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QUEEN THANKS GOVERNOR FOR MESSAGE OF BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAS THANKED THE GOVERNOR AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR THEIR MESSAGE OF GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 21.

IN A TELEGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR TODAY, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS SAID: +I AM COMMANDED TO CONVEY HER MAJESTY'S SINCERE APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO YOU AND TO ALL WHO ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH YOUR MESSAGE OF LOYAL GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.+

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GOVERNOR OPENS TUEN MUN ROAD
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY THAT IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE ACCESS TO NEW LAND WHICH THEY WOULD BRING WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ALL HONG KONG.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF STAGE ONE OF THE \$350 MILLION TUEN MUN ROAD.

+COMMUNICATIONS — ACCESS TO NEW LAND — LIE AT THE HEART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR RECALLED THE DECISION TO BUILD THE NEW HIGH-CAPACITY HIGHWAY AND SO OPEN THE WEST AND NORTH-WEST TO DEVELOPMENT.

+IT WAS TAKEN AT A DARK TIME WHEN THE QUINTUPLING OF OIL PRICES HAD SUDDENLY OPENED AT OUR FEET WHAT THEN APPEARED A FINANCIAL ABYSS,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY POINTED OUT THAT PRUDENCE REQUIRED RETRENCHMENT AND RETRENCHMENT THERE WAS.

BUT HE ADDED, RECOVERY REQUIRED PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT, AND SO, INSPITE OF ECONOMIES IN OTHER FIELDS, THE GO-AHEAD FOR TUEN MUN ROAD WAS GIVEN.

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THIS, HE ADDED, HAD ACTED AS A SHOT IN THE ARM FOR BOTH TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE DOUBLE TRACK RAILWAY, AND THE NEW COASTAL ROAD WOULD DO THE SAME FOR TAI PO AND THE NORTH-EAST AND THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WOULD SIMILARLY AFFECT ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU.

SIR MURRAY CONGRATULATED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THEIR CONTRACTORS AND ENGINEERS ON THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST PHASE OF TUEN MUN ROAD WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A +SPECTACULAR PROJECT+.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF STAGE II AND ALSO THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS IN 1982, HE SAID, IT WOULD THEN BE POSSIBLE TO TRAVEL BY CONTINUOUS DUAL CARRIAGEWAY FROM YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN IN THE WEST TO KWUN TONG IN THE EAST OR ABERDEEN IN THE SOUTH OR SHA TIN AND TAI PO IN THE NORTH-EAST.

IN HIS SPEECH WELCOMING THE GOVERNOR, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, SAID : +THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST CARRIAGEWAY OF WHAT WOULD EVENTUALLY BE A DUAL THREE-LANE ROAD SOME 17 KILOMETRES LONG TOOK THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE, AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$300 MILLION.+

IT WOULD REPLACE THE EXISTING INADEQUATE CASTLE PEAK ROAD WITH A HIGH CAPACITY HIGHWAY LINKING THE NEW TOWNS OF TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN.

MR. MCDONALD SAID THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND STAGE WOULD COMMENCE SOON AFTER THE FIRST CARRIAGEWAY WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

ON FULL COMPLETION, HE ADDED, TUEN MUN ROAD WOULD FORM PART OF THE TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS DUAL-CARRIAGEWAY FROM THE RAPIDLY GROWING TOWN OF TUEN MUN TO KOWLOON.

+THIS GREATLY IMPROVED FACILITY WILL BE OF SPECIAL BENEFIT TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF LARGE HEAVY VEHICLES GENERATED BY THE EXPANDING INDUSTRY OF THE TOWN,+ MR. MCDONALD SAID.

EARLIER, THE GOVERNOR WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY MR. MCDONALD.

HE WAS THEN INTRODUCED TO OFFICIALS OF P.W.D. AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSULTANTS FIRM AND CONTRACTORS BY MR. DAVID STEAD, P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT.

THE NEW ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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MORE AREAS IN TUEN MUN TO BE DEVELOPED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO DEVELOP TWO LARGE AREAS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN TO PROVIDE SITES FOR TWO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE A TOTAL OF 80,000 PEOPLE.

A THIRD AREA IN THE NEW TOWN WILL ALSO BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE A SITE FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY BY THE END OF 1980.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER NG, TODAY (FRIDAY) DESCRIBED THE PROJECTS AS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

WORK ON RECLAMATION AND SITE FORMATION FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT -- THE \$380 MILLION BUTTERFLY ESTATE -- WILL START LATER THIS YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1980.

THE ESTATE WILL ACCOMMODATE 60,000 PEOPLE BY 1983. IT WILL INCORPORATE ALL THE MODERN FACILITIES ON A SPACIOUS AREA OF 23 HECTARES, NORTHEAST OF PAK KOK.

WORK ON SITE FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS FOR THE SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT -- THE \$130 MILLION SAU SING ESTATE -- IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR. PARTS OF THE SITE FORMATION WORK STARTED IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

THE SAU SING ESTATE, OCCUPYING 7.8 HECTARES NEAR YEUNG SIU HANG, WILL ACCOMMODATE 20,000 PEOPLE BY 1981.

THE SITE FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY WILL MAINLY BE ON RECLAIMED LAND OPPOSITE SAM SHING HUI. THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO CONSTRUCT THE MAIN BREAKWATER FOR A TYPHOON SHELTER PROVIDING AN ANCHORAGE OF 50 HECTARES FOR LOCAL FISHERMEN.

TO FACILITATE THE WORKS ON THE PROJECTS, MR. NG SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESUME A TOTAL OF 8,559.5 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 19.3 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND. TWO MONTHS' NOTICE OF THE RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE LAND RESUMPTION WILL INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF 13 DOMESTIC STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY TEN FAMILIES. IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 57 OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING A SHOP, A WORKSHOP, A PIGSTY AND CHICKEN SHEDS, WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

+DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY, DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING IN TUEN MUN OR SPACE IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

+GENUINE FARMING FAMILIES MAY OPT FOR A RESITE TOGETHER WITH AN EX-GRATIA REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE OF \$5,000, BUT THE FAMILY WILL FORFEIT THEIR PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING,+ MR. NG SAID.

OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL AND BUILDING LAND WILL BE OFFERED LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS OR CASH COMPENSATION, HE ADDED.

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COUNTRY PARKS CONCEPT EXTENDED

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MORE THAN 40 AREAS IN HONG KONG WILL BE EARMARKED AS SPECIAL SITES OF BOTANICAL AND ORNITHOLOGICAL INTEREST, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR. MARTIN LEWIS, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE LIONS CLUB (HOSTS) LUNCHEON AT THE HILTON HOTEL, HE SAID THESE AREAS WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE DESIGNATION OF 19 COUNTRY PARKS BY APRIL 1, 1981.

MR. LEWIS ADDED THAT CONSIDERATION WAS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO EXTENDING THE COUNTRY PARKS CONCEPT TO INCLUDE SITES OF CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND GEOLOGICAL INTEREST WITH THE ADVICE OF THE ANTIQUITIES SECTION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+THESE ARE ALL CHALLENGING TASKS, BUT NONE MORE SO THAN THE COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

+WE ARE DISCUSSING HOW THE CONSERVATION MESSAGE CAN BEST BE PUT ACROSS TO SCHOOLS WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. BUT FOR OUR PART, WE WILL BE ACTIVELY PROMOTING THE USE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE BY:

- * ESTABLISHING A COUNTRYSIDE ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME, GEARED TO SELF-STARTING GROUPS WHICH WISH TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRY PARKS=
- * ESTABLISHING VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES AT ENTRANCES TO THE MAIN COUNTRY PARK AREAS=
- * RUNNING 80 WEEK-LONG FORESTRY CAMPS IN THE COUNTRY PARKS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS= AND
- * ORGANISING A PILOT 'SCHOOL FORESTER' PROJECT TO ENABLE SPECIFIC GROUPS TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH A PARTICULAR PIECE OF FOREST AND TAKE A CONTINUING INTEREST IN IT.+

MR. LEWIS SAID THE FIRST TWO PROJECTS WERE IN THE FORMULATIVE STAGE AND WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ONCE RESOURCES -- PRINCIPALLY STAFF -- WERE AVAILABLE. THE OTHER TWO PROJECTS WOULD BE UNDER WAY IN JULY.

THE COUNTRY PARKS, HE ADDED, CONTAINED A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN JUST AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY.

WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES, THERE ARE MORE THAN 2,400 SPECIES OF VASCULAR PLANTS, ABOUT 343 SPECIES OF BIRDS, ABOUT 118 SPECIES OF NATIVE ORCHIDS, MORE THAN 200 SPECIES OF BUTTERFLIES, A SMALL NUMBER OF WILD ANIMALS AND A VARIETY OF SNAKES.

MR. LEWIS SAID THERE WERE MANY HISTORICAL SITES WHICH WOULD SERVE AS INTERESTING EDUCATIONAL FEATURES TO THE PRESENT GENERATION +WHO MAY NOT EASILY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH HONG KONG'S PAST ... NOT TO MENTION TOURISTS, FOR WHOM, I AM SURE, WE WILL FIND MANY MORE AREAS OF INTEREST TO VISIT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.+

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MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT
FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS SIGNED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$15.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS ON THE HILLTOPS OF LAI KING HEADLAND IN TSUEN WAN.

THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED WITH WAN HING AND CO. LTD. IN THE P.W.D.'S TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE THIS MORNING.

MR. NORMAN TUCKER, P.W.D.'S CHIEF ENGINEER, SAID THAT THE WORK, WHICH IS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS AND A DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

WORK WOULD BEGIN NEXT WEEK AND TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

MR. TUCKER SAID THAT THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS WERE REQUIRED TO MEET CLEARANCE COMMITMENTS ARISING FROM THE EXTENSION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TO TSUEN WAN AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

HE SAID THAT THE HILLTOPS, WHICH WERE USED AS BORROW AREAS, HAD NOW BEEN FORMED INTO PLATFORMS BY THE DEVELOPERS OF THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL.

MR. TUCKER POINTED OUT THAT INITIALLY THE PLATFORMS WOULD BE USED AS TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS BUT WOULD EVENTUALLY BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

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EMPLOYMENT AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES
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THERE WERE 65,036 MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN MARCH THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO A RECENT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE FIGURE SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 2,026 WORKERS OR THREE PER CENT COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1977. AS AGAINST THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977, THE FIGURE ROSE BY 10,501 OR 19 PER CENT.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 1,167 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN OPERATION IN MARCH THIS YEAR. OF THESE, 352 WERE SITES TENDERED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENTS. THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 24,913 WORKERS -- AN INCREASE OF 1,720 WORKERS OR SEVEN PER CENT OVER DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

DURING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1977 TO MARCH 1978, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ENGAGED AT CONSTRUCTION SITES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY ONE PER CENT TO 32,004. BUT EMPLOYMENT AT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION SITES RECORDED AN INCREASE OF EIGHT PER CENT TO 8,119 WORKERS IN MARCH 1978.

DETAILED STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

TENDERING AUTHORITY	MARCH 1977		DECEMBER 1977		MARCH 1978	
	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	764	13,906	294	18,162	304	18,490
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	18	2,303	43	5,031	48	6,423
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY	23	5,563	26	7,526	28	8,119
PRIVATE SECTOR	804	32,763	839	32,291	787	32,004
TOTAL	1,109	54,535	1,202	63,010	1,167	65,036

(NOTE : CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY REFER TO M.T.R. CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING MARCH 1978).

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS
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A NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING OFFERED IN MEMBER COLLEGES OF THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA TO STUDENTS IN HONG KONG FOR A TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE COMMENCING SEPTEMBER, 1978.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED AT ATLANTIC COLLEGE, SOUTH WALES, UNITED KINGDOM, OR PEARSON COLLEGE, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.

THE MATRICULATION COURSES WILL LEAD TO THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ENTRY EXAMINATION. THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE IS RECOGNISED FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRY PURPOSES IN HONG KONG AND IN MANY COUNTRIES.

THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGES WERE ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION. THE STUDENT BODY AND TEACHING STAFF ARE FULLY INTERNATIONAL. ENTRY TO EACH COLLEGE IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND IS BASED ON ACADEMIC ABILITY AND PERSONAL QUALITIES.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY: +APPLICANTS FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS MUST BE UNDER 17-1/2 YEARS OF AGE ON 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1978 AND BE IN POSSESSION OF A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH AT LEAST FOUR SUBJECTS AT GRADE C OR ABOVE, INCLUDING GOOD RESULTS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE= OR HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF OBTAINING SIMILAR (OR BETTER) RESULTS IN THE 1978 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, INCLUDING GOOD RESULTS IN ENGLISH OR HAVE OBTAINED AN APPROVED EQUIVALENT, (E.G. H.K.U.A.L. CERTIFICATE, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE, OR ANY G.C.E. CERTIFICATE.)+

HE SAID THAT EACH SCHOLARSHIP WOULD COVER TUITION AND BOARDING FEES FOR THE TWO-YEAR COURSE, THE INITIAL COST OF UNIFORM AND SPORTS CLOTHING AND A PERSONAL ALLOWANCE DURING THE TERM. IT WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE ADEQUATE TO COVER OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES SUCH AS AIR FARES TO AND FROM THE COLLEGE AND MAINTENANCE FOR LONG VACATIONS.

+THE CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES WILL INCLUDE PAST ACADEMIC RECORDS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, PERSONALITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH.

+CANDIDATES MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW IN HONG KONG. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN AN UNDERTAKING THAT THEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S BRANCH OFFICE AT ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE BY MAY 12. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978

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A BILL WHICH AIMS AT PREVENTING THE MISUSE OF HYDROCARBON OILS IN MOTOR VEHICLES IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 WILL IMPLEMENT A PROPOSAL ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH BY MAKING IT AN OFFENCE TO MIX KEROSENE WITH DIESEL OIL FOR USE IN VEHICLES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY POINTED OUT THAT SUCH A MIXTURE CAUSED AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND ALSO PRESENTED A FIRE RISK WHEN THE TEMPERATURE OF THE ENGINE RISES.

BESIDES THE MIXTURE REDUCES THE CONSUMPTION ON DIESEL OIL, RESULTING IN A LOSS OF REVENUE FROM DUTY. THERE IS NO DUTY ON KEROSENE.

A MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR SUCH AN OFFENCE UNDER THE BILL IS A FINE OF \$100,000 AND TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

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FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE FOR FORM 5 GRADUATES

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS OFFERING A TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE COMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER 1978. APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FROM YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO INTEND TO TAKE UP TEACHING PROFESSION AS THEIR CAREER.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN FORM V GRADUATES WITH APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL EDUCATION BACKGROUND TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

DURING THE TWO YEARS OF TRAINING, STUDENTS WILL STUDY EDUCATION THEORIES INCLUDING EDUCATION PHILOSOPHIES AND PSYCHOLOGY, THE DESIGN, PREPARATION AND APPLICATION OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, TEACHING METHODOLOGY, MATHEMATICS AND GENERAL SCIENCE. A PROPORTION OF TIME WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE POLISHING UP OF SPECIALIST SUBJECT-MATTER IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, ACCOUNTANCY AND SECRETARYSHIP. INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT AND VISITS WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED TO PROMOTE STUDENTS' CONTACT WITH INDUSTRIES.

STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PASS BOTH COURSE WORK AND EXAMINATIONS AS WELL AS TEACHING PRACTICES BEFORE THEY GRADUATE.

FINANCIAL AIDS ARE AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION TO ASSIST STUDENTS TO TAKE UP THE TEACHER TRAINING.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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WIDENING OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL SOON WIDEN THE EXISTING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN PIK UK AND CLEARWATER BAY APARTMENTS TO A TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WITH IMPROVED ALIGNMENT AND LEVELS.

THIS PROJECT IS PART OF A SCHEME TO IMPROVE CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN ANDERSON ROAD AND HANG HAU ROAD.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, IT IS HOPED THAT THE PRESENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WILL BE CONSIDERABLY RELIEVED.

ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE OBJECTIONS TO THE PROJECT SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM TODAY.

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HEADQUARTERS OF RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE MOVING
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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS MOVING ITS HEADQUARTERS FROM MAU TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN KOWLOON TO THE WING ON CENTRE ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, WILL ALSO BE LOCATED IN THE SAME BUILDING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SEEKING INFORMATION ON RECREATION AND SPORT PROGRAMMES SHOULD GO TO 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD, HONG KONG, FROM MONDAY (MAY 8). THE SERVICE'S 17 DISTRICT OFFICES - FOUR ON HONG KONG, SIX IN KOWLOON, AND SEVEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES - WILL REMAIN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCATIONS.

THE SERVICE, HEADED BY A PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER, MR. MIKE CASWELL, HAS A STAFF OF 100 OFFICERS TO ORGANISE AND PROMOTE RECREATION AND SPORT PROGRAMMES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT THE NEW OFFICES ARE:

RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE

5-458791 (10 LINES)

5-458511 (4 LINES)

SECRETARIAT FOR COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT

5-442170 - SECRETARY

5-441086 - SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5-441936 - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

5-441902 - ENQUIRIES

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FIRING PRACTICE CANCELLED

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THE FIRING PRACTICE FOR THIS MONTH WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON MAY 18 (THURSDAY), MAY 30 (TUESDAY) AND MAY 31 (WEDNESDAY), HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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SUPPLEMENT

Friday, May 5, 1978

GOVERNOR OPENS TUEN MUN HIGHWAY

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The following is the full text of speech by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, at the opening of Tuen Mun Highway today :

I am very glad to open this new highway. If any of you had doubts about the need for it, I trust they were dispelled as you joined the queue to get here along the old coast road. Clearly the West and North-West have need of greatly improved communications.

Communications - access to new land - lie at the heart of the development of Hong Kong. I well remember the decision to build this highway, and so open the West and North-West to development. It was taken at a dark time when the quintupling of oil prices had suddenly opened at our feet what then appeared a financial abyss. Prudence required retrenchment and retrenchment there was. But recovery required progress and development, and so, inspite of economies in other fields, the go-ahead for this highway was given. It has acted as a shot in the arm for both Tuen Mun and Yuen Long.

I have no doubt that the double Lion Rock Tunnels, the double track railway, and the new coastal road will do the same for Tai Po and the North-East and the Aberdeen Tunnel will similarly affect Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau.

/This Tuen Mun

This Tuen Mun highway is a spectacular project and I congratulate the Public Works Department and their contractors and engineers on the completion of this first phase. With the completion of stage II and also the Tsuen Wan by-pass by 1982, it will then be possible to travel by continuous dual carriageway from Yuen Long and Tuen Mun in the West to Kwun Tong in the East or Aberdeen in the South or Sha Tin and Tai Po in the North-East.

I believe that these improved communications with the access to new land which they will bring will be greatly to the benefit of the New Territories and to all Hong Kong.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I declare the Tuen Mun Highway open.