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PUTTING HONG KONG'S EXPORTS IN PERSPECTIVE
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT HONG KONG'S EXPORTS WERE NOT THE THREAT TO OTHER COUNTRIES' DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES THAT THEY WERE SOMETIMES MADE OUT TO BE.

HE MADE THE COMMENT +WHILE PUTTING HONG KONG'S EXPORTS IN PERSPECTIVE+, TO COMBAT +THE INACCURATE PROPAGANDA+ FROM THOSE COUNTRIES.

+WHAT CONCERNS ME IS THAT IN THEIR WISH TO PUT OVER THE PROTECTIONIST MESSAGE, THE FACTS ARE OFTEN TWISTED. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE DELIBERATE, BUT IT MEANS THAT THE DOMESTIC DEBATE ON SUCH ISSUES IS OFTEN SADLY UNINFORMED,+ SAID MR MACLEOD, ADDRESSING THE DINNER MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

REFERRING TO A RECENT PRESS STATEMENT BY A UNITED STATES GARMENT INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN THAT OVERALL IMPORTS OF GARMENTS HAD REACHED 40 PER CENT OF TOTAL CONSUMPTION, MR MACLEOD SAID: +I THINK WE ARE ALL PAINFULLY AWARE THAT STATISTICS CAN BE JUGGLED TO SAY ALMOST ANYTHING ONE WANTS THEM TO SAY.

+ONE CAN USE VALUE FIGURES OR QUANTITY FIGURES. ONE CAN TALK ABOUT PROPORTION OF IMPORTS RATHER THAN PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL CONSUMPTION. AND SO ON.

+IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE WE CANNOT WORK OUT HOW A FIGURE OF 40 PER CENT CAN BE ARRIVED AT, HOWEVER ONE PLAYS WITH THE STATISTICS.

+BUT THE FACT IS THAT 87 PER CENT OF THE U.S. TEXTILE AND GARMENT MARKET IS SUPPLIED BY THEIR OWN DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. IT IS TRUE THAT HONG KONG'S SHARE OF THEIR IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS IS QUITE HIGH, AT 15 PER CENT. WE ARE HAPPY THAT THIS IS SO. BUT THE POINT TO BE BORNE IN MIND IS THAT OUR SHARE OF THE TOTAL MARKET IS ONLY TWO PER CENT, WHICH I THINK PUTS THE EFFECT OF HONG KONG IMPORTS INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE.

+TWO PER CENT REALLY CANNOT BE A THREAT TO DOMESTIC INDUSTRY, THOUGH I ACCEPT THAT IF ONE TOOK JUST GARMENTS, AND PARTICULARLY WHAT THEY WOULD CALL SENSITIVE CATEGORIES OF GARMENTS, THEN THE PERCENTAGE WOULD OF COURSE BE HIGHER, THOUGH EVEN IN SUCH CASES I CANNOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE AS HIGH AS 40 PER CENT.+

MR MACLEOD POINTED OUT THAT A FURTHER FACT USED TO CRITICISE HONG KONG WAS THAT IN SOME COUNTRIES THE IMPORTS OF GARMENTS FROM HONG KONG HAD INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT OR 20 PER CENT IN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTHS IN 1982. +THEREFORE, THE PRESSURE GROUPS ARGUED SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO STOP THIS. WHAT THESE GROUPS USUALLY FORGET TO MENTION IS THAT OUR MAIN CATEGORIES OF GARMENT EXPORTS ARE ALREADY RESTRAINED BY AGREEMENTS UNDER THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA).

/+OVERALL ABOUT

+OVERALL ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING ARE COVERED BY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS UNDER THE MFA. THUS AN INCREASE IN PART OF A YEAR IS SIMPLY IRRELEVANT; OVER THE YEAR AS A WHOLE THERE IS A KNOWN LIMIT TO THE EXTENT OF IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG,+ HE REMARKED.

REFERRING TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, MR MACLEOD CITED THE FINDINGS OF TWO STUDIES TO SUBSTANTIATE HONG KONG'S CLAIM THAT THE DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING IS NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG.

+THE FIRST IS A STUDY WHICH SHOWED THAT BETWEEN 1973 AND 1979 THE PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES IN THE EEC FELL BY ONLY FOUR PER CENT, AND OF CLOTHING BY ONLY ONE PER CENT. BUT EMPLOYMENT FELL BY 23 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE MAIN REASON WAS A 25 PER CENT RISE IN OUTPUT PER MAN IN BOTH INDUSTRIES.

+MY SECOND EXAMPLE RELATES TO THE UK. A REPORT BY THE BRITISH TEXTILE FEDERATION SHOWS THAT THE MAIN SOURCE OF THE INCREASE IN IMPORTS HAS BEEN — AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE — THE EEC. AS THE +TIMES+ COMMENTED ON THIS REPORT: 'ADVANCED COUNTRIES SIMPLY TOOK UP THE SLACK THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS COULD NOT EXPLOIT DUE TO MFA QUOTAS'.

+I HOPE I HAVE HELPED TO UNDERLINE THE FACT THAT, SUCCESSFUL AS HONG KONG HAS BEEN IN WORLD TRADE, OUR EXPORTS DO NOT REALLY POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO ANYONE, IF LOOKED AT OBJECTIVELY AND IN RELATION TO THE TOTAL CONSUMPTION IN EACH MARKET,+ MR MACLEOD CONCLUDED.

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39 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN APRIL

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THIRTY-NINE NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN APRIL THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 59 IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

OF THESE NEW PLANS, NINE WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, EIGHT FOR KOWLOON AND 22 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDE TWO SCHOOLS IN KENNEDY ROAD AND KWAI SHING CIRCUIT, THE EXTENSION TO THE HOME FOR THE AGED PEOPLE AT TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION IN YUEN LONG AND TWO PETROL FILLING STATIONS IN MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND AND HONG LOK YUEN, TAI PO.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL THE NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$1 437.6 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$676.2 MILLION IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS TOTALLED 355 032.5 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 161 483.7 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 193 548.8 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 43 PROJECTS. THEY INCLUDE THE ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AT THE JUNCTION OF FENWICK STREET AND HARBOUR ROAD, A CARGO TERMINAL IN KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND A CLOTHING INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE AT THE JUNCTION OF SIU YIP STREET AND TAI YIP STREET.

ALTOGETHER, 41 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS IN APRIL. THEY COMPRISE A SCHOOL EXTENSION IN KENNEDY ROAD, A HOTEL/COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN SALISBURY ROAD, AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION AND A BUS DEPOT IN YUEN LONG.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE PERMISSION FOR 44 BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED IN THE SAME MONTH.

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ELDERLY PEOPLE GET PUBLIC HOUSING PRIORITY

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TWENTY-FIVE ELDERLY COUPLES ARE HAPPILY SETTLING DOWN IN THEIR NEW HOMES AT THE FU SHAN ESTATE, AS A RESULT OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S PRIORITY SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY.

THEY ARE AMONG THE LATEST GROUP TO BENEFIT UNDER THE SCHEME, A HOUSING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE SCHEME GAVE PRIORITY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION TO MARRIED COUPLES OR GROUPS OF THREE UNRELATED PEOPLE WHO WERE 60 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE.

+SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1979, MORE THAN 3 000 ELDERLY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS.

+THEY ARE PUT ON A SPECIAL WAITING LIST AND OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING NORMALLY WITHIN TWO YEARS OF REGISTRATION.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID MORE ELDERLY COUPLES WOULD SOON BE MOVING TO THE FU SHAN ESTATE WHERE SOME 100 VACANCIES HAD BECOME AVAILABLE FROM AN EXTERNAL DECONTAMINATION EXERCISE TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING.

IN A VISIT TO INSPECT THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME AT FU SHAN, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR BERNARD WILLIAMS TALKED TO SOME OF THE ELDERLY COUPLES WHO ALL EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE SCHEME AND SATISFACTION WITH THEIR NEW HOMES.

AMONG THEM WERE MR LAM TAK-WING, A CASUAL WORKER AGED 70, AND HIS WIFE, MADAM LEUNG WAI-MING, 67, WHO HAD COME FROM A SMALL CUBICLE IN A CAUSEWAY BAY TENEMENT BUILDING WHICH THEY HAD RENTED AT \$1 100 A MONTH.

+OUR NEW HOME IS BIG ENOUGH FOR US, AND THE RENT IS ONLY \$155 WHICH MEANS A SAVING OF ALMOST \$1 000 A MONTH,+ MR LAM SAID.

HE HAD TO WAIT FOR ONLY ONE AND A HALF YEARS BEFORE GETTING THE FLAT.

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\$60-MILLION BUILDING CONTRACT AWARDED

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$60.87 MILLION CONTRACT TO FOOK WAH CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICE BLOCK IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR FRED WOO, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

MR WOO SAID THAT THE WORK FORMED PART OF THE TUEN MUN CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX WHICH WOULD PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

HE SAID THAT THE COMPLEX, OCCUPYING A FOUR-HECTARE SITE ON THE RECLAIMED LAND NEAR THE NEW TOWN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, WOULD CONSIST OF A 1 450-SEAT AUDITORIUM, TWO GOVERNMENT OFFICE BLOCKS, A LIBRARY, A MAGISTRACY, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, POST OFFICE AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY AND A BUS STATION.

HE SAID, +THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE A LANDSCAPED GARDEN IN ITS CENTRE.+

HE NOTED THAT THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AUDITORIUM WAS AWARDED LAST MONTH.

WORK ON THE PRESENT CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF A SEVEN-STORY BLOCK WHICH WILL PROVIDE 7 000 SQUARE METRES OF ACCOMMODATION FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

MR WOO SAID THAT ABOUT 30 COVERED CAR PARKING SPACES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE BLOCK.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985.

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SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE CHANGES EXPLAINED

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THE REORGANISATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH IN SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS AROUSED KEEN INTEREST AMONG OFFICIALS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH.

A PARTY OF 12, LED BY THREE DEPUTY SECRETARIES FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, MR GORDON SIU AND MR MICHAEL SZE, VISITED THE DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY TO GATHER FEEDBACK ON THE REORGANISATION.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, TOLD THE VISITORS THAT UNDER THE NEW STRUCTURE, HIS OFFICE HAD ADOPTED A WHOLE NEW INFORMATION SYSTEM AND CHAINS OF COMMAND WITH ALL SCHEDULES OF STAFF DUTIES REWRITTEN IN THE CONTEXT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

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FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, THE TITLE OF LIAISON OFFICERS IN THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN CHANGED TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TO REFLECT MORE ACCURATELY THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK.

THE VISITING PARTY LATER CALLED AT THE LION'S PAVILION FOR A BRIEFING ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE NEW TOWN. THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO CHUN SHEK ESTATE IN TIN SUM VALLEY TO SEE TRIDENT PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

OFFICIALS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH ALSO LOOKED INTO CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS ON KCR HOUSE, ABOVE SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION. THE NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, WHEN COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER, WILL ENABLE MOST OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS IN THE DISTRICT TO WORK UNDER ONE ROOF.

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REMOTE VILLAGES NOT FORGOTTEN

IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOOD OF VILLAGERS IN REMOTE AREAS REMAINS A MAJOR CONCERN OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, TOLD VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTHEAST LANTAU DURING A VISIT THERE THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

PLACES SHE VISITED INCLUDE TAI TSING CHAU, YAM O, TA SHUI WAN AND CHOK KO WAN, A SHIPYARD AND A SCHOOL.

DURING THE VISIT, MISS CHUNG MET VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSED WITH THEM VARIOUS LOCAL PROBLEMS.

SHE NOTED THAT WATER SUPPLY FOR VILLAGERS ON NORTHEAST LANTAU CAME FROM STREAMS, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD BEEN ASSISTING THEM BY PROVIDING WATERPIPES THROUGH THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME.

ON POWER SUPPLY, MOST VILLAGES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH ELECTRICITY BY CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY SINCE 1979, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF YAM O AND LUK KENG.

+IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THE DEFICIENCY, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS PROVIDED GENERATORS TO THE TWO VILLAGES TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM, + MISS CHUNG SAID.

+AS FAR AS CLEANSING IS CONCERN, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING CLEANSING SERVICE TO THE AREA ONCE A WEEK.

+AN INCINERATOR IS PLANNED FOR CHOK KO WAN BUT HAS TO AWAIT A NEW DESIGN WHICH WILL CAUSE LESS POLLUTION.

+THE REFUSE BROUGHT ASHORE BY SEA CURRENT TO CHOK KO WAN IS A PROBLEM, AND A LARGE SCALE CLEANSING ACTION WAS TAKEN LAST YEAR DURING THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN AND OVER 1 000 BASKETS OF REFUSE WERE CLEARED AWAY, + SHE ADDED.

ON LAW AND ORDER, SHE SAID THE POLICING OF THE AREA WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MARINE DISTRICT OF THE POLICE FORCE.

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+REPORTING TO THE POLICE HAS TO BE MADE TO THE NUI WO POLICE STATION.

+THIS VERY INCONVENIENT SITUATION WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED WHEN A NEW POLICE STATION IS OPENED AT DISCOVERY BAY,+ SHE SAID.

SHE ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE FOOTPATH LEADING FROM TA SHUI WAN TO CHOK KO WAN WOULD BE REPAIRED UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND WORK WOULD START NEXT MONTH.

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PLASTICS INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY STARTING SOON

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A SURVEY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN JUNE 22 AND 30 TO ASCERTAIN THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY IS PLANNED BY THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE SENT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY RANDOM SAMPLING.

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, VACANCIES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO PERSONNEL AND TRAINING.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THEM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR DENNIS TING, URGED MANAGERMENTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO COOPERATE AND PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION.

+THE SURVEY IS NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT TO THE FORMULATION OF MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE INDUSTRY,+ MR TING SAID.

+THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS,+ HE STRESSED.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE MANPOWER STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-454002 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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MORE LECTURERS NEEDED FOR TECHNICAL COURSES

THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL BE PROVIDING 5 000 MORE PART-TIME EVENING STUDY PLACES IN THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES DURING THE 1983-84 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE TOTAL ENROLMENT CAPACITY FOR PART-TIME EVENING STUDENTS WILL THUS BE BOOSTED TO 25 000, IN ADDITION TO THE 11 000 PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE STUDENTS WHO ATTEND TWO DAY SESSIONS AND ONE EVENING SESSION A WEEK.

THESE PLACES ARE WITHIN THE 92 PART-TIME EVENING COURSES WHICH THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, NAMELY, KWAI CHUNG, HAKING WONG, MORRISON HILL, KWUN TONG AND LEE WAI LEE, WILL BE OFFERING.

THE COURSES COVER A WIDE RANGE OF STUDIES IN THE ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES, COMMERCE, ACCOUNTANCY, TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND ARE AT THE CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS.

AS A RESULT, MORE PART-TIME LECTURERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE UP VARIOUS TEACHING POSITIONS.

QUALIFIED PEOPLE WITH INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE ARE URGED BY THE COUNCIL TO CONTACT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE TEACHING POSTS.

THE COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT THE SUPPORT OF EXPERIENCED LECTURERS IN VARIOUS FIELDS IS NECESSARY FOR INDUSTRIES TO BE PROVIDED WITH A CONSTANT SUPPLY OF WELL-TRAINED MANPOWER.

THE COURSES WILL START IN MID-SEPTEMBER AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THESE POSTS IS JUNE 17.

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DRAMA PLAY FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS

DRAMA LOVERS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TREATED TO A PLAY BY THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY ON SATURDAY (JUNE 11) AT 3 PM AT THE LUT SAU HALL.

SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE PROGRAMME IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG ARTS COMMITTEE, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (NT).

THE PLAY, ENTITLED +CLEVER SERVANT, STUPID MASTERS+, IS A COMEDY ABOUT A SERVANT WHO LIVED IN CANTON MANY YEARS AGO AND WHO TRIED TO WORK FOR TWO MASTERS AT THE SAME TIME - WITHOUT THEIR KNOWING.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND THE LUT SAU HALL.

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NEW ROAD PROJECT FOR YUEN LONG
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A ROAD PROJECT IN YUEN LONG.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

IT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS AT THE YUEN LONG EASTERN ROUNDABOUT, A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND FUNG CHEUNG STREET, AND A COMBINED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE OVER THE YUEN LONG EASTERN NULLAH AND ON LOK ROAD.

WHEN COMPLETED, THEY WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE NORTHERN BYPASS AND THE YUEN LONG-AU TAU DUAL CARRIAGEWAY.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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ROAD REPAIR IN NCRTH POINT
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TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON JAVA ROAD EASTBOUND MAY NOT TURN RIGHT ONTO TONG SHUI ROAD FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 8).

IN ADDITION, NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ALONG TONG SHUI ROAD MAY NOT TURN RIGHT ONTO JAVA ROAD.

BUT VEHICLES HEADING FOR TONG SHUI ROAD SOUTHBOUND MAY NOT TRAVEL VIA THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF TONG SHUI ROAD AND MAKE A U-TURN AT THE LOOP NEAR WHARF ROAD.

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WORK ON SALT WATER PIPES
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 14 HOURS FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 9) FOR WORK ON RENEWAL OF PIPES.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, MA TAU WAI, KOWLOON CITY, SAN PO KONG, WONG TAI SIN, KOWLOON TONG, WANG TAU HOM INCLUDING LOK FU ESTATES, TUNG TAU ESTATE, FU SHAN ESTATE, KAI TAK AIRPORT AND KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 85.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 495.917 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 311.882 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 54.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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