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LUXURY FLATS TO BE BUILT ON SHA TIN KCR PODIUM

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE PLANS TO BUILD MORE THAN 570 LUXURY FLATS OF BETWEEN 170 SQUARE METRES (1 830 SQUARE FEET) AND 224 SQUARE METRES (2 415 SQUARE FEET) ABOVE THE PROPOSED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT AT SHA TIN.

THE PLANS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP BY YEE PANG REALTY LTD. -- A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LTD. AND KIU KWONG INVESTMENT LTD. -- WHICH RECENTLY WON AN OPEN TENDER FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON THE 2.7-HECTARE, GOVERNMENT-BUILT PODIUM SITE WITH A BID OF \$383 MILLION.

AT A CEREMONY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, FORMALLY SIGNED THE LEASE CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PRESTIGE PROJECT.

SIGNING ON BEHALF OF YEE PANG WERE MR. LI KA-SHING, CHAIRMAN OF CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LTD., AND MR. LIANG SIEN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KIU KWONG INVESTMENT LTD.

THE WINNING TENDER WAS ANNOUNCED ON JULY 9 AND THE COMPANY HAS NOW SUBMITTED PROPOSALS TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR IMPLEMENTING A LUXURY HOUSING SCHEME FOR THE NEW TOWN.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE PLANS INCLUDED 528 FLATS WITH AN AVERAGE GROSS AREA OF 224 SQUARE METRES IN EIGHT 33-STOREY TOWER BLOCKS WHICH WOULD COMMAND SWEEPING VIEWS OF THE RACECOURSE TO THE NORTH AND THE NEW TOWN TO THE SOUTH.

THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD ALSO HAVE A 12-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BLOCK WITH 48 DUPLEX UNITS OF 170 SQUARE METRES EACH ABOVE A COMMERCIAL-COMMUNITY COMPLEX.

+THE COMPANY HAS SUBMITTED BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE PROPOSALS FOR TOP-CLASS HOUSING THAT BLEND IN PERFECTLY WITH THE CONCEPT OF DEVELOPING A BALANCED NEW TOWN AT SHA TIN,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+THE PROPOSALS ARE A TIMELY ADDITION TO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STOCK OF HIGH-CLASS PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL FLATS THAT ARE SO MUCH IN DEMAND IN HONG KONG GENERALLY.+

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE PROJECT WOULD BE SELF-CONTAINED WITH LANDSCAPING AND A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SUCH AS A SWIMMING POOL.

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+IT WILL BE CONNECTED BY ROAD TO THE MAIN COMMUNICATION ARTERIES OF SHA TIN AND THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT TIMETABLE HAS BEEN DRAWN UP TO RUN PARALLEL WITH THE ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME WHICH WILL TRANSFORM THE K.C.R. INTO A RAPID SURFACE TRANSIT SYSTEM LINKING KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF WILL UNDERTAKE TO BUILD THE \$175 MILLION PODIUM, INCLUDING THE BUILDING OF 825 METRES OF ACCESS ROADS, WHICH WILL BE FINANCED IN INSTALMENTS BY THE DEVELOPER.

IT IS EXPECTED TO HAND OVER THE FIRST HALF OF THE PODIUM SITE TO YEE PANG IN ABOUT 30 MONTHS' TIME AND THE REST OF IT ABOUT SIX MONTHS LATER.

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY 1984.

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PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS POPULAR

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE MAKING INCREASING USE OF THE 27 PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS.

DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 1 580 153 ENQUIRIES WAS HANDLED, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH WAS CONNECTED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS AND BOOKLETS.

THE DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT'S POSTAL APPLICATION FORMS WERE THE HIGHEST WITH 152 533 REQUESTS. THE OTHERS IN GREAT DEMAND WERE THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES' ENROLMENT FORMS (142 052), WALK FOR A MILLION SPONSOR FORMS (55 916) AND PUBLIC HOUSING APPLICATION FORMS (35 170).

OTHER ENQUIRIES AND CASES HANDLED WERE RELATED TO MATTERS ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION (26 019), LOCATION AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES (21 694), APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HOUSING (21 662), GOVERNMENT JOBS AND VACANCIES (16 937) AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY MATTERS (16 800).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SAID THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS WERE WELL VERSED IN GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES AND THEY WERE SUPPLIED WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION MATERIAL BY THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION SECTION, SO THAT THEY COULD PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION AND DETAILED EXPLANATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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INDUCTION COURSE FOR PREVOCATIONAL
SCHOOL TEACHERS
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A ONE-DAY INDUCTION COURSE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT CARITAS HOUSE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHERS OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

MR. T.L. LAM, SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS AND SERVICES), WILL DELIVER AN OPENING ADDRESS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY TALKS GIVEN BY VARIOUS OFFICIALS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND PRINCIPALS OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

ONE OF THE SPEAKERS, MR. DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), WILL TALK ON THE NATURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

OTHER TOPICS WILL INCLUDE ADMINISTRATION OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND PROSPECTS OF TEACHERS, THE ROLE OF A TEACHER, THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES, AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TECHNICAL AND GENERAL SUBJECTS.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD AFTER THE TALKS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE INDUCTION COURSE. IT WILL BEGIN AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW (AUGUST 30) IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THE CARITAS HOUSE, NINTH FLOOR NO. 2 CAINE ROAD, HONG KONG.

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STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM FIELD STUDIES CENTRE
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TEACHERS SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE IN SAI KUNG TO CARRY OUT ECOLOGICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL FIELD WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF HONG KONG STUDENTS, MRS. LOUISE MOK, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN ORIENTATION COURSE FOR BIOLOGY TEACHERS OF MATRICULATION CLASSES HELD AT THE CENTRE. EIGHTY TEACHERS ATTENDED THE COURSE.

+IT IS THROUGH ACTUAL OBSERVATION AND FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE IN FIELD STUDIES TOGETHER WITH THE SHARING OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION THAT STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF PRACTICAL REALITIES INCREASES,+ MRS. MOK SAID.

THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, IS SITUATED IN AN AREA WHERE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF ECOLOGICAL HABITATS ARE WITHIN EASY ACCESS.

MRS. MOK SAID: +THIS CENTRE IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR ENVIRONMENT THROUGH EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SERVICE.

+IT IS DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED FOR FIELD WORK IN SUBJECTS LIKE ECOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY.+

RESIDENTIAL ECOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY COURSES WILL BE OFFERED BY THE CENTRE TO MIDDLE VI OR LOWER AND UPPER FORM VI STUDENTS DURING TERM-TIME.

DURING VACATION, ORIENTATION OR REFRESHER COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR TEACHERS, WHILE TALKS ON CONSERVATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL BE GIVEN TO HOLIDAY CAMPERS AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

TEACHERS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S ORIENTATION COURSE ATTENDED A SERIES OF LECTURES ON ECOLOGICAL FIELD STUDIES, AFTER WHICH THEY TOURED VARIOUS TYPES OF ECOLOGICAL HABITATS IN THE AREA.

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TEMPORARY WATER STOPPAGE IN NORTH POINT AND ABERDEEN
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN YUE KWONG ESTATE AND SHEK PAI WAN VILLAGE IN ABERDEEN WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR NINE HOURS FROM 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 31) TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN CONNECTION WORK AT ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL PREMISES IN WAH FU AND TIN WAN ESTATES, ABERDEEN, WONG CHUK HANG AND NAM FUNG ROAD WILL EXPERIENCE A REDUCTION IN WATER PRESSURE DURING THE PERIOD OF THE MAIN CONNECTION WORK.

ON THE SAME DAY, IN NORTH POINT, FRESH WATER SUPPLY WILL BE CUT FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY (SATURDAY) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE NORTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD, THE EAST SIDE OF SHU KUK STREET, JAVA ROAD AND THE WEST SIDE OF TIN CHIU STREET, INCLUDING MARBLE ROAD, KAM HONG STREET, NORTH POINT HOUSING ESTATE AND NORTH POINT FERRY PASSENGER AND VEHICULAR PIERS.

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