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MORE STRESS NOW ON QUALITY OF EDUCATION

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THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

PLANS ARE IN HAND TO REDUCE CLASS SIZES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND TO INTRODUCE NEW SYLLABUSES INTO SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A WIDER AND MORE INTERESTING CHOICE FOR STUDENTS WITH A BROADER SPAN OF ABILITY, HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW LA SALLE COLLEGE.

+I REALISE THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE FOR LONG BEEN URGED BY THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND AM GLAD THEIR WISHES CAN NOW BE MET AND SO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVED QUALITY OF EDUCATION SO RIGHTLY SOUGHT,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE LAST DECADE HAD BEEN TO ACHIEVE ADEQUATE QUANTITY AND THIS WAS LARGELY BEHIND US WITH FREE, COMPULSORY PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SUBSIDISED PLACES IN SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS.

+IT IS THEREFORE TIME TO TACKLE QUALITY,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+BROTHER SUPERIOR GENERAL, BROTHER RAPHAEL, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

+I AM DELIGHTED TO OPEN THIS SPLENDID, NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOR LA SALLE COLLEGE IN ITS GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR.

+FIFTY YEARS AGO BROTHER AIMAR OPENED LA SALLE COLLEGE ON THIS SITE. TO-DAY THE OLD COLLEGE BUILDING HAS BEEN REPLACED BY WHAT YOU NOW SEE AROUND YOU - ONE OF THE BEST EQUIPPED AND MOST MODERN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG AND I CONGRATULATE THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS.

+THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HAVE BEEN TEACHING IN HONG KONG FOR OVER A CENTURY. IN THAT TIME, THEY HAVE EARNED A REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE AND FOR A STYLE OF EDUCATION WHICH UPHOLDS TRADITIONAL VALUES BUT IS FLEXIBLE TO THE NEEDS OF SOCIETY. THIS NEW BUILDING IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF HOW THE ORDER ADAPTS TO MODERN NEEDS. THE UP-TO-DATE EQUIPMENT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SHOW THAT SIGHTS HAVE BEEN SET HIGH FOR THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT LA SALLE COLLEGE IN THE YEARS TO COME.

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+THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE LAST DECADE HAS BEEN TO ACHIEVE ADEQUATE QUANTITY. THIS IS LARGELY BEHIND US WITH FREE, COMPULSORY PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION, AND SOME 72 PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP ALREADY WITH SUBSIDISED PLACES IN SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS, AND WITH THE PERCENTAGE RISING TO 90 PER CENT BY 1984.

+IT IS THEREFORE TIME TO TACKLE QUALITY. PLANS ARE IN HAND TO REDUCE CLASS SIZES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, AND TO INTRODUCE NEW SYLLABUSES INTO SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A WIDER AND MORE INTERESTING CHOICE FOR STUDENTS WITH A BROADER SPAN OF ABILITY.

+SOME MORE TEACHERS AND BETTER EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES WILL BE NEEDED AND ARE BEING PROVIDED. MORE TEACHERS FOR LANGUAGE TEACHING ARE BEING PROVIDED THIS YEAR, AND MORE TEACHERS FOR CAREER COUNSELLING, REMEDIAL TEACHING AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OVER THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

+I REALISE THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE FOR LONG BEEN URGED BY THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND AM GLAD THEIR WISHES CAN NOW BE MET AND SO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVED QUALITY OF EDUCATION SO RIGHTLY SOUGHT. I HOPE THEY WILL GIVE ADDED ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE WORK OF REBUILT LA SALLE.

+I NOW HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THIS NEW LA SALLE COLLEGE AND WISH THE COLLEGE ALL SUCCESS.+

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IS COMBINED EFFORT,
SIR PHILIP SAYS

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THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT PREVENTION MUST REST WITH THOSE WHO CREATED THE RISKS AND THOSE WHO WORKED WITH THEM, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+ IN THE KESWICK HALL OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC THIS AFTERNOON, SIR PHILIP SAID THAT GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ALL HAD THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES TO PLAY.

EMPLOYERS, HE SAID, MUST ACCEPT THAT ACCIDENT PREVENTION IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH SAFETY LEGISLATION, FOR PROVIDING A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND FOR SUPERVISING AND INCULCATING IN THEIR EMPLOYEES THE HABIT OF OBSERVING SAFE WORKING PRACTICES.

THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, HAD A RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

EMPLOYEES, ON THE OTHER HAND, MUST ABIDE BY SAFETY RULES AND USE THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR THEM.

/SIR PHILIP

SIR PHILIP POINTED OUT THAT THE SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEES SET UP BY THE TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO WORK TOGETHER IN PROMOTING IMPROVED SAFETY MEASURES IN SOME PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES.

NO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PROGRAMME WAS LIKELY TO SUCCEED WITHOUT THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL THOSE WHO HAD A DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, HE SAID.

GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS HAD, THEREFORE, BEEN CENTRED ON THREE MAIN AREAS -- THE IMPROVEMENT OF SAFETY LEGISLATION, STRICTER ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW AND INTENSIFICATION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES.

IN THE LEGISLATIVE FIELD, HE ADDED, THE PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF SAFETY LAWS HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED AND NEW SAFETY REGULATIONS HAD BEEN ENACTED.

IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF PREPARATION WERE NEW SAFETY LAWS DEALING WITH THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS' HEARING AND THE COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS IN CERTAIN HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIES.

ALSO, NEW LEGISLATION IS BEING PREPARED TO IMPROVE SAFETY MEASURES FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WORKING AT HEIGHT.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO DOUBLED THE STRENGTH OF ITS FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND REINFORCED THE EDUCATIONAL COURSES OFFERED BY ITS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT HAD INTENSIFIED ITS PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE SAFETY AWARENESS AND ENHANCE SAFETY SENSE AMONG EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN INDUSTRY, COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, POSTERS, BOOKLETS AND COMPETITIONS.

IN CONCLUSION, SIR PHILIP EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+ WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO JOIN IN THE MOVEMENT FOR MAKING SAFETY A WAY OF LIFE IN HONG KONG.

SIR PHILIP LATER DECLARED THE AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW OPEN BY PERFORMING A +SWITCHING-ON+ CEREMONY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, SAID HE HOPED THAT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EXHIBITION WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG BUT WOULD ALSO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO RE-STAGE THE EXHIBITION IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS IN AREAS WITH LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF WORKERS, SUCH AS KWUN TONG, WONG CHUK HANG, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN IN THE HOPE THAT AS MANY WORKERS AS POSSIBLE WOULD BE AWARE OF SAFETY MEASURES.

+I SINCERELY HOPE THAT SOME OF THE REAL-LIFE ACCIDENT SITUATIONS WHICH WILL SHORTLY UNFOLD BEFORE YOUR EYES WILL CREATE UNFORGETTABLE IMPRESSIONS ON BOTH WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE MORE SAFETY CONSCIOUS,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLYTECHNIC, DR K.C. LEGG, SAID THAT THE POLYTECHNIC'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THIS EVENT UNDERLINED THE EMPHASIS IT PLACED ON SAFETY.

THE POLYTECHNIC FOLLOWED A POSITIVE POLICY IN ENSURING THAT ITS STUDENTS WERE MADE AWARE OF THE PRACTICAL AND THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF GOOD SAFETY PRACTICE, HE SAID.

AS POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES WERE IN THE MAIN EMPLOYED IN THE MANAGERIAL AND SUPERVISORY POSTS, THEY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE THE INTRODUCTION AND CONTINUATION OF SAFETY MEASURES AND PRACTICES.

+IN THE LONGER TERM, THIS SAFETY EDUCATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PROVIDE A MULTIPLYING EFFECT OF SPREADING THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AMONGST WORKERS,+ HE ADDED.

+SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+ IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM UNTIL FEBRUARY 28. ON THE FINAL DAY, THAT IS, MARCH 1, IT WILL OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NEW REGULATIONS ON TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT LAST YEAR OF THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1981.

THE NEW REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) SERVE TO AMEND THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE AND RELATE ONLY TO THE FURNISHING OF INFORMATION TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON CASES OF TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY.

THE ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS AMENDED IN FEBRUARY 1981, DID NOT INTRODUCE ANY RADICAL CHANGE BUT MERELY SPECIFIED CERTAIN OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AN ABORTION MAY BE CARRIED OUT LEGALLY IN APPROVED HOSPITALS OR CLINICS.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, NEW FORMS ARE TO BE ISSUED TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REPLACING THE EXISTING FORMS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF NEW GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY PROVIDED IN THE AMENDED ORDINANCE.

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ONE OF THE NEW PROVISIONS IN THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1981 IS THAT A LEGAL ABORTION MAY BE CARRIED OUT WHEN TWO DOCTORS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF THE FOETUS BEING ABNORMAL.

ALSO, IN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO TERMINATE A PREGNANCY, THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THE PREGNANT WOMAN IS UNDER THE AGE OF 16.

ANOTHER SITUATION IN WHICH A LEGAL ABORTION MAY BE PERFORMED IS IN CASES WHERE THE PREGNANCY IS A RESULT OF INCEST, RAPE, OR RAPE-RELATED OFFENCES PROVIDED THAT THE WOMAN CONCERNED HAS MADE A REPORT TO THE POLICE THAT SHE WAS A VICTIM OF INCEST OR RAPE WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE ALLEGED OFFENCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, NO ABORTION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WHERE THE PREGNANCY IS MORE THAN 24 WEEKS DURATION EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE IT IS NECESSARY TO DO SO TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE MOTHER.

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GAS SAFETY STAFF TO BE SELECTED
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THE CREATION OF A GAS STANDARDS ORGANISATION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT WILL COME ONE STEP CLOSER NEXT WEEK, WHEN INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD WITH CANDIDATES FOR THE THREE KEY POSTS. THESE ARE A GAS ADVISER AND TWO SUPPORTING POSTS OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

AN INTERVIEW BOARD HEADED BY MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER WHO IS ACTING AS TEMPORARY GAS ADVISER, WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

THE CANDIDATES ARE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CANADA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY AND NEW ZEALAND.

THE SETTING UP OF A NEW ORGANISATION TO IMPLEMENT THE UPGRADING OF GAS SAFETY STANDARDS WAS RECOMMENDED BY CONSULTANTS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF ALL SAFETY ASPECTS OF TOWNGAS AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG.

FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF THE CONSULTANTS' PRELIMINARY REPORT THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN AN INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT EXERCISE FOR GAS ENGINEERS LAST SEPTEMBER BY PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS IN RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE RESPONSE WAS ENCOURAGING AND THE APPLICANTS WERE SHORTLISTED TO SOME 20 FOR INTERVIEW AND FINAL SELECTION.

ALL EXCEPT ONE OF THE INTERVIEWS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON, AND THE THREE POSTS WERE EXPECTED TO BE FILLED BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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KOWLOON AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL TV SYSTEM

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A CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSTALLED, ENABLING THE TRAFFIC SITUATION AT MORE THAN 50 KEY SIGNALISED JUNCTIONS IN WEST KOWLOON TO BE VIEWED FROM KOWLOON AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL (ATC) COMPUTER CENTRE.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY, MR LEE KWOK-HUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE DIVISION, OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID: +THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THESE JUNCTIONS ARE CONNECTED TO THE ATC COMPUTER AND THE SIGNAL TIMINGS CAN BE ALTERED REMOTELY BY THE COMPUTER.

+THE ABILITY TO SEE AND MONITOR THE SITUATION WILL ENABLE THE COMPUTER OPERATORS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO MINIMISE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AS THEY ARISE.+

THE CCTV SYSTEM CONSISTS OF 10 CAMERAS ON MASTS RANGING IN HEIGHT FROM SEVEN METRES TO 15 METRES. EACH CAMERA IS CONNECTED BY CABLE TO THE MAIN ATC COMPUTER CONTROL ROOM IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NATHAN ROAD, AND CAN BE REMOTELY CONTROLLED.

MR LEE SAID THAT EACH CAMERA COULD BE TURNED HORIZONTALLY AND TILTED UP AND DOWN- A POWERFUL ZOOM LENS ALLOWED THE OPERATOR TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT TRAFFIC PROBLEM SPOTS.

+FOR EXAMPLE, THE CAMERA AT THE NATHAN ROAD/SALISBURY ROAD JUNCTION CAN BE TURNED NORTHWARD BY REMOTE CONTROL TO VIEW TRAFFIC ON NATHAN ROAD AS FAR AS HAIPHONG ROAD- EASTWARD TO VIEW SALISBURY ROAD AS FAR AS CHATHAM ROAD- AND WESTWARD TO VIEW SALISBURY ROAD AS FAR AS CANTON ROAD,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE 10 CAMERAS ARE AT THESE JUNCTIONS:

NATHAN ROAD/SALISBURY ROAD, JORDON ROAD/FERRY STREET, WATERLOO ROAD/FERRY STREET, TONG MEI ROAD/MONG KOK ROAD, TONG MEI ROAD/LAI CHI KOK ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD/YEN CHOW STREET, YEN CHOW STREET/CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SAI YEE STREET/PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, NATHAN ROAD/GASCOIGNE ROAD, NATHAN ROAD/ARGYLE STREET.

+POLICE KOWLOON TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS IN ARGYLE STREET ALREADY HOUSES A SECONDARY ATC COMPUTER CONTROL TERMINAL, AND AN AUXILIARY CCTV CONTROL CONSOLE HAS BEEN INSTALLED THERE. OUTSIDE NORMAL WORKING HOURS, CONTROL OF ATC FACILITIES IS PASSED TO TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS, ENABLING 24-HOUR COVERAGE OF TRAFFIC.

+THE CCTV SYSTEM HAS AN ULTIMATE EXPANSION CAPACITY OF 20 CAMERAS. EXPANSION OF THE CCTV SYSTEM IS PLANNED TO BEGIN WHEN THE KOWLOON ATC SYSTEM IS EXPANDED,+ HE SAID.

THE SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED BY GEC (HONG KONG) LTD. AT A COST OF ABOUT \$3.4 MILLION FOR ELECTRICAL WORKS, AND HAS TAKEN TWO YEARS TO DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND INSTALL.

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WORK HAS ALSO BEGUN TO EXPAND THE WEST KOWLOON ATC SYSTEM TO COVER THE WHOLE OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA AS FAR EAST AS THE AIRPORT.

+WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED, ABOUT 230 JUNCTIONS WILL BE COMPUTER CONTROLLED, COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT 130. THE ATC SYSTEM ALLOWS SIGNAL TIMINGS AT JUNCTIONS TO BE AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLED FROM THE COMPUTER CENTRE.

+THE COMPUTER SELECTS FIXED SIGNAL TIMING PLANS FROM ITS MEMORY ACCORDING TO A TIMETABLE FOR EACH LOCATION. IF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ARE ABNORMAL, THE COMPUTER OPERATOR CAN ADJUST TIMINGS TO SUIT THE SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

THE ATC COMPUTER ALSO MONITORS THE SYSTEM FOR FAULTS AND REPORTS THEM TO THE OPERATOR. THE COMPUTER MEMORY CONTAINS SPECIAL PLANS WHICH OVERRIDE NORMAL TIMINGS AND GIVE GREEN SIGNAL PRIORITY TO FIRE ENGINES.

+IF THE COMPUTER CONTROLLING TRAFFIC BREAKS DOWN, A BACK-UP COMPUTER IMMEDIATELY TAKES OVER, THUS AVOIDING TRAFFIC DISRUPTION,+ MR LEE SAID.

THE ATC EXPANSION IN KOWLOON IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY NEXT YEAR AT A TOTAL COST OF ABOUT \$38 MILLION.

THE WEST KOWLOON ATC SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED IN 1977 AND INITIALLY CONTROLLED 83 JUNCTIONS. A STUDY IN 1978 SHOWED THAT THE SYSTEM SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED TRAFFIC DELAYS.

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MORE PLACES DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED TO 19 THE NUMBER OF AREAS DESIGNATED UNDER THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE AS PLACES WHERE, WHILE THEY STILL REQUIRE PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE POLICE, PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY ROUTINELY BE HELD.

THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AREAS ARE ALL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES TO CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION.

THESE NEW PUBLIC AREAS ARE SET OUT UNDER THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE (DESIGNATED PUBLIC AREAS) ORDER 1982 PUBLISHED TODAY. THEY ARE LOCATED AT:

ISLANDS DISTRICT: THE OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF PAK TAI TEMPLE ON CHEUNG CHAU=

NORTH DISTRICT: SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND, LUEN WO HUI PLAYGROUND, FANLING RECREATION GROUND, TA KWU LING PLAYGROUND=

/TAI PO DISTRICT:

TAI PO DISTRICT: TAI PO PUBLIC PLAYGROUND AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI YUEN ESTATE TEMPORARY MINI-SOCCER PITCH IN AREA NO. 4=

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT: TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL GARDEN, WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND, KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND, CHEUNG CHING ESTATE PLAYGROUND=

YUEN LONG DISTRICT: YUEN LONG STADIUM, SHEUNG TSUEN PARK AT THE JUNCTION OF KAM TIN ROAD AND KAM SHEUNG ROAD.

FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THESE AREAS AND THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE HOLDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES.

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COURSES ON TEACHING AIDS

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THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE RUNNING FOUR HALF-DAY COURSES NEXT MONTH TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT AND VARIOUS TECHNIQUES ON THE PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL MEDIA.

A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN EACH COURSE ON THE BASIC SKILLS IN THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS AND AIDS, AND THE PRINCIPLES AND THE METHODS OF THEIR EFFECTIVE UTILISATION.

DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITIES SUCH AS MAKING SLIDES FROM BOOKS AND SKETCHES, REPROGRAPHIC FACILITIES SUCH AS TRANSPARENCY MAKING, PICTURE PRESERVATION, GRAPHIC, SCREEN PRINTING, POLYSTYRENE FOAM AND PLASTIC MODEL MAKING, HIGH SPEED CASSETTE TAPE COPYING AND BOOK BINDING.

ALL COURSES WILL BE HELD AT THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT AT 182 CANTON ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

THE TWO COURSES ON MARCH 15 AND 26 WILL BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON, WHILE THE OTHER TWO ON MARCH 19 AND 22 WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THESE COURSES AND TO SEND IN THEIR NOMINATIONS BEFORE FEBRUARY 26 TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR (VISUAL EDUCATION), VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE MAXIMUM ENROLMENT TO EACH COURSE IS 30 AND ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION ON 5-778311 EXT. 230.

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MEDALS FOR FIRE OFFICERS
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A TOTAL OF 198 OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED WITH LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS.

THE PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE AT VARIOUS FIRE COMMANDS, INCLUDING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CHIEF FIRE AND AMBULANCE OFFICERS.

AT FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH POINT, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR BRIAN FENDER, PRESENTED THE COLONIAL FIRE BRIGADE LONG SERVICE MEDAL TO AN ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER, TWO PRINCIPAL FIREMEN, EIGHT SENIOR FIREMEN AND NINE FIREMEN, WHO HAVE COMPLETED 18 YEARS' SERVICE.

MR FENDER ALSO PRESENTED FOUR PRINCIPAL FIREMEN AND A FIREMAN WITH THE FIRST CLASP TO THEIR MEDALS, FOR 25 YEARS' SERVICE. A PRINCIPAL FIREMAN AND A FIREMAN RECEIVED SECOND CLASP FOR 30 YEARS' SERVICE.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, TWO ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICERS, AND 57 OTHER RANKS WERE PRESENTED WITH MEDALS AND CLASPS BY ACTING CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR JOHN BREDBURY.

IN KOWLOON, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR ANTHONY CONWAY PRESENTED LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO TWO PRINCIPAL FIREMEN, 15 SENIOR FIREMEN AND 26 FIREMEN. SIX PRINCIPAL FIREMEN EACH WITH 25 YEARS' SERVICE RECEIVED FIRST CLASP TO THEIR MEDALS, WHILE ANOTHER PRINCIPAL FIREMAN, WITH 30 YEARS' SERVICE RECEIVED SECOND CLASP.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND, 20 SENIOR FIREMEN AND 18 FIREMEN RECEIVED LONG SERVICE MEDALS FROM THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR FRED JACKSON. TWO PRINCIPAL FIREMEN RECEIVED FIRST CLASP TO THEIR MEDALS FOR 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

CHIEF FIRE OFFICER MR JOHN MARCH OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU WHO EARLIER RECEIVED THE FIRST CLASP TO HIS MEDAL FOR 25 YEARS' SERVICE, PRESENTED LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO TWO SENIOR STATION OFFICERS, ONE STATION OFFICER, SIX SENIOR FIREMEN AND ONE FIREMAN.

CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER MR HARRY KENYON RECEIVED THE SECOND CLASP TO HIS MEDAL ON COMPLETION OF 30 YEARS' SERVICE. HE ALSO PRESENTED LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO ONE AMBULANCE OFFICER, THREE PRINCIPAL AMBULANCEMEN, TWO SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN AND TWO AMBULANCEMEN.

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UPGC TO FINANCE BAPTIST COLLEGE
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC) SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING ON THE FUTURE FINANCING NEEDS OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO THE COLLEGE WILL BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE UPGC WITH EFFECT FROM THE 1984-85 ACADEMIC YEAR OR EARLIER IF THE UPGC FEEL THAT THEY ARE READY TO TAKE ON THIS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. IN THE MEANTIME, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE CONTROLLING OFFICER FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDS PAID TO THE COLLEGE.

THIS DECISION WAS CONVEYED IN A LETTER SENT TODAY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE, DR DANIEL TSE, BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY.

THE UPGC WILL CONSIDER THE ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS PREPARED BY THE COLLEGE AND ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE FUNDS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THESE PLANS.

A TEAM FROM THE UK COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS (CNA) RECENTLY COMPLETED A VALIDATION OF COURSES AT THE BAPTIST COLLEGE. THE CNA'S REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE UPGC.

IN THE 1981-82 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE BAPTIST COLLEGE RECEIVED A RECURRENT GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$18.8 MILLION. A \$25 MILLION GRANT HAS ALSO BEEN PAID FOR THE PURCHASE OF STAFF QUARTERS. GRANTS AND LOANS ARE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE TO HELP THEM TO MEET THE COST OF FEES AND LIVING EXPENSES.

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD ISSUES MANIFESTO
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TO PERSUADE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TO REGISTER AS DISTRICT BOARD VOTERS, THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ISSUED A MANIFESTO WHICH DESCRIBES THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN KOWLOON CITY AND SUGGESTS AN ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID RECENT SURVEYS INDICATED THAT OVER 80 PER CENT OF THE PUBLIC NOW KNOW ABOUT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

THE TASK AHEAD WAS TO TRANSLATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCHEME INTO COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND THIS COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF THE PUBLIC'S ENTHUSIASM WAS AROUSED, HE SAID.

IT WAS FELT THAT THE MANIFESTO WOULD GREATLY HELP TO ACHIEVE THIS TASK.

COPIES OF THE MANIFESTO ENTITLED +A BETTER KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT+ MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 1, MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON (3-7110171) AND AT THE CITY DISTRICT SUB-OFFICES AT 32, WUHU STREET (3-632215) AND AT BLOCK 8, HO MAN TIN ESTATE (3-7129181).

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NEW LAW ON ROADWORKS PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLISHED A BILL TO REPLACE THE EXISTING STREETS (ALTERATION) ORDINANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE NEW ORDINANCE.

IF APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BILL WILL PROVIDE IN ONE ORDINANCE ALL THE STATUTORY POWERS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXECUTING ANY ROADWORKS. THE BILL GIVES RIGHTS OF OBJECTION TO ANY PROPOSED ROADWORKS AND PROVIDES FOR RIGHTS OF COMPENSATION.

ALTHOUGH THE BILL IS BEING PUBLISHED NOW AND IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 10, THE GOVERNMENT WILL THEN PROPOSE THAT THE SECOND READING DEBATE BE DEFERRED TO LATER IN THE COUNCIL'S CURRENT SESSION. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REASON FOR THIS WAS TO ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR THE UNOFFICIALS TO STUDY ITS PROVISIONS AND FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL WHEN CONSIDERING AN OBJECTION UNDER THE EXISTING STREETS (ALTERATION) ORDINANCE HAD ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO CHAIR A WORKING PARTY TO REVIEW THE EXISTING LEGISLATION. THIS REVIEW IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES IN THE PRESENT ORDINANCE, INCLUDING:-

- * THE EXISTING ORDINANCE DEALS ONLY WITH +ALTERATIONS+ TO EXISTING STREETS, AND DOES NOT COVER NEW ROAD PROJECTS WHERE AN EXISTING STREET IS NOT AFFECTED.
- * NO PROCEDURE IS PRESCRIBED FOR ALTERING A SCHEME ONCE GAZETTED, NOR FOR WITHDRAWING A SCHEME.
- * THE MEANING OF CERTAIN KEY DEFINITIONS IN THE ORDINANCE IS UNCERTAIN. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS NOT ALWAYS CLEAR WHETHER A PERSON WHO IS AFFECTED BY ROADWORKS IS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION NOR THE BASIS OF ASSESSING COMPENSATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE WORKING PARTY HAD FOUND THAT THE DEFECTS AND DEFICIENCIES OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION WERE SO NUMEROUS AND IMPORTANT THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS INCAPABLE OF RECTIFICATION BY AMENDMENT. THEY HAD REPORTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THAT IN THEIR VIEW THE ONLY SENSIBLE COURSE WAS TO DRAFT AFRESH A COMPREHENSIVE CODE RELATING TO ROADWORKS. THEY HAD APPROACHED THIS TASK IN THE LIGHT OF TWO BASIC CONCEPTS. FIRST, THAT THE NEW BILL SHOULD EMBODY A COMPREHENSIVE CODE THAT WOULD SO FAR AS PRACTICABLE BE SELF-CONTAINED FOR ALL NECESSARY MATTERS RELATING TO OR ARISING FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWORKS OF ALL SORTS INCLUDING TUNNELS, AND SHOULD EMBRACE ALSO THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING ROADWORKS. SECONDLY THAT WITH REGARD TO COMPENSATION A REASONABLE BALANCE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN SERVING THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN ITS NEED FOR THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN ADEQUATE ROAD SYSTEM ON THE ONE HAND, AND ON THE OTHER IN GIVING FAIR COMPENSATION WHERE A PERSON HAS SUFFERED DAMAGE DIRECTLY FROM THE CARRYING OUT OF ROADWORKS. THE WORKING PARTY HAD RECOMMENDED THAT NO COMPENSATION SHOULD BE PAID FOR ANY PREJUDICE CLAIMED TO ARISE FROM THE USE OF ANY ROADWORKS AFTER COMPLETION, OR FROM THEIR EXISTENCE AS SUCH ONCE CONSTRUCTED.

THE BILL, WHICH HAS BEEN DRAFTED ON THE ADVICE OF THE WORKING PARTY -

- (A) PROVIDES IN ONE ENACTMENT ALL OF THE STATUTORY POWERS THAT MAY BE NEEDED (AT ANY STAGE) FOR THE PURPOSES OF CARRYING OUT NECESSARY ROADWORKS;
- (B) GIVES RIGHTS OF OBJECTION AND PROVIDES FOR THOSE OBJECTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL;
- (C) REQUIRES THE GIVING OF AMPLE PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROADWORKS, RIGHTS OF OBJECTION AND THE POWER TO CLAIM COMPENSATION;
- (D) GIVES FAIR RIGHTS TO COMPENSATION WHERE PEOPLE ARE DETRIMENTALLY AND DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWORKS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OR THE EXERCISE OF STATUTORY POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND
- (E) EMPOWERS THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL, WHEN AUTHORIZING ROADWORKS, TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS SO AS TO AMELIORATE OR AVOID NUISANCE ARISING FROM THE ROADWORKS OR THEIR USE.

AN IMPORTANT AIM OF THE BILL IS TO INTRODUCE CERTAINTY AS TO THE PRECISE SCOPE OF CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION FLOWING FROM ROADWORKS IN PLACE OF THE PRESENT UNCERTAINTY UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE. TO THIS END THE BILL SETS OUT CLEARLY AND EXHAUSTIVELY ALL RIGHTS FOR COMPENSATION THAT MAY FLOW FROM THE CARRYING OUT OF ROADWORKS AUTHORIZED UNDER IT.

THE BILL GIVES THE LANDS TRIBUNAL JURISDICTION TO HEAR AND DETERMINE ALL CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE BILL WHICH THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE.

THE BILL WILL APPLY TO ALL NEW ROADWORKS EXCEPT THOSE ALREADY GAZETTED AND AUTHORISED UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE EVEN THOUGH NOT YET STARTED.

EIGHT NT SITES FOR LETTER A/B TENDER

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM REGISTERED OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTER A/B) FOR EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES SITES.

THE SITES, VARYING FROM 370 SQUARE METRES TO 6 100 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, ARE LOCATED IN TAI PO, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG.

FOUR SITES, TWO IN TAI PO, ONE IN TUEN MUN AND ONE IN YUEN LONG, ARE FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE TAI PO SITES, WITH FOUR-YEAR BUILDING COVENANTS OF \$61.5 MILLION AND \$31 MILLION, MEASURE 6 078 SQUARE METRES AND 3 127 SQUARE METRES.

THE TUEN MUN LOT, MEASURING 3 594 SQUARE METRES, HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$49 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS.

THE REMAINING COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SITE IS IN YUEN LONG AND MEASURES 370 SQUARE METRES. THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$4.8 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN THREE YEARS.

TWO OTHER YUEN LONG SITES, SITUATED IN FUNG CHEUNG ROAD, ARE FOR DEVELOPMENT AS SERVICE INDUSTRY WORKSHOPS. THEY MEASURE 930 SQUARE METRES AND 600 SQUARE METRES AND THE BUILDING COVENANTS ARE \$4.47 MILLION AND \$2.88 MILLION, BOTH TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS.

ONE SHA TIN SITE, MEASURING 3 956 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR USE AS A PUBLIC LORRY PARK AND GODOWN EXCLUDING THE STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS. IT HAS A FOUR-YEAR BUILDING COVENANT OF \$36.08 MILLION.

ALSO FOR TENDER IS A GODOWN SITE IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA WITH A FOUR-YEAR BUILDING COVENANT OF \$30.1 MILLION. IT MEASURES 3 300 SQUARE METRES.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS BEFORE MARCH 12.

CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM CNTA HEADQUARTERS AND THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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FREE CONCERTS OFFERED BY MUSIC OFFICE
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A SERIES OF FREE CONCERTS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

MR CHAN HO-CHOI, AN EXPERT IN HI-FI MUSIC WILL PRESENT THREE HI-FI CONCERTS STARTING FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

TOMORROW'S CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE CHIU CHOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD OFFICE, 81-85 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, 10/F., AND WILL FOCUS ON +POPULAR CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC+.

THE SUNDAY CONCERT WILL BE ON +CLASSICAL MUSIC IN POP FORMS+ AND WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WAH FU ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL.

+GEMS OF TCHAIKOVSKY+ WILL BE FEATURED IN THE CONCERT ON MONDAY, AT THE MUSIC OFFICE HEAD OFFICE, 9/F., HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

ALL THREE CONCERTS WILL START AT 8 PM AND TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AS WELL AS EASTERN, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICES.

ALSO ON SATURDAY, STARTING AT 5.30 PM, TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S EAST KOWLOON MUSIC CENTRES WILL PERFORM AT A CONCERT AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL, YUET WAH STREET, KWUN TONG.

PROGRAMME FOR THE CONCERT INCLUDE CHINESE AND WESTERN SOLO AND ENSEMBLE ITEMS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GUEST PERFORMANCES BY THE CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL AND THE HARMONICA BAND OF MONG MAN WAI COLLEGE.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION BY MR CHAN KI-CHAM, AN INSTRUCTOR FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE.

MR MAK WAI-YING, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

TICKETS FOR THIS CONCERT ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC OFFICE MUSIC CENTRES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-283257.

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YUEN LONG SITE FOR TENDER
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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR A SITE IN YUEN LONG FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR ICE MAKING AND AS A COLD STORE.

THE SITE, MEASURING 1 852 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$9 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS AND THE PLOT RATIO IS FIVE.

CONDITIONS SPECIFY THAT THE COLD STORE SHOULD PRODUCE 50 TONNES OF ICE A DAY BETWEEN OCTOBER AND APRIL AND 100 TONNES A DAY BETWEEN MAY AND SEPTEMBER.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MARCH 12.

PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE FROM NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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FIRING PRACTICE NOTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN AND CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAG IS FLYING DURING THE TIMES OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MARCH 2 (TUESDAY)	9 AM - 5.30 PM
MARCH 3 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 4.30 PM
MARCH 10 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM
MARCH 11 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 18 (THURSDAY)	9 AM - 4.30 PM

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