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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON TO TAKE PART IN THE 11TH ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR JI SHAOXIANG.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG.

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INDUSTRIAL MISSION TO VISIT UK  
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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, WILL BE LEADING A MISSION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM APRIL 9 TO 14.

THE 11 MISSION MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM NINE COMPANIES COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, FOOD PACKAGING AND PROCESSING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, COMPUTER PERIPHERALS, PRECISION METAL STAMPINGS, SWITCHING POWER SUPPLIES AND STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS.

ACCOMPANYING THE MISSION WILL BE MR DONALD FLETCHER, PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT; MISS MABLE CHAN AND MR RAPHAEL NG, CONSULTANTS.

THE MISSION WILL SPEND TWO DAYS IN LONDON, ONE DAY IN NEWCASTLE AND TWO DAYS IN EDINBURGH.

SEMINARS WILL BE HELD IN EACH LOCATION, WHERE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS FOR MISSION MEMBERS ARE BEING ARRANGED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LONDON OFFICE WITH COMPANY EXECUTIVES WHO COULD BE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WITH HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THE RESPONSE SO FAR FROM BRITISH COMPANIES HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE MISSION MEMBERS WILL HAVE FULL SCHEDULES.

SOME OF THE MISSION MEMBERS WILL ALSO VISIT THE HANOVER FAIR WHERE THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE A STAND IN THE INTERNATIONAL HALL.

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OLD FOLK WANT MORE ATTENTION - SURVEY  
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MORE ATTENTION AND CARE FROM THE COMMUNITY ARE IMPORTANT TO A LARGE NUMBER OF OLD PEOPLE IN SAI KUNG, ACCORDING TO FINDINGS OF A SURVEY PUBLISHED TODAY (SUNDAY).

ABOUT HALF OF 2 255 PEOPLE, AGED BETWEEN 60 AND 105, WHO WERE INTERVIEWED DURING THE SURVEY FELT THAT FREQUENT HOME VISITS AND ORGANISED ACTIVITIES WOULD HELP ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

THE SURVEY WAS FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT A COST OF \$20 000 AND CONDUCTED BY 67 VOLUNTEERS AS PART OF THE SAI KUNG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME LAST YEAR.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS INTENDED TO FIND OUT THE LIVING CONDITION OF THE ELDERLY AND THEIR SOCIAL NEEDS.

+THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE A USEFUL REFERENCE IN THE FUTURE PLANNING OF SERVICES FOR ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE ADDED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY.

OF THE PEOPLE INTERVIEWED, 1 003 (44.4 PER CENT) SAID THEY HOPED THEIR FRIENDS OR VOLUNTARY WORKERS COULD VISIT THEM MORE OFTEN SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT FEEL NEGLECTED BY, OR SEGREGATED FROM, THE SOCIETY.

ANOTHER 155 OF THEM (6.87 PER CENT) SAID THEY WERE IN NEED OF COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES, 86(3.81 PER CENT) SAID THEY WANTED COMPANIONSHIP AND 84 (3.37 PER CENT) REQUIRED ASSISTANCE IN HOUSEWORK.

REGARDING THEIR LIVING CONDITION, THE SURVEY FOUND THAT 1 633 PEOPLE OR 72.42 PER CENT WERE LIVING WITH RELATIVES OR FRIENDS, 331 (14.68 PER CENT) LIVING ALONE AND 291 (12.9 PER CENT) IN HOMES FOR THE AGED.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT 1 662 PEOPLE (73 PER CENT) LIVED IN VILLAGE HOUSES, 130 (5.76 PER CENT) IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL FLATS, 124 (5.5 PER CENT) ON BUNK BEDS AND 48 (2.13 PER CENT) IN SQUATTER BOATS.

HOWEVER, MOST OF THE PEOPLE INTERVIEWED WERE FOUND TO BE LIVING IN LESS CONGESTED CONDITIONS, WITH 1 565 PEOPLE OR 69.4 PER CENT OCCUPYING MORE THAN 10 SQUARE METRES PER PERSON.

FINANCIALLY, 1 275 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING EITHER OLD AGE, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

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TWO FESTIVALS PLANNED FOR KOWLOON CITY  
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PLANS ARE IN HAND TO ORGANISE TWO FESTIVALS FOR RESIDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY THIS YEAR, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVALS, EACH LASTING ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND COSTING \$200 000, WILL BE HELD IN SUMMER AND AROUND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

MR GARCIA SAID THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES OF THESE TWO FESTIVALS WERE DIRECT PARTICIPATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY.

+THESE TWO PRINCIPLES ARE IMPORTANT IF A FESTIVAL IS TO BE GENUINELY PART OF THE DISTRICT, RATHER THAN JUST A SERIES OF EVENTS 'IMPORTED' INTO THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID WHILE DETAILS ON THE TWO FESTIVALS WERE YET TO BE FINALISED, SOME PROPOSALS HAD BEEN MADE.

FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORTS FESTIVAL, SOME SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS A MASS FITNESS RUN AROUND THE DISTRICT, A KITE FLYING DAY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND A BICYCLE RELAY RACE WERE BEING PROPOSED.

+I HAVE NOTICED THAT WHILE SPECTATOR SPORTS, SUCH AS FOOTBALL AND TABLE-TENNIS, ENJOY A LARGE FOLLOWING IN HONG KONG, MANY MORE PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN ACTUALLY DOING SPORTS THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

+SO WE HAVE, IN A TYPICAL URBAN DISTRICT SUCH AS KOWLOON CITY, LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT PARTICIPATING IN RUNNING, SWIMMING, ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS= FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL MATCHES, AND MANY OTHER TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS.

+I HOPE THE RECREATION AND SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE SOME OF THIS ENERGY INTO A SERIES OF INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES.+

FOR THE COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL, MR GARCIA SAID HE WAS THINKING OF A FESTIVAL IN WHICH PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

HE PROPOSED ORGANISING A LARGE-SCALE MURAL PAINTING ON DIFFERENT TRANSPORTABLE BOARDS - A KIND OF JIG-SAW PUZZLE PAINTING WITH DIFFERENT GROUPS ALL OVER THE DISTRICT PAINTING A SERIES OF PANELS ABOUT THEIR OWN PART OF THE DISTRICT.

+THE FINAL WORK WILL BE TO PUT ALL THESE PANELS TOGETHER SO AS TO END UP WITH A PANORAMIC PAINTING OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

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THERE WOULD ALSO BE A CHILDREN'S MUSIC DAY WORKSHOP IN WHICH CHILDREN MAKE THEIR OWN INSTRUMENTS IN THE MORNING AND THEN PLAY ONE PIECE ALTOGETHER IN AN OUTDOOR CONCERT IN THE AFTERNOON.

OTHER ACTIVITIES WOULD INCLUDE DANCE AND DRAMA PERFORMANCES ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S MANY LEGENDARY STORIES, AND POPULAR PRESENTATIONS SUCH AS CANTONESE OPERA, CHINESE CLASSICAL MUSIC AND DANCE, AND AN EVENING OF MUSIC AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

+OUR OVERALL AIM FOR BOTH FESTIVALS WILL BE ACHIEVED IF WE CAN MAKE PEOPLE REALISE THAT PARTICIPATION IS AN IMPORTANT WAY TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY,+ HE SAID.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK STRESSED  
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THE YEAR-LONG +VITALITY FOR ALL ISLANDERS+ SPORTS PROGRAMME HAS ENDED, BUT IT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON THE RESIDENTS, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THE PROGRAMME NOT ONLY PROVIDED SOME FORM OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG, BUT ALSO MOTIVATED LOCAL RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK,+ HE SAID.

MR YAP WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR WINNERS OF VARIOUS TOURNAMENTS IN BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL AND TABLE-TENNIS HELD DURING THE YEAR-LONG PROGRAMME.

ASIDE FROM RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, HE SAID COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK ALSO INCLUDED IMPROVEMENTS TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRAFFIC, AND ANY THING CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF THE RESIDENTS.

+THE SUCCESS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING IS AN HONOUR TO THE DISTRICT, AND RESIDENTS CAN CONTRIBUTE THROUGH TAKING PART IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ HE SAID.

+IN THIS RESPECT, DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS CANNOT BE NEGLECTED.

+EVERY VOTE IS AN INDICATION OF YOUR SUPPORT AND CONCERN TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY.

+I HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL REGISTER AS VOTERS WHEN THE EXERCISE BEGINS IN AUGUST SO THAT YOU CAN VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.+

THE +VITALITY FOR ALL ISLANDERS+ PROGRAMME, SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, TOOK THE FORM OF EIGHT FUN DAYS HELD ON CHEUNG CHAU, TAI O, SOUTH LANTAO, SOUTH LAMMA, NORTH LAMMA, MUI WO, TUNG CHUNG AND PENG CHAU SINCE MAY LAST YEAR.

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MORE TREATED WATER PLANNED FOR LANTAU

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GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF TREATED WATER TO LANTAU WILL TAKE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD WHEN A TREATMENT PLANT IS BUILT AT CHEUNG SHA.

THE PLANT WILL BE READY EARLY IN 1986 AND HAVE A CAPACITY OF 6 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY.

WATER WILL BE DRAWN FROM SHEK PIK RESERVOIR AND AFTER BEING TREATED, WILL BE PIPED TO VILLAGES BETWEEN SHUI HAU IN THE WEST AND PUI O IN THE EAST.

THE FIRST MOVE IN BUILDING THE TREATMENT PLANT HAS BEEN TAKEN WITH THE AWARD OF A \$3.16 MILLION CONTRACT TO PORTALS WATER TREATMENT (HONG KONG) LIMITED FOR SUPPLYING AND INSTALLING TREATMENT EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING FIVE PRESSURE FILTERS AND CHEMICAL DOSING APPLIANCES.

THE COMPANY IS NOW WORKING ON PROVIDING DRAWINGS OF THE EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE READY IN A MONTH.

WHEN IT RECEIVES THESE, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL THEN BE ABLE TO START DESIGNING THE TREATMENT PLANT WHICH WILL BE BUILT ON A HILLSIDE ABOVE CHEUNG SHA.

THE TREATMENT EQUIPMENT WILL BE DELIVERED AND INSTALLED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE PILING AND BUILDING THE SUPERSTRUCTURE, WILL BE INVITED IN SIX MONTHS.

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NEW COUNTRY TRAIL OPENED

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WALKING ALONG THE TAI PO COUNTRY TRAIL WAS A DELIGHTFUL MEANS OF EXPLORING THE DISTRICT'S COUNTRYSIDE, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THE WALKERS COULD DISCOVER THE SCENIC VIEWS OVER TOLO HARBOUR AND GAIN ACCESS TO THE NEIGHBOURING TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE.

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COUNTRY TRAIL AND VIEWSCAPE.

HE SAID THAT THE SERIES OF TRAILS THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE PROVIDED A FITTING COMPLEMENT TO THE MORE FORMAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PLANNED FOR TAI PO WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A SWIMMING POOL, A SPORTS COMPLEX, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, A FOOTBALL PITCH AND AN ATHLETIC STADIUM, ALL TO BE PROVIDED BY 1988.

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FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE TRAIL IS DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE SURVEY OFFICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE VIEWSCAPE, WITH NAMES OF VARIOUS LANDMARKS ENGRAVED ON A METAL PLATE, AND SURROUNDING SEATS AT LAI CHI SHAN HILL WERE BUILT WITH A DONATION FROM THE LIONS CLUB OF CASTLE PEAK.

+ALL THOSE WHO WIND THEIR WAY UP HERE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT THE LIONS CLUB AND DISTRICT BOARD SPIRIT OF CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY IS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE AND WELL,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

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STUDY ROOMS FOR EXAMINATION PERIOD  
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TEMPORARY STUDY ROOMS WILL BE OPENED IN THE EVENING IN 70 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG FROM APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30 FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

+THESE STUDY ROOMS WILL BE OPEN DURING THE EXAMINATION PERIOD TO PROVIDE STUDENTS LIVING IN CROWDED AND NOISY ENVIRONMENT WITH ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK AND PRIVATE STUDY,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

STUDY ROOMS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 PM TO 10 PM, FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, STRICTLY FOR THE USE OF SECONDARY STUDENTS.

THOSE LOCATED IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM FOR BOTH SECONDARY AND PRIMARY STUDENTS.

BUT THE STUDY ROOMS WILL BE CLOSED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+STUDY ROOM FACILITIES ARE ALSO PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BY THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,+ HE ADDED.

POSTERS SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF STUDY ROOMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS.

STUDY ROOM SUPERVISORS WILL BE APPOINTED TO MAINTAIN ORDER BUT THEY WILL NOT BE GIVING TUITION TO STUDENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SHING MUN RIVER TO BE DESILTED

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WORK WILL START IN MAY ON DESILTING THE SHING MUN RIVER AT SHA TIN.

SILT, MUD AND OTHER DEPOSITS WILL BE REMOVED FROM A TWO-KILOMETRE STRETCH OF THE CONCRETE-LINED RIVER CHANNEL FROM THE LOWER SHING MUN DAM TO THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE NEAR TAI WAI.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES DIGGING A DRY-WEATHER CHANNEL OVER THE SAME LENGTH IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER.

THIS IS DESIGNED TO LEAD WATER AWAY IN THE DRY SEASON, WHEN THE LEVEL OF THE RIVER IS NORMALLY VERY LOW, AND TO PREVENT SILT FROM BEING DEPOSITED ON THE MAIN RIVER CHANNEL BED DUE TO SLOW WATER MOVEMENT.

THE CHANNEL WILL BE TWO-AND-A-HALF-METRE WIDE AND ONE METRE DEEP.

THE WORK, FOR WHICH THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY APRIL 13, WILL BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE DRY WEATHER IN NOVEMBER.

TENDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, HIGHWAYS (NT) DIVISION, SECOND FLOOR, FARM ROAD GOVERNMENT BRANCH OFFICES, 11 FARM ROAD, KOWLOON.

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MORE SQUASH COURTS FOR KWAI CHUNG

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CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN MAY ON TWO ADDITIONAL SQUASH COURTS AT KWAI CHUNG.

THE COURTS ARE TO BE BUILT BENEATH THE CAR PARK DECK OF KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL AT KWAI FUK ROAD.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS AND THE CONSTRUCTION COST WILL BE MET BY A DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 13.

THE NEW COURTS WILL BRING TO SIX THE NUMBER OF SQUASH COURTS IN KWAI CHUNG.

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RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR ABERDEEN

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A SITTING-OUT AREA AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ARE TO BE BUILT UNDERNEATH THE NORTHERN APPROACH OF AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE AT ABERDEEN.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED ON THE 1 800-SQUARE-METRE SITE INCLUDE PLANTS, BENCHES, ARBOURS, PERGOLAS AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE FACILITIES ARE FOR USE BY FUTURE RESIDENTS OF AP LEI CHAU AND ABERDEEN HOUSING ESTATES NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE PRESENT POPULATION OF THE AREA IS 55 000 AND IS EXPECTED TO RISE TO 98 000 BY 1990.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR RUNNING SOUVENIR STALLS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE OPERATION OF TWO SOUVENIR STALLS AT CASTLE PEAK BEACH IN TUEN MUN.

THIS BEACH IS POPULAR WITH TOURISTS, AND ALSO PROVIDES BARBECUE PITS AND HIRE BOATS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON JUNE 1 ON A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT.

TENDER FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE) 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, OR AT THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 'TOP COURT', 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX SITUATED AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS BEFORE 9 AM ON APRIL 19 (THURSDAY), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-820800, EXT. 301.

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HORTICULTURE COURSE TO BE HELD IN SAI KUNG  
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A FREE HORTICULTURE COURSE WILL BE OFFERED IN SAI KUNG LATER THIS YEAR.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, WILL BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12 NOON ON EIGHT CONSECUTIVE SUNDAY MORNINGS, STARTING FROM APRIL 29.

SIMILAR COURSES HELD IN SAI KUNG LAST YEAR WERE WELL ATTENDED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

LECTURES WILL FOCUS ON ADVANCED PLANTING TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING THE PROPAGATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS INDOOR PLANTS AND LANDSCAPING.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO MAKE FIELD VISITS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF HORTICULTURAL EXPERTS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE COURSE AND WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 69 MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG.

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MORE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR TWO REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AT KWUN TONG AND TUEN MUN.

THE COLLECTION POINT AT KWUN TONG WILL BE BUILT ON A 305-SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR YUET WAH STREET PLAYGROUND AND REPLACE THE EXISTING TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN THE VICINITY.

THE TUEN MUN REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, OCCUPYING A SITE OF 168 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE SITUATED AT TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR CHI LOK GARDEN.

BOTH REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE ONE-STOREY REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURES.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE REFUSE COLLECTION AREAS, HANDCART WASHING SPACES, TOILETS, ROLL-CALL ROOMS, OFFICES AND STOREROOMS.

WORK ON BOTH PROJECTS IS SCHEDULED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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TAILORING TRADE GOES METRIC  
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STARTING NEXT MONTH, METRIC MEASUREMENTS WILL BE IN FULL SWING IN THE PIECE GOODS AND TAILORING TRADES.

THE METRICATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FROM APRIL 1, LENGTH AND WIDTH OF FABRICS WILL BE MEASURED IN 'METRES' AND 'CENTIMETRES'.

+THE PRICE OF CLOTH MATERIALS WILL BE QUOTED ONLY IN METRIC UNITS. 'PER YARD' PRICE TAGS WILL DISAPPEAR FROM THE MARKET ALTOGETHER,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CHANGEOVER PROGRAMME IN NOVEMBER 1982, METRIC AND IMPERIAL UNITS HAVE BEEN USED CONCURRENTLY.

+WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE TRADESPEOPLE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF METRIC MEASURING TOOLS, I.E. 'METRESTICKS' AND 'HALF-METRE RULERS' IN THE MARKET, THE CONVERSION PROGRAMME HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT VERY SMOOTHLY,+ HE ADDED.

TALKING ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF METRICATION IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY, THE SPOKESMAN ANTICIPATED THAT METRIC UNITS WILL SOON BE FULLY ADOPTED BY RETAILERS AND MANUFACTURERS.

IMPORTED CLOTHING FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN ARE ALREADY LABELLED IN METRIC UNITS AND THE MAJORITY OF LOCAL FASHION MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEEN USING THE DUAL-LABELLING SYSTEM FOR SOME TIME.

+IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE WORKING HARD TO ENCOURAGE CONSUMERS AND THE SALES STAFF OF FASHION SHOPS TO USE METRIC BODY MEASUREMENTS AND METRIC CLOTHING SIZES,+ HE SAID.

TO FACILITATE THE CHANGEOVER, LARGE QUANTITIES OF AWARENESS POSTERS, CONVERSION CARDS AND LEAFLETS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO DEPARTMENT STORES, FASHION HOUSES AND THE RELATED TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.

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WORKSHOP TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY  
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A THREE-DAY WORKSHOP ON +IMPROVEMENT OF PRODUCTIVITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE+ WILL BE HELD LATER THIS WEEK FOR LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WORKING IN REGIONAL AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE RUN JOINTLY BY THE STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE STAFF MANAGEMENT AND DISCIPLINE DIVISION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE THREE-DAY WORKSHOP IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS IN IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY AND THE QUALITY OF SERVICE, PARTICULARLY AT THE POINT OF DELIVERY TO THE PUBLIC.

DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS, OFFICERS ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THE PILOT PROJECTS CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH ON PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT.

THEY WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO DISCUSS WITH PARTICIPANTS OF PREVIOUS WORKSHOPS, AND TO LEARN FROM EXPERTS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL THEN BE GIVEN AN ASSIGNMENT EACH TO CONDUCT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THEIR OWN OFFICES.

THE RESULTS OF THEIR EFFORTS WILL BE PRESENTED ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE WORKSHOP WHICH WILL BE HELD EIGHT WEEKS LATER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WORKSHOP ON PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT TO BE HELD AT 9 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 29) AT ROOM 614A, HENNESSY CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICATE AT THE OPENING.

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PARKING METERS FOR WONG TAI SIN  
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ON TUESDAY (MARCH 27), A TOTAL OF 37 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND YUK WAH STREET IN WONG TAI SIN, TO REGULATE THE USE OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES.

THE TWO-HOUR METERS ARE OF TWO TYPES, ONE CHARGING 50 CENTS EVERY 30 MINUTES FOR GOODS VEHICLES AND THE OTHER CHARGING \$1 EVERY 30 MINUTES FOR ALL OTHER VEHICLES.

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WATER MAINS WORK IN NORTH POINT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 28) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE AT 510-612 KING'S ROAD, 151-171 TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, 44-60 TANNER ROAD AND KAI YUEN TERRACE, INCLUDING UPPER KAI YUEN LANE AND LOWER KAI YUEN LANE.

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