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LEGAL AID ELIGIBILITY TO BE INCREASED

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PEOPLE WITH HIGHER GROSS INCOMES WILL BECOME FINANCIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR LEGAL AID ON SEPTEMBER 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

CERTAIN ALLOWANCES IN THE LEGAL AID LEGISLATION, WHICH ARE EMPLOYED WHEN CALCULATING THE DISPOSABLE INCOMES OF LEGAL AID APPLICANTS, WOULD BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 20 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS, THE SECOND INCREASE THIS YEAR, WOULD BRING THE LEGAL AID MEANS TEST ALLOWANCES, IN RESPECT OF DEPENDANTS, INTO LINE WITH RECENTLY ANNOUNCED INCREASES IN THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RATES.

THE PRESENT MEANS TEST LIMITS FOR LEGAL AID ARE FOR CIVIL CASES, A MONTHLY DISPOSABLE INCOME NOT EXCEEDING \$1 000 AND DISPOSABLE CAPITAL NOT EXCEEDING \$10 000- AND FOR CRIMINAL CASES, A MONTHLY DISPOSABLE INCOME NOT EXCEEDING \$1 500 AND DISPOSABLE CAPITAL NOT EXCEEDING \$10 000.

+THE MEANS TEST CRITERIA FOR LEGAL AID REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE DISPOSABLE INCOME AND DISPOSABLE CAPITAL (WITH THE EMPHASIS ON THE WORD 'DISPOSABLE') OF LEGAL AID APPLICANTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR EXAMPLE, A PERSON EARNING MUCH MORE THAN \$1 000 PER MONTH COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR LEGAL AID FOR A CIVIL CASE. HIS FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY WOULD DEPEND ON THE AMOUNT OF RENT (IF ANY) PAID BY HIM FOR HIS DWELLING AND ALLOWANCES IN RESPECT OF DEPENDANTS WHOLLY MAINTAINED BY HIM.

+IT IS THESE ALLOWANCES FOR DEPENDANTS THAT WERE BEING INCREASED,+ HE SAID.

THE LEGAL AID (ASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS)(AMENDMENT) (NO.2) REGULATIONS WHICH COME INTO FORCE ON SEPTEMBER 1 SPECIFY THE NEW RATES OF ALLOWANCE FOR DEPENDANTS.

DETAILS OF THE REAL MONTHLY ALLOWANCES, WITH THE OLD RATES IN BRACKETS, ARE:

(1) APPLICANT WITH NO DEPENDANTS	\$280	(\$230)
(2) APPLICANT AND FIRST TWO DEPENDANTS	\$200 EACH	(\$165 EACH)
(3) THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH DEPENDANTS	\$170 EACH IN ADDITION TO (2)	(\$140 EACH) IN ADDITION TO (2)
(4) SIXTH AND ADDITIONAL DEPENDANTS	\$130 EACH IN ADDITION TO (2) + (3)	(\$105 EACH) IN ADDITION TO (2) + (3)

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FROM PAST EXPERIENCE IT IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY THAT THESE MORE GENEROUS ALLOWANCES WILL RESULT IN ANY INCREASE IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON LEGAL AID.

THE SCHEMES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT ENABLE LEGAL AID TO BE GIVEN FOR MOST TYPES OF CIVIL PROCEEDINGS, CRIMINAL CASES TRIED IN THE DISTRICT AND HIGH COURTS, APPEALS FROM THESE COURTS AND FOR APPEALS FROM THE DECISIONS OF MAGISTRATES.

AID IS PROVIDED EITHER FREE OR ON PAYMENT OF A GRADUATED CONTRIBUTION.

THE SIZE OF CONTRIBUTION DEPENDS ON THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE APPLICANT AND IT IS USUALLY PAYABLE BY INSTALMENTS.

LAST YEAR MORE THAN 4 142 PEOPLE BENEFITTED FROM LEGAL AID IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIL CASES. THESE INCLUDED CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES FOR COMPENSATION BY ACCIDENT VICTIMS, COMPANIES WINDING UP AND BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS (MAINLY ON BEHALF OF WORKERS CLAIMING ARREARS OF WAGES FROM INSOLVENT EMPLOYERS), TENANCY DISPUTES, DIVORCE, SEPARATION AND MAINTENANCE AND CHILD CUSTODY MATTERS.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD 1 147 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN LEGAL AID FOR CRIMINAL TRIALS AND APPEALS.

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THE PUBLIC SEEKS RESULTS

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FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WITH EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS, LIAISON DOES NOT BEGIN AND END WITH EATING DINNERS AND MAKING FINE SPEECHES, TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER TSUEN WAN, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THERE HAD TO BE A SOLID BASIS OF RESULTS, AND CITIZENS MUST BE ABLE TO SEE THAT THEIR REQUESTS AND SUGGESTIONS, WHEREVER VIABLE, ARE ACTED UPON, AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, DR HAYES SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON TOWN MANAGEMENT — ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100 LEADERS FROM THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAJOR BODIES — HELD IN TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO HAVE ADEQUATE STAFF AND REALISTIC DIRECTIVES TO CARRY OUT TOWN MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVELY, AND DR HAYES SAID: +THIS IS NOT YET FULLY THE CASE.+

+HOWEVER, MORE STAFF ARE BEING RECRUITED TO TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE FOR LEASE ENFORCEMENT AND GROUND CONTROL WORK THIS YEAR AND THEREBY TWO FULL SPECIALIST SECTIONS WILL OPERATE IN EACH OF THE TWO MAIN CENTRES OF POPULATION IN THE NEW TOWN, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG.+

/DR HAYES

DR HAYES SAID STAFFING FOR TOWN MANAGEMENT IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS HIS OWN, WOULD BE EXAMINED DURING WORKING UP OF THE GREEN PAPER PROPOSALS.

LAND CONTROL WORK IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1974, MOSTLY IN RESPECT OF PERSONS WHO WERE OCCUPYING CROWN LAND ILLEGALLY FOR VARIOUS BUSINESS PURPOSES THAT OFTEN CONSTITUTED AN ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE.

TO DATE, ALMOST 2 000 CASES WERE HANDLED, OF WHICH THREE QUARTERS WERE RECTIFIED BEFORE AN APPLICATION FOR SUMMONS HAD BEEN MADE.

OF THE REMAINDER, SOME 200 PEOPLE WERE CONVICTED AND FINED BY COURT ACTION- IMPRISONMENT WAS ORDERED IN 28 CASES, AND JAIL SENTENCES WERE SUSPENDED IN ANOTHER 60.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 100 NEW CASES UNDER INVESTIGATION.

DURING THIS PERIOD THERE WERE ALSO 165 CLEARANCE OPERATIONS UNDERTAKEN WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO TIDY UP SIDE AND BACK LANES AND BLACK SPOTS.

THERE WERE 80 OPERATIONS IN THE CURRENT YEAR, THE LATEST BEING ON CROWN LAND OPPOSITE THE SHEK LEI BUS TERMINUS IN KWAI CHUNG WHEN SEVEN STRUCTURES WERE DEMOLISHED AND 40 LORRY LOADS OF RUBBISH AND DEBRIS REMOVED.

WITH REGARD TO LEASE ENFORCEMENT, THIS HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE JULY, 1974. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HANDLED 902 CASES OF BREACH OF USER IN DOMESTIC BUILDINGS -- MOSTLY UNAUTHORISED INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOPS -- AND 169 CASES IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, MANY INVOLVING ILLEGAL USE OF AUTHORISED CAR AND LORRY PARKING SPACES FOR STORAGE OR OFFICES.

+AS WITH CROWN LAND, WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PURGING THE BREACH IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES, MAKING LIFE EASIER FOR NEIGHBOURS,+ DR HAYES SAID.

HOWEVER, HE AND HIS STAFF WERE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS.

+WE HAVE WORKED SO FAR WITH MINIMUM RESOURCES BECAUSE OF THE PRIORITY THAT HAS TO BE GIVEN TO LAND RESUMPTION AND CLEARANCE WORK FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, AND WE ARE ONLY AT THE START OF THIS WORK.

+MOREOVER, THESE DUTIES ARE NECESSARILY OF A CONTINUOUS AND ONGOING NATURE.

+IT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE AND MAKE SURE, BY REGULAR INSPECTIONS AND ENLISTING LOCAL SUPPORT, THAT THE SITUATION IS KEPT UNDER CONTROL.+

THE INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF PUBLIC-MINDED CITIZENS WAS ABSOLUTELY VITAL, TOGETHER WITH ALL-OUT EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

ONLY IN THIS WAY, DR HAYES SAID, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO ENSURE A SATISFACTORY LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR FAMILIES IN MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS AND FOR PERSONS OCCUPIED DURING WORKING HOURS IN MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

+WE MUST NOT FAIL THEM+, HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WERE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER TSUEN WAN, MR T.K. CHOY, AND DEPUTY URBAN SERVICES OFFICER KWAI CHUNG, MR FAN PUI-LAM.

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WORKERS COMPENSATION IMPROVED

IMPROVEMENTS IN COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED AND THE DEPENDANTS OF THOSE KILLED ON THE JOB WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1.

TODAY'S GAZETTE ANNOUNCED THAT INCREASED EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION, REMOVAL OF THE \$5 000 WAGE CEILING FOR ENTITLEMENT OF COMPENSATION, AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY FOR PAYING THE ESTIMATED COST OF REPAIR AND RENEWAL OF A PROSTHESIS OR SURGICAL APPLIANCE FOR AN INJURED EMPLOYEE WILL BE APPLICABLE FROM THAT DATE.

THE GAZETTE ALSO GAVE NOTICE THAT SECTION 14 OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WHICH DEALS WITH AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE PERCENTAGE OF LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY FROM INJURY LISTED IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON NOVEMBER 1, 1981.

THE ORDINANCE WILL BE RENAMED EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1980.

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TAXI LICENCE TENDERS OVER SUBSCRIBED

A TOTAL OF 2 353 TENDERS SEEKING 2 568 TAXI LICENCES WERE RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFER FOR 300 LICENCES CLOSED ON JULY 11, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE HIGHEST TENDER WAS \$218 899 AND THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID WAS \$208 000.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AVERAGE PREMIUM IN THE LATEST TENDER EXERCISE WAS \$210 089.81, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$178 805.42 IN THE PREVIOUS TENDER LAST MARCH REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 17.50 PER CENT.

HE ADDED THAT LETTERS WOULD BE GOING OUT TODAY TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS, AND THE FIRST OF THE 300 TAXIS COULD BE INSPECTED WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1980.

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HOTEL COOKS NOW A TRADE

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APPRENTICE HOTEL COOKS, WESTERN-STYLE, CAN NOW LOOK FORWARD TO BETTER TRAINING PROSPECTS, AS THEIR JOB WAS TODAY (FRIDAY) CLASSIFIED AS A +DESIGNATED TRADE+ UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE.

THE DESIGNATION — ORDERED BY THE GOVERNOR ON THE ADVICE OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL — HAS BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF +DESIGNATED TRADES+ TO 37.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE PERIOD OF APPRENTICESHIP IN THIS NEW +DESIGNATED TRADE+ WOULD BE THREE YEARS.

EMPLOYERS COULD ONLY ENGAGE A PERSON BETWEEN 14 AND 18 IN THE TRADE IF THE EMPLOYEE HAD ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR HAD COMPLETED AN APPRENTICESHIP AND HELD A CERTIFICATE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, HOWEVER, HAD POWER TO GRANT EXEMPTION IN CERTAIN CASES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED EMPLOYERS IN THE TRADE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDINANCE AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICESHIP WITH THEIR YOUNG EMPLOYEES.

EMPLOYERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE ORDINANCE COULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK IN QUEENSWAY, WAN CHAI.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALSO EFFECTIVE FROM TODAY WAS THE APPRENTICESHIP (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980, WHICH WAS THE RESULT OF A REVIEW OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

THE NEW ORDINANCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REMOVED MINOR ANOMALIES, RECTIFIED SOME OMISSIONS AND REFLECTED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

IT ALSO AMENDED THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE SO THAT A REGISTERED APPRENTICE WOULD BE GIVEN PREFERENCE FOR ATTENDING A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTION TO COMPLEMENT HIS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

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INCREASE IN MAXIMUM FINES ON QUOTA ABUSERS PROPOSED

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SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR TEXTILE FRAUDS ARE PROPOSED IN A BILL AMENDING THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (AUGUST 1).

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID THE NEW IMPORT AND EXPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 SEEKS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY TO \$500 000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

+MOST PENALTIES CURRENTLY PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR TEXTILES AND RELATED OFFENCES ARE A MAXIMUM OF \$50 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT,+ SAID MR TSAO.

+THESE HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR AT LEAST 25 YEARS, AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER ADEQUATE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VALUE OF THE COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND PROFITS INVOLVED.

+HEAVIER PENALTIES ARE WARRANTED IN ORDER TO SERVE AS A MORE EFFECTIVE DETERRENT AGAINST POTENTIAL OFFENDERS,+ HE SAID.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON AUGUST 6 WHEN IT IS INTENDED TO TAKE THE BILL THROUGH ITS THREE READINGS BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS.

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FIRST SPORTSGROUND IN SHA TIN OPENED

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THE FIRST MAJOR SPORTSGROUND FACILITY TO BE PROVIDED IN SHA TIN WAS OPENED BY DR DOUGLAS LAING, STEWARD OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPORTSGROUND, WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF 1.5 HECTARES AT AREA 12 SHA TIN, PROVIDES FOR FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC EVENTS.

IT HAS A STANDARD GRASS FOOTBALL PITCH AND A 400-METRE GRASS ATHLETICS TRACK.

DIRECTOR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR H.S. GREWAL, SAID THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPORTSGROUND HAS BEEN A TEAM EFFORT, WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE PROJECT MANAGER SHA TIN, THE DISTRICT OFFICER SHA TIN, AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT THE LION'S SHARE OF THE CREDIT BELONGS TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS GENEROUS DONATION FOR ITS FACILITIES.

BOOKINGS FOR THE SPORTSGROUND OPEN THIS MONTH.

/MR GREWAL

MR GREWAL SAID THAT LATER THIS YEAR WORK WILL START ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHA TIN RECREATION GROUND AND NEXT SPRING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

ATTACHED TO THIS SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE SIX SQUASH COURTS.

APART FROM THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN SHA TIN, DR LAING SAID PENFOLD PARK HAS PROVED TO BE A VERY POPULAR RECREATIONAL GROUND FOR THE PUBLIC- AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, WHICH IS FINANCED BY THE JOCKEY CLUB, WILL IN DUE COURSE, PROVIDE EXCELLENT SPORTING FACILITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG.

HE ADDED THAT THE SHA TIN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND THE SQUASH COURTS WERE ALSO FUNDED BY THE CLUB.

+IT HAS BEEN THE CLUB'S POLICY OVER RECENT YEARS TO ESTABLISH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY IN OUR GENERALLY CONGESTED SURROUNDINGS, AND SUCH A POLICY HAS ALREADY BROUGHT ABOUT NUMEROUS NEW FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ DR LAING SAID.

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\$64.5 MILLION CONTRACT LET FOR ABERDEEN TUNNEL * * * *

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS LET A \$64.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY (HONG KONG) LIMITED AND WAS SIGNED BY MR YEUNG KIM-CHOY, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE PWD'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, AND MR JOHN WEEDON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY.

A VENTILATION SYSTEM, A SOPHISTICATED COMPUTERISED SYSTEM FOR MONITORING THE AIR POLLUTION AND A CLOSE CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM AND OTHER ITEMS WILL BE PROVIDED AND INSTALLED UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

+WORK ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO START DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AND WILL INITIALLY INVOLVE THE MANUFACTURING OF THE VARIOUS MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT,+ MR YEUNG SAID.

+THE INSTALLATION WORK WILL START IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR, TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE TUNNEL.+

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL AND ITS ASSOCIATED APPROACHES IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE TUNNEL, THE \$62 MILLION CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION, IS ALMOST COMPLETED.

IN THE SOUTH, WORK ON THE \$60 MILLION WONG CHUK HANG INTERCHANGE IS 70 PER CENT COMPLETED WHILE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONTROL BUILDING FOR THE TUNNEL HAS PASSED THE HALF-WAY MARK.

ALL THESE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE TUNNEL COMES INTO OPERATION NEXT YEAR, MR YEUNG ADDED.

THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL PROJECT WAS DESIGNED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PWD.

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\$100 000 DONATION FOR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (FRIDAY) RECEIVED A DONATION OF \$100 000 FROM THE LOCAL HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB TO BUILD A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

ACCEPTING THE CHEQUE FROM CLUB CHAIRMAN, MR W.C. CHEE, TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID THE DONATION SHOWED THE DEEP CONCERN OF CLUB MEMBERS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

HE SAID THE CLUB HAD NOT ONLY PROVIDED A SUITABLE VENUE FOR BUSINESSMEN, INDUSTRIALISTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO COME TOGETHER, BUT WAS ALSO HELPING TO PROMOTE LOCAL AFFAIRS.

+ I BELIEVE THE CLUB WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO MORE COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND THE PRESENT PLAYGROUND WILL BE ONLY THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF JOINT VENTURES WITH THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, + DR HAYES SAID.

THE PLAYGROUND, TO BE BUILT ON A 400-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN LAI KING HILL ROAD SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. IT WILL BE NAMED HILLTOP PUBLIC PLAYGROUND IN RECOGNITION OF THE CLUB'S CONTRIBUTION.

IT WILL HAVE SWINGS, A ROUNDABOUT, CLIMBING FRAMES AND BENCHES. FLOWERS AND SHRUBS WILL ALSO BE PLANTED.

THE PROJECT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE WORKS SECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL MANAGE THE PLAYGROUND.

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POST OFFICE HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

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ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON MONDAY (AUGUST 4) AND THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE WILL OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM FOR THE ISSUE OF A SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMP TO MARK THE OCCASION OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER.

THERE WILL BE ONE LETTER DELIVERY IN THE MORNING.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN ELGIN STREET

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THE SECTION OF ELGIN STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 3 AND 9 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR THREE WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 4) TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE CONNECTION WORKS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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PLB PROHIBITION IN SHEK KIP MEI STREET LIFTED

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THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITION IN SHEK KIP MEI STREET BETWEEN WOH CHAI STREET AND BERWICK STREET WILL BE RESCINDED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 4).

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