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ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING: CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE DETAILS OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING PILOT PROJECT HAD BEEN FINALISED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TRANSPOTECH ON MAY 23. THIS AGREEMENT WAS SUBJECT TO THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, TRANSPOTECH, MAKING ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FULFILMENT OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS. ARRANGEMENTS SATISFACTORY TO THE GOVERNMENT HAVE NOW BEEN MADE AND THUS THE CONTRACT IS EFFECTIVE.

THE CONDITIONS WERE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD RECEIVE EQUIPMENT FREE OF ANY ROYALTY PAYMENTS DURING THE PILOT PROJECT, AND THAT IF A DECISION WERE MADE TO PROCEED WITH A FULL SYSTEM THE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE PROVIDED AT A FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO SECURED AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY IT WOULD RECEIVE A LEVY FROM EVERY ELECTRONIC NUMBER PLATE SOLD BY THE PILOT PROJECT SUPPLIER IN AN ELECTRONIC PRICING SYSTEM OR VEHICLE LOCATION SYSTEM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD OTHER THAN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR HONG KONG.

TRANSPOTECH HAS BEEN GIVEN APPROVAL TO APPOINT PLESSEY CONTROLS LTD AS THE SUPPLIER OF THE ELECTRONIC NUMBER PLATE AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE PILOT PROJECT. PLESSEY WILL OBTAIN THE ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS FROM MARCONI AVIONICS LTD. MVA CONSULTANTS WILL BE PROVIDING THE TRANSPORT PLANNING INPUT.

LOGICA LTD WHICH WAS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE VALID SYSTEM (VEHICLE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM BEING USED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT) WILL BE UNDERTAKING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO THE STUDY ON HOW BUS FLEETS, FOR EXAMPLE, CAN BE BETTER MANAGED THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC DETECTION SYSTEM.

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HK-SWISS TEXTILE PACT RENEWED

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THE HONG KONG TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH SWITZERLAND HAS BEEN RENEWED FOR A FURTHER YEAR.

THE NEW AGREEMENT PROVIDES, DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1983 TO JUNE 30, 1984, FOR AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION ARRANGEMENT COVERING SEVEN GARMENT CATEGORIES, AS WELL AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY HONG KONG UNDERTAKES TO SUPPLY CERTAIN EXPORT LICENSING STATISTICS TO THE SWISS AUTHORITIES.

IT IS A STRAIGHTFORWARD EXTENSION OF THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRED ON JUNE 30.

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TAI PO HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS READY SOON
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PURCHASERS OF HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS IN THE FAST-DEVELOPING TAI PO NEW TOWN WILL SOON BE ABLE TO MOVE IN THEIR NEW HOMES FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST FIVE BLOCKS AT WANG FUK COURT LAST WEEK.

+THE RECENTLY COMPLETED 1 240 FLATS ON BLOCKS A TO E AT WANG FUK BRING TO 24 258 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FLATS SO FAR COMPLETED IN 22 HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID THE 744 FLATS ON THE REMAINING THREE BLOCKS AT WANG FUK WERE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION NEXT MONTH.

+LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE PURCHASERS OF THE COMPLETED FIVE BLOCKS ASKING THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR MORTGAGE ARRANGEMENTS OR FINALISE PAYMENTS LATER THIS WEEK AND THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED THE DATE WHEN THEY CAN PICK UP THE KEYS OF THEIR FLATS AFTER THE BALANCE OF THE PURCHASE PRICE IS PAID,+ HE ADDED.

THE 1 984 TWO-BEDROOM FLATS AT WANG FUK WERE VERY POPULAR AMONG THE BUYERS AND SET A RECORD IN THE HIGHEST DAILY SALE OF FLATS IN ONE ESTATE WHEN THEY WERE PUT UP FOR SALE IN MAY UNDER PHASE IVB OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

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THREE CROWN LAND LOTS FOR SALE
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR SALE AT AN AUCTION IN THE MARINA ROOM OF THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL ON JULY 28, AT 2.30 PM.

THE LARGEST SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 11 710 SQUARE METRES, IS NEAR FO TAN COTTAGE AREA IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN. IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE SECOND LOT IS LOCATED NEAR WONG FUNG LEK IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 8 530 SQUARE METRES AND IS ALSO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USES.

THE LAST ONE, SITUATED AT TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA IN YUEN LONG, MEASURES ABOUT 1 890 SQUARE METRES, AND IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

PARTICULARS AND SALE CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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HOUSEHOLD SURVEY BEING CARRIED OUT
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING, ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS, A GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY.

THE SURVEY STARTED IN AUGUST 1981 AND IS CARRIED OUT ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS BY THE PERMANENT FIELD STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

A RANDOM SAMPLE OF SOME 6 000 HOUSEHOLDS IS SELECTED THROUGHOUT ALL DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG FOR PARTICIPATION IN EACH MONTHLY SURVEY.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS WERE INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS EARLIER AND ARE SELECTED AGAIN IN ORDER TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR COOPERATION IN PARTICIPATING.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH IDENTIFYING HIMSELF WITH A DEPARTMENTAL IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE INFORMATION.

QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THOSE ON THE PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION (SUCH AS AGE, SEX AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT) AS WELL AS ON THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS (SUCH AS ACTIVITY STATUS, HOURS OF WORK, INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION).

IN ADDITION, SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE POPULATION ARE ALSO ASKED. FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1983, QUESTIONS ON DEMAND FOR AND USE OF MEDICAL SERVICES, AS WELL AS SPORTS AND COUNTRY-SIDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, WILL BE INCLUDED.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT STRESSED.

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BOARD MEMBERS TO HEAR ABOUT BRIDGE WORK
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A CHIEF ENGINEER FROM THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, MR S.S. TUNG, WILL BRIEF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON THE MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE TSING YI BRIDGE AT TOMORROW'S (TUESDAY) MEETING.

AND AT THE SAME MEETING, MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON THE REPORT +A PERSPECTIVE OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG+.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A BRIEFING BY MEMBERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL ON ITS WORK, THE REHOUSING POLICY OF SINGLE AND TWO-PERSON FAMILIES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGES AT THE JUNCTION OF CHEUNG WING ROAD AND WO YI HOP ROAD.

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO BE WIDENED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO WIDEN A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SAM SHING HUI AND PUI TO ROAD TO A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND TO CONSTRUCT FIVE NEW ROADS NEAR WONG KA WAI TO SERVE THE FUTURE TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE RECENT GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 30.

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'JING YING' MUSICIANS LEAVE FOR U.K.

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SEVEN YOUNG MUSICIANS — ONE SOPRANO SOLOIST AND SIX CHINESE MUSIC INSTRUMENTALISTS — LEFT HONG KONG BY AIR TONIGHT (JULY 4) FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS.

UNDER THE BANNER OF 'HONG KONG JING YING', THE SEVEN WERE LED BY MR HOWARD YUNG, A STAFF MEMBER OF THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

OTHER MEMBERS ARE MISS LINDA LI (SOPRANO SOLOIST), MESSRS CHEUNG CHOK-TUNG (ER-HU), WAI SING-FAT (DI-ZI/SOU-NA), CHEUNG KWOK-CHUNG (XIU), SHUM WUN-YIN (PIPA), CHAN KWAN-PING (YANG-CHIN) AND POON CHI-MING (PERCUSSION).

THEY WERE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY MR CLIVE OXLEY, MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR AND ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

APART FROM TAKING PART IN THE LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD AND THE CARDIFF SINGER OF THE WORLD COMPETITION, THE YOUNG MUSIC ENVOYS WILL ALSO PERFORM AT THE HONG KONG STUDENTS CENTRE AND THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE DURING THE TOUR.

THE HONG KONG JING YING WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JULY 21 AND WILL THEN PARTICIPATE IN THE 1983 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP AT ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE IN STANLEY FROM JULY 30 TO AUGUST 14.

MISS LI WILL, HOWEVER, RETURN TO HONG KONG AT A LATER DATE.

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STUDENTS' DESIGNS TO BE SHOWN

MORE THAN 100 FORM FIVE STUDENTS OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS HAVE SUBMITTED ENTRIES TO THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG YOUNG DESIGNER OF THE YEAR AWARD COMPETITION.

ORGANISED FOR THE SECOND YEAR BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL DESIGN.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS WHO SIT FOR ONE OR MORE TECHNICAL SUBJECTS INCLUDING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, METALWORK, WOODWORK AND PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION THIS YEAR.

THE ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY A PANEL OF INDUSTRIALISTS, DESIGNERS AND DESIGN TEACHERS ON WEDNESDAY.

THE BEST ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FROM JULY 18 TO 20.

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WATER FIGURES

STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 89.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 518.661 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 347.662 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 60.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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PARKING METERS FOR TO KWA WAN

EIGHTEEN PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED ALONG HA HEUNG ROAD NORTH OF SHEUNG HEUNG ROAD IN TO KWA WAN.

THE TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS WILL BE OPERATIONAL FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 6), AT A CHARGE OF \$1 FOR 30 MINUTES.

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STREET CLOSURE EXTENDED

DUE TO UNFORSEEN DIFFICULTIES IN SEWAGE REPAIRS, KWAI YUE STREET BETWEEN KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI TAI ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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REPULSE BAY TRAFFIC PLAN

TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG REPULSE BAY ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO SOUTH BAY ROAD FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 6).

VEHICLES HEADING FOR SOUTH BAY ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA BEACH ROAD.

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