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PUBLIC URGED TO 'PLAY SAFE' OUTDOORS
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OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THOUGH EXCITING AND CHALLENGING, CONTAIN AN ELEMENT OF DANGER, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF WATER SPORTS.

THE WARNING CAME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PETER CHAN WHO WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1985 WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY HELD TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE EAST TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE.

MR CHAN SAID THAT SINCE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG, WERE TAKING PART IN SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THEY SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY.

THE WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY IS AN ANNUAL EVENT DESIGNED TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE THAT PARTICIPANTS OF AQUATIC SPORTS SHOULD EXERCISE COMMON SENSE AND CARE, AND OBSERVE THE BASIC SAFETY RULES AS A MEANS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

IT WAS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER RELATED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AT SEA AND ON LAND ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS AND WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS TO THE WATERFRONT THIS AFTERNOON.

THE ACTIVITIES AT SEA WERE LAUNCHED BY A SPECTACULAR SEA-PARADE INVOLVING SOME 20 VESSELS AND 100 SURF-BOARDS, AND WERE FOLLOWED BY SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS ON HIGH DIVING, SKIING, WINDSURFING, AS WELL AS RESCUE AND LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUES.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS A SEA RESCUE BY HELICOPTER.

ON LAND, THERE WERE DISPLAYS OF VARIOUS WATER SPORTS EQUIPMENT, STATISTICS AND PHOTOGRAPHS. IN A MAKE-SHIFT MINI-THEATRE, THE PUBLIC ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO WATCH AND LEARN FROM VIDEO FILM SHOWS THE TECHNIQUES ON YACHTING, SKIING, WINDSURFING AND UNDER-WATER SWIMMING.

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AIRPORT EXPANSION KEEPS PACE WITH GROWING TRAFFIC

A VITAL \$273-MILLION PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVING AND UPGRADING FACILITIES AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND OF THE NEXT DECADE IS STEADILY GATHERING MOMENTUM.

TO DATE ALMOST \$30-MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT ON REPROVISIONING WORK AND ON A TRANSPORT TERMINUS, WHICH IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE.

THE MAIN CONTRACT OF THE STAGE 5 EXPANSION PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER WITH THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION SET FOR EARLY 1988.

SENIOR ARCHITECT OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR ROGER MATTHEWS, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT SAID THAT IN ORDER TO MINIMISE CONGESTION THAT MIGHT DEVELOP AT PEAK PERIODS, CERTAIN PARTS OF THE EXPANSION SCHEME WOULD BE COMMISSIONED EARLIER.

+WE HAVE PHASED WORK IN SUCH A WAY THAT SOME FACILITIES COULD BE MADE USABLE BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE MAIN TERMINAL DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE RECENTLY COMPLETED \$8 MILLION TRANSPORT TERMINUS REPLACING THE OLD WESTERN CAR PARK, FOR EXAMPLE, IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN FOR USE NEXT MONTH, HE SAID.

THIS WILL PROVIDE ARRIVING PASSENGERS WITH A COVERED AREA FOR TAXIS, LIMOUSINES AND AIRPORT BUSES AND RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE EXISTING ARRIVALS KERB.

MR MATTHEWS SAID THE TERMINAL BUILDING WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARD, OVER THE EXISTING TOURIST COACH PARK, INTO THE AREA NOW OCCUPIED BY THE AIRPORT STORES BUILDING WHICH IS BEING REPROVISIONED ELSEWHERE AT THE AIRPORT.

AT THE DEPARTURES LEVEL ON THE FIRST FLOOR TWO NEW CHECK-IN ISLANDS WILL BE PROVIDED, INCREASING BY ABOUT 50 PER CENT TO 176 THE NUMBER OF CHECK-IN COUNTERS IN THE ENTIRE BUILDING.

THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRATION DESKS FOR OUTGOING PASSENGERS WILL BE INCREASED TO MATCH TRAFFIC FLOWS, AND THE LOUNGE AREA WILL ALSO BE EXPANDED.

ADDITIONAL PREMISES FOR SHOPS, CAFES, MONEY CHANGERS AND OTHER FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE EXPANDED.

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AT THE GROUND FLOOR ARRIVAL LEVEL, TWO NEW BAGGAGE RECLAIM LOOPS WILL BE PROVIDED, IN ADDITION TO EXPANDED IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS CONTROL FACILITIES.

+ALL OF THESE SHOULD GREATLY ENHANCE PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE PROCESSING,+ SAID MR MATTHEWS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (TECHNICAL AND PLANNING) OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (CAD), MR TREVOR OLIVER, SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THE WHOLE PROJECT WOULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO MEET AIR PASSENGER TRAFFIC NEEDS IN THE LATE 1980S AND 1990S.

THE PLAN AT HAND IS TO INCREASE THE PASSENGER HANDLING CAPACITY FROM THE PRESENT 12 MILLION PASSENGERS TO ABOUT 18 MILLION PASSENGERS A YEAR, HE SAID.

THIS WOULD MEAN THE AIRPORT HANDLING 5 300 INBOUND OR OUTBOUND PASSENGERS PER HOUR, HE ADDED.

CURRENTLY, 32 SCHEDULED AIRLINES ARE OPERATING AROUND 1 000 SERVICES A WEEK TO AND FROM HONG KONG -- LINKING IT DIRECTLY TO 70 MAJOR WORLD CITIES WITH NON-STOP SERVICES TO 40 OF THEM.

THE AIR NETWORK COVERS BRITAIN, EUROPE, THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, CHINA, SOUTH AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AUSTRALASIA AND ASIA. SIX OTHER AIRLINES OPERATE AN AVERAGE OF 24 NON-SCHEDULED SERVICES IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG EACH WEEK.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE VOLUME OF AIR CARGO BEING HANDLED HAS ALSO GONE UP DRAMATICALLY.

IT HAS INCREASED FROM 5 732 TONNES IN 1961/62 TO 258 627 TONNES IN 1980/81 AND TO A TOTAL OF 420 000 TONNES, VALUED AT \$109 BILLION, IN 1984.

CORRESPONDING TO ITS GROWTH OVER THE YEARS, THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING AND ITS OTHER FACILITIES HAVE UNDERGONE ALTERATIONS AND ADDITION, MODIFICATIONS AND ADAPTATIONS, MR OLIVER SAID.

VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES WERE SET UP TO STUDY THE COMPLEX, IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER PROCESSING, CARGO HANDLING, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE, AIRLINE'S ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER FACETS OF THIS INCREASINGLY BUSY AIRPORT.

IT HAS UNDERGONE FOUR STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNISATION, HE NOTED.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN THE EARLY 1960S SHORTLY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE THEN NEW PASSENGER TERMINAL. THE SECOND AND THIRD STAGES WERE CARRIED OUT IN THE FOLLOWING 10 YEARS.

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HOWEVER, ALL THESE EARLY PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT WERE COMPARATIVELY MODEST AND WERE PLANNED TO SMOOTH OUT THE AIRPORT OPERATION AND MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS, HE SAID.

THE HEAVY BUILDING PROGRAMME UNDER STAGE 4 BEGAN IN 1974 AND A PASSENGER TERMINAL EXTENSION SUPER-STRUCTURE WAS COMPLETED THREE YEARS LATER, MAKING THE BUILDING TWICE ITS ORIGINAL SIZE.

IN 1976, THE NEW AIR CARGO COMPLEX -- ALLOWING THE INTEGRATION OF ALL AIR CARGO HANDLING UNDER ONE ROOF -- WAS COMPLETED.

+BEYOND STAGE 5 WE FEEL THERE IS LIMITED SCOPE FOR FURTHER EXPANSION, BECAUSE THE RUNWAY WILL BE OPERATING AT CAPACITY,+ SAID THE CAD'S CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, MR PETER BODILEY.

THE COST OF FURTHER WORK ON THE AIRPORT RUNWAY, TAXIWAY AND APRON PAVEMENTS WILL BE AROUND \$200 MILLION, BUT THIS EXPENDITURE WILL BE SPREAD OVER A LONGER PERIOD, MR BODILEY SAID.

PROGRESSIVE REPLACEMENT OF AEROBRIDGES AND OTHER FEATURES, THE UPGRADING AND COMPUTERISATION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT, AND THE PROVISION OF NEW VISUAL AND ELECTRONIC LANDING AIDS AND RADARS ARE EXPECTED TO COST A FURTHER \$150 MILLION.

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PEOPLE URGED TO AVOID CROWDED BEACHES

CLEAR WATER BAY BEACH IN SAI KUNG AND LIDO BEACH IN TSUEN WAN HAVE BEEN GROSSLY OVERCROWDED, PARTICULARLY DURING WEEKENDS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

ON AVERAGE, AS MANY AS 50 000 AND 20 000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VISITING THE BEACHES EACH SUNDAY.

THE BEACHES HAVE BEEN SO CROWDED THAT IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO FIND SPACE FOR A FAMILY TO SIT TOGETHER, AND THERE HAVE BEEN LONG LINES WAITING FOR THE USE OF TOILETS AND SHOWERS.

A MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM WAS THE DIFFICULTY THAT LIFEGUARDS WOULD ENCOUNTER IN CARRYING OUT THEIR WORK OF LOOKING OUT FOR THE SAFETY OF SWIMMERS. HE URGED PEOPLE TO GO TO OTHER BEACHES THAT WERE LESS CROWDED.

/THE RSD

THE RSD MANAGES 26 GAZETTED BEACHES SUITABLE FOR SWIMMING IN THE SAI KUNG AREA, ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND ON THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

AND ALTHOUGH SOME OF THEM MAY TAKE A LITTLE EXTRA TIME AND EFFORT TO REACH, THEY WERE LESS CROWDED, HE SAID.

LIFEGUARDS ARE ON DUTY AT ALL BEACHES MANAGED BY THE RSD AT LEAST FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM.

AT SOME OF THE MORE POPULAR BEACHES THE LIFEGUARDS ARE PRESENT FROM 8 AM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING THE PEAK SWIMMING SEASON.

INFORMATION ABOUT BEACHES IN THE VARIOUS NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE RSD DISTRICT OFFICE.

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INVITATION TO RUN COMMUNITY HALL, CENTRES

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ARE BEING SET UP TO RUN THE SEVEN COMMUNITY CENTRES AND A COMMUNITY HALL IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+APPOINTMENT LETTERS ARE BEING SENT OUT, AND THE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,+ HE SAID.

+THEIR DUTIES ARE MAINLY TO OVERSEE AND ENCOURAGE THE UTILISATION OF THE PREMISES, AND TO IDENTIFY AND ASSESS THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN PLANNING FOR FUTURE COMMUNITY CENTRE FACILITIES,+ HE ADDED.

THE SEVEN COMMUNITY CENTRES AND A COMMUNITY HALL WERE HANDED OVER TO THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT THIS MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED LOCAL REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE FACILITIES AND PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

+IF THEY ARE SUBVENTED WELFARE AGENCIES, NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS MACS, ACS AND DB, OR LOCAL COMMITTEES RECOGNISED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THEY MAY EVEN BE EXEMPTED FROM CHARGES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

/+THE FACILITIES

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+THE FACILITIES MAY ALSO BE FREE OF CHARGE IF A LOCAL BODY RUNS A PROGRAMME FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES, COMMUNITY EDUCATION, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES,+ HE ADDED.

INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS SHOULD OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FORM FROM THE CENTRE OR FROM THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, AND SUBMIT IT AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS IN ADVANCE, HE SAID.

THE EIGHT COMMUNITY CENTRES IN KWUN TONG ARE LAM TIN (EAST), LAM TIN (WEST), SAU MAU PING (CENTRAL), SAU MAU PING (SOUTH), LOK WAH, AND SHUN LEE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRES, KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, AND KAI YIP COMMUNITY HALL.

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STAGE LIGHTING COURSE FOR TEACHERS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE TWO STAGE LIGHTING DESIGN COURSES FOR REGISTERED TEACHERS BETWEEN JULY 22 AND 26.

THE FIVE-DAY COURSE WILL BE HELD IN TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS AT SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AT 2 CHI FU CLOSE IN POKFULAM.

IT WILL CONSIST OF LECTURES AND PRACTICAL WORK ON THE CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF STAGE LIGHTING DESIGN FOR DANCE PRODUCTION IN THEATRES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY HALLS.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION), PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SEVENTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON BEFORE JUNE 24.

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TENDER SOUGHT FOR REFRESHMENT KIOSK
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS CALLED FOR TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENT AT THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND, A MAJOR RECREATION AND SPORTS COMPLEX IN THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

LOCATED AT YEUNG UK ROAD, THE SPORTS GROUND HAS A STANDARD SIZE GRASS SOCCER PITCH, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, TWO VOLLEYBALL COURTS AND A 400-METRE RUNNING TRACK, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSD.

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THE CONTRACT WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, TO AUGUST 31, 1988.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM RSD'S TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, 135 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

THE COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX SITUATED AT THE RSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE, AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE 9 AM ON JULY 19 (FRIDAY). LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD, TELEPHONE NO. 0-444281.

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FOOTBRIDGE PLANNED FOR KWU TUNG
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A FOOTBRIDGE AT THE JUNCTION OF THE DRIVE TO DILL'S CORNER GARDENS AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN KWU TUNG.

THE 50-METRE FOOTBRIDGE WILL STRETCH ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THAT SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WITH A RAMP AND STAIRCASE AT BOTH ENDS.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL PROVIDE A SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, THUS MAINTAINING A SMOOTH FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON THE TRUNK ROAD.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH, AND NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 13.

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RECREATION GROUND FOR TO KWA WAN

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A NEW RECREATION GROUND IS TO BE BUILT AT CHEUNG NING STREET IN TO KWA WAN.

SITUATED ON A 2.4-HECTARE SITE, THE PROPOSED MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATION GROUND WILL PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES -- INCLUDING AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, TWO MINI-SOCCER PITCHES WITH SPECTATOR STAND, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS AND A JOGGING TRACK.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE LANDSCAPED SITTING-OUT AREAS, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A MAZE GARDEN.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER 1986.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN KWUN TONG

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THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 19):

- * HIP WO STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WAN HON STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 160 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * YUET WAH STREET FROM ITS NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH HIP WO STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

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CENTRAL TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY POTTINGER STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, WING WO STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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