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### NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM TO EASE TAX WORKLOAD

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THE TAXMEN'S HEAVY WORKLOAD WILL BE GREATLY EASED WHEN THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT'S \$14.8 MILLION INTEGRATED DATA BASE SYSTEM BECOMES FULLY OPERATIONAL IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN-FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID INTRODUCTION OF THE SYSTEM WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TAX-PAYERS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS YEAR NEARLY 450 000 SALARIES TAX RETURNS AND 100 000 BUSINESS RETURNS WERE ISSUED, WHEREAS 20 YEARS AGO, ONLY LESS THAN 20 000 SALARIES TAX ASSESSMENTS WERE RAISED AND LESS THAN 17 000 BUSINESSES WERE CHARGEABLE TO TAX.

IT WAS ALSO ESTIMATED THAT BY THE TIME THE NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM CAME INTO FULL OPERATION, IT WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH EVEN MORE PAPERS -- 260 000 BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, 1.29 MILLION PERSONAL RECORDS AND 550 000 PROPERTIES RECORDS.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS ON REVENUE COLLECTION WOULD ALSO BE COMPUTERISED, IN ADDITION TO THE DESPATCH AND CONTROL OF TAX RETURNS, BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND DEMAND NOTES.

+THE SYSTEM WILL STREAMLINE ROUTINE WORK,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +SO THAT OUR STAFF WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS.

+BY REDUCING PAPER HANDLING AND EXCESSIVE MANUAL INVOLVEMENT, THE TIME TAKEN TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES WOULD BE REDUCED AND A BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC IS EXPECTED.

+THE SYSTEM WILL ALSO HELP TO YIELD COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT,+ HE ADDED.

HE RECALLED THAT INITIAL PLANNING FOR THE DATA BASE SYSTEM BEGAN IN 1976.

COMPUTERISATION OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION RECORDS WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1978 AND HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW COMPUTER WHICH WILL BE OPERATIONAL NEXT MONTH.

+ALL DEVELOPMENT AND PREPARATION WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND COMPUTERISATION OF PROFITS TAX, EMPLOYERS' RETURNS, AND SALARIES TAX AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON APRIL 1, 1981,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, ON-LINE ENQUIRY FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

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## THREE LOTS FETCH \$180.6 MILLION

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A 4 600 SQUARE METRE LOT AT SOUTH BAY CLOSE WAS SOLD BY AUCTION TODAY (MONDAY) TO KALAT COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$73 MILLION OR \$15 869.56 PER SQUARE METRE.

IT WILL BE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND WAS ONE OF THREE CROWN LOTS OFFERED FOR AUCTION IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

ANOTHER SITE OF ABOUT 385 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO DAIRY FARM ICE AND COLD STORAGE COMPANY LTD. FOR \$14.6 MILLION OR \$37 922.07 PER SQUARE METRE.

IT WILL BE FOR USE AS A RESTAURANT, RETAIL SHOP OR SUCH RECREATIONAL USES (INCLUDING A CLUB) AS MAY BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

THE THIRD LOT, OF 3 000 SQUARE METRES, LOCATED AT CHAI WAN RECLAMATION FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, WAS SOLD TO AIRNAT COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$93 MILLION OR \$31 000 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE AUCTIONEER WAS GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR K.B. ROLFE.

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## TUNG CHUNG FOOTBRIDGE NEARLY COMPLETED

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WORK ON REBUILDING A FOOTBRIDGE DESTROYED BY A TYPHOON LAST YEAR AT TUNG CHUNG, LANTAU, IS NEARING COMPLETION.

THE NEW FOOTBRIDGE, 50 METRES LONG AND TWO METRES WIDE, IS BEING BUILT OVER A STREAM THAT FLOWS FROM NGONG PING PLATEAU INTO TUNG CHUNG BAY.

TO THE WEST OF THE STREAM ARE THE VILLAGES OF SAN TAU, SHUM WAT AND SHA LO WAN, WHILE TO ITS EAST LIES THE TOWN OF TUNG CHUNG, WHERE THE MARKET, BUS TERMINUS, FERRY PIER AND SCHOOLS ARE SITUATED.

THE ORIGINAL FOOTBRIDGE, BUILT AT THE SAME LOCATION, WAS USED DAILY BY VILLAGERS CARRYING THEIR PRODUCE TO MARKETS, CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL AND TOURISTS.

IT WAS BUILT BY A ROYAL ENGINEERS FIELD SQUADRON IN 1971. RIVER EROSION, HOWEVER, CAUSED THE PILLARS TO MOVE AND THE BRIDGE EVENTUALLY COLLAPSED WHEN TYPHOON HOPE HIT HONG KONG.

WITHOUT THE BRIDGE, THE 4 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA WERE INCONVENIENCED, SO THEY APPROACHED THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE FOR HELP. A \$200 000 RE-BUILDING PROJECT WAS AGREED WITH THE LIONESS CLUB OF MOUNT PHOENIX DONATING HALF THE COST AND ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE MEETING THE REMAINDER.

DESIGNED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ENGINEER, MR RAYMOND WONG, THE NEW FOOTBRIDGE HAS REINFORCED CONCRETE PILLARS AND DECKING. IRON RAILINGS WILL BE ADDED AT BOTH EDGES FOR SAFETY PURPOSES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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TALENTED VIOLINIST RETURNS FOR PERFORMANCE

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ANNE ASINAS, TALENTED HONG KONG-BORN YOUNG VIOLINIST, WILL APPEAR WITH THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN THE CURRENT FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND THE ARTS.

THE CONCERT, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10 IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

ANNE COMES FROM A MUSICAL FAMILY AND BEGAN STUDYING THE VIOLIN AT THE AGE OF FIVE WITH MR THOMAS WANG. WHEN SHE WAS ONLY NINE, SHE PLAYED THE MOZART VIOLIN CONCERTO IN D MAJOR WITH THE NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA OF THE PHILIPPINES, UNDER CONDUCTOR REDENTOR ROMERO.

IN 1972, SHE WON THE COMMERCIAL RADIO SCHOLARSHIP AND THE GRAND PRIZE IN OPEN COMPETITION IN THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL.

SHE IS AT PRESENT STUDYING THE VIOLIN WITH DOROTHY DE LAY AT THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL OF MUSIC. SHE WAS RECOMMENDED FOR A FULL SCHOLARSHIP BY WORLD-RENOINED VIOLINIST ISAAC STERN.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IS ONE OF THE SEVERAL ORCHESTRAS FORMED AND TRAINED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE. IT GAVE ITS FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE IN AUGUST 1978 AND SINCE THEN HAS BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM ON MANY OCCASIONS SUCH AS THE SHATIN FIRST PARKSIDE CONCERT IN DECEMBER 1979, AND THE SECOND TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL IN MARCH 1980. IT HAS 85 MEMBERS, OF WHOM NINE OUT OF TEN ARE STUDENTS.

MR THOMAS WANG, THE ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, WILL CONDUCT THE ORCHESTRA IN THIS CONCERT.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE EVENING INCLUDES THE VIOLIN CONCERTO NO. 1 IN G MINOR BY BRUCH, EARTHQUAKE AND TIDAL WAVE BY CHEN CHIEN-HUA, AND A SELECTION OF STRING AND WIND ENSEMBLE PIECES.

TICKETS AT \$3 (STUDENT), \$5 AND \$10 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ARTS CENTRE BOX OFFICE AND SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST FAMILY BOOK SHOPS IN THE OCEAN CENTRE AND IN CANTON HOUSE, 54 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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## FOOTBRIDGES FOR TUEN MUN PEDESTRIANS

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THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL START WORK ON TWO FOOTBRIDGES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN.

UPON COMPLETION, THEY WILL PROVIDE A SAFE MEANS OF CROSSING CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE RIVER CHANNEL FOR RESIDENTS AND FOR TOURISTS TO THE CHING CHUNG KOON MONASTERY.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE OFFICE. ITS CHIEF ENGINEER, MR TANG KWOK-KEE, EXPLAINED THAT ONE OF THE FOOTBRIDGES WOULD SPAN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE OTHER THE RIVER CHANNEL NORTH OF SAN HUI.

BOTH WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED OF STEEL AND WOULD BE COVERED TO GIVE WEATHER PROTECTION.

+THE FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE SERVED BY A STAIRCASE AND A RAMP AT ITS EASTERN END. THE RAMP HAS BEEN SO DESIGNED THAT IT WILL BE SUITABLE FOR USE BY THE HANDICAPPED.

+AT ITS WESTERN END, THERE WILL BE AN APPROACH EMBANKMENT WHICH WILL BE FIT INTO THE ADJACENT LOCAL OPEN SPACE.+

+THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE FOOTBRIDGES,+ MR TANG ADDED,+ARE FIBRE GLASS PANELS ON THE SIDES OF THE DECKS WITH OPENINGS FOR DAYLIGHT AND VENTILATION.+

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

IT FORMS PART OF THE OVERALL TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDERTAKEN BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

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## SPEEDPOST TO CHINA

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THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK OF THE POST OFFICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE CHINA FROM FRIDAY (AUGUST 15).

THIS REPRESENTS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD FOR THE SERVICE WHICH IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR FAST AND RELIABLE TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS DOCUMENTS.

INITIALLY, THE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GUANGZHOU AND BEIJING. IT MAY BE USED FOR SENDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE ON BOTH 'CONTRACT' AND 'ON DEMAND' BASIS. PERSONAL ARTICLES ARE NOT ACCEPTED. SPEEDPOST ITEMS ACCEPTED OR COLLECTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DELIVERED, EXCEPT FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS, IN THE MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY IN BOTH CITIES.

DELIVERY TO DISTANT SUBURBS IS NOT AVAILABLE BUT MAIL MAY BE CLAIMED BY THE ADDRESSEE AT DESIGNATED POST OFFICE COUNTERS. UPON REQUEST BY THE ADDRESSEE, SPECIAL DELIVERY MAY BE GIVEN. IN EITHER CASE, ITEMS MAY BE SUBJECT TO DELAY.

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THE CHARGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	UP TO 500 G	EACH ADDITIONAL 500 G
CONTRACT	\$40	\$5
ON DEMAND	\$50	\$5

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE AND THE PRICE STRUCTURE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-2671222, OR THE POSTAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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BORDER ROAD TO BE WIDENED  
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A SECTION OF MAN KAM TO ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LIN MA HANG ROAD TO MAN KAM TO BRIDGE WILL BE WIDENED AND RECONSTRUCTED SHORTLY.

A \$2 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS LET BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND SIGNED THIS (MONDAY) MORNING BY MR WONG SIU-LEUNG, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF YICK HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

THE WORK WILL CATER FOR THE INCREASE OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ACROSS THE BORDER.

IT INVOLVES THE WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING ONE-KILOMETRE ROAD TO PROVIDE A 7.3 METRE WIDE CARRIAGEWAY FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. THERE WILL ALSO BE A 1.6 METRE FOOTPATH ON ONE SIDE.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION OF THE PWD HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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MANPOWER SURVEY UNDERWAY

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THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL TODAY (MONDAY) STARTED A MANPOWER SURVEY IN ACCOUNTANCY AND ALLIED FIELDS, WHOLESALE/RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES.

THE SURVEY - PLANNED BY THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTANCY AND ALLIED FIELDS TRAINING BOARD, THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES TRAINING BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING - WILL ALSO LOOK GENERALLY INTO THE TRAINING OF MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS IN HONG KONG.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WERE SENT TO SOME 6 000 SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS TWO WEEKS AGO. INTERVIEWERS ARE NOW VISITING THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND TO HELP IN ANSWERING THEM WHERE NECESSARY.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, TRAINING NEEDS AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND TRAINING MATTERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING COUNCIL, MR FRANCIS TIEN, REITERATED TODAY THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE SURVEY WILL END ON SEPTEMBER 18.

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