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FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVES \$266 MILLION LOAN TO
INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A \$266 MILLION LOAN TO THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION TO MEET THE DEVELOPMENT COSTS OF AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN YUEN LONG.

THE LOAN, ON WHICH INTEREST OF 7-7/8 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE CHARGED, IS FOR A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1978.

THE YUEN LONG SITE CONSISTS OF 93 HECTARES OF LAND, WHICH WILL PRODUCE AN ESTIMATED NET INDUSTRIAL AREA OF ABOUT 56 HECTARES.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE WILL BE IN THREE STAGES, WITH 49 HECTARES BEING FORMED IN STAGE I, 27 HECTARES IN STAGE II AND 17 HECTARES IN STAGE III. LAND IN STAGES I AND II IS MOSTLY CROWN LAND, WHILE THE LAND REQUIRED FOR STAGE III IS LARGELY PRIVATELY OWNED.

INITIALLY, THE LOAN WILL BE RESTRICTED TO EXPENDITURE ON STAGES I AND II (\$242.2 MILLION) AND THE RESUMPTION COSTS OF STAGE III (\$23.8 MILLION). A SEPARATE SUBMISSION WILL BE MADE FOR FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE III.

A TOTAL OF \$88.59 MILLION IS EXPECTED TO BE SPENT ON THE PROJECT IN 1978/79, \$89.36 MILLION IN 1979/80, \$91.75 MILLION IN 1980/81 AND \$9.87 MILLION IN 1981/82.

THE LARGEST ITEM OF EXPENDITURE -- \$50.40 MILLION -- WILL BE ON SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WHICH WILL BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ALSO FOR THE EXPANSION OF YUEN LONG.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS EMPLOYED BY THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION ARE AT PRESENT CARRYING OUT A STUDY OF THE YUEN LONG SITE AND THEIR PRELIMINARY REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED IN A FEW WEEKS.

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GROWING DEMAND FOR PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. DANIEL WATERS, SAID TODAY THAT ABOUT 17,000 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 3,000 NEW PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL PLACES WHICH WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE JOINT SPORTS MEET OF THE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STADIUM, MR. WATERS SAID, +THIS MEANS THAT EACH AVAILABLE NEW PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL PLACE IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR IS OVER-SUBSCRIBED BY APPROACHING SIX TO ONE.

+THIS PROVES WITHOUT DOUBT THAT PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ARE STILL POPULAR, ALTHOUGH PLACES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR, IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOLS, FOR ALL OUR PRIMARY 6 LEAVERS,+ HE ADDED.

MR. WATERS NOTED THAT THE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, BESIDES IMPARTING TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN BREADTH RATHER THAN IN DEPTH, ALSO PROVIDE A +WELL-ROUNDED GENERAL EDUCATION+ UP TO FORM THREE LEVEL.

IN ADDITION TO TECHNICAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION, HE POINTED OUT, SPORTS, GAMES AND OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE BY NO MEANS FORGOTTEN AS IS EVIDENCED BY THE SPORTS MEET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CHIEF SECRETARY TO VISIT TAI PO

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL VISIT TAI PO DISTRICT ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 23) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF ITS DEVELOPMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, SIR DENYS WILL VISIT THE YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK AND THE FORMER TANNERIES SITE IN SHEUNG SHUI.

HE WILL ALSO MEET MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE FOR A DISCUSSION ON MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S VISIT. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. TWO GOVERNMENT VANS, AM 2088 AND AM 3174, WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 1.15 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DEMONSTRATION OF OIL SKIMMER
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL GIVE A DEMONSTRATION OF A NEW OIL SKIMMER TO THE PRESS AT THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD IN CANTON ROAD ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

~~THE EQUIPMENT RECENTLY ACQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT IS~~ CAPABLE OF SKIMMING VARIOUS TYPES OF OIL FROM THE SEA AT A RATE OF TEN TONS PER HOUR.

THE OIL SKIMMER, WEIGHING 115 LB AND WITH A DRAUGHT OF 7.5 INCHES, WILL STRENGTHEN THE CAPABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT IN FIGHTING OIL SPILLAGES AT SEA.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DEMONSTRATION AT 11.15 A.M. ON THURSDAY. A MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH WILL LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT PIER IN CENTRAL AT 11 A.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE ON PENG CHAU
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF PENG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE ISLAND FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 27, 28 AND MARCH 1.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARDS BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING THE AGE OF 18.

PEOPLE LIVING ON PENG CHAU ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT, RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR OTHER PARTICULARS.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON LAM YIU-FONG ON MAY 20 LAST YEAR SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

LAM WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF 43-YEAR-OLD LAM MUK-KIN WHOM HE STABBED DURING A ROBBERY ATTEMPT IN A TOILET AT TUNG TAU ESTATE ON OCTOBER 13, 1976.

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