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REFLECTIVE LICENCE PLATES FAVOURED BY TAC

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING TODAY CONSIDERED A PROPOSAL TO SET UP A CENTRAL ISSUING AUTHORITY FOR CAR REGISTRATION NUMBER PLATES AND A SUGGESTION TO INTRODUCE REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES.

AFTER WEIGHING THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSAL AGAINST THE ADVANTAGES, THE COMMITTEE ADVISED AGAINST PURSUING THE IDEA OF A CENTRAL ISSUING AUTHORITY BUT WAS IN FAVOUR OF REQUIRING VEHICLES TO FIT REFLECTIVE REGISTRATION PLATES.

ADOPTION OF A CENTRALISED ISSUING AUTHORITY FOR NUMBER PLATES HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF SECURITY, ACHIEVED BY INCORPORATING A SERIAL NUMBER INTO THE PLATE, AND CONTROL OVER THE SIZE AND SPECIFICATION OF THE PLATE MATERIAL. PRODUCTION OF THESE PLATES COULD BE USEFULLY CARRIED OUT AS A CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS INDUSTRY.

THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN PRODUCING DIFFERENT COLOUR COMBINATIONS FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES, AND A UNIFORM-SIZED PLATE COULD BE A PROBLEM TO FIT ONTO SOME VEHICLES.

THE CASE FOR INTRODUCTION OF REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES WAS RESEARCHED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S ROAD SAFETY DIVISION. AN ANALYSIS BASED ON 1980 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS SHOWED THAT ABOUT ONE PER CENT OF THESE ACCIDENTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED OR MADE LESS SERIOUS IF THE CARS INVOLVED HAD REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES.

ALTHOUGH THE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE REDUCTION IN ACCIDENTS IS SMALL IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE POSSIBLE SAVINGS IN HUMAN SUFFERING AND IN COST TO THE COMMUNITY CAN BE CONSIDERABLE.

TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC, THE REQUIREMENT PROPOSED BY THE TAC WAS FOR ALL VEHICLES BEING REGISTERED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO BE FITTED WITH THE REFLECTIVE PLATES AND FOR OTHER VEHICLES TO COMPLY WITHIN A GRACE PERIOD.

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION OF THE ROAD SAFETY DIVISION.

THE DIVISION'S ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY SECTION HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING COMPUTER PROGRAMMES TO RETRIEVE AND ANALYSE ACCIDENT DATA AND IN ADVISING ON THE PRODUCTION OF ROAD SAFETY PROMOTION MATERIAL, INCLUDING A ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION KIT.

ITS INVESTIGATION AND REMEDY SECTION HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN INTRODUCING QUICK COUNTER-ACCIDENT MEASURES AT BLACK SPOTS WHICH THEY ARE IDENTIFYING AND IN PROVIDING A ROAD SAFETY INPUT TO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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LEGCO TO DISCUSS LACK OF +BODY-SCANNERS+ IN GOVT HOSPITALS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN AT TOMORROW'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING WHY BODY-SCANNING DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND WHAT IS BEING DONE TO OVERCOME THIS DEFICIENCY.

THE QUESTION, TO BE ASKED BY THE HON LYDIA DUNN, IS ONE OF SIX TO BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AT TOMORROW'S SITTING.

OTHER QUESTIONS RELATE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE ENACTED IN DECEMBER 1980; HOW LOCAL SEAMEN WILL BE AFFECTED BY NEW INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION DUE TO COME INTO FORCE EARLY NEXT YEAR; PASSENGERS' LUGGAGE ON KCR TRAINS; AND FORM III AND IV VACANCIES IN GOVERNMENT, AIDED AND OTHER SCHOOLS.

DURING THE MEETING, THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1982 FOR ITS THIRD AND FINAL READING.

FOUR NEW BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THEIR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THESE ARE: THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON BILL WHICH SEEKS TO RAISE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR KIDNAPPING FROM 14 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT; THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL WHICH TIGHTENS UP EXISTING LEGISLATION DEALING WITH DRUG OFFENCES; THE FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL WHICH INTRODUCES STIFF NEW PENALTIES AGAINST THOSE IGNORING FIRE DANGER WARNINGS; AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL WHICH SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY TO MAKE REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPOSITION OF FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN FOOD PREMISES.

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655 000 REGISTER AS URBAN VOTERS

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MORE THAN 655 000 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY URGED ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED TO DO SO NOW BEFORE REGISTRATION CLOSES ON FRIDAY (APRIL 30).

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES, MTR STATIONS, POST OFFICES AND BRANCHES OF SEVERAL MAJOR BANKS.

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FS LEAVES FOR ADB MEETING

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, LEAVES HONG KONG TODAY (TUESDAY) TO ATTEND THE 15TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, MANILA, PHILIPPINES FROM APRIL 28 TO APRIL 30. MR BREMRIDGE IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE MEETING AT A GOVERNORS' SESSION.

ALSO IN THE HONG KONG DELEGATION ARE THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS BLYE, THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING, MR COLIN MARTIN, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR JOSEPH YAM AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR ANDREW WELLS.

MR BREMRIDGE IS DUE BACK IN HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (APRIL 30). DURING HIS ABSENCE, MR HENRY CHING WILL ACT AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

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BUILDING IN DANGEROUS CONDITION

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (TUESDAY) DECLARED NO. 15 FIRST LANE, DIAMOND HILL, KOWLOON TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THE TWO-STOREY, PRE-WAR BUILDING CONSTRUCTED OF LOAD-BEARING STONE WALLS, TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOF, AND WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE KITCHEN AREA AND VERANDAH, WAS INSPECTED FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT.

+INSPECTION HAS REVEALED THAT MANY OF THE TIMBER JOISTS ARE IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DECAY AND THE REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS ARE SERIOUSLY SPALLED,+ HE SAID.

+THERE IS A RISK OF PARTIAL COLLAPSE AND IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING,+ HE ADDED.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MAY 25 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 1981

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR 1981.

THE SURVEY IS A FOLLOW-UP TO A SIMILAR ENQUIRY CONDUCTED FOR 1980, AND REPRESENTS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME TO COLLECT ECONOMIC STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

THE AIM OF THE SURVEY IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN ARRIVING AT DECISIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPHERES.

THE DATA TO BE COLLECTED WILL FACILITATE UPDATING ESTIMATES OF INDUSTRY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG, REVIEWING CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF OUTPUT AND TYPE OF GOODS MANUFACTURED, AND MAKING INTER-INDUSTRY COMPARISONS.

SOME 8 000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE SECTORS OF MINING AND QUARRYING, MANUFACTURING, AND ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER.

ALL INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 100 OR MORE PERSONS ARE INCLUDED; FOR INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING FEWER THAN 100 PERSONS, A RANDOM SAMPLE IS SELECTED.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, EMPLOYMENT, MAN-HOURS WORKED, LABOUR COST, CONTRACT AND COMMISSION WORK, MATERIAL PURCHASES, OPERATING EXPENSES, SALES AND WORK DONE, OTHER RECEIPTS, STOCKS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION) ORDER 1981, WHICH WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPER 316 OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG) AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 18 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF JANUARY 30, 1981.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN SENT BY RECORDED DELIVERY TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED. MANAGEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY.

UPON REQUEST, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT MAY VISIT ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO MANAGEMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHO WILL BE PROVIDED WITH PROOF OF THEIR IDENTITY, IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION. HE EMPHASISED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL ONLY BE USED IN AN AGGREGATE FORM FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

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HISTORICAL TUNG LUNG FORT OPENED
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THE TUNG LUNG FORT ON TUNG LUNG ISLAND WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR BRIAN WILSON.

THE CEREMONY MARKED THE COMPLETION OF THE PARTIAL RESTORATION OF THE FORT AND ITS OPENING TO THE PUBLIC AS A HISTORICAL SITE.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR WILSON SAID THAT THERE WAS A REFRESHING INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG AND THERE COULD BE NO BETTER WAY OF STIMULATING THAT INTEREST THAN BY RESTORING THE 300-YEAR-OLD FORT AND BY SETTING OUT ITS HISTORY FOR ALL TO READ.

MR WILSON TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE, DR SOLOMON BARD FROM WHOM CAME THE DRIVE AND INITIATIVE FOR THE RESTORATION. DR BARD HAD APPLIED HIMSELF FOR THREE YEARS WITH UNFLAGGING ENERGY TO THE PROJECT, HE SAID.

+AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUSTN'T FORGET THE HELP THAT THE FORCES HAVE PROVIDED IN THE WAY OF TRANSPORT, STORES AND EXPERTISE,+ MR WILSON SAID.

HE ALSO THANKED THE VOLUNTEER WORKERS, MOSTLY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, WHO SACRIFICED MANY DAYS AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES TO WORK UNDER ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS ON THE PROJECT.

+I HOPE THAT, WHEN THEY HAVE DRAWN BREATH AGAIN AND DISCOVERED HOW DULL LIFE CAN BE WITHOUT A FORT TO RESTORE, THEY'LL BE READY TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE NEXT TWO PROJECTS: FAN LAU FORT AND THE FORMER IMPERIAL CUSTOMS STATION ON JUNK ISLAND,+ MR WILSON ADDED.

THE TUNG LUNG FORT WAS BUILT DURING THE REIGN OF CHING EMPEROR HONG HAI (1662-1722 AD) WITH THE OBJECT OF SUPPRESSING PIRATES AND CONTROLLING TRADE WITH THE WEST.

IT WAS LOCATED ON THE STRATEGIC POINT OVERLOOKING FAT TONG MUN THROUGH WHICH TRADING JUNKS ON THEIR WAY TO CANTON PASSED.

BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING SUPPLIES TO THE GARRISON ON A REMOTE ISLAND, IT WAS VACATED IN 1810 WHEN THE GARRISON MOVED TO KOWLOON.

IN 1979, THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DECIDED TO RESTORE THE FORT PARTIALLY.

+SINCE THE ORIGINAL APPEARANCE OF THE FORT CANNOT BE TRACED, A PARTIAL RESTORATION WOULD AVOID CONJECTURE AND SPECULATION,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE SAID.

RESTORATION WORK USING LABOUR AND VOLUNTEERS WAS CARRIED OUT IN FIVE STAGES. THE FIRST PHASE OF RESTORATION BEGAN IN JANUARY 1979 AND THE FINAL IN OCTOBER 1981.

A NOTABLE FEATURE OF THE FIFTH PHASE IS THE SYSTEMATIC EXCAVATION OF THE INTERIOR WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE WHOLE INTERNAL LAYOUT IS REVEALED.

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NEW BOY SCOUT BUILDING IN TUEN MUN

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, TODAY PRAISED THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND URGED YOUNGSTERS IN TUEN MUN TO JOIN THE SCOUT MOVEMENT.

A LARGE PROPORTION OF PEOPLE IN THE FAST EXPANDING NEW TOWN OF TUEN MUN ARE BELOW 18 YEARS OF AGE AND ARE GOOD POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS IN SCOUTING, HE SAID.

+THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, SCOUTING HAS BEEN A HIGHLY RESPECTED MOVEMENT BECAUSE IT HELPS TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AND A SENSE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE.

+THROUGH ITS MANY AND VARIED PROGRAMMES, THIS MOVEMENT ALSO HELPS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG, THUS HELPING THEM CULTIVATE HEALTHY HOBBIES AND PURSUITS AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, DEVELOP SOUND AND UPRIGHT CHARACTERS,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF NEW OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION WHICH IS LAUNCHING A FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JUBILEE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

MR MACPHERSON SAID IT WAS MOST TIMELY THAT THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION HAD TAKEN ON THIS AMBITIOUS PROJECT TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE VENUE AND FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES AMIDST THE EXCELLENT ENVIRONMENT OF FU TEI TSUEN IN TUEN MUN.

THE THREE-STOREY JUBILEE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, TO BE BUILT ON A 976-SQUARE-METRE SITE ALLOCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR, WILL INCLUDE SUCH FACILITIES AS A HALL, A CAMP FIRE SITE, A BASKETBALL COURT, AND FOUR SPECIAL ROOMS FOR TRAINING COURSES AND MEETINGS.

MR MACPHERSON THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF $300 000 TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION COST.

+THE REST, AT LEAST AN EQUAL SUM, WILL HAVE TO COME FROM DONATIONS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

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HONG KONG CAN BE KEPT CLEAN, SAYS NTSD CHIEF

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MUST BE MADE MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE EFFECT OF INDISCRIMINATE LITTERING, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THE PLACE CAN BE KEPT CLEAN,+ HE STRESSED.

SPEAKING AT THE MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY (TUESDAY) MR SWEETMAN CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WHERE PEOPLE HAVE FROM THE START BEEN MADE CONSCIOUS OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL EFFECTS OF LITTERING.

HE SAID THAT TO IMPROVE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE RURAL POPULATION, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WOULD BE STARTING AN EXPERIMENT NEXT MONTH BY CONTRACTING OUT THE CLEANSING OF FOUR VILLAGES TO THE AGENTS OF THE LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE, HE SAID.

+IT IS HOPED WITH THIS LOCAL INVOLVEMENT, PEOPLE WILL BREAK AWAY FROM THE HABIT OF THINKING THAT IT IS THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE PLACE CLEAN AND START THINKING ABOUT THEIR OWN COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY,+ HE CONTINUED.

+THIS SHOULD IMPROVE THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING AND PRIDE IN THE ENVIRONMENT,+ MR SWEETMAN ADDED.

ON THE PART BEING PLAYED BY THE NTSD, MR SWEETMAN SAID HIS DEPARTMENT NOW HAD PLENTY OF REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER. THIS HAD RAISED THE CLEANSING WORKERS' MORALE BECAUSE THEY WERE SURE THAT A VEHICLE WOULD ARRIVE AT A CERTAIN TIME AND THEY WERE THEREFORE BETTER MOTIVATED TOWARDS DOING A GOOD JOB, HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE NTSD WAS ALSO CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF THE CLEANSING SERVICES WHICH HE HOPED WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE BUT ALSO A FAR MORE ECONOMICAL ONE IN THE FUTURE.

HE SAID THAT WHEN THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR, THE NTSD WOULD REVIEW ITS SUCCESSES AND FAILURES AND MODIFY THESE SUCCESSES INTO PROVIDING PERMANENT NEW SERVICES, SUCH AS THE REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR BOAT SQUATTERS.

BUT RURAL POLLUTION, PARTICULARLY AGRICULTURAL WASTE, WAS A JOB NOT YET SUCCESSFULLY TACKLED, MR SWEETMAN ADMITTED, ADDING, +WE ARE GAINING SOME EXPERIENCE THROUGH PHYSICALLY COLLECTING PIG WASTE, BUT THIS IS EXPENSIVE.+

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WAS THEREFORE ENGAGING CONSULTANTS TO REPORT BACK BY THE END OF THIS YEAR ON HOW BEST TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM, HE SAID.

/+PRIORITY AREAS .....

+PRIORITY AREAS WILL BE IN TOLO HARBOUR WHERE WE ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE WATER,+ HE SAID.

DISCUSSING RECREATION, MR SWEETMAN SAID APART FROM BUILDING A COMPETITION SWIMMING POOL IN EACH DISTRICT, THERE SHOULD BE OTHERS WHICH ARE +MORE ORIENTATED TOWARDS GIVING THE WHOLE FAMILY A PLEASANT LEISURE ACTIVITY WITH LANDSCAPED POOLS JUST FOR SPLASHING ABOUT.+

THE ELDERS OF THE FAMILIES COULD SIT IN THE SHADE ENJOYING A MEAL OR DRINK WHILE WATCHING THE YOUNGSTERS PLAYING, HE SAID.

+WE MUST ALSO ON A LARGER SCALE TRY AND FIND SOME WAY TO DEVELOP SUCH POPULAR HOLIDAY RESORT FACILITIES AS THOSE EXISTING IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, BUT IT IS PROBABLE THAT THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE IF WE MODIFY OUR PRESENT POLICY OF GIVING A PIECE OF LAND TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON AUCTION,+ HE SAID.

+TO MAKE A RESORT MORE ATTRACTIVE COSTS MONEY AND WE SHOULD THEREFORE TRY AND STRIKE THE BALANCE BETWEEN GETTING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM THE LAND AND BEING PROVIDED WITH THE MOST ATTRACTIVE RESORT DEVELOPMENT,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER

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THE NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC LANE ON PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 30) FOR DRAINAGE WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS SHOULD USE THE GROUND LEVEL ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

MEANWHILE, THE 190 PARKING SPACES ON THE PODIUM DECK OF THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK WILL BE PERMANENTLY CANCELLED FROM 8 AM ON FRIDAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDOOR STADIUM.

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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS LOOK INTO TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

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THE WESTERN RECLAMATION, DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN 1984, WILL PROBABLY BE USED FOR RESOLVING THE EXISTING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND POOR SANITARY CONDITIONS IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

A GROUP OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WHO TOURED SAI YING PUN AND KENNEDY TOWN THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING EYED THIS PIECE OF LAND AS THEIR ONLY POSSIBLE HOPE OF AMELIORATING THE CHAOTIC ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE AREA CAUSED BY THE ON-STREET LOADING AND UNLOADING OF VEGETABLES, POULTRY, PIGS, CATTLE AND GENERAL CARGOES AROUND CADOGAN STREET, DAVIS STREET AND THE KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA.

TO AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION THERE ARE ALSO A VEGETABLE WHOLESALE MARKET, POULTRY STALLS, AN ABATTOIR AND A PUBLIC LOADING PIER IN THE AREA.

THE GROUP, ACCOMPANIED BY CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR TONY CLARK, AND OFFICERS OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, CAME UP WITH THE IDEA AFTER OBTAINING A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE PIECE OF LAND FROM THE ROOF-TOP OF A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

THE PARTY ALSO EXPERIENCED FOR THEMSELVES SOMETHING OF THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN THE AREA WHEN THEIR COACH WAS CAUGHT IN A TRAFFIC JAM DURING THEIR TOUR TO THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DISTRICT. THE TRAFFIC JAM WAS CAUSED BY LINES OF PARKED LORRIES AND HANDCARTS TAKING ON CARGOES FROM ANCHORED BARGES ALONG THE KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA.

ON THEIR RETURN JOURNEY THE PARTY WERE BRIEFED BY CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS ON PLANS TO PROVIDE DIFFERENT TYPES OF FACILITIES TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING ELECTRICITY AND FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO VILLAGERS OF HOI PONG VILLAGE, A SQUATTER AREA AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT DAVIS.

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PLB CLEARWAY IN WAN CHAI

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THE SECTION OF THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN 163C AND 185 HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A PLB CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 30).

THIS MEANS THAT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP ALONG THIS SECTION BETWEEN 7 AM AND 12 MIDNIGHT TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS.

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