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INDUSTRY TO BE CONSULTED ON POLLUTION WHITE PAPER

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THE GOVERNMENT, IN THE COMING MONTHS, WILL BE HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS ON THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN THE WHITE PAPER ON POLLUTION, THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

DR REED WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION AND CONTROL EXHIBITION IN NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN, ORGANISED BY THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WORKING GROUP 1989.

HE SAID, IN PARTICULAR, DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE ON THE INTENTIONS DECLARED IN THE WHITE PAPER TO EXTEND TO ADDITIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IN HONG KONG THE CONTROLS ON SULPHUR IN FUEL OIL THAT APPLY ALREADY TO AREAS SUCH AS SHA TIN, NORTH DISTRICT, TAI PO AND JUNK BAY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE SO THAT IT BECOMES A MORE EFFICIENT AND COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUMENT FOR IMPROVING THE WATER QUALITY OF THE WATERS AROUND HONG KONG.

DR REED SAID INDUSTRY WAS OFTEN CONSIDERED AS THE ONLY VILLAIN IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCENE.

"THIS IS NOT HOW IT SHOULD BE AT ALL. INDUSTRIALISTS, LIKE THE REST OF US, ARE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE, THEREFORE, THE SAME INTEREST IN CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER, AND A REASONABLY QUIET ENVIRONMENT.

"IN REALITY, THE INTEREST OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN IMPROVING OUT ENVIRONMENT GOES WAY BEYOND THE INTEREST OF INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIALISTS AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE EXTEND THE EXISTING LIMITATIONS ON SULPHUR IN FUEL OIL TO THE REMAINDER OF HONG KONG, WE WILL CUT DOWN THE AMOUNT OF BRONCHIAL AND OTHER ILLNESSES AMONGST THE WORKFORCE WHICH MEANS LESS WORK TIME LOST THROUGH SICKNESS.

"IT MEANS ALSO THAT WE WILL NEED LESS IN THE WAY OF MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL SERVICES, WHICH MUST FOLLOW THROUGH TO A SMALLER DEMAND ON TA. REVENUE TO FUND SUCH SERVICES."

DR REED SAID THERE WERE OCCASIONS WHEN THE REDEVELOPMENT OF OLD INDUSTRIAL SITES WAS SEVERELY CONSTRAINED BECAUSE OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE EMISSIONS FROM ADJACENT INDUSTRIAL PREMISES.

IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRIALIST WHO WISHED TO REDEVELOP COULD LOSE LARGE SUMS OF MONEY, BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE SULPHUR DIOXIDE EMISSIONS.

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DR REED HOPED THAT WHEN DISCUSSIONS START ON THESE TWO WHITE PAPER POLICIES, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GET AWAY FROM FOCUSING ON CRUDE OR GROSS COSTS TO INDUSTRY, AND LOOK AT THE MATTER ON A MUCH BROADER ECONOMIC BASIS AND FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE OVERALL COMMUNITY INTEREST.

THE INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION AND CONTROL EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN ATRIUM PLAZA (NEAR MUSIC FOUNTAIN) NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN FROM TODAY TO JUNE 20.

THE EXHIBITION WILL THEN BE MOVED TO THE WEST BRIDGE OF THE LANDMARK, CENTRAL, FOR PUBLIC VIEWING BETWEEN JUNE 21 AND 23.

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SWD HOTLINE SERVICE WELL PATRONISED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE TELEPHONE SERVICE HAD A BUSY YEAR IN 1988.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1980, THE SERVICE HAS HANDLED 144,000 PUBLIC TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES, OR AN AVERAGE OF 16,000 CALLS PER YEAR.

ENQUIRIES RECEIVED IN 1987 TOTALLED 11,400, AND INCREASED TO 13,000 LAST YEAR.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ATTRIBUTED THE INCREASE TO NEW SERVICES INTRODUCED LAST YEAR.

HE EXPECTED THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD MAKE USE OF THE HOTLINE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AS MORE NEW SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS ARE INTRODUCED.

INITIALLY, THE HOTLINE WAS RUN BY A SINGLE STAFF MEMBER DURING OFFICE HOURS. FUTHER STAFF WERE DEPLOYED LATER.

AT PRESENT, THE HOTLINE SERVICE IS MANNED BY FOUR SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANTS ON ROTATION FROM 9 AM TO 10 PM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY AND FROM 1 PM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. AN AUTOMATIC RECORDING SYSTEM OPERATES OUTSIDE NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

AN ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE LINE WAS INSTALLED LAST YEAR TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND.

THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE HOTLINE ARE TO ANSWER PUBLIC ENQUIRIES IN RELATION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S SERVICES, TO REFER CALLERS TO APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICES, OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR ASSISTANCE OR FOLLOW UP SERVICES, AND TO RENDER IMMEDIATE COUNSELLING WHEN NECESARY.

THE MAJORITY OF ENQUIRIES ARE CONCERNED WITH GENERAL INFORMATION ON DEPARTMENT SERVICES.

PROBLEMS DEALT WITH BY HOTLINE STAFF INCLUDE FAMILY PROBLEMS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROBLEMS, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL PROBLEMS, AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HOTLINE HAD PROVED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE CHANNEL FOR THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S SERVICES IN PROVIDING IMMEDIATE COUNSELLING FROM PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CALL 3-432255 SHOULD THEY REQUIRE ANY FORM OF SOCIAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE.

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MORE SAFETY COURSES OPEN FOR ENROLMENT

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THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON WORKERS AND SUPERVISORS IN INDUSTRIES TO ENROL IN THE TRAINING COURSES IT ORGANISES FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR.

THE COURSES, LASTING FROM HALF A DAY TO FIVE DAYS, ARE TAILORED TO ENABLE WORKERS TO IDENTIFY UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THEIR WORKPLACE AND TO UPDATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY COVER A WIDE RANGE OF AREAS SUCH AS INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT PREVENTION, CONSTRUCTION SAFETY, MANUAL LIFTING AND HANDLING, ELECTRICAL SAFETY, SLINGING, MACHINERY AND POWER PRESS.

SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSES FOR SUPERVISORY STAFF FROM INDUSTRY INCLUDE HEARING CONSERVATION, ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION, USE AND CONTROL OF ASBESTOS, SAFETY IN WORK IN COMPRESSED AIR (TUNNELLING) AND IN CAISSON.

"WE CONSTANTLY REVIEW THE COURSE PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THAT IT MEETS THE DEMAND OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIES," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"AS SUCH, A NEW COURSE - HAZARDS AND SAFETY CONTROL IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY - WILL BE INTRODUCED LATER THIS YEAR."

TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND, THE NUMBER OF COURSES ON SAFETY IN CONFINED SPACES WILL BE INCREASED FROM 10 TO 17 CLASSES BETWEEN JUNE AND DECEMBER.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE SAFETY COURSES WERE WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC.

DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, SOME 3,600 WORKERS HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE 134 CLASSES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE.

OF THESE COURSES, THE ONE ON THE BASIC INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT PREVENTION WAS MOST WELCOMED, WITH 585 WORKERS ATTENDING 16 CLASSES.

"OTHER CLASSES WELL RECEIVED INCLUDED THOSE ON MANUAL LIFTING AND HANDLING AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL SAFETY.

"IN VIEW OF THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE, EMPLOYEES ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT THROUGH THEIR EMPLOYERS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, AS PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL THE SAFETY COURSES ARE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND ADMISSIONS ARE FREE."

PROSPECTUS AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE CENTRE ON THE 13TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL.

APART FROM TRAINING COURSES, THE CENTRE ALSO PREPARES VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING PACKAGES WHICH CONSIST OF COLOUR TRANSPARENCIES, SOUND-ON-SLIDE AND VIDEO TAPES.

THESE PACKAGES WHICH ARE ON LOAN TO THE PUBLIC, COVERS CAISSON SAFETY, ELECTRICAL SAFETY, WORKING AT HEIGHT AND CRANE SAFETY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE TRAINING PACKAGES CAN BE MADE AT THE CENTRE OR AT 5-8523563 AND 5-8523565.

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POLICE NEGOTIATORS MORE IN DEMAND

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A MAN STOOD OUTSIDE THE RAILING ON A 21ST FLOOR CORRIDOR OF A HOUSING BLOCK IN TSUEN WAN, THREATENING TO JUMP AND DEMANDING TO SEE HIS GIRL FRIEND. FOUR HOURS LATER THE MAN WAS PERSUADED TO CLIMB BACK TO SAFETY AND EVENTUALLY TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND CARE.

THAT TRAGEDY WAS AVERTED IN A HIGHLY CHARGED EMOTIONAL SITUATION DUE LARGELY TO THE SKILL AND PATIENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE NEGOTIATOR CADRE.

TRAINED TO DEAL WITH CRIMINAL OR HOSTAGE TAKING SITUATIONS AND OTHER LIFE THREATENING INCIDENTS THE NEGOTIATORS ARE FACED MOSTLY WITH DOMESTIC PROBLEMS RESULTING IN SUICIDE THREATS AND WOULD-BE HIGH RISE JUMPERS.

SOMETIMES THE SYMPATHETIC POLICE OFFICER SHARING A ROOFTOP WITH AN EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON FAILS AND LONG HOURS OF FRIENDLY PERSUASION END IN TRAGEDY.

BUT IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES THE PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEGOTIATORS SUCCEEDS WITH A HAPPIER OUTCOME FOR ALL CONCERNED.

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LAST YEAR POLICE NEGOTIATORS ATTENDED 16 INCIDENTS, THE HIGHEST NUMBER IN FIVE YEARS.

"THE INCREASING NUMBER OF INCIDENTS WE ATTEND DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THERE ARE MORE OF THEM," SAID MR TOM DELBRIDGE OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS. "IT MEANS THAT THE NEGOTIATORS ARE MORE IN DEMAND.

"MOST OF THE SITUATIONS THE CADRE FACES ARE DUE TO LOVE AFFAIRS GOING WRONG, BROKEN MARRIAGES OR MONEY PROBLEMS. THEY ARE CRIES FOR HELP FROM PEOPLE IN DISTRESS."

THE CADRE IS COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF VOLUNTEERS, ALL SPECIALLY TRAINED IN NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUES IN DEALING WITH CRIMINAL HOSTAGE SITUATIONS AND OTHER LIFE THREATENING INCIDENTS.

IT CONSISTS OF BOTH LOCAL AND EXPATRIATE OFFICERS WHO PERFORM CADRE DUTIES ON A PART TIME BASIS AND ARE AVAILABLE ON 24 HOURS CALL. THEIR RANKS ARE FROM STATION SERGEANT TO SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT.

THREE TEAMS COVER ONE EACH OF THE FORCE LAND REGIONS, WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES TEAM COVERING MARINE REGION. ABOUT 10 OFFICERS MAKE UP EACH TEAM WITH FOUR FUNCTIONING TOGETHER.

WHILE ONE OFFICER TALKS TO THE SUBJECT, ANOTHER OFFICER PROMPTS AND ADVISES WHILE ANOTHER ACTS AS LEADER, TALKING TO WITNESSES AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

THE SKILLS REQUIRED OF A NEGOTIATOR INCLUDE MATURITY, LEVEL HEADEDNESS, A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN NATURE, RESPECT FOR THE FEELINGS AND VIEWPOINTS OF OTHERS. THEY MUST BE EVEN TEMPERED, PATIENT AND HAVE GOOD VERBAL SKILLS. AND THEY MUST WORK WELL IN A TEAM.

THEY ARE TRAINED IN A TWO DAY INDUCTION COURSE WHICH INTRODUCES NEWCOMERS TO THE CADRE TO BASIC PRINCIPLES AND HOW THEY ARE APPLIED DURING CRIMINAL AND DOMESTIC SITUATIONS AND SUICIDE THREATS.

ALTHOUGH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESCUE OF PEOPLE IN DOMESTIC SITUATIONS THE CADRE RESPONDS ON REQUEST IN CERTAIN CASES.

"IT IS A DUAL EFFORT BETWEEN THE FIRE SERVICES AND US," MR DELBRIDGE SAID.

THE NEGOTIATOR USES HIS POWERS OF UNDERSTANDING THE SUBJECT'S PLIGHT AND HIS PERSONALITY TO PERSUADE HIM OR HER TO THINK AGAIN ABOUT HIS THREAT. ON SOME OCCASIONS THE THREATS INVOLVE OTHERS, SUCH AS A MOTHER THREATENING TO JUMP WITH HER YOUNG BABY.

THE NEGOTIATOR GETS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE SUBJECT, WHILE AVOIDING PUTTING HIS OWN LIFE IN DANGER.

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"WE DON'T WANT THEM TO GET TOO CLOSE. WE DON'T WANT ANY HEROES AND WE TELL THEM TO STAY IN A SAFE POSITION," SAID MR DELBRIDGE. "AT THE SAME TIME THE NEGOTIATOR DEVELOPS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS SUBJECT.

"IT'S A SPARE TIME JOB AND IT'S OFTEN A TREMENDOUS STRAIN ON AN OFFICER. IT CAN TAKE HOURS TO COMPLETE A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION AND OBVIOUSLY THE OFFICER WANTS TO GET IT OVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND ON THOSE RARE OCCASIONS WHEN HE LOSES SOMEONE HE FEELS IT VERY BADLY."

MR DELBRIDGE SAID THAT THERE WAS A 100 PER CENT CHANCE THAT A NEGOTIATOR WOULD BE CALLED OUT IN THE SPACE OF A YEAR.

THE EXPERIENCE OF EXISTING MEMBERS OF THE CADRE WAS SUSTAINED WHEN POSSIBLE.

"IF AN EXPERIENCED OFFICER IS AVAILABLE TO US WE ARE RELUCTANT TO LET HIM GO. WE HAVE THREE OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN WITH THE CADRE FOR 13 YEARS, SINCE IT WAS FIRST SET UP."

MR DICK CRESSWELL, SENIOR STAFF INSPECTOR, SAID: "WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE PEOPLE AND IF WE ARE ABLE TO EXPAND THE CADRE WE WILL LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF REARRANGING THE RESERVE SYSTEM FOR DOMESTIC INCIDENTS.

"IT'S AN EXTRA COMMITMENT BUT IF PEOPLE DID NOT VOLUNTEER FOR THIS WORK IN THEIR OWN TIME WE WOULD NOT HAVE A NEGOTIATOR CADRE," HE SAID.

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KWAI TSING DB TO DISCUSS RIGHT OF ABODE ISSUE
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY (JUNE 20) TO DISCUSS THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT AND THE RIGHT OF ABODE FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL BEGIN AT 3:30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3:30 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 20) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT SEEKING YOUNG RECRUITS
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) IS CALLING ON ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO JOIN THE REGIMENT.

THIS YEAR'S RECRUITMENT EXERCISE, WHICH STARTS TOMORROW (MONDAY), IS SEEKING TO RECRUIT 130 MALES AND 20 FEMALES.

"YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO FACE UP TO CHALLENGE AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY SHOULD JOIN IN," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE VOLUNTEERS SAID.

"BEING A VOLUNTEER HELPS IN BUILDING UP ONE'S PHYSIQUE AS WELL AS CULTIVATING A MORE MATURE AND CAPABLE PERSONALITY."

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING IN BASIC MILITARY SKILLS, INCLUDING DRILL, HANDLING RIFLES, AND SUB-MACHINE GUNS, AND USE OF VEHICLES AND ASSAULT BOATS. TRAINING IN OPERATING RADIO EQUIPMENT AND IN MAP READING AND FIRST AID IS ALSO GIVEN.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE 17 1/2 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE, HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY EDUCATION AND HAVE A REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF SPOKEN ENGLISH. THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE REGULAR EMPLOYMENT AND SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED THEIR EMPLOYERS' CONSENT IN JOINING THE FORCE.

TRAINING OF NEW RECRUITS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON FOUR EVENINGS AND ONE WEEKEND PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE MONTHS. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO ATTEND TWO NINE-DAY TRAINING CAMPS BEFORE PASSING OUT.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT NO.1 SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 30.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE REGIMENT'S RECRUITING OFFICER ON 5-761371.

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NEW DISTRICT POLICE HQ FOR TSUEN WAN
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POLICE IN TSUEN WAN WILL HAVE A NEW DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND DIVISIONAL STATION IN 1991.

A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATION, WORTH \$49.36 MILLION, HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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THE STATION WILL BE LOCATED ON A 6,100 SQUARE METRE SITE AT TSUEN KING CIRCUIT. WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START ON JUNE 20 AND TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THERE WILL BE A 17-STOREY MAIN BLOCK AND TWO SINGLE-STOREY ANCILLARY BUILDINGS.

THE HIGH BLOCK WILL PROVIDE OFFICES, PUBLIC REPORTING FACILITIES, HOLDING CELLS, BARRACKS AND A CANTEEN.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR OPHTHALMIC CENTRE

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING AN OPHTHALMIC CENTRE AT ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON.

IT WILL BE BUILT ON A 7,000-SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR LOMOND STREET.

THE FOUR-STOREY BUILDING WILL HAVE 14 CONSULTING ROOMS, SIX TREATMENT ROOMS, SIX EXAMINATION ROOMS, FOUR ORTHOPTIC ROOMS, TWO OPERATING THEATRE SUITES, 14 DAY BEDS AND AN ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FACILITIES FOR HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING, OFFICES, STORAGE AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

THE PROVISION OF PARKING SPACES, EXTERNAL LANDSCAPED AREAS AND ACCESS ROADS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1991.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON JUNE 30.

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PEAK TRAM SERVICE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 20) FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO FACILITATE MODERNISATION WORKS.

PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO USE EXISTING CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTE NO. 15 (BETWEEN EXCHANGE SQUARE AND THE PEAK) AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 1 (BETWEEN HMS TAMAR AND THE PEAK). ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON THESE TWO ROUTES ACCORDING TO PASSENGER DEMAND DURING THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN HAPPY VALLEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE WATER-MAIN LAYING WORKS, SHAN KWONG ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN TSUI MAN STREET AND VILLAGE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 20) FOR SIX WEEKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, DOWNHILL TRAFFIC ON SHAN KWONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSUI MAN STREET, SING WOO ROAD AND VILLAGE ROAD.

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