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PNEUMOCONIOSIS LEVY SCHEME STARTS NEXT MONTH  
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BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND QUARRY OPERATORS WERE REMINDED TODAY THAT FROM NEXT MONTH A 0.2 PER CENT LEVY WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE VALUE OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND QUARRY PRODUCTS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO COMPENSATE PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS.

HOWEVER, CONSTRUCTION WORKS VALUED AT \$250 000 AND BELOW ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE LEVY.

THE LEVY WILL BE IMPOSED BY THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE. APART FROM COLLECTING THE LEVY, THE BOARD IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING COMPENSATION TO PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE LEVY WOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 4, 1981, AND WILL APPLY TO CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO, AND QUARRY PRODUCTS PRODUCED, ON OR AFTER THAT DATE.

UNDER THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE, CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORISED PERSONS AND QUARRY OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DETAILS AND THE VALUE OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND QUARRY PRODUCTS RESPECTIVELY TO THE BOARD.

CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORISED PERSONS HAVE TO GIVE NOTICE OF THEIR APPOINTMENTS AND ESTIMATED VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS AS WELL AS COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND THE VALUE. IN ADDITION, CONTRACTORS MUST ALSO NOTIFY THE BOARD ON RECEIPT OF INTERIM AND FINAL PAYMENTS.

QUARRY OPERATORS MUST NOTIFY THE BOARD OF THEIR QUARRY OPERATIONS, THE MONTHLY PRODUCTION VOLUME AND SALE VALUE OF QUARRY PRODUCTS AND CESSATION OF OPERATIONS.

THOSE WHO FAIL TO GIVE NOTICE OF THESE PARTICULARS ARE LIABLE TO FINES RANGING FROM \$1 000 TO \$2 000. IN SOME CASES A SURCHARGE NOT EXCEEDING TWICE THE AMOUNT OF LEVY ASSESSED MAY ALSO BE IMPOSED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE BOARD HAS PREPARED A GUIDE TO THE ORDINANCE AND A STANDARD REPORTING FORM FOR CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORISED PERSONS AS WELL AS QUARRY OPERATORS TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED PARTICULARS.

COPIES OF THE GUIDE AND FORM CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE BOARD BY WRITING TO KWUN TONG POST OFFICE, P.O. BOX 9424 OR THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI .

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE UNIT ON TELEPHONE 3-688353 OR 3-687346 OR BY MAIL TO THE POST OFFICE BOX.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMOUNT OF LEVY FOR QUARRY INDUSTRY WOULD BE ASSESSED BY THE BOARD EVERY SIX MONTHS. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, ASSESSMENT IS MADE ON RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PAYMENT OR NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS SUBMITTED BY THE CONTRACTORS.

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AFTER ASSESSMENT THE BOARD WILL GIVE NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF LEVY OR SURCHARGE PAYABLE WITHIN 28 DAYS. ANY OBJECTION TO THE LEVY ASSESSMENT MAY BE MADE TO THE BOARD IN WRITING WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PAYMENT. APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS OF THE BOARD MAY BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT COURT.

FRAUDULENT EVASION OF LEVY PAYMENT CARRIES A FINE OF \$10 000 OR PAYMENT OF THRICE THE AMOUNT OF LEVY ASSESSED.

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### FIRST AID COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS

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THIRTY-FIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS WILL BE TAKING A FIRST AID COURSE OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, AND WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 24, 29, 30 AND 31 AT THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS IN MACDONNELL ROAD.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF FIRST AID= ACTION AT AN EMERGENCY= DRESSINGS AND BANDAGES= ASPHYXIA AND EMERGENCY RESUSCITATION= WOUNDS, BLEEDING AND CIRCULATORY FAILURE= SHOCK AND FAINTING= INJURIES OF BONES, MUSCLES, LIGAMENTS AND JOINTS= THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND UNCONSCIOUSNESS= BURNS AND SCALDS= AND POISONING.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO LEARN FIRST AID PROCEDURES IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AND THE HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION OF INJURED PERSONS.

AN EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD BY THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE AN 80 PER CENT ATTENDANCE RECORD, TO QUALIFY FOR THE AWARD OF AN ADULT FIRST AID CERTIFICATE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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### CONTRACTOR WANTED FOR WORK ON SERVICE RESERVOIRS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIRS AND A SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR IN NORTH POINT AND IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WOULD BE BUILT ON A HILLTOP SOUTH OF BRAEMAR HILL MANSION IN NORTH POINT WHICH WOULD HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 1 200 CUBIC METRES.

WORK ON THIS PROJECT, TO IMPROVE THE SUPPLY SYSTEM IN THE HIGH LEVEL AREA THERE, WILL START IN FEBRUARY AND TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS.

THE SERVICE RESERVOIRS TO BE BUILT IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN WILL BE LOCATED ON A HILLSIDE AT TAI WO TSUEN.

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THE FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 4 800 CUBIC METRES AND THE ONE FOR SALT WATER 200 CUBIC METRES.

WHEN COMPLETED, THEY WILL FORM PART OF THE FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS TO THE TAI WO TSUEN DEVELOPMENT.

WORK ON THIS PROJECT WILL ALSO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS.

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#### EXHIBITION ON KWUN TONG DEVELOPMENT

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AN EXHIBITION ILLUSTRATING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF KWUN TONG WILL BE HELD IN MTR CHATER STATION FOR TWO WEEKS FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO JANUARY 5.

THE EXHIBITION, PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE 'KWUN TONG TODAY' ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE MTR CORPORATION, WAS HELD EARLIER THIS MONTH IN KWUN TONG STATION AND ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF VISITORS.

THE 'PAST' PART WILL BE DEPICTED BY OLD PHOTOGRAPHS, SUCH AS THOSE OF THE SAU MAU PING LANDSLIDE IN JUNE 1972 AND THE LYEMUN FIRE LAST YEAR.

TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE PRESENT KWUN TONG AND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE FOCUSED IN THE SECOND PART. THIS PART WILL ALSO TOUCH ON IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO SQUATTER AREAS, SUCH AS THE SUPPLY OF LEGAL ELECTRICITY AND PUBLIC WATER STAND PIPES.

THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT WILL BE ILLUSTRATED BY PLANNING MAPS.

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#### CHRISTMAS DUTY FREE BRANDY

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT PASSENGERS ARRIVING FROM MACAU DURING THE TWO DAYS FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS DAY (DECEMBER 26 AND 27) MAY BRING INTO HONG KONG FREE OF DUTY ONE BOTTLE OF PORTUGUESE BRANDY CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN ONE LITRE.

THIS CONCESSION IS ALLOWED IN LIEU OF THE NORMAL ONE-QUART BOTTLE OF GRAPE WINE.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING NEAR CONTAINER TERMINAL  
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KWAI YUE STREET IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND AND KWAI TAI ROAD RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM 6 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 27) TO MIDNIGHT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE (WEDNESDAY).

MOTORISTS WISHING TO REACH PREMISES ON THESE TWO ROADS SHOULD PROCEED VIA KWAI FUK ROAD AND KWAI HEI STREET.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE INTENDED TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARTICULARLY BUSY YEAR-END ACTIVITIES AT THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL.

AS HEAVY CONTAINER AND GOODS VEHICLE TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED ALONG KWAI YUE STREET, KWAI TAI ROAD AND CONTAINER PORT ROAD, MOTORISTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO AVOID THE AREA DURING THE FIVE-DAY PERIOD.

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SALT WATER CUT  
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO HO MAN TIN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 24) TO 6 AM ON DECEMBER 29, MONDAY.

A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING OI MAN, HO MAN TIN AND VALLEY ROAD ESTATES, WILL BE AFFECTED.

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