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**CLEARANCE WORK FOR TSUEN WAN SUPER-HIGHWAY
TO START MONDAY
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SEVERAL AREAS OF LAND IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ARE TO BE CLEARED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUPER-HIGHWAY LINKING TSUEN WAN WITH TUEN MUN.

THE NEW ROAD IS DESIGNED TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN TRAFFIC FLOW AS THE NEW TOWN OF TUEN MUN DEVELOPS.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE \$222 MILLION SIX-LANE HIGHWAY WAS SIGNED IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND PREPARATORY WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED. THE WHOLE PROJECT WILL TAKE THREE YEARS TO FINISH.

THE LAND IMMEDIATELY REQUIRED FOR THE ROAD PROJECT INCLUDES SITES AT CHAIWAN KOK, PART OF YAU KAM TAU, TING KAU, PART OF SHAM TSANG SAN TSUEN, SHAM TSANG SAI TSUEN AND TSING LUNG TAU. CLEARANCE WILL START ON MONDAY (AUGUST 19).

OF THE 69 FAMILIES AFFECTED, 17 FAMILIES COMPRISING 69 PEOPLE WHO WERE LIVING OUTSIDE THE LAYOUT AREAS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED LAND BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE TO REBUILD THEIR HOUSES= 40 FAMILIES COMPRISING 218 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING AND 10 FAMILIES COMPRISING 43 PEOPLE OFFERED LICENSED AREA ACCOMMODATION. THE REMAINING TWO FAMILIES CONSISTING OF 11 PEOPLE, WERE INELIGIBLE AS THEY WERE FOUND ALREADY TO BE IN POSSESSION OF OTHER SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION.

THIS CLEARANCE OPERATION WILL ALSO AFFECT FOUR SHOPS AND OVER 60 PIGSTIES.

TWO OF THE SHOP OPERATORS HAVE ACCEPTED COMPENSATION OF SOME \$6,400 AND \$13,000 RESPECTIVELY. COMPENSATION FOR THE OTHER TWO ARE UNDER NEGOTIATION.

MOST OF THE PIGSTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN COMPENSATED AT A RATE OF \$8 PER SQ. FT. WITH THE MAXIMUM PER PERSON NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000.

POULTRY SHED OWNERS AND CULTIVATORS HAVE ALSO BEEN COMPENSATED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, SAID THAT ALL THE PERSONS AFFECTED HAD BEEN TAKEN CARE OF AND ALL THOSE ELIGIBLE HAD BEEN COMPENSATED IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER.

HE SAID MOST OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING HAVE EITHER MOVED OR ARE READY TO MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOMES AT KWAI FONG, KWAI SHING OR SHEK LEI ESTATES IN TSUEN WAN.

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+ONLY 11 FAMILIES HAVE NOT YET DECIDED TO TAKE UP OUR OFFER OF PUBLIC HOUSING,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN TREATING ALL THOSE CONCERNED FAIRLY AND EQUALLY AND TRYING TO MEET THEIR REQUESTS AS FAR AS IS POSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPENSATION AND EX-GRATIA PAYMENT.

+THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET TAKEN UP OUR OFFER SHOULD DO SO NOW AS TIME IS GETTING VERY SHORT,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT AFFORD TO ALLOW ANY HOLD-UP OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD AS THE PROJECT WAS CLOSELY TIED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN AND THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HOUSING THERE.

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NEW ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING OPENING TOMORROW
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE LAM TIN ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING (WEST) TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE OPENING CEREMONY IS DUE TO START AT 4 P.M. AND AFTER SPEECHES BY MISS LEENA KARVINEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND MR. LEE, THERE WILL BE A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY PERFORMED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TENANTS OF THE BUILDING AS WELL AS THE LAM TIN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE ESTATE MANAGEMENT. A TOUR OF THE BUILDING WILL FOLLOW THIS CEREMONY.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PRESS REPRESENTATIVES. THOSE WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY SHOULD MEET AT THE PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 528A, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, BEFORE 3 P.M.

THE NEW ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING IS THE SEVENTH TO COME UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. BESIDES HOUSING THE DEPARTMENT'S ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE FOR LAM TIN (WEST) AND THE OFFICE OF THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER, THE BUILDING WILL ALSO ACCOMMODATE FOUR WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS. THESE ARE THE KAI YIN TRAINING CENTRE, THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A. LAM TIN CENTRE, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS ASSOCIATION LAM TIN SECOND LIBRARY AND THE LING ON NURSERY.

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TUNNEL BREAK THROUGH AT HIGH ISLAND

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EXCITEMENT IS MOUNTING AMONG WORKERS AT THE MAIN TUNNEL OF THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME AS THE MOMENT FOR THE FINAL BREAK-THROUGH OF THE 25-MILE TUNNEL SYSTEM APPROACHES.

THE BLAST-THROUGH HAS BEEN TIMED FOR 12 NOON ON MONDAY (AUGUST 19) WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. W.T. KNIGHT, WILL PRESS A BUTTON AT A SHAFT SITE NEAR SHA TIN TO DETONATE THE FINAL EXPLOSIVE CHARGE TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE EXCAVATION OF THE WHOLE TUNNEL SYSTEM. THE CEREMONY WILL ALSO INCLUDE A LION DANCE AND A GOOD LUCK RITE.

WORK ON THIS \$300 MILLION PROJECT STARTED TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR, WHEN 11,500 ACRES OF WATER GATHERING GROUNDS WILL BE ADDED TO HONG KONG'S WATER RESERVOIRS.

THE WHOLE TUNNEL SYSTEM CONSISTS OF ONE MAIN TUNNEL TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL BRANCH TUNNELS. THEIR SIZES VARY FROM EIGHT FEET TO 13 FEET IN DIAMETER.

THE MAIN TUNNEL WILL LINK UP LOWER SHING MUN RESERVOIR AND THE SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS WITH THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. IT WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO BE USED TO TRANSFER WATER FROM PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR TO HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR.

SO FAR THE WORK HAS GONE WELL AND IS ON SCHEDULE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CEREMONY ON MONDAY. PRESS BUSES WILL LEAVE FOR THE SITE AT 11 A.M. SHARP FROM THE GROUND FLOOR CAR PARK AT MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD (OUTSIDE THE MAIN RECEPTION LOBBY).

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CROWN LAND SALE
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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND IN KOWLOON WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

THREE OF THEM ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT WHILE THE OTHER IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE RESIDENTIAL LOT MEASURES 15,750 SQUARE FEET. IT IS SITUATED BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND BROADCAST DRIVE IN KOWLOON.

OF THE INDUSTRIAL LOTS, TWO ARE LOCATED BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KOWLOON, WITH AREAS OF 11,440 SQUARE FEET AND 10,670 SQUARE FEET. THE THIRD ONE IS SITUATED OFF TAI NAN STREET IN KOWLOON AND MEASURES ABOUT 12,220 SQUARE FEET.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 13 IN THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG, AND FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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'MEET THE MEDIA' SESSION TOMORROW
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ANOTHER MEET THE MEDIA SESSION WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

ATTENDING WILL BE MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHO WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE WORK OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH IS PART OF A SERIES ARRANGED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES TO ENABLE NEWSMEN TO MEET SENIOR OFFICIALS AND QUESTION THEM ABOUT THEIR WORK.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED. TELEVISION AND RADIO CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE THEIR EQUIPMENT SET UP BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON

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NEW CLEARWAY HOURS WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE EDGE OF THE CARRIAGEWAY NEAR THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE IN KOWLOON AS FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 17). THE CLEARWAY HOURS WILL BE FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT EVERY DAY.

EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, NO VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THESE HOURS.

AT THE SAME TIME, NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN A SECTION OF KOWLOON TONG. THIS INVOLVES THE CLOSING OF THAT SECTION OF KNIGHT STREET BETWEEN DUKE STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR A PERIOD OF THREE DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS IN THE AREA.

TRAFFIC MOVING FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD TO THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF BOUNDARY STREET VIA KNIGHT STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EMBANKMENT ROAD, DUKE STREET AND THE NORTHERN SECTION OF KNIGHT STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED IN BOTH AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA UAN, KOULOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI		NO SALE
CHU CHO		NO SALE
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.80
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.72
A1 : SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 : SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.77
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.87
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.67
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		NO SALE
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		NO SALE

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FHO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	NORMAL	5.30	2.00	3.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.90	0.50	1.60
SQUID	GOOD	4.00	0.55	2.40
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.20	0.70	1.50
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.90	0.30	1.20
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.70	0.70	1.40
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.70	1.90	2.00
MELON COAT	NORMAL	2.80	2.50	2.60
BREAHS	LIMITED	6.50	1.40	2.80
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.70	0.50	1.30
MACKERELS	LIMITED	4.80	3.00	4.20
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	1.00	0.35	0.70
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	0.70	0.40	0.55
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	6.00	2.00	4.20
MELON SEED	NORMAL	2.00	0.60	1.30
PONFRETS	SCARCE	9.80	7.50	8.50
GAROUPAS	NORMAL	8.00	6.50	7.00
YELLOW CROAKER				

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES
(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.40	0.50	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.60	0.20	0.40
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	0.80	0.30	0.60
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.45	0.10	0.30
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.60	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.40	0.80	1.60
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.50	0.50	1.00
SPINACH			NO SALE	
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.00	1.20	2.00
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.30
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.00	3.50

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