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LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM STUDY ORDERED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED A FURTHER STUDY OF A PROPOSAL TO LINK BOTH ENDS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, FROM KENNEDY TOWN TO CHAI WAN, WITH A LIGHT RAILWAY SYSTEM.

AN AGREEMENT FOR THE STUDY WAS SIGNED TODAY BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR. NICKY CHAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF MARTIN AND VOORHEES ASSOCIATES, MR. BRIAN MARTIN.

THE \$8.5 MILLION STUDY WILL CONCERN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A +SEGREGATED RIGHT-OF-WAY+ FOR LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES AND ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WHICH INCLUDE THE NEEDS OF THE PEDESTRIAN.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL ALSO PREPARE PRELIMINARY DESIGNS AND DRAWINGS FOR THE SEGREGATION OF THE LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES, FLYOVERS ACROSS THE CORRIDOR, PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGES AND SUBWAYS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY FORMALLY INVITED THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (L.R.T.) STRATEGY, WITH A VIEW TO THE CORPORATION TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM IF IT IS DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION.

AS A RESULT, THE CORPORATION WILL BE CARRYING OUT A REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL ASPECT OF THE L.R.T. SYSTEM ALONG WITH THE TUNNELLING AND ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS.

CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE TWO STUDIES WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE L.R.T. SYSTEM. THESE STUDIES ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

THE 1976 REPORT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY POINTED OUT THAT THE ISLAND CORRIDOR, STRETCHING FROM CHAI WAN IN THE EAST TO KENNEDY TOWN IN THE WEST, REPRESENTED ONE OF THE MOST COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT TRANSPORT SITUATIONS IN HONG KONG, AND OUTLINED THE GENERAL APPROACH REQUIRED TO ANALYSE THE PROBLEMS IN THE CORRIDOR.

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY, THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONED LAST YEAR A DETAILED TRANSPORT STUDY OF THE CORRIDOR. THIS STUDY, COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1978, RECOMMENDED THE INTRODUCTION OF A LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM TO BE DEVELOPED SYSTEMATICALLY IN STAGES FROM THE EXISTING TRAMWAY WITH A VIEW TO EVENTUAL DEVELOPMENT INTO A MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE.

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OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR SHAU KEI WAN
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A DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF SHAU KEI WAN WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMENT.

THE AREA COVERED BY THE PLAN IS ABOUT 143 HECTARES AND RUNS FROM SAI WAN HO IN THE WEST TO A KUNG NGAM IN THE EAST, INCLUDING RECENT RECLAMATION AT ALDRICH BAY.

THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY EXTENDS TO THE HILLSIDES OF HOLY CROSS PATH, FU TAU WAT AND TSIN SHUI MA TAU VILLAGES.

THE PLAN'S OBJECTIVES ARE:-

- * TO PROVIDE A STATUTORY LAND USE PATTERN AND MAJOR ROAD FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND MAY BE LEGALLY CONTROLLED,
- * TO PROVIDE MORE LAND FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES, SUCH AS OPEN SPACE AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES. THIS SHOULD LEAD TO A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT IN SHAU KEI WAN.
- * TO INTEGRATE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE VARIOUS MAJOR PROPOSALS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.
- * TO ILLUSTRATE THE BROAD PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE PLANNING AREA AND TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR MORE DETAILED PLANNING. IT IS A SMALL SCALE PLAN AND THE ROAD ALIGNMENTS AND BOUNDARIES BETWEEN ZONES MAY BE SUBJECT TO MINOR ALTERATION WHEN DETAILED PLANNING PROCEEDS.

THE LAND USE ZONING OF THE DRAFT PLAN PROPOSES THAT 6.42 HECTARES BE SET ASIDE FOR RESIDENTIAL USE= 9.41 FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL= 14.84 FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES= 4.64 FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES= 7.39 FOR OPEN SPACE= 72.76 FOR GREEN BELT AND 1.13 FOR OTHER SPECIFIED USES, SUCH AS A PROPOSED TRAM DEPOT AND A CARGO HANDLING AREA.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS INCLUDE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROAD NETWORK AND OTHER TRANSPORT FACILITIES SUCH AS THE BUS AND FERRY SERVICES AND PROVISION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TO CHAI WAN.

SERVICE RESERVOIRS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONSTRUCTED AND A SALT WATER PUMPING STATION IS PLANNED TO SERVE THE AREA.

A SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT IS PROPOSED AT A KUNG NGAM AND THE EFFLUENT WILL BE TAKEN BY SUBMARINE OUTFALL TO A POINT SUFFICIENTLY FAR OUT FROM THE SHORE TO AVOID POLLUTION OF THE TYPHOON ANCHORAGE AND SHORELINE.

NO DIFFICULTY IS ENVISAGED IN MEETING THE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES OF AN ANTICIPATED POPULATION OF SOME 126,000 BY 1996.

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RECLAMATION IN CASTLE PEAK BAY
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO RECLAIM MORE THAN NINE HECTARES OF LAND IN THE CENTRAL PART OF CASTLE PEAK BAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR ROAD JUNCTION TO MAINTAIN A FREE TRAFFIC FLOW IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK WHICH ALSO INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 665-METRE-LONG RIVER TRAINING WALL TO THE WEST OF THE RECLAMATION WILL BE INVITED SHORTLY BY P.W.D.

MR. K.K. TANG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SAID WORK WOULD BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+ON COMPLETION, PART OF THE LAND WILL BE USED FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY PURPOSES,+ HE SAID.

+THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN THIS AREA IS BEING ACTIVELY INVESTIGATED.+

ALL THESE FACILITIES, MR. TANG SAID WOULD BE READY IN TIME TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN WHICH IS EXPECTED TO GROW TO 200,000 BY 1982.

THE SOIL REQUIRED TO FORM THE LAND WILL BE OBTAINED FROM SIU LAM AND THE EXCAVATION OF SOIL WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM OF LAND SUITABLE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE WORK IS PART OF THE OVERALL TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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ADDITIONAL BUSES FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL
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THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL BE LAYING ON EXTRA BUS SERVICES TO THE PEAK AND OTHER POPULAR AREAS FREQUENTED BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) EVENING, EXTRA TRIPS WILL BE OPERATED ON C.M.B. ROUTE NO. 15 FROM CENTRAL TO THE PEAK.

FROM 7 P.M. ON SUNDAY, ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON C.M.B. ROUTES 15 FROM CENTRAL TO THE PEAK, ROUTE 15-B FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO THE PEAK, AND ROUTE 41 BETWEEN NORTH POINT, OCEAN PARK AND WAH FU.

AT THE SAME TIME, A SPECIAL SERVICE 15A WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN NORTH POINT FERRY AND THE PEAK TO RELIEVE CONGESTION.

THE PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY WILL BE OPERATING A SPECIAL FAST SERVICE ON SUNDAY. THE COMPANY WILL ALSO BE EXTENDING THE HOURS OF THEIR SERVICE UNTIL 2.30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HEAVY CONGESTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE EVENINGS OF THE FESTIVAL DAYS, AND MOTORISTS SHOULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS:-

CASTLE PEAK ROAD

PARKING WILL BE PROHIBITED IN THE PASSING BAYS OF THE BEACH AREA BETWEEN 10 AND 12 MILESTONE CASTLE PEAK ROAD. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE CAR PARK AT TING KAU FOR PARKING PURPOSES.

TUEN MUN ROAD

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THE TUEN MUN ROAD IS A CLEARWAY- NO VEHICLE IS PERMITTED TO STOP AND THERE ARE NO PARKING FACILITIES ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE ROAD.

TAI PO ROAD

TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO BE HEAVY ALONG TAI PO ROAD. MOTORISTS HEADING FOR OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE ADVISED TO USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND ROUTE TWISK.

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SHING MUN ROAD

A SECTION OF SHING MUN ROAD FROM THE PINE APPLE DAM TO THE JUNCTION OF A SIDE ROAD LEADING TO LO WAI VILLAGE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 17. THE CLOSURE MAY ALSO BE APPLICABLE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY IF THE TRAFFIC SITUATION SO REQUIRES.

TSING YI BRIDGE

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT TSING YI BRIDGE IS A CLEARWAY FOR ALL VEHICLES AND NO STOPPING ON THE BRIDGE IS ALLOWED.

TAI MO SHAN ROAD

TAI MO SHAN ROAD FROM THE LOWER CAR PARK TO THE R.A.F. BARRIER WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 17. THE CLOSURE MAY ALSO BE NECESSARY ON THE FOLLOWING DAY IF THE TRAFFIC SITUATION SO REQUIRES. ACCESS TO THE LOWER CAR PARK WILL BE REGULATED BY TRAFFIC POLICE AT TAI MO SHAN ROAD JUNCTION WITH ROUTE TWISK.

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BRAY PRAISES WORK OF CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN LONDON
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THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR. DENIS BRAY, YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) CONGRATULATED THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN U.K. ON SETTING UP A CHINESE TUTORIAL SCHOOL IN LONDON WITH AN ENROLMENT OF 600 CHILDREN.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE 11TH TERM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER AT THE CHINA TOWN RESTAURANT, LONDON, MR. BRAY SAID: +YOUR CHAMBER'S MAIN PROJECT DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS HAD BEEN TO FIND MORE SPACIOUS PREMISES TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR VERY SUCCESSFUL CHINESE TUTORIAL SCHOOL.

+I AM VERY PLEASED INDEED TO HEAR THAT THE FREEHOLD OF THE BUILDING IN FRITH STREET HAS BEEN PURCHASED, THE SCHOOL HAS MOVED INTO THESE PREMISES AND THAT THE ENROLMENT HAS NOW EXCEEDED 600.+

MR. BRAY SAID THIS SUCCESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH THE CONCERTED EFFORTS AND DEVOTION OF THE MEMBERS, THE TEACHERS, THE PARENTS AND THE CHINESE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

+THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH EFFORTS AND DEVOTION WILL, I AM CERTAIN, SEE YOU THROUGH THE NEXT STAGE OF YOUR WORK IN RAISING ENOUGH FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION AND DECORATION OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

MR. BRAY ADDED THAT THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE COME FROM HONG KONG AND LIVED HERE FOR SOME 20 YEARS.

+THE INITIAL PERIOD OF SETTLING IN YOUR WORK, ESTABLISHING YOUR BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES HERE HAS PASSED. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO LOOK BEYOND THE CONFINES OF YOUR OWN COMMUNITY AND LIVE A FULLER LIFE AS A CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY.

+AS A DEVELOPED COUNTRY AND A WELFARE STATE, THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS ALL SORTS OF FACILITIES AND RESOURCES FOR ONE AND ALL TO ENJOY AND MAKE USE OF.

+IN RECENT YEARS, THERE ARE ALSO SPECIAL AUTHORITIES SET UP BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY TO ASSIST MINORITY GROUPS WITH THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS.

+I UNDERSTAND THAT VARIOUS GROUPS IN THE CHINESE COMMUNITY UP AND DOWN THE COUNTRY ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE AUTHORITIES AND ARE IN THE COURSE OF ESTABLISHING WELFARE CENTRES FOR THE CHINESE. WHAT I AM SUGGESTING HERE IS THAT THE GOOD-WILL AND THE RESOURCES ARE THERE WAITING FOR YOU TO TAP THEM,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHEUNG KAM-CHUEN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE 11TH TERM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE OTHER NEW OFFICERS ARE MR. NG SHIU-CHO, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, AND MR. LEUNG TING-BUN, MR. CHEUNG HOK-SHING, AND MR. FU KEI-CHUN, VICE-PRESIDENTS.

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70 YOUNG MEN GRADUATE FROM GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME
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TWO YOUNG MEN TODAY WERE AWARDED TROPHIES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME.

THEY ARE CHENG KIN-MING, 18, WHO WAS AWARDED THE 'LAISHLEY CUP' FOR THE BEST CRAFT APPRENTICE AND TSANG HING-LOK, 23, WHO WAS AWARDED THE 'BROWN CUP' FOR THE BEST TECHNICAL APPRENTICE.

MR. CHENG, WHO STUDIED AT THE HEBRON ENGLISH MIDDLE SCHOOL, KOWLOON, BEFORE JOINING THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME, COMES FROM A TAILORING FAMILY. HE HAS FOUR BROTHERS AND A SISTER. HE WILL BE WORKING IN THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

MR. TSANG, WHO STUDIED AT THE TANG KING PO TECHNICAL SCHOOL, KOWLOON HAS TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER. HE ALSO COMES FROM A TAILORING BACKGROUND. HE WILL BE JOINING THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY AND AT THE SAME TIME PURSUE HIS STUDIES AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

A TOTAL OF 70 APPRENTICES GRADUATED. OF THESE 53 WERE CRAFT APPRENTICES AND 17 WERE TECHNICAL APPRENTICES.

THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH GRADUATION CERTIFICATES BY UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR. ALEX WU.

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY MR. WU COMMENDED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROVIDING YOUNG MEN WITH CRAFT AND TECHNICAL SKILL OF A SIGNIFICANTLY HIGH STANDARD AND IN SETTING A LEAD FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO FOLLOW.

+THE OBJECT OF SO DOING IS NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE TRAINED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS FOR THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S POOL OF TECHNICAL AND SKILLED MANPOWER+, HE SAID.

+IN ORDER FOR HONG KONG TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN THE WORLD MARKET AND TO SURVIVE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR PRODUCTS, INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND GENERALLY RAISE OUR SERVICE AND STANDARDS WHILST KEEPING OUR MANUFACTURING COSTS DOWN.

+THIS IMPLIES THAT WE MUST IMPROVE EXISTING MANUFACTURING AND QUALITY CONTROL TECHNIQUES, LEARN NEW ONES IN ORDER TO PRODUCE PRODUCTS OF MORE SOPHISTICATED DESIGN AND TECHNICAL CONTENT.

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+THIS IN TURN DEMANDS INVESTMENT NOT ONLY IN UP-TO-DATE CAPITAL MACHINERY BUT ALSO IN TRAINING OF MANPOWER CAPABLE OF OPERATING, SERVICING AND MAINTAINING THEM.

+MOREOVER, HIGHLY TRAINED TECHNICIANS ARE NEEDED TO COMPLEMENT THE IDEAS ORIGINATING FROM ENGINEERS AND DESIGNERS, AND CRAFTSMEN TO MAKE THE PRODUCTS TO THE FINISH AND TOLERANCE REQUIRED. THIS IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF APPRENTICE TRAINING TODAY+, MR. WU ADDED.

THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME FOR TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN WAS STARTED IN 1969. SINCE THEN SOME 500 APPRENTICES HAVE GRADUATED, MANY OF WHOM ARE NOW HOLDING JOBS AS WORKS SUPERVISORS OR INSPECTORS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND SIMILAR POSITIONS IN THE PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

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STREET CLOSURES FOR MTR EXTENSION WORK

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IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE TSUEN WAN DEPOT, A NOTICE IS PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE GIVING DETAILS OF THE STREETS TO BE AFFECTED.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LANES, FOOTWAYS AND PASSAGES WHICH WILL REQUIRE PERMANENT CLOSURE WITHIN THE AREA GAZETTED TO ENABLE THE M.T.R. WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT. WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 1982. ALTERNATIVE ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT BUT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO ADJACENT AREAS WILL BE MAINTAINED.

PLANS SHOWING THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FU WAH CENTRE, 310 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN= CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG= THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THE GAZETTE NOTICE STATES THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST SEND HIS CLAIM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE CLAIMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE STREET OR FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE.

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REVISION OF PILOTAGE FEES

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PILOTAGE DUES WHICH HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS ARE TO BE REVISED TO COVER THE INCREASES IN THE COST OF PILOTAGE SERVICE SINCE THE LAST REVIEW.

THE REVISIONS WERE LISTED IN THE PILOTAGE (DUES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1978 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SEPTEMBER 24.

ACCORDING TO THE NEW FEE SCHEDULE, PILOTAGE DUES FOR PILOTING A SHIP OF OVER 950 FEET IN LENGTH TO OR FROM BUOY OR ANCHORAGE WITHIN HARBOUR LIMITS WILL BE RAISED FROM \$877 TO \$1,026, WHILE CHARGES FOR PILOTAGE TO WHARF FROM BUOY OR ANCHORAGE OR VICE VERSA, OR FROM WHARF TO WHARF WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$998 TO \$1,168.

REGARDING PILOTAGE OF SHIPS INTO AND OUT OF THE HARBOUR, SHIPS EXCEEDING 950 FEET WILL BE CHARGED \$1,978 FOR A TRIP TO OR FROM BUOY OR ANCHORAGE AND \$2,355 TO OR FROM WHARF, AGAINST THE PRESENT CHARGES OF \$1,691 AND \$2,013 RESPECTIVELY.

AS FOR MOVEMENT OUTSIDE THE HARBOUR LIMITS, SHIPS EXCEEDING 950 FEET IN LENGTH WILL BE CHARGED \$1,642 INSTEAD OF \$1,403 AS AT PRESENT.

PILOTAGE DUES FOR OTHER SMALLER VESSELS ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE NEW SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDED ORDER.

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SEAMEN SERVICE RECORD BOOK MAY BE WITHHELD
UNDER AMENDED REGULATIONS

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THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SEAMEN'S RECRUITING OFFICE IS GIVEN THE AUTHORITY TO RETAIN THE SERVICE RECORD BOOK OF ANY SEAMAN INVOLVED IN A DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY.

AN AMENDMENT TO THIS EFFECT HAS BEEN MADE TO THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RECRUITING OF SEAMEN) (SERVICE RECORD BOOKS) REGULATIONS AND IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE AMENDMENT ENABLES THE SUPERINTENDENT TO STOP ANY SEAMAN, WHILE A DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY ABOUT HIM IS PENDING, FROM GOING A SEA BY SERVING A NOTICE ON THE SEAMAN REQUIRING HIM TO SURRENDER HIS SERVICE RECORD BOOK.

A SERVICE RECORD BOOK SO SURRENDERED CAN BE RETAINED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS AND, THEREAFTER, FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS, SUBJECT TO A RIGHT OF APPEAL BY THE HOLDER TO THE GOVERNOR.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED IN TAI PO

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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK HEADQUARTERS TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCHING OF AN INTENSIVE ANTI-NARCOTICS PUBLICITY AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD IN TAI PO, THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MR. LIU YUN-SUM, CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE= CHAIRMAN OF THREE AREA COMMITTEES OF THE CAMPAIGN= AND MR. CANICE MAK, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS.

THE TAI PO CAMPAIGN IS THE FIRST OF THREE DISTRICT-LEVEL ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGNS WHICH WILL PEAK THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS PUBLICITY AND PREVENTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR 1978/79.

THE OTHER TWO CAMPAIGNS WILL BE HELD CONSECUTIVELY IN THE SOUTH DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND WONG TAI SIN, KOWLOON.

THE THREE DISTRICTS HAVE A COMBINED POPULATION OF ABOUT ONE MILLION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK HEADQUARTERS, 47 CUMBERLAND ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

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ROAD SAFETY COMBINES FESTIVAL FUN
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A ROAD SAFETY DAY WILL BE HELD AT KOWLOON PARK FOOTBALL PITCH ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) TO GIVE FAMILIES ADDITIONAL FUN DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE ROAD SAFETY DAY HELD AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, WILL KICK-OFF AT 2 P.M. WITH A SPECTACULAR LION DANCE.

TWO PUPPET SHOWS DEMONSTRATING THE SAFE WAY TO CYCLING OR SKATEBOARDING SHOULD PROVE POPULAR WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AND HELP TO DRIVE HOME THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE A TRICYCLE COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN UNDER EIGHT YEARS AND IS DESIGNED TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND ZEBRA CROSSINGS. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS.

OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE AN EXCITING SKATEBOARD DEMONSTRATION, SINGING, ACROBATIC DISPLAYS AND FIRST-AID DRILL.

FURTHERMORE A ROAD SAFETY BUS ON WHICH ROAD SAFETY GAMES CAN BE PLAYED WILL BE PARKED NEAR THE FOOTBALL PITCH.

BEFORE THE SHOW ENDS AT 5 P.M., A LUCKY DRAW WILL BE HELD.

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE SHUI HING CO., LTD., IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE ROAD SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD AT KOWLOON PARK FOOTBALL PITCH ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENT
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

ON THAT DAY, 32 POST OFFICES INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON THE ISLAND, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES AND TSUEN WAN POST OFFICE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY.

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