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THREE MORE BUS ROUTES

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TWO NEW KMB URBAN COACH ROUTES, NOS. 209 AND 210, WILL BEGIN SERVICE ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND A NEW CMB ROUTE 17 WILL BE INTRODUCED.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT KMB ROUTE 209 WILL OPERATE BETWEEN THE STAR FERRY AND CHOI HUNG EVERY 15 MINUTES DURING PEAK PERIODS.

THE ROUTE WILL BE VIA SALISBURY ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, MONG KOK ROAD, TUNG CHOI STREET, ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND CHOI HUNG ROAD.

FROM CHOI HUNG ROUTE 209 WILL GO BY WAY OF CHOI HUNG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, NATHAN ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FARE WILL BE $1 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.

THE OTHER ROUTE, NO. 210, WILL RUN EVERY HOUR BETWEEN STAR FERRY AND PIPER'S HILL VIA SALISBURY ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, PORTLAND STREET, YU CHAU STREET, BOUNDARY STREET, TAI PO ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, TAI PO ROAD AND CALDECOTT ROAD.

THE RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE BY WAY OF CALDECOTT ROAD, TAI PO ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET, BERWICK STREET, SHEK KIP MEI STREET, TAI PO ROAD, NATHAN ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD. THE FARE ON ROUTE 210 WILL ALSO BE $1 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW CMB ROUTE 17 WILL OPERATE BETWEEN THE CENTRAL BUS STATION AND SOO KUN PO VIA KENNEDY ROAD.

IT WILL RUN EVERY 20 MINUTES FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. BY WAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, POTTINGER STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, CHATER ROAD, MURRAY ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, GARDEN ROAD, MACDONNELL ROAD, KENNEDY ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, HENNESSY ROAD, YEE WOO STREET, TUNG LO WAN ROAD AND EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD.

THE RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE VIA CAROLINE HILL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, PENNINGTON STREET, YEE WOO STREET, HENNESSY ROAD, PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, KENNEDY ROAD, GARDEN ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SINGLE JOURNEY FARE WOULD BE 50 CENTS FOR ADULTS AND 30 CENTS FOR CHILDREN.

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REVISED FEES FOR IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

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REVISED FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT COME INTO FORCE TOMORROW (FRIDAY, MARCH 12).

DETAILS OF THE REVISED FEES WILL BE SET OUT IN TOMORROW'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS (THE OLD FEES ARE IN BRACKETS) :

	NEW FEE	
10-YEAR BRITISH PASSPORT	$120	($60)
10-YEAR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY	$ 80	($50)
5-YEAR SEAMAN'S IDENTITY BOOK	$ 30	($15)
SINGLE HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT	$ 3	($ 2)
5-YEAR MULTIPLE HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT	$ 15	($10)
EXTENSION OF STAY	$ 65	($30)

THE NEW FEES FOR RE-ENTRY PERMITS HAVE BEEN KEPT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE SINCE THESE DOCUMENTS ARE USED BY MANY PEOPLE FOR JOURNEYS TO CHINA AND MACAU.

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S FEES HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1970, AND REVENUE NOW COVERS BARELY HALF THE COST OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC.

COMMENTING ON THE INCREASES, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR. MARTIN ROWLANDS, SAID : +I REGRET THAT THESE INCREASES ARE NECESSARY, BUT I BELIEVE IT IS RIGHT THAT THE COST OF THESE SERVICES SHOULD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BE BORNE BY THOSE WHO USE THEM.+

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BUILDINGS DECLARED UNSAFE

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) DECLARED NO. 94 LAI CHI KOK ROAD TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND NO. 96 LAI CHI KOK ROAD LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS, AND ORDERED THEIR DEMOLITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, P.W.D., SAID THAT THESE TWO FOUR-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS HAD BEEN UNDER GENERAL OBSERVATION SINCE 1973 WHEN SOME REPAIRS TO STRUCTURAL TIMBERS AND REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS WERE CARRIED OUT UNDER ORDER BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

RE-INSPECTION FOLLOWING A RECENT COMPLAINT REVEALED FRESH SETTLEMENT AND MOVEMENT OF THE LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS OF NO. 94 LAI CHI KOK ROAD. STRUCTURAL TIMBERS WERE ALSO DECAYED AND THERE WAS DANGER OF COLLAPSE.

NO. 96 LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE RENDERED DANGEROUS BY THE REMOVAL OF THE COMMON STAIRCASE WHICH IT SHARES WITH NO. 94.

ACCORDINGLY, NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON APRIL 8 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN NEW INDOOR DRIVING SCHOOL

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL INAUGURATE HONG KONG'S SECOND INDOOR DRIVING SCHOOL LOCATED ON A SITE UNDER THE MARSH ROAD FLYOVER THIS SATURDAY (MARCH 13).

SIMILAR TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S INDOOR DRIVING SCHOOL IN KOWLOON, THE NEW SCHOOL IS OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AND EQUIPPED WITH 16 DRIVING SIMULATORS AND A COMPUTER CONTROL SYSTEM.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOL WILL START AT 11.45 A.M. THE GOVERNOR, PATRON OF THE ASSOCIATION, WILL ARRIVE AT 12.15 P.M.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE HOLDS FIRST SPEECH DAY

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE GRADUATES OF THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES FROM MR. JOHN MARDEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHEELOCK MARDEN AND CO. LTD., AT THE COLLEGE'S FIRST SPEECH DAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR. MARDEN WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE THEATRE OF THE CITY HALL FROM 3.00 P.M. THE OPENING REMARKS WILL BE MADE BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL.

THE COLLEGE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1974, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EDUCATION AND PREPARATION OF TEACHERS REQUIRED BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND FOR TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN SECONDARY GRAMMAR, SECONDARY TECHNICAL, SECONDARY MODERN AND PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AS WELL AS FOR THE TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS IN INDUSTRY.

SEVERAL TYPES OF COURSES ARE OFFERED BY THE COLLEGE, INCLUDING A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE FOR MATURE AND SUITABLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PEOPLE WHO DECIDE TO TAKE UP TECHNICAL TEACHING AS A CAREER.

ADDITIONALLY, THE COLLEGE PROVIDES TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSES FOR SUITABLY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO MAKE TEACHING THEIR CAREER.

IT ALSO OFFERS TWO-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING COURSES FOR IN-SERVICE TECHNICAL TEACHERS AND DEVELOPS RETRAINING, IMPROVEMENT AND CONVERSION COURSES FOR SERVING TEACHERS.

THE COLLEGE ALSO RUNS A SPECIALISED THIRD-YEAR COURSE FOR TWO-YEAR TRAINED TEACHERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPEECH DAY.

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY ON CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT IN PRIVATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK SITES BETWEEN MARCH 15 AND 17.

THIS IS THE DEPARTMENT'S FIRST ATTEMPT TO COLLECT AND COMPILE REGULAR EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ALL PRIVATE WORK SITES RECORDED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE. ITS SCOPE IS HOWEVER LIMITED TO THE NUMBER OF SITE WORKERS- THIS INCLUDES SITE FOREMEN AND ALL PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN MANUAL WORK AT THE SITE. PERSONS ENGAGED IN PROFESSIONAL WORK SUCH AS ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONTRACT MANAGERS AND SURVEYORS, ARE NOT INCLUDED.

CIRCULAR LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO INDIVIDUAL WORK SITES AS WELL AS THE CONTRACTORS CONCERNED. SITE REPRESENTATIVES ARE BEING ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF SITE WORKERS BY SEX AS AT MARCH 15, 1976, BY COMPLETING A COPY OF THE SURVEY FORM.

SURVEY OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL THEN VISIT THE RESPECTIVE SITES TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED SURVEY FORMS AND RENDER ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALS TO INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS AND SITE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED. HE EMPHASISES THAT THE INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL ONLY BE RELEASED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES.

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D.S.W. TO OPEN NEW FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OFFICE

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE NEW OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND AT 3 P.M. ON SATURDAY (MARCH 13).

THE NEW OFFICE IS SITUATED AT 137, MEI TUNG ESTATE, BLOCK 6, GROUND FLOOR ON TUNG TAU CHUEN ROAD, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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GRANTS FROM TRAINING FUND FOR FIVE
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THE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING FUND PROVIDED GRANTS FOR FIVE PEOPLE LAST YEAR TO ATTEND SOCIAL WORK COURSES AT VARIOUS ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS EITHER LOCALLY OR ABROAD.

ASSISTANCE WAS GIVEN TO FOUR OF THEM TO OBTAIN FURTHER SOCIAL WORK TRAINING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA AND U.S.A. WHILE ONE TOOK THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE COURSE ON SOCIAL WORK AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

IN THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1974/75 BY THE TRUSTEE OF THE FUND, IT WAS STATED THAT REPRESENTATIVES WERE SELECTED FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE PART IN SEVERAL SOCIAL WELFARE CONFERENCES ABROAD.

THESE INCLUDED A SEMINAR ON DEAFNESS AT SUSSEX UNIVERSITY IN U.K.- A STUDY TOUR OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR ELEVEN YOUTH WORKERS- AND ANOTHER STUDY TOUR OF SEOUL AND TOKYO FOR 26 SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS AND STAFF OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING LAST YEAR INCLUDED BURSARIES FOR STUDENTS AT THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING, THE PUBLICATION OF SOCIAL WORK JOURNALS AND INVITATION OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS TO HONG KONG.

THE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING FUND WAS SET UP IN 1964 WITH A SUM OF $2.2 MILLION GIVEN BY THE UNITED KINGDOM COMMITTEE FOR WORLD REFUGEE YEAR IN 1961 AND SUBSEQUENT DONATIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES.

THE FUND IS MANAGED BY A COMMITTEE OF WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE IS THE CHAIRMAN. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THREE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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TOEFL REGISTRATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

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REGISTRATION FORMS AND COPIES OF THE BULLETIN OF INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT TOEFL (TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE) TO BE HELD ON MAY 17 ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

THEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATIONS DIVISION (CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR), THE DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP SECTION (BONAVENTURE HOUSE, 2ND FLOOR, 91 LEIGHTON ROAD) OR AT THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (408 J. HOTUNG HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR, HANKOW ROAD).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE IN MAY, ONLY THOSE CANDIDATES WHO URGENTLY NEEDED TOEFL SCORES WOULD BE ACCEPTED.

+ONLY CANDIDATES WHO CAN PRODUCE WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM AN OVERSEAS COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY TO TAKE THE TEST WILL THEREFORE BE REGISTERED,+ HE SAID.

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 19.

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WINNERS OF POSTER COMPETITION TO RECEIVE PRIZES

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

WINNERS OF THE ENGLISH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

MR. WONG PO-YAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES AT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 3RD FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3.30 P.M.

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HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

PRESS RELEASE 新聞稿

Thursday, March 11, 1976

CHAI WAN DEVELOPMENT EXHIBITION TO OPEN

A public exhibition showing the past, present and future development of Chai Wan will be opened tomorrow (Friday) at the district's Community Centre by Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, a member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority.

The exhibition "The Changing Face of Chai Wan" has been organised by the Housing Authority and the City District Office (Eastern), and includes sections on the present Chai Wan, Chai Wan in the future, work of the Social Welfare Department, Medical and Health Department, Police, Fire Services and the Housing Department's redevelopment programme in Hong Kong.

A special feature of the exhibition will be a life-sized "mock-up" model of a typical seven-person flat in the recently completed Hing Wah Estate (Stage II), which now towers over the old Chai Wan. The model will be fully furnished and will give prospective tenants an idea of living conditions at Hing Wah (Stage II).

Also at the exhibition will be video-tape film shows of various problems in Hong Kong, including housing, social welfare, crime and pollution.

For lighter entertainment during the 4½-day exhibition there will be a junior police call variety show, a karate demonstration, the Cape Collinson Band and several other displays.

At the opening ceremony Mr. [illegible].V. Williams, Deputy Director (Operations), Housing Department will present prizes to the winners of a school-children's painting competition which has been run in conjunction with the exhibition.

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Note to Editors: The opening ceremony will start at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 12. You are invited to send a photographer and/or a reporter.

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