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CONGRESSMEN RESPOND TO HK'S CRITICISM OF JENKINS BILL  
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LOBBYING BY HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK, MR BILL DORWARD, AGAINST THE PROTECTIONIST TEXTILES AND APPAREL TRADE ENFORCEMENT BILL, KNOWN AS THE JENKINS-THURMOND BILL, HAS BROUGHT A SUBSTANTIAL RESPONSE FROM MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE HONG KONG OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

EIGHTEEN REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS HAVE SO FAR REPLIED TO THE LETTER WHICH MR DORWARD SENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS LAST MONTH, POINTING OUT SOME OF THE INCONSISTENCIES IN THE BILL.

+THE RESPONSE IS GRATIFYING, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT CONGRESS IS NOW IN ITS SUMMER RECESS AND MANY MEMBERS ARE ON VACATION OR OVERSEAS VISITS,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

AMONG THOSE WRITING TO HIM WERE LEADING SENATORS EDWARD KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BILL BRADLEY OF NEW JERSEY.

ONE IMPORTANT LETTER WAS FROM SENATOR ERNEST HOLLINGS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WHO IS THE SENIOR DEMOCRAT IN THE CONGRESSIONAL TEXTILE CAUCUS AND WAS A CANDIDATE FOR HIS PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION LAST YEAR.

SENATOR HOLLINGS, WHO IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL, POINTED OUT THAT TEXTILE IMPORTS HAVE GROWN AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 19 PER CENT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, WHILE LATEST FIGURES SHOW TEXTILE INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT AT A RECORD LOW.

IN REPLY, MR DORWARD SAID THAT THERE WAS +LITTLE CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP+ BETWEEN IMPORTS AND THE REDUCTION IN U.S. TEXTILE EMPLOYMENT, BECAUSE THE MAIN LOSS IN JOBS HAD BEEN IN THE THREE YEARS BEFORE THE RECENT SURGE IN IMPORTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT U.S. TEXTILE EXPORTS HAD PEAKED IN 1980 AND THEN HAD TUMBLED AS THE U.S. DOLLAR STRENGTHENED, WIPING OUT THOUSANDS OF JOBS.

MR DORWARD SAID THAT THE JENKINS-THURMOND BILL PROPOSED +SWINGING CUTBACKS ON CERTAIN THIRD WORLD SUPPLIERS WHOSE EXPORTS IN MANY CASES HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO SOME DEGREE OF RESTRAINT FOR 25 YEARS+.

+THIS WOULD MEAN, IN EFFECT, THAT THESE SUPPLIERS - AND NOTABLY, AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, HONG KONG WHICH IS UNIQUELY DEPENDENT ON THE TEXTILE TRADE AND WHICH OFFERS THE UNITED STATES A COMPLETELY FREE AND OPEN MARKET - WERE BEING PENALISED FOR JOB LOSSES DUE LARGELY TO IMPROVED U.S. PRODUCTIVITY AND AN INFLATED DOLLAR,+ HE WROTE.

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WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING GREEN PAPER SET UP

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A WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD TO STUDY THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING.

A CONVENOR OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR SO SHIU-SHING, URGED TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN TUEN MUN TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER.

+IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE WIDER PUBLIC CONSULTATION, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS CAN REFLECT THEIR VIEWS TO ELECTED DB MEMBERS IN THEIR OWN CONSTITUENCIES,+ MR SO SAID.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSALS BY WRITING TO THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE,+ HE ADDED.

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DB MEMBERS TO DISCUSS CHEUNG CHAU PLAN

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ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND LAYOUT PLAN, PREPARED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AT THEIR MEETING ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 23).

THE PLAN, WHICH AMPLIFIES GENERAL PLANNING PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CHEUNG CHAU OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR FUTURE ENGINEERING WORKS AND GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE ISLAND.

ITS MAIN OBJECTIVES ARE TO PROVIDE LAND FOR VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE IN DEMAND= TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR THE LOCAL POPULATION= TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND TO PRESERVE THE RURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSALS, SITES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR NEW VILLAGE LOTS AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES INCLUDING A NEW MARKET COMPLEX AND AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

SITES WILL ALSO BE RESERVED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL AND LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING AND HOLIDAY HOMES.

/BOARD MEMBERS .....

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT; THE NAMING OF NEW STREETS COMPLETED DURING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON CHEUNG CHAU; AND THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO APPLICANTS RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, TO BE HELD AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 23) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 16TH FLOOR, SINCERE BUILDING, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES IN KWUN TONG  
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COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN KWUN TONG INTERESTED IN PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES TO LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN NOW APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR LI WAH-MING, SAID: +APART FROM MONITORING THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT IN GENERAL, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO JOIN HANDS WITH LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND OTHER BONA-FIDE ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS.+

+WE HAVE SENT LETTERS TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS INVITING THEM TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

THESE PROJECTS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15 THIS YEAR AND FEBRUARY 21, 1986 TO FACILITATE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, HE ADDED.

ANY ORGANISATION CAN SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION, BUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT MUST NOT BE A REGULAR PROGRAMME OF THE APPLICANT.

+ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT BY SEPTEMBER 10, AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING IN EARLY OCTOBER,+ MR LI CONTINUED.

IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, THE COMMITTEE SPENT \$130 000 ON 26 SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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HONG KONG'S FIRST CIRCULAR FOOTBRIDGE OPENED

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HONG KONG'S FIRST CIRCULAR AND COVERED FOOTBRIDGE ABOVE A BUSY JUNCTION IN CAUSEWAY BAY WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

THE \$3 MILLION WALKWAY, LINKING SUGAR STREET, YEE WO STREET AND PENNINGTON STREET, WILL PROVIDE A SAFE CROSSING FOR PEDESTRIANS.

THE FOOTBRIDGE IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED WITH 18 PAIRS OF ARCH-SHAPED COLUMNS SUPPORTING THE ROOF AND PROVIDES A PLEASANT APPEARANCE ABOVE THE BUSY JUNCTION.

UNDER THE SAME PROJECT, PART OF YEE WO STREET, PENNINGTON STREET AND SUGAR STREET WILL BE RE-ALIGNED AND WIDENED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT, COSTING \$6.6 MILLION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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SUPPORT FOR POST OFFICE COURTESY DRIVE

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THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, MR TAI KUEN, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) LED A GROUP OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON A VISIT OF THE TUEN MUN SAN HUI AND YUEN LONG POST OFFICES, TWO OF THE 30 POST OFFICES TAKING PART IN THE CURRENT WORK AND COURTESY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DAVID LAN, THE GROUP WAS BRIEFED ON THE SCHEME IN WHICH 300 COUNTER STAFF IN THE POST OFFICES HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR OWN INITIATIVE IN SHOWING A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN WORK AND IN PROVIDING A COURTEOUS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

MR LAU SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE COUNTER STAFF AND SAID HE WAS SURE THE N.T. HEUNG YEE KUK, DISTRICT BOARDS AND RURAL COMMITTEES AND ALL NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS WOULD WELCOME THE SPECIAL DRIVE AND GIVE IT FULL SUPPORT.

THE POST OFFICE IS AMONG 10 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME INITIATED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH.

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JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS PRAISED  
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (IYY) CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MRS. SELINA CHOW LIANG SHUK-YEE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PRAISED THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS AND REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS.

MRS. CHOW SAID THAT THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS WERE A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE THEME OF 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR -- PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.

VISITING THE SUMMER CAMP AT THE WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE THIS MORNING, MRS. CHOW HOPED THAT THE STRENUOUS EFFORTS JPC HAD MADE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES WOULD HELP MAKE HONG KONG A PEACEFUL AND STABLE PLACE TO LIVE.

ON THE BIRTH OF THE JPC TV PROGRAMME, MRS. CHOW RECALLED THAT WHEN SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE ELEVEN YEARS AGO, THIS IDEA FIRST STRUCK HER WHEN SHE WAS VIEWING AN EPISODE OF A TV YOUTH PROGRAMME PRODUCED BY THE UK POLICE FORCE.

"INDEED, IT PROVES THAT WE ARE WORKING ON THE RIGHT WAY AND THAT THE IDEA CAN ALSO CATER SOCIAL NEEDS,"

"AS TV HAS A VERY HIGH AUDIENCE RATE, OUR YOUNGSTERS CAN THEREFORE PARTICIPATE THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEDIA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, THUS FURTHER DEVELOP THEIR AWARENESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESPONSIBILITY AND SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY," SHE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, MRS. CHOW NOTED THAT THE SUCCESS OF JPC SCHEME WAS WELL REFLECTED BY ITS 400,000-STRONG MEMBERSHIP.

MRS. CHOW THEN WISHED THE COMMUNITY AND JPC MEMBERS TO TREASURE THIS FRUITFUL RESULT -- THE ESTABLISHING OF AN UNDERSTANDABLE LINK BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

OTHER GUESTS VISITING THE CAMP TODAY INCLUDED SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR IAN MACPHERSON, ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR. BARRIE WIGGHAM, AND COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR. RAYMON ANNING.

AT THE WELCOMING CEREMONY THE JPC MEMBERS TOGETHER WITH 200 VIEWERS OF THE TVB 'YOUTH MAGAZINE' PROGRAMME STAGED A SPECTACULAR IYY-JPC WORD DISPLAY.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE ALSO MASS SINGING OF IYY THEME SONG, VITALITY EXERCISE DEMONSTRATION, AND A TELEMATCH BETWEEN JPC TEAM AND YOUTH MAGAZINE TEAM.

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TOURING THE CAMP AND SEEING CAMPERS TAKING PART IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, MRS. CHOW AND OTHER GUESTS WERE GREETED BY THE CAMPERS WHO ALL SAID THAT THEY APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND TO SHARE FUN WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY ALSO PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

THE JPC SUMMER CAMP WHICH IS A CENTRAL PART OF THE ON-GOING FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMPAIGN FORMS PART OF THE 1985 IYY PROGRAMME FEATURING THE THEME --- PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.

APART FROM RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THERE WERE ALSO SEMINARS ON 'YOUTH PROBLEMS' AND 'YOUTH PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE' DURING THE CAMP.

MEANWHILE VARIOUS ENTERTAINMENTS WERE ALSO ARRANGED FOR CAMPERS IN THE EVENING. THESE INCLUDED A CONCERT BY WELL-KNOWN SINGER TERENCE TSOI, DISCO NIGHT AND A FOLK CONCERT.

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HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS FOR RSD LIBRARIES  
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE OPENING HOURS OF ITS PUBLIC LIBRARIES ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 24) AND MONDAY (AUGUST 26), BOTH PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ON SATURDAY ALL RSD'S LIBRARIES, EXCEPT THOSE AT MUI WO, PENG CHAU AND SOUTH LAMMA, WILL OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE MUI WO AND PENG CHAU LIBRARIES WILL BE BETWEEN 10 AM AND 1 PM.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY AND THE SOUTH LAMMA LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AS IN THE PAST.

ON MONDAY LIBRARIES AT CHEUNG CHAU, SAI KUNG, SHEUNG SHUI, SOUTH KWAI CHUNG, TAI PO, TUEN MUN (TAI HING) AND MUI WO WILL OPEN IN THE MORNING ONLY WHILE THE OTHER PUBLIC LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED.

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BEAT RADIO SYSTEM EXTENDED TO N.T.

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TWO CONTRACTS JUST AWARDED WORTH A TOTAL OF \$3.5 MILLION WILL ENABLE ALL BEAT CONSTABLES IN NEW TERRITORIES TOWNS TO BE PROVIDED WITH BEAT RADIOS BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE CONTRACTS FOR PORTABLE RADIOS, BASE STATIONS AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT WILL GIVE NEW TERRITORIES REGION AN INTERIM BEAT RADIO SYSTEM THAT WILL BE REPLACED AND UPGRADED WITHIN SIX YEARS TO KEEP THE FORCE IN PACE WITH POPULATION AND OTHER GROWTH IN THE REGION.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE PLANNED EVENTUALLY TO EQUAL THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND SOPHISTICATION OF EQUIPMENT BEING USED OR PLANNED ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON.

FROM NOVEMBER UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR THE RADIOS WILL BE INTRODUCED FIRST IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT FOLLOWED BY YUEN LONG, SHEUNG SHUI, TAI PO AND SHATIN.

THE FIVE TRANSMITTER STATIONS WILL RADIATE SIGNALS FROM THE ROOFS OF THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WHILE TRANSMISSIONS FROM OFFICERS ON THE BEAT WILL BE ROUTED THROUGH 10 SATELLITE RECEIVERS.

THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE SATELLITE RECEIVERS WILL ALLOW SIGNALS TO BE RECEIVED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER SINCE THE OUTPUT POWER FROM THE HAND PORTABLES IS QUITE LOW.

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FENCING CLINIC TO IMPROVE SKILL IN USING SWORDS

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THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION WILL JOINTLY HOLD A FENCING CLINIC BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS IN THE SPORT.

THE CLINIC WHICH IS THE THIRD TO BE ORGANISED THIS YEAR, WILL HOLD CLASSES BETWEEN 7.30 P.M. AND 10.30 P.M. ON SUNDAYS IN QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND FROM 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. ON FRIDAYS IN THE BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL.

ANYONE WHO POSSESSES A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF FENCING MAY APPLY, BUT THOSE WHO ARE AGED UNDER 16 MUST FIRST OBTAIN APPROVALS FROM THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

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THE EVENT IS LIMITED TO 100 PARTICIPANTS WHO WILL BE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR STANDARDS. NOVIC FENCERS WILL BE TRAINED IN GROUPS WHILE MORE COMPETENT PLAYERS WILL BE GIVEN INDIVIDUAL LESSONS BY EXPERIENCED COACHES.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION AT ROOM 1004, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND THE MORSE PARK AND BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALLS.

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TWO KOWLOON SITES OFFERED FOR RENT  
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF TWO SITES IN TSZ WAN SHAN, KOWLOON.

THE FIRST SITE, FOR USE AS A FLOWER STALL, IS AT PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND MEASURES 125 SQUARE METRES.

THE OTHER SITE OF ABOUT 10 300 SQUARE METRES IS AT THE JUNCTION OF PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND FUNG TAK ROAD. IT IS TO BE USED FOR PARKING CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES, BUT NOT CONTAINER VEHICLES.

THE TENANCY OF THE SITES IS FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS. THE DEADLINE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 6.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND PLANS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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SUB-OFFICES ON THE MOVE  
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THE TUEN MUN SUB-OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION, WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION AND THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES ON THE FIRST FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 23).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES IN THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION'S OFFICE IS 0-4511143; IN THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION'S OFFICE, 0-4513015; AND IN THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE'S OFFICE, 0-4511136.

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