE OF LADDER IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL BECAUSE OF THE PROLIFERATION OF HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

FOLLOWING HIS WEST GERMAN VISIT, MR. KINGSTON WILL GO TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WHERE HE WILL DISCUSS THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF TWO 50-FOOT SNORKEL FIRE APPLIANCES BEING BUILT FOR THE DEPARTMENT BY SIMON ENGINEERING IN DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS.

THE TWO SNORKELS, COSTING \$1.5 MILLION, ARE DUE FOR COMPLETION IN OCTOBER AND WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

MR. KINGSTON'S LAST MISSION WILL BE TO INSPECT A \$400,000 MAJOR PUMP APPLIANCE ORDERED FROM THE HESTAIR DENNIS COMPANY IN GUILDFORD. THE PUMP IS DUE TO ARRIVE HERE IN MAY.

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CAREERS INFORMATION SERVICE TAKES THE WHEELS

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CAREERS INFORMATION SERVICE IS NO LONGER CONFINED TO CLASSROOMS -- THANKS TO AN EXHIBITION VAN DONATED TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON, THE LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, MRS. ANGELA HO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ROTARY CLUB'S LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL MRS. HO SAID THE EXHIBITION VAN ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO THE WORK OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE.

+THE VAN PROVIDES AN ATTRACTIVE MEANS TO DISSEMINATE CAREERS INFORMATION ALMOST ANYWHERE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,+ SHE SAID.

+A PORTABLE ELECTRIC GENERATOR MAKES IT INDEPENDENT OF ANY SOURCE OF POWER SUPPLY.+

MRS. HO POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A VERY REAL NEED FOR CAREERS GUIDANCE IN HONG KONG AND THE MOBILE EXHIBITION UNIT DONATED BY THE CLUB WAS TO MEET THIS NEED.

SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE VALUE OF A MOBILE CAREERS SERVICE LIES NOT ONLY IN ITS MOBILITY TO OFFER A SERVICE ALMOST AT ONE'S DOORSTEP BUT ALSO IN BEING ABLE TO STIMULATE THE INTEREST OF YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS THEIR PARENTS WHO OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PAY MUCH OR EVEN VERY LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF A CAREERS CHOICE.

+IF A MOBILE DISPLAY COULD LEAD THEM TO ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS, AN INFORMAL CHAT COULD START THEM THINKING ABOUT THE CHOICE OF A CAREER= MUCH WOULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED,+ MRS. HO SAID.

SHE SAID THE VAN VISITED SCHOOLS, YOUTH CENTRES, PARKS, HOUSING ESTATES AND PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER.

OVER THE YEARS, IT HAD MADE MANY OUTINGS AND HAD BEEN PRACTICALLY ALL OVER HONG KONG, EXCEPT THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

MRS. HO ALSO SAID THAT WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE ROTARY CLUB, THE MOBILE UNIT WAS USED TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AT CONSTRUCTION SITES AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND THIS HAD PROVED TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE.

TO DATE MORE THAN 50 EXHIBITIONS INCLUDING CAREERS AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EXHIBITIONS HAD BEEN STAGED, ATTRACTING SOME 45,000 VISITORS.

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ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR
SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS SIGNED

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$7 MILLION CONTRACT TO MESSRS SWIRE AND MACLAINE LTD. FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MACHINERY FOR THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE PILLAR POINT SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS IN TUEN MUN.

THE CONTRACT IS THE FIRST OF TWO FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PLANT.

IT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY MR. GRAHAM OSBORNE, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, AND MR. PATRICK WAI OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE.

MR. OSBORNE SAID THAT WORK ON THE CONTRACT, COVERING THE INSTALLATION OF PUMPING AND SCREENING MACHINERY, WOULD BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE MACHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ASPECTS OF THE PLANT HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE WHICH WILL SUPERVISE THE INSTALLATION WORK.

+THE PLANT AIMS TO SERVE THE EXISTING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN AND WILL BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING SEWAGE FLOW FROM AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 530,000,+ MR. OSBORNE SAID.

ON COMPLETION, SEWAGE FROM THE NEW TOWN WILL BE TREATED THROUGH FINE SCREENS AND GRIT REMOVAL DEVICE BEFORE BEING DISCHARGED THROUGH A SUBMARINE PIPE INTO DEEP WATER FOR DILUTION AND DISPERSION.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE-COURSE

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE THREE SPECIAL TRAINS TO THE SHA TIN RACE-COURSE ON SATURDAY (MARCH 17).

THESE SPECIAL NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 11.59 A.M., 12.33 P.M. AND 1 P.M. RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, THERE WILL BE THREE SPECIAL TRAINS TO TAKE PASSENGERS BACK FROM THE RACE-COURSE STATION TO KOWLOON STATION.

IN ADDITION KCR WILL RE-ROUTE THREE OF ITS SCHEDULED TRAINS VIA THE RACE-COURSE STATION AT 5.22 P.M., 7.15 P.M. AND 8.08 P.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS.

THE RUNNING TIME OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS IS 20 MINUTES AND THEIR TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS AND AT THE JOCKEY CLUB'S OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

A KCR SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) ENCOURAGED THOSE GOING BY PRIVATE CARS TO MAKE USE OF THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK ABOVE THE KOWLOON STATION.

HE SAID THAT APART FROM SEVERAL BUS CONNECTING ROUTES, THERE ARE FERRY SERVICES OPERATING BETWEEN CENTRAL, WAN CHAI AND NORTH POINT AND THE HUNG HOM PIER WHICH IS A FEW MINUTES WALK FROM THE STATION TERMINAL.

HE ADDED THAT THE TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAIN SERVICES HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY AMENDED. THE REVISED TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAINS BETWEEN 10.30 A.M. AND 11 P.M. ARE:

FROM KOWLOON STATION: 11.09 A.M., 12.12 P.M., 1.18 P.M., 2.19 P.M., 3.07 P.M., 3.54 P.M., 5.06 P.M., 6 P.M., 7.04 P.M., 7.46 P.M., 8.36 P.M., 9.20 P.M. AND 11 P.M.

FROM LO WU STATION: 10.52 A.M., 11.50 A.M., 12.49 P.M., 1.43 P.M., 3 P.M., 4.01 P.M., 4.35 P.M., 5.29 P.M., 6.26 P.M., 7.21 P.M., 8.21 P.M. AND 9.28 P.M.

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VISITORS TO REMOTE AREAS URGED TO CARRY IDENTITY CARDS

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RESIDENTS WHO GO ON RECREATIONAL VISITS TO REMOTE AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS ARE ADVISED TO CARRY THEIR IDENTITY CARD WITH THEM SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTITY IF REQUESTED TO DO SO BY MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCE.

IN GIVING THIS ADVICE TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ENTERING HONG KONG BOTH OVER THE LAND BORDER AND LANDING ON SHORES HAS NECESSITATED THE SECURITY FORCE TO STEP UP SEARCHES. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS WILL INCREASE DURING SUMMER MONTHS.

SIMILARLY, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE MAKING RECREATIONAL VISITS TO REMOTE AREAS GIVES RISE TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONCERN THAT SOME MISUNDERSTANDING MAY OCCUR, WHEN SEARCHES ARE CONDUCTED.

THEREFORE, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED TO CARRY THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND HAVE THEM AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE SECURITY FORCE IF SO REQUESTED.

+BY SO DOING, IT IS HOPED IT COULD MINIMISE THE POSSIBILITY OF INCONVENIENCE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE QUITE LAWFULLY VISITING OR WORKING IN THESE AREAS,+ HE SAID.

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FREE MEDICAL ADVICE ON TV

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A NEW TELEVISION SERIES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH FREE MEDICAL AND HEALTH ADVICE WILL BE SCREENED ON RTV'S CHINESE CHANNEL EVERY SATURDAY EVENING, STARTING FROM MARCH 24.

THE PROGRAMME, ENTITLED +THE DOCTOR AND YOU+, HAS BEEN JOINTLY PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

DURING THE HALF-HOUR PROGRAMME, WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST FROM 7 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M., DOCTORS WILL ANSWER CALLS AND LETTERS FROM VIEWERS. HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT RECOMMEND MEDICINES OR DOCTORS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME BY CALLING 3-384848 DURING SCREENING TIME OR BY WRITING TO P.O. BOX 200, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF JACKSON ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO MOTOR VEHICLES FROM 10 A.M. TO 11.30 A.M. ON SATURDAY -- ST. PATRICK'S DAY -- FOR A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SEMINAR ON MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES

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A FOUR-EVENING SEMINAR ON MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES FOR 100 OFFICE-BEARERS FROM THE 86 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO) AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE DISTRICT.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL JOINTLY CHAIR THE SEMINAR. THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE THE WORK OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND HOW TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR AT 8 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE HALL OF THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, 88 YU CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

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FURTHER CLOSURE OF ACCESS ROAD IN N.T.

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KADOORIE BEACH TO ABOUT 150 METRES SOUTHWARD (WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE FEBRUARY 19) WILL BE FURTHER CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC UNTIL MARCH 31 INCLUSIVE, TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THIS SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS ALTERNATIVELY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIFTH KWAI CHUNG COMMUNITY HALL OPENS TOMORROW
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S FIFTH COMMUNITY HALL IN KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (FRIDAY), PROVIDING ANOTHER FOCAL POINT OF GROUP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL IS THE EIGHTH OF A SERIES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG TO MEET A GROWING NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES.

A NEW COMMUNITY HALL, WHICH IS ALREADY OPERATING AT TAI HING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN, WILL ALSO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED LATER THIS YEAR.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW WILL BE MR. CHAU HOW-CHEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD. THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

THE COMMUNITY HALL ORGANISES REGULAR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP RESIDENTS BECOME MORE CIVIC-MINDED AND ENABLE THEM TO BUILD UP A MORE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE INTEREST GROUPS, VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMMES AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES.

FACILITIES AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO LOCAL GROUPS, SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 4 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY HALL IN TAI PAK TIN STREET NEXT TO SHEK YAM ESTATE IN NORTH KWAI CHUNG.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. IT WILL LEAVE AT 3.10 P.M. FROM LEE GARDENS, EASTERN ENTRANCE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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ROAD CLOSURE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET BETWEEN THE JUNCTIONS OF ARGYLE STREET AND NELSON STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 5.30 A.M. TOMORROW AND SATURDAY TO FACILITATE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WORKS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE NATHAN ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 P.M. ON SATURDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY (SUNDAY) FOR DIVERSION OF WATER MAINS.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY 15-47 AND 16-54 GRAMPAN ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

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