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## BUS PRIORITY SCHEMES SPEEDING MOVEMENT OF COMMUTERS

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MAJOR BUS PRIORITY SCHEMES OPERATING ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON ARE SPEEDING THE MOVEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF COMMUTERS EACH DAY, ACCORDING TO BEFORE-AND-AFTER STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DIVISION, MR ALAN LUI, SAID TODAY THAT THE STUDIES, INVOLVING BUS-ONLY LANES OPERATING IN MID-LEVELS, HONG KONG ISLAND, AND IN SHANGHAI STREET AND JUNCTION ROAD, KOWLOON, +ARE CONVINCING PROOF OF THE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM PROVIDING PRIORITY FOR VEHICLES WHICH MOVE THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE.+

HE SAID THAT A SURVEY, CARRIED OUT SHORTLY AFTER THE MID-LEVELS BUS PRIORITY SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN APRIL 1974, REVEALED A 48 PER CENT INCREASE IN BUS CARRYING CAPACITY, A 30 PER CENT INCREASE IN BUS PASSENGERS AND A 20 PER CENT REDUCTION IN BUS JOURNEY TIMES.

A MORE RECENT SURVEY IN MARCH 1981 FURTHER INDICATED THAT THE BUS-ONLY LANE WAS STILL BEING WELL USED. THE LANE OPERATES BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM DAILY ALONG A SECTION OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CAINE ROAD AND BONHAM ROAD, AND A SECTION OF THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ROBINSON ROAD.

+MORE THAN 80 BUSES SERVING EIGHT ROUTES USE THE LANE EACH PEAK-HOUR AND, BECAUSE THE BUSES ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL AT AN AVERAGE SPEED OF 17 KILOMETRES AN HOUR, PASSENGER WAITING TIME AT BUS STOPS RARELY EXCEEDS SIX MINUTES,+ MR LUI SAID.

+KOWLOON'S FIRST MAJOR BUS PRIORITY SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN SHANGHAI STREET IN MARCH 1976, HAS BEEN SUCH A SUCCESS THAT IT HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST HEAVILY USED BUS-ONLY LANES IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF BUS VOLUME.

+A SURVEY CARRIED OUT IN MARCH SHOWED THAT THE BUSIEST SECTION OF THE BUS LANE WAS USED BY SOME 28 BUS ROUTES, WHICH OPERATED MORE THAN 200 BUSES AN HOUR AT AN AVERAGE JOURNEY SPEED OF ABOUT 15 KILOMETRES AN HOUR DURING PEAK PERIODS.+

MR LUI SAID THE SHANGHAI STREET BUS LANE, WHICH OPERATES ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM, WAS ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE LEVEL OF BUS SERVICES IN WEST KOWLOON WHEN TRAFFIC ALONG NATHAN ROAD WAS DISRUPTED BY CONSTRUCTION OF THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

+HOWEVER, THE LANE HAS BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO KEEP IT RUNNING INDEFINITELY,+ HE SAID.

MR LUI SAID THAT SIMILAR SUCCESS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN JUNCTION ROAD BY THE INTRODUCTION IN JANUARY OF KOWLOON'S MOST RECENT BUS PRIORITY SCHEME.

+THE BUS-ONLY LANE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A 35 PER CENT IMPROVEMENT IN THE JOURNEY SPEED OF BUSES SERVING FIVE ROUTES, RESULTING IN IMPROVED REGULARITY AND A REDUCTION IN PASSENGER WAITING TIME AT BUS STOPS,+ HE SAID.

THE LANE OPERATES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY ALONG THE SOUTHBOUND LANE OF JUNCTION ROAD, BETWEEN DUMBARTON ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

MR LUI ADDED THAT, IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF MAKING THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF THE LIMITED ROAD SPACE AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT PLANNED TO INTRODUCE OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, A FURTHER 40 TO 50 PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEMES NOW BEING STUDIED BY CONSULTANTS.

THE FIRST OF THESE WOULD BE THE POK FU LAM ROAD BUS-ONLY LANE, TO BE INTRODUCED LATER THIS MONTH.

THE 1.2-KILOMETRE LANE, RUNNING NORTH FROM BISNEY ROAD TO POKFIELD ROAD, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 10 TO 15 MINUTES OFF THE JOURNEY TIMES OF BUSES TRAVELLING BETWEEN THE ABERDEEN-WAH FU AREA AND CENTRAL.

THE LANE WILL OPERATE FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

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NEW FIRMS REACH RECORD HIGH  
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NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG IN THE 1980-81 FINANCIAL YEAR CAME TO A RECORD TOTAL OF 15 162, AN INCREASE OF 3 255 OVER THE YEAR BEFORE.

AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF NOMINAL CAPITAL ROSE BY \$1 825 MILLION TO \$5 088 MILLION.

DURING THE YEAR, 895 COMPANIES WERE DISSOLVED AND THREE RESTORED, LEAVING A NET INCREASE OF 14 270.

WITH THIS NET INCREASE, THE NUMBER OF COMPANIES ON THE REGISTER AS AT MARCH 31, 1981 STOOD AT 85 133, COMPARED WITH 70 863 ON THE REGISTER IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF COMPANIES INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG WHICH HAVE ESTABLISHED A PLACE OF BUSINESS HERE INCREASED BY 130 TO 1 433 AT THE END OF 1980-81.

SOME OF THE MAJOR COUNTRIES IN WHICH THESE COMPANIES ARE INCORPORATED INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES (353), THE UNITED KINGDOM (200), JAPAN (162), AUSTRALIA (101), PANAMA (89) AND SINGAPORE (83).

THE FIRMS ARE ENGAGED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING IMPORT AND EXPORT, ENGINEERING, INSURANCE, BANKING, SHIPPING, FINANCING, INDUSTRIAL, AIR AND LAND TRANSPORT, LAND AND BUILDING, AND RELIGION.

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YOUTHS GET FINANCIAL HELP FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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HONG KONG'S YOUTHS ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH FINANCIAL BACKING AND PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE TO ORGANISE PROJECTS OF BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE OVERALL IDEA BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT-HELP PLAN IS TO PROMPT THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO THINK OF WAYS TO RENDER HELP TO THE AGED, THE HANDICAPPED, THE MENTALLY-RETARDED, AS WELL AS OTHERS, SUCH AS FISHERFOLK, BOAT-DWELLERS, AND PEOPLE IN TEMPORARY HOUSING.

+THE SCHEME AIMS AT ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO INITIATE AND TO CARRY OUT INNOVATIVE PROJECTS DESIGNED BY THEMSELVES AND OF BENEFIT TO OTHERS AS WELL, THEREBY HELPING THEM DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND BROADEN THEIR SOCIAL EXPERIENCE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID.

NOW IN ITS SIXTH YEAR, THE 'OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME' ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS SPONSORED ALTOGETHER SOME 600 OF THESE COMMUNITY-HELP PROJECTS, INVOLVING THE SERVICES OF ABOUT 20 000 VOLUNTEERS, AND BRINGING BENEFIT TO 1 000 000 PEOPLE.

THE SERVICE IS STILL GROWING, AND THIS YEAR MORE THAN 100 PROJECTS, INVOLVING SOME 2 500 VOLUNTEERS AND BENEFITING ABOUT 130 000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN APPROVED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS.

LAST YEAR, THE OUTLAY BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR 104 PROJECTS CAME TO \$170 000, THE SPOKESMAN STATED.

UP TO \$3 000 IS GRANTED FOR EACH SCHEME CONSIDERED WORTHWHILE, AND APPLICATIONS MAY BE MADE BY ANY GROUP OF AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS BETWEEN 15 AND 25 YEARS OF AGE, SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY OR BUSINESS ORGANISATION.

+THE PLACE TO APPROACH FOR REQUESTS IS ANY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

ONE GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE FINANCED BY THE PROJECTS, FOR INSTANCE, COME FROM THE WONG TAI SIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

GIVING THE NAME +OASIS+ TO THEIR PROJECT, THEY HAVE BEEN GOING ABOUT THE ESTATES ENCOURAGING THE USE OF POTTED PLANTS AND FLOWERS SO AS TO CREATE +A MORE BEAUTIFUL AND RELAXING ATMOSPHERE AND ENVIRONMENT.+

THIS IDEA HAS BEEN CATCHING ON, AND THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RECRUIT SOME 500 YOUTHS IN THE ESTATES TO HELP THEM ALONG.

ANOTHER PROJECT IS ORGANISED BY STUDENTS FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. NAMED +THE BIG BROTHER AND SISTER SCHEME+, IT IS AIMED AT HELPING PROBLEM YOUTHS RESIDING IN THE GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED QUARTERS AT HOLLAND HOSTEL IN KWUN TONG.

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UNDER THE PROJECT, THE STUDENTS ORGANISE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING OUTINGS AND SEMINARS TO TRY AND BUILD BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE YOUTHS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

ACCORDING TO THE WARDEN OF THE HOSTEL, THE +BIG BROTHER AND SISTER+ PROJECT IS ONE OF THE MOST PRACTICAL AND WORTHWHILE WAYS OF HELPING THE YOUTHS READJUST TO A NORMAL LIFE.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTHS TO GAIN SPONSORSHIP ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM ON TWO OCCASIONS A YEAR, AND APPROVAL IS BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT OF VARIOUS FACTORS, INCLUDING YOUTH INVOLVEMENT, COMMUNITY BENEFIT, INNOVATION, FEASIBILITY, AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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#### TWO HOME SITES OFFERED FOR SALE

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TWO RESIDENTIAL SITES ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE FOR JOINT VENTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE FIRST LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 9 440 SQUARE METRES, IS IN MOUNT KELLET ROAD AND THE OTHER SITE IS IN SHOUSON HILL ROAD AND MEASURES ABOUT 37 940 SQUARE METRES.

UNDER THE SALE CONDITIONS, THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER OF THE FIRST LOT IS REQUIRED TO BUILD FOR THE GOVERNMENT, FREE OF CHARGE, EIGHT DETACHED HOUSES, EACH OF ABOUT 350 SQUARE METRES.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER OF THE SECOND LOT IS REQUIRED TO BUILD FOR THE GOVERNMENT 16 SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES UNDER SIMILAR CONDITIONS. THE FLOOR AREA OF EACH HOUSE WILL BE ABOUT 300 SQUARE METRES.

THE REMAINING RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS FOR DISPOSAL IN THE OPEN MARKET IN THE USUAL WAY.

CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS WILL BE NOON ON DECEMBER 18.

TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE PLACES.

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WEEKDAY CAMPS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
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OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMPS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS ON WEEKDAYS AT VARIOUS SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE CAMPS AIM TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF LIVING IN A NATURAL OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT, WHERE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND CLASSROOM THEORY INTO FIELDWORK AND PRIMARY STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTEGRATE SCHOOL SUBJECTS UNDER CAMPING SITUATIONS,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

CAMPSITES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON WEEKDAYS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2 AND JULY 9 NEXT YEAR.

CAMPS FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY EACH WEEK WHILE SECONDARY STUDENTS CAN JOIN THREE-DAY CAMPS RUNNING EITHER FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY OR FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY.

CHARGES FOR THE PRIMARY CAMP WILL RANGE FROM \$36 TO \$68, AND THOSE FOR SECONDARY CAMPS FROM \$20 TO \$37, DEPENDING ON THE CAMPSITE CHOSEN.

BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CAMPS WILL BE HELD AT GAUDETE HOUSE, SILVERMINE BAY OUTDOOR RECREATION CAMP, YWCA YOUTH CAMP, WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE AND MA WAN YOUTH CAMP.

PRIMARY CAMPS WILL ALSO BE CONDUCTED AT CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE SUEN DOUH CAMP, PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP AND HIGH ROCK CHRISTIAN CENTRE.

SECONDARY CAMPS WILL ALSO BE CONDUCTED AT WONG YEE CHAU YOUTH CAMP AND PO LEUNG KUK HOLIDAY CAMP.

+NO STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ANY CAMP WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THEIR PARENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BUNKS, BLANKETS, BED SHEETS AND PILLOWS WILL BE PROVIDED AT EACH CAMP, BUT CAMPERS SHOULD BRING SUITABLE CLOTHING AND PERSONAL HYGIENE KITS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS, SCHOOLS CAN CONTACT MR FRANCIS CHIU OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION ON 3-884111 EXT. 277.

THE ADDRESS OF THE SECTION IS KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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SPORTS GROUND WORK AHEAD OF TIME  
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CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF A MUCH-NEEDED SPORTS GROUND IN THE RAPIDLY-DEVELOPING TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT MONTH.

THE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, LOCATED ON A THREE-HECTARE SITE NEAR THE TAI HING ESTATE, IS BEING BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE MANAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID THE WORK WAS COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AS A RESULT OF A GENEROUS DONATION OF \$2 MILLION FROM SIR SHIU-KIN TANG.

COSTING \$8.3 MILLION, THE SPORTS GROUND WILL PROVIDE THE FIRST PROPER VENUE FOR LOCAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS, OUTDOOR RALLIES AND FESTIVALS FOR THE PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN.

IT COMPRISES A FULL-SIZED TURF SOCCER PITCH, AN EIGHT-LANE 400-METER ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK, AS WELL AS PLACES FOR FIELD EVENTS.

FLOODLIGHTING AND A TEMPORARY WOODEN STAND FOR 3 000 SPECTATORS ARE ALSO PROVIDED AMONG THE FACILITIES.

THE SPORTS GROUND WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE CONCRETE SPECTATOR STANDS, BASKETBALL AND MINI-SOCCER PITCHES AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT AN ADJACENT SITE TO CATER FOR THE INCREASING POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN.

WORK ON STAGE TWO OF THE SPORTS GROUND WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

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MINI-SOCCER PITCH AT TUNG CHUNG  
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THE FIRST MINI-SOCCER PITCH AT TUNG CHUNG ON LANTAU ISLAND HAS BEEN BUILT BY ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

SITUATED CLOSE TO THE HAU WONG TEMPLE, THE PITCH HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3 000 SQUARE METRES.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT INVOLVED CONVERTING A PIECE OF VACANT LAND ON THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE INTO A CONCRETE SURFACE MINI-SOCCER PITCH.

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THE PITCH WILL BE USED FOR SEVEN-A-SIDE MATCHES BY LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS.

IT CAN ALSO BE USED AS A VENUE FOR SPORTS DAYS, GAMES DAYS AND FUNFAIRS.

TUNG CHUNG ALREADY HAS A COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGED BY THE VILLAGE RURAL COMMITTEE, AND THE PITCH WILL PROVIDE A NEW RECREATIONAL OUTLET FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY YOUNGSTERS, AN ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND STAGE, INCLUDING A SURROUNDING FENCE AND GOAL NETS, IS UNDERWAY. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS COSTING \$224 900, OF WHICH \$125 400 HAS BEEN DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. THE BALANCE IS BEING MET BY ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE.

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#### FIGHT CRIME SINGING CONTEST

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YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A FLAIR FOR SINGING WILL NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AND TO WIN FABULOUS PRIZES BY ENTERING A TERRITORY-WIDE SINGING COMPETITION.

THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME SINGING COMPETITION, OPEN TO PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 25, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

A THEME SONG FOR THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN PREPARED BY SONG COMPOSER, MR RICKY FUNG AND LYRIC WRITER, MR JIMMY LO.

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN SING THE SONG CAN ENTER THE COMPETITION IN EITHER THE OPEN OR THE SCHOOLS DIVISION. FOR EACH DIVISION, THERE WILL BE THREE CASH PRIZES OF \$5 000, \$3 000 AND \$2 000, AND THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS NOVEMBER 20 (FRIDAY).

DETAILS AND ENTRY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES, MUSIC OFFICE SUB-OFFICES, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICES, COMMUNITY HALLS AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

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### KAM TIN MARKET STALL FOR AUCTION

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ONE STALL AT THE KAM TIN MARKET IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 22).

THE AUCTION STARTS AT 10 AM AND WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF KAM TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENT OF THE STALL FOR SELLING FRESH MEAT IS \$135.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER CAN START OPERATING BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 1 FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONLY PERSONS AGED 21 OR ABOVE CAN TAKE PART IN THE AUCTION AND POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE AUCTION VENUE.

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS AT TELEPHONE 3-676927 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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