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SHA TIN KCR PODIUM DEVELOPMENT TENDER AWARDED
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YEE PANG REALTY LTD., A COMPANY FORMED BY CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LTD. AND KIU KWONG INVESTMENT LTD., HAS WON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX FOR 13,000 PEOPLE OVER THE PROPOSED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT AT SHA TIN WITH A BID OF \$383 MILLION.

THE PROJECT WILL RISE ABOVE A 27,000 SQUARE METRE PODIUM TO BE BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND FINANCED IN INSTALMENTS BY THE COMPANY.

THE GOVERNMENT CALLED TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ON MAY 4 AND THE DECISION TO ACCEPT YEE PANG'S BID MEANS THAT WORK ON THE PODIUM WILL BEGIN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE COMPANY WOULD BUILD A HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX WITH MANY COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE COMPANY WOULD WORK TO CAREFULLY DRAW UP GOVERNMENT SPECIFICATIONS INCLUDING LANDSCAPING, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND MANY OTHER AMENITIES SUCH AS A SWIMMING POOL.

+THIS IS A HIGH QUALITY, PRESTIGE DEVELOPMENT AND WE ARE GLAD THAT THE MAJOR DEVELOPERS IN HONG KONG SHOWED SUCH AN INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+THERE WERE FOUR SEPARATE BIDS FOR THE SITE AND THE OFFER MADE BY YEE PANG REFLECTS THE INTEREST IN BEING INVOLVED IN THE NEW TOWNS.+

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE TENDER CONDITIONS WERE UNUSUAL FOR LAND SALES IN HONG KONG. +BUT THE IDEA OF THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING PODIUM ITSELF IS TO GIVE THE COMPANY PLENTY OF TIME TO DRAW UP ITS ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMME WHILE THE GOVERNMENT GETS ON WITH THE BASIC FORMATION WORK,+ MR. AKERS-JONES EXPLAINED.

+BY DOING THIS IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AT LEAST A YEAR WILL BE SAVED IN THE OVERALL TIMETABLE IN FINISHING THE DEVELOPMENT,+ HE POINTED OUT.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO HAND OVER THE FIRST HALF OF THE PODIUM SITE TO YEE PANG IN ABOUT 30 MONTHS' TIME AND THE REST 6 MONTHS LATER. HE ESTIMATED THAT THE WHOLE PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETED SOME TIME IN 1984.

UNDER THE INSTALMENT PLAN, YEE PANG WILL NOW MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT OF \$28 MILLION AND WILL MAKE A FURTHER FIVE SUCCESSIVE HALF-YEARLY PAYMENTS OF \$39 MILLION, \$48 MILLION, \$36 MILLION, \$17 MILLION AND \$7 MILLION TO MAKE UP THE COST OF FORMING THE SITE.

/MR. AKERS-JONES..

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MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE DEVELOPMENT WHEN COMPLETED WOULD MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE NUMBER OF HIGH QUALITY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL FLATS IN HONG KONG.

+THE SITE IS IN A VERY GOOD LOCATION OVERLOOKING THE RACECOURSE TO THE NORTH AND THE NEW TOWN TO THE SOUTH AND I AM SURE IT WILL PROVE ATTRACTIVE TO HOME BUYERS,+ HE ADDED.

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APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF I.S.D.

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MR. B.R. JOHNSTON, MBE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES (PUBLIC RELATIONS), HAS BEEN APPOINTED ACTING DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (MONDAY, JULY 9, 1979).

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RESTRUCTURING FOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE NEXT MONTH REGRADING OPTIONS FROM ITS WELFARE STAFF IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS NEW STRUCTURE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS WERE APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND WERE DERIVED FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A DEPARTMENTAL WORKING PARTY SET UP IN MID-1977 TO REVIEW THE WELFARE CLASS.

+THE FINAL REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY WAS COMPLETED IN MAY LAST YEAR AND HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS PRIOR TO THE SETTING UP OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE WAS SEPARATE FROM ANY STAFF REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO THE STANDING COMMISSION.

IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN WORKING OUT DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION BEFORE WRITING LAST WEEK TO ITS WELFARE STAFF TO EXPLAIN THE VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR REGRADING AND TO INVITE THEM TO MAKE THEIR OPTIONS.

THE RESTRUCTURING FEATURES A SPLIT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK INTO SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL SECURITY STREAMS, EACH WITH ITS OWN GRADE AND RANK STRUCTURE.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE OVERSEAS
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HONG KONG STUDENTS WITH GOOD ACADEMIC RECORDS ARE NOW INVITED TO APPLY FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED BY LEADING ORGANISATIONS FOR A TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE LEADING TO THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, RECOGNISED FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION IN MOST COUNTRIES.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT EACH SCHOLARSHIP IS WORTH \$60,000 FOR TWO YEARS AND ARE TENABLE THIS SEPTEMBER AT ATLANTIC COLLEGE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR PEARSON COLLEGE IN CANADA.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG BRANCH OFFICE, ROOM 1522 LEIGHTON CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

+COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON TO THE SAME OFFICE ON OR BEFORE NEXT FRIDAY (JULY 20) AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT APPLICANTS FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS MUST BE UNDER 17-1/2 YEARS OF AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1979 AND BE IN POSSESSION OF A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH AT LEAST FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE C OR ABOVE, INCLUDING GOOD RESULTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

APPLICANTS WHO RECENTLY SAT THE 1979 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED AN APPROVED EQUIVALENT - HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ADVANCED LEVEL CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE, GCE CERTIFICATE AND OTHERS.

SELECTION OF APPLICANTS WILL INCLUDE PAST ACADEMIC RECORDS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEAD OF THE SCHOOL, PERSONALITY AND PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.

+SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE COLLEGES IN SEPTEMBER, 1979, AND WILL TAKE THE FULL TWO-YEAR COURSE. THE ACADEMIC AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMES IN THE COLLEGES ARE INTERWOVEN AND FORM JOINTLY THE BASIS FOR STUDENTS' DEVELOPMENT.

+STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND AESTHETIC IN NATURE. DUE EMPHASIS IS ALSO LAID ON COMMUNITY SERVICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE \$60,000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR TWO YEARS WILL COVER PART OF THE TUITION AND BOARDING FEES DURING THE PERIOD. IT WILL, HOWEVER, NOT BE ADEQUATE TO COVER EXPENSES SUCH AS AIR FARES, PERSONAL ALLOWANCES AND OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE.

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JOINT VIOLIN RECITAL BY
MOLLY FUNG AND RAYMOND LEUNG
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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL PRESENT TWO YOUNG VIOLINISTS MOLLY FUNG AND RAYMOND LEUNG, ACCOMPANIED BY EMILY CHAIR AND ANGELA CHEUNG, IN A RECITAL AT THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, AT 5.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

MOLLY FUNG WAS BORN IN AMERICA IN 1964. SHE BEGAN TAKING VIOLIN LESSONS AT THE AGE OF THREE AT OBERLIN COLLEGE AND CONTINUED HER STUDIES AT THE CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC IN 1972. AT PRESENT, SHE IS STUDYING UNDER MRS. LINDA SHARON CERONE, THE CHAIR-PERSON OF THE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT AT THE INSTITUTE.

MOLLY HAS HAD EXTENSIVE PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES. SHE APPEARED AS SOLOIST WITH CSEHY'S YOUTH ORCHESTRA, THE CLEVELAND'S UNIVERSITY CIRCLE YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND THE CLEVELAND SUBURBAN ORCHESTRA AND PERFORMED IN SOLO AND ENSEMBLE IN MANY OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OCCASIONS.

IN THE SUMMER OF 1978, SHE ATTENDED THE MEADOWMOUNT SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND PERFORMED ON A QUARTET THERE UNDER THE BATON OF IVAN GALAMIAN.

SHE HAS WON SEVERAL SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC TO ATTEND THE CSEHY'S MUSIC SCHOOL IN PENNSYLVANIA IN 1976, 1977 AND 1978 AND SERVED AS THE CONCERTMISTRESS WITH THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA THERE.

SHE ALSO WON THE YOUNG PEOPLE STRING COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA IN 1977, AND THE CLEVELAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERTO COMPETITION IN 1978.

RAYMOND LEUNG IS A TALENTED AND ASPIRING YOUNG VIOLINIST IN HONG KONG. HE HAS BEEN STUDYING VIOLIN WITH MR. THOMAS WANG FOR OVER SIX YEARS AND IS NOW THE LEADER OF THE H.K. YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HE HAS ALREADY WON ALL PRIZES OF VIOLIN CLASSES IN THE SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL. IN 1977 HE WAS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP AT INTERLOCHEN, MICHIGAN.

IN 1978 HE REPRESENTED H.K. AT THE 2ND ASIAN MUSIC CAMP HELD IN SINGAPORE AND WAS APPOINTED CONCERTMASTER OF THE ASIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA UNDER THE BATON OF MR. CHOO HOEY.

LAST YEAR HE PLAYED WITH H.K. PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AS SOLOIST AND WAS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP TO THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC IN LONDON.

IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, RAYMOND WILL BE LEADING THE H.K. YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DURING ITS VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE RECITAL WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE-OF-CHARGE.

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KCR'S PERIOD RETURN TICKETS
TO GO ON SALE FROM JULY 14
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FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS GOING TO CHINA THIS SUMMER, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HAS ARRANGED FOR THE SALE OF ORDINARY CLASS PERIOD RETURN TICKETS FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY), A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID THE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT KOWLOON STATION FROM JULY 14 UNTIL AUGUST 19, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

THE FARE OF AN ORDINARY CLASS RETURN TICKET IS \$3.80. EACH TICKET WILL BE VALID FOR THE JOURNEY FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU ON THE DATE OF ISSUE AND FOR A RETURN JOURNEY ON ANY DATE FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE UNTIL AUGUST 19.

ON ARRIVAL AT LO WU, PASSENGERS HOLDING RETURN TICKETS ARE REQUESTED TO SHOW THE TICKETS TO THE TICKET COLLECTORS AT THE EXIT GATES AND THEN KEEP THE TICKETS FOR USE ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, AFTER WHICH, THE TICKETS WILL BE COLLECTED AT KOWLOON OR MONG KOK STATION.

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SEVEN WESTERN BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED SEVEN BUILDINGS AT NOS. 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13 AND 15 SAI WOO LANE, WESTERN DISTRICT, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

AT THE SAME TIME, NO. 9 SAI WOO LANE WAS DECLARED TO BE LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THAT THIS TERRACE OF EIGHT EARLY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS FORMS AN INTERDEPENDENT COMPLEX WITH NOS. 6 TO 28 TSZ MI ALLEY, WHICH WERE SERVED WITH NOTICES OF INTENTION TO CLOSE ON JULY 5, 1979.

ALTHOUGH ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED AS TWO AND THREE-STORY BUILDINGS, MOST OF THEM NOW HAVE ADDITIONAL FLOORS AND ROOF TOP STRUCTURES, HE SAID.

THESE BUILDINGS, HE CONTINUED, HAVE BEEN UNDER PERIODICAL SURVEILLANCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND HAD RECENTLY BEEN RE-SURVEYED FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF A KITCHEN AT NO. 6 TSZ MI ALLEY.

+THEY ARE IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DILAPIDATION, MAINLY DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE BRICKWORK FORMING THE LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND THE ADVANCED STAGE OF DECAY OF THE ORIGINAL TIMBERS WHERE THESE REMAIN,+ HE EXPLAINED.

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+AS THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE, IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT, THE CONDITION OF NO. 9 SAI WOO LANE WAS BETTER BUT IT WOULD NOT SAFELY WITHSTAND THE COLLAPSE OR DEMOLITION OF THE ADJOURNING BUILDINGS.

ACCORDINGLY, NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON AUGUST 8, 1979 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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NO ENTRY FOR LEARNER DRIVERS
IN CAMBRIDGE AND OXFORD ROADS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING AND PRACTISING DRIVING ON THE SECTION OF CAMBRIDGE ROAD BETWEEN DURHAM ROAD AND HEREFORD ROAD AND THE SECTION OF OXFORD ROAD BETWEEN DURHAM ROAD AND HEREFORD ROAD IN KOWLOON.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN JARDINE'S LOOKOUT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MT. BUTLER QUARRY ROAD, MOORSOM ROAD, PARKIN'S ROAD, COOPER ROAD AND WILSON ROAD INCLUDING CREASY ROAD, HENDERSON ROAD, GOLDSMITH ROAD, PURVES ROAD AND PRICE ROAD.

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