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CONTRACT FOR SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL SIGNED

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) AWARDED A \$326 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL ON A RECLAIMED LAND IN THE EASTERN PART OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WHICH WENT TO TECHNIC CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST LET BY PWD IN RECENT YEARS.

IT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED BY MR. S.C. KWAN, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, AND MR. CHIU SZE-DUEN OF TECHNIC CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

MR. KWAN SAID THE CONTRACT FORMED THE SECOND PHASE OF THE HOSPITAL PROJECT.

+WORK ON PHASE 1, COMPRISING SITE PREPARATION AND CAISSON FOUNDATION WORK, COSTING ABOUT \$41 MILLION, HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED,+ HE SAID.

+WORK ON THE NEW CONTRACT WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO AND A HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE.+

MR. KWAN SAID THE CONTRACT COVERED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STORY SPECIALIST CLINIC BLOCK, A MAIN WARD BLOCK, A SPECIAL WARD BLOCK AND A CLINICAL SCIENCE BLOCK ALL OF WHICH ARE 12 STOREYS HIGH. THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA IS ABOUT 110 000 SQUARE METRES.

RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR ABOUT 2 000 MEDICAL STAFF AND STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE BUILT, BUT UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT TO BE LET BY PWD IN MAY NEXT YEAR.

THE DESIGN FOR THE HOSPITAL WAS BASED ON THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL STANDARD WARD PLAN AND IT WAS PREPARED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WHEN FULLY COMPLETED IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1982, MR. KWAN SAID, THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL WOULD HAVE 1 400 BEDS AND SERVE 700 000 PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN AREA OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES FOR BOTH GENERAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES INCLUDING OUT-PATIENTS AND CASUALTY SERVICES AND TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS BEFORE AND AFTER HOSPITALISATION.

IT WILL ALSO BE THE TEACHING HOSPITAL FOR THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROVIDING CLINICAL TRAINING FOR 300 MEDICAL STUDENTS.

THE TOTAL BUILDING COST FOR THIS HOSPITAL IS \$425 MILLION, EXCLUDING THE COST OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE, AND IS PARTLY FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

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ACTING GOVERNOR TO OPEN TSUEN WAN ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE MONTH-LONG TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN AT THE YEUNG UK ROAD PLAYGROUND THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18).

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR. HO CHI-PING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT SHERATON HOTEL TODAY (MONDAY).

MR. HO SAID: +SIR JACK WILL INSPECT A COLOURFUL PROCESSION COMPRISING MORE THAN 2 000 PEOPLE AS PART OF THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE PROCESSION WILL FEATURE FLOATS, WELL-KNOWN 'CHIU-CHOW GONG AND DRUM PERFORMANCES', BAND PERFORMANCES, DRAGON AND LION DANCES AND CHINESE FOLK DANCES.

+MORE THAN 50 000 RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH THE THREE-HOUR PROCESSION STARTING FROM THE YEUNG UK ROAD PLAYGROUND.+

TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER LEE- THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. JAMES HAYES AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST 'NARCOTICS' (ACAN) PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR. KARL STUMPF.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE WILL BE PUT ACROSS TO ABOUT 600 000 RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT THROUGH 90 ENTERTAINMENT AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES.

THE TSUEN WAN ANTI-DRUG DRIVE IS THE LAST OF THREE INTENSIVE ACAN DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS TO BE ORGANISED THIS YEAR, THE FIRST TWO WERE HELD IN WAN CHAI (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER) AND IN MONG KOK (OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER).

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RATEPAYERS URGED TO RETURN FORMS
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A LARGE NUMBER OF RATEPAYERS HAVE ALREADY RETURNED TO THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT THE FORM R1A SENT TO THEM LAST MONTH SEEKING INFORMATION ON RENTS AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED THEIR FORMS WITHIN THE STIPULATED TIME WILL SHORTLY BE RECEIVING A REMINDER FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE FORM R1A IS A STATUTORY FORM ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE RATING ORDINANCE, AND THAT IT IS IN THE RATEPAYER'S INTEREST TO RETURN IT FULLY AND CORRECTLY COMPLETED WITHIN 28 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE.

ANY PERSON WHO REFUSES OR NEGLECTS TO FURNISH ANY OF THE PARTICULARS REQUIRED AND ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY FURNISHES FALSE OR INCORRECT PARTICULARS MAY BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE UNDER THE RATING ORDINANCE AND COULD BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE.

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ANYONE WHO IS IN DOUBT AS TO HOW TO COMPLETE THE FORM MAY CALL ON, OR TELEPHONE, THE DEPARTMENT AT 1 GARDEN ROAD (TEL. 5-249021) = 22 FENWICK STREET, NEW MERCURY HOUSE (TEL. 5-281424) = OR 24-34 HENNESSY ROAD, TAI SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING (TEL. 5-284037) WHERE ASSISTANCE WILL GLADLY BE GIVEN. ASSISTANCE MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED AT ANY OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OR DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING AN EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO COMPLETE THE FORM SHOULD APPLY IN WRITING TO THE COMMISSIONER WITHIN 28 DAYS OF RECEIPT.

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THINKING IS NECESSARY TO MEET SOCIAL CHANGES

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YOUNG PEOPLE MUST LEARN TO THINK IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIETY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF LINGNAN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND LINGNAN COLLEGE AT THE CITY HALL, HE SAID: +THOSE WHO HAVE NOT LEARNED TO THINK WILL FIND THAT THEY HAVE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE MAJOR PROBLEMS OF SOCIETY, THAT THEY WILL NOT BE LIVING THEIR LIVES BUT MERELY WORKING OUT AN INSIGNIFICANT EXISTENCE.+

+IF YOU ARE EQUIPPED WITH THIS ABILITY TO THINK CREATIVELY, YOU WILL FIND YOURSELVES WELL PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIETY,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

EDUCATION IS NO LONGER TRAINING THE YOUNG TO LIVE IN A CERTAIN SOCIETY, BUT TRAINING THEM TO DEVELOP THEIR MENTAL POWER TO THE FULL AND TO ADAPT TO THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH EMERGES IN THE FUTURE, HE SAID.

MR. TOPLEY SAID IF WE ARE UNCERTAIN OF THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE, WE SHOULD HELP THE PUPILS TO REALISE THAT EDUCATION IS AN ON-GOING PROCESS OF ADJUSTMENT AND THAT LEARNING WILL CONTINUE FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.

+IF WE CONSIDER THAT EDUCATION HAS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOCIAL TRAINING, PUPILS MUST BE TAUGHT TO SEE THE BEARING OLD IDEAS HAVE ON NEW PROBLEMS. THEY WILL NEED TO DISCOVER ANSWERS ON THEIR OWN,+ HE SAID.

MR. TOPLEY FELT THAT BOTH SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN TRAINING PUPILS HOW TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES.

+WE MUST HAVE THINKING TEACHERS BEFORE WE CAN TRAIN THINKING PUPILS,+ HE SAID.

TRAINING CHILDREN TO THINK IS DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING, MR. TOPLEY SAID, AND TEACHERS MUST FIRST BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN THE ABILITY TO THINK ORIGINALLY EVEN AMONG PUPILS OF THE SAME STREAM.

+THE FIRST STEP IS TO APPRECIATE THIS, TO FEEL IT PERSONALLY AND TO TREAT EACH PUPIL AS AN INDIVIDUAL RATHER THAN AS PART OF A GROUP,+ HE SAID.

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TICD DIRECTOR GOES TO WASHINGTON AND TOKYO
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. WILLIAM DORWARD, LEFT TODAY (MONDAY) FOR TALKS IN WASHINGTON ON THE HK/USA TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH THE USA SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE, MR. REUBEN ASKEW.

HE WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 17 FOR TOKYO WHERE HE WILL ATTEND THE SECOND MEETING OF THE HONG KONG/JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19 AND 20.

MR. DORWARD IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 22. DURING HIS ABSENCE THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, WILL BE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS.

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NEW SHA TIN POST OFFICE OPENS NEXT MONDAY
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A NEW POST OFFICE WILL BE OPENED IN LEK YUEN ESTATE NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19) TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE IN SHA TIN.

THE NEW POST OFFICE, IN SHA TIN BY-PASS ROAD OPPOSITE BLOCK 7 OF LEK YUEN ESTATE, IS LARGER THAN THE EXISTING ONE IN THIRD STREET WHICH WILL CEASE OPERATING AFTER BUSINESS ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL OFFER A FULL RANGE OF POSTAL SERVICE AND IT WILL HAVE 194 MORE POST OFFICE BOXES TO MEET GROWING PUBLIC DEMAND, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND HOURS OF WORK OF THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE EXISTING SHA TIN POST OFFICE IS LOCATED IN AN AREA DUE FOR CLEARANCE NEXT MONTH TO MAKE WAY FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE. IT WAS FIRST OPENED IN OCTOBER, 1955.

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