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20 NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR TSUEN WAN OVER NEXT FOUR YEARS
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD ABOUT 20 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TSUEN WAN BY 1981, AND EIGHT OF THEM ARE ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY WHILE ADDRESSING A GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE JU CHING CHU ENGLISH COLLEGE AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

HE DESCRIBED THE NUMBER AS THE SORT OF FIGURE WHICH PEOPLE HAD COME TO ACCEPT WITHOUT EXCLAMATION BUT WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DREAMT OF EVEN A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.

CONSTRUCTION IS ALSO PROCEEDING ON AN AIR-CONDITIONED AUDITORIUM IN TSUEN WAN WHICH WOULD BE READY BY THE AUTUMN OF 1979, HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES SPOKE OF THESE PROJECTS AS TWO EXAMPLES OF THE MANY THINGS BEING DONE IN TSUEN WAN TO IMPROVE OLD ENVIRONMENTS, TO ELIMINATE POOR LIVING CONDITIONS AND REMOVE DEFICIENCIES.

HOWEVER, HE TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH JUST TO BUILD THE CONCRETE FABRIC OF THE TOWN AND TO COUNT THE PEOPLE AS MERE STATISTICS.

+TSUEN WAN IS YOUR TOWN AND, AS YOU GROW UP, YOU MUST ASSUME SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPROVING IT,+ HE SAID.

+LESSONS LEARNED AT SCHOOL, OR IN THE BOY SCOUTS, GIRL GUIDES, JUNIOR POLICE CALL, AND SO ON, ALL HAVE A PRACTICAL APPLICATION AS YOU GROW OLDER, IN JOINING TOGETHER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO COMBAT AND ELIMINATE THE EVILS IN OUR SOCIETY: CRIME, DRUG ADDICTION AND LACK OF CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE TOWN,+ HE ADDED.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE WORLD TODAY FACED CHANGES AND CHALLENGES, AND THE TEMPO OF CHANGE AND CHALLENGE IN HONG KONG WAS EQUALLY EXTRAORDINARY.

IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION ALONE, HE SAID, THE CHANGES ARE REMARKABLE.

+IN 10 YEARS, OUR UNIVERSITY POPULATION HAS DOUBLED TO ITS PRESENT TOTAL OF 8,000= THE POLYTECHNIC HAS BEEN BUILT AND NOW HAS 8,000 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS= PRIMARY SCHOOLING IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL= AND NEXT YEAR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION WILL DISAPPEAR AND ALL THOSE LEAVING PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLING,+ HE SAID.

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TSUEN WAN TO BE CHANGED BEYOND RECOGNITION

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CHANGE THE FACE OF TSUEN WAN BEYOND RECOGNITION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, SAID THIS TODAY AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF AN EXHIBITION OF PROPOSALS TO BEAUTIFY TSUEN WAN'S FIVE TOWN SQUARES.

THE DESIGNS FOR THE SQUARES HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP BY A GROUP OF THIRD YEAR ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS FROM THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THEIR DEPARTMENT HEAD, PROFESSOR K.C. LYE.

THEY WILL BE ON DISPLAY TO THE PUBLIC AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE AT TAI HO ROAD FROM TOMORROW (JUNE 21) TO SUNDAY (JUNE 26). THE ORGANISERS HAVE PLACED SUGGESTION BOXES AROUND THE EXHIBITION SITE SO THAT VISITORS CAN GIVE THEIR OWN IDEAS TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE TOWN SQUARE PROPOSALS.

THE SIX-DAY EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TSUEN WAN RECREATION AND AMENITIES (ADVISORY) COMMITTEE, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH A MAJORITY OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS DRAWN FROM A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF THE TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY.

MR. HAYES TOLD THE GUESTS AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING THAT PUBLIC AMENITIES OF ALL KINDS WERE REQUIRED TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN AS A NEW TOWN. +THERE IS A LONG LIST OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC WORKS,+ HE SAID.

+A GOOD START HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AND THE RESULTS WILL SHOW OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

+THE NEW TOWN HALL WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1979 AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL BE READY AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

+THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND WILL BE OPENED FOR USE IN 1978 WHILST THE EXISTING YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND, NOW BEING IMPROVED, WILL LATER BE CONVERTED TO STADIUM USE.

+WE MAY ALSO EXPECT A START TO THE BUILDING OF THE TSO KUNG TAM OUTDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTRE AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

+MANY OTHER MINOR AMENITIES ARE ALSO BEING PROVIDED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE NEW TOWN. WE INTEND A PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING PROGRAMME.

+WHAT YOU SEE TODAY IS A REMINDER THAT WE ARE HERE AND THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS.+

MR. HAYES SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE EFFORT AND ENTHUSIASM OF THE ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS AND THEIR TUTORS IN PARTICIPATING IN THE TOWN SQUARE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

PROFESSOR LYE AND THE TSUEN WAN RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR. PETER YEUNG, JOINTLY OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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PWD DIRECTOR PRAISES THREE LONG SERVING STAFF MEMBERS

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THREE EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHO, BETWEEN THEM, HAVE SERVED WELL OVER A HUNDRED YEARS IN THE DEPARTMENT WERE TODAY PRESENTED WITH THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL AT A CEREMONY AT P.W.D. HEADQUARTERS IN MURRAY BUILDING.

THE THREE MEN - MR. LEUNG CHAK, MR. LEUNG WAI AND MR. LO KAI - WERE AMONG 140 HONG KONG CITIZENS WHO WERE RECENTLY AWARDED THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

IN PRESENTING THE MEDALS, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, SAID THAT ALL THREE HAD STARTED WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT AS YOUNG MEN MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO, AND BETWEEN THEM HAD SERVED A TOTAL OF 129 YEARS.

ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS, MR. LEUNG CHAK, FIRST JOINED THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE AS A SURVEY LABOURER IN 1933. NOW, 44 YEARS LATER, HE WORKS IN THE STORES SECTION OF THE SURVEY BRANCH AS AN OFFICE ATTENDANT.

THE SECOND EMPLOYEE, MR. LEUNG WAI, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN APRIL 1934. AFTER SERVING AS A CHAINMAN FOR SOME YEARS, HE BECAME AN OFFICE ATTENDANT IN 1950.

MR. MCDONALD SAID MR. LEUNG WAS WELL-KNOWN AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES FOR HIS CHEERFULNESS AND THE EFFICIENT SERVICE HE PROVIDES. +WHEN HE EVENTUALLY RETIRES,+ MR. MCDONALD SAID, +HIS CONNECTION WITH THE WATERWORKS OFFICE WILL NOT END, BECAUSE HIS SON WILL BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY ON THE TRADITION OF CHEERFULNESS AND EFFICIENCY SET BY HIS FATHER.+

THE LAST RECIPIENT, MR. LO KAI, STARTED HIS CAREER WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN APRIL, 1935 AT THE AGE OF 18. HE WORKED BRIEFLY AS A MESSENGER BEFORE BEING PROMOTED TO THE FOREMAN GRADE.

+OVER THE YEARS HE DEVELOPED AN EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE KOWLOON DRAINAGE SYSTEM,+ MR. MCDONALD SAID.

+IN TIMES OF TYPHOONS AND RAINSTORMS HE IS A MAN WHO CAN BE RELIED UPON TO BE AT HIS TOES AND HE HAS PASSED ON THIS SENSE OF LOYALTY TO MANY YOUNGER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED UNDER HIM.+

MR. MCDONALD SAID MR. LO'S LOYALTY AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE WERE RECOGNISED IN 1975 BY THE AWARD OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL.

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PWD TEAM TO COMPETE IN TUEN MUN
DRAGON BOAT RACES
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FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN SUCCESSION, A GROUP OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE COMPETING IN THE ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT RACES AT TUEN MUN TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE P.W.D. CONTINGENT THIS YEAR COMES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. IT COMPRISES 27 MEMBERS, INCLUDING ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, AND ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND SURVEYING ASSISTANTS, PLANNING OFFICERS, CLERKS AND MESSENGERS.

A TOTAL OF 24 TEAMS WILL BE VYING FOR THE TUEN MUN CUP WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS.

TEAM CAPTAIN ANTHONY KWAN SAID THAT THE TEAM HAD BEEN PRACTISING HARD LATELY.

HE RECALLED THAT ALTHOUGH THE P.W.D. TEAM DID NOT WIN LAST YEAR, IT HAD SHOWN TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE TEAM WOULD DO BETTER THIS YEAR AND THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE CREW WOULD NOT BE WASTED.

ON THE EVE OF THE RACES, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR. J.R. WHITAKER, HAD AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE TEAM AND WISHED THEM LUCK IN THE RACES.

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+MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE NEW DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. M.J. ALEXANDER, TO MEET THE MEDIA AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY (JUNE 23).

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT LOK FU ESTATE OFFICE
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THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT LOK FU ESTATE OFFICE FOR RESIDENTS AND PERSONS LIVING NEARBY FOR FOUR DAYS WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 27.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

THIS IS TO ENABLE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARD BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS, AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

THE COMMISSIONER REMINDED ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR TWO DAYS STARTING ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 22).

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF THE FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

DATE

JUNE 22 (WEDNESDAY)

8.30 A.M. - 11.59 P.M.

JUNE 23 (THURSDAY)

8.30 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AT KOWLOON CITY ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JUNE 24), THE SECTION OF KOWLOON CITY ROAD BETWEEN MOK CHEONG STREET AND MA TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO THE AFFECTED PREMISES.

THIS TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS FOR SAN SHAN INTERCHANGE.

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