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TOWN HALL BEING BUILT IN SHEUNG SHUI

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RESIDENTS OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE TO GET THEIR OWN DISTRICT TOWN HALL BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

THE TOWN HALL, ESTIMATED TO COST $4.72 MILLION, IS TO BE BUILT ON A 2 750-SQUARE METRE SITE NEAR THE RAILWAY STATION AT SHEK WU HUI, SHEUNG SHUI.

WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 3 600 SQUARE METRES, IT WILL CONSIST OF AN AUDITORIUM OVER A COVERED PLAY AREA LINKED TO A SIX-STOREY ANNEXE.

THE AUDITORIUM, WITH A STAGE, BALCONY AND DRESSING ROOMS, WILL HAVE A SEATING CAPACITY OF 1 000.

FACILITIES IN THE ANNEXE BLOCK WILL INCLUDE OFFICES, EXHIBITION SPACE, A COFFEE BAR, A LIBRARY, MEETING ROOMS, GAMES AREAS AND A NURSERY. THE ROOF WILL BE USED AS AN OPEN PLAY AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE SAID PILING WORK HAD JUST BEEN COMPLETED AND CONSTRUCTION WOULD BEGIN SOON. THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1981.

HE SAID THE POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING SHEUNG SHUI, FAN LING, TA KWU LING AND SHA TAU KOK, WOULD RISE TO MORE THAN 250 000 BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

+EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES WILL BE INADEQUATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THIS FAST DEVELOPING AREA,+ HE SAID.

OF THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS, JUST OVER $1 MILLION IS TO BE RAISED FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS AND THE BALANCE WILL BE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT.

A FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF LOCAL RURAL LEADERS HAS ALREADY RAISED $800 000.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, ARE PATRONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FORMED A YEAR AGO.

A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAS ALSO BEEN SET UP TO PLAN FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THE HALL. MEMBERS INCLUDE BOTH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF THE PROJECT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR GOES ON LEAVE
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL LEAVE ON VACATION FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM BY FLIGHT BA 20 ETD 9 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

HE WILL BE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1980.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRESS REPRESENTATIVES COVERING SIR MURRAY'S DEPARTURE.

THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING ONE HOUR BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TIME OF DEPARTURE. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST.

THEY ARE ALSO ADVISED TO BRING THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OR PASSPORTS TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT'S RESTRICTED AREA.

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BUILDING DECLARED IN DANGEROUS CONDITION
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) DECLARED 28 TSO KUNG TAM VILLAGE, TSUEN WAN, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THE SINGLE-STOREY VILLAGE-TYPE HOUSE, CONSTRUCTED OF LOADBEARING WALLS AND TIMBER PITCHED ROOFS, WAS INSPECTED FOLLOWING A REPORT THAT A TREE FELL ON ITS ROOF, CAUSING DAMAGE.

FRACTURES WERE FOUND IN THE LOADBEARING WALLS AND MANY TIMBER JOISTS WERE DEFECTIVE.

+IN VIEW OF THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE OCCUPANTS IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS HOUSE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON AUGUST 8 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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HUMAN RESOURCES IMPORTANT FOR DEVELOPMENT

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IN THE LONG RUN, HUMAN RESOURCES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN MATERIALISTIC RESOURCES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLACE, ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER MR NICKY LO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE BUDDHIST FAT HO COLLEGE AT TAI O, LANTAU, MR LO SAID DEVELOPMENT DEPENDED ON THE WORKING TOGETHER OF VARIOUS ELEMENTS.

+SUFFICIENCY OF MATERIALISTIC RESOURCES PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SHORT TERM. HOWEVER, SUFFICIENCY OF HUMAN RESOURCES IS ALWAYS MORE IMPORTANT IN THE LONG RUN,+ HE SAID.

THE SCHOOL, WHICH IS THE FIRST GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDISED SCHOOL ON THE ISLAND OF JUST OVER 30 000 RESIDENTS, WAS OPENED IN 1977.

GOVERNMENT PROVIDED THE LAND AND $3.35 MILLION, WHILE THE LOCAL PO LIN MONASTERY DONATED $710 000 TOWARDS THE BUILDING COST. IT WAS NAMED AFTER THE LATE ABBOT OF THE MONASTERY, THE REV FAT HO, WHO SPENT MORE THAN 40 YEARS ON THE ISLAND BEFORE HIS DEATH IN 1972.

THE SCHOOL STARTED WITH 10 CLASSES BUT THE NUMBER HAS GROWN TO 18 THIS YEAR AND WILL FURTHER INCREASE TO 24 IN THE COMING TERM. IT WILL HAVE A CAPACITY FOR ABOUT 1 000 STUDENTS.

MR LO SAID THE COLLEGE'S FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY WAS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANTAU.

+NOT A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING TODAY, BUT THE DAY WILL COME WHEN FAT HO COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE GREATER IN NUMBER AND OUTSTANDING IN QUALITY. THEY WILL SPREAD THE SPIRIT OF THE COLLEGE IN SOCIETY, AND GREATLY INFLUENCE THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

MR LO COMMENDED THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION, THE PRIESTS OF THE PO LIN MONASTERY AND THE FOUNDERS OF THE COLLEGE FOR +THE FORESIGHT TO RECOGNISE THE NEEDS OF LANTAU AND THE ASPIRATION TO BUILD ITS FIRST GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED SECONDARY SCHOOL.+

HE SAID GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO BUILD THE ISLAND'S SECOND SECONDARY SCHOOL AT MUI WO IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND THAT WORK WILL START THIS OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 1982.

+THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL THEN HAVE SUFFICIENT SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES, AND EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT WILL GO A STEP FURTHER,+ HE SAID.

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CROWN LAND AUCTION

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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE AUCTIONED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON AUGUST 11 AT 2.30 PM.

ONE LOT OF ABOUT 4 600 SQUARE METRES AT SOUTH BAY CLOSE IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ANOTHER SITE IN BEACH ROAD, REPULSE BAY, MEASURING ABOUT 385 SQUARE METRES IS FOR A RESTAURANT OR RETAIL SHOP OR SUCH RECREATIONAL USES (INCLUDING A CLUB) AS MAY BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING ENTRANCE), AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

SALE PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE TWO PLACES.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER PIECE OF CROWN LAND FOR A PETROL FILLING STATION IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE OFFICE.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 590 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED OFF PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 8.

TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD AND IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN NATHAN ROAD.

TENDER PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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TSUEN WAN STUDENTS CLEAN LIDO BEACH

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THE MOST POPULAR BEACH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES -- THE LIDO BEACH AT TSUEN WAN -- WAS MADE EXTRA CLEAN BY 40 LEUNG SHING TAK COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO CARRIED OUT A CLEAN BEACH OPERATION THERE THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

WEARING WHITE CAPS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, THE ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENTS ASSISTED THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT BEACH STAFF IN CLEARING THE BEACH OF LITTER.

MISS HO KIT-MUI, TEACHER OF THE COLLEGE AND THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION, SAID IT WAS HOPED THE STUDENTS WOULD UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING BEACHES CLEAN THROUGH THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF CLEANING THE BEACH.

TWELVE BASKETS OF REFUSE WERE COLLECTED BY THE STUDENTS IN ADDITION TO THE 25 BASKETS COLLECTED BY THE BEACH STAFF THIS MORNING.

NEW REPULSE BAY BEACH BUS ROUTE

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REPULSE BAY BEACH BUS SERVICES WILL GET A BOOST ON SUNDAY WHEN A NEW FEEDER ROUTE FROM ADMIRALTY MTR STATION COMES INTO OPERATION.

CMB'S ROUTE 61M WILL OPERATE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER EVERY 12 MINUTES AT A FLAT FARE OF $1 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.

THIS SUNDAY ALSO SEES THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BUS PRIORITY SCHEME ON REPULSE BAY ROAD WHICH WAS TESTED SUCCESSFULLY LAST WEEKEND.

THIS SCHEME WILL OPERATE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WHEN THE WEATHER IS FINE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR RAILWAY RESTAURANT

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR A FIVE-YEAR TENANCY TO RUN THE RESTAURANT AND BAR AT THE KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION IN HUNG HOM.

A FIVE-YEAR TENANCY TO OPERATE A BOOKSHOP AT THE STATION CONCOURSE WAS ALSO GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON AUGUST 8, 1980.

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IMPORTED USED GOODS VEHICLES INSPECTION RESUMES

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THE PRE-REGISTRATION INSPECTION OF IMPORTED USED GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE REINSTATED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FROM JULY 15.

APPOINTMENTS FOR INSPECTION MAY BE MADE AT THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, HOI BUN ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK, BY TELEPHONING 3-7597505.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE INSPECTION WAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED ON APRIL 23.

HE ADDED THAT LAST YEAR, 1 730 IMPORTED USED GOODS VEHICLES WERE INSPECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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AIRPORT SHOP TENDERS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE TENANCY OF TWO MONEY CHANGING SHOPS IN THE PASSENGER TERMINAL OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

ONE OF THE SHOP PREMISES IS IN THE ARRIVALS HALL AND THE OTHER IN THE DEPARTURES HALL. BOTH TENANCIES WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1, 1980.

TENDERERS MUST PLACE THEIR BIDS IN THE PWD TENDER BOX IN THE ENTRANCE HALL OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1980.

THEY SHOULD ALSO ATTACH TO EACH TENDER A RECEIPT SHOWING THAT THEY HAVE DEPOSITED WITH THE TREASURY A SUM OF $60 000 AS A PLEDGE OF THE BONA FIDE OF THEIR TENDERS.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY, OR AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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