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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT TSIM SHA TSUI PLAN PROPOSED

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED TODAY FOR THE DRAFT TSIM SHA TSUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN - THE BLUEPRINT FOR A MAJOR FACELIFT FOR HONG KONG'S RENOWNED ENTERTAINMENT AND TOURIST CENTRE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID TODAY A TOTAL OF TEN AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN UNVEILED IN JULY LAST YEAR BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SEVEN OF THE CHANGES RESULT FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD UPHOLDING OBJECTIONS TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN, AND THE OTHER AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE BOARD.

THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AFFECTS A TOTAL AREA OF 178 HECTARES ON KOWLOON PENINSULA, OF WHICH 2.6 HECTARES WILL BE RECLAIMED FROM THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE PENINSULA AND AT THE NORTH CAMBER BREAKWATER OFF CANTON ROAD.

IT ENVISAGES A HOST OF NEW AND EXPANDED COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR KOWLOON RESIDENTS INCLUDING A CULTURAL COMPLEX, LANDSCAPED PUBLIC PROMENADES AND PARKS, A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, PLAYGROUNDS, SCHOOLS, MARKETS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES.

THE AMENDMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AS A RESULT OF OBJECTIONS ARE :-

- * REZONING OF NO. 5 OBSERVATORY ROAD FROM GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY INSTITUTION USE (G.I.C.) TO COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL (C/R)=
- * THE PROPOSED WIDENING OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HAS BEEN DROPPED, AND THE ACCESS ROAD WILL NOW BE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL G.I.C. ZONING FOR THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY=
- * DELETION OF THE SETBACK OF THE NATHAN ROAD PAVEMENT AT THE NORTH END OF KOWLOON PARK, AND THE CORRESPONDING ALTERATION TO THE ALIGNMENT OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE PARK=
- * CHANGE IN ZONING FROM +OPEN SPACE+ TO C/R FOR TWO AREAS ON THE WESTERN SHORE OF THE PENINSULA= AND
- * REZONING OF THE G.I.C. SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF CANTON ROAD AND PEKING ROAD TO C/R, AND ITS AMALGAMATION WITH THE EXISTING C/R SITE WHICH INCLUDES THE MARINE POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO THE SOUTH. THE WHOLE SITE IS NOW ANNOTATED +TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC TRANSPORT STATION+, AND AS A RESULT THE WORDS +BUS TERMINUS+ ARE DELETED FROM THE ANNOTATION ON THE CULTURAL COMPLEX SITE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OBJECTIONS TO THESE PROPOSALS COULD BE MADE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

TWENTY-ONE DAYS ARE ALLOWED FOR OBJECTIONS TO THE THREE AMENDMENTS TO THE +NOTES+ INITIATED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THESE PROVIDE FOR :-

- * STAFF QUARTERS TO BE PERMITTED AS A RIGHT WITHIN G.I.C. ZONING=
- * SPECIFIED USES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE RE-DEVELOPMENT AREA TO BE SUBJECTED TO SPECIAL PERMISSION OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND THAT APPROVAL MAY REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS= AND
- * ADDITIONAL USES FOR KOWLOON PARK, SOME AS A MATTER OF RIGHT, OTHERS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD. A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, GARDEN AND RUNNING TRACK WILL NOW BE ALLOWED, SUBJECT ONLY TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE RELEVANT BUILDING ORDINANCE REGULATIONS, AND PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT, A SOCIAL OR SPORTS CLUB, VIEW TOWER OR ZOO MAY BE PERMITTED IN THE PARK, SUBJECT TO TOWN PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR OBJECTIONS TO THESE AMENDMENTS IS SEPTEMBER 8.

COPIES OF THE REVISED DRAFT TSIM SHA TSUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MAP SALES SECTION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

A COLOURED PLAN COSTS \$25 DOLLARS, AND \$5 FOR UNCOLOURED ONES.

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OVERFLIGHT CHARGES FOR AIRCRAFT

THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS TO LEVY ONWARD NAVIGATION CHARGES FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT PASSING THROUGH THE HONG KONG FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION WITHOUT LANDING AT HONG KONG AIRPORT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1977.

A SLIDING SCALE OF CHARGES RANGING FROM \$675 FOR THE SMALLER AIRCRAFT OF UNDER 22,680 KGS TO \$865 FOR THOSE OF OVER 136,078 KGS, IS TO BE INTRODUCED TO COVER THE OPERATING COST IN PROVIDING THE ONWARD SERVICES TO AIRCRAFT OVERFLYING HONG KONG AIR SPACE.

THE FEES HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT AFTER LENGTHY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, PARTICULARLY ITS AIRPORT CHARGES WORKING GROUP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT NO FEES WERE PREVIOUSLY CHARGED FOR ONWARD FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND AVIATION METEOROLOGY BECAUSE OF THE COMPARATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT USING THE SERVICE.

THE NUMBER OF OVERFLIGHTS HAD INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS FROM 1,225 IN 1974-75 TO 1,910 IN 1975-76 AND 2,346 IN 1976-77, RAISING THE OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR PROVIDING THE FACILITIES.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION GIVES PARTING
ADVICE

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR. D.C. READMAN TODAY TOLD A GROUP OF RECRUIT ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS THAT WHILE THEY OFTEN HAVE TO SAY +NO+ TO PEOPLE, IT HELPS TO REMIND THEMSELVES PERIODICALLY THAT THE PERSON OPPOSITE THEM HAS THE SAME FEELINGS AND NEEDS AS THEY THEMSELVES.

THIS WAS THE FAREWELL ADVICE MR. READMAN GAVE TO THE RECRUITS AT A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND, HAPPY VALLEY, THIS MORNING.

MR. READMAN, WHO GOES ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE SHORTLY AFTER 29 YEARS' PUBLIC SERVICE, SAID: +THE DEPARTMENT IS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AND SOMETIMES, WE ARE OBLIGED TO PROSECUTE PEOPLE IN THE COURTS, OR REMOVE THEM FROM HONG KONG ALTOGETHER AND PREVENT THEM RETURNING.

+BECAUSE OF THIS LAW ENFORCEMENT BACKGROUND, AT TIMES THERE HAS BEEN A TENDENCY FOR SOME OF US TO BE RATHER ABRUPT AND DICTATORIAL IN OUR DEALINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC,+ HE POINTED OUT.

HE ADDED IT WOULD HELP TO CONSIDER HOW THEY WOULD EXPECT TO BE TREATED IN THE SAME SITUATION.

+IT WILL HELP TO REMEMBER THAT EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED CONSIDERATELY AND FAIRLY AND THAT NO ONE RESPONDS WELL TO A BULLYING, DICTATORIAL ATTITUDE,+ HE ADDED.

MR. READMAN SAID THAT THE FIRST DUTY OF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS IS TO CARRY OUT THE POLICIES LAID DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SECOND IS TO DO THIS IN AS HUMANE AND CONSIDERATE A WAY AS POSSIBLE.

+THE FIRST IS NOT DIFFICULT AND NEITHER SHOULD THE SECOND BE, BUT IT IS IN THIS LATTER AREA, IN OUR DAY TO DAY CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC THAT POSSIBLY YOUR GREATEST DIFFICULTY WILL LIE,+ HE SAID.

SIXTEEN ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS COMPLETED THEIR THREE MONTH INDUCTION TRAINING AND TOOK PART IN THE PASSING-OUT PARADE TODAY.

AFTER THE PARADE, MR. READMAN PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE BEST RECRUIT OF THE INDUCTION COURSE.

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MORE SPACE FOR BURIAL

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THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY AT CAPE COLLINSON WILL BE ENLARGED BY NEARLY 7 HECTARES UNDER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT CHAI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID TODAY THAT AN ADDITIONAL 6.88 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY AT CAPE COLLINSON.

PART OF THIS ADDITIONAL LAND (ABOUT 2.23 HECTARES) IS WITHIN THE CHAI WAN PLANNING AREA AND WAS ZONED +GREEN BELT+.

AS A RESULT OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD'S AGREEMENT TO ALLOCATE THE ADDITIONAL LAND TO THE CEMETERY, IT HAS NOW BEEN REZONED FOR CEMETERY USE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE 21 DAYS TO LODGE OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL.

THE GAZETTE ALSO PUBLISHED A SECOND CHANGE AFFECTING THE DRAFT URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT OUTLINE PLAN FOR WESTERN.

THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THAT AN AMENDMENT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE NOTES TO THE PLAN, WHEREBY PERMISSION MAY NOW BE SOUGHT FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO DEVELOP LAND ZONED +INDUSTRIAL+ FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

OBJECTIONS TO THIS AMENDMENT WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1977.

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PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF ALIENS REQUIRED

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THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION TODAY DREW THE ATTENTION OF ALIENS STAYING IN HONG KONG WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF 15 TO THE REQUIREMENT UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE TO INFORM HIM WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF ANY CHANGE IN THEIR REPORTED PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

THESE INCLUDE PARTICULARS FURNISHED IN THEIR ARRIVAL CARD, IN THE PRESCRIBED ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD, PARTICULARS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION, AND THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

HOWEVER, THOSE WHO ARE LAWFULLY IN HONG KONG AND WHOSE STAY IS NOT LIMITED, ARE EXEMPTED BY THE DIRECTOR FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.

AN ALIEN IS A PERSON WHO IS NOT A BRITISH SUBJECT, A BRITISH PROTECTED PERSON OR A CITIZEN OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

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