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DWELLING VESSELS TO BE CONTROLLED  
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AMENDING LEGISLATION AIMED AT CONTAINING THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF DWELLING VESSELS IN THE WATERS OF HONG KONG WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (APRIL 13).

THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSALS, AND ALL THREE READINGS OF THE BILL WILL BE TAKEN AT ONE SITTING TOMORROW.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PERCY DAVY, SAID THE 13 TYPHOON SHELTERS WERE PROVIDED FOR THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF WORKING CRAFT. BUT THE PRESENCE OF DWELLING VESSELS TENDED TO DENY SHELTER TO SUCH CRAFT, WHILE INCREASING THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF THE TYPHOON SHELTERS REQUIRED.

+THE CONGLOMERATION OF DWELLING VESSELS INSIDE VARIOUS TYPHOON SHELTERS, WHICH ARE FAIRLY CONGESTED EVEN IN GOOD WEATHER CONDITIONS, RESULTS IN INSUFFICIENT FIRE LANES AND MAKES IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR LICENSED WORKING CRAFT TO GAIN ACCESS,+ HE SAID. +AN ADDITIONAL PROBLEM IS THAT THE DWELLING VESSELS THEMSELVES ARE OFTEN SAFETY, FIRE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND HYGIENE HAZARDS.+

AT PRESENT A TOTAL OF ABOUT 2 700 DWELLING VESSELS ARE FOUND IN NINE OF THE 13 TYPHOON SHELTERS AND IN SEVEN SHELTERED BAYS WHICH COULD BE USED BY FISHING VESSELS. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS THE NUMBER OF DWELLING VESSELS IN TYPHOON SHELTERS ALONE HAS GROWN BY SOME 18 PER CENT.

+TO FACILITATE EFFICIENT USE AND MANAGEMENT OF TYPHOON SHELTERS AND TO REMOVE THE HAZARDS POSED BY DWELLING VESSELS, THE NUMBERS OF THESE BOATS MUST BE REDUCED,+ MR DAVY SAID.

+HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED, THIS WILL BE DONE IN THE LONG TERM,+ HE STRESSED. +IN THE MEANTIME, STEPS WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF DWELLING VESSELS IN THE SHELTERS.+

THE BILL ENABLES REGULATIONS TO BE MADE FOR THE DECLARATION OF ANY PART OF HONG KONG WATERS AS AN AREA WITHIN WHICH NO DWELLING VESSEL MAY ENTER OR REMAIN.

A NEW LICENSING SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED WHEREBY VESSELS WILL BE PERMITTED TO MOOR ONLY AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS INSIDE SPECIFIED TYPHOON SHELTERS AND IN OTHER AREAS. DWELLING VESSELS ALREADY MOORED THERE WHEN THE NEW LEGISLATION COMES INTO OPERATION WILL HAVE THEIR PARTICULARS REGISTERED AND WILL BE LICENSED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. ALL OTHER VESSELS WILL BE PREVENTED FROM ENTERING OR REMAINING AT THESE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS OR TAKING UP VACANT MOORING SPACES.

A LICENCE WILL BE ISSUED ONLY TO AN OCCUPANT OF A DWELLING VESSEL AND IT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERABLE EXCEPT IN THE DEATH OF THE LICENSEE. THE TRANSFEREE MUST BE THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR, IN THE CASE OF MORE THAN ONE FAMILY LIVING ON BOARD, A NOMINATED OCCUPANT WHO HAS BEEN LIVING ON THE BOAT SINCE THE TIME THAT THE LICENCE WAS FIRST ISSUED. NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE ISSUE OF LICENCES.

THE REGULATIONS WILL EMPOWER THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO SEIZE, DETAIN OR ORDER THE REMOVAL OF AN UNLICENSED VESSEL FROM A CONTROLLED AREA. THE DIRECTOR WILL ALSO HAVE THE POWER TO EVICT ANY PERSON ON BOARD AND TO SELL THE VESSEL, PAYING THE PROCEEDS TO THE OWNER, OR TO DISPOSE OF IT IF THERE ARE NO BUYERS.

+THE FORFEITURE OF BOATS IS ESSENTIAL TO AVOID A PERPETUATION OF THE PRESENT PROBLEMS POSED BY DWELLING VESSELS,+ MR DAVY EXPLAINED. +THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY FOR MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THE SUPPLY OF UNSEAWORTHY VESSELS FOR DWELLING PURPOSES AND THE RECYCLING OF SEIZED VESSELS WHICH HAVE BEEN SOLD.+

THE NEW LEGISLATION DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY CHANGE IN THE PRESENT POLICY FOR REHOUSING BOAT DWELLERS ON LAND.

IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE HARDSHIP OF THOSE WHO ARE RENDERED GENUINELY HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF THEIR DWELLING VESSEL BEING FORFEITED, PEOPLE EVICTED UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE OFFERED TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION INITIALLY BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY THEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH TEMPORARY HOUSING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CONTROL MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED INITIALLY AT THE YAU MA TEI, TSING YI, CHEUNG CHAU AND TUEN MUN SHELTERS.

MR DAVY SAID LOCAL PUBLICITY WOULD BE MOUNTED TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE.

THE OCCUPANTS AND OWNER OF EACH DWELLING VESSEL INSIDE THE DESIGNATED AREAS WILL BE GIVEN A LETTER EXPLAINING THE DETAILS OF THE CONTROL SCHEME AND SETTING OUT THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THEY MAY APPLY FOR A LICENCE. APPLICANTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED IN DUE COURSE IN ORDER TO RECORD DETAILS OF THE VESSELS AND PARTICULARS OF THE OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS. UPON COMPLETION OF THE INTERVIEWS AND THE ALLOCATION OF DESIGNATED MOORING PLACES, LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED AND LICENCE NUMBERS WILL BE PAINTED ON THE VESSELS BY OFFICERS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL MAINTAIN A PATROLLING PRESENCE IN THE FOUR TYPHOON SHELTERS ON A PERMANENT BASIS. THE CONTROLS WILL BE EXTENDED TO OTHER AREAS AS ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ARE OBTAINED.

THE BOUNDARIES OF PRESCRIBED AREAS AND AREAS CLOSED TO UNLICENSED DWELLING VESSELS WILL BE DELINEATED ON PLANS DEPOSITED IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND THESE WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION. ALSO COPIES OF THESE PLANS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE NEAREST MARINE DEPARTMENT STATION.

MR DAVY SAID LICENSED DWELLING VESSELS WOULD BE PHASED OUT IN THE LONG TERM AS THE OCCUPANTS MOVED ASHORE TO LIVE. THIS WOULD OCCUR WHEN A BOAT BECAME UNSAFE AND THE OCCUPANTS TOOK UP OFFERS OF REHOUSING, WHEN A FAMILY BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING THROUGH THE WAITING LIST OR AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCES, WHEN A FAMILY MOVED ASHORE VOLUNTARILY TO PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION OR WHEN THE LICENCE OF A VESSEL COULD NO LONGER BE TRANSFERRED ON THE DEATH OF THE HOLDER.

+THE REPLACEMENT OF A DWELLING VESSEL WILL BE ALLOWED BUT ONLY IN VERY SPECIAL CASES,+ HE ADDED. PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED IF THE LICENSEE CAN ESTABLISH THAT THE REPLACEMENT VESSEL IS IN A SAFE CONDITION AND IS NO LARGER THAN THE VESSEL TO BE REPLACED, THAT THE OCCUPANTS PROVIDE A SERVICE TO OTHER BOATS IN THE VICINITY AND THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A LICENCE.

BREACHES OF THE REGULATIONS WILL MAKE A PERSON LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THURSDAY (APRIL 14) MORNING TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER TO SEE THE OPERATION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IN THE REGISTRATION OF DWELLING BOATS.

TWO BOATS -- +TIN HAU+ AND +MARINE NO.9+ -- WILL DEPART FROM QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL AT 10 AM SHARP TO TAKE PRESS MEMBERS TO THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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DISTRICT BOARD INVOLVEMENT URGED

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URBAN RENEWAL AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE OLDER PARTS OF TSUEN WAN IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND ONE WHICH MUST INVOLVE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FOR A SOLUTION, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES IN TSUEN WAN, MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE PROBLEM NEEDED TO BE TACKLED NOW BECAUSE THE SOLUTIONS WERE DIFFICULT TO FIND AND TOOK MANY YEARS TO IMPLEMENT.

+THERE ARE STILL PATCHES OF OLD UNSANITARY TSUEN WAN TO BE CLEARED, MANY OF THE BUILDINGS OF THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES ARE NOW IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DETERIORATION AND DECAY.

+THEY ARE DENSELY INHABITED AND THE PROCESS OF URBAN RENEWAL AND IMPROVEMENT WILL BE COMPLEX AND COSTLY,+ HE SAID.

BUT, HE ADDED, TSUEN WAN WOULD NOT STOP GROWING.

DIVERSION OF TRAFFIC FROM THE NORTH WEST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ON TO THE /-PASS ACROSS THE BAY WOULD TAKE PLACE IN 1985 AND WOULD RELIEVE THE TOWN OF MUCH OF ITS TRAFFIC CONGESTION, AND POLLUTION FROM NOISE AND TRAFFIC FUMES, HE SAID.

THE RECLAMATION WOULD ENABLE THE YEUNG UK SPORTSGROUND TO BE RELOCATED, REBUILT AND RE-EQUIPPED, AND ENABLE ONE OF THE OLDER HOUSING ESTATES TO BE REBUILT AND A PUBLIC GARDEN BE BUILT IN ITS PLACE.

THE CONTAINER PORT WOULD EXPAND AND ENABLE A GREATER CONCENTRATION OF ACTIVITY NEAR THE PORT AND REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF OVERSPILL ON TO THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

ANOTHER BRIDGE TO TSING YI WOULD BE BUILT AND HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPAND.

HE SAID PERHAPS NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD HAD A TOWN GROWN FROM A POPULATION OF 60 000 TO 600 000 IN 25 YEARS, PROVIDING HOMES, WORK, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ITS PEOPLE. NOW THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES WERE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN ITS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT, HE ADDED.

+IN ORDER BETTER TO UNDERSTAND THE DIRECTION AND THRUST OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IT IS SOMETIMES HELPFUL TO REMIND OURSELVES HOW WE REACHED THIS PRESENT POSITION, WHETHER THE PRESENT SITUATION IS GOOD OR BAD, AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE,+ HE SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT BOTH KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN WERE BUILT IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE NEED FOR HOMES FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO HAD FLOODED INTO HONG KONG AFTER 1945, AND FOR LAND ON WHICH TO BUILD FACTORIES TO PROVIDE INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT.

HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS MUCH TO FIND FAULT WITHIN THESE TOWNS TODAY, IN FACT THEY WERE NOT BUILT WITHOUT THE GUIDANCE OF TOWN PLANNING.

A FORMAL PLAN WAS APPROVED IN 1965 AND CONSCIOUSLY AIMED AT MAKING TSUEN WAN A SELF CONTAINED TOWN WITH ITS OWN INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITIES.

+BUT THE STANDARDS OF THE 1960'S WERE VERY BASIC AND THE AMENITIES RUDIMENTARY.

+THEN, AFTER THE BUILDINGS WERE COMPLETE THERE WAS LITTLE EFFORT SPENT ON MANAGEMENT; THE PRESSURES OF PEOPLE, THE DESPERATE SEARCH FOR A LIVING, COVERED THE PAVEMENTS AND OPEN SPACES WITH HAWKERS AND THE HILLSIDES AND THE ROOFTOPS BECAME THE HOMES OF THOUSANDS OF SQUATTERS.

+OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION WERE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

THE OPENING OF THE CONTAINER PORT IN 1973, THE COMPLETION OF THE TSING YI BRIDGE IN 1974, AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION TO TSUEN WAN, PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES TO BEGIN TO ACQUIRE SOME OF THE STYLE LACKING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PREVIOUS 20 YEARS.

+MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER IN THE DISTRICT BOARD TO GET TO GRIPS WITH THE PROBLEMS OF MANAGEMENT OF THIS GREAT CONURBATION OF OVER 600 000 PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

+I AM SURE YOUR ASSOCIATION WILL PLAY ITS PART IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN AND IN THE GREAT WORK OF MAKING TSUEN WAN A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE,+ HE SAID.

10 000 YOUNG TREES FOR PUBLIC PLANTING  
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SOME 10 000 YOUNG TREES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PLANTING BY THE PUBLIC INSIDE SIX COUNTRY PARKS IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (APRIL 17) DURING A COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE SIX LOCATIONS WHERE THE TREES WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR PLANTING ARE NEAR THE RESERVOIR BARRIER INSIDE THE POKFULAM COUNTRY PARK ON HONG KONG ISLAND; NEAR THE NAM SHAN CAMP SITE INSIDE THE LANTAU SOUTH COUNTRY PARK ON LANTAU ISLAND; NEAR THE TAI AU MUN CAR PARK INSIDE THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK; NEAR THE PAK TAM CHUNG CAR PARK INSIDE THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK; AT BRIDE'S POOL IN THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK, AND NEAR THE ROUTE TWISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE INSIDE THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MASS PLANTING ON SUNDAY WILL HIGHLIGHT A THREE-DAY EFFORT ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO START OFF THIS YEAR'S TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME.

ON THAT DAY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY VISIT THE COUNTRY PARKS AND COLLECT THE TREES FOR PLANTING INSIDE THE PARKS. ADVICE ON HOW TO PLANT THE TREES PROPERLY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM COUNTRY PARKS STAFF.

THE TREES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM ON SUNDAY.

TO START OFF THE PROGRAMME, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN WILL OFFICIATE AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY ON FRIDAY (APRIL 15) WHEN HE WILL LEAD A PARTY OF GUESTS, COMPRISING LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, COUNTRY PARKS BOARD MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND LEADERS OF ORGANISED GROUPS, IN PLANTING THE FIRST TREES FOR 1983.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM, AT A SITE NEAR THE MANAGEMENT CENTRE OF THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

ON SATURDAY, ABOUT 400 MEMBERS OF ORGANISED GROUPS, INCLUDING THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND OTHER SCHOOLS, WILL BE PLANTING TREES IN THE SIX COUNTRY PARKS.

THE FIRST COMMUNITY TREE-PLANTING DAY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WAS HELD IN SHING MUN IN 1957. THE EVENT WAS THEN HELD EVERY YEAR UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE 1970'S.

IT WAS REVIVED LAST YEAR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT MADE AVAILABLE YOUNG TREES FOR PLANTING INSIDE SIX COUNTRY PARKS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMUNITY TREE-PLANTING SCHEME OPENING CEREMONY ON FRIDAY (APRIL 15). AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TRANSPORT TAKING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CEREMONY AT THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK, WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER IN CENTRAL AT 1.35 PM.

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OFFICIALS TO REPLY AT LEGCO  
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ELEVEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES AT THE RESUMED BUDGET DEBATE TOMORROW AND ON THURSDAY.

TOMORROW'S SPEAKERS WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AND SECRETARY FOR HOUSING.

THE OTHER FIVE OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THURSDAY. THEY ARE THE SECRETARY FOR CIVIL SERVICE, SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

THE SITTINGS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ON RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH) FROM 2.30 PM.

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DISTRICT STRATEGY FOR KOWLOON CITY  
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE HAS FORMULATED A STRATEGY TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS, TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT THE LIONS CLUB OF LION ROCK HONG KONG LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS CLARIE LO, SAID: +THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO MOBILISE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN, AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY LEADERS TO GET INVOLVED IN, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OR AFFAIRS.+

+THE STRATEGY WILL ALSO SEEK TO STEP UP SERVICES TO FACTORY WORKERS, STUDENTS AND THE HANDICAPPED,+ SHE SAID.

THE STRATEGY, MRS LO EXPLAINED, WAS BASED ON RESULTS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED LAST YEAR BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY ON THE NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF RESIDENTS TOWARDS RECREATION AND CULTURE, AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

LARGE SCALE FUNCTIONS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE DURING THE PAST YEAR INCLUDED THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND ELDERLY WEEK WHICH FEATURED A VARIETY OF PROGRAMMES AIMED AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING AND RESPECT FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS.

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THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO ASSISTED INFORMING THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL AND KOWLOON CITY CHILDREN CHORUS TO PROMOTE ARTS AND CULTURE, AND TO STIMULATE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN MUSIC.

FOR THE FEMALE POPULATION, THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE SETTING UP OF HK GIRL GUIDES KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AND OI MAN YIN NGAI SOCIETY.

THE OBJECT OF COMMUNITY BUILDING WAS TWO-FOLD -- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, MRS LO SAID.

BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THE COMMITTEE WAS TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING AND TO SUPERVISE THE PROGRESS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

+COMMUNITY BUILDING CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY JUST ONE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT - THE DISTRICT OFFICE - BUT IT NEEDS THE CO-OPERATION OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

+AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM WAS GRADUALLY IMPLEMENTED IN THE EARLY 80'S WITH THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND LATER DISTRICT BOARDS BEING SET UP,+ SHE SAID.

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#### BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSED

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A GROUP OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY HEADQUARTERS IN KWAI CHUNG FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE BUS SERVICES.

HEADED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STUART HARBINSON, THE GROUP WAS GREETED BY THE COMPANY'S GENERAL MANAGER, MR LAWRENCE LOUEY, AND OTHER SENIOR KMB OFFICIALS. THEY DISCUSSED POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING SERVICES IN NORTH DISTRICT.

THE DB MEMBERS PROPOSED THE DISPLAY OF ROUTE INFORMATION IN EVERY BUS STOP. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER FEEDER BUS SERVICES WHEN THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WAS TO BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED LATER THIS YEAR.

THE GROUP WAS HAPPY TO LEARN ABOUT A COMPUTERISED PASSENGER ENQUIRIES SYSTEM ALREADY INTRODUCED BY KMB, AND THAT A MAP OF DIFFERENT BUS ROUTES WOULD SOON BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE DISCUSSION WAS FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE KMB HEADQUARTERS.

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**MONG KOK BOARD MEMBERS TO TOUR DISTRICT**  
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MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL STUDY THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, TRAFFIC SITUATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS DURING A TOUR TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE TOUR WILL START AT 2.30 PM, WHEN MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSED MARKET COMPLEX ON A SITE BOUNDED BY TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, IVY STREET AND FUK TSUEN STREET.

THE PARTY WILL THEN VISIT A TEMPORARY LORRY PARKING AREA AT ANCHOR STREET WHERE THEY WILL ALSO SEE A TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE BOARD FOR THE TAI KOK TSUI AREA.

AT SOY STREET, MEMBERS WILL OBSERVE THE OBSTRUCTIONS CAUSED TO TRAFFIC AND PEDÉSTRIANS BY ON STREET COOKED-FOOD STALLS. THEY WILL LATER VISIT A TEMPORARY COOKED-FOOD CENTRE WHERE THE STALLS WILL BE RESITED.

THE MEMBERS WILL THEN INSPECT SOME REAR LANES BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, NATHAN ROAD, DUNDAS STREET AND YIM PO FONG STREET, WHICH HAD RECENTLY BEEN CLEARED IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

THEY WILL THEN GO TO THE TUNG CHOI STREET HAWKER PERMITTED AREA TO LOOK OVER THE HAWKING SITUATION AND THE TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY.

THE TOUR WILL END AT 4.30 PM WITH A VISIT TO BOUNDARY STREET TO SEE AN OPEN NULLAH.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILFRED WONG WILL ACCOMPANY THE MEMBERS DURING THE TOUR.

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**SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE**  
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A SERIES OF FULL-DAY SEMINARS WILL BE HELD IN MAY AND JUNE FOR TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SEMINARS ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT, TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS THEY MAY ENCOUNTER AND TO SEEK WAYS OF SOLVING THEM.

THE CONTENT OF THE SEMINARS WILL INCLUDE A SHORT TALK, A WORKSHOP AND A DISCUSSION SESSION.

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TWO OF THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 10 AND 12 AT THE HONG KONG UNIT OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, 1/F, HONG KONG, WHILE THE OTHER FOUR SEMINARS WILL BE HELD FROM JUNE 7 TO 10 AT THE CENTRE'S KOWLOON UNIT AT MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2/F, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

AS EACH SEMINAR CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE 40 TEACHERS, THE PANEL CHAIRMAN OR ONE TEACHER SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED FROM EACH SCHOOL.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO ATTEND ANY OF THE SEMINARS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATION TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2/F, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON ON OR BEFORE APRIL 22.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SEMINARS CAN BE MADE AT THE CENTRE ON TELEPHONE NO. 3-7128476 OR 5-488230.

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TWO HONG KONG GIRLS SCORE HIGH IN ACCOUNTANCY EXAMS  
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TWO HONG KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS WERE AMONG THE TOP FOUR CANDIDATES IN TWO ACCOUNTANCY EXAMINATIONS ORGANISED FOR COMMONWEALTH STUDENTS IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR BY THE ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS (AAT), BRITAIN.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE AAT JOURNAL, THE ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN.

TWENTY-ONE YEAR OLD MISS LAM YING-WAH, CAME THIRD IN THE AAT PART ONE EXAMINATION, AND 22-YEAR OLD MISS KWOK CHUI-WAH, CAME FOURTH IN THE PART TWO EXAMINATION.

MISS LAM IS A SECOND YEAR ACCOUNTANCY STUDENT AT LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, AND MISS KWOK IS IN HER SECOND YEAR AT KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE AAT IS A POPULAR EXAMINATION BODY. ITS QUALIFICATIONS ARE DESIGNED FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ACQUIRE ACCOUNTING SKILLS AND ACHIEVE RESPONSIBLE POSTS AT SUPERVISORY OR MANAGEMENT LEVEL.

THE AAT EXAMINATIONS ARE HELD TWICE A YEAR, IN JUNE AND DECEMBER, AND ARE IN TWO PARTS. THEY HELP TO QUALIFY THE ACCOUNTANCY TECHNICIANS MUCH NEEDED BY LOCAL FIRMS.

THE FIRST PART COVERS ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS LAW, DATA PROCESSING AND STATISTICS, ECONOMIC ORGANISATION. THE SECOND PART INCLUDES COST ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING, AUDIT AND CONTROLS, TAXATION, ACCOUNTING.

THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OFFER A TWO-YEAR, FULL-TIME COURSE IN ACCOUNTANCY.

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### LANTAU SITES FOR SALE

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FOUR SITES TOTALLING ABOUT 12 000 SQUARE METRES AT CHEUNG SHA ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE SOLD OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON DETAILS OF THE SITES.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CURRENT ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN, THE ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS AND THE FORMATION OF DB COMMITTEES.

AN ICAC OFFICER WILL GIVE A TALK ON THE WORK OF ICAC IN 1982 WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO ITS ACTIVITIES ON OUTLYING ISLANDS.

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### WIDENING OF LUNG MUN ROAD IN TUEN MUN

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THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A CONTRACT TO LEADER CIVIL ENGINEERING CORPORATION LTD. FOR THE REALIGNMENT AND WIDENING OF A SECTION OF LUNG MUN ROAD.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$18 MILLION, WAS SIGNED THIS AFTERNOON BY MR LAM CHUN-KEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, INVOLVES THE WIDENING OF ABOUT 1.2 KILOMETRES OF LUNG MUN ROAD FROM PAK KOK TO BUTTERFLY BEACH INTO A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY.

UPON COMPLETION, THE NEW ROAD WILL PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO BUTTERFLY BEACH AND TO THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING IN TSIM SHA TSUI  
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A NUMBER OF ROADS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 15) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

BLLENHEIM AVENUE BETWEEN MODY ROAD AND MINDEN AVENUE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND.

MINDEN AVENUE BETWEEN BLLENHEIM AVENUE AND MINDEN ROW WILL BECOME ONE WAY WESTBOUND, AND MINDEN ROW BETWEEN MINDEN AVENUE AND MODY ROAD ONE WAY NORTHBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN CAUSEWAY BAY  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 15) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED WILL BE BOUNDED BY PATERSON STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD, PERCIVAL STREET, HENNESSY ROAD AND GREAT GEORGE STREET. THIS WILL INCLUDE EXCELSIOR HOTEL, WORLD TRADE CENTRE AND KELLETT ISLAND.

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