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URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IN WESTERN

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RESUME ABOUT 3,500 SQUARE FEET OF LAND AT THE WESTERN END OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY TO UNDERTAKE AN URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IN THE AREA.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED IN A GAZETTE NOTIFICATION TODAY.

AFFECTED WILL BE A FOUR-STORY BUILDING WITH SHOPS ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND DOMESTIC FLATS ON THE UPPER FLOORS. THE BUILDING, WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE EARLY POST-WAR YEARS, IS IN POOR CONDITION AND CROWDED. IT OCCUPIES 489-499, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

FOLLOWING THE POSTING OF RESUMPTION NOTICES TODAY, THE HOUSING SOCIETY IS CONTACTING ALL RESIDENTS AND COMMERCIAL OCCUPANTS IN THE BUILDING TO EXPLAIN THE POSITION AND WILL BE MAKING FULL INVESTIGATIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE REHOUSING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. THIS WILL INVOLVE AN OFFER OF A FLAT WHICH RESIDENTS CAN BUY ON ATTRACTIVE TERMS IN AN ADJOINING NEW BUILDING, MEI SUN LAU, WHICH IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED ABOUT APRIL 1976.

THE MEI SUN LAU BUILDING WILL CONTAIN 198 SMALL SELF-CONTAINED FLATS AND A SHOPPING ARCADE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, WITH A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND SOME COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT THE FIRST-FLOOR LEVEL. ABOUT HALF THE FLATS WILL HAVE A SEA VIEW.

THE PROPERTY NOW GAZETTED FOR RESUMPTION WILL LATER BE DEMOLISHED AND A NEW COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL BLOCK ERECTED ON THE SITE TO HOUSE FAMILIES FROM OTHER URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROJECTS IN THE SAME AREA.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IS NOT MERELY CONCERNED WITH THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY= ITS MAIN AIM IS TO OFFER IMPROVED HOUSING FOR THOSE INVOLVED WITHOUT MAKING IT NECESSARY FOR THEM TO MOVE OUT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD IN WHICH THEY NOW LIVE.+

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PRELIMINARY MTR WORKS IN KWUN TONG TO START NEXT MONTH

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WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH ON UTILITY DIVERSIONS AND PRELIMINARY ROADWORKS IN KWUN TONG ROAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH HIP WO STREET AND HOI YUEN ROAD.

THIS WORK IS TO BE CARRIED OUT TO PREPARE FOR A MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OVERHEAD SECTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, INCLUDING KWUN TONG STATION WHICH IS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE SAME TIME.

THE SCHEME WILL ENABLE TRAFFIC MOVEMENT IN KWUN TONG ROAD TO CONTINUE WHILST THE RAILWAY IS BEING BUILT.

THE OVERHEAD SECTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WILL BE LOCATED, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHIN THE EXISTING KWUN TONG ROAD RESERVE IN ORDER TO KEEP INTERFERENCE TO EXISTING BUILDINGS TO A MINIMUM.

A VEHICULAR UNDERPASS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO TAKE KWUN TONG ROAD TRAFFIC UNDER THE JUNCTION WITH HIP WO STREET, AS PART OF A MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IN THE AREA.

THIS WILL INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING, AND THE CONTRACT FOR UTILITY DIVERSIONS AND PRELIMINARY ROADWORKS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC IN EACH DIRECTION ON KWUN TONG ROAD DURING THE PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILWAY.

THE REMAINING TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED INTO WAI YIP STREET, WHICH IS TO BE EXTENDED FROM ITS PRESENT TERMINAL POINT AT KING YIP STREET TO JOIN UP WITH THE EXISTING CHA KWO LING ROAD.

WHEN COMPLETED, KWUN TONG STATION WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 219 METRES LONG AND WILL PROVIDE THE DENSELY POPULATED INDUSTRIAL AREA OF KWUN TONG WITH A FAST AND REGULAR TRAIN SERVICE TO HONG KONG AND OTHER PARTS OF KOWLOON.

THE PRELIMINARY ROADWORKS ARE DUE TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND THE MAIN MASS TRANSIT WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN MAY 1976. THE WHOLE WORK IS DUE FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF 1979.

A PLAN SHOWING THE AREA AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, HONG KONG, OR AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. THE PLAN IS ALSO ON DISPLAY AT THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY 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.

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GOVT GRANTS \$27,200 TO WIDOW OF SLAIN HAWKER

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THE WIDOW OF MR. WONG HAK-KEUNG, THE HAWKER WHO WAS STABBED TO DEATH WHILE TRYING TO STOP A ROBBER IN SHAMSHUIPO LAST TUESDAY, IS TO RECEIVE \$27,200 AS COMPENSATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME.

THE MONEY IS BEING AWARDED BY THE SCHEME'S COMPENSATION BOARD WHICH MET THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

MR. OSWALD CHEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, SAID THE BOARD WAS INCREASING THE AWARD BY 100 PERCENT IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WONG'S BRAVE ACTION IN TRYING TO STOP THE ROBBER.

THE MONEY WILL BE PAID TO MADAME LIN PIK-LAN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WHICH ADMINISTERS THE SCHEME.

MR. F.S. CLARK, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SWD, WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

THE SWD HAS ASSURED MADAME LIN THAT SHOULD SHE AND HER TWO-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER REQUIRE PUBLIC HOUSING, THE DEPARTMENT WILL HELP HER OBTAIN IT. AT PRESENT, MADAME LIN AND HER DAUGHTER ARE STAYING WITH RELATIVES.

NOTE TO EDITORS: THE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE PAYMENT'S CONTROL SECTION OF THE SWD, 17TH FLOOR, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION
SHOULD INCLUDE LIABILITY UNDER COMMON LAW
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EMPLOYERS WERE TODAY URGED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ALSO INCLUDED LIABILITY UNDER COMMON LAW AND OTHER LEGISLATIONS LIKE THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ORDINANCE AND THE FATAL ACCIDENTS ORDINANCE.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MRS. SOO MOK SAU-HA, TOLD TODAY'S LUNCHEON OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH THAT EMPLOYERS OFTEN OVERLOOKED THE FACT THAT THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE DID NOT IN ANY WAY LIMIT THE CIVIL RIGHT OF AN INJURED WORKER TO CLAIM DAMAGES UNDER COMMON LAW AGAINST HIS EMPLOYER OR A THIRD PARTY, ALTHOUGH IN AWARDED SUCH DAMAGES THE COURT WOULD NORMALLY DEDUCT THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION ALREADY PAID.

UNDER THE LAW, SHE SAID, A WORKMAN MIGHT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AND ALSO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES WHEN HIS INJURY WAS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY OR OTHER WRONGFUL ACT OR OMISSION OF THE EMPLOYER OR OF ANY PERSON FOR WHOSE ACT OR DEFAULT THE EMPLOYER WAS RESPONSIBLE.

AS AN EXAMPLE, MRS. SOO CITED THE RECENT CASE OF A MOULDING MACHINE OPERATOR WHO WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$246,250 — THE HIGHEST AWARD KNOWN TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR PERSONAL INJURY IN A WORK ACCIDENT.

THE WORKER CONCERNED BECAME PARALYSED AFTER RECEIVING ELECTRIC SHOCK ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE EXISTENCE OF A FAULTY ELECTRIC FAN AT THE PLACE OF WORK. +THE WORKMAN IS NOW PERMANENTLY BEDRIDDEN AND WAS ASSESSED TO HAVE AN EXPECTATION OF LIFE OF ONLY A FEW YEARS,+ SHE SAID.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT, THE DISABLED WORKMAN SUED HIS FORMER EMPLOYER FOR NEGLIGENCE. THE JUDGE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE BY THE EMPLOYEE AND HELD THE EMPLOYER LIABLE UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ORDINANCE AS WELL AS UNDER COMMON LAW. AFTER DEDUCTION OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ALREADY PAID, THE WORKER RECEIVED A FURTHER SUM OF ABOUT \$200,000.

MRS. SOO WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN 1974, SOME 31,000 ACCIDENTS WERE REPORTED TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING 234 FATALITIES.

+SUCH AN ACCIDENT OFTEN LEAVES A WORKMAN PERMANENTLY DISABLED WITH A LOSS IN EARNING CAPACITY,+ SHE SAID. +IF HE IS KILLED HIS DEPENDANTS MIGHT BE LEFT DESTITUTE.+

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UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, COMPENSATION PAYABLE FALLS INTO THREE MAIN CATEGORIES.

- * IN THE EVENT OF DEATH, COMPENSATION WOULD BE PAID TO THE DEPENDANTS OF THE DECEASED WORKER, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$60,000 AND A MINIMUM OF \$9,600.
- * FOR TEMPORARY INCAPACITY, WHETHER PARTIAL OR TOTAL, COMPENSATION WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF PERIODICAL PAYMENTS THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF INCAPACITY, PAYABLE ON THE WORKER'S NORMAL PAY DAYS.
- * COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT INCAPACITY, WHETHER PARTIAL OR TOTAL WOULD BE A LUMP SUM, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$60,000 AND A MINIMUM OF \$12,800 DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE OF INCAPACITY ASSESSED.

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NEW HOMES FOR 15,000 IN CHAI WAN

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A MODERN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN AREA SIX IN CHAI WAN WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOUT 15,000 PEOPLE.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE SEVEN-STORY ESTATE BLOCKS, TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS, A WELFARE HALL, A RESTAURANT, A POST OFFICE AND AN ESTATE OFFICE.

WORK ON THIS PHASE WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR. WHEN COMPLETED IN DECEMBER 1976 THE THREE ESTATE BLOCKS WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR SOME 5,000 PEOPLE.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE BUILDING OF A 22-STORY HOUSING BLOCK AND A MODERN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

THIS HIGH-RISE BUILDING WHICH WILL HOUSE MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1978.

THE ESTATE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO A HIGHER STANDARD CURRENTLY ADOPTED FOR ALL PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS.

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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS

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THE FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH EXAMINATION (F.C.E.) AND THE CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH EXAMINATION (C.P.E.) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9 AND DECEMBER 10 AND 11 RESPECTIVELY FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS.

THE EXAMINATIONS ARE OPEN TO CANDIDATES WHO ARE ABOVE THE AGE OF 16 AND WHOSE MOTHER-TONGUE IS NOT ENGLISH.

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, 11TH FLOOR, KOWLOON, BEGINNING FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 18).

FEES FOR THE EXAMINATIONS RANGE FROM \$45 FOR OPTIONAL PAPER TO \$110 FOR THE WHOLE EXAMINATION.

CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION BY ATTENDING COURSES IN SCHOOLS SHOULD REGISTER THEIR ENTRIES THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS. CANDIDATES NOT BEING PRESENTED BY A SCHOOL MAY APPLY TO ENTER AS PRIVATE CANDIDATES.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES, TOGETHER WITH PROOF OF IDENTITY (HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT) AND TWO RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS (SIZE 2-1/2 IN. X 2 IN.) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON AT THE EXAMINATION DIVISION BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M. FROM AUGUST 18 TO 22.

PRIVATE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED THAT NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID, IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE, ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 26 TO THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE, EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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FIRST PRIZE OF LOTTERY WORTH \$494,400

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SOMEONE WILL BE RICHER BY \$494,400 TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN THE FIRST PRIZE OF THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY IS DRAWN.

A TOTAL OF 618,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD UP TO 9 P.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN SALES CLOSED. THE TOTAL PROCEEDS REACHED \$1,236,000.

THE SECOND PRIZE IS WORTH \$49,440, AND THE THIRD PRIZE \$4,944. EACH OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES IS WORTH \$1,236, AND EACH OF THE 212 CONSOLATION PRIZES IS WORTH \$618.

UNDER A NEW ARRANGEMENT, THE NUMBER OF CONSOLATION PRIZES HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 106 TO 212 AND THE PRIZE IS NOW AWARDED TO HOLDERS OF THE TWO CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS IMMEDIATELY ABOVE OR BELOW A WINNING NUMBER DRAWN IN THE LOTTERY.

THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FOUR 1975 MISS HONG KONG CONTESTANTS - MISS TERESA CHU TSUI-KUEN, MISS CONNY KWAN SHUK-FAN, MISS LUCIA SZETO LING-CHI AND MISS CAROL KWOK LAI-YEE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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