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SOIL EXPERTS VISIT SITE OF SAU MAU PING LANDSLIDE
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THE GROUP OF SIX OVERSEAS AND LOCAL EXPERTS ASSISTING P.W.D. CONSULTANTS BINNIE AND PARTNERS IN THE SAU MAU PING LANDSLIDE INVESTIGATION TODAY VISITED THE SITE OF THE AUGUST RAINSTORM TRAGEDY IN THE COURSE OF AN INSPECTION TOUR OF SLOPES IN A NUMBER OF HOUSING ESTATES.

THE EXPERTS ARE : PROFESSOR JOHN KNILL, PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AT IMPERIAL COLLEGE, LONDON= MR. BRIAN RICHARDS, PRINCIPAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST WITH AUSTRALIA'S COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION= PROFESSOR NORBERT MORGENSTERN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, CANADA= PROFESSOR VICTOR DE MELLO, HEAD OF THE SAN CARLOS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AT BRAZIL'S SAO PAULO UNIVERSITY= PROFESSOR SEAN MACKAY, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG= AND MR. PETER LUMB, A READER IN CIVIL ENGINEERING AT H.K.U.

THE EXPERTS HAVE ENDORSED BINNIE'S DESIGNS FOR THE PERMANENT REMEDIAL WORKS TO THE SAU MAU PING SLOPE, AND THE WORK WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS --- BEFORE THE START OF NEXT YEAR'S WET SEASON.

AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, REMEDIAL WORKS ARE ALSO PLANNED BEFORE THE ON-SET OF NEXT YEAR'S WET SEASON FOR SLOPES IN A NUMBER OF OTHER HOUSING ESTATES VISITED BY THE GROUP OF EXPERTS TODAY.

THE OVERSEAS EXPERTS RETURNED TO HONG KONG LAST WEEKEND TO STUDY THE RESULTS OF TESTS CARRIED OUT BY BINNIE'S IN RECENT WEEKS, AND TO EVALUATE PROGRESS IN THE INVESTIGATION.

THEY WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO MEET OTHER COMMITMENTS, BUT WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH TO SEE BINNIE'S INVESTIGATION REPORT AND TO DRAW UP THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT REPORT ON BINNIE'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

BOTH REPORTS WILL THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IN THE EARLY PART OF NEXT YEAR.

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MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH LANTAU ROAD
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME MORE THAN 30,000 SQUARE FEET OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND IN SOUTH LANTAU FOR A \$35 MILLION SCHEME TO IMPROVE SOUTH LANTAU ROAD WHICH LINKS CHEUNG SHA AND KEUNG SHAN.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY. IT WILL TAKE EFFECT ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER GAZETTING.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. DAVID TSUI, SAID THE RESUMPTION WAS NECESSARY FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT A PHASED BUILDING PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING ROAD.

THE TWO-LANE HIGHWAY WILL BE 11.5 KM LONG AND WILL HAVE A FOOTPATH FOR PEDESTRIANS.

MR. TSUI SAID : +THIS PARTICULAR STRETCH OF ROAD IS USED VERY HEAVILY DURING THE SUMMER AND HOLIDAY PERIODS AND WITH THE INCREASING POPULARITY OF LANTAU AS A RECREATION AREA WE HAVE BECOME CONCERNED ABOUT ITS CAPACITY AND THE EXTREME RISK OF ACCIDENTS.

+IN FACT, THE SINGLE-LANE SECTION BETWEEN TONG FUK AND KEUNG SHAN HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF SEVERAL SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.

+THIS PROJECT WILL WIDEN THE ROAD, STRAIGHTEN THE SHARP BENDS AND PROVIDE A 7.3-WIDE METRE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY.+

MR. TSUI SAID THE RESUMPTION WOULD INVOLVE PAYMENT OR COMPESNATION FOR CROPS, FRUIT TREES, PINE TREES, GRAVES AND BONE POTS AS WELL AS EX-GRATIA DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCES FOR AFFECTED CULTIVATORS.

+FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE NO BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES INVOLVED SO THERE IS NO QUESTION OF REHOUSING,+ HE ADDED.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST
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THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST SHOW A DEFICIT OF \$134 MILLION AS COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$90 MILLION IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF \$300 MILLION FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$421 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

GROSS EXPENDITURE AT \$476 MILLION WAS \$35 MILLION MORE THAN THAT IN AUGUST 1975.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS AT \$342 MILLION WAS \$9 MILLION LESS THAN IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

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HEALTH EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS STRESSED

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY THAT HEALTH EDUCATION WAS A TOPIC WHICH DESERVED GREAT EMPHASIS IN SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING IN CANTONESE AT THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF FOUR SCHOOLS - THREE PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SECONDARIES AND ONE SUBSIDISED PRIMARY - ORGANISED BY THE CHAN'S EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATION, MR. TOPLEY SPOKE ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF A FULL, HEALTHY LIFE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF A HEALTHY MIND.

HE SAID THE ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF PHYSICAL HEALTH WERE: NOURISHMENT OF THE BODY AND TRAINING THROUGHOUT LIFE, PROTECTION OF THE BODY AGAINST HARMFUL AGENCIES AND THE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT OF ANY DEFICIENCY OR DISEASE IN THE BODY AS SOON AS IT WAS DETECTED.

THE DIRECTOR SAID IT WAS THE TASK OF THE SCHOOL TEACHER TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND KNOWLEDGE SO THAT PUPILS COULD FULFIL THESE REQUIREMENTS.

+HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THE HEALTH OF THE MIND IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, AND UNLESS IT IS SOUND THE WHOLE BODY WILL BE AFFECTED.

+THUS PHYSICAL FITNESS SHOULD BE ADVOCATED BY THE TEACHER AS A MEANS TO PROMOTE THE MENTAL HEALTH AND CHARACTER OF THE CHILD,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT MENTAL FITNESS WOULD MAKE CHILDREN MORE USEFUL PERSONS IN THE WORLD, BETTER ABLE TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE, AND EQUIPPED TO UNDERTAKE WORK SUITED TO THEM.

MR. TOPLEY NOTED THAT THE GROUP OF FOUR SCHOOLS RUN BY THE CHAN'S EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATION HAD DEVELOPED STEADILY.

+THE COMBINED ENROLMENT NOW STANDS AT OVER 12,000 - SURELY AN IMPRESSIVE FIGURE - AND IT IS INTERESTING TO OBSERVE THAT ON THIS OCCASION OVER 1,000 PUPILS ARE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO NOTED THAT THE FOUR SCHOOLS GAVE ATTENTION TO CHARACTER FORMATION AND THE PROMOTION OF A LARGE VARIETY OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

+I FULLY AGREE THAT THESE ARE IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF THE SCHOOL AND THAT THEY DESERVE DUE WEIGHT IF THE CHILDREN ARE TO RECEIVE AN ALL-ROUND EDUCATION,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

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COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS
OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

OVER \$1.6 MILLION IN COMPENSATION WAS PAID TO VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1976. THIS WAS STATED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARDS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

DURING THE YEAR, 856 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 134 CASES OR 19 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE PRECEDING YEAR. OF THE TOTAL APPLICATIONS, ONLY THREE WERE CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF INJURY SUSTAINED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

THESE APPLICATIONS COVERED 17 PER CENT OF THE 5,001 CASES OF REPORTED CRIMES OF VIOLENCE INVOLVING PERSONAL INJURIES, AND THIS APPLICATION RATE GREW BY TWO PER CENT OVER THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

AMONG THESE CASES, THE REPORT SAID, ROBBERY AND BURGLARY CASES CONSTITUTED ONLY A QUARTER OF ALL THE APPLICATIONS WHEREAS ASSAULTS AND WOUNDING CASES DOMINATED 68 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL.

THE LARGEST SINGLE AWARD MADE DURING THE YEAR WAS \$27,000. IT WAS PAID TO THE WIDOW OF A 29-YEAR-OLD COOKED-FOOD HAWKER WHO WAS STABBED TO DEATH WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CATCH THE ROBBER OF A WOMAN.

THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN 1973, PROVIDES COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS SUSTAINING PERSONAL INJURIES IN CRIMES OF VIOLENCE OR CAUSED BY WEAPONS USED BY PUBLIC OFFICERS IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES.

THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY A PANEL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND IS PAID OUT FROM PUBLIC FUNDS THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARDS ARE EMPOWERED TO INCREASE COMPENSATION UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 100 PER CENT IN ANY CASE WHERE THE VICTIM WAS KILLED OR SUFFERED INJURIES AS A RESULT OF CRIME PREVENTION OR MAKING SUCH ATTEMPTS.

HOWEVER, AN AWARD MAY BE REDUCED OR REJECTED ON ACCOUNT OF FAULT ON THE PART OF THE VICTIM.

THE COMPENSATION SCHEME, THE REPORT SAID, HAD BEEN GENERALLY RECOGNISED AS AN EFFICIENT WAY OF PROVIDING CASH ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS BY THE SIMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.

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LIFE GUARDS PRAISED

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY APPLAUDED LIFE GUARDS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO PATROL HONG KONG BEACHES IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB AT THE LORD MOUNTBATTEN YOUTH RECREATION CENTRE AT REPULSE BAY.

THE PRESENTATION ALSO MARKED THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLUB'S NEW TERRITORIES BRANCH OF WHICH MR. AKERS-JONES IS HONOURARY PRESIDENT.

HE TOLD A GATHERING OF CLUB MEMBERS THAT +WITH MORE AND MORE PEOPLE FLOCKING INTO THE NEW TERRITORIES BEACHES, THE ROLE OF THE LIFE GUARD IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT.+

+DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS, WE HAD SEEN MANY INSTANCES OF LIVES SAVED THROUGH THE WORK OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB AND ONE CANNOT BUT APPLAUD THE WORK OF MEMBERS WHO UNDERTAKE THESE DUTIES IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS THE COMMON AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CLUB TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO LEARN THE IMPORTANT SKILL OF LIFE SAVING AND TO PROMOTE THE KNOWLEDGE OF WATER SAFETY AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE.+

AT THE CEREMONY MR. AKERS-JONES PRESENTED SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAD RISKED THEIR LIVES TO SAVE SWIMMERS DURING THE SUMMER SEASON.

+YOU SET A FINE EXAMPLE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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L.P.G. NON-HOSE PORTABLE BURNER
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO MAY HAVE PURCHASED THE LPG NON-HOSE PORTABLE BURNER, +CASSETTE FEU+, ARE ADVISED TO REMOVE THE CYLINDER FITTED OR SUPPLIED WITH THE BURNER AND HAND IT IN TO THE NEAREST FIRE STATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE CYLINDERS DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE IN THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY.

+THE GAS CYLINDERS WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AND APPROVAL WAS REFUSED AS THEY DID NOT MEET WITH THE LAWFUL REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THAT THE BURNER IS BEING SOLD THROUGH VARIOUS OUTLETS IN HONG KONG.

ALL KNOWN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL OUTLETS ARE NOW BEING INSTRUCTED TO CEASE SALES FORTHWITH AND ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE PURCHASED THE BURNERS ARE ADVISED TO REMOVE THE CYLINDERS AND HAND THEM IN TO THE NEAREST FIRE STATION.

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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN LAI CHI KOK WILL BE WITHOUT WATER SUPPLY FOR 10 HOURS FROM 8 P.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 13).

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CONNECT FRESH WATER MAINS AT THE JUNCTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND KOM TSUN STREET.

AFFECTED ARE STAGE 1 TO 4 OF MEI FOO SUN CHUEN AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SITE AT LAI CHI KOK.

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SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD TO BE CLOSED
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A SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN ARRAN STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE CLOSED AS A RESULT OF WORK REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE CLOSURE, WHICH IS FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD, TAKES EFFECT ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER GAZETTING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, A REDUCED FOOTPATH WIDTH WILL BE MAINTAINED ALONG THIS SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

A PLAN SHOWING THE AREA AFFECTED CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN NATHAN ROAD.

THE PLAN IS ALSO ON DISPLAY AT THE MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

TODAY'S GAZETTE NOTICE STIPULATES THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST SEND HIS CLAIM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

THE CLAIM MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE STREET OR FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE.

SUITABLE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DIVERSION NOTICES WILL BE PUT UP TO ADVISE MOTORISTS OF THE NEW TRAFFIC ROUTING IN THE AREA.

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CANOE RACES AT REPULSE BAY
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OWNERS, COXSWAINS AND PERSONS-IN-CHARGE OF LOCAL CRAFT ARE URGED TO EXERCISE DUE CAUTION WHILE NAVIGATING IN THE REPULSE BAY AREA TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 13) AND ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 14).

THE HONG KONG SPRINT CANOEING OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AREA FROM 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M. TOMORROW AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAY.

ALL LOCAL CRAFT SHOULD AVOID PASSING CLOSE TO THE CANOES.

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REGISTRATION OF DEALERS UNDER COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES SAID TODAY THAT PART IV OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE 1976 DEALING WITH THE REGISTRATION PROVISIONS WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

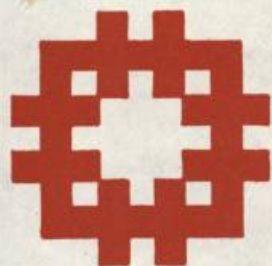
AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE SHORTLY.

NO PERSON, WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP CAN CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF A COMMODITY DEALER, COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER OR REPRESENTATIVE WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1977 UNLESS HE IS REGISTERED.

IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES TO PROCESS APPLICATION, INTENDING APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR COMPLETED FORMS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1976 IF THEY WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR REGISTRATION ON JANUARY 1, 1977.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AT ROOM 2404 CONNAUGHT CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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CONSTRUCTION OF MODERNISED LICENSED AREAS IN FULL SWING
20 BEING DEVELOPED OR UNDER PLANNING

Living conditions in licensed areas have been greatly improved since the introduction of the new-style licensed areas with part-built structures in mid-1974.

To date, more than 11,000 people are living in nine such licensed areas.

These are Chai Wan II (Extension), Chai Wan IV, Ping Shek, Kowloon Bay (2nd Village), Kowloon Bay (3rd Village), Homantin, Tai Wai, Kwai Hing and Yau Ma Hom (partly completed).

The Housing Department is currently building six similar licensed areas to provide accommodation for another 16,300 people.

Two of them, at Yau Ma Hom and Shek Lei in the Tsuen Wan/Kwai Chung area, will be completed before the end of the year and the four others, in Ha Kwai Chung, Kowloon Bay, Tin Wan and Aplichau, will be ready early next year.

Plans are also in hand for building another 15 licensed areas of this type in the next twelve months.

They will provide homes for an additional 33,700 people.

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The concept of this type of licensed area germinated three years ago.

In 1973, a pilot scheme was put in hand at Ex-Rifle Range Licensed Area which received acclaim from both local and overseas Visitors.

Shortly afterwards, the first modernised licensed area was built at Homantin next to Oi Man Estate.

Tenants moving in need only partition their allocated area within the part-built structures.

Facilities provided include metered electricity and tap water at their door-steps as well as telephone lines. A small kitchen is also attached to each household. An adequate provision of open space is also made for children.

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