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GOVERNOR APPOINTS 92 UNOFFICIALS TO N.T. ADVISORY BOARDS  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED 92 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS TO THE SEVEN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPOINTMENTS, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, ARE EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 18 THIS YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1979.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE HAD ANNOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO SET UP THE BOARDS IN THE SEVEN ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES IN HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 5.

THE LIST OF APPOINTMENTS REFLECTS HIS STATEMENT THEN THAT RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WOULD FORM THE NUCLEUS OF THE BOARDS.

THE OTHER MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE N.T. COMMUNITY. THEY INCLUDE DOCTORS, LAWYERS, SCHOLARS, HEADMASTERS, MAC CHAIRMEN, VOLUNTARY WORKERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF CULTURAL, SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL GROUPS AND OTHER LOCAL PERSONALITIES PROMINENT IN THE N.T. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR. FRANCIS TIEN AND MR. CHARLES YEUNG, HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARDS IN THE DISTRICTS WHERE THEY HAVE SPECIAL INTERESTS -- TSUEN WAN AND YUEN LONG.

TSUEN WAN WITH A POPULATION TOUCHING 500,000 HAS THE LARGEST BOARD WITH 20 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS MAINLY DRAWN FROM THE TSUEN WAN RECREATION AND AMENITIES (ADVISORY) COMMITTEE WHICH WAS THE FORERUNNER TO THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS.

YUEN LONG AND TAI PO, BOTH LARGE AND EXPANDING DISTRICTS, HAVE 15 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS EACH ON THEIR BOARDS, SAI KUNG AND THE ISLANDS HAVE 13 EACH, WHILE THE NEW TOWNS OF SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN HAVE EIGHT EACH.

THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE IN THE MAJORITY OVER OFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO WILL BE HEADED BY THE LOCAL TOWN MANAGER OR DISTRICT OFFICER AS BOARD CHAIRMAN.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY THE BOARDS WOULD ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO THE LINKS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE BOARDS WILL ALSO ENABLE THE PEOPLE OF EACH DISTRICT TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND BETTERMENT OF THEIR OWN DISTRICTS.+

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THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE BOARDS ARE:-

- \* TO ADVISE ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE DISTRICT=
- \* TO ADVISE ON THE USE AND PROVISION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT, IN PARTICULAR
  - (A) ON THE ADEQUACIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AND
  - (B) ON THE USE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE WITHIN THE DISTRICT UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE= AND
- \* TO UNDERTAKE, USING PUBLIC FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE
  - (A) MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AND
  - (B) THE PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE AMOUNTS TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH BOARD HAD NOT YET BEEN FINALISED. +BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF EACH BOARD,+ HE ADDED.

HE STRESSED THAT THE BOARDS WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ROLES OF THE RURAL COMMITTEES OR THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

+LIKE THE RURAL COMMITTEES, I EXPECT THE BOARDS TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN CREATING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE AND IN PROMOTING A SENSE OF PARTICIPATION AND PRIDE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.+

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MASSIVE LAND FORMATION SCHEME FOR YUEN LONG  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO EMBARK ON A MASSIVE LAND FORMATION SCHEME IN THE MARKET TOWN OF YUEN LONG TO PROVIDE SITES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS FOR A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

THE SCHEME WILL INVOLVE THE FORMATION OF AT LEAST 16 HECTARES OF LAND, PART OF WHICH IS ALSO TO BE USED FOR ROADS, DRAINS, SEWERS AND OPEN SPACES.

IT FORMS A MAJOR PART OF A \$53 MILLION PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE GROWING MARKET TOWN.

LAND FORMATION WORKS WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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AN AREA TO BE FORMED EAST OF THE TOWN WILL BE USED FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING OPEN SPACES. A NEW POST OFFICE, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND A PRIMARY AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

A SITE TO THE SOUTH-WEST OF THE TOWN NEAR THE EXISTING SPORTS STADIUM IS TO BE USED FOR A NEW PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY MID-1980.

THE COMPLEX WILL INCLUDE TWO 50-METRE LONG MAIN POOLS, SUBSIDIARY PADDLING AND DIVING POOLS, BASKET BALL COURTS, OPEN AREAS AND CAR PARKING SPACE.

FORMATION OF ANOTHER LARGE AREA WEST OF THE TOWN WILL PRODUCE 11,400 SQUARE METRES OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ANOTHER 5,500 SQUARE METRES OF LAND FOR SERVICE INDUSTRIES.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL CARTLAND, SAID TODAY THE LARGE-SCALE SITE FORMATION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MEANT ANOTHER BIG STRIDE FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARKET TOWN WHICH WOULD HAVE A PLANNED POPULATION OF 90,000 BY MID-1980S.

+WITH THE INCREASE IN POPULATION, THE PROVISION OF MORE EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND AMENITY FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY THE NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, IS MOST DESIRABLE,+ HE SAID.

MR. CARTLAND SAID THE SITE FORMATION WORKS WOULD INVOLVE THE RESUMPTION OF MORE THAN 10 HECTARES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 242 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY COMPENSATION FOR CROPS, FRUIT TREES, IRRIGATION SUMPS AND WELLS, AS WELL AS EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE FOR CULTIVATORS AND DISPLACED PIG BREEDERS AND POULTRY FARMERS.

A TOTAL OF 30 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES AND 90 OTHER ANCILLARY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY, DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR A SPACE IN A LOCAL TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WITH EX-GRATIA DOMESTIC REMOVAL ALLOWANCE.

LAND OWNERS INVOLVED IN THE LAND RESUMPTION WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVE OF CASH COMPENSATION OR LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS.

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LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE  
TO BE AMENDED TO PERMIT SMALL RENT  
INCREASES  
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A BILL PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, TO PERMIT OWNERS OF PROPERTIES WHOSE RENTS ARE CONTROLLED UNDER PARTS I AND II OF THE ORDINANCE TO OBTAIN SMALL INCREASES, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

COVERED BY THE INCREASES WOULD BE PRE-WAR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC PROPERTIES AND POST-WAR DOMESTIC PROPERTIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, DESPITE TWO INCREASES AUTHORISED IN 1975 AND 1976, PRESENT AVERAGE PERMITTED RENTS IN DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC PROPERTIES BUILT BEFORE THE WAR WERE STILL ONLY ABOUT ONE FIFTH OF FAIR MARKET RENTS.

HE SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF THIS VERY LARGE GAP, IT WAS THOUGHT DESIRABLE TO AUTHORISE A FURTHER INCREASE TO COME INTO EFFECT NEXT YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID : +IN ABSOLUTE TERMS, THESE INCREASES ARE LIKELY TO AMOUNT TO AN AVERAGE OF AROUND \$20 PER MONTH IN THE CASE OF A DOMESTIC UPPER TENEMENT FLOOR AND \$110 PER MONTH FOR A NON-DOMESTIC GROUND TENEMENT FLOOR.+

HE SAID THE INCREASES WOULD APPLY TO 6,500 DOMESTIC TENEMENT FLOORS, 3,000 NON-DOMESTIC GROUND TENEMENT FLOORS AND 500 FLATS.

+EVEN FOLLOWING THESE INCREASES,+ HE SAID, +RENTS FOR CONTROLLED TENANCIES IN PRE-WAR BUILDINGS WOULD, ON AVERAGE, STILL BE ONLY ABOUT ONE QUARTER OF FAIR MARKET RENTS AND, IN THE CASE OF FLATS, ONLY ABOUT ONE FIFTH.+

HE SAID TENANTS WHO WERE ALREADY PAYING RENTS ABOVE THE PERMITTED LEVELS WOULD NOT BE OBLIGED TO PAY ANY INCREASES.

ON POST-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO ALLOW RENTS TO INCREASE TO A LEVEL CLOSER TO THE FAIR MARKET RENT THAN AT PRESENT.

HE SAID INCREASES WOULD BE CONTROLLED IN TWO WAYS : BY LIMITING THE AMOUNT TO A PROPORTION DETERMINED BY A FACTOR OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ACTUAL CURRENT RENT AND THE ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET RENT= AND BY IMPOSING A CEILING OF 21 PER CENT OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD ON INCREASES IN THE CURRENT RENT FOR THE MAJORITY OF PREMISES OTHER THAN LUXURY FLATS AND HOUSES.

HE SAID THE FACTOR WOULD BE LOWERED FROM FOUR TO THREE, MEANING THAT FROM 1977 THE INCREASE WOULD AMOUNT TO ONE THIRD OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CURRENT RENT AND THE FAIR MARKET RENT, COMPARED WITH A QUARTER PREVIOUSLY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

GREEN PAPER ON YOUTH TO BE PUBLISHED MONDAY  
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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE GREEN PAPER ON PERSONAL SOCIAL WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 28) AT 3 P.M.

ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MISS ANNIE CHAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT= MRS. EVELYN DOE, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IN-CHARGE OF FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION= MR. HENRY AU, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IN-CHARGE OF GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION= AND MR. ROBERT LO, EDUCATION OFFICER.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. THE GREEN PAPER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM 2 P.M. AT THE G.I.S. NEWSROOM.

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SITES PROPOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
OF POWER STATION ON LANTAU  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A PARCEL OF SEA BED ON THE NORTH EASTERN PART OF LANTAU ISLAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POWER STATION WHICH WILL SUPPLEMENT HONG KONG'S ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES.

ACCORDING TO NOTICES IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, THERE ARE TWO SITES IN THIS SECTION OF LANTAU BEING CONSIDERED. ONE OF THEM MEASURES ABOUT 91.5 HECTARES AND THE OTHER ABOUT 82.5 HECTARES.

A DECISION WILL BE MADE AS TO WHICH OF THE TWO SITES WILL BE GRANTED ON COMPLETION OF SITE INVESTIGATIONS.

ANY PERSON, WHO MAY HAVE OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS OR ANY CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT, SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH OBJECTIONS AND/OR CLAIMS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICES, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITES.

THE PLANS SHOWING THE AREAS OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG= THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING= THE DISTRICT OFFICE TSUEN WAN AT HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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NEARLY 700 SOCIAL WORKERS NEEDED  
FOR NEW SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES

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THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE SECTOR WILL NEED 315 UNIVERSITY-GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKERS AND 372 NON-GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKERS, OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR NEW PROGRAMMES ON REHABILITATION, SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND PERSONAL SOCIAL WORK FOR YOUTH, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG SOCIAL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION ON +THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN HONG KONG+, HE SAID THIS ESTIMATE DID NOT INCLUDE STAFF FOR SOCIAL SECURITY WORK WHICH NEEDED SOME FORM OF SPECIAL TRAINING DIFFERENT FROM SOCIAL WORK.

ON THE SUPPLY SIDE, MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE TWO UNIVERSITIES WOULD BE PRODUCING BETWEEN 85 AND 100 GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKERS EACH YEAR WHILE THE POLYTECHNIC AND THE TWO POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES WOULD TURN OUT ABOUT 100 NON-GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKERS EACH YEAR.

HE SAID WHILE THESE FIGURES MIGHT ADEQUATELY MEET THE DEMAND FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AT THESE TWO LEVELS FOR THE PROGRAMME PLANS, THERE WOULD EVIDENTLY REMAIN A SHORTFALL CAUSED BY WASTAGE SUCH AS RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATIONS AND NORMAL EXPANSION IN OTHER FIELDS.

MR. LEE MENTIONED TWO WAYS TO TACKLE THE SHORTFALL IN TRAINED PERSONNEL: TO BOOST THE OUTPUT OF TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS AND TO DEPLOY EXISTING SOCIAL WORKERS TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE.

HE BELIEVED THAT A MAJOR INCREASE IN THE REGULAR OUTPUT OF TRAINED WORKERS WOULD NOT BE THE RIGHT ANSWER AS THERE MIGHT NOT BE AN INDEFINITE NEED FOR A PERMANENT FLOW OF TRAINED WORKERS.

+AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH IS TO TAKE TEMPORARY OR STOP-GAP MEASURES FOR TRAINING EXISTING PERSONNEL OR RECRUITING NON-SOCIAL WORK PERSONNEL WHO THEN DO PART-TIME TRAINING DURING THEIR EARLY YEARS IN SOCIAL WORK,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, SINCE THE FUTURE HEALTH OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG WOULD DEPEND ON THE QUALITY OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS WE RECRUIT TODAY, IT WOULD BE A GRAVE MISTAKE TO GO SO FAR IN THIS DIRECTION THAT WE DILUTED THE QUALITY OF OUR TRAINED CADRE IN SOCIAL WORK.

ON THE OTHER OPTION OF MAKING THE BEST USE OF TRAINED WORKERS, MR. LEE SAID: +WHATEVER PROGRESS WE MAKE WITH FINDING ADDITIONAL TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS, WE ARE UNLIKELY TO FIND SUFFICIENT TO CARRY OUT ALL THE TASKS INVOLVED. WE MUST THEREFORE MAKE THE BEST USE WE CAN OF AVAILABLE TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS.+

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ON ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE PROFESSIONALISM OF SOCIAL WORKER, MR. LEE NOTED THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS TO GET ACCEPTANCE OF SOCIAL WORK AS A PROFESSION WAS THAT MANY SOCIAL WORKERS HAD BEEN EMPLOYED IN A +HIERARCHICAL ORGANISATION+.

AS A RESULT, HE CONTINUED, THE MOST EFFECTIVE WORKERS TENDED TO MOVE AWAY - OR TO BE MOVED AWAY - FROM THE WORK FOR WHICH THEY WERE TRAINED, TO SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT POSTS.

+IN NO OTHER PROFESSION, AS FAR AS I AM AWARE, DOES THE SYSTEM PROVIDE FOR THE BULK OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE PRACTITIONERS TO CEASE TO PRACTISE AFTER SOME YEARS OF SERVICE,+ HE ADDED.

MR. LEE BELIEVED THAT ONE LINE OF APPROACH TO TACKLE THIS ISSUE WOULD BE TO LOOK SERIOUSLY AT THE POSSIBILITY OF PLACING MORE EMPHASIS ON THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF WORKERS IN DIRECT SERVICE TO CLIENTS AND LESS EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR SUPERVISION, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY HAD ACQUIRED CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE.

BY FOLLOWING THIS APPROACH, HE POINTED OUT THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DEVISE AN ORGANISATIONAL AND SALARY STRUCTURE WHICH LEFT THE EXPERIENCED WORKER MUCH MORE ON HIS OWN, WITH A POSITION AND SALARY COMPATIBLE TO HIS RESPONSIBILITY IN DIRECT SERVICE AND PRACTICE.

+ANOTHER POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE THAT SOME SOCIAL WORKERS COULD BE RECOGNISED AS SPECIALISTS IN THEIR PARTICULAR FIELDS AND REWARDED ACCORDINGLY.

+WHAT THIS IMPLIES IS THAT WHILE WE HAVE RECOGNISED THE USEFULNESS OF THE CONVENTIONAL SUPERVISION MODEL, PARTICULARLY FOR THE LESS EXPERIENCED WORKERS, WE SHOULD EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF ADOPTING OTHER MODELS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY MACHINERY FOR CONSULTATION OR FOR OBTAINING SPECIALIST ADVICE AND AT THE SAME TIME ENABLE THE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR EXPERIENCED AND TRAINED PERSONNEL+.

ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE IS ALWAYS A CHALLENGE TO ADMINISTRATORS AND WOULD OFTEN MEET WITH RESISTANCE FROM CERTAIN SECTION OF THE STAFF, MR. LEE NOTED, BUT AGENCY STRUCTURE SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE UNDER RE-EXAMINATION.

+THERE SHOULD BE A DEVICE TO ENSURE THAT WHEREVER POSSIBLE, CHANGES ARE MADE IN ORDER TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND OF THE COMMUNITY, TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO THE CLIENTS AND AT THE SAME TIME TO MEET THE NEED OF SOCIAL WORKERS FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF ABERDEEN AND  
TAI TAM COUNTRY PARKS TOMORROW

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THE TWIN COUNTRY PARKS OF ABERDEEN AND TAI TAM ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WHICH WERE DESIGNATED LAST MONTH, WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED IN A CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

SITUATED IN THE CENTRAL PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND ALMOST LINKED AT THE WONG NEI CHUNG GAP, THE TWO PARKS COVER A TOTAL AREA OF 1,738 HECTARES.

THEY ARE ACCESSIBLE FROM PRACTICALLY ALL DISTRICTS OF THE ISLAND AND CAN BE USED READILY BY RESIDENTS VIRTUALLY ANYTIME OF THE DAY - FROM MORNING WALKING, DAY PICNICKING AND EVENING BARBECUING. THEY ARE THE BACK GARDENS OF THE BUILT-UP AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

BOTH PARKS ARE ENDOWED WITH CONSIDERABLE SCENIC WOODLANDS WHICH ARE THE RESULT OF A DECADE OF AFFORESTATION AND PROTECTION EFFORTS.

ALTHOUGH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES STARTED IN 1973, THE FORMAL DELINEATION OF BOUNDARY WAS CARRIED OUT ONLY AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE IN 1976.

AT PRESENT, 31 PICNIC AND BARBECUE PLACES AND SEVEN RAIN-SHELTERS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. TWO MANAGEMENT CENTRES HAVE ALSO BEEN BUILT TO SERVICE AND PROTECT THESE PARKS. MORE FACILITIES FOR THE VISITORS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE.

THE OPENING CEREMONY, TO BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN MANAGEMENT CENTRE, WILL BE OFFICIATED BY MR. E.H. NICHOLS, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, LEADERS OF THE KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER TO THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IS SITUATED AT THE TOP END OF ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD NEAR YUE KWONG TSUEN HOUSING ESTATE. TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE FROM QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL AT 10.15 A.M. TOMORROW.

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ADVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE  
ON CHOICE OF CAREERS  
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YOUNG PEOPLE MUST HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF THEIR ABILITIES AND INTERESTS IN MAKING THEIR CHOICE OF CAREERS WHEN THEY BEGIN TO WORK IN SOCIETY.

THIS ADVICE CAME FROM MR. Q.W. LEE, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, WHEN HE OPENED TODAY THE CAREERS '78 EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT THE KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS IN HUNG HOM.

MR. LEE SAID, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE EXHIBITION WAS TO PROVIDE CAREERS GUIDANCE.

+AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WHICH PROVIDES USEFUL CAREERS INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING TEACHERS, STUDENTS AS WELL AS SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, IS TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WIDEN STUDENTS' IDEAS OF WHAT JOB OPPORTUNITIES THERE ARE FOR THEM,+ HE SAID.

+IN THE PROCESS THE EXHIBITION WILL STIMULATE FURTHER THOUGHT AND ENQUIRY AND ASSIST IN THE MAKING OF SOUND CHOICES.+

MR. LEE NOTED THE RANGE OF FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO DECIDE ON THEIR CAREERS AND URGED ALL THOSE INTERESTED TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE SERVICES.

HE ALSO URGED PARENTS WHO, HE SAID, COULD PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN ASSISTING THEIR CHILDREN IN THE CHOICE OF THEIR CAREERS TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION.

MR. LEE ALSO APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS WHO WERE STILL UNAWARE OF THE EXHIBITION TO CONSIDER TAKING PART IN THIS MEANINGFUL EVENT IN THE FUTURE.

EARLIER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, IN WELCOMING MR. LEE GAVE CREDIT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT GIVEN TO MAKE THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION POSSIBLE.

HE SAID: +OVER THE YEARS, MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAVE SHOWN INCREASING CONCERN ABOUT THE CHOICE OF JOBS MADE BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

+THEY SEE THE NEED TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND THE WORLD OF WORK AND THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN MEETING THIS NEED.

+BY STAGING THE ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION, WE HOPE TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A STARTING POINT.+

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FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL  
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A SERIES OF MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE ARE PROPOSED TO BRING THE LEGISLATION UP TO DATE.

THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF ENABLING THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO DISCHARGE HIS DUTIES MORE EFFICIENTLY.

UNDER THE BILL, THE DEFINITION OF +COMMISSIONER+ AND +INSPECTOR+ IN THE EXISTING ORDINANCE WILL ALSO BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS IN NEWLY CREATED POSTS, SUCH AS THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR AND INDUSTRIAL HYGIENISTS WHO WILL BE EMPOWERED TO VISIT FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, AND DELETE OTHER POSTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED.

THE SAME AMENDMENT WILL BE APPLIED TO THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE IN VIEW OF ITS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE IN MATTERS CONCERNING SAFETY INSPECTIONS.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT UNDER THE BILL WILL EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO APPOINT CONSULTANTS FOR LIMITED PERIODS TO ACCOMPANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES. THESE CONSULTANTS WILL BE REGARDED AS PUBLIC OFFICERS AND BE UNDER THE SAME RESTRAINTS AS ANY PUBLIC OFFICER IN SO FAR AS REVEALING INFORMATION GAINED IN THE COURSE OF INSPECTION IS CONCERNED.

THE OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS WILL ENABLE HONG KONG TO COMPLY MORE FULLY WITH TWO INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS.

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TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF  
SEWERAGE PUMPING STATION EQUIPMENT  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR A PUMPING STATION, WHICH WILL BE BUILT AS PART OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR TAI PO.

MR. BOSCO KEOWN, SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, SAID TODAY THAT WORK ON THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WAS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY. IT SHOULD BE READY BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE PLANT IS BEING BUILT ON A THREE-HECTARE SITE OCCUPYING PART OF A NEW LAND BEING RECLAIMED BY THE P.W.D.'S DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION.

MR. KEOWN SAID THAT THE PLANT WOULD INCORPORATE PURIFICATION SYSTEM TO PREVENT ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION IN THE AREA.

+INITIALLY, IT WILL SERVE THE FIRST STAGE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO BE BUILT ON 24 HECTARES OF LAND ON THE RECLAMATION, BUT ALLOWANCE IS MADE TO EXPAND IT LATER TO SERVE THE WHOLE OF TAI PO DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

OTHER WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WOULD INCLUDE STAFF QUARTERS AND AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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NEW COACH TERMINUS AT TSIM SHA TSUI  
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A TEMPORARY EXPRESS COACH TERMINUS IS TO BE BUILT AT TSIM SHA TSUI SHORTLY TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE NEXT TO THE KOWLOON POST OFFICE IN SALISBURY ROAD.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK WERE INVITED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. T.D. ARMOUR, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION, SAID THAT THE SITE OF THE EXISTING TERMINUS WAS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CULTURAL COMPLEX.

WORK ON THE NEW TERMINUS, SITUATED AT THE CORNER OF CANTON ROAD AND PEKING ROAD, WILL BEGIN NEXT JANUARY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

DATE	HOURS
DECEMBER 2 (FRIDAY)	9 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
DECEMBER 6 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
DECEMBER 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
DECEMBER 15 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
DECEMBER 16 (FRIDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.

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CLEAN-UP OF SAI KUNG BEACHES  
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A GROUP OF 50 JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS WILL START A TWO-DAY CLEAN-UP OF SAI WAN BEACH IN SAI KUNG TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CLEAN-UP IS THE FIRST OF TWO SUCCESSIVE BEACH-CLEANING EXPEDITIONS ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG COMMUNITY BUILDING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICES AS WELL AS THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE SECOND EXERCISE, TO BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND (DECEMBER 3), WILL COVER THE NEIGHBOURING TAI LONG BEACH.

THEIR EFFORTS ARE BEING CO-ORDINATED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WHICH WILL HELP FINANCE THE EXERCISES FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FUND.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO ARRANGED FOR ARMY TRANSPORT, AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES AND OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE JPCS, WHILE THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE CLEAN-UP WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY), AT SAI WAN BEACH AT THE EASTERN TIP OF THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA.

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