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CONSULTANCY FOR REPLACEMENT AIRPORT STUDIES
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THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, IS NOW EVALUATING COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM SEVEN SHORT-LISTED CONSULTANT FIRMS FOR CONDUCTING AN AIRPORT MASTER PLANNING STUDY.

THIS IS ONE OF A PACKAGE OF STUDIES TO BE CARRIED OUT IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT PROJECT.

THE CONSULTANT FIRMS ON THE SHORT LIST WERE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S CENTRAL CONSULTANTS SELECTION BOARD AND WERE INVITED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT FOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK.

+THIS SHORT LIST OF CONSULTANTS WILL BE FURTHER CUT DOWN TO ABOUT THREE AND THEN FINALLY TO ONE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SELECTED CONSULTANT ON CONTRACT TERMS AND SCOPE OF WORK ARE PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

+IF EVERYTHING GOES AS SCHEDULED, THE CONSULTANTS WILL START WORK IN MARCH 1981 AND COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES TOWARDS THE END OF 1982,+ HE SAID.

IN THIS PHASE OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT STUDIES, THE CONSULTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEVELOP AN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN WHICH WILL DEFINE THE PHASED DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPORT IN TERMS OF THE LOCATION OF THE RUNWAYS AND ALL AIRPORT FACILITIES.

THEY WILL ALSO BE LOOKING INTO THE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS ASPECTS, INCLUDING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES, NOISE PROBLEMS, BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRPORT AND FINALLY UP-DATE THE ORDER OF COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTING THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

THE RESULTS OF THE AIRPORT MASTER PLANNING STUDY TOGETHER WITH THE FINDINGS OF OTHER STUDIES, INCLUDING CIVIL ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL, FINANCIAL, METEOROLOGICAL AND OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDIES, AS WELL AS OTHERS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED NORTH LANTAO DEVELOPMENT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT BY THE END OF 1982.

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PLANS FOR MEDICAL EXPANSION IN THE 80'S

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FIVE NEW MAJOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS ARE TO BE BUILT IN THE 80'S TO PROVIDE SOME 6 000 BEDS TO SERVE THE INCREASING POPULATION OF HONG KONG.

IN ADDITION, MAJOR EXTENSIONS ARE PLANNED IN THREE EXISTING REGIONAL HOSPITALS, AND A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF NEW CLINICS AND POLYCLINICS ARE BEING BUILT IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN WAS OUTLINED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE AUSTRALIAN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DISPLAY AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE THIS EVENING.

HE SAID THE DISPLAY TOOK PLACE AT THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME AS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS EMBARKING ON AN AMBITIOUS EXPANSION PROGRAMME OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN ADDITION TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE POPULATION WAS ALSO SERVED BY GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

SEVERAL SUBVENTED HOSPITALS HAVE AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES TO INCREASE HOSPITAL BEDS TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

+ADDITIONALLY THERE IS ALSO MUCH INTEREST IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN ESTABLISHING NEW HOSPITALS FOR THOSE WHO PREFER PRIVATE MEDICAL CARE,+ HE ADDED.

DR LEE SAID ALL THIS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WOULD REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN NEW HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, WHICH IN THIS ERA OF RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY SPECIALISED AND SOPHISTICATED.

HE SAID AUSTRALIA HAD EMERGED AS A SOURCE OF A BROAD RANGE OF SOPHISTICATED HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT GEARED TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF MODERN MEDICINE AND PATIENT CARE.

+THIS EXHIBITION CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE AUSTRALIAN HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY HAS THE CAPABILITY TO MAKE A PROMINENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWING NEEDS OF HONG KONG IN THIS FIELD,+ SAID DR LEE.

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165 CHEFS IN THE MAKING

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A GROUP OF 165 ASPIRING YOUNG CHEFS HAVE ENROLLED AT HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO LEARN THE INTRICACIES OF WESTERN STYLE COOKING.

THEY ARE THE PIONEERS OF A NEW HOTEL COOK (WESTERN STYLE) APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME RUN BY THE INSTITUTE'S DEPARTMENT OF HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES TO MEET GROWING MANPOWER DEMANDS BY THE LOCAL HOTEL AND CATERING INDUSTRY.

THE SCHEME WAS FIRST PROPOSED BY THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD IN THE FIRST YEAR OF ITS OPERATION. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DESIGNATED AN APPRENTICESHIP BY THE GOVERNMENT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TRAINING COUNCIL THIS YEAR.

THE COURSE IS FOR THREE YEARS AND COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF WESTERN STYLE COOKING AS WELL AS FOOD HYGIENE AND KITCHEN DUTIES.

THE YOUNG CHEFS ATTEND ONE DAY A WEEK DURING THE USUAL ACADEMIC YEAR WHICH RUNS FROM SEPTEMBER UNTIL THE END OF MAY, FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

MR PETER KERRISON, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, SAID THE COURSE WHILE DRAWING HEAVILY UPON EUROPEAN CULINARY STYLES HAS BEEN ADAPTED TO LOCAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS.

THE STUDENT CHEFS HAVE TO ACQUIRE WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH CULINARY TERMS, EUROPEAN STYLE WINING AND DINING, FOOD PORTION CONTROL, AND USE OF INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED CATERING EQUIPMENT.

+WESTERN STYLE COOKING,+ SAID MR KERRISON, +IS BASED UPON A TRADITION OF SKILLS THAT ARE NOW EXPORTED TO MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD BY EXPERIENCED PRACTITIONERS.

+THESE SKILLS ARE USED TO CATER FOR THE EVER-GROWING AND INCREASINGLY KNOWLEDGEABLE GROUP OF FOOD CONNOISSEURS,+ HE SAID.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE APPRENTICESHIP AND AWARDED CERTIFICATES, THE STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF WESTERN STYLE COOKING AND BE ABLE TO PLAN BASIC WESTERN STYLE MENUS WITH A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF PORTION SIZES, MENU PATTERNS, CUSTOMER PREFERENCES AND AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL RAW MATERIALS.

MR KERRISON IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE RESPONSE AND SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL HOTEL INDUSTRY.

+IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS SCHEME REFLECTS LOCAL NEEDS AND YET BE AS GOOD AS ANY APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME IN EUROPE, AS HONG KONG HAS SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST REPUTABLE HOTELS CATERING FOR SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST SOPHISTICATED AND DEMANDING CUSTOMERS.

+THEREFORE THESE YOUNG CHEFS MUST RECEIVE A TRAINING AND EDUCATION THAT WILL DEFINITELY HELP THEM EXCEL IN FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

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TYPHOON TALKS IN BANGKOK
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ROYAL OBSERVATORY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR PATRICK SHAM LEFT TODAY FOR BANGKOK TO ATTEND THE 13TH SESSION OF THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) AND THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION (WMO).

THE MEETING, TO BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 2 TO 10, WILL REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES OF COUNTRIES IN THE REGION DURING THE PAST YEAR AND MAKE FURTHER PLANS FOR IMPROVING THEIR WARNINGS OF TROPICAL CYCLONES.

IN PARTICULAR, THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE MEMBERS -- CHINA, HONG KONG, JAPAN, KAMPUCHEA, LAOS, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THAILAND AND VIETNAM -- WILL DECIDE ON PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING OUT THE TYPHOON OPERATIONAL EXPERIMENT IN THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

THE TYPHOON OPERATIONAL EXPERIMENT IS A PROJECT TO TEST AND INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VARIOUS SYSTEMS IN THE REGION FOR DETECTING AND FORECASTING TYPHOONS AND FOR DISSEMINATING WARNINGS TO THE PUBLIC.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO IMPROVE THESE OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE LOSS OF LIFE AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY FROM TYPHOON WIND, FLOOD AND STORM SURGE.

MR SHAM, WHO IS CURRENTLY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE, WILL RETURN ON DECEMBER 11.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MISS LYDIA DUNN TO INSPECT PARADE
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A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 25 ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND 88 IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 4) AT 9.30 AM AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND IN SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS LYDIA DUNN, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

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FREE CONCERT FOR TAI PO PEOPLE

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TAI PO DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS PRESENTING A CHINESE MUSIC CONCERT ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 6) AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO PROMOTE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW TOWN.

ADMISSION WILL BE FREE, BUT LIMITED TO PEOPLE AGED OVER 12. TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE LIONS' CLUB YOUTH CENTRE, WHERE THE CONCERT WILL BE HELD.

PERFORMING WILL BE THE 30-MEMBER WAH WAN CHOIR, A WELL-KNOWN SINGING GROUP IN HONG KONG SPECIALISING IN CHINESE MUSIC, WHO WILL SING POPULAR CHINESE CLASSICAL AND FOLK SONGS.

MEMBERS OF THE LIONS' CLUB YOUTH CENTRE WILL PRESENT TWO PIECES OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MUSIC.

THE CLOSING ITEM WILL BE TWO CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNG BY THE LOCAL SAM YUK SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOIR.

THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WILL PRESENT ANOTHER CONCERT, JOINTLY WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE, ON JANUARY 3, AT VOLTORTA COLLEGE. TAKING PART WILL BE THE MUSIC OFFICE ORCHESTRA, KWAI CHUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND TAI PO ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION DANCE TROUPE.

TICKETS FOR THIS CONCERT, ALSO FREE, WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER.

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COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVERY AT SEA

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THIRTY-SIX PEOPLE WHO DISREGARDED THEIR OWN SAFETY IN RESCUING OTHER PEOPLE FROM DROWNING AT VARIOUS TIMES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS WILL RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE THIS FRIDAY (DECEMBER 5).

AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE MARINERS' CLUB, THE DIRECTOR, MR PERCY DAVY WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO THE GROUP COMPRISING FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, 10 POLICE OFFICERS, 20 CREW MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY AND ONE CREW MEMBER OF THE STAR FERRY COMPANY.

SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FERRY COMPANIES, SHIPPING FIRMS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMENDATIONS PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 5) AT THE MARINERS' CLUB HALL, 11 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PORTRAITS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

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COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR GRAHAM BARNES AND THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN GIS PRESS BOXES FOR YOUR RECORD AND EDITORIAL USE.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO AREAS OF REPULSE BAY AND SOUTH BAY AND TO WANG TAU HOM WILL BE INTERRUPTED OVERNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 3).

FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY THERE WILL BE NO SUPPLY TO HOUSE NOS. 109-129 (ODD NOS.) AND 90-102 (EVEN NOS.) REPULSE BAY ROAD, NOS. 9A AND 9-11 SOUTH BAY ROAD, NOS. 6-8 SOUTH BAY CLOSE (HK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS), AND THE PETROL STATION AT THE JUNCTION OF REPULSE BAY ROAD AND SOUTH BAY ROAD.

IN WANG TAU HOM, SUPPLY WILL BE CUT FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM. THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, FUNG MO STREET AND FU MEI STREET.

WANG TAU HOM ESTATE BLOCK NOS. 5-9, YAN OI SAN TSUEN AND MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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