



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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STAFF APPROVED FOR PWD GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE  
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GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE CREATION OF 183 POSTS TO STAFF THE SPECIAL OFFICE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL ACT AS WATCHDOG OVER ALL SLOPES IN HONG KONG.

THE NEW OFFICE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, HAS ALREADY COMPLETED ITS FIRST MAJOR TASK — THE RECOMPACTION OF A NUMBER OF FILL SLOPES IN PUBLIC HOUSING AREAS TO THE RIGOROUS STANDARDS SET BY THE INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF EXPERTS WHICH INVESTIGATED LAST YEAR'S SAU MAU PING LANDSLIDE.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR. BRYAN O'RORKE, SAID TODAY THE STABILITY AND SAFETY OF THE SLOPES HAD BEEN ASSURED AT A COST OF ABOUT \$30 MILLION.

MR. O'RORKE SAID INITIAL WORK ON THE FORMATION OF THE NEW OFFICE BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE SAU MAU PING REPORT IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, PENDING FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL FOR THE LARGE NUMBER OF NEW POSTS INVOLVED.

+THIS APPROVAL HAS NOW BEEN GRANTED, WHICH MEANS WE HAVE THE GO-AHEAD TO GET ALL THE PEOPLE WE WILL NEED TO DO THE JOB.+

MR. O'RORKE SAID ADVERTISEMENTS FOR 56 PROFESSIONAL STAFF WITH SPECIALISED KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF ENGINEERING AND GEOLOGY HAD ALREADY BEEN PLACED LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

RECRUITMENT OF STAFF TO FILL THE OTHER POSTS WILL GO AHEAD LOCALLY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

THE FORMATION OF THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE WAS RECOMMENDED BY A SPECIAL INTERDEPARTMENTAL GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY SET UP LAST YEAR. THE REPORT OF THE PANEL OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS WHO INVESTIGATED THE SAU MAU PING LANDSLIDE MADE A SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION.

EARLIER THIS YEAR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED A TEAM OF SENIOR OFFICERS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE CREATION OF THE GEOTECHNICAL OFFICE.

MR. O'RORKE SAID: +THE PRIME TASK OF THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE WILL BE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL EXISTING AND FUTURE SLOPES ON BOTH PRIVATE AND CROWN LANDS AROUND DEVELOPED AREAS.+

THE NEW OFFICE WOULD EXERCISE CONTROL BY:

- \* VETTING AND APPROVING ALL PROPOSALS, DESIGN CRITERIA AND PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING SLOPES BOTH IN THE PRIVATE AND THE PUBLIC SECTORS,
- \* SUPERVISING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION ON OR ADJACENT TO SLOPES TO ENSURE THAT THE WORKS COMPLY WITH APPROVED DESIGNS AND ARE SAFELY EXECUTED,
- \* REGULARLY MONITORING ALL EXISTING SLOPES, IN DEVELOPED AREAS,
- \* MAKING DETAILED FOLLOW UP STUDIES OF ANY SUSPECT AREA, AND
- \* ARRANGING REMEDIAL WORK, IF THOUGHT NECESSARY.

+THE OFFICE'S STAFF WILL COMBINE SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF ENGINEERING AND GEOLOGY SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ASSUME A LEADING AND GUIDING ROLE IN ADDITION TO THEIR SUPERVISORY ROLE,+ MR. O'RORKE SAID.

SOME OF THE PROPOSED FUNCTIONS OF THE NEW BODY HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE PAST BY SECTIONS OF THE P.W.D. , SUCH AS THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND THE SOILS ENGINEERING DIVISION OF THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE SET UP ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE 1972 LANDSLIDE INQUIRY AS WELL AS BY P.W.D. CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

THE NEW GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO BRANCHES, WITH A TOTAL OF FIVE DIVISIONS.

ONE BRANCH WILL DEAL WITH ALL GEOTECHNICAL SLOPE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ENGINEERING WORK, THE OTHER SIMILAR PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDINGS.

ONE DIVISION OF THE BUILDING BRANCH IS ALREADY FUNCTIONING IN THE P.W.D.'S BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE, SUPERVISING SLOPES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. A SECOND DIVISION WILL BE CREATED IN THE B.O.O. TO SUPERVISE THE GEOTECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS BY AUTHORITIES SUCH AS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE P.W.D. WHERE SLOPES ARE INVOLVED.

THE THREE DIVISIONS OF THE ENGINEERING BRANCH WILL EACH HAVE SEPARATE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

ONE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GEOTECHNICAL ASPECTS OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK CARRIED OUT BY SUCH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE P.W.D.

THIS DIVISION WILL CHECK THE DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF SLOPES INCLUDED IN CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECTS.

A SECOND DIVISION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXISTING SLOPES INVOLVING THEIR REGULAR INSPECTION, IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL DANGER THROUGH SUSPECTED INSTABILITY, AND ARRANGING FOR REMEDIAL ACTION.

THIS DIVISION WILL ALSO FORM A DATA BANK OF INFORMATION COVERING ALL THE GEOTECHNICAL SURVEYS CARRIED OUT IN HONG KONG.

A THIRD DIVISION OF THE ENGINEERING BRANCH OF THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE WILL BE FORMED BY AMALGAMATING THE EXISTING P.W.D. QUARRIES SECTION WITH THE MATERIALS TESTING LABORATORIES WHICH WILL PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON EXPANDING SOIL TESTING TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN GEOTECHNICAL ACTIVITY IN HONG KONG.

THE DIVISION WILL ALSO CARRY OUT SITE INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING BORING AND SAMPLING TO OBTAIN SPECIMENS FOR TESTING IN THE DIVISION'S LABORATORIES.

IN ADDITION, A LAND SURVEY SECTIONS WILL BE FORMED TO CARRY OUT LAND SURVEY WORK FOR ALL DIVISIONS OF THE NEW OFFICE, AND THE READING OF FUTURE SOILS INSTRUMENTATION OF SLOPES.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL SOON TAKE OFF  
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HONG KONG WILL SOON BE AT THE TAKE-OFF POINT IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MR. DEREK JONES, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA, MR. JONES SAID AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT, RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT, IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THEIR WORK, IS BEING ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

THE NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD OF THE UNIT, DR. STUART REED, HAS RECENTLY ARRIVED IN HONG KONG AND IS SETTING ABOUT RECRUITING THE MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM, HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSULTANTS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND AFTER FULL CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION (EPCOM) LEGISLATION WILL NEED TO BE DRAWN UP IN CONSULTATION WITH THOSE MOST PARTICULARLY AFFECTED, AND THE NECESSARY MONITORING, ADVISORY AND ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES WILL BE DRAWN TOGETHER.

IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR DRACONIAN MEASURES. WHAT THE CONSULTANTS HAVE PROPOSED AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED IS A FLEXIBLE SYSTEM OF POLLUTION CONTROLS FOR HONG KONG.

+THESE WOULD AVOID LAYING DOWN RIGID ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS BUT WOULD SEEK TO IMPOSE CONTROLS WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED AND JUSTIFIED, HAVING REGARD TO THE ECONOMIC REALITIES AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY,+ THE SECRETARY SAID.

MR. JONES SAID GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG WAS NOT BAD BUT COULD BE BETTER.

HE SAID HONG KONG HAS BEEN FORTUNATE UP TO NOW IN THAT A NUMBER OF NATURAL GEOGRAPHIC FACTORS HAVE COMBINED TO MINIMISE THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION.

BECAUSE OF THE PATTERN OF PREVAILING WINDS FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID, THERE IS NO +SMOG+ IN HONG KONG. THE NATURAL +FLUSHING+ ACTION OF COASTAL CURRENTS CARRIED AWAY MUCH OF OUR WATER POLLUTION OUT TO SEA AND THE LIGHT INDUSTRY, WHICH IS RELATIVELY NON-POLLUTING, WE HAVE SO FAR RELIED MAINLY ON HAS NOT LED TO SERIOUS POLLUTION PROBLEMS WITH DANGEROUS OR TOXIC WASTES, HE ADDED.

+WE ARE FAR BEING A DISASTER AREA AND OUR TASK FROM NOW ON, WHILE DOING SOMETHING TO CLEAR UP THE BLACK SPOTS, IS TO MAKE SURE THAT, AS OUR INDUSTRY AND POPULATION EXPAND FURTHER, OUR OVERALL ENVIRONMENT DOES NOT DETERIORATE BEYOND PRESENT LEVELS,+ MR. JONES SAID.

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HE MENTIONED THE VARIOUS POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG AT PRESENT, INCLUDING DOMESTIC AND OTHER SOLID WASTES, INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS, AGRICULTURAL WASTES, SEWAGE, VEHICLE EXHAUST FUMES, OTHER AIR POLLUTION AND ALL FORMS OF NOISE, AND DESCRIBED THE MEASURES TAKEN TO TACKLE THEM.

HE NOTED THAT A GREAT DEAL OF HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS STEM FROM THE VERY HIGH CONCENTRATION OF OUR POPULATION IN THE URBAN AREAS AND ITS ATTENDANT PROBLEMS OF OVERCROWDING, NOISE, WASTE DISPOSAL AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

POSITIVE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THIS. +THEY INCLUDE THE MAJOR PROGRAMMES NOW IN FULL SWING TO DEVELOP THE NEW TOWNS AND MARKET TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO ACCOMMODATE THE FUTURE GROWTH IN THE POPULATION IN A PLANNED AND LESS CROWDED ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO PRE-WAR PREMISES SURVEY  
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INFORMATION ON MORE THAN HALF OF THE PRE-WAR PREMISES EXISTING IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN GATHERED IN A PERIODIC FACT FINDING SURVEY TO EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL OF FUTURE PUBLIC HOUSING NEEDS.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CO-OPERATION GIVEN BY RESIDENTS AND OWNERS OF NEARLY 10,000 UNITS AND APPEALED TO OTHERS WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN INTERVIEWED TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT'S ENUMERATORS IN THEIR SURVEY WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, STUDENT ENUMERATORS WILL VISIT ALL THE PRE-WAR BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON UP-TO-DATE RENTAL PARTICULARS, CONDITIONS OF THE BUILDINGS, AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND INCOME OF OCCUPANTS.

EACH ENUMERATOR WILL CARRY AN OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS EMPHASISED THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE USED FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY.

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WORK ON YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE MAY START THIS YEAR END  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THIS MORNING VISITED YUEN LONG AND INSPECTED A SITE EARMARKED FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S SECOND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE SITE COVERS AN AREA OF 93.1 HECTARES (230 ACRES) IN WANG CHAU TO THE NORTH OF YUEN LONG TOWN.

SIR MURRAY WAS BRIEFED ON THE PLANNING FOR THE PROPOSED YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR. V. MILLER.

ACCORDING TO MR. MILLER, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF LOAN FUNDS, THE CORPORATION HOPES TO BE ABLE TO START WORK ON THE SCHEME BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

TWO MONTHS AGO, THE GOVERNMENT SIGNED A LAND GRANT WITH THE CORPORATION FOR THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN TAI PO.

DURING THE TOUR, THE GOVERNOR ALSO VISITED THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SCHEME IN TAI SANG WAI WHICH WILL PROVIDE GARDEN-TYPE HOUSING FOR 25,000 PEOPLE WITH COMMUNITY AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES.

ACCOMPANYING HIM THROUGHOUT THE VISIT WERE THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL CARTLAND.

THE TOUR LATER TOOK THEM TO THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING FROM WHERE THEY VIEWED THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN SHAP PAT HEUNG AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS ON YUEN LONG TOWN.

MAJOR PROJECTS THAT ARE UNDERWAY INCLUDE:

- \* A \$4 MILLION GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR 920 STUDENTS. SITE FORMATION IS PROCEEDING AND THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1979.
- \* A \$4 MILLION CLUB-HOUSE FOR THE YUEN LONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH VARIOUS GAMES FACILITIES INCLUDING A GYMNASIUM. IT WILL OPEN IN NOVEMBER.
- \* A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA OF WHICH SITE FORMATION IS UNDERWAY.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO HAD A MEETING WITH YUEN LONG RURAL LEADERS IN WHICH THEY DISCUSSED SOME OF THE LOCAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN.

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TWO WEEKS LEFT TO COMMENT ON  
VICTORIA BARRACKS PLANNING PROPOSALS  
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THE PUBLIC WERE REMINDED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS FOR THEM TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE VICTORIA BARRACKS PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE AREA.

THE DETAILED PROPOSALS, ALONG WITH A MAP, WERE PUBLISHED EARLY LAST MONTH AND THE PUBLIC WERE GIVEN TWO MONTHS IN WHICH TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS ON THEM.

ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE VICTORIA BARRACKS PLANNING COMMITTEE, EIGHT COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE PROPOSALS WERE MADE PUBLIC. THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING COMMENTS, HE SAID, WAS AUGUST 2.

ANYONE WANTING TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSALS SHOULD DO SO IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, VICTORIA BARRACKS PLANNING COMMITTEE, ENVIRONMENT BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

HE REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS WERE STILL AVAILABLE AT A NOMINAL CHARGE OF \$1 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE G.P.O. BUILDING. THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE N.T. DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS FALL BROADLY INTO FOUR LAND USE CATEGORIES. THESE ARE THAT:

- \* 6.4 HECTARES COMPRISING THE WOODED HILLSIDES, THE GROUNDS OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE AND THE THREE EXISTING TENNIS COURTS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS OPEN SPACE FOR PASSIVE AND ACTIVE RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. THIS MEANS THAT A VIRTUALLY CONTINUOUS GREEN AREA WITH MATURE TREES EXTENDING FROM THE BOTANICAL GARDENS TO QUEENSWAY WOULD BE PROVIDED=
- \* AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.9 HECTARES (4.7 ACRES) FRONTING QUEENSWAY AND EXTENDING FROM THE EASTERN ENTRANCE TO THE VICTORIA BARRACKS AREA NEAR QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WESTWARDS TOWARDS CENTRAL BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT=
- \* A MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AREA OF ABOUT 2.9 HECTARES (7.2 ACRES) SHOULD BE DEVELOPED TO THE NORTH OF KENNEDY ROAD AT ITS EASTERN END WITH THE RETENTION OF GREEN STRIPS ALONG THE ROAD FRONTAGES=
- \* ABOUT 3.5 HECTARES (8.6 ACRES) BE USED FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE A SCHOOL AND AN EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES. A SITE FRONTING QUEENSWAY FOR A NEW SUPREME COURT BUILDING IS ALSO PROPOSED AS IS THE RETENTION, FOR INSTITUTIONAL OR COMMUNITY USE, OF THE EXISTING SWIMMING POOL AND CLUB PREMISES AT THE EASTERN END OF THE AREA.

FISHERFOLK CHILDREN JOIN SUMMER FUN  
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EIGHT HUNDRED FISHERFOLK CHILDREN ARE TAKING PART IN A SUMMER CAMP AT WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE ORGANISED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE CHILDREN COME FROM THE 13 FMO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND ARE ENTERTAINED TO A WIDE VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTING EVENTS FOR FIVE DAYS, BEGINNING TODAY (MONDAY).

THERE ARE BALL GAMES, SWIMMING AND CROSS-COUNTRY RACES IN THE MORNING, COMPETITIVE GAMES AND GROUP ACTIVITIES IN THE AFTERNOON, FOLLOWED BY A BARBECUE PARTY, SOCIAL GATHERINGS OR OTHER ENTERTAINMENT IN THE EVENING.

THE PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES DEMONSTRATIONS BY CIVIL AID SERVICES CADETS, AND PERFORMANCES BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND ON THE LAST DAY.

THE CAMP, THE NINTH OF ITS KIND ORGANISED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION EACH SUMMER FOR FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN, AIMS AT BRINGING THEM TOGETHER TO MEET NEW FRIENDS, TO DEVELOP THEIR GROUP CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT, AS WELL AS TO CULTIVATE THEIR INTEREST IN SPORTS.

THE EVENT THIS YEAR IS SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, WHICH MANAGES THE YOUTH VILLAGE, WHILE PART OF THE EXPENSES IS MET BY THE ORGANISATION.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT THE CLOSE OF THE CAMP ON FRIDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE CLOSE OF THE FMO SCHOOLS CHILDREN SUMMER CAMP AT WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE THIS FRIDAY (JULY 22). THE FINALS OF THE COMPETITIVE GAMES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 9 AND 11 A.M., FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATION OF PRIZES BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN AT 11.30 A.M.

TRANSPORT FOR PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE. A VAN OF THE DEPARTMENT, NO. AM2077, WILL LEAVE THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES COMPOUND ON FRIDAY AT 9.40 A.M. FOR MA LIU SHUI PIER WHERE A SPECIAL LAUNCH WILL DEPART AT 10.30 A.M. FOR WU KWAI SHA.

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JOINT EXHIBITION ON SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECTS

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A SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, AND 15 'MONITORED' SCHOOLS, WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY (JULY 20 TO 22).

THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO INTRODUCE THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR'S WORK OF THE SCHOOLS, WHICH ARE TRYING OUT THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES ON A 'MONITORED' BASIS, ALONG WITH 28 OTHERS ON A 'VOLUNTARY' BASIS.

THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXHIBITION BY INTRODUCING PART OF THE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY STUDENT TEACHERS FOR THEIR SOCIAL STUDIES TRAINING PROGRAMME.

THE EXHIBITS WILL INCLUDE CHARTS, PICTURES, SLIDES, AND MODELS, AND THERE WILL BE A SHORT FILM ON A DEMONSTRATION LESSON IN 'NEW TOWNS OF HONG KONG'.

SOCIAL STUDIES WAS FIRST IMPLEMENTED IN SEPTEMBER 1975 IN FORM 1 AS A PILOT SCHEME, AND WAS EXTENDED TO FORM 2 IN THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR.

A COURSE FOR SERVING SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS OF 'MONITORED' AND 'VOLUNTARY' SCHOOLS WHO WILL TEACH THE SUBJECT IN FORM 3 THIS SEPTEMBER WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXHIBITION.

MR. A.G. BROWN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10.30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M. THAT DAY AND FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON THE OTHER TWO DAYS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL, 1, KA NING PATH, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG AT 10.30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 20).

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## SURVEY ON INSTRUCTOR MANPOWER STARTS

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THE SURVEY ON THE MANPOWER NEEDS FOR INSTRUCTORS IN MAJOR INDUSTRIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS STARTED TODAY.

THE SURVEY IS THE SECOND IN THE SERIES BEING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTOR TRAINING OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT. ITS AIM IS TO UP-DATE THE INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY AND TO ASCERTAIN, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, THE EXISTING NUMBER OF INSTRUCTORS EMPLOYED, THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS REQUIRED IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

DURING THE SURVEY, WHICH WILL END ON JULY 30, AN OFFICER WILL VISIT SELECTED INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE, ANSWER ANY QUERIES AND ASSIST IN THE COMPLETION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE IF NECESSARY.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL SAID: +EMPLOYERS CAN REST ASSURED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.+

THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO EMPLOYERS' CO-OPERATION IN THE SURVEY AND HOPED THAT THEY WOULD READILY PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WHICH IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE IN HELPING TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS TO MEET THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S EXPANDING ECONOMY, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

## MA WAN FISHERMEN HAVE NEW ROOFS

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN AID AGENCY, C.A.R.E., HAS COMPLETED A \$100,000-PROJECT TO RE-ROOF A NUMBER OF FISHERMEN'S HOUSES ON MA WAN.

OFFICIALS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND MR. BILL SALES, DIRECTOR OF C.A.R.E. IN HONG KONG WILL ATTEND AN OPENING CEREMONY AT MA WAN TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A SPECIAL FERRY WILL LEAVE THE PIER AT 13-MILE-STONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT 10.45 A.M. A GOVERNMENT NINE-SEATER VAN AM2088 WILL LEAVE THE CARPARK BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 10 A.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FERRY PEIR.

OFFICERS OF THE N.T.A. PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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+MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A +MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 21) IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WILL BE MR. P.F. LEEDS, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FUNCTION. TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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