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CLEAR SIGNS OF PROPERTY MARKET REVIVAL : FRY  
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THERE ARE NOW CLEAR SIGNS OF A REVIVAL IN THE PROPERTY MARKET, THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR RAYMOND FRY, SAID TODAY.

COMMENTING ON PRELIMINARY STATISTICS AVAILABLE TO HIM, MR FRY SAID EARLY ANALYSIS SHOWED THAT THE TAKE-UP OF ACCOMMODATION IN ALL SECTORS WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER LAST YEAR THAN IN 1982.

MR FRY FELT THAT OF EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANCE -- WITH THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF OFFICES AND LARGER DOMESTIC UNITS -- WAS THE REDUCTION IN SPACE FOUND VACANT AT THE END OF 1983, COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER.

THIS SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT END-USERS WERE TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY, IN THE PRESENT SOFT MARKET CONDITIONS TO +FULFIL THEIR ACCOMMODATION NEEDS,+ HE SAID.

+IT ALSO,+ HE ADDED, +SUGGESTS THAT DEVELOPERS SHOULD NOW BE TAKING A HARD LOOK AT FUTURE PROSPECTS SINCE, ALTHOUGH FIGURES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, THE INDICATORS ARE THAT REVISED FORECASTS OF SUPPLY FOR MOST SECTORS IN 1984 WILL SHOW A DOWNWARD TREND.

MR FRY WAS COMMENTING ON THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF SURVEYS UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S 1984 PROPERTY REVIEW. HE SAID IT WOULD TAKE A MONTH OR SO BEFORE ALL THE COLLECTED DATA IS TABULATED.

ABOUT 28 000 DOMESTIC UNITS WERE TAKEN UP DURING 1983, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE YEARLY FIGURE OF UNDER 21 000 OVER THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS. THE OVERALL DOMESTIC VACANCY FELL FROM 31 700 UNITS AT THE END OF 1982 TO 25 500 UNITS (OR ABOUT 4.7 PER CENT OF TOTAL STOCK) AT THE END OF 1983.

HOWEVER, VACANCIES OF DOMESTIC UNITS WITH A FLOOR AREA OF 100 SQUARE METRES OR MORE INCREASED IN THE FACE OF A CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF SUPPLY. ALTHOUGH THE TAKE-UP, AT 1 800 UNITS, WAS WELL ABOVE THE 1982 FIGURE OF 1 200 UNITS, MORE THAN 2 600 SUCH UNITS CAME ONTO THE MARKET IN 1983, HE SAID.

TAKE-UP IN RESPECT OF ALL THE MAIN NON-DOMESTIC SECTORS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN 1983, AS COMPARED WITH 1982.

RESULTING FROM THE INCREASED TAKE-UP AND SMALLER SUPPLY, VACANCIES IN FLATTED FACTORIES AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES BOTH FELL DURING THE YEAR.

THE RECORD TAKE-UP OF OFFICE SPACE AT 371 000 SQUARE METRES WAS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY, BEING AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 47 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE FOR 1982. NOTWITHSTANDING, VACANT OFFICE SPACE AT THE END OF THE YEAR STOOD AT JUST UNDER 800 000 SQUARE METRES, AN INCREASE OF 38 PER CENT OVER THE POSITION A YEAR EARLIER.

/+IT IS .....

+IT IS APPARENT,+ SAID MR FRY, +THAT SUPPLY IN THIS SECTOR IS STILL AHEAD OF DEMAND.+

MR FRY REPEATED THAT THE FIGURES QUOTED WERE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS ONLY. THE REVIEW WAS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED IN APRIL, AND FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE RELEASED WHEN THEY BECAME AVAILABLE, HE SAID.

A SUMMARY OF SUPPLY, TAKE-UP AND VACANCY WITHIN THE MAIN SECTORS, OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, IS ATTACHED.

QUERIES REGARDING THE FIGURES CONTAINED IN THIS RELEASE SHOULD, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TECHNICAL SECRETARY (MR M.J. WILLIAMS, TEL. 5-7957613), MR FRY POINTED OUT.

PRIVATE DOMESTIC (ALL PREMISES)

	(NO. OF UNITS)			
	<u>SUPPLY</u>	<u>TAKE-UP</u>	<u>VACANCY</u>	<u>%*</u>
1981	34 500	19 300	29 700	5.9
1982	23 900	19 600	31 700	6.0
1983	23 900	27 800	25 500	4.7

PRIVATE DOMESTIC (LARGER UNITS - FLOOR AREA OF 100 SQ M. AND OVER)

	(NO. OF UNITS)			
	<u>SUPPLY</u>	<u>TAKE-UP</u>	<u>VACANCY</u>	<u>%*</u>
1981	2 500	1 200	2 900	7.3
1982	2 500	1 200	3 800	9.1
1983	2 600	1 800	4 400	9.9

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COMMERCIAL

( '000 SQ M.)

	<u>SUPPLY</u>	<u>TAKE-UP</u>	<u>VACANCY</u>	<u>%*</u>
1981	315	178	423	8.9
1982	368	198	545	10.7
1983	270	243	541	10.1

OFFICES

( '000 SQ M.)

	<u>SUPPLY</u>	<u>TAKE-UP</u>	<u>VACANCY</u>	<u>%*</u>
1981	319	203	302	11.0
1982	546	253	573	17.6
1983	591	371	793	20.6

FLATTED FACTORIES

( '000 SQ M.)

	<u>SUPPLY</u>	<u>TAKE-UP</u>	<u>VACANCY</u>	<u>%*</u>
1981	1 122	730	795	7.5
1982	1 041	571	1 219	10.5
1983	621	727	1 089	8.9

\* VACANCY AT THE END OF THE YEAR EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STOCK.

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**\$200 MILLION MA ON SHAN PROJECT DUE  
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A CONTRACT FOR A FURTHER MASSIVE RECLAMATION PROJECT AT MA ON SHAN IS EXPECTED TO BE AWARDED IN ABOUT ONE MONTH.

UNDER THE \$200-MILLION CONTRACT, 61 MORE HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED OVER A THREE-AND-A-HALF-YEAR PERIOD.

WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED THE LAND WILL BE USED TO BUILD THE TOWN CENTRE FOR MA ON SHAN, THE TOWN PARK, A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 20 600 PEOPLE AND A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME (PSPS) PROJECT FOR 18 000 PEOPLE.

A FURTHER 16 HECTARES WILL BE RECLAIMED FOR FACILITIES, SUCH AS SEWAGE TREATMENT, ROADS AND DRAINS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

WORK ON THE FIRST TWO MAJOR ROAD CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO MA ON SHAN WILL START IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR AND BE READY IN TIME FOR USE BY RESIDENTS OF A NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

WORK WILL START AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME ON BUILDING A STATION TO PUMP SEWAGE FROM MA ON SHAN TO THE TREATMENT WORKS AT SHA TIN.

IT WILL ALSO BE READY WHEN THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS MOVE IN.

DEVELOPMENT OF MA ON SHAN, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE A POPULATION OF 300 000 PEOPLE, BEGAN ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO WITH THE RECLAMATION IN PHASE I OF 12 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 16 000 PEOPLE. RECLAMATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND PILING WORK FOR THE NEW ESTATE WILL BEGIN IN MARCH.

RECLAMATION OF A FURTHER 39 HECTARES IN PHASE II IS NOW PROGRESSING AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE READY BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

THIS WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING FOR 23 000 PEOPLE AND FOR A PSPS PROJECT FOR 14 500 PEOPLE.

FOUR HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRY BY THE END OF 1985.

UNDER THE FIRST STAGE OF DEVELOPING MA ON SHAN, 150 000 PEOPLE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED.

THE POSSIBILITY IS BEING CONSIDERED OF A BRANCH LINE OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY RUNNING FROM TAI WAI, SHA TIN, THROUGH MA ON SHAN.

ALTHOUGH MA ON SHAN IS BORDERED BY A COUNTRY PARK, THERE IS PROVISION IN THE DEVELOPMENT FOR A LARGE AMOUNT OF OPEN SPACE AND AREAS OF GREEN BELT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE PRESS CONFERENCE

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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON THE RE-CONSTITUTED FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S FIRST REPORT, COVERING ITS WORK FROM MAY TO OCTOBER 1983.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE MR MICHAEL THOMAS, ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO IS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF FCC, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ROY HENRY, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND DR. HO KAM-FAI, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT GIS CONFERENCE ROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 2.45 PM WHEN A BRIEF ON MATTERS COVERED BY THE FCC REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR STUDY.

TV REPRESENTATIVES ARE URGED TO ARRIVE EARLY TO ALLOW AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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NEW WORK SITE SAFETY LAW EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY

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EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ARE REMINDED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983 WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 1).

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THESE AMENDED REGULATIONS WERE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MORE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR WORKERS WORKING AT HEIGHT AND WERE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JULY LAST YEAR.

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WAS STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS, HE SAID.

PROVISIONAL FIGURES SHOWED THERE WERE 42 783 INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, INCLUDING 86 FATALITIES, LAST YEAR. OF THESE, 16 909 ACCIDENTS, INCLUDING 58 FATALITIES WERE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, WHILE ACCIDENTS UNDER THE HEAD, +FALL OF PERSONS+ ACCOUNTED FOR 2 774, INCLUDING 20 FATALITIES, HE SAID.

THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THE AMENDED REGULATIONS ARE TO IMPOSE SPECIFIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, THERE MUST BE SAFE ACCESS TO AND EXIT FROM EVERY WORKPLACE AND SUITABLE SCAFFOLDS OR LADDERS FOR WORKING AT HEIGHT.

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ANOTHER REQUIREMENT IS THAT A SCAFFOLD MUST BE INSPECTED AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH BY A COMPETENT PERSON WHO SHOULD REPORT IN A PRESCRIBED FORM TO THE CONTRACTOR CONCERNED.

WHERE IT IS IMPRACTICABLE TO PROVIDE FENCING OR RAILINGS, SAFETY BELTS AND SAFETY NETS MUST BE PROVIDED.

A WORKER FAILING TO WEAR A SAFETY BELT PROVIDED AND WHO FAILS TO KEEP IT ATTACHED TO A SECURE ANCHORAGE WILL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$10 000.

A NEW REGULATION HAS ALSO BEEN INTRODUCED TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF MECHANICAL EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES BY UNTRAINED AND PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS TO SEEK ADVICE FROM THE DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THEIR DISTRICTS ON DETAILS OF THE NEW REGULATIONS.

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#### LITTER IS A BIG COUNTRY PARKS PROBLEM \* \* \* \*

LITTERING HAS BECOME A MAJOR MANAGEMENT PROBLEM IN HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS, MR K.C. IU, SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY.

LAST YEAR, HE SAID, MORE THAN 3 600 TONNES OF LITTER - ABOUT THE WEIGHT OF 10 PASSENGER FERRIES - WAS COLLECTED FROM 21 COUNTRY PARKS.

THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 60 PER CENT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. IN 1980, SOME 2 300 TONNES OF LITTER WAS PICKED UP, HE POINTED OUT.

OF THE LITTER COLLECTED LAST YEAR ABOUT ONE-THIRD - OR 1 230 TONNES - HAD BEEN THROWN ONTO THE GROUND.

HE SAID THAT 1 356 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED LAST YEAR FOR LITTERING IN COUNTRY PARKS, AN OFFENCE THAT CARRIES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF A \$2 000 FINE AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

ANTICIPATING THE HUGE INFLUX INTO THE COUNTRY PARKS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, MR IU URGED ALL VISITORS TO USE THE 5 000 LITTER BINS AND STOCKADES PROVIDED.

SPEAKING AT A RECENT COUNTRY PARKS BOARD MEETING, MR HOWARD YOUNG, A MEMBER OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG STEERING COMMITTEE, NOTED THAT THE MOMENTUM OF PROSECUTION OF LITTER OFFENCES HAD BEEN MAINTAINED IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT PROSECUTION WAS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN AND SERVED TO REMIND THE PUBLIC TO BE CONSCIOUS OF LITTER PROBLEMS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING THE PARKS ARE ALSO URGED TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT FIRE WHICH SHOULD BE LIT ONLY IN DESIGNATED BARBECUE SITES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER LEAVES TOMORROW

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A MEDIA FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, MR BOB HAWKE, TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MR HAWKE AND HIS PARTY WILL LEAVE FOR JAPAN BY A SPECIAL ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT AT 10.30 AM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM NOT LATER THAN 9 AM. THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION ON THE TARMAC AND PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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RESIDENTS WARNED OF FAULTY WIRING

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ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY OR IMPROPER INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC WIRES COULD EASILY CAUSE AN ELECTRIC SHOCK OR FIRE.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF KOWLOON WEST, MR TAM YUK-FAN GAVE THIS WARNING TODAY (MONDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

MR TAM ALSO WARNED THAT THE USE OF FAULTY ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES OR SOCKETS WAS ANOTHER COMMON CAUSE OF FIRE.

HE SAID THAT OVER THE PAST YEAR, HIS DIVISION HAD RECEIVED 1 694 REPORTS OF FIRES, AT WHICH 44 PEOPLE WERE INJURED AND 10 PEOPLE KILLED.

+THESE FREQUENCY AND CASUALTY RATES WERE HIGH COMPARED WITH THOSE IN OTHER DISTRICTS,+ HE SAID.

THERE ARE THREE FIRE STATIONS IN WESTERN KOWLOON, TWO OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN SHAM SHUI PO.

A FOURTH STATION FOR THE DISTRICT IS BEING PLANNED, FOR COMPLETION BY 1985.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TSE TAK-KAN; AND THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, MR M. KINGDOM.

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REMINDER ABOUT USE OF PIERS

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MASTERS OF FERRIES, DYNAMICALLY-SUPPORTED CRAFT AND OTHER VESSELS USING ANY PIER OR TERMINAL WERE REMINDED TODAY BY A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TO ASCERTAIN THE PROXIMITY OF OTHER VESSELS BEFORE BERTHING OR UNBERTHING.

+SHIPMASTERS, PILOTS AND COXSWAINS ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE ALL FERRY PIERS, GOVERNMENT PIERS AND PUBLIC PIERS AS WIDE A BERTH AS IS COMMENSURATE WITH OTHER NAVIGATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THE PORT,+ HE SAID.

AND PERSONS IN CHARGE OF ANY VESSEL ARE REQUIRED TO PASS THESE PIERS AT A DISTANCE OF NOT LESS THAN 100 METRES.

+IT HAS BEEN OBSERVED THAT THERE IS A TENDENCY FOR ALL TYPES OF VESSELS TO NAVIGATE EXTREMELY CLOSE TO THE VARIOUS PASSENGER AND VEHICULAR PIERS IN THE HARBOUR.

+THIS PRACTICE IS BOTH IMPRUDENT AND DANGEROUS AND HAS RESULTED IN LOSS OF LIFE,+ HE SAID.

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WORKSHOP OFFERED ON NEWSPAPER USE

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A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS ON THE USE OF NEWSPAPERS AS LEARNING RESOURCES IN THE TEACHING OF SOCIAL STUDIES SUBJECT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN MARCH. TEACHERS OF THIS SUBJECT ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

THE WORKSHOPS, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT SECTION, WILL BE HELD IN DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG, BETWEEN MARCH 5 AND 9.

ONLY ONE TEACHER FROM EACH SCHOOL MAY BE NOMINATED. ACCEPTANCE WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD REACH THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5/F, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 20.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE INSPECTOR, PRIMARY SOCIAL STUDIES ON 5-8392498.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TUEN MUN PROJECT

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A MAIN DRAINAGE BOX CULVERT AT LEUNG TIN, WHICH IS SITUATED TO THE NORTH-WEST OF TAI HING HOUSING ESTATE, TUEN MUN.

THE BOX CULVERT WILL BE 510 METRES LONG AND CONSTRUCTED OF REINFORCED CONCRETE.

IT WILL COMPLETE DRAINAGE OF THE AREA IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTH OF TAI HING ESTATE AND CONNECT IT TO TUEN MUN NULLAH.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES FORMING PLATFORMS FOR VILLAGE RESITE HOUSING AREAS AT TSENG TAU WAI, AS WELL AS ACCESS ROADS, CAR PARKING AREAS AND OTHER DRAINAGE TO CARRY SURFACE WATER AND SEWAGE.

PLATFORMS WILL ALSO BE FORMED AND SLOPE TREATMENT WORK CARRIED OUT IN BORROW AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF PILLAR POINT, TO THE SOUTH-WEST OF TUEN MUN.

THE FILL OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR SITE FORMATION WORK AT TSENG TAU WAI AND LEUNG TIN.

CONSTRUCTION OF THESE WORKS IS IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS. FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL WAS GIVEN AT THE END OF 1981.

THE TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. THEY MUST BE IN BY MARCH 2.

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NT SPORTS GROUNDS CLOSE TWO DAYS

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A NUMBER OF RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS DURING THE FORTHCOMING LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES WILL NOT BE OPENED ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 2) AND FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 3). A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID :

ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG CHAU SPORTS GROUND

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KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT

KWAI SHING PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS  
OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL  
KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND  
WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND

NORTH DISTRICT

FANLING NEW TOWN SQUASH COURTS  
FANLING TEMPORARY TENNIS COURTS

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND

SHA TIN DISTRICT

SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS  
SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC TENNIS COURTS  
SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND  
YUEN WO PLAYGROUND TENNIS COURTS

TAI PO DISTRICT

TAI PO AREA 4 TEMPORARY SOCCER PITCH AND TENNIS COURTS

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND

SHA TSUI ROAD TENNIS COURTS

TSUEN KING CIRCUIT PLAYGROUND TENNIS COURTS

YUEN LONG DISTRICT

SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS

THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY TO SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 4), THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MAXICAB ROUTES TENDER PERIOD EXTENDED

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THE DEADLINE FOR TENDERING FOR THE 20 NEW MAXICAB ROUTES IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 27, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

DETAILS OF THESE ROUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON FEBRUARY 1 (WEDNESDAY).

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY REGISTERED POST TO REACH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 25TH FLOOR, DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON BY 5 PM ON FEBRUARY 27.

APPLICANTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY ANY DEPOSIT FOR THE APPLICATION OR OPERATION OF THESE NEW MAXICAB ROUTES.

ANY PERSON SEEKING OR SOLICITING ADVANTAGE FROM THE APPLICANT, SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 86.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 503.954 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR, THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 416.398 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 71.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 13 DAYS IN FEBRUARY.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICES:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
FEBRUARY 1 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 6 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 7 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 8 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 9 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 10 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 13 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 14 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 15 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 16 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 17 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 21 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
FEBRUARY 25 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM

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