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MISSIONS TO ATTRACT INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT FROM OVERSEAS
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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING AN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSION TO EUROPE IN APRIL AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER MISSION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO THE UNITED STATES IN JUNE THIS YEAR TO ATTRACT MORE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS TO HONG KONG.

THE MISSION TO EUROPE WILL BE HEADED BY MR. ROY PORTER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY AND WILL VISIT BRITAIN, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE F.R. OF GERMANY FROM APRIL 19 TO MAY 23, 1978.

AS PART OF THE MISSION PROGRAMME, THE MISSION WILL HOLD THREE INVESTMENT SEMINARS, TWO IN BRITAIN AND ONE IN THE NETHERLANDS. MR. CYRIL BERNARD, INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION PROJECT OFFICER, IS NOW IN EUROPE TO MAKE PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS.

THE MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BE HEADED BY MR. HERBERT MINICH, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE UNITED STATES. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY MR. PAULUS CHAN, INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION PROJECT OFFICER OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

THE MISSION WILL VISIT THE NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA AREAS BETWEEN JUNE 5 AND EARLY JULY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION BRANCH OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID, +THE MISSIONS HAVE BEEN TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITIONS IN THESE COUNTRIES WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO DISCUSS WITH TOP EXECUTIVES THE SPECIFIC ADVANTAGES WHICH WOULD ACCRUE TO THEIR COMPANIES FROM MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG.

+THE PROMOTION WILL CONCENTRATE LARGELY ON COMPANIES IN THE LIGHT TO MEDIUM ENGINEERING FIELDS OR IN ELECTRONICS,+ HE SAID.

THESE WILL BE THE DEPARTMENT'S SEVENTH MISSION TO EUROPE AND THE FIFTH IN A SERIES OF MISSIONS TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAVE EITHER BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON ITS OWN OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL CHAMBER.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO HOPES TO SEND MISSIONS TO JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA LATER THIS YEAR.

LAST YEAR, THE INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION BRANCH PROVIDED INFORMATION TO 355 COMPANIES SHOWING AN INTEREST IN INVESTING IN HONG KONG. OF THESE, 17 COMPANIES, WITH A TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF ABOUT HK\$57 MILLION, HAVE SINCE SET UP OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING SO.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT SOME COMPANIES PREFER TO SUBCONTRACT THE MANUFACTURE OF COMPONENTS OR PRODUCT LINES IN HONG KONG.

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+THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY IS JUST AS WELCOME AS DIRECT INVESTMENT IN SOME RESPECTS BECAUSE IT BRINGS NOT ONLY NEW BUSINESS TO HONG KONG BUT IT ALSO FREQUENTLY INVOLVES THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY= WHICH IS ALSO ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION+.

AS WELL AS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO OVERSEAS COMPANIES, THE INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION BRANCH ALSO PROVIDES A SERVICE TO LOCAL COMPANIES INTERESTED IN JOINT VENTURES AND ENTERING INTO LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WITH OVERSEAS FIRMS.

AT THE END OF 1977, THERE WERE AT LEAST 339 FACTORIES IN HONG KONG EITHER FULLY OR PARTLY OWNED BY OVERSEAS INTERESTS, AN INCREASE OF 17 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE TOTAL DIRECT INVESTMENT INVOLVED CLIMBED TO ALMOST \$2,000 MILLION FROM \$1,800 MILLION IN 1976.

THESE FACTORIES EMPLOYED ABOUT 75,000 WORKERS OR 9.8 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL WORKFORCE IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE UNITED STATES IS THE LARGEST SINGLE INVESTOR IN HONG KONG WITH HK\$920.4 MILLION WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 46.5 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT. IT IS FOLLOWED BY JAPAN, BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES INVOLVED ARE ELECTRONICS AND TEXTILES.

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TRUNK SEWER FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY LAY A TRUNK SEWER IN THE RECLAIMED AREA OF CASTLE PEAK BAY TO SERVE THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

MR. K.K. TANG, ACTING CHEIF ENGINEER OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT THE TRUNK SEWER WAS DESIGNED TO CARRY THE SEWAGE PRODUCED BY THREE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SAM SHING HUI AND ON THE RECLAIMED LAND AT CASTLE PEAK BAY.

IT WOULD ALSO CARRY SEWAGE FROM INDUSTRIAL AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

WORK WOULD BEGIN SOME TIME IN JUNE AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. TANG SAID THAT THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE SEWER, WHICH FORMS THE MAJOR PART OF THE SEWERAGE NETWORK SERVING A POPULATION OF 140,000, WOULD BE ABOUT 1,500 METRES.

IT WOULD RUN FROM SAM SHING HUI ALONG THE TUEN MUN ROAD EXTENSION TO JOIN A TRUNK SEWER NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE WEST SIDE OF TUEN MUN.

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THE WORK FORMS PART OF THE OVERALL TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH IS BEING HANDLED BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MEANWHILE, WORK IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY ON THE COMPREHENSIVE SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT, COSTING \$16 MILLION, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 6,000 METRES OF SEWERAGE PIPES WITHIN THE NEW TOWN.

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REPORT CHANGE OF PARTICULARS IN ID CARDS

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION, MR. KUO KET-CHEN TODAY REMINDED THE PUBLIC TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF PARTICULARS WHICH THEY HAVE PROVIDED IN REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

MR. KUO SAID THAT IT IS BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT TO RETURN FOUND IDENTITY CARDS TO THEIR OWNERS BECAUSE THE HOLDERS FAIL TO REPORT CHANGES IN THEIR RESIDENTIAL OR OCCUPATIONAL ADDRESSES TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

UPON RECEIPT OF THE FOUND IDENTITY CARDS, MR. KUO SAID, THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE WOULD SEND LETTERS TO THEIR HOLDERS AT THEIR LATEST KNOWN ADDRESSES SO THAT THEY CAN COLLECT THEIR CARDS.

BUT VERY OFTEN THESE CARDS CANNOT BE RETURNED BECAUSE THE ADDRESSES ARE NOT UP-TO-DATE.

MR. KUO SAID: +I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC TO THE FACT THAT THE EXISTING REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE REQUIRES THEM TO REPORT THESE CHANGES TO US AS SOON AS THEY OCCUR.+

SUCH CHANGES, INCLUDING THOSE OF MARITAL STATUS AND OTHER REGISTERED PARTICULARS, CAN BE REPORTED EITHER IN LETTER OR BY COMPLETING FORM ROP 18.

IF A HONG KONG RESIDENT IS GOING TO TAKE UP PERMANENT RESIDENCE ELSEWHERE, THEY TOO ARE OBLIGED TO INFORM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE BY COMPLETING FORM ROP 19 IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR IDENTITY CARD RECORDS UP-TO-DATE.

FORMS ROP 18 AND 19 ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, POST OFFICES AND THE HEADQUARTERS AND BRANCHES OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

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PROMENADE IN CENTRAL WATERFRONT
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OFFICE WORKERS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL HAVE MORE OPEN SPACE TO STROLL, SIT AND RELAX DURING LUNCH HOURS WHEN THE CENTRAL PROMENADE COMPLETES TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

WORK ON THE \$2.8 MILLION PROMENADE, SITUATED AT THE WATERFRONT BETWEEN BLAKE PIER AND VEHICULAR FERRY PIER, IS NOW UNDERWAY.

MR. K.M. TSENG, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY SITTING SPACE, COVERED WALKWAYS AND PAVILIONS WOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE PROMENADE.

IN ADDITION THERE WOULD BE FOUNTAINS, ELEVATED FLOWER BEDS, PAVED AREAS AND A FAST-FOOD KIOSK.

MR. TSENG SAID: +THE PROJECT AIMS TO CREATE A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT ON THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION SIMILAR TO STATUE SQUARE, TO FIT IN WITH THE OVERALL SCHEME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPEN SPACES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT.

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RE-OPENING OF SAI WAN HO STREET
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECTION OF SAI WAN HO STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN BETWEEN HOI NING STREET AND SHING ON STREET WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN A ONE-WAY WESTBOUND DIRECTION FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (APRIL 18) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF CABLE LAYING WORKS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, ONE-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE RESTORED IN THE SECTION OF HOLY CROSS PATH BETWEEN SAI WAN HO STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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