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PIPELINE DECISION SAVES \$5.71 MILLION

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A DECISION BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL SAVE TAXPAYERS \$5.71 MILLION ON A SUBMARINE WATER PIPELINE THAT WILL NOT BE NEEDED UNTIL 1993.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) APPROVED BUILDING A DUPLICATE PIPELINE TO TAKE WATER ACROSS TOLO CHANNEL.

THE UNDERWATER MAIN IS PART OF STAGE THREE OF THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO TAKE MORE WATER FROM CHINA.

AT PRESENT THE \$626 MILLION STAGE TWO OF THE PROJECT IS UNDERWAY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1991 WHEN STAGE THREE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN.

AS PART OF STAGE TWO A \$66 MILLION SUBMARINE PIPELINE IS BEING BUILT UNDER TOLO CHANNEL BETWEEN HARBOUR ISLAND AND SAI O WITH APPROPRIATE LAND MAINS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CHANNEL.

FORECASTS SHOW THAT A DUPLICATE PIPELINE UNDER THE CHANNEL WILL BE NEEDED IN 1993 AND WORK ON THIS WAS TO HAVE STARTED IN 1991.

HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTORS FOR THE FIRST TOLO PIPELINE PROJECT HAVE OFFERED TO LAY THE DUPLICATE PIPE, ALONG WITH THE FIRST, AT A REDUCED PRICE OF \$41.85 MILLION.

BUT THE OFFER IS VALID ONLY UP TO JUNE 19 AS AFTER THAT DATE THE PRICE OF PIPES FROM JAPAN IS EXPECTED TO RISE.

BY BUILDING THE SECOND PIPELINE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FIRST THE GOVERNMENT WILL SAVE ON CAPITAL COSTS, REDUCE SUPERVISION COSTS AS SUPERVISORY STAFF ARE ALREADY ON SITE, AND REDUCE PUMPING COSTS BETWEEN 1988 AND 1993 AS PUMPING WATER THROUGH TWIN PIPES WILL BE MORE EFFICIENT THAN PUMPING THROUGH A SINGLE PIPE.

THE ESTIMATED SAVING OF \$5.71 MILLION IS A CONSERVATIVE ONE AND DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBLE SAVINGS ON LAND COSTS, INFLATION, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

ESTIMATES SHOW THAT, ALREADY, THERE HAVE BEEN ENOUGH SAVINGS ON STAGE TWO PROJECTS TO ALLOW THE ADDITIONAL PIPE TO BE LAID WITHOUT INCREASING THE ORIGINAL \$626 MILLION STAGE TWO BUDGET.

LAST FINANCIAL YEAR \$210 MILLION WAS SPENT ON STAGE TWO WORKS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT \$270 MILLION WILL BE SPENT THIS YEAR, \$67 MILLION NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR AND \$79 MILLION IN 1988-89.

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1986 SWINGING SUMMER TV SERIES LAUNCHED
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WITH THE ONSET OF SUMMER, THE POPULAR SWINGING SUMMER TELEVISION SERIES WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK, PROVIDING FUN AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AS WELL AS ENTERTAINMENT FOR HOME VIEWERS.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK) AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ISD), THE SWINGING SUMMER OUTDOOR SHOWS WHICH FORM THE TV SERIES, ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE SERIES TODAY (WEDNESDAY), SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, MR KELLY SO, SAID THAT ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED WITH THE AIM OF FOSTERING A SPIRIT OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION WHICH EMPHASISES THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, 'CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY; GET TO KNOW IT BETTER'.

+BESIDES PROVIDING RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO USEFULLY SPEND THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAYS, IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THEY WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN THEIR COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ARE PLANNED AND COORDINATED IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

+THESE INCLUDE THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL,+ MR SO ADDED.

THE HEAD OF PROJECT AND VARIETY UNIT OF RTHK, MISS JOANNA LAU, SAID THIS YEAR'S SWINGING SUMMER TV SERIES CONSISTS OF EIGHT EPISODES, EACH LASTING AN HOUR, WITH THE OPENING EPISODE BEING RECORDED ON JUNE 26 AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

+THE FIRST EPISODE WILL SEE WELL-KNOWN PERSONALITIES TAKING PART IN TELEMATCH GAMES; AND, AS AN ADDED ATTRACTION, RENOWNED SINGERS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM,+ MISS LAU SAID.

+IN THE SECOND THROUGH TO THE EIGHTH EPISODES, DUE TO BE HELD AT LOCATIONS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, POPULAR YOUNG SINGERS WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE SHOWS TO ENRICH THE PROGRAMMES,+ SHE ADDED.

EACH EPISODE WILL BE CO-ORGANISED BY A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION AND WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES AND GAMES COMPETITIONS FOR BOTH PARTICIPANTS AND THE AUDIENCE.

/+SPECIAL MENTION

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+SPECIAL MENTION MUST BE MADE OF A FOLK SINGING CONTEST THIS YEAR, OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25,+ MISS LAU SAID. +INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS CAN APPLY BEFORE THE END OF JULY AND ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES, TOM LEE PIANO COMPANY BRANCHES AND RTHK.+

BOTH ISD AND RTHK REPRESENTATIVES THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS CONTINUED CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, AND ALSO TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY AND SWIRE BOTTLERS LIMITED FOR SPONSORING ATTRACTIVE PRIZES FOR THE SWINGING SUMMER TV SERIES.

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HIGGINSON TO RETURN ON FRIDAY

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR G.A. HIGGINSON, WHO LED A BRITISH TEAM TO PEKING TO DISCUSS WITH CHINESE EXPERTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER, WILL RETURN ON FRIDAY (JUNE 20).

WHILE IN PEKING, HE ALSO TOOK PART IN THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

MR HIGGINSON WILL TRAVEL ON FLIGHT CA 101, ETA 11 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO COVER MR HIGGINSON'S RETURN. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BY 10.10 AM ON FRIDAY.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SAI KUNG DB TO DISCUSS TRIAD REPORT
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THE REPORT ON WAYS TO COUNTER TRIAD PROBLEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY (JUNE 20).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE OPTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW TO COUNTER TRIAD PROBLEMS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE REVIEW OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 1986; THE ICAC WORK PLAN FOR 1986-87; A REPORT BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - MR WAN YUET-KAU AND THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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PLANS TO BEAUTIFY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT
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PLANS TO TRANSFORM THE HIGHLY INDUSTRIALISED DISTRICT OF TSUEN WAN INTO A GREENER AND MORE FLORID PLACE WILL BE OUTLINED AT A SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL CONSULT AND DISCUSS WITH EDUCATIONALISTS ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS PROJECTS AND SCHEMES TO BEAUTIFY THE DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMME, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, INCLUDE THE PLANTING OF TREES AND FLOWERS AT VARIOUS PROMINENT LOCATIONS, AND ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS AND ARTS IN ORDER TO PROJECT A HEALTHY IMAGE OF THE DISTRICT.

/SEVERAL EVENTS

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SEVERAL EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT'S FORTHCOMING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL INVOLVE STUDENTS PLANTING TREES AND FLOWERS, WHILE THE SPORTS AND ARTS NATURE SCHEMES WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO TWO MAIN FESTIVALS OF THE DISTRICT - THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL AND THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION AND BRIEFING OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL SCHEMES BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO BE ON HAND TO GIVE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

THE SEMINAR WILL START AT 10 AM AT THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB, HILLTOP ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE BY 9.30 AM FROM THE CARPARK OF FOU WAN CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, FOR THE CLUB.

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HONG KONG-BRED +SPIRIT DUCKS+ RETURN TO ANCESTRAL HOME
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NINE YOUNG WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCKS, KNOWN TO THE ASSAMESE AS +SPIRIT DUCKS+, LEFT HONG KONG ABOARD AIR INDIA FLIGHT 307 TODAY ON THE FIRST LEG OF THE JOURNEY TO BORDUBI IN THEIR NATIVE ASSAM.

THE DUCKS, WHICH WERE BRED IN THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS LAST YEAR, ARE TRAVELLING FREE OF CHARGE ON AIR INDIA. THE URBAN COUNCIL, WHICH FINANCES AND ADMINISTERS THE H.K.Z.B.G., PAID FOR SHIPPING CRATES AND THE NECESSARY EXPORT DOCUMENTS.

THIS SHIPMENT REPRESENTS ANOTHER STEP IN WORLD WILDLIFE FUND PROJECT 406, A CAPTIVE BREEDING PROGRAMME AIMED AT SAVING THESE RARE WATERFOWL FROM EXTINCTION, WITH THE INTENTION OF REINTRODUCING THEM INTO SUITABLE AREAS OF THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.

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THE FORMER RANGE OF THE WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCK WAS FROM ASSAM AND BURMA THROUGH THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA TO SUMATRA AND JAWA (FORMERLY JAVA). THE WHOLESALE FELLING OF THE PLAINS RAINFOREST, COMBINED WITH OVER-HUNTING, HAS CAUSED A CATASTROPHIC DECLINE IN NUMBERS AND THIS SPECIES IS NOW EXTINCT IN MANY AREAS WHERE IT USED TO OCCUR.

THE ORIGINAL STOCK FOR THE CAPTIVE BREEDING PROGRAMME WAS OBTAINED IN ASSAM IN THE LATE 1960S BY NATURALIST SAM MACKENZIE, FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF PROJECT 406. REALISING THAT THE DUCKS WERE GRADUALLY DISAPPEARING FROM THE FOREST AROUND HIS HOME, HE DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION TO PRESERVE THEM.

WITH THE PERMISSION AND SUPPORT OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HE STARTED COLLECTING WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCKS FOR THE PROGRAMME. THIS WAS NOT EASY, AS THEY ARE SHY AND LARGELY NOCTURNAL IN THEIR HABITS, BUT LOCAL FISHERMEN RESPONDED TO MR MACKENZIE'S REQUEST FOR '+SPIRIT DUCKS+', AND EVENTUALLY HE OBTAINED TWO BROODS OF DUCKLINGS. THESE WERE HAND-REARED BY HIS WIFE AND SENT TO THE WILDFOWL TRUST IN ENGLAND, WHICH IS CO-ORDINATING PROJECT 406.

WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCKS RAISED AT THE TRUST ARE PLACED ON BREEDING LOAN WITH SUITABLE ZOOS AND BIRD COLLECTIONS, INCLUDING THE H.K.Z.B.G. SIR PETER SCOTT, HONORARY DIRECTOR OF THE WILDFOWL TRUST, VISITED HONG KONG LAST MONTH AND SAW THE YOUNG DUCKS AWAITING SHIPMENT.

THIS IS HONG KONG'S SECOND MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT. LAST YEAR 12 YOUNG DUCKS BRED HERE WERE SENT TO THAILAND TO JOIN A BREEDING PROGRAMME UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE KINGDOM'S ROYAL FOREST DEPARTMENT.

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COURTESY CALL BY TUNG WAH DIRECTORS

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MEMBERS OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, TO DISCUSS WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GROUP.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP, MR ROBERT CHAN, OUTLINED THE GROUP'S NEW PROJECTS FOR THE COMING YEAR. THESE INCLUDED HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY IN SUN CHUI ESTATE IN SHA TIN, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE IN FANLING AND LI CHENG UK ESTATE IN SHAM SHUI PO- A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN YIU ON ESTATE IN MA ON SHAN- AND A MULTI-SERVICES CENTRE IN SHA KOK ESTATE IN SHA TIN.

MRS CHAN COMMENDED THE GROUP FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS AND ASSURED BOARD MEMBERS THAT HER DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE THEM SUPPORT.

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TUEN MUN STORAGE SITE FOR LET
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A SITE FOR OPEN STORAGE IN TUEN MUN NEAR CASTLE PEAK BAY FISH WHOLESALE MARKET IS TO BE LET ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 894 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR OPEN STORAGE, EXCLUDING CONTAINERS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR INITIALLY, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 4.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED
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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN ON LAN STREET IN CENTRAL ARE TO BE DEMOLISHED, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS DECIDED.

THE STRUCTURES ARE IN A LANE AT THE REAR OF 2-20, ON LAN STREET, AND AN ORDER FOR THEIR DEMOLITION WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN NOVEMBER 1984.

THIS WAS NOT COMPLIED WITH.

NOTICES THAT A CLOSURE ORDER WOULD BE APPLIED FOR IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 30 WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

CLOSING THE BUILDING IN ADVANCE OF DEMOLITION IS TO ENSURE THAT THE WORK CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO OCCUPIERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

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CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD PARTIALLY REOPENED

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FROM 3 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY), THE CLOSED SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN JAT'S INCLINE AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD WILL BE PARTIALLY REOPENED TO TRAFFIC ONE-LANE ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 1 WILL RESUME ITS NORMAL ROUTEING VIA CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WHEN KOWLOON-BOUND.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN CENTRAL

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THE SECTION OF CLEVERLY STREET BETWEEN WING LOK STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, CURRENTLY OPENED ONLY TO VEHICLES FOR ACCESS, WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 20) FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

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