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LONG-TERM STRATEGY TO MAINTAIN HK'S PRE-EMINENCE

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GROWTH TRENDS OVER RECENT YEARS INDICATE THAT SEA CARGO TRAFFIC THROUGH THE PORT OF HONG KONG COULD DOUBLE BY THE END OF THE CENTURY, KEEPING IT IN THE FOREFRONT OF WORLD-CLASS PORTS.

THIS WOULD MEAN THAT BY THE YEAR 2000, HONG KONG COULD BE HANDLING BETWEEN 3.5 AND FOUR MILLION TEU'S (20-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS) OF CONTAINER CARGO AND 25 MILLION TONNES OF CONVENTIONAL CARGO, ABOUT TWICE THEIR PRESENT ANNUAL VOLUME, MR BERNARD TANG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE SAID.

MR TANG IS NOW HEADING A TEAM OF GOVERNMENT SPECIALISTS TO LOOK INTO THE NEED FOR MORE PORT FACILITIES AND THEIR SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE FROM NOW TO THE YEAR 2001.

THE +PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY+, AS THE PROJECT IS CALLED, IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT. IN THE PAST, INDIVIDUAL STUDIES WERE MADE ONLY FOR SPECIFIC PORT FACILITIES.

+THERE HAS BEEN SOME MISCONCEPTION RECENTLY THAT THE STUDY WOULD DELAY OR HINDER THE EXPANSION OF THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINALS ALREADY AGREED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

+THE TWO ARE ENTIRELY SEPARATE ISSUES: THE PHASED EXPANSION PROGRAMME STRETCHING TO 1989 TO MEET MEDIUM-TERM REQUIREMENTS IS BEING IMPLEMENTED ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE ALREADY AGREED WITH THE INDUSTRY, WHEREAS THE STUDY WILL LOOK AT THE OTHER LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE PORT, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION EXISTING AND CURRENTLY PROJECTED FACILITIES,+ MR TANG POINTED OUT.

HE CONCEDED THAT THE SHEER MAGNITUDE OF THE PORT ACTIVITIES AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF FACTORS INVOLVED MAKE THE STUDY A FORMIDABLE TASK.

THE STUDY, SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 14 MONTHS, WILL EXAMINE GROWTH POTENTIALS OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR EXPORT AND IMPORT COMMODITIES, THE OPTIMUM SITES FOR ADDITIONAL CONTAINER TERMINALS, AS WELL AS THE NEEDS FOR MORE CARGO HANDLING AREAS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TYPHOON SHELTERS FOR THE MYRIAD LIGHTERS AND CARGO VESSELS.

+THE LIST DOES NOT END THERE. WE MUST ALSO ANALYSE OUR MARKET DIVERSIFICATION TRENDS.

+FOR INSTANCE, THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR MORE CONVENTIONAL CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES IF DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW MARKETS FOR OUR TRADE SO DICTATES,+ HE SAID.

+THE STUDY IS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY,+ MR TANG ADDED.

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IN CARRYING OUT THE STUDY, THE TEAM WILL CONSULT THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE SAID THAT THE STUDY IS ALSO URGENTLY NEEDED NOW THAT HONG KONG'S PORT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE REACHED A WATERSHED.

TRACING THE HISTORY OF MAJOR PORTS AROUND THE WORLD, HE SAID THAT FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, LITTLE IMPROVEMENT HAD BEEN NEEDED.

+IN HONG KONG, FOR INSTANCE, THERE WAS HARDLY ANY CHANGE FROM 1842 TO 1960, AS CARGOES WERE WORKED IN THE STREAM. BUT WITH THE ADVENT OF THE CONTAINER ERA IN THE LATE 1960'S, THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF PORT OPERATION WAS REVOLUTIONISED,+ MR TANG SAID.

WHAT IS MORE, THOUGH A PIGMY IN SIZE, HONG KONG IS NOW A GIANT IN TRADE, AS A SERIES OF EXPORT BOOMS HAS TURNED IT INTO THE WORLD'S 14TH LARGEST EXPORTING TERRITORY. AND HONG KONG'S PORT AND ITS TRAFFIC HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INTERTWINED WITH ITS TRADE.

+TO MAINTAIN THIS PRE-EMINENCE, A LONG-TERM STUDY TO IDENTIFY SHORTFALLS AND FUTURE NEEDS IS VITAL, AS PORT DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRE A LENGTHY LEAD TIME.

+THE STUDY WILL ASSIST BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THEIR FORWARD PLANNING WHICH IS ESSENTIAL IN THE GROWING COMPLEXITY OF TODAY'S BUSINESS WORLD,+ HE SAID.

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GATT TEXTILE BODY ACTS ON TWO U.S. 'CALLS'

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THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE IN GENEVA HAS MADE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING UNITED STATES RESTRAINTS ON HONG KONG EXPORTS IN CATEGORIES 637 (MAN-MADE FIBRE PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, ETC.) AND 652 (MAN-MADE FIBRE UNDERWEAR).

THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, ON HIS RETURN FROM PRESENTING THE HONG KONG CASE TO THE TSB, DESCRIBED THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS +MOST ENCOURAGING+.

HOWEVER, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DETAILS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS COULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED YET PENDING CONFIRMATION BY THE TSB AND THEIR OFFICIAL RELEASE BY THE GATT SECRETARIAT.

DURING CONSULTATIONS ON THESE TWO CATEGORIES HELD IN WASHINGTON, HONG KONG REJECTED THE U.S. CASE FOR RESTRAINTS IN BOTH CATEGORIES, AND SUBSEQUENTLY REFERRED THE MATTER TO THE TSB FOR CONSIDERATION. THESE WERE THE FIRST TWO CATEGORIES +CALLED+ BY THE U.S. IN 1984.

SINCE THEN A FURTHER THREE +CALLS+ (REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO INTRODUCING RESTRAINT LIMITS) HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE U.S., AND CONSULTATIONS ON THESE ARE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE TOWARDS THE END OF MAY.

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HK'S ETV ONE OF BEST IN WORLD

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HONG KONG'S EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SERVICE IS THE BEST IN ASIA AND ONE OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD, SAID MR COLVYN HAYE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, TODAY.

MR HAYE ALSO TOLD THE MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING OF PO LEUNG KUK DIRECTORS THAT THERE ARE PLANS TO EXPAND THE SERVICE TO COVER MORE LEVELS AND INCLUDE MORE SUBJECTS. THESE PLANS, MADE BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HAD BEEN DRAWN UP AS TEACHERS HAD SHOWN AN OVERWHELMING APPRECIATION OF THE PRESENT SERVICE.

DETAILED PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE TO THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD WHICH WAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR JUSTICE NOEL POWER.

+I SHALL BE SITTING ON THE REVIEW BOARD AND WILL BE ABLE TO PLEAD THE CASE PERSONALLY, AND IT IS A GREAT COMFORT TO KNOW THAT THE GOVERNOR HIMSELF IS A BELIEVER,+ MR HAYE SAID.

REMINISCING ABOUT THE EARLY DAYS OF PLANNING EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING, MR HAYE SAID THAT THE FIRST PLANS FOR A SCHOOLS SERVICE WERE SHELVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ADMINISTRATION RESUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT WITH THE EVACUATION OF THE JAPANESE, BECAUSE OF THE URGENT NEED FOR REHABILITATION OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

TEN YEARS LATER, WHEN HE MOVED FROM SCHOOL TEACHING TO ADMINISTRATION, HE FOUND AN OLD FILE WITH THE PLANS AND DECIDED TO REVIVE THE ISSUE. ADDRESSING MR DOUGLAS CROZIER, THE THEN DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR HAYE REMINDED HIM THAT HE HAD FIRST MOOTED THE IDEA FOR SCHOOLS BROADCASTING. MUCH AMUSED, MR CROZIER TOLD HIM TO PLAN A SERVICE, MR HAYE SAID.

+I FOUND A READY ALLY IN DONALD BROOKS, DIRECTOR OF RADIO HONG KONG,+ MR HAYE REMARKED.

+AND DONALD AND I RAPIDLY PUT TOGETHER A WORKING PARTY WHICH PROVED TO ALMOST EVERYBODY'S SATISFACTION THAT NOT ONLY WAS A SCHOOLS SERVICE DESIRABLE, IT WAS BOTH FEASIBLE AND ECONOMICAL.+

ALTHOUGH THE SCHEME HAD TO GIVE WAY TO OTHER URGENT EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES, MR HAYE DID NOT LOSE HOPE.

IN 1964, UNESCO OFFERED A FELLOWSHIP FOR AN EDUCATOR TO LOOK AT EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AROUND THE WORLD, AND MR HAYE WAS ASKED TO TAKE THE ASSIGNMENT. FOR SIX MONTHS HE STUDIED EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING SYSTEMS IN 10 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, AND FOUND TIME ALSO FOR A CRASH TV PRODUCTION COURSE IN LONDON AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION OVERSEAS. THE RESULT WAS A BLUE-PRINT FOR AN ETV SERVICE WHICH AGAIN WAS SHELVED BECAUSE OF OTHER PRIORITIES.

+BUREAUCRACY ALSO PLAYED ITS PART IN DELAYING THE PROJECT,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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+BUT THE WHEELS OF PROGRESS WERE ROLLING SLOWLY WITH THE SETTING UP OF A HIGH-POWERED COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF BROADCASTING.+ WHEN THIS COMMITTEE WONDERED WHY HONG KONG DID NOT HAVE AN EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING SERVICE, MR HAYE FINALLY GOT THE GREEN LIGHT. HE TABLED HIS BLUE-PRINT AND AT LAST, IN 1968, WAS AUTHORISED TO ESTABLISH AND LAUNCH ETV IN HONG KONG.

IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS HE RECRUITED STAFF, SENT MANY OVERSEAS FOR TRAINING, BUILT THE ETV PRODUCTION CENTRE STUDIOS IN BROADCAST DRIVE, AND FINALLY HAD THE PLEASURE OF SEEING SIR DAVID TRENCH, THEN GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, LAUNCH THE SERVICE WITH A LIVE BROADCAST IN CANTONESE TO THE FIRST AUDIENCE OF 100 000 PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS, HE SAID.

SKETCHING IN DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS, MR HAYE SAID THAT ETV RAPIDLY ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS THE BEST SERVICE OF ITS KIND IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND ONE OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

+THE UNIQUE FEATURE ABOUT ETV IN HONG KONG WAS AND IS THAT IT IS A SERVICE PRODUCED BY TEACHERS, FOR TEACHERS, IN LOCAL CLASSROOMS, AND NOT A HALF-BAKED IMPORT FROM ELSEWHERE,+ MR HAYE SAID.

NOW ETV BROADCASTS EIGHT HOURS A DAY FOR A 30-WEEK SCHOOL BROADCASTING YEAR AND REACHES NEARLY 750 000 CHILDREN IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO TAKE PART IN THE 14TH ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG.

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SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY A SERIES OF SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE OR WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

DR NIP KAM-FAN TO BE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT. HE HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER SINCE FEBRUARY 1981 AND WILL SUCCEED MR F.E. SHORT WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN OCTOBER 1984.

MR LEE NAM-SANG TO BE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST. HE HAS BEEN A CHIEF CHEMIST SINCE AUGUST 1978 AND WILL SUCCEED DR A.J. NUTTEN WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN NOVEMBER.

MR N. LATHAM SUCCEEDED MR J.T. THORPE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION ON THE LATTER'S PROMOTION TO DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION IN JANUARY 1984. HE HAS BEEN AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION SINCE JANUARY 1978.

MR J.H. MARCH SUCCEEDED MR R. HOLMES AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES ON THE LATTER'S PROMOTION TO DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES IN APRIL 1984. HE HAS BEEN A CHIEF FIRE OFFICER SINCE MARCH 1981.

MR CHRISTOPHER WONG SUCCEEDED MRS SHIRLEY MACE AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT ON THE LATTER'S RETIREMENT IN MARCH. MR WONG WAS FORMERLY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

MRS ANSON CHAN TO BE SECRETARY DESIGNATE, UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, IN JUNE. MRS CHAN WILL LATER TAKE OVER AS SECRETARY FROM MR MIKE BRADLEY, WHO WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR MIKE PAGLIARI HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER. HE WAS FORMERLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE.

MR CLIVE OXLEY SUCCEEDED MR CHRISTOPHER WONG AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE IN MARCH. HE HAS BEEN AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE SINCE NOVEMBER 1981.

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MISS ELAINE CHUNG SUCCEEDED MR DAVID LAN AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING ON THE LATTER'S TRANSFER (ALREADY ANNOUNCED) IN APRIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DR NIP KAM-FAN, J.P.

AGED 51. GRADUATE OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY. JOINED GOVERNMENT IN AUGUST 1956. PROMOTED TO PRESENT RANK OF PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN FEBRUARY 1981. HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS SENIOR POSTS IN THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS, MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERS.

MR LEE NAM-SANG

AGED 42. GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ASTON. JOINED GOVERNMENT IN NOVEMBER 1962. PROMOTED TO PRESENT RANK OF CHIEF CHEMIST IN AUGUST 1978. MEMBER OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY.

MR NORMAN LATHAM, J.P.

AGED 51. JOINED GOVERNMENT IN APRIL 1962. PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION IN JANUARY 1978. HE HAS ACTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.

MR JOHN HOWARD MARCH, Q.F.S.M., C.P.M.

AGED 48. JOINED GOVERNMENT IN MAY 1962. PROMOTED TO CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN MARCH 1981. HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS IN THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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MR CHRISTOPHER WONG KIM-KAM, J.P.

AGED 42. GRADUATE OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY. JOINED GOVERNMENT IN JULY 1963. HE HAS SERVED IN A VARIETY OF ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS, PRINCIPALLY IN THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH. MOST RECENTLY HE WAS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1978.

MRS ANSON CHAN, J.P.

AGED 44. GRADUATE OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY. JOINED GOVERNMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1962 AND HAS SERVED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS, INCLUDING FINANCE BRANCH AND THE (FORMER) SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH. SINCE FEBRUARY 1979 SHE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. SHE WAS PROMOTED TO HER PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1978.

MR MIKE PAGLIARI, J.P.

AGED 43. HOLDS A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE FROM GLASGOW UNIVERSITY. JOINED GOVERNMENT IN JANUARY 1967. HIS CAREER HAS BEEN SPENT MAINLY IN THE FIELDS OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN JULY 1983 AND HAS HELD DEPUTY SECRETARY POSTS IN THE (FORMER) ENVIRONMENT BRANCH, HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH AND, MOST RECENTLY, HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, SINCE MARCH 1981.

MR CLIVE OXLEY

AGED 47. HOLDS A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE FROM CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. HE HAS WORKED MAINLY IN THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, AND SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH. SINCE NOVEMBER 1981 HE HAS BEEN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, CHARGED WITH ADMINISTRATION OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY ACTED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR SHORT PERIODS.

MISS ELAINE CHUNG

AGED 38. GRADUATE OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS SERVED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS, INCLUDING PERIODS OF WORK IN BOTH HOUSING BRANCH AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT SOME TIME AGO. SHE HAS BEEN DISTRICT OFFICER, TSUEN WAN SINCE JULY 1982.

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$2.8M SCHEME CLEARS MODY ROAD TRAFFIC JAMS

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A $2.8-MILLION TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME INTRODUCED LAST DECEMBER BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN EAST TSIM SHA TSUI.

MR PANG HO-CHE, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE TRAFFIC JAMS CAUSED PREVIOUSLY BY LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES ALONG MODY ROAD HAD NOW VIRTUALLY DISAPPEARED.

UNDER THE SCHEME, LAY-BYS WERE PROVIDED AND NO-STOPPING RESTRICTIONS FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS WERE INTRODUCED ALONG MODY ROAD AS PART OF THE MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

THE SCHEME ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAL-CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON MODY ROAD.

+WITH THE OPERATION OF THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS SOME TIME THIS MONTH, IT IS EXPECTED THAT TRAFFIC FLOW WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED AND PEDESTRIANS WILL BE ABLE TO CROSS THE ROAD IN A MORE ORDERLY AND SAFE MANNER,+ MR PANG SAID.

THE SCHEME WAS SUPPORTED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION.

MODY ROAD WAS ORGINALLY DESIGNED FOR LOCAL AND SERVICE TRAFFIC ONLY AND WAS BUILT WITHOUT SERVICE AREAS.

HOWEVER, THE GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA HAS LED TO INCREASED LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES, THUS RESULTING IN SERIOUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS PARK PROJECT

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF CARPENTER ROAD PARK WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 10) AFTERNOON.

THIS PHASE IS ESTIMATED TO COST $22 MILLION AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN EARLY 1986.

IT WILL INCLUDE A CYCLING PATH, A FUN CYCLING AREA, A JOGGING TRACK, A FITNESS STATION, A ROCK GARDEN, A BICYCLE HIRE AREA AND A BICYCLES KIOSK.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SIX-HECTARE PARK NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION INCLUDES A REST GARDEN, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, A MINI-SOCCER PITCH AND FOUR BASKETBALL COURTS.

AT THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO ENDORSE THE ALLOCATION OF $120 000 FOR JOINT DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCE OPERATIONS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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SO FAR 550 ILLEGAL BACKLANE STRUCTURES IN 15 AREAS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED AND 600 MORE WILL BE CLEARED WITHIN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS.

TWO RECENTLY PUBLISHED REVIEWS -- ONE ON THE TAXI ISSUE AND THE OTHER ON PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES -- WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED BY THE MEMBERS, WITH BRIEFINGS TO BE GIVEN BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR JUSTIN YUE, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SQUATTER CONTROL IMPROVEMENT) OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR TONY BENNETT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE DISPLAY OF A DISTRICT BOARD LOGO UNDER THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER, THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME AND THE ICAC'S MEI TUNG OFFICE LIAISON WORK PLAN.

TEN SEATS WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE PUBLIC AND THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND MAY CONTACT THE SECRETARY, MR KWAN WAI-HAY, AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7110171 FOR RESERVATION.

MEANWHILE, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TAXI REVIEW ON FRIDAY (MAY 11), AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS TO THE BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 10) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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WAN CHAI BOARD PUTS OUT ANNUAL REPORT

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD HAS JUST PUT OUT ITS FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

PRODUCED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT A COST OF $20 000, THE 16 PAGE ANNUAL REPORT IS PRINTED SEPARATELY IN ENGLISH AND IN CHINESE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, SAID THE REPORT RECORDED THE PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD IN 1982-83, AND PROVIDED A BASIS FOR BOTH REVIEW AND COMMENT BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS REPORT ARE WELCOME AND CAN BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, HE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 5 000 CHINESE AND 500 ENGLISH COPIES HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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CYCLING TRACK FOR HO MAN TIN CHILDREN

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A CYCLING TRACK AND A SITTING-OUT AREA, BUILT ON A 5 000-SQUARE-METRE VACANT SITE, WILL BE OPEN TO CHILDREN IN HO MAN TIN BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM SATURDAY (MAY 12).

THE 160-METRE-LONG TRACK IN GOOD SHEPHERD STREET IS FUNDED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AT $150 000, AND IS ONE OF VARIOUS PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

SPEAKING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TANG TAI-CHUEN, SAID BOTH THE TRACK AND THE SITTING-OUT AREA WERE BUILT TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS.

HE SAID MANY CHILDREN IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WERE RIDING BICYCLES WITHIN THE ESTATES, CAUSING INCONVENIENCE AND DANGER TO OTHERS AND THEMSELVES.

+PROVISION OF A CYCLING AREA IN HO MAN TIN WILL HELP SOLVE THIS PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

MR TANG, HOWEVER, ALSO SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR PROPER MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CYCLING TRACK, AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE LOK TAO SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR AGREEING TO TAKE CARE OF THE OPENING AND CLOSING, AND GENERAL UPKEEP OF THE TRACK.

THE SITE HAD BEEN PROVISIONALLY EARMARKED FOR AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

BUT PENDING A FINAL DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE WORK, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WAS ABLE, THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AND URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION, TO ACQUIRE IT FOR TEMPORARY USE, MR TANG SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ASIDE FROM THE CYCLING TRACK, A MULTI-PURPOSE PLAYGROUND IN CAMEL VILLAGE STREET, ALSO FINANCED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, WOULD BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES.

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FREE TRACK CYCLING CLASSES OFFERED

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TWO COURSES ON TRACK CYCLING IN A VELODROME ARE BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG CYCLING ASSOCIATION.

THE COURSES WILL BE HELD ON THREE CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS STARTING FROM JUNE 9 AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

ONLY 25 PLACES ARE AVAILABLE IN EACH OF THE TWO COURSES, AND PEOPLE INTERESTED, WHO MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS OF AGE, SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IMMEDIATELY.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE HEAD OFFICE IN WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL. ENTRY IS FREE.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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LIGHT PLANE CRASH INVESTIGATED

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AN INSPECTOR'S INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED INTO THE CRASH OF THE PITTS SPECIAL LIGHT AIRCRAFT IN PORT SHELTER ON MAY 5, A CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HEADING THE INVESTIGATION IS MR K.T. HO, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER 1 OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY STAFF OF THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTION.

MEANWHILE, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS APPEALING TO EYE-WITNESSES OF THE ACCIDENT TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE OR IN WRITING.

SEVERAL SUCH REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED, HE SAID.

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PRIVATE STREETS TO BE RESUMED FOR REPAIR

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TWO PRIVATE STREETS IN NORTH POINT WILL BE RESUMED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH AND REPAIRED, AS PART OF A PILOT SCHEME TO SOLVE PROBLEMS ARISING IN STREETS WHICH ARE ON PRIVATE LAND.

THE LACK OF PROPER MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THESE STREETS HAS GIVEN RISE TO SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND POSED SAFETY HAZARDS.

THE STREETS, COMFORT TERRACE AND YUET YUEN STREET, ARE NOW UNDER MULTIPLE SUB-DIVIDED OWNERSHIP AND ARE NOT BEING PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL REPAIR BOTH STREETS AT A TOTAL COST OF $320 000, AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY MAINTAINED IN FUTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

NOTICES OF THE RESUMPTIONS HAVE APPEARED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND HAVE BEEN POSTED ON SITE.

ANYONE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE SHOULD SUBMIT A CLAIM IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

RELEVANT PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND

* EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 884-886, KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

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THREE FIRE OFFICERS PROMOTED

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THREE FIRE OFFICERS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PROMOTED TO SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

THEY ARE MR WONG MAN-CHIU, THE COMMANDANT OF THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL; MR TANG SIU, HEAD OF THE PLANNING SECTION AT THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS; AND MR YIP LUN-CHEONG OF THE AIRPORT FIRE CONTINGENT.

THEY ALL JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS ASSISTANT STATION OFFICERS 20 YEARS AGO AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY PROMOTED TO DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

THEY HAVE SERVED IN DIFFERENT DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, GAINING EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN FIRE FIGHTING AND PREVENTION.

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FENCING INSTRUCTORS' COURSE

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A COURSE IN ELEMENTARY FENCING FOR INSTRUCTORS, WHO MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD, WILL START FROM JUNE 6 AT THE LAI CHI KOK PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL.

THE EIGHT-SESSION COURSE - TO BE HELD ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS BETWEEN 7.30 AND 9.30 PM - IS ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION.

ONLY 30 PLACES ARE AVAILABLE AND THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IMMEDIATELY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE HEAD OFFICE IN WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL.

THE ENTRY FEE IS $20 A PERSON.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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TEACHING TEACHERS ABOUT POLLUTION

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TEN IDENTICAL WORKSHOPS ON AIR AND WATER POLLUTION WILL BE HELD FOR CHEMISTRY TEACHERS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEXT MONTH.

THE AIM OF THE WORKSHOPS IS TO INTRODUCE TO CHEMISTRY TEACHERS CHEMICAL PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN MONITORING THE EXTENT OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JUNE 14 AND 30 AT THE SCIENCE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

ALL CHEMISTRY TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND, BUT DUE TO LIMITED SPACE AND FACILITIES EACH SCHOOL SHOULD ONLY NOMINATE ONE TEACHER.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (CHEMISTRY), THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, ON OR BEFORE MAY 18. ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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SHAM SHUI PO ROAD CLOSURE

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THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM THURSDAY (MAY 10) TO MAY 16 BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE:

* THE SECTION OF BERWICK STREET BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND PAK TIN STREET, AND THE SECTION OF PEI HO STREET BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND BERWICK STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

DURING THE CLOSURE, GENERAL TRAFFIC ON TAI PO ROAD HEADING FOR NAM CHEONG STREET SHOULD USE PAK TIN STREET AND WAI CHI STREET.

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WATER LEAKAGE TESTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN AND TUNG TAU TSUEN AREAS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 10) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE BOUNDED BY CHOI HUNG ROAD, TUNG LUNG ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD AND CHING TAK STREET, INCLUDING TUNG TAI LANE, TUNG FAT ROAD, KAI MING HOUSE, TAK MING HOUSE, WONG TAI SIN HOUSING STAFF QUARTERS, BLOCKS 16, 17, 26, 27 LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE, BLOCKS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 TUNG TAU ESTATE AND YUE TUNG HOUSE.

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