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LANTAU COUNTRY PARK PLANNED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING STEPS TO GAZETTE THE MAJOR PART OF LANTAU ISLAND AS A COUNTRY PARK TO PRESERVE RECREATIONAL RESOURCES ON THE SCENIC ISLAND.

THIS IS IN LINE WITH ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY A TEAM OF CONSULTANTS WHICH WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1973 TO LOOK INTO THE RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON LANTAU AND OTHER SUITABLE PLACES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. DAVID TSUI, TODAY TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG LIONS CLUB.

THE PROPOSED LANTAU COUNTRY PARK WOULD EXCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN MUI WO, SOUTH LANTAU, TUNG CHUNG AND TAI O, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN NORTH LANTAU.

+THE COUNTRY PARK AREAS ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOMMODATE A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION USES LIKE SWIMMING, HIKING, PICNICKING AND CAMPING,+ HE SAID.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WOULD IN DUE COURSE PROVIDE THE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF A COUNTRY PARK, HE ADDED.

MR. TSUI SAID OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CONSULTANTS INCLUDED:

- * THE SETTING UP OF A COASTAL PROTECTION AREA WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT ENCOURAGED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. THE LAND BETWEEN SOUTH LANTAU ROAD AND THE SHORELINE FROM PUI O TO TONG FUK MIU WAN FALLS WITHIN THIS RECOMMENDED CATEGORY=
- * THE SETTING UP OF CONSERVATION AREAS WHERE VARIOUS DEGREES OF ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE PERMITTED=
- * THE PROVISION OF LAND ALONG SOUTH LANTAU ROAD FOR PRIVATE RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THREE MINOR TWO-STOREY RESIDENTIAL LAYOUT PLANS IN SOUTH LANTAU ARE BEING PREPARED AND SOME LAND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL BY AUCTION AND EXCHANGES LATER THIS YEAR= AND
- * THE CREATION OF AN URBAN DEVELOPMENT RESERVE AREA ON THE NORTHERN PART OF LANTAU.

MR. TSUI ALSO SPOKE ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR MUI WO AND TAI O.

IN MUI WO, HE SAID, WORK, COSTING ABOUT \$19.8 MILLION IS TO START SOON ON LAND FORMATION FOR A \$9 MILLION FERRY CONCOURSE= COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SITES NEAR THE PIER= RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING FOR 1,200 PEOPLE WHICH SHOULD BE READY BY 1979= VILLAGE-TYPE HOUSING AND WORKSHOP AREAS IN MUI WO VALLEY= AND THE PROVISION OF ROADS AND FOOTPATHS FROM THE PIER TO THE VALLEY.

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IN TAI O, MR. TSUI SAID WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED ON SITE FORMATION FOR RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING FOR 3,000 PEOPLE. THE COST FOR THE ENGINEERING WORK IS ABOUT \$22.5 MILLION.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, SITES WILL BE FORMED FOR PRIVATE VILLAGE-TYPE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND THERE WILL ALSO BE COMMUNITY FACILITIES LIKE MARKETS, COMMUNITY CENTRES, PLAYGROUNDS AND SCHOOLS.

MR. TSUI SAID ALL THESE REPRESENT THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANTAU ISLAND IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

+AS REGARDS THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF LANTAU, I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A REPORT TO BE COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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LADY MACLEHOSE VISITS GIRL GUIDES CAMP
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LADY MACLEHOSE VISITED THE GIRL GUIDES CAMP IN PING SHAN, NEW TERRITORIES, THIS MORNING IN HER CAPACITY AS THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION.

SHE WAS GREETED ON HER ARRIVAL BY MRS. MARGUERITE GORDON, GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION COMMISSIONER, MRS. AKERS-JONES, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES LOCAL ASSOCIATION AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION.

THE CAMPERS PRESENTED LADY MACLEHOSE WITH A POT OF FLOWERS IN A MACRAME SLING BEFORE SHE STARTED HER HOUR-LONG TOUR. SHE SAW SOME 20 CAMPERS LEARNING MACRAME AND OTHER HANDICRAFT, AND WATCHED A SPECIAL FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCE GIVEN BY THE BROWNIES OF THE 82ND NEW TERRITORIES PACK. LADY MACLEHOSE THEN WALKED ROUND THE CAMP TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF THE FACILITIES IT PROVIDED.

BEFORE SHE ENDED HER VISIT, LADY MACLEHOSE HAD A LONG CHAT WITH THE CAMPERS ABOUT THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES

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INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING HOLDS LAST
GRADUATION CEREMONY

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THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING HAS PRODUCED 179 GRADUATES SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED NEARLY FOUR YEARS AGO, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY.

MR. LEE WAS SPEAKING AT THE THIRD AND LAST GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE INSTITUTE BEFORE ITS INTEGRATION WITH THE POLYTECHNIC NEXT MONTH. AT THE CEREMONY, 50 STUDENTS RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES IN SOCIAL WORK AFTER COMPLETING THE TWO-YEAR COURSE.

THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT THE INSTITUTE WAS SET UP TO PROVIDE GENERIC AND PRACTICAL TRAINING AT THE BASIC LEVEL FOR FRONT-LINE JOBS, AND IT HAD FULFILLED ITS FUNCTIONS 'MOST APPROPRIATELY'.

+YOUR GRADUATES WILL BE INVOLVED IN DAY-TO-DAY, FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT WITH CLIENTS- IT IS THEREFORE THEY WHO WILL HAVE THE MOST IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND IT IS ON THEIR PERFORMANCE THAT THE TRUE EFFECTIVENESS OF ALL WELFARE SERVICES WILL GREATLY DEPEND,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE INTEGRATION OF THE INSTITUTE INTO THE POLYTECHNIC, MR. LEE CONTINUED, THIS ORIGINAL ROLE AND FUNCTION WOULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED AS STUDENTS WOULD BE TRAINED IN A BROADER EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT AND WITH GREATER CONTACT WITH, AND SUPPORT FROM, OTHER DISCIPLINES.

+THIS WOULD GIVE THE STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO ACQUIRE A BROADER PERSPECTIVE AND SO FIT HIM BETTER TO PLAY HIS PART AS A FRONT-LINE SOCIAL WORKER,+ HE ADDED.

MR. LEE THEN ASSURED THAT BOTH HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM AND THE NEW SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE POLYTECHNIC.

+NOT JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF OUR CONCERN AND INTEREST IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE MANPOWER IN MEETING SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

IN HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, MR. L.B. MACQUARRIE, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE, SAID THAT THE CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL WORK WHICH THE GRADUATES RECEIVED TODAY WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE POLYTECHNIC DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK.

+AS FAR AS POLYTECHNIC IS CONCERNED, AND PARTICULARLY AS FAR AS THE NEW SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IS CONCERNED, INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING GRADUATES WILL HAVE THE SAME STATUS, BENEFITS AND RELATIONSHIPS AS FUTURE POLYTECHNIC SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES.

/+WE HOPE

+WE HOPE THAT TODAY'S GRADUATING CLASS AND THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 1975 AND 1976 WILL CONSIDER THEMSELVES AS HAVING THE SAME CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AS THEY HAVE FELT WITH THE INSTITUTE,+ MR. MACQUARRIE SAID.

FINALLY, HE ANNOUNCED THAT MR. THOMAS LEE, FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE INSTITUTE ACADEMIC BOARD HAD BEEN APPOINTED AS THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK.

MOST OF THE 50 GRADUATES ARE NOW IN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, SOME OF THEM WITH THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR AND SOME IN THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MAINLY CARITAS, BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION AND Y.W.C.A.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN MONG KOK

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE INTRODUCED AS FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 8) IN MONG KOK TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON CERTAIN SECTIONS OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, SHANTUNG STREET AND SOY STREET.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY), THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET WOULD BE EXTENDED BY ABOUT 18.3 METRES (60 FT) SOUTHWARDS.

A NEW PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND WILL BE DESIGNATED IN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET BETWEEN SHANTUNG STREET AND SOY STREET.

MEANWHILE, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT ON THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF ROADS:

- * SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND DUNDAS STREET, OTHER THAN AT THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION OF STREET=
- * SHANTUNG STREET BETWEEN THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CLEARWAY SIGN AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET= AND,
- * SOY STREET BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS DRIVERS.

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IMPROVED TELEPHONE FACILITIES FOR JOB HUNTERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS INSTALLED NEW TELEPHONES EQUIPPED WITH A NUMBER HUNTING DEVICE AT ALL ITS LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC.

EXPLAINING THE BENEFIT OF THE NEW SYSTEM, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER, MR. CHAN WING-KIT, SAID: +THE DEVICE HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF AUTOMATICALLY FINDING THE NEXT OR A THIRD TELEPHONE NUMBER IF THE FIRST ONE IS ENGAGED.+

+IN THIS WAY,+ HE SAID, +IT WILL PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM BETWEEN ENQUIRERS AND THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.+

THE NEW NUMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EIGHT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES ARE:

	TEL. -----
* NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HK	5-270276 5-270515-6 5-270622
* CANTON RD GOVT OFFICES BLDG, 4TH FL, KLN	3-695525-8
* SHAM SHUI PO POST OFFICE BLDG, 1ST FL, UN CHAU ST, KLN	3-700293-5
* PARIS THEATRE BLDG, GRD FL, 7 KING FUK ST, SAN PO KONG, KLN	3-265121-4
* KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE BLDG, 2ND FL, TUNG YAN ST, KWUN TONG, KLN	3-424251-3
* CHARTERED BANK BLDG, 3RD FL, TSUEN WAN, NT	12-420154-6
* 52 PO HEUNG ST, GRD FL, TAI PO, NT	12-662822
* 31 TAK CHING COURT, GRD FL, TUEN MUN, NT	12-819300-2

+WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THESE NEW TELEPHONES,+ MR. CHAN ADDED, +IT IS HOPED THAT EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE VACANCIES TO FILL WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.+

MR. CHAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EMPLOYERS COULD SAVE BOTH THE EXPENSE OF ADVERTISING AND THE TROUBLE OF SORTING THROUGH A LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS TO FIND THE RIGHT CANDIDATES IF THEY MAKE USE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FOR THEIR STAFF RECRUITMENT.

MR. CHAN URGED PEOPLE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO PERSONALLY REGISTER WITH THE SERVICE, GIVING RELEVANT PARTICULARS SUCH AS THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND THE SALARY THEY EXPECT.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN POK MAN STREET AND FUK CHAK STREET HAS BEEN CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC SINCE AUGUST 1 TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO A BURST WATER MAIN.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS TEMPORARY CLOSURE WILL LAST UNTIL AUGUST 9.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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