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NUMEROUS SCHOOL PROJECTS FOR SHA TIN NEW TOWN

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SHA TIN NEW TOWN IS TO HAVE 45 PRIMARY AND 41 SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY THE TIME IT IS COMPLETE, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

MR. AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE FIRST SPEECH DAY FOR FORM 5 STUDENTS OF THE ONLY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SHA TIN -- THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

HE SAID HALF A MILLION PEOPLE WOULD LIVE IN SHA TIN AND THEY QUITE NATURALLY EXPECTED TO HAVE MARKETS AND SHOPPING CENTRES, SCHOOLS AND CLINICS AND A PLACE TO WORK.

+BUT WE MUST TRY TO CREATE OUT OF THE RAW MATERIALS OF TOWN DEVELOPMENT A PLEASANT AND ATTRACTIVE TOWN, WHICH WILL MAKE ITS CITIZENS PROUD AND HAPPY TO LIVE HERE,+ HE SAID.

FIRST OF ALL, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID IT MUST BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE ABOUT EASILY AND IN PLANNING SHA TIN, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TRIED TO ENSURE THAT PEDESTRIANS, MOTORISTS AND CYCLISTS HAD ALL BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.

THERE WILL BE SUBWAYS FOR WALKERS AND A NETWORK OF CYCLE TRACKS LINKING THE MAIN RESIDENTIAL AND SHOPPING AREAS AND THE FACTORY ZONE WHICH SHOULD BRING BACK THE BICYCLE AS A USEFUL, CONVENIENT, CHEAP AND HEALTHY FORM OF TRANSPORT, HE SAID.

TO THE NORTH, HE SAID, THE LANDSCAPING OF THE CENTRE OF THE RACECOURSE WITH LAKES AND GARDENS WILL PROVIDE A MARVELLOUS PLACE FOR STROLLING ABOUT FOR PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN.

NEXT TO IT, HE ADDED, THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE -- BIGGER THAN THE WHOLE OF VICTORIA PARK -- WILL INSPIRE YOUNG ATHLETES.

+WE ARE HOPING TO REMOVE THE POLLUTION FROM THE RIVER AND MAKE IT A PLEASANT PLACE FOR BOATING. WHEREVER POSSIBLE, THERE MUST BE GARDENS AND TREES AND EASY MEANS OF GETTING INTO THE COUNTRY PARKS IN THE SURROUNDING HILLS,+ HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE HEART OF SHA TIN WOULD BE DEVELOPED NEAR THE PRESENT MARKET AND WOULD PROVIDE SOCIAL, CULTURAL, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

+IT WILL BE DOMINATED BY THE TOWN HALL, THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, AUDITORIUM AND RESTAURANTS, AND WILL BE SITUATED AT THE HUB OF THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND LINKED TO THE RAILWAY.+

HE SAID THE NEXT FEW YEARS WOULD SEE SHA TIN CHANGING FROM A NOISY DUSTY CONSTRUCTION SITE INTO A TOWN AND HE BELIEVED THAT THE LOCAL INHABITANTS MUST BE INVOLVED IN THE WAY THE TOWN DEVELOPED.

+THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD -- AND I HOPE ONE DAY SOME OF YOU WILL SERVE ON IT,+ HE TOLD THE GRADUATES.

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CAREERS EXHIBITION PROVES POPULAR

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MANY EAGER YOUNG PEOPLE AND STUDENTS ARE LINING UP FOR INSTANT JOB INFORMATION AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS, HUNG HOM.

ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THIS MAJOR ATTRACTION IS THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC'S STAND WHERE SEVERAL MINI-COMPUTERS ARE GIVING PRINT OUT INFORMATION ON VARIOUS JOBS AT THE TOUCH OF THE BUTTON.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS COMPUTER SERVICE WAS NORMALLY AVAILABLE TO THOSE VISITORS SPECIALLY PICKED TO ASSIST IN AN OPINION POLL ON THE EXHIBITION.

+THOSE TAKING PART IN THE POLL ARE PICKED AT A RANDOM OF ONE IN EVERY FIFTY PERSONS WHO HAVE FINISHED VIEWING THE EXHIBITION,+ HE SAID.

+THEY ARE THEN INVITED TO THE STAND TO BE INTERVIEWED AND GIVEN THE USE OF THE COMPUTER SERVICE.+

IN VIEW OF THE POPULARITY OF THIS SERVICE, THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO MAKE THE MACHINES AVAILABLE TO MORE PEOPLE BY ADVANCING THE OPENING HOURS OF THE COMPUTER SERVICE TO 8 A.M. DAILY -- ONE AND A HALF HOURS BEFORE THE EXHIBITION OPENS.

ORGANISED GROUPS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE COMPUTER SERVICE ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE DUTY OFFICERS AT THE EXHIBITION ON TELEPHONE 3-644934 FOR ADVANCE BOOKINGS.

EACH GROUP WILL BE ALLOTTED 10 TICKETS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

+AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT COMPUTERS HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR SUCH USE IN HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

+WE WILL CERTAINLY REPEAT THIS SERVICE IN FUTURE EXHIBITION FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR YOUNG VISITORS,+ HE ADDED.

THE COMPUTERS ARE SUPPLIED BY WANG PACIFIC WITH THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC'S MATHEMATICAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT SUPPLYING THE TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW.

REFERRING TO THE EXHIBITION AS A WHOLE, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THIS YEAR WE HAVE MORE PARTICIPANTS -- A RECORD OF 26 STANDS INCLUDING THE ONE RUN BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

+THE STANDS ARE MORE COLOURFUL AND ATTRACTIVE AND THE STANDARD OF DESIGNS IS EXTREMELY HIGH.+

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4), IS OPEN DAILY UP TO 6.30 P.M.

UP TO 3 P.M. TODAY (TUESDAY) A TOTAL OF 43,630 PEOPLE HAVE VISITED THE EXHIBITION.

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EFFORTS AT +CONTINUING EDUCATION+ IN HONG KONG OUTLINED
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CONTINUING EDUCATION SHOULD LINK PRACTICAL TRAINING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE SOCIAL PURPOSES WHICH IT IS INTENDED TO SERVE, MR. JOHN WINFIELD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER), SAID TODAY.

MR. WINFIELD SAID, AT THE CONFERENCE ON ADULT EDUCATION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THAT HE SAW TECHNICAL EDUCATION AS BEING VERY MUCH A PART OF ADULT EDUCATION BECAUSE IT DERIVED ITS STRENGTH AND PURPOSE FROM THE MAJOR OCCUPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS -- THEIR WORK -- AND IN RETURN IT GAVE A NEW STRENGTH AND PURPOSE TO THE PURSUIT OF THAT WORK.

THE PRESENT EMPHASIS ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG IS MORE THAN MERELY COMPLEMENTARY TO THE CONCERN OF ADULT EDUCATION, HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD IN RECENT YEARS PAID A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, A MAJOR FEATURE OF WHICH HAD BEEN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, WITH THE FIFTH DUE TO OPEN IN 1979 AND THE FUTURE POSSIBILITY OF A SIXTH, IF A CLEAR NEED COULD BE DEMONSTRATED, HE STATED.

+TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT THE POST-FORM 3 LEVEL PARTICULARLY, IS A MAJOR FORM OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR WHICH EXTENSIVE PROVISION IS BEING MADE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE,+ MR. WINFIELD SAID.

OUTLINING THE MAJOR PROPOSALS OF THE GREEN PAPER, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID THE GREEN PAPER STRESSED THE ROLE OF THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH AT PRESENT CATERED TO SOME 60,000 YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS.

+CURRENT PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION IS ROUGHLY 19.4 PER CENT OF TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE,+ HE SAID, AND +THE DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSED IN THE GREEN PAPER, TOGETHER WITH THE EXTENSION BOTH OF FREE EDUCATION AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S POWERS TO ENSURE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE WILL ADD CONSIDERABLY TO THE ANNUAL BILL.+

+THE VERY HIGH LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE HAS TO BE BORNE IN MIND WHEN ONE CONSIDERS DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ARE HIGHLY DESIRABLE, BUT PERHAPS OF A LOWER PRIORITY THAN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND TERTIARY EDUCATION,+ HE ADDED.

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ADULT EDUCATION SHOULD CLEARLY OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO MEMBERS OF EVERY SOCIAL AND INCOME LEVEL, HE NOTED. IN TERMS OF PRIORITIES, SOME GROUPS WOULD HAVE A MORE IMMEDIATE CLAIM THAN OTHERS, AND WITHIN THE OVERALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE EXISTING PROGRAMMES MUST BE REVIEWED AND NEW PROGRAMMES DEVELOPED WHERE NECESSARY. HE REFERRED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LITERACY PROGRAMMES AND EXPANSION OF LANGUAGE COURSES AS POSSIBLE AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT.

IN SEEKING TO PROMOTE A POLICY OF GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT, MR. WINFIELD SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD AS A FIRST STAGE IMPROVE THE OPERATING STANDARDS OF THE COURSES PROVIDED BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION.

+WE SHALL HAVE TO MONITOR THE PATTERN OF PROVISION VERY CAREFULLY TO ENSURE THAT WHAT LIMITED RESOURCES WE HAVE ARE CONCENTRATED ON THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE GOING TO BE OF MOST DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

MR. WINFIELD ALSO INVITED THE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TO REPLY TO THE INVITATION CONTAINED IN THE GREEN PAPER TO SEND COMMENTS TO THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 1978, BY FORMULATING WELL-CONCEIVED PROPOSALS FOR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THOSE ALREADY PROVIDED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+SUCH PROPOSALS SHOULD BE WITHIN AN ACCEPTABLE BUDGET AND CONTAIN WORKABLE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES. THESE CAN THEN BE CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENT ALONG WITH ALL OTHER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE GREEN PAPER,+ HE SAID.

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'NO SMOKING' TRAIN CARRIAGES
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL DESIGNATE HALF OF THE NUMBER OF ITS PASSENGER CARRIAGES AS 'NON-SMOKING' FROM DECEMBER 6.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF KCR, MR. REG GREGORY, SAID THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WAS THE RESULT OF A SURVEY OF PASSENGER REQUIREMENTS.

HE URGED SMOKING PASSENGERS TO CO-OPERATE BY USING CARRIAGES WHERE SMOKING WAS ALLOWED AND ALSO TO BE CONSIDERATE OF THOSE WHO ARE NON-SMOKERS.

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FISHERY EXPERTS VISIT HONG KONG

A GROUP OF FISHING EXPERTS FROM INDONESIA AND THAILAND ARE STUDYING HONG KONG'S FISHING INDUSTRY UNDER A UNITED NATIONS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME.

THE 12 INDONESIANS AND FOUR THAIS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG DURING THE WEEKEND AND WILL SPEND ONE WEEK STUDYING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MARINE CULTURE, FISH CATCHING AND WHOLESALE PROCEDURES.

THEY ARE PART OF A FISHERY HARBOUR MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING STUDY TOUR OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AND CO-ORDINATING PROGRAMME, SPONSORED BY THE FISH AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

DURING THE WEEK THEY WILL VISIT THE ABERDEEN FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION'S COLDSTORES, FISH PROCESSING FACILITIES AND FISHING VESSELS- INSPECT MARINE FISH RETAIL MARKET AND FRESHWATER PONDS AT LAU FAU SHAN- TOUR THE MARINE FISH CULTURE SITE AT TAI TAM- AND SEE THE RURAL WHOLESALE FISH MARKETS AND PORTS AT SAI KUNG.

EARLY TODAY (TUESDAY) THE GROUP VISITED THE URBAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET OPERATED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION AT CHEUNG SHA WAN FOR A DETAIL STUDY OF MARKETING OPERATIONS, UNLOADING, SORTING, WEIGHING, AUCTIONING AND DISPATCH OF FISH. AND LATER IN THE DAY, THEY TOURED THE MONG KOK RETAIL MARKET.

THE HONG KONG INSPECTION TOUR IS A FORERUNNER TO A TWO-WEEK STUDY TOUR IN THE PHILIPPINES WHERE THE GROUP WILL BE JOINED BY TWO HONG KONG DELEGATES - MR. TSANG KWONG-LO, MARKET MANAGER OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION AND MR. YIM TAK-YIN, CAPTURE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HOSPITAL ROAD

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECTION OF HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN THE SIR ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL AND THE TUNG WAH FUNERAL PARLOUR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 A.M. TO 3 A.M. NEXT MONDAY, (DECEMBER 5) TO FACILITATE STABILISATION WORK ON A TUNNEL.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE FOR CASTLE PEAK RD
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A TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE COMMISSIONED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS BEING BUILT OVER CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT THE 5-3/4 MILESTONE TO PROVIDE A SAFE CROSSING FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE TWO-SPAN TIMBER FOOTBRIDGE IS TWO METRES WIDE AND ABOUT 27 METRES LONG. IT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DR. NIP KAM-FAN, ACTING GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER (WORKS) OF THE P.W.D., SAID TODAY THAT AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT OCCUPATION OF THE NEARBY LAI YIU ESTATE, PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ACROSS THIS SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD HAD INCREASED CONSIDERABLY.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WOULD PROVIDE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA WITH A SAFE MEANS OF CROSSING THE ROAD.

IT WOULD BE REPLACED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS TIME WHEN AN ADJACENT PERMANENT FOOTBRIDGE, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE FUTURE TAI WO TSUEN INTERCHANGE PROJECT, IS COMPLETED.

THE TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION IS BEING SUPERVISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE ON BEHALF OF THE P.W.D.'S TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT SAI KUNG
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE PREMISES FOR RESIDENTS AND PERSONS LIVING NEARBY FOR SEVEN DAYS FROM DECEMBER 7 - 9 AND DECEMBER 12 - 15.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON THESE DAYS.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND 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.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED 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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