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MORE STUDY ROOM PLACES FOR STUDENTS

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MORE THAN 9,000 STUDY ROOM PLACES WILL BE OPENED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THIS FIGURE IS DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF PLACES PROVIDED IN THE PILOT SCHEME RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR WHICH HAD AN ATTENDANCE RECORD EXCEEDING 100,000.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID MORE THAN 200 STUDY ROOMS WILL BE OPENED FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS BETWEEN APRIL 2 AND JUNE 29, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A QUIET PLACE TO STUDY AND DO THEIR HOMEWORK.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED \$213,000 TO PROVIDE 106 STUDY ROOMS EXCLUSIVELY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS. THESE ROOMS WILL BE OPEN FOR THREE HOURS IN THE EVENING FROM 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

AT THE SAME TIME, FUNDS ARE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE 108 STUDY ROOMS IN 48 SCHOOLS FROM 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M. THESE ROOMS ARE INTENDED MAINLY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS BUT SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY ALSO USE THESE ROOMS IF THEY WISH.

+THE STUDY ROOMS WILL BE LOCATED IN OR NEAR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WHERE THE NEED IS PARAMOUNT, AND ALSO FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF STUDENTS LIVING IN THESE ESTATES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

QUALIFIED TEACHERS WILL BE RECRUITED AS SUPERVISORS AT THESE STUDY ROOMS TO SEE THAT THE STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED WITH A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO STUDY AND DO THEIR HOMEWORK.

THREE CO-ORDINATORS WILL ALSO BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF TO OVERSEE THE GENERAL RUNNING OF THESE ROOMS.

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SHA TIN NEW TOWN INDUSTRIAL SITE TO BE AUCTIONED

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A PRIME INDUSTRIAL SITE AT FO TAN, SHA TIN NEW TOWN, WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. ROGER THOMPSON, SAID THE 3,102-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR THE FO TAN RAILWAY STATION AND HAS GOOD ROAD ACCESS TO KOWLOON VIA THE SHA TIN TRUNK ROAD.

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THE SITE CARRIES A BUILDING CONVENANT OF \$5 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 36 MONTHS AND A 9:5 PLOT RATIO ALLOWING FOR MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THE CONDITIONS OF SALE ALSO INCLUDE ~~POLLUTION~~ CONTROLS AIMED AT STOPPING THE EMISSION OF SMOKE AND POISONOUS OR NOXIOUS WASTES.

+THE CONTROL PROVISIONS ARE BEING INCLUDED IN THE LEASE CONDITIONS FOR ALL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SHA TIN AND ARE BEING MONITORED CLOSELY BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED,+ MR. THOMPSON SAID.

+THIS WILL HELP US TO PROVIDE A VIRTUALLY POLLUTION-FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE NEW TOWN.+

MR. THOMPSON REVEALED THAT ANOTHER THREE INDUSTRIAL LOTS AT FO TAN WOULD BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY TENDER IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE AUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL SITE IN FO TAN, SHA TIN, WHICH WILL START AT 11 A.M. ON TUESDAY, AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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CHINA DELEGATION VISITS WASTE DISPOSAL PLANTS

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A SEVEN-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THE CHINA WASTE MATERIAL RECYCLING MANAGEMENT BUREAU TODAY VISITED THREE WASTE DISPOSAL PLANTS IN HONG KONG.

THE GROUP, LED BY MR. DING LIANG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU, TOURED THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATION PLANT, THE NEW KWAI CHUNG INCINERATION PLANT, WHICH WAS OPENED LAST OCTOBER, AND THE CHAI WAN REFUSE COMPOSTING PLANT, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE VISITORS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. GRAHAM OSBORNE, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT- MR. J. COLLIER AND MR. I.M. D'SOUZA, P.W.D.'S SENIOR ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

THE VISITORS ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY ON THEIR WAY HOME AFTER ATTENDING THE SECOND WORLD CONGRESS ON WASTE RECYCLING IN MANILA.

THEY WILL RETURN HOME ON TUESDAY.

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YELLOW LEAF CHOI SUM BEATS SUMMER HEAT AND RAIN
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BIGGER YIELD AND MORE TOLERANT TO HEAT AND RAIN ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF A NEW STRAIN OF CHOI SUM (FLOWERING CABBAGE) RECENTLY INTRODUCED ON THE LOCAL MARKET.

OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE WORKED ON THE SEED SELECTION PROGRAMME SINCE 1974 ARE CALLING IT THE +YELLOW LEAF CHOI SUM+.

HONG KONG CONSUMED 460,900 PICULS OF CHOI SUM LAST YEAR -- WHICH INDICATES ITS POPULARITY. DEMAND IS STEADY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

BUT ITS GROWTH DURING THE SUMMER IS AFFECTED BY THE PREVAILING HIGH TEMPERATURE AND HEAVY RAINFALL. YIELD AND QUALITY BECOME RELATIVELY POOR AS A RESULT.

TO HELP FARMERS OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED A SEED SELECTION PROGRAMME IN 1974 TO FIND A VARIETY WHICH CAN BE CULTIVATED WELL IN SUMMER. THIS EXPERIMENT WAS DONE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S SHEUNG SHUI FARM.

+AFTER YEARS OF OBSERVATION, SELECTION AND ROGUING -- WEEDING OUT REJECTS -- WE FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN ISOLATING A STRAIN IN 1976 WHICH WE HAVE NAMED THE YELLOW LEAF CHOI SUM,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE ADDED THAT THE SEEDS WERE THEN MULTIPLIED FOR SALE TO FARMERS.

SALES HAD A POOR START -- ONLY ONE Tael WAS SOLD IN 1976.

BUT THE GROWTH PERFORMANCE OF THE YELLOW LEAF CHOI SUM SOON ATTRACTED BUYERS, RESULTING IN SALES WHICH TOTALLED 700 TELS LAST YEAR.

+TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND AND TO PROVIDE A STEADY SUPPLY WE HAVE NOW 1,800 TELS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMPARING THE FAMILIAR GREEN CHOI SUM TO THE NEW STRAIN HE SAID THE LATTER YIELD IS 50 PER CENT HIGHER AND IT ALSO OFFERS A BETTER ASSURANCE OF PRODUCTION IN SUMMER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FARMERS INTERESTED IN USING THE NEW SEEDS ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S AGRICULTURAL LIAISON OFFICERS OR SHEUNG SHUI FARM. +THEY ARE ALSO WELCOME TO MULTIPLY THE NEW SEEDS THEMSELVES,+ HE ADDED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SALISBURY ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT SECTIONS OF SALISBURY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE.

ON THESE TWO DAYS, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED:

- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD-
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD AND THE WEST ENTRANCE TO THE SLIP ROAD IN FRONT OF THE NEW WORLD CENTRE.

THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE DURING THE CLOSURES:

- * ALL WESTBOUND TRAFFIC, INCLUDING FRANCHISED BUSES, ALONG THE SECTION OF SALISBURY ROAD MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE DIVERTED AT THE CHATHAM ROAD-SALISBURY ROAD JUNCTION VIA THE SLIP ROAD IN FRONT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE, TO REJOIN SALISBURY ROAD AT THE WEST ENTRANCE OF THE SLIP ROAD-
- * ALL EASTBOUND TRAFFIC, INCLUDING FRANCHISED BUSES, ALONG SALISBURY ROAD GOING ONTO CHATHAM ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED AT THE SALISBURY ROAD-NATHAN ROAD JUNCTION, VIA NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND, TURN RIGHT ONTO AUSTIN ROAD EASTBOUND TO REJOIN CHATHAM ROAD-
- * BUS STOPS ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHATHAM ROAD BETWEEN SALISBURY ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED-
- * ALL SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG NATHAN ROAD AND MIDDLE ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED TO TURN LEFT ONTO SALISBURY ROAD EASTBOUND.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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