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TOP LEVEL JAPANESE BUSINESS GROUP VISITS SHA TIN NEW TOWN
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A DELEGATION OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS WHO ARE IN HONG KONG TO ATTEND THE FIRST JOINT MEETING OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES, TOOK TIME OFF THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING TO TAKE A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

HEADED BY MR. KIZO YASUI, 23 MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION STARTED THEIR TOUR WITH A BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD, AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, KOWLOON.

THE GROUP THEN WENT UP TO A VANTAGE POINT ABOVE SIU LEK YUEN AT SHA TIN WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON, AND THE SHA TIN PROJECT MANAGER, MR. FONG CHUN NAM, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN INTO A BALANCED AND SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY OF HALF A MILLION PEOPLE BY 1986, WITH ABOUT 60 PER CENT LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

THE VISITING BUSINESSMEN APPEARED TO BE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE DRAMATIC PROGRESS AND MAGNITUDE OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THEY WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF LAND SALE, ITS PLOT RATIO AND OTHER PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

THE HONG KONG-JAPAN AND THE JAPAN-HONG KONG BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES, ESTABLISHED IN JAPAN AND HONG KONG RESPECTIVELY, AIM AT FOSTERING FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES OF THE TWO PLACES AND AT PROMOTING TRADE, INVESTMENT AND OTHER ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

THE DELEGATION WILL BE RETURNING TO JAPAN TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SET TO GO IN FANLING

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH THE FIRST MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE IN FANLING AS PART OF ITS OVERALL \$2,067 MILLION PLAN TO DEVELOP FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI/SHEK WU HUI INTO A MODERN NEW TOWN.

THE DEVELOPMENT AREA COVERS 14.1 HECTARES SOUTH OF THE FANLING RAILWAY STATION AND INCLUDES A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND AN AMBULANCE DEPOT.

THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE -- THE ONLY ONE PLANNED FOR FANLING -- WILL BE BUILT IN TWO PHASES AND WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR A TOTAL OF 20,000 PEOPLE BY 1984.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) FORMATION WORK ON THE SITE WOULD START IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR'S TIME.

+THE \$83 MILLION PROJECT ALSO INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRUNK DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO SERVE THE HOUSING ESTATE AND THE NEIGHBOURING FANLING LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA WHICH IS NOW BEING DEVELOPED,+ HE SAID.

+THE SYSTEM IS OF GREAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCE AND FOR REASONS OF PUBLIC HYGIENE AND AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT FOR THE EXPANDED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, WILL BE BUILT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE SITE FORMATION WORK.+

TO FACILITATE THE ENGINEERING WORK ON THE PROJECT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESUME A TOTAL OF 104,664.1 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 2,963.6 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING AND GARDEN LAND.

THREE MONTHS' NOTICE OF THE RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

HE SAID THE RESUMPTION WOULD REQUIRE THE CLEARANCE OF 290 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES -- SEVEN ON CROWN LAND AND 283 ON PRIVATE LAND -- AND 883 OTHER ANCILLARY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES.

COMPENSATION FOR CROPS, FRUIT TREES, FISH PONDS, FENCES, WELLS, IRRIGATION PIPES TOGETHER WITH EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR DISPLACED PIG BREEDERS AND POULTRY FARMERS WILL BE PAYABLE.

+DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER LAND EXCHANGE OR CASH COMPENSATION AT CURRENT RATES.

+DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITIES, THEY WILL ALSO BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING OR SPACE IN A LOCAL TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA,+ HE ADDED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR INSTALLATION OF CLOSED
CIRCUIT TV TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM TO COMPLEMENT THE OPERATION OF THE WEST KOWLOON AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM.

THIS TELEVISION SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE THE OPERATOR VISUAL INFORMATION OF THE ACTUAL TRAFFIC CONDITION.

WITH THIS VISUAL INFORMATION AND THE INFORMATION FROM THE TRAFFIC DETECTORS, THE OPERATOR WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH UNEXPECTED TRAFFIC SITUATIONS IN THE AREA.

THE INITIAL SYSTEM WILL CONSIST OF 10 CAMERAS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED AT BUSY TRAFFIC LOCATIONS IN WEST KOWLOON. THE PICTURES WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA CABLES TO THE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THE POLICE TRAFFIC OFFICE AT ARGYLE STREET.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE INSTALLATION OF THIS SYSTEM WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

SIMILAR CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN MOST CITIES OVERSEAS WHERE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL IS USED AND HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT.

THE WEST KOWLOON AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE MARCH 1977 AND IS NOW CONTROLLING 114 SETS OF TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS.

THE SYSTEM CONTROLS AND CO-ORDINATES THE TIMINGS OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS THROUGHOUT AN AREA TO ENSURE TRAFFIC CAN MOVE AS QUICKLY AND SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE. IT ALSO PERMITS THE CONTROL OF INDIVIDUAL SETS OR GROUPS OF SIGNALS BY THE CONTROL ROOM OPERATOR. FOR THE LATTER FORM OF CONTROL, THE OPERATOR HAS TO HAVE FIRST HAND INFORMATION OF THE TRAFFIC SITUATION AT THE JUNCTIONS BEING CONSIDERED.

TRAFFIC DETECTORS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO MONITOR THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE CONTROL AREA AND TO ALERT THE OPERATOR TO POINTS WHERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS SEVERE.

HOWEVER, TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN THE OPERATOR REQUIRES VISUAL INFORMATION OF THE ACTUAL STREET TRAFFIC.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO KUWAIT

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO KUWAIT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A CONTRACT BASIS AND +ON DEMAND+ STARTING FROM MONDAY (MARCH 19).

BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE CAN BE SENT THROUGH THIS SERVICE, AND ITEMS HANDED IN BEFORE THE POSTING DEADLINE WILL BE DELIVERED IN KUWAIT THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON.

FOR CONTRACT SERVICES, SENDERS SHOULD SIGN A CONTRACT FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS, WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE REGULAR PRE-DETERMINED POSTING PER MONTH. TIMES OF COLLECTION AND DELIVERY OF PACKAGES WILL BE SPECIFIED AND AGREED WITH THE CUSTOMERS.

THE COST OF THE SERVICE, WHICH INCLUDES PICK UP AT THE CUSTOMER'S PREMISES AT A TIME AGREED BY THE CUSTOMER AND DIRECT DELIVERY TO THE ADDRESSEE, IS A BASIC CHARGE OF \$80 FOR THE FIRST POUND PLUS \$15 PER EACH ADDITIONAL POUND OR PART OF A POUND.

THE +ON DEMAND+ SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF CASUAL USERS OF SPEEDPOST OR TO SUPPLEMENT A CUSTOMER'S CONTRACT SERVICE.

+ON DEMAND+ ITEMS MAY BE HANDED IN AT SPECIALLY DESIGNATED COUNTERS AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI AND KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

THE CHARGE FOR THESE +ON DEMAND+ ITEMS IS \$90 FOR THE FIRST POUND AND \$15 PER EACH ADDITIONAL POUND.

COMMENTING ON THE SUCCESS OF THE POST OFFICE'S MARKETING DRIVE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THAT PACKAGES CARRIED BY SPEEDPOST, AND COMMERCIAL PAPERS AND OTHER URGENT ITEMS DELIVERED BY THE POST OFFICE'S PREMIER SERVICE FOR HIGH-SPEED CONVEYANCE LAST YEAR INCREASED BY 60 PER CENT.

HE SAID, +THE REMARKABLE EXPANSION OF SPEEDPOST RESULTS FROM THE CUSTOMERS' HIGH SATISFACTION WITH ITS SPEED AND RELIABILITY AND SERVICES WILL BE FURTHER EXPANDED NEXT WEEK WITH THE EXTENSION OF SPEEDPOST TO KUWAIT.+

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MORE AND MORE CUSTOMERS ARE BENEFITING FROM PERSONAL VISITS BY POSTAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES.

HE SAID, +THE REPRESENTATIVES, ACTING AS AMBASSADORS FOR THE POST OFFICE, VISIT BUSINESSES AND OFFER ADVICE ON THE BEST WAY TO MAKE USE OF THE WIDE RANGE OF POST OFFICE SERVICES AVAILABLE.

+THEY ALSO HELP TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE THE POST OFFICE NEEDS TO GEAR ITS SERVICES MORE CLOSELY TO THE CUSTOMERS' NEEDS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE POSTAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE CONTACTED ON 5-2671108.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR LAST MONTH (FEBRUARY) WERE BOTH 131. COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) ADVANCED BY TWO POINTS.

THE C.P.I. (A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 - \$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I. (B), BETWEEN \$1,500 - \$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973-74.

THE SECTION INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY 1979, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1978, ARE GIVEN BELOW:-

SECTION	C.P.I. (A)			C.P.I. (B)		
	FEB. 79	JAN. 79	FEB. 78	FEB. 79	JAN. 79	FEB. 78
FOODSTUFFS	125	123	120	127	125	120
HOUSING	137	137	127	136	136	126
FUEL AND LIGHT	141	135	135	140	134	134
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	155	150	137	150	145	133
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	106	105	102	105	104	101
DURABLE GOODS	121	120	112	118	118	109
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	139	138	128	137	135	125
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	145	136	121	151	139	124
SERVICES	142	143	136	144	144	137
ALL ITEMS	131	129	123	131	129	123

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WENT UP BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, FRESH-WATER FISH AND PORK. THE COST OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ALSO WENT UP AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES. ON THE OTHER HAND, A REDUCTION WAS RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUITS. MOVEMENTS IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT ADVANCED BY SIX POINTS EACH IN C. P. I. (A) AND C. P. I. (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.

THE INDEX OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY FIVE POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B), REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF PRICE INCREASES OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO SINCE JANUARY.

HIGHER PRICES FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S UNDERCLOTHING, AND WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S FOOTWEAR CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO RISE BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C. P. I. (A) AND C. P. I. (B).

THE RISE OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS IN CPI (A) WAS MAINLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIGHER PRICES FOR HARDWARE, IRONMONGERY AND CUTLERY, AND CAMERAS AND OPTICAL GOODS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS WENT UP BY ONE POINT IN CPI (A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES, RELIGIOUS ITEMS, FRESH FLOWERS AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES ROSE BY NINE POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY 12 POINTS IN CPI (B) AS THE FULL EFFECT OF INCREASES IN TAXI FARES AND PRICES OF GASOLINE SINCE JANUARY WAS FELT. HIGHER FARES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND HIGHER PRICES FOR PURCHASE AND REPAIRS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WERE ALSO REGISTERED.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES FELL BY ONE POINT IN C. P. I. (A) FOLLOWING REDUCED CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AFTER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE MOVEMENTS OF THE C. P. I. (A) AND C. P. I. (B) BASED ON THE MONTHLY AVERAGE OF A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS, OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS ARE SHOWN BELOW:-

PERIOD	C. P. I. (A)		C. P. I. (B)	
	MONTHLY AVERAGE	% CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS PERIOD	MONTHLY AVERAGE	% CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS PERIOD
APR. 1976 - MAR. 1977	113.2	+ 4.6%	113.6	+4.9%
APR. 1977- MAR. 1978	119.0	+ 5.1%	119.3	+5.0%
APR. 1978- FEB. 1979 (11 MONTHS)	126.4	+ 6.2%	126.6	+6.1%

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FIFTH COMMUNITY HALL FOR KWAI CHUNG
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A TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY LEADER, MR. CHAU HOW-CHEN, TODAY (FRIDAY) DESCRIBED THE OPENING OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL AS YET ANOTHER STRIDE FORWARD IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR TSUEN WAN.

AT ITS OPENING CEREMONY, MR. CHAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAID THE NEW COMMUNITY HALL WOULD CONSIDERABLY HELP MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR SUCH FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS TOWN PLANNING HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE NEED OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE FOR BETTER RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FACILITIES.

+IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT THE NEW COMMUNITY HALL, WHICH ALREADY STARTED OPERATION LAST YEAR, HAS BEEN WELL ACCEPTED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL IS THE FIFTH PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT. THE OTHER FOUR ARE IN LEI MUK SHUE, KWAI SHING, KWAI FONG AND LAI KING ESTATES.

IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, MR. CHAN SAI-TAK, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE NEW COMMUNITY HALL, SAID IT WAS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY HALL AS A FOCAL POINT FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WITH A POPULATION OF 20,000 TO 50,000.

+THROUGH ITS VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE HELPED TO BECOME INCREASINGLY CAPABLE OF BUILDING UP A MORE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY AMONG THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES, HE SAID, INCLUDE INTEREST GROUPS, VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMMES AND YOUTH TRAINING COURSES.

+FACILITIES AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO LOCAL GROUPS, SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW BRANCH OFFICE FOR LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION
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A NEW BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN KWUN TONG.

THE NEW OFFICE SITUATED AT YEN HAU MANSION, 100 TING FU STREET, THIRD FLOOR, IS THE FIFTH OF ITS KIND OPENED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: 3-441418 AND 3-440838.

THE OTHER FOUR OFFICES ARE IN NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG- 7 KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON- SALISBURY ROAD (OPPOSITE SHERATON HOTEL), TSIM SHA TSUI AND 31 SHING FONG STREET, FIFTH FLOOR, KWAI CHUNG.

THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THESE OFFICES IS TO ADMINISTER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE AND TO PROMOTE APPRENTICE TRAINING IN THE 31 DESIGNATED TRADES WHICH ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE AIM OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE IS TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE BETWEEN OVER THE AGE OF 14 AND UNDER 19 WORKING IN THESE TRADES RECEIVE ADEQUATE TRAINING SO THAT HONG KONG WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SKILLED MANPOWER IN THESE TRADES.+

+THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION WOULD ALSO HELP SETTLE DISPUTES BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND THEIR REGISTERED APPRENTICES,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ALL CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICESHIP OF YOUNG PERSONS IN DESIGNATED TRADES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION FOR REGISTRATION WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER EXECUTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MIGHT RENDER AN EMPLOYER LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

HOWEVER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR HAS THE POWER TO GRANT EXEMPTION IN CERTAIN CASES, IF, FOR EXAMPLE, HE IS SATISFIED THAT THE YOUNG PERSON HAS UNDERGONE SUFFICIENT TRAINING IN A PARTICULAR TRADE.

THE SPOKESMAN INVITED EMPLOYERS IN NON-DESIGNATED TRADES TO SEND CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICESHIP TO THE DIVISION FOR VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE CAN BE MADE AT THE OFFICES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION MENTIONED ABOVE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

OPENING OF NEW CENTRE FOR THE DEAF

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE FOR THE DEAF IN OI MAN ESTATE, KOWLOON.

THE CENTRE, FINANCED BY A GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND A DONATION FROM THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, PROVIDES A VARIETY OF SERVICES FOR THE DEAF, INCLUDING CASE COUNSELLING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. IT IS RUN BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. AT THE PODIUM ABOVE THE OI MAN ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN HO MAN TIN.

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MEMORIAL TROPHY PRESENTED TO PRISONS DEPARTMENT

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IN THE EARLY MORNING OF NOVEMBER 17, 1958, A ~~23-YEAR-OLD~~ PRISON OFFICER ON PATROL DUTY AT THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE WAS ATTACKED AND KILLED BY SIX INMATES DURING AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT.

MR. SO SHUI-BOR WHO JOINED THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN APRIL 1957 ON TWO YEARS PROBATION, WAS BURIED WITH FULL HONOURS THE FOLLOWING DAY AT THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETRY IN ABERDEEN.

A LASTING MEMORIAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SO SHUI-BOR MEMORIAL CUP, WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. T.G. GARNER, ON BEHALF OF THE PRISON OFFICER'S CLUB, BY DR. J.H. YAP AND HIS WIFE DURING A SHORT BUT MOVING CEREMONY IN THE CLUB THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

RECEIVING THE CUP, MR. GARNER SAID: +THE NAME SO SHUI-BOR HAS LONG BEEN REVERED BY THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE HAS BEEN, IN ITSELF, A MEMORIAL TO THIS OFFICER'S TRAGIC DEATH+.

+HOWEVER, I AM DELIGHTED AND PROUD TO ACCEPT THIS MAGNIFICANT AND LASTING MEMORIAL TO THE DEVOTION AND LOYALTY OF AN OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF HIS DUTY,+ HE ADDED.

DR. YAP, THE BROTHER-IN-LAW OF THE LATE MR. SO SHUI-BOR, AND A LIFE MEMBER OF THE CLUB, HAS RECENTLY RETIRED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS THE CONSULTANT DENTAL SURGEON WITH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED ANNUALLY, ON SECRET BALLOT, TO THE MEMBER OF THE PRISON OFFICER'S CLUB WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE CLUB DURING THE YEAR. DR. AND MRS. YAP HAVE ALSO PRESENTED FIVE MINATURES OF THE TROPHY, TO BE KEPT BY AWARDEES.

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880 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH PRISONS DEPARTMENT

THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. T.G. GARNER, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS TO 32 PRISONS DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS WHO BETWEEN THEM HAVE 880 YEARS OF SERVICE.

THE PRESENTATION TOOK PLACE DURING A CEREMONIAL PARADE AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT STANLEY THIS AFTERNOON.

ON PARADE WERE 126 OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BAND FROM THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE.

THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL IS PRESENTED FOR 18 YEARS SERVICE; THE FIRST CLASP TO THE MEDAL IS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF 25 YEARS SERVICE AND THE SECOND CLASP FOR 30 YEARS SERVICE. THESE AWARDS MAY ONLY BE MADE TO OFFICERS WITH CONTINUOUS AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE.

DUE TO LEAVE AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES, FIVE OF THE AWARDEES COULD NOT ATTEND THE PARADE.

AMONG THE RECIPIENTS WAS MR. POON LAI-CHIU, A 47-YEAR-OLD SENIOR CLERICAL OFFICER WHO JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1953 AS A TEMPORARY CLERK, AND WHO TODAY RECEIVED HIS FIRST CLASP TO THE MEDAL AWARDED IN 1971.

MR. POON HAS WORKED IN THE MAJORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTIONS, AND IS NOW AT THE HEADQUARTERS WORKING ON A SPECIAL PROJECT. HE IS AN OUTSTANDING SPORTSMAN, WELL KNOWN IN HONG KONG AS A LEADING SOFT-BALL PLAYER, BEING THE BATTING CHAMPION IN 1957 AND 1963. A TALENTED ATHLETE, HE HAS TAKEN PART IN EVERY MAJOR DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS MEETING SINCE HE JOINED, AND STILL MAINTAINS AN ACTIVE INTEREST THROUGH TRAINING AND ORGANISATION ACTIVITIES.

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JOGGING TRACK TO BE BUILT IN VICTORIA PARK

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A JOGGING TRACK IN VICTORIA PARK SHORTLY TO CATER FOR THE GROWING INTEREST OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THIS FORM OF EXERCISE.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK WERE INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PWD TODAY (FRIDAY).

MRS. C. ALUNAN, PWD'S CHIEF ARCHITECT, SAID THAT THE JOGGING TRACK WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

MEASURING ABOUT 630 METRES LONG AND 1.5 METRES WIDE, THE TRACK IS ROUGHLY RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE.

DISTANCE MARKERS WILL BE PAINTED ON THE TRACK SURFACE AT 100-METRE INTERVALS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FRESH WATER STORAGE TANK -- TENDERS INVITED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER STORAGE TANK OFF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND FROM THE HIGH LEVEL AREAS OF LION ROCK VILLAGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PWD SAID THAT THE CONTRACT ALSO COVERED THE LAYING OF INLET AND OUTLET WATER MAINS RANGING FROM 50 MM TO 150 MM IN DIAMETER.

THE TANK, LOCATED ON THE HILLSIDE ABOUT 500 METRES TO THE NORTH OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 550,000 LITRES. IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN REINFORCED CONCRETE WITH DECKING.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MAY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TAI KOK TSUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY PUBLISHED THE TAI KOK TSUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION.

THE PLAN, WHICH INCORPORATES SOME SLIGHT AMENDMENTS AS A RESULT OF HEARING OBJECTIONS, HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE PLAN, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 156 HECTARES, AIMED TO PROVIDE MORE LAND FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES, SUCH AS OPEN SPACE, SCHOOLS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES.

THIS, HE ADDED, SHOULD LEAD TO THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT IN TAI KOK TSUI.

UNDER THE PLAN, OVER 16 HECTARES ARE ZONED FOR OPEN SPACE, 12.61 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES, 66.42 HECTARES FOR MAJOR ROADS, 49.3 HECTARES FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, 7.44 HECTARES FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND 0.31 HECTARE FOR OTHER SPECIFIED USES.

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SECTION OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD RESTRICTED

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE SECTION OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FROM THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SHING MUN RIVER BRIDGE TO A POINT ABOUT 155 METRES NORTH OF THE NORTHERN END OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL BOOTHS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE DAILY FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY, (MARCH 19).

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, ARE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THIS RESTRICTED ZONE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY RESTRICTED ZONE IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HILL ROAD AND HOUSE NO. 526 WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A RESTRICTED ZONE WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (MARCH 19) TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, ARE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF JULY.

THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RESTRICTED ZONE WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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