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FURTHER BENEFITS TO INJURED WORKERS PROPOSED

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO PROVIDE FURTHER BENEFITS TO INJURED WORKMEN WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1977, IF APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO PAY MEDICAL EXPENSES RELATED TO TREATMENT FOR INJURIES SUFFERED BY THEIR EMPLOYEES IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AT PRESENT THERE WAS NO LEGISLATIVE PROVISION ENTITLING AN INJURED WORKMAN TO MEDICAL CARE OR MAKING THE EMPLOYER RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH EXPENSES.

UNDER THE BILL, AN INJURED WORKMEN WILL BE ENTITLED TO CLAIM MEDICAL EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED UP TO A MAXIMUM CALCULATED AT THE RATE OF \$10 EACH DAY FOR OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT AND \$20 EACH DAY FOR IN-PATIENT CARE IN A HOSPITAL.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSED THAT AN INJURED WORKER SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO CLAIM MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE INJURY BY WHICH TIME HE SHOULD EITHER BE CURED OF HIS INJURY OR BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT INCAPACITY.

+THE PROPOSALS, IF ENACTED, WILL ENABLE HONG KONG TO COMPLY FULLY WITH INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTION NO. 17 (WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (ACCIDENTS) CONVENTION) IN RESPECT OF ARTICLE 9.+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HE DISCLOSED THAT A STUDY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT INJURY BENEFITS IN SEVEN NEIGHBOURING ASIAN COUNTRIES SHOWED THAT ALL OF THEM PROVIDED MEDICAL CARE AND ALLIED BENEFITS IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, EITHER AS AN EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY OR THROUGH INSURANCE SCHEMES TO WHICH EMPLOYERS WERE REQUIRED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IF EMPLOYERS HERE WERE TO BE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES, HONG KONG WOULD BE PLACED IN A COMPARABLE POSITION WITH ITS NEIGHBOURS.+

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TWELVE MORE RATING AREAS IN NT SPECIFIED
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS SPECIFIED TWELVE FURTHER RATING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS IS THE FIFTH PHASE OF A PROGRAMME EXTENDING RATING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE ORDER COVERING THIS IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

COMMENTING ON THE ORDER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS PROPOSED TO CHARGE RATES IN THESE ADDITIONAL AREAS FROM APRIL 1, 1978.

THE AREAS ARE :-

AREAS F5-7 -- AN AREA IN THE VICINITY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM SAN TIN TO HUNG SHUI KIU, KAM TIN/SHEK KONG AND LAU FAU SHAN.

AREA G5 -- AN AREA AROUND TAI PO MARKET INCLUDING HONG LOK TSUEN.

AREA H5 -- YING PUN (ON FAN KAM ROAD).

AREA J3 -- SHEUNG SHUI, PING CHE AND KIU TUNG.

AREA K2 -- AN AREA AROUND TUEN MUN INCLUDING LAM TEI.

AREAS L4-5 -- AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF SHA TIN.

AREA M5 -- AN AREA SOUTH OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD INCLUDING RENNIES MILL.

AREAS N2-3 -- NAM WAI AND NAM SHAN/SHA KOK MEI, BOTH IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THESE AREAS INCLUDE VIRTUALLY ALL PARTS OF THE MAINLAND NEW TERRITORIES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE DEVELOPED OR DEVELOPING AT THE PRESENT TIME.

HOWEVER, AS AND WHEN DEVELOPMENT TAKES PLACE IN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES OUTSIDE THESE AREAS THEY MAY BE FURTHER EXTENDED.

HE STRESSED THAT THE EXEMPTION FROM RATING OF VILLAGE HOUSES IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREAS, WHICH HAS APPLIED TO THE PREVIOUS PHASES, WILL ALSO APPLY TO THESE NEWLY SPECIFIED AREAS.

COPIES OF THE PLANS OF THE NEWLY SPECIFIED RATING AREAS MAY BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE OF RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT AT 1, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (ENQUIRERS SHOULD ASK FOR EITHER MR. B.J.C. WOODROFFE OR MR. PANG TSAN-WING), OR AT THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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POLICY IN COMPENSATING THOSE AFFECTED
BY NT DEVELOPMENT EXPLAINED
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S COMPENSATION POLICIES IN ACQUIRING LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE AS FAIR AS POSSIBLE.

HE SAID THE QUESTION OF THE PRICE THAT WAS PAID FOR THE RESUMPTION OF LAND AND THE EXCHANGE SYSTEM REQUIRED REVIEW AND WAS NOW BEING EXAMINED BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNS AND MARKET TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES INVOLVED A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVING TO MOVE.

TWO YEARS AGO, HE SAID, JUST OVER 6,000 PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES TO MAKE WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

THIS YEAR, ABOUT 12,000 PEOPLE WOULD BE MOVED AND NEXT YEAR, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES WOULD BE DISTURBED AND WHOSE HOMES WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARED WOULD BE ABOUT 50,000, HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT IN MOVING THESE PEOPLE, THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE WAS THAT NO PERSON DISPLACED BY THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SHOULD BE RENDERED HOMELESS.

+THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN BUILDINGS WHICH WERE SURVEYED IN 1964 ARE WHEREVER POSSIBLE GIVEN DIRECT ACCOMMODATION IN OUR NEW HOUSING ESTATES.

+THOSE WHO OCCUPY BUILDINGS PUT UP SINCE 1964 AND WHICH WERE SURVEYED IN 1976 ARE GIVEN ACCOMMODATION IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA,+ HE ADDED.

+FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LOSE THEIR HOMES, THERE MUST BE HOUSING,+ HE STRESSED.

FOR FARMERS INVOLVED IN LAND RESUMPTION, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS FROM THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ASSESSED THE VALUE OF A WIDE VARIETY OF STANDING CROPS WITH PAINSTAKING CARE.

+FIELDS, WELLS AND PINE TREES MUST BE MEASURED= THE PRICE OF CHICKENS MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND ROOM LEFT FOR AGGRIEVED FARMERS TO QUESTION WHETHER ASSESSMENTS MADE WERE CORRECT= WE MUST BE READY TO CHANGE IF THEY ARE NOT.+

AS FOR THE VILLAGER WHOSE VILLAGE HOUSE HAS TO BE REMOVED, HE SAID, A NEW HOUSE IS BUILT FOR HIM WHICH IS ABOUT FIVE TIMES BIGGER THAN THE ONE HE HAS TO LEAVE.

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+AS FOR THE LANDOWNER, THIS YEAR WE ARE RESUMING SOMETHING LIKE 16 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF LAND, ABOUT 370 ACRES, WHICH WOULD BE A LARGE AREA BY ANY STANDARDS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

+AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CASH COMPENSATION, AN EXCHANGE SYSTEM WAS DEvised IN 1960 AND CASH COMPENSATION RATES HAVE BEEN INCREASED DURING THE LAST YEARS,+ HE SAID.

ON THE NEW TERRITORIES POPULATION, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT ACCORDING TO THE LATEST ESTIMATES, IT WOULD BE AROUND 2.17 MILLION BY 1986 - DOUBLING THE 1976 FIGURE IN 10 YEARS.

HE SAID THAT IN 1976, THE FIGURE WAS 945,000 COMPARED WITH 91,000 IN 1911.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DRAWN UP PLANS WHICH SHOULD ENSURE THAT ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY COMMUNITY INGREDIENTS FOR A FULL AND SATISFYING LIFE - TOWN HALLS, SWIMMING POOLS, CLINICS AND HOSPITALS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS, SPORTS AND PLAYING FIELDS.

+THESE ARE THE MATERIAL BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE A GREATLY ENRICHED LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF MR. AKERS-JONES' SPEECH, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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SICKNESS, INJURY AND DEATH BENEFIT SCHEME
MAY PROVIDE INCENTIVE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED LEAD IN INTRODUCING THE SICKNESS, INJURY AND DEATH BENEFIT SCHEME AND THE PROVISION FOR CONTRACTING OUT OF IT MAY PROVIDE THE INCENTIVE FOR PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO COME UP WITH COMPETITIVE SCHEMES.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH, MR. SWEETMAN SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A +SEMI-VOLUNTARY+ CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME WAS ONE OF THE PROPOSALS DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE GREEN PAPER ON SOCIAL SECURITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED RECENTLY.

HE NOTED THAT THE REASON BEHIND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE +CONTRIBUTORY+ FACTOR IS NOT ONLY TO PROTECT A CONTRIBUTOR FROM SUFFERING A SUDDEN DRAIN ON HIS SAVINGS OR HIS WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION IN TIMES OF PROLONGED SICKNESS OR INJURY, BUT ALSO TO MAKE BENEFITS PROPORTIONAL TO THE RATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

+IF WE MAINTAIN THE SAFETY NET PRINCIPLE OF PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM FALLING BELOW SUBSISTENCE LEVEL, THE MOST WE CAN DO OUTSIDE THIS PRINCIPLE IS TO HAVE A SCHEME OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WILL ATTRACT THOSE WHO WANT TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES FROM A DROP TO THAT LEVEL, AND TO RECEIVE BENEFITS BEARING A REALISTIC RELATIONSHIP TO THEIR PREVIOUS EARNINGS,+ HE SAID.

EXPLAINING THE PROS AND CONS OF A CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME, MR. SWEETMAN SAID SUCH A SCHEME WOULD NEED FIRSTLY LARGE OFFICES AND COMPARATIVELY HIGHLY PAID STAFF TO OPERATE AND HONG KONG IS PARTICULARLY EXPENSIVE IN BOTH SPACE AND SALARY LEVELS FOR SUCH WORK.

+SECONDLY, SOPHISTICATED CONTROL MEASURES HAVE TO BE INTRODUCED AND ENFORCED FOR COLLECTING DUES AND COERCING THOSE RELUCTANT TO CONTRIBUTE - WHETHER THEY BE EMPLOYERS OR EMPLOYEES.

+THIRDLY, SUCH SCHEMES ENTAIL COLLECTING MONEY WITH ONE HAND AND PAYING IT OUT WITH THE OTHER AFTER A PROPORTION HAS SLIPPED INTO THE BUREAUCRAT'S POCKETS TO KEEP HIM ALIVE AND IN BUSINESS.+

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT ANY SCHEME WHICH INVOLVED THE RECIPIENT GETTING MONEY OBTAINED FROM TAXES PAID BY SOMEBODY ELSE WOULD SURELY BE MORE EFFICIENTLY RUN IF IT WERE FINANCED OUT OF GENERAL REVENUE.

ON WHETHER THE SICKNESS, INJURY AND DEATH BENEFIT SCHEME SHOULD BE VOLUNTARY OR COMPULSORY, MR. SWEETMAN SAID: +IF VOLUNTARY, IT MAY TEND TO ATTRACT MERELY THE SICKLY AND THE PRUDENT, WILLING ONES, WHO CAN INSIST ON JOINING - UNLESS THEY ARE SEDUCED BY OFFERS OF BETTER BENEFITS UNDER A COMPANY SCHEME, AND A VOLUNTARY SCHEME WOULD ENTAIL FAR FEWER PROBLEMS OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT THAN WOULD A COMPULSORY SCHEME.+

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HOWEVER, HE NOTED IF IT WERE COMPULSORY, THERE WOULD BE LESS FEAR THAT SOME EMPLOYERS WOULD PRESSURE THEIR EMPLOYEES TO KEEP OUT OF THE SCHEME.

+IT WOULD, ON THE OTHER HAND, LEAD TO LESS ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS FOR THE EMPLOYERS, WHO, IF IT WERE VOLUNTARY, WOULD HAVE TO KEEP TRACK OF THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO WERE COMING AND GOING, THOSE WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING OR FREEZING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS, THOSE WHO HAD CONTRACTED OUT UNDER A PERMITTED PRIVATE SCHEME, AND THOSE WHO HAD NEVER CONTRIBUTED AT ALL.+

ON THE RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, MR. SWEETMAN SAID THAT THE PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPER HAD BEEN MODEST BECAUSE WE MUST NOT SCARE AWAY FOREIGN CAPITAL BY VERY HIGH RATES BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, ONE WOULD ONLY GET THE BENEFITS THAT ONE HAD PAID FOR.

HE HOPED THAT BEFORE LONG CLEAR ACTUARIAL ADVICE COULD BE SOUGHT ON WHAT BENEFITS THE PROPOSED RATE OF TWO PER CENT PLUS TWO PER CENT WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY FOR.

+THE LACK OF SOME STATISTICS PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE MORBIDITY RATES, THAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS WHO ARE OFF SICK FOR VARIOUS LENGTHS OF TIME, WILL MAKE SUCH ACTUARIAL CALCULATIONS RATHER DIFFICULT TO MAKE, PARTICULARLY AS THIS SCHEME DOES NOT APPLY BEFORE THE STATUTORY 36 DAYS OF ORIGINAL COVER FOR SICKNESS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE NOR UNTIL SIX MONTHS AFTER THE PERSON JOINS THE SCHEME,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW FIRE STATION FOR AIRPORT * * *

A NEW FIRE STATION WILL BE BUILT AT KAI TAK AIRPORT TO COPE WITH THE RECENT EXPANSION OF THE AIRPORT.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WERE INVITED TODAY BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE P.W.D.

THE STATION WILL BE A TWO-STOREY STRUCTURE OCCUPYING A SITE OF ABOUT 700 SQUARE METRES OFF THE LINK TAXIWAY AT THE AIRPORT.

IT COULD ACCOMMODATE SEVEN FIRE APPLIANCES AND AMBULANCES. OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE STAND-BY ACCOMMODATION FOR STAFF, A GARAGE, A LECTURE ROOM, CANTEEN AND WATCH TOWER.

MR. PETER CHUNG, CHIEF ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY THAT WORK ON THE PROJECT WOULD BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT ELEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+ON COMPLETION, THE NEW STATION WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING TEMPORARY ONE WHICH WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE FOAM STORE AND MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP OF THE NEW STATION,+ HE SAID.

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BALANCED MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HONG KONG'S MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME MUST BE GEARED TOWARDS A BALANCED PROVISION OF THE BASIC PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SOPHISTICATION IN SPECIAL AREAS.

+WE MUST AVOID SOME OF THE PITFALLS OF OVER-SOPHISTICATION AND UNBALANCED UTILISATION OF RESOURCES THAT ARE EVEN AT THIS MOMENT OCCURRING IN SOME OF THE MORE ADVANCED COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG WAS SPEAKING ON THE SUBJECT OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DURING THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY THIS EVENING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT TREMENDOUS STRIDES HAVE BEEN MADE IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY IN RECENT YEARS WITH NEWER AND MORE EFFICIENT MACHINES BEING INSTALLED IN GIGANTIC ESTABLISHMENT ESPECIALLY GEARED TO REFINED TREATMENT OF ILLNESSES.

+WHILE IN THEMSELVES SUCH ADVANCES ARE TO BE WELCOMED WE SHOULD ALSO BE CONCERNED AT THE GENERAL PICTURE WHICH PRESENTS AN INCREDIBLY EXPENSIVE MEDICAL INDUSTRY WHICH MAY BE ENGAGED NOT SO MUCH IN THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE BUT IN THE UNLIMITED APPLICATION OF DISEASE TECHNOLOGY TO A COMPARATIVELY SMALL PROPORTION OF POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE DESIRE OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION TO GO DEEP INTO ACADEMIC THEORIES AND RESEARCH IS ENTIRELY UNDERSTANDABLE BUT UNFORTUNATELY THIS COULD MEAN THAT MANY A TIME THE CLINICIAN TENDS TO LOOK MORE FOR EXCEPTIONAL CLINICAL CONDITIONS WHERE THE MOST SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY CAN BE APPLIED BUT WHICH MAY BE WHOLLY IRRELEVANT TO THE SPECIFIC COMMUNITY PROBLEMS,+ DR. THONG SAID.

IN THE MORE ADVANCED COUNTRIES, THIS TREND HAS MEANT AN INCREASING EXPENDITURE AND SPECIALISED RESOURCES ON THE COMPARATIVE FEW.

+INSTEAD OF WIDENING THE BASE OF MEDICAL EXPENDITURE BY WIDER POPULATION COVERAGE THE SPECIALISED CLINICAL PEAK HAS KEPT OR RISING HIGHER AND HIGHER AND THE HEALTH SERVICES WOULD THEREFORE TEND TO BE DIRECTED MORE AND MORE TOWARDS THE FEW THAT MAY HAVE BEEN SELECTED NOT SO MUCH BY SOCIAL JUSTICE BUT BY THE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ITSELF.+

DR. THONG SAID THAT THE KEY TO THE WHOLE SITUATION, IN HIS OPINION, WAS TO GEAR MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN SUCH A WAY THAT THERE IS A BALANCED PROVISION OF THE BASIC PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SOPHISTICATION IN SPECIAL AREAS.

+ON THE ONE HAND THERE IS A NEED TO MAINTAIN AND CONSOLIDATE THE GAINS WE HAVE SO FAR MADE BY FURTHER IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MAY BE JUSTIFIABLE TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SOPHISTICATED SERVICE IN SELECTED AREAS ESPECIALLY IN THOSE THAT SUPPORT THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES.+

DR. THONG NOTED THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENTS WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY PLANNED BEARING IN MIND THE BENEFITS THAT ARE TO BE GAINED AND WHICH SHOULD PREFERABLY BE FOR THE MANY RATHER THAN FOR THE FEW.

+ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN WE AVOID SOME OF THE PITFALLS OF OVER-SOPHISTICATED AND UNBALANCED UTILISATION OF RESOURCES THAT ARE EVEN AT THIS MOMENT OCCURRING IN SOME OF THE MORE ADVANCED COUNTRIES,+ HE ADDED.

DR. THONG POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S APPROACH IN HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT HAS THUS FAR PRODUCED WORTHWHILE RESULTS BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

THE HIGH STANDARD OF HONG KONG'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS BORNE OUT VERY CLEARLY NOT ONLY BY THE PATTERN OF DISEASES BUT BY INDICES OF HEALTH SUCH AS THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE, AT 13.8 PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS, AND THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE, AT 0.18 PER 1,000 TOTAL BIRTHS, WHICH ARE COMPARABLE TO THE MOST ADVANCED COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

DR. THONG SAID HONG KONG HAD ARRIVED AT A STAGE WHERE GENERALLY MAJOR EPIDEMICS OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES WHICH WERE STILL PRESENT IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD WERE UNDER CONTROL OR ERADICATED.

DREADED DISEASES SUCH AS SMALLPOX AND RABIES HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY NON-EXISTENT SINCE THE EARLY 1950S WHILE CHOLERA, POLIOMYELITIS, DIPHTHERIA AND INDIGENOUS MALARIA AND CHILDHOOD DISEASES SUCH AS TETANUS NEONATORUM AND WHOOPING COUGH ARE PRACTICALLY DISEASES OF THE PAST.

+THIS PICTURE IS ALL THE MORE SIGNIFICANT IF WE WERE TO CONSIDER THAT IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD AND EVEN AMONG OUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS SOME OF THESE DISEASES STILL OCCUR EITHER IN ENDEMIC OR EPIDEMIC FORMS.

+THE UNFORTUNATE THING IS THAT ONE SELDOM STOPS TO APPRECIATE THE RESULTS OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SINCE THESE ARE EXPRESSED USUALLY BY THE ABSENCE OF SICKNESS AND CASES, AND ANYTHING THAT IS ABSENT IS NATURALLY FORGOTTEN,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ANCIENT JAR TO BE HANDED OVER TO
GOVERNMENT FOR CONSERVATION

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THE ANCIENT STONEWARE JAR, FOUND BY VILLAGERS AT SHIU HANG TSUEN IN TUEN MUN SOME MONTHS AGO, WILL BE OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSERVATION AT A CEREMONY ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 5).

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WHO IS THE AUTHORITY FOR ANTIQUITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL RECEIVE THE JAR FROM MR. LAU WONG-FAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE.

MR. AKERS-JONES WILL ALSO PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF MERIT TO THE FOUR VILLAGERS WHO DISCOVERED THE JAR, WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A FINE EXAMPLE OF A LATE TANG DYNASTY FUNERAL URN.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SHIU HANG TSUEN VILLAGE OFFICE AT 10.45 A.M. ON MONDAY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM2088, WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 9 A.M. ON MONDAY TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO AND LATER BACK FROM TUEN MUN.

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CAPACITY OF MUK WU PUMPING STATION
TO BE INCREASED
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WORK WILL BEGIN SOON TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE MUK WU PUMPING STATION IN SHEUNG SHUI.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK WERE INVITED TODAY BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE THE INSTALLATION OF THREE ADDITIONAL PUMPS EACH CAPABLE OF DELIVERING 186,000 CUBIC METRES OF WATER A DAY AT THE PUMPING STATION. THESE PUMPS WILL REPLACE THE TEMPORARY ONES INSTALLED THERE LAST YEAR WHEN CHINA AGREED TO GIVE ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLIES TO HONG KONG.

THE WORK WOULD BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. WILLIAM TUCKER, DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, SAID TODAY THAT THE WORK FORMED PART OF STAGE II OF THE EAST RIVER SCHEME, WHICH WAS BEING DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES FROM CHINA ON A PERMANENT BASIS AND OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM BENEFITS FROM THE RIVER INDUS SOURCE.

+A NEW AQUEDUCT SYSTEM TO PROVIDE DIRECT DELIVERY TO PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR VIA THE NAM CHUNG TUNNEL WILL BE BUILT BY EARLY 1980,+ MR. TUCKER SAID.

+THIS WILL PROVIDE THE MUCH NEEDED INCREASE IN DELIVERY CAPACITY AND GREATER OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY.+

MEANWHILE, TENDERS WILL SOON BE INVITED FOR THE LAYING OF FRESH AND SALT WATER MAINS IN THE TSUEN WAN/KWAI CHUNG AREA AS PART OF THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE WORK WHICH EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MARCH AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE WILL CONSIST OF THE LAYING OF ABOUT 10,000 METRES OF MAINS RANGING IN SIZE FROM 100 TO 500 MM IN DIAMETER.

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ALLEGATIONS ON TAX REFUNDS NOT TRUE

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY DENIED THE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE 70,000 TAX REFUND CASES DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF 1976/77 WERE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF ERRORS OR MISTAKES MADE ON THE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT.

REFERRING TO A RECENT STATEMENT ON TAX REFUNDS BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE STATEMENT HAD BEEN MISCONSTRUED BY SOME SECTIONS OF THE PRESS WHICH ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO, THROUGH IGNORANCE OF THE LAW, HAVE OVERPAID TAXES AND ARE UNAWARE THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO REFUNDS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, + WHILST IT MUST BE CONCEDED THAT A VERY FEW MISTAKES ARE MADE IT IS NOT TRUE TO SAY THAT THE 70,000 REFUNDS IN 1976/77 WERE ISSUED IN ORDER TO CORRECT ERRORS.

+THE MAJORITY OF REFUNDS OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF VOLUNTARY ELECTIONS, MADE BY TAXPAYERS, TO BE PERSONALLY ASSESSED - THEREBY OBTAINING RELIEF FROM TAX AT THE STANDARD RATE, THROUGH THE GRANTING OF PERSONAL ALLOWANCES.+

HE SAID TAX IS ASSESSED AT THE STANDARD RATE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE ON BUSINESS PROFITS, PROPERTY AND INTERST, BUT THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE PERMITS A TAXPAYER TO ELECT FOR PERSONAL ASSESSMENT AT ANY TIME UP TO TWO YEARS AFTER THE END OF THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT.

OF THE 70,000 REFUNDS REFERRED TO ABOVE NEARLY 46,000 RELATED TO PERSONS WHO HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE BENEFITS OF PERSONAL ASSESSMENT.

IN ADDITION, OVER 5,500 REFUNDS WERE MADE TO PROPERTY OWNERS CLAIMING OWNER-OCCUPIER EXEMPTION OR VACANCY RELIEF AFTER THE ISSUE OF PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS= NEARLY 6,000 BUSINESSES OBTAINED REFUNDS ARISING OUT OF RELIEF FOR BUSINESS LOSSES, ETC.= AND MORE THAN 11,000 SALARIES TAX PAYERS OBTAINED REFUNDS FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, FOR EXAMPLE, BY VIRTUE OF MARRIAGE, OR THE BIRTH OF A CHILD DURING THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT.

WITH REGARD TO THE SUGGESTION THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE OVER-TAXED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE WISHES TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOUR TO ENSURE THAT TAXPAYERS ARE ASSESSED IN THE CORRECT AMOUNTS DUE UNDER THE LAW - NO MORE AND NO LESS.

FURTHERMORE, ANY TAXPAYER WHO DISAGREES WITH, OR DOES NOT UNDERSTAND, AN ASSESSMENT MADE UPON HIM, NOT ONLY HAS THE PROTECTION OF A RIGHT OF APPEAL - TO THE COURTS IF NEEDS BE - BUT IS ALSO WELCOME TO CALL OR WRITE FOR A FULL EXPLANATION OF HIS CASE.

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ALL NOTICES OF ASSESSMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT CONTAIN A STATEMENT OF THE TAXPAYER'S RIGHTS OF OBJECTION AGAINST THE ASSESSMENT AND ALSO GIVE DETAILS OF THE ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO WHICH ENQUIRIES MAY BE ADDRESSED.

ADDITIONALLY, THE DEPARTMENT PUBLISHES EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS WRITTEN IN LAYMAN'S TERMS FOR THE BENEFIT OF +THE MAN IN THE STREET+ AND THESE ARE READILY AVAILABLE AT ANY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECEPTION COUNTERS. THE PAMPHLETS ARE WRITTEN IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH AND ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

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CALL FOR CLOSER INTERNATIONAL TIES BETWEEN STUDENTS
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. LI FOOK-KOW, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) IT WAS HIS WISH TO SEE CLOSER INTERNATIONAL LINKS BETWEEN STUDENTS BEING ESTABLISHED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND SPORT SEEMED TO BE AN EXCELLENT WAY OF ACHIEVING THIS.

MR. LI WAS SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TWO-DAY SCHOOLS' INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING ASIAN INVITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE NEWLY OPENED TAI WAN SHAN SWIMMING POOL IN HUNG HOM.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE BEING HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS' SPORTS COUNCIL WHICH IS RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

WELCOMING COMPETITORS FROM INDONESIA, MACAU, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE, AS WELL AS HONG KONG, MR. LI SAID: +FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS' SPORTS COUNCIL HAS MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF SCHOOLS' INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

+THIS CAN BE SEEN BY THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL TEAMS SENT ABROAD FOR COMPETITIONS AND THE NUMBER OF VISITORS WHO COME HERE. THROUGH THIS CONSTANT PARTICIPATION, OUR STUDENTS CONTINUE TO MAKE FRIENDS AND TIES OF GOODWILL.+

MR. LI SAID TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS TO COME TOGETHER THROUGH SPORT WAS WORTHY OF SUPPORT AND +THE GOVERNMENT HERE WILL, THEREFORE, CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS' INTERNATIONAL EVENTS SUCH AS WE HAVE HERE TODAY.+

A TOTAL OF 190 COMPETITORS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE 36 RACES WHICH WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GRADES - BOYS JUNIOR, BOYS SENIOR= GIRLS JUNIOR AND GIRLS SENIOR. RACES WILL BE HELD TODAY FROM 2.30 P.M. TO 6 P.M. AND TOMORROW FROM 1.30 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

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N.T. SLAUGHTER-HOUSE FEES REVISED
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FEES FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE AT PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE TO BE INCREASED FROM TODAY TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF OPERATING COSTS WHICH FALL ON THE PUBLIC.

ACCORDING TO THE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES (NEW TERRITORIES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1977 PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE THE INSPECTION FEES WILL BE RAISED FROM \$1.20 TO \$2.80 FOR ANY BOVINE ANIMAL AND FROM \$0.60 TO \$1.80 FOR ANY OTHER ANIMAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE FEES HAD REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE NOVEMBER 1971, AND THE REVISION WOULD AFFECT ONLY TWO PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE PURPOSE OF THE INCREASE IS TO BRING FEES INTO LINE WITH RISING OPERATING COSTS INCURRED BY THE USD, SO THAT THE MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES IN TAI PO AND YUEN LONG WILL NO LONGER BE SUBSIDISED FROM PUBLIC FUNDS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SERVICE WAS OPERATED AT A DEFICIT OF \$440,000 IN 1976/77, AND ONLY A +NEAR BREAK-EVEN+ POINT WOULD HAVE BEEN REACHED IF THE FEES HAD BEEN AT THE NEW LEVELS.

A DECISION ON THE NEW SCALE OF FEES WAS REACHED AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK, THE VARIOUS MEAT-MERCHANT ASSOCIATIONS INVOLVED AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TWO SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CHANGE WAS EXPECTED TO HAVE LITTLE OR NO EFFECT ON RETAIL PRICES, SINCE THE ADDITIONAL COST WAS MINIMAL IN RELATION TO THE OVERALL VALUE OF EACH ANIMAL.

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BIG WAVE BAY ROCK CARVINGS BECOME
FIRST OFFICIAL ANCIENT MONUMENT
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HONG KONG NOW HAS ITS FIRST OFFICIAL ANCIENT MONUMENT, WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE THAT THE ANCIENT ROCK CARVINGS AT BIG WAVE BAY HAVE BEEN DECLARED A MONUMENT UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE.

+THIS IS A BIG EVENT FOR HONG KONG,+ DR. SOLOMON BARD, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS SECTION, SAID TODAY. +THE FIRST STEP HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN TO PROTECT LEGALLY THE TERRITORY'S ANCIENT AND HISTORIC HERITAGE.+

DR. BARD SAID THAT THE BIG WAVE BAY CARVINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WERE ONE OF THE SIX KNOWN SETS OF CARVINGS IN THE HONG KONG TERRITORY.

+THEY ARE VERY FINE CARVINGS OF GEOMETRIC AND ZOO-MORPHIC DESIGNS ON A VERTICAL PORTION OF THE ROCK OVERLOOKING THE BAY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE CARVINGS ARE MORE THAN 2,000 YEARS OLD AND WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE EARLY INHABITANTS OF THIS REGION FOR SOME RITUALISTIC PURPOSE.+

ALL THE ROCK CARVINGS ARE AT PRESENT TEMPORARILY PROTECTED BY WIRE CAGES AND IT IS PLANNED IN FUTURE TO ERECT MORE PERMANENT PROTECTIVE STRUCTURES AND AT THE SAME TIME DISPLAY THEM TO THE PUBLIC BY AN EASIER APPROACH AND EXPLANATION NOTICES.

+THE DECLARATION OF THE BIG WAVE BAY CARVINGS AS A MONUMENT GIVES THEM LEGAL PROTECTION AGAINST ALL FORMS OF INTERFERENCE,+ SAID DR. BARD.

+THIS ACTION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SIMILAR DECLARATION FOR THE OTHER ROCK CARVINGS, AND IT IS HOPED THAT OTHER STRUCTURES AND ITEMS WILL SOON OFFICIALLY BECOME MONUMENTS UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES ORDINANCE.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE BIG WAVE BAY CARVINGS WILL BE AMONG THOSE ON DISPLAY IN THE EXHIBITION, +ANCIENT ROCK CARVINGS OF HONG KONG+. THERE WILL BE A PRESS PREVIEW OF THE EXHIBITION AT 5.30 P.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY IN STAR HOUSE, TSIM SHA TSUI. DR. BARD TOGETHER WITH THE CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM, MR. BRIAN PEACOCK, AND OTHER MUSEUM STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PREVIEW TO ANSWER PRESS QUESTIONS AND GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEETS

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THE NEWLY-CREATED TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD TODAY HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

IT WAS THE SECOND OF A SERIES OF INAUGURAL MEETINGS OF THE SEVEN NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS SET UP LATE LAST MONTH. THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HELD ITS FIRST MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK.

BEFORE TODAY'S MEETING STARTED THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER NG.

AT THE MEETING MR. NG WELCOMED THE MEMBERS AND OUTLINED THE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD.

HE SAID, +IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF OUTSIDERS LIVING HERE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO INVOLVE MORE CLOSELY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN,+

MR. NG SAID THE ADVICE TO BE OBTAINED FROM UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WOULD REFLECT THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF SPORTS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL PROMOTION.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH THEIR ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE NEW TOWN A MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO LIVE IN,+ HE ADDED.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD COMPRISES EIGHT UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS DRAWN FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THEY ARE MR. CHAN YAT-SUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK= MR. LAU WONG-FAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE= MISS MARY-LOUISE BEYNS, SOCIAL WORKER= MR. CHEUNG KAM-HUNG, A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN= MR. CHOW MAN-PING, SCHOOL HEADMASTER= MR. LAU CHI-YUEN, A MANUFACTURER= MR. LEUNG KUEN, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE= AND MR. TANG TUNG-CHIU, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE
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A TWO-WEEK, FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSE FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOPS SUPERVISORS WILL OPEN ON JANUARY 9, 1978 AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

KNOWN AS THE +BLOCK RELEASE INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE+, IT IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TOGETHER WITH A STUDY OF EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE COURSE INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT AS A TRADE OR A WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR AND SKILLS IN TRADE, PREFERABLY WITH SECONDARY TECHNICAL OR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL EDUCATION.

THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE CHINESE, BUT SOME ENGLISH TERMINOLOGY WILL BE USED. THE COURSE FEE IS \$60.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE HK TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 17, 1977.

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CLOSURE OF THEATRE LANE
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THEATRE LANE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM JANUARY 1, 1978 TILL THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PEDDER STATION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES WILL BE MAINTAINED AND VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE PROPERTIES IN THEATRE LANE CAN BE MADE VIA QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. SUITABLE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED AT THE JUNCTION.

A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) STIPULATES THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE TRAFFIC ALTERATION MUST SEND HIS CLAIM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

THE CLAIMS MUST REACH THE DIRECTOR WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE RE-OPENING OF THE LANE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE AREA AFFECTED CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE= THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD= AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), GROUND FLOOR, 205A DES VOEUX ROAD WEST BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON ANY DAY OTHER THAN SATURDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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