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NOTE TO EDITORS

YOU ARE cordially invited to have the evening covered. THE VISIT WILL BE AT ...

WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN REPULSE BAY AND MONG KOK WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR ... (JANUARY 20) TO ALLOW STAFF OF THE WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAVAGE WORKS.

IN REPULSE BAY, THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE NOS. 101, 109, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 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PROPOSALS IN NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN MISINTERPRETED
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THE OLD BANYAN TREES ALONG NATHAN ROAD, LONG A FAMILIAR LANDMARK IN TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL BE PRESERVED UNDER A MAJOR PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, CONFIRMED THIS TODAY IN A LUNCHEON ADDRESS TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG IN WHICH HE OUTLINED SOME OF THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE DRAFT TSIM SHA TSUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

MR. MCDONALD SAID THAT 19 VALID OBJECTIONS TO THE ZONING PLAN HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND THESE WERE NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN.

SOME OF THE PROPOSALS IN THE PLAN, HE SAID, HAD BEEN MISINTERPRETED AND GIVEN RISE TO SUCH MISCONCEPTIONS AS THE REMOVAL OF THE TREES AND THAT THE PROPOSED SHOPS ALONG THE KOWLOON PARK FRONTAGE WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PARK'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

MR. MCDONALD ASSURED THE ROTARIANS THAT THIS WAS NOT SO. +IN FACT, AS THE SHOPS ARE INTENDED TO BE ONE AND TWO-STOREY BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED TO A UNIFORM DESIGN WITH THEIR ROOFS BELOW THE PARK LEVEL, THE USABLE RECREATIONAL AREA COULD BE INCREASED BY EXTENDING OVER THE ROOFS OF THE SHOPS.

+THE DRAFT PLAN SHOWS A CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN THE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USE ZONING WHEN COMPARED WITH THE OLD APPROVED PLAN AND HAS THE EFFECT OF INCREASING THE AREA OF KOWLOON PARK BY MORE THAN 16 PER CENT,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE SHOPPING BLOCKS WERE PLANNED TO OCCUPY THE AREA OF THE EXISTING EMBANKMENT WHICH DID NOT FORM PART OF THE RECREATIONAL AREAS, AND WOULD NOT THEREFORE DIRECTLY AFFECT OR DELAY THE ORIGINAL PARK DEVELOPMENT.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE, HE SAID, WOULD BE THAT ACCESS TO THE PARK FROM NATHAN ROAD WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AS THE THREE SHOPPING BLOCKS WOULD BE SEPARATED BY 15-METRE WIDE STAIRWAYS GIVING GENEROUS OPEN PUBLIC ACCESS INTO THE PARK.

REFERRING TO THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY MODY ROAD, HANOI ROAD, CARNARVON ROAD AND BRISTOL AVENUE, MR. MCDONALD SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE BEST APPROACH WAS TO REDEVELOP THE AREA AS ONE ENTITY, RATHER THAN ON A PIECEMEAL BASIS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE LEASES OF ALL BUT FOUR PROPERTIES WITHIN THE AREA EXPIRED SIMULTANEOUSLY ON DECEMBER 31, 1978 WHEN THEY REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

IF THE PROPERTIES WERE NOT REQUIRED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE THE LEASES WOULD NORMALLY BE REGRANTED, HE SAID, BUT THE REGRANT PREMIUM WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED ON THE FULL MARKET VALUE OF THE SITES AT THE DATE ON WHICH THE LEASES EXPIRE.

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+SINCE THE AREA IS AT PRESENT DEVELOPED ONLY TO AN EXTENT CONSIDERABLY BELOW ITS POTENTIAL, THE REGRANT PREMIUM WOULD PROBABLY BE HIGHER THAN THE EXISTING BUILDINGS WOULD JUSTIFY AND OWNERS WOULD OF NECESSITY HAVE TO REDEVELOP,+ HE SAID.

CONSIDERING THE LARGE AMOUNT OF MULTI-OWNERSHIP OF BUILDINGS IN THE AREA, IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT ALL INDIVIDUAL OWNERS WOULD AGREE ON JOINT REDEVELOPMENT TO GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS.

+THERE IS THEREFORE NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT IT IS BETTER FOR GOVERNMENT TO SELL THE REVERTED LOTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION WITH SHOPPING CENTRES, TOURIST AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE,+ HE SAID.

MR. MCDONALD SAID THAT IF THE PROPOSAL WAS IMPLEMENTED THE GOVERNMENT STOOD TO LOSE JUST OVER \$23 MILLION IN REVENUE, BUT AGAINST THIS MUST BE SET THE ADVANTAGE OF SOME 3,158 SQ. METRES OF OPEN SPACE.

+THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY WEIGHED, BUT ON BALANCE IT IS CONSIDERED RIGHT TO ACCEPT THIS LOSS OF REVENUE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

NOR WOULD THE PROVISION OF MORE OPEN SPACE CAUSE ANY LOSS IN DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL, HE STRESSED.

+ALTHOUGH ONLY ABOUT 57 PER CENT OF THE ENTIRE AREA WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR REDEVELOPMENT AFTER DEDUCTING THE REQUIRED OPEN SPACE, THE AMOUNT OF FLOOR SPACE WHICH COULD BE ALLOWED ON THE RESTRICTED SITE COULD EQUATE TO THAT WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY DEVELOPMENT OVER THE WHOLE AREA ON A PIECEMEAL BASIS.+

TOUCHING ON THE PROPOSED NEW MARKET BETWEEN KIMBERLEY ROAD AND KIMBERLEY STREET, MR. MCDONALD SAID THIS WOULD OFFSET THE LACK OF PROPER MARKET FACILITIES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND EASE CONGESTION BY HAWKER STALLS IN SEVERAL STREETS.

HE RULED OUT ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR SITING THE NEW MARKET AT THE EASTERN SIDE OF CHATHAM ROAD AS IT WOULD BE TOO FAR FROM THE AREA IT WAS INTENDED TO SERVE AND WOULD NOT SOLVE THE HAWKER PROBLEM.

MR. MCDONALD NOTED THAT CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENCE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS HAD BEEN SHOWN IN THE RECENT SALE OF THE FIRST OF THE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA EAST OF CHATHAM ROAD.

NEARLY FIVE HECTARES OF LAND IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USE WITH SUPPORTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, CARPARKS AND A MARKET, AND MR. MCDONALD WAS SURE THAT SIMILAR CONFIDENCE WOULD BE DEMONSTRATED WHEN THREE OTHER LOTS ARE PUT UP FOR SALE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

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CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL IN LEGCO TOMORROW
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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO OVERHAUL THE LAW RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN BY RAISING THE PENALTIES WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

KNOWN AS THE CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977, IT WILL BE ONE OF THE FIVE BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL.

DURING QUESTION TIME, A TOTAL OF 20 QUESTIONS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ALLOWED IN ANY ONE SITTING, WILL BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIALS.

SUBJECTS TO BE RAISED WILL INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE EFFICIENT EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, CRIME, THE POLLUTION AND CONSEQUENTIAL HEALTH HAZARD CAUSED BY VEHICLES EMITTING EXCESSIVE SMOKE, THE SHORTAGE OF PILLAR POSTING BOXES, THE NUMBER OF LICENCES GRANTED SO FAR UNDER THE CHILD CARE CENTRE ORDINANCE AND THE ISSUE BY TENDER OF MORE TAXI LICENCES.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE GAMBLING BILL 1976 AND THE POUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977.

DURING THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE, THE HON. MISS KO SIU-WAH, WILL RAISE THE MATTER OF +FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION+.

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PLEASURE CRAFT LICENCES
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED ALL PLEASURE CRAFT OWNERS THAT THEIR BOATS SHOULD ONLY BE USED AFTER THEY ARE LICENSED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT FAILING TO DO THIS, A PLEASURE BOAT OWNER WAS LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED AND FINED ON CONVICTION A MAXIMUM OF \$1,000.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PLEASURE VESSELS) REGULATIONS, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT IN 1970, ALL PLEASURE CRAFT HAD TO BE LICENSED.

+HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL MANY PEOPLE WHO DO NOT KNOW THAT THE LAW REQUIRES THEM TO LICENSE THEIR VESSELS,+ HE SAID.

THE COST FOR LICENSING RANGE FROM \$15 TO \$400 DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE VESSEL. LICENCES CAN BE OBTAINED EITHER IN PERSON OR IN WRITING FROM THE SMALL CRAFT LICENSING OFFICE OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AT 102 CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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WIDENING OF POK FU LAM ROAD

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO WIDEN A SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD BETWEEN QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AND POK FU LAM RESERVOIR ROAD TO COPE WITH THE RAPID INCREASE IN TRAFFIC CAUSED BY BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS IN ABERDEEN AND WAH FU.

MR. S.C. CHEN, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS (HONG KONG) DIVISION, SAID TODAY THE PROJECT FORMED PART OF A SCHEME TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

HE SAID THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECTION THROUGH POK FU LAM VILLAGE HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED WHILE WORK ON ANOTHER SECTION BETWEEN MOUNT DAVIS ROAD AND QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL WAS WELL UNDERWAY.

THE PROJECT INVOLVED THE WIDENING OF SOME 1,000 METRES OF ROAD BETWEEN QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AND POK FU LAM RESERVOIR ROAD, SAID MR. CHEN.

+ON COMPLETION,+ HE SAID, +A FOUR-LANE DUAL-CARRIAGEWAY WITH A 1.84-METRE FOOTPATH ON EITHER SIDE WILL BE PROVIDED.+

+IN ADDITION, A FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BUILT NEAR QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF PEDESTRIANS, ESPECIALLY DURING HOSPITAL VISITING HOURS.+

THE PROJECT, TENDERS FOR WHICH ARE BEING INVITED, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (HONG KONG) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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TRIADS FACE +GET TOUGH+ TACTICS
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TRIAD ACTIVITIES INSIDE PRISONS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG WERE PRACTICALLY WIPED-OUT DURING 1976, A SENIOR PRISONS OFFICER SAID TODAY.

MR. R.W.B. HIGGINBOTTOM, SUPERINTENDENT (STAFF OFFICER), PRISONS DEPARTMENT, SAID THAT THE SETTING-UP OF ANTI-TRIAD UNITS IN 1976 HAD PROVED AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT AGAINST ANY ATTEMPTED GANG ACTIVITY IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 16 INSTITUTIONS.

+THE FORMATION OF THE ANTI-TRIAD UNITS WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO SUCCESSFUL ACTION WHICH HAD ERADICATED ORGANISED TRIAD GANG ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTIONS.+

+THE FIRST TASK IS TO IDENTIFY TRIAD LEADERS OR POTENTIAL LEADERS ON ADMISSION AND TO ISOLATE THEM FROM OTHER INMATES, COUPLED WITH THE SEGREGATION OF NON-TRIAD PRISONERS WHO MAY OTHERWISE COME UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF BAD ELEMENTS+, HE SAID.

+ANOTHER TACTIC IS TO ENCOURAGE PRISONERS TO ACTIVELY REBEL AGAINST THEIR TRIAD SOCIETY BY HAVING THEMSELVES +CLEANSED+ IN COURT BY SELF CONFESSION.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT ALL OFFICERS IN THE ANTI-TRIAD UNITS WERE VOLUNTEERS. EACH INSTITUTION HAD A UNIT OF ABOUT 20 OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL RANKS, WORKING ON ANTI-TRIAD TACTICS.

THEY SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME COLLECTING, ASSESSING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON ANY AREA WHERE TRIADS MAY TRY TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRISON, DETENTION CENTRE OR TRAINING CENTRE.

IN ADDITION, HE ADDED, INTELLIGENCE NETWORKS ENSURED THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL INSTITUTIONS.

MR. HIGGINBOTTOM STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL STAFF WERE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ANTI-TRIAD MEASURES, NOT JUST THE ANTI-TRIAD UNITS.

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DHA TO VISIT KWONG WAH HOSPITAL

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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, WILL VISIT KWONG WAH HOSPITAL ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 20) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE SERVICES IT PROVIDES FOR THE PUBLIC.

AS ONE OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, KWONG WAH IS A CHARITABLE HOSPITAL WHICH PROVIDES FREE MEDICAL AND NURSING CARE FOR THE POOR AND SICK IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

BUILT IN 1911, THE HOSPITAL WAS LATER REBUILT IN SIX PHASES TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC. THE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1956 WAS COMPLETED IN 1965. THE HOSPITAL NOW HAS 28 WARDS WITH A TOTAL OF 1,542 BEDS.

MR. WALDEN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY DR. CHARM HOI-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND MR. WILLIAM MA, CHAIRMAN OF THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE MR. THOMAS SHARR, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (YAU MA TEI), VICE-CHAIRMEN AND DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED. THE VISIT WILL BEGIN AT 3.30 P.M.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN REPULSE BAY AND MONG KOK WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 20) TO ALLOW STAFF OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN REPULSE BAY, THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE NOS. 101, 109, 113, 115, 117, 119, 119A, 121, 123, 123A, 125, 127, 129, 60, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 102 AND 110 REPULSE BAY ROAD, NOS. 3-9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 AND 45 SOUTH BAY CLOSE, NOS. 15-17 SOUTH BAY ROAD AND CHUNG HOM KOK AREA.

IN MONG KOK, THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY YIM PO FONG STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, DUNDAS STREET AND KWONG WA STREET, INCLUDING PITT STREET AND TUNG FONG STREET.

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