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MORE DIE FROM FIRES IN 1984

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THERE WERE 52 DEATHS AS A RESULT OF FIRES IN 1984, AGAINST 42 IN 1983, ACCORDING TO FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FIGURES RELEASED TODAY.

THERE WERE ALSO MORE INJURIES, AT 727 -- INCLUDING 77 FIREMEN -- AGAINST THE 1983 FIGURE OF 692, INCLUDING 54 FIREMEN.

CARELESS HANDLING OR DISPOSAL OF CIGARETTES, MATCHES AND CANDLES CAUSED MOST OF THE FIRES, ACCOUNTING FOR 4 633 OF THE 14 693 CALLS TO WHICH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT RESPONDED.

IN 1983, THE DEPARTMENT HAD RESPONDED TO 14 504 CALLS.

DEFECTIVE AND UNATTENDED COOKING STOVES, TOGETHER WITH HEATERS AND IRONS WERE THE SECOND MOST FREQUENT CAUSES, NUMBERING 2 100, WITH ELECTRICAL FAULTS RUNNING THIRD, WITH 1 713 OUTBREAKS.

SQUATTER FIRES, NUMBERING 264, WERE UP ON THE FIGURE OF 118 THE YEAR BEFORE. CASES OF SUSPECTED ARSON, AT 31, WERE FEWER THAN THE 40 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

AND RESPONSES TO SPECIAL SERVICES CALLS, INCLUDING LANDSLIDES, HOUSE COLLAPSES, DROWNINGS, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, GAS LEAKAGES AMONG OTHER INCIDENTS, WERE LOWER, AT 9 000, THAN THE 1983 FIGURE OF 9 427.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WERE MORE CASES OF PEOPLE BEING TRAPPED BY MACHINERY -- 142 COMPARED WITH ONLY 84 IN 1983.

THE DEPARTMENT'S AMBULANCE COMMAND RESPONDED TO A RECORD NUMBER OF CALLS IN THE PERIOD, TOTALLING 313 212, OF WHICH 220 768 WERE EMERGENCY, AGAINST THE PREVIOUS FIGURES OF 303 523 AMBULANCE CALLS, 220 242 OF THEM EMERGENCY.

PATIENTS CARRIED BY AMBULANCES, BOTH EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY, ALSO REACHED A RECORD FIGURE OF 417 429, COMPARED WITH THE 409 054 IN THE YEAR BEFORE.

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BUSY YEAR FOR ENQUIRY CENTRE

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THE 64 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESC'S) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAD A BUSY TIME LAST YEAR -- INCREASING ITS SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC BY 32.2 PER CENT OVER 1983.

THE PESC'S PROVIDE A WIDE VARIETY OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC SUCH AS ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES, DISTRIBUTING GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS, ADMINISTRATING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, ADVISING AND OFFERING INFORMATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS.

+THE CENTRES ALSO RENDER ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND ARRANGING REFERRALS WHERE THE PROBLEM IS COMPLEX AND REQUIRES EXPERT ADVICE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID.

+FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1984, MORE THAN FIVE-MILLION CASES AND ENQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED, WHICH REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 20.3 PER CENT OVER FIGURES FOR 1983,+ HE ADDED.

+DURING THE YEAR, SOME 8.7 MILLION FORMS AND INFORMATION BOOKLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED, WITH THE MOST POPULAR BEING APPLICATION FORMS FOR GOVERNMENT JOBS,+ HE SAID.

UNDER THE +FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME+, A TOTAL OF 3 293 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY, OF WHICH, 3 071 CASES WERE HANDLED BY THE LAW SOCIETY'S SOLICITORS AND 468 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE.

+IN 1984, TWO ADDITIONAL CENTRES, IN YAU MA TEI AND KWUN TONG, WERE OPENED BRINGING TO EIGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ADVICE CENTRES TO PROVIDE MORE EXTENSIVE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL OPENED

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THE SEVENTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, MR BARNES SAID THAT THE FESTIVAL HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL EVENT AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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HE ALSO SAID THAT ONE OF THE OPENING PERFORMANCES FEATURING CHILDREN'S CHOIRS FROM SEVEN NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS IS PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL AS HONG KONG IS AT THE THRESHOLD OF SETTING UP THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL WOULD SEEK TO CULTIVATE AN EVEN CLOSER RELATIONSHIP AMONG NEW TERRITORIES CULTURAL GROUPS AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE PROVISION OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BETTER, HE ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL REFLECTS, TO SOME EXTENT, THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER HALLS AS FOCAL POINTS FOR THE PROMOTION OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN A NEW TOWN.

IN ADDITION TO EXISTING VENUES IN TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG AND THE NORTH DISTRICT, NEW FACILITIES WILL BE OPENED IN TAI PO LATER THIS YEAR. TWO TOWN HALLS, TO BE SITED IN SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN, SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MID-1986.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR HO TUNG-CHING, SAID AT THE OPENING THAT AN ORGANISATION LIKE THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY SHOULD BE SET UP IF THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WERE TO HAVE MORE CONTINUITY IN PROMOTIONAL WORK AND MORE FINANCIAL AUTONOMY.

THE 33-DAY FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD UNTIL MARCH 14, FEATURES 66 PERFORMANCES FOR PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND AGE GROUPS.

THERE WILL BE 46 PERFORMANCES IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND 20 IN VARIOUS OUTDOOR VENUES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE TWO GUZHENG-KOTO-KAYAGUM RECITALS, A NIGHT OF VIENNA MUSIC BY THE VIENNA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, AN INVITATION TO THE BALLET, AND MIMES BY THE TRESTLE THEATRE COMPANY AND NOLA RAE.

TICKETS FOR MOST OF THE PERFORMANCES ARE PRICED BETWEEN \$10 AND \$30. THEY ARE ON SALE AT THE TOWN HALL'S BOX OFFICE.

THE FESTIVAL IS PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (NEW TERRITORIES DIVISION) AND THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION.

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SPRING SCROLL REMINDS PEOPLE TO CAST VOTE
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ERECTED A GIANT +SPRING SCROLL+ WITH A REMINDER TO PEOPLE TO VOTE ON MARCH 7 OUTSIDE ITS BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING AT TUNG YAN STREET.

THE 15-METRE HIGH SCROLL, IS FLANKED BY COLOURFUL RIBBONS WITH THE MESSAGE WISHING RESIDENTS A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

THE GIANT SCROLL IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S FESTIVE DECORATIONS AS WELL AS ITS ELECTIONS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

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DB TO BE CONSULTED ON SPENT CONVICTION SCHEME
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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SPENT CONVICTION SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE NGAU CHI WAN OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH SETS OUT VARIOUS LAND USES, COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING AND COMPLETION DATES OF PROJECTS BEING DEVELOPED IN THE AREA.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES CAUSED BY VICE-ASSOCIATED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RESIDENTS.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT REPORT, PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES FOR THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

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EXCHANGING VIEWS ON EDUCATION

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TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES OF AIDED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF DISCUSSION SESSIONS WITH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON APRIL 2.

THESE DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN HELD IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND HAD PROVED TO BE A VALUABLE CHANNEL OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN TEACHERS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES HAD IN THE PAST TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS FREELY THE VIEWS OF THEIR COLLEAGUES ON VARIOUS TOPICS OF CONCERN. IN MOST CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WERE GIVEN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CONVEYED TO HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES.

TO PROVIDE A WIDER REPRESENTATION, BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS OF AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO SEND A TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THESE DISCUSSIONS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THE NAMES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICERS OF THEIR AREA ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 28.

THEY SHOULD ALSO INFORM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE TOPICS THEIR TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES WOULD WISH TO RAISE DURING THE DISCUSSION SESSIONS.

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IT'S MEN'S TURN AGAIN

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THE SECOND CYCLE OF THE NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE SCHEME FOR MEN WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 11.

MEN BORN IN 1947 AND BEFORE ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS DURING THIS CYCLE. THERE IS AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF MORE THAN 900 000 PEOPLE IN THIS GROUP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE EXERCISE WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN EIGHT PHASES, SPREADING OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT 10 MONTHS.

+EACH PHASE WILL DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FROM A SPECIFIC AGE-GROUP, AND THE FIRST GROUP WILL BE THOSE BORN BETWEEN 1945 AND 1947,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL PHASES WILL BE PUBLICISED THROUGH POSTERS, TV SLIDES, RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS.

+MEN IN THESE AGE GROUPS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR THEIR TURNS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE FIRST CYCLE OF THE SCHEME, A TOTAL OF 1 047 000 NEW CARDS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO MEN BORN BETWEEN 1948 AND 1965.

+WE HOPE THAT THE COMING CYCLE WILL RECEIVE JUST AS MUCH SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FROM THE TARGET GROUPS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IS EASY AND SIMPLE, TAKING ONLY ABOUT 30 MINUTES,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS WHEN THEY VISIT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

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DIVER WITH A SPECIAL TASK
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TO STATION OFFICER WONG SHIU-HUNG, DIVING IS A YEAR-ROUND LIFE-SAVING TASK, OFTEN IN MURKY WATER AND INCLEMENT WEATHER.

BUT MR WONG GETS GREAT JOB SATISFACTION.

+EACH TIME I EMERGE FROM THE WATER AFTER A SUCCESSFUL MISSION, SAY AFTER SAVING A HALF-DROWNED CHILD, I FEEL IMMENSELY GRATIFIED,+ HE SAID.

ATTACHED TO A FIRE BOAT BERTHED AT TSING YI, MR WONG IS ONE OF THE NINE DIVING INSTRUCTORS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS AWARDED THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR COURAGEOUS ACTION DURING THE JUMBO FLOATING RESTAURANT FIRE IN ABERDEEN IN 1971.

+FIRE SERVICES DIVERS ARE USUALLY DESPATCHED TO RESERVOIRS, TYPHOON SHELTERS, FISH PONDS, NULLAHS AND THE WATERFRONT FOR UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS,+ SAID MR WONG, WHO HAS SERVED IN THE DIVING TEAM FOR 14 YEARS.

THESE ARE THE SITES WHERE MOST DROWNINGS OCCUR. IN MANY OF THESE PLACES, THE SEABED IS SILTED AND THE UNDERWATER VISIBILITY POOR.

+THE FIRST THING WE DO ON ARRIVAL AT THE SCENE OF AN INCIDENT IS TO FIND A WITNESS TO PINPOINT THE LOCATION WHERE A PERSON IS REPORTED TO HAVE FALLEN INTO THE WATER.

+IF NO WITNESS CAN BE FOUND, WE WILL MARK OUT A SEARCH AREA ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION,+ MR WONG SAID.

USUALLY NO SEARCH OR RESCUE OPERATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IF THE CURRENT IS STRONG, THE WATER IS MORE THAN 15 METRES DEEP, OR MORE THAN HALF AN HOUR HAS ELAPSED AFTER THE INCIDENT.

HOWEVER, TO CONSOLE THE FAMILY CONCERNED, DIVERS WILL TRY TO RECOVER THE BODY.

AT PRESENT, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPERATES AROUND THE CLOCK THREE DIVING UNITS OF 22 DIVERS EACH.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE 18 DIVERS IN THE FIRE CONTINGENT AT KAI TAK AIRPORT RESPONSIBLE FOR RESCUE OPERATIONS WITHIN 100 METRES OF THE AIRPORT.

MR WONG SHIU-HUNG HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED AN EIGHT-WEEK COURSE ON DIVING INSTRUCTION AND SUPERVISION AT A POLICE DIVING SCHOOL IN ENGLAND.

THE COURSE COVERED BASIC DIVING TECHNIQUES, SEARCH PATTERNS, EMERGENCY RESCUE PROCEDURES, UNDERWATER LIFTING EQUIPMENT, SAFETY REGULATIONS, UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY AND DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS.

MR WONG SAID HE WAS INCORPORATING WHAT HE HAD LEARNT INTO THE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR FIRE SERVICES DIVERS.

FIREMEN APPLYING TO BE TRAINED AS DIVERS SHOULD BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 25. THEY MUST TAKE AN APTITUDE TEST AND ATTEND A MEDICAL EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR COMPRESSED AIR WORKERS.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE GIVEN THREE WEEKS' TRAINING, COVERING BASIC DIVING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AS WELL AS SEARCH METHODS.

THESE TRAINED FIREMEN WILL THEN BE POSTED TO +EMERGENCY TENDERS+. THESE ARE VEHICLES SPECIALLY EQUIPPED FOR FIGHTING BIG FIRES AND FOR SEA OR LAND RESCUE OPERATIONS WHEN LIVES ARE AT STAKE DURING FLOODING AND LANDSLIPS.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT NOW HAS SIX EMERGENCY TENDERS STATIONED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

+WE WILL BE ACQUIRING FOUR NEW-TYPE VEHICLES KNOWN AS DIVING TENDERS. THEY ARE EQUIPPED SOLELY FOR DIVING OPERATIONS,+ SAID MR WONG WING-CHUNG, THE DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONAL OFFICER (TRAINING).

THESE NEW VEHICLES WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO THE DEPARTMENT'S DIVING TEAMS, HE SAID.

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WORK TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

MAINSLAYING WORK TO IMPROVE THE SALT WATER AND FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI AREAS WILL START IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE WORK, INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY 2 700 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS AND 850 METRES OF SALT WATER MAINS ALONG FERRY STREET AND ADJACENT STREETS, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BY MARCH 8.

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STREET AND BRIDGE CLOSURE

A STREET IN TUEN MUN AND A BRIDGE IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TEMPORARILY ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 13).

IN TUEN MUN, THE STREET J SOUTH OF WALDORF GARDEN WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

MOTORISTS ON TUEN MUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND TRAVELLING TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD MAY USE STREET H DURING THE CLOSURE.

IN SHA TIN, SAND MATIN BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6 PM TO 7 PM TO FACILITATE THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVE LIGHTING.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO CROSS SHING MUN RIVER SHOULD USE EITHER BANYAN BRIDGE OR LION BRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, KMB ROUTES 48, 69, 70, 72A AND 81K AND MAXICAB ROUTE 65 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR SCREENING PLANT

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHAM SHUI PO SCREENING PLANT.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JUNE AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1987.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE PLANT WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH SEWAGE FROM SHAM SHUI PO AND THUS IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY IN THE NORTH-WESTERN SECTION OF VICTORIA HARBOUR.

THE EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THREE INCLINED BAR SCREENS WHICH WILL REMOVE THE SOLID MATTER FROM THE SEWAGE FLOW. THE SCREENINGS WILL THEN BE TRANSFERRED BY A CONVEYOR TO PRESSES WHERE THEY WILL BE COMPACTED PRIOR TO BEING TRANSPORTED TO A LAND FILL TIP.

THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPERVISED BY WATSON HAWKSLEY ASIA WHO ARE THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE CONSTRUCTION (LIQUID AND SOLID WASTES) DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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LANDING FACILITIES FOR LIGHT BEACON

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE LANDING FACILITIES FOR AN EXISTING LIGHT BEACON AT BUSH REEF, TOLO CHANNEL, WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 992 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

THE FACILITIES WILL BE USED FOR THE UNLOADING OF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.

THE EXTENT OF THE AFFECTED AREA IS DESCRIBED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS PLAN HAVE BEEN POSTED ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG= AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN QUARRY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 13) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY 888-1094 KING'S ROAD, MT. PARKER ROAD, QUARRY BAY STREET, YAU MAN STREET, GREIG ROAD, INCLUDING NAM FUNG SUN CHUEN AND SHIP YARD LANE.

ON THE SAME DAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO KWUN TONG, NGAU TAU KOK, NGAU CHI WAN AND SAU MAU PING WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FOR MAINS WORK.

PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES INCLUDING NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, SHUN LEE, SHUN TIN, SHUN ON, WO LOK, LAM TIN, KWUN TONG (LEI YUE MUN ROAD), CHOI WAN, SAU MAU PING, KWUN TONG (TSUI PING ROAD) AND SHUN CHI COURT WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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TWO PLAYGROUNDS FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS

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TWO MULTI-PURPOSE AMENITY AREAS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN YUEN LONG AND WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE 2 000 SQUARE METRE KIN YIP STREET PLAYGROUND IS BUILT AT A COST OF \$1.6 MILLION. FACILITIES INCLUDE A BASKETBALL COURT AND A ROLLER SKATING RINK WHICH IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN YUEN LONG.

THE \$900 000 FUNG KWAN STREET GARDEN IS BUILT ON A 1 900 SQUARE METRE SITE WITH SITTING OUT AREA AND A BASKETBALL COURT.

BOTH PROJECTS ARE DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE MANAGED BY THE NTSD.

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LAMMA ISLAND TO GET CONSUMER SERVICES DEPOT
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A CONSUMER SERVICES DEPOT IS TO BE BUILT AT YUNG SHUE LONG VILLAGE ON LAMMA ISLAND AS PART OF A SCHEME TO SUPPLY FRESH WATER TO THE ISLAND'S VILLAGES, PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE POWER STATION.

THE THREE-STOREY BUILDING WILL INCLUDE AN OFFICE, STORAGE YARD, A BARRACK ROOM WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED AS A MESS AND TWO UNITS OF STAFF QUARTERS.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR WORK ON THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MEANWHILE A \$7.2 MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR THE LAYING OF 2 400 METRES OF 900-MILLIMETRE MILD STEEL FRESH WATER TRUNK MAIN IN VICTORIA ROAD, WESTERN.

THIS FORMS PART OF A PROJECT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM TO POKFULAM, ABERDEEN, AP LEI CHAU AND LAMMA ISLAND.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC BAN
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FROM 1 AM TO 5.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 13), ALL VEHICLES WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT FROM FINNIE STREET IN QUARRY BAY INTO KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND.

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

DURING THE TEMPORARY BAN, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND AND SHIPYARD LANE.

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