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TUEN MUN ROAD -- BUILT AND CONSTRUCTED TO HIGHEST STANDARD

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MR. DAVID STEAD, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, REITERATED THAT TUEN MUN ROAD WAS BUILT AND CONSTRUCTED TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS DURING A VISIT TODAY (MONDAY) TO STAGE TWO OF TUEN MUN ROAD NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, HE EMPHASISED THAT THE MAIN CAUSES OF ACCIDENT WERE EXCESSIVE SPEEDING AND A BLATANT DISREGARD OF THE SIMPLE RULE OF NOT CROSSING THE DOUBLE WHITE LINE WHEN OVERTAKING.

SINCE THE ROAD WAS OPENED LAST MAY, HE SAID, A NUMBER OF SAFETY MEASURES IN THE FORM OF TRAFFIC AIDS HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

IN AUGUST LAST YEAR, 12 SETS OF SYMBOLIC SIGNS ADVISING MOTORISTS TO GO BACK TO OR STAY IN THE NEAR SIDE LANE WERE ERECTED. IN ADDITION, DIRECTIONAL ARROWS WERE PAINTED ON THE UPHILL LANES AT MERGE AREAS.

IN OCTOBER, 31 +KEEP LEFT UNLESS OVERTAKING+ SIGNS WERE PUT UP ON UPHILL LANES ALONG TUEN MUN ROAD AT 500-METRE INTERVALS. ALSO, DOUBLE WHITE LINES WERE PAINTED AT TSING LUNG TAU PROHIBITING INDISCRIMINATE OVERTAKING.

IN ADDITION, TWO BIG ADVISORY SIGNS, WHICH READ +ARRIVE ALIVE+, WERE ERECTED AT BOTH ENDS OF THE ROAD IN NOVEMBER.

MR. STEAD SAID MOTORISTS USING THIS ROAD SHOULD FIND THESE SIGNS HELPFUL.

HE SAID WORK BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SECOND STAGE OF THE ROAD PROJECT INVOLVED STRUCTURAL FOUNDATION AND ROAD FORMATION.

IT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN LATE 1980.

OTHER PWD WORK SITES VISITED INCLUDED THE KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM, TSUEN WAN BY-PASS STAGE I, AND THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD-TEXACO ROAD INTERSECTION.

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INTEREST TAX - EXEMPTION RATE IS 5-1/4 PER CENT

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THE RATE UP TO WHICH INTEREST ON BANK DEPOSITS IS EXEMPTED FROM TAX IS 5-1/4 PER CENT, NOT 7 PER CENT OR 7-1/2 PER CENT AS SOME NEWSPAPERS HAD REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE PRESS REPORTS HAD CAUSED +SOME CONFUSION+. HE SAID THE 5-1/4 PER CENT EXEMPTION RATE ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 2 REMAINED IN FORCE.

HE SAID THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1979 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LAST FRIDAY MERELY RAISED THE CEILING ON THE POWER OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO SPECIFY THE RATE OF EXEMPTION FROM TIME TO TIME: IT DID NOT SET THE ACTUAL LEVEL OF THE EXEMPTION CURRENTLY IN FORCE.

HE SAID THAT LEVEL WAS NORMALLY SET AT THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ON SAVING ACCOUNTS.

+WHEN THAT RATE WAS RAISED ON JANUARY 2 FROM 4-1/2 PER CENT TO 5-1/4 PER CENT, THE EXEMPTION RATE WAS ALSO RAISED,+ HE SAID.

THIS WAS DONE, HE SAID, USING A TEMPORARY ORDER UNDER THE PUBLIC REVENUE PROTECTION ORDINANCE, PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE ON JANUARY 2. THE BILL WHICH WILL RECEIVE ITS FIRST AND SECOND READINGS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY IS EXTENDED TO CONFIRM THE EFFECT OF THIS ORDER.

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IN-SERVICE COURSES FOR FULL-TIME TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION ARE OFFERING TRAINING COURSES FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS EMPLOYED FULL-TIME IN GOVERNMENT-AIDED OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS WISHING TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS.

THE FREE COURSES CONSIST OF LECTURES, TUTORIALS, DEMONSTRATION LESSONS, ASSIGNMENTS AND SUPERVISION OF TEACHING OVER THE TWO ACADEMIC YEARS 1979 TO 1981.

CERTIFICATES ACCORDING +QUALIFIED TEACHER+ STATUS ARE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE.

FULL DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN A GENERAL SCHOOLS TRAINING CIRCULAR ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ON JANUARY 10.

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF COURSES --- ONE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THE OTHER TWO FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS. THE PRIMARY COURSE IS CONDUCTED IN CHINESE EXCEPT FOR THE ELECTIVE SUBJECT: ENGLISH.

THE SECONDARY COURSES ARE CONDUCTED EITHER IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH, DEPENDING ON WHICH LANGUAGE THE TEACHERS USE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION.

EACH COURSE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CLASSES, AN EVENING CLASS AND A DAY-RELEASE CLASS. APPLICANTS THUS HAVE A CHOICE OF ATTENDING EITHER THREE EVENINGS A WEEK OR ONE DAY A WEEK FOR THE DURATION OF THE COURSE.

THIS ARRANGEMENT GIVES SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS AND THEIR SPONSORING SCHOOLS FLEXIBILITY IN ARRANGING ATTENDANCE AT THE COURSES.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR ALL COURSES MUST HAVE HAD AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF APPROVED TEACHING EXPERIENCE. BUT THIS REQUIREMENT IS RELAXED FOR HOLDERS OF FOUR-YEAR POST-SECONDARY COURSE DIPLOMAS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS (LEE GARDENS, THIRD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG) AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, 405 NATHAN ROAD, SIXTH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG (SECONDARY ENGLISH COURSE ONLY), GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 42 GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON (PRIMARY COURSE ONLY) AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, PIPER'S HILL, KOWLOON (SECONDARY CHINESE COURSE ONLY).

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO WHICH ADMISSION IS SOUGHT, BY 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

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SWD TO SET UP MORE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FOR THE DISABLED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO SET UP AN EXTRA 13 SHELTERED WORKSHOPS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS TO PROVIDE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR 1,600 DISABLED PEOPLE AND PREPARE THEM FOR OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EIGHTH SHELTERED WORKSHOP AT LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN.

MR. LEE SAID THE PROVISION OF SHELTERED WORKSHOPS WAS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES TO ENABLE THE DISABLED TO CARRY ON A USEFUL WORKING LIFE IN HELPING TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.

AT PRESENT, HE SAID, THE EIGHT WORKSHOPS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT OFFER SIMPLE INDUSTRIAL WORK IN A SHELTERED ENVIRONMENT TO A TOTAL OF 700 DISABLED PEOPLE WHO ARE EITHER BLIND, DEAF, EX-MENTAL PATIENTS, MENTALLY RETARDED OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE LEK YUEN WORKSHOP WAS LATER OFFICIALLY OPENED BY MR. JAMES WU, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ADDRESSING THE CEREMONY, MR. WU POINTED OUT THAT THE DISABLED HAD MORE ABILITIES THAN DISABILITIES AND, WITH SUITABLE TRAINING, THEY COULD REGAIN CONFIDENCE AND SECURE OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT PROGESS IN THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION SERVICES, THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS WOULD DEPEND ON BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

BROADLY SPEAKING, MR. WU DESCRIBED REHABILITATION WORK AS AN INVESTMENT IN MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, FOR DISABLED PEOPLE WOULD BECOME AN ASSET IF THEY WERE HELPED TO REGAIN EARNING CAPACITY AND PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES LIKE ANY NORMAL PERSON.

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MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR YUEN LONG DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL AWARD A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG.

THE CONTRACT, THE FOURTH FOR THE PROJECT, FORMS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S $726 MILLION PLAN TO DEVELOP THE MARKET TOWN INTO A MODERN, SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY.

IT WILL BE SIGNED AT THE OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH IN TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR YUEN LONG DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, TSUEN FAT BUILDING, 19 CHUEN HING PATH, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN, AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY, OFFICERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE OPEN CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, NOT LATER THAN 10 A.M.

OFFICERS OF THE PWD'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT LAND AUCTION TOMORROW

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THREE PRESTIGE SITES IN ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL BE SOLD AT THE FIRST NEW TERRITORIES LAND AUCTION OF THE YEAR AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE LOTS -- ONE ON LANTAU ISLAND AND THE OTHERS ON PENG CHAU -- ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE RESIDENTIAL SITES WITH VERY SCENIC SETTINGS AND PANORAMIC SEA VIEWS.

THE SITE AT CHEUNG SHA ON LANTAU, MEASURING 1,398 SQUARE METRES, CARRIES A PLOT RATIO OF 0.4, ALLOWING FOR TWO-STOREY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON NOT MORE THAN 559 SQUARE METRES OF THE LAND.

THE TWO WAI TSAI PEAK LOTS ON PENG CHAU, EACH COVERING 372 SQUARE METRES, ARE RESTRICTED TO TWO-STOREY BUILDING ON 30 PER CENT OF THE LOT AREA.

THE AUCTION AT 11 A.M. WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. KEITH HEALY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT LAND AUCTION AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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PUBLIC PIERS ARE FOR BOAT PASSENGERS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED OWNERS, COXSWAINS AND PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF LOCAL CRAFT, IN PARTICULAR PLEASURE BOATS, THAT NO VESSELS MAY LIE ALONGSIDE A PUBLIC PIER EXCEPT FOR EMBARKING OR LANDING PASSENGERS.

FOR OTHER REASONS, THEY MUST HAVE PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.

VESSELS EXCEEDING 115 FEET ARE ALSO PHOHIBITED FROM LYING ALONGSIDE ANY PUBLIC PIERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE RECENT REPORTS OF UNATTENDED CRAFT REMAINING ALONGSIDE PUBLIC PIERS, PREVENTING OTHER CRAFT FROM MAKING USE OF THE PIERS.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT DURING THE JANUARY 28-31 LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PORT COMMUNICATION CENTRE, THE MACAU FERRY WHARF UNIT OFFICES, THE VICTORIA SMALL CRAFT LICENSING OFFICE, THE ENTRY AND CLEARANCE OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS IN WAN CHAI, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN.

THE PORT COMMUNICATION CENTRE WILL BE OPEN CONTINUOUSLY WHILE THE MACAU FERRY WHARF OFFICES WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 7.30 A.M. TO 1.30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS.

THE ENTRY AND CLEARANCE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 11 A.M. ON JANUARY 29 AND THE VICTORIA SMALL CRAFT LICENSING OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 11 A.M. ON JANUARY 30.

THE FOUR PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS WILL BE CLOSED ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY AND THE FOLLOWING DAY (JANUARY 28 AND 29), BUT NORMAL WORKING WILL RESUME AT 7 A.M. ON JANUARY 30. VESSELS WITH VALID PERMITS MAY BERTH AT THESE FOUR AREAS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

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HOLIDAY MAIL SERVICE

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON JANUARY 29 AND 31, THE SECOND AND FOURTH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ON JANUARY 29, 32 POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 31.

ON JANUARY 30 --- THE THIRD DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR --- THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERIES AND ALSO ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER SECTION BETWEEN SHORT STREET AND SOUTH WALL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY TO FACILITATE ROAD JOINT REPAIRS.

ALL EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED AT THE JUNCTION OF SHORT STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER TO TRAVEL ON THE GROUND LEVEL OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR FRESH WATER CONNECTIONS AT TAI PO ROAD.

AREAS AFFECTED INCLUDE HA WO CHE, SHEUNG WO CHE, FO TAN TSUEN, SHA TIN RACE COURSE, HO TUNG LAU, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, LOK LO HA VILLAGE, SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND AREAS FROM SHEUNG HA WO CHE VILLAGES TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

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