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TRAFFIC WATCHDOG FORMED
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A NEW ROAD SAFETY DIVISION HAS BEEN FORMED WITHIN THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE INTERACTING FACTORS LEADING TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

THE DIVISION WILL ALSO BE EMPOWERED TO INVESTIGATE, RECOMMEND AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT REMEDIAL MEASURES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, MR HAROLD BEATON, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, SAID THE NEW DIVISION WOULD BE HEADED BY MR D.G. WILLDAY, WHO WOULD TAKE UP HIS POST ON MONDAY.

MR WILLDAY, WHO ARRIVED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TODAY (FRIDAY), WAS UNTIL RECENTLY WITH THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL, DEALING WITH TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, ROAD SAFETY AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION.

MR BEATON SAID, +THE NEW DIVISION WILL COMPRISE TWO SECTIONS — THE ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY SECTION AND THE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIES SECTION -- EACH HEADED BY A SENIOR ENGINEER.

+THE ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY SECTION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANALYSIS OF THE COMPUTER-BASED TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS AND THE FORMULATION OF GENERAL STRATEGY IN IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY.

+THE OTHER SECTION WILL BE CONCERNED ESSENTIALLY WITH THE MORE IMMEDIATE LOCAL ACCIDENT PROBLEMS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REMEDIAL MEASURES.+

MR BEATON ADDED THAT THE MAIN PREOCCUPATION OF THE ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY SECTION WOULD BE THE SETTING UP OF AN ACCIDENT STATISTICS SYSTEM, REVIEWING THE PRESENT DATA COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS AND DEVELOPING COMPUTER PROGRAMMES FOR DATA ANALYSIS.

+UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIVISION HEAD, THE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIES SECTION WILL BE DEVELOPING TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM OF ACCIDENT BLACK SPOTS.

+THE DIVISION WILL BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER AND ITS WORK WILL BE GUIDED AND MONITORED BY AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE,+ HE SAID.

MR BEATON ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE APPLICATION OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES TO THE PROBLEM OF ROAD ACCIDENTS HAD BEEN AN ON-GOING TASK OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE SINCE THE 1960'S, BUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROAD SAFETY DIVISION WOULD MEAN AN UPGRADING AND CONCENTRATION OF THIS EFFORT TO COMBAT AN INCREASING PROBLEM.

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REDEVELOPMENT TO PRODUCE MORE GOVERNMENT QUARTERS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL RECEIVE THREE TIMES THE NUMBER OF EXISTING FLATS, AS WELL AS A CASH PREMIUM, IN A LAND-FOR-PROPERTY EXCHANGE INVOLVING QUEEN'S GARDENS QUARTERS IN OLD PEAK ROAD.

QUEEN'S GARDENS, WHICH HAS 26 FLATS, IS ONE OF SEVERAL OLD, LOW-RISE GOVERNMENT QUARTERS SCHEDULED TO BE REDEVELOPED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION, WITHOUT DIRECT EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HONG KONG LAND GROUP, WHICH IS REDEVELOPING SEVERAL OF ITS OWN PROPERTIES ON ADJOINING SITES.

IN EXCHANGE FOR BEING GRANTED THE QUEEN'S GARDENS SITE, HONG KONG LAND IS TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT 83 QUARTERS IN ITS NEW DEVELOPMENT IN MAY ROAD, TREGUNTER, WHICH WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR.

IN ADDITION, HONG KONG LAND WILL PAY THE GOVERNMENT, ON COMPLETION OF TREGUNTER, A CASH PREMIUM CURRENTLY ASSESSED AT \$13.8 MILLION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REASON FOR ENTERING INTO A LAND EXCHANGE WITH HONG KONG LAND RATHER THAN OFFERING THE QUEEN'S GARDENS SITE FOR SALE BY TENDER WAS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COMPANY'S TREGUNTER DEVELOPMENT WHICH, BEING NEAR COMPLETION, WOULD ENABLE THE EARLY REDEVELOPMENT OF OTHER GOVERNMENT QUARTERS SITES TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

+THIS WILL ALSO REDUCE THE NEED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO LEASE FLATS IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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REVENUE MAN REFLECTS

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THE NEW OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS CURRENTLY BEING INTRODUCED WERE EXAMPLES OF THE WAY A CUSTOMS ORGANISATION MUST MOVE WITH THE TIMES IF IT WAS TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT TRADE, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH, MR JORDAN REFLECTED: +UNDER THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS TRADERS ARE ENABLED TO OBTAIN HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, OR USE A +MADE IN HONG KONG+ LABEL ON THEIR GOODS, WHEN A PRESCRIBED AND LIMITED INTERMEDIATE PART OF A MANUFACTURING PROCESS IS CARRIED ON OUTSIDE HONG KONG.+

POINTING OUT THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE MODERN ASPECTS OF THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT'S WORK, MR JORDAN SAID: +NO LONGER ARE OUR CUSTOMS MEN PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THE PASSENGER SMUGGLING HIS EXTRA CIGARETTES OR HIS SECOND BOTTLE OF BRANDY. NO LONGER IN HONG KONG CAN WE COMMIT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF STAFF TO COMBING THE RELATIVELY UNPOPULATED HILLS AND ISLANDS FOR ILLICIT STILL. NO LONGER CAN WE AFFORD TO SEND A CUSTOMS LAUNCH ON AN EXPLORATORY PATROL SOLELY TO PROVIDE A POSSIBLE DETERRENT TO WOULD-BE SMUGGLERS.+

/HE SAID

HE SAID THAT TODAY THE CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS DEPARTMENT WAS A SOPHISTICATED, HIGHLY-TRAINED ORGANISATION WITH A VERY HIGH REPUTATION, COLLABORATING WITH ITS COUNTERPARTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

ITS WORK INVOLVES NOT ONLY ITS REVENUE RESPONSIBILITIES BUT INCREASINGLY, TRADE FACILITATION WHICH COVERED IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENSING, ORIGIN CERTIFICATION, QUOTA CONTROL AND ALL +THE CAREFULLY TAILORED ARRANGEMENTS BY WHICH HONG KONG TRADE CAN MATCH THE RESTRAINTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS OVERSEAS.+

IN ADDITION TO DESCRIBING THESE TWO AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES, MR JORDAN SAID: +IN THE INVESTIGATIVE FIELD, THE HONG KONG SERVICE STRIKES AT THOSE WHO WOULD BRING HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL TRADING REPUTATION INTO DISREPUTE -- THE QUOTA EVADERS, THE COUNTERFEITERS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S COPYRIGHT AND TRADE MARK PROPERTY AND ANY PERSONS WHO BY THEIR DISHONEST PRACTICES BRING INTO JEOPARDY THE TRADING POTENTIAL AND REPUTATION OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF DECENT HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN.+

+IN OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, WE ARE ENGAGED HEAVILY IN COUNTERING THE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS. IN THIS FIELD WE HAVE HAD OUTSTANDING SUCCESS, BOTH AT THE POINTS OF ENTRY AND IN THE HINTERLAND. LAST YEAR WE SEIZED 145 KILOS OF HEROIN, HEROIN BASE AND MORPHINE OR ENOUGH TO PROVIDE 1.5 MILLION DOSES TO SATISFY THE CRAVINGS OF 10 000 ADDICTS FOR 75 DAYS.

+ALL THESE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE A FAR HAUL FROM THE DAYS WHEN THE REVENUE MEN WERE CONCERNED ONLY WITH LIQUOR, TOBACCO AND VERY LITTLE ELSE.

+AS WE MODERNISE AND COMPLETE OUR REORGANISATION OF THE ORGANISATION DURING THIS YEAR, WE ARE DOING SO WITH ONE AIM, THAT OF IMPROVING THE SERVICE WE OFFER TO HONG KONG,+ CONCLUDED MR JORDAN.

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MORE BURIAL SITES FOR WO HOP SHEK
CEMETERY AND REVISION OF FEES FOR BURIALS
AND CREMATIONS
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SPEND \$6.7 MILLION ON 6 700 MORE BURIAL SITES AT AN EXTENSION TO THE WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY.

FORMATION WORK ON ABOUT SIX HECTARES AT THE CEMETERY FOR COFFIN BURIAL HAS STARTED AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID MOST OF THE 64 000 COFFIN BURIAL SITES AT THE CEMETERY ARE OCCUPIED. THERE ARE ANOTHER 93 000 SITES FOR URN BURIAL.

LAST YEAR'S COFFIN BURIALS TOOK UP 9 896 SITES WHILE URN BURIAL OCCUPIED 5 252 SPACES IN THE CEMETERY.

AND THE KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM RECORDED 2 397 CREMATIONS DURING THE YEAR, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

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MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE REVISION OF FEES FOR BURIALS, CREMATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO THE DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY), THE FEE FOR A BURIAL SITE AT A PUBLIC CEMETERY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE \$250 FOR AN ADULT AND \$125 FOR THE INTERMENT OF A CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE, COMPARED WITH THE OLD FEES OF \$60 AND \$30 RESPECTIVELY.

ALL HUMAN REMAINS WHICH ARE INTERRED IN PUBLIC CEMETERIES ARE REQUIRED TO BE EXHUMED AFTER SIX YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. THE GRAVES ARE THEN REUSED.

AS FOR THE PERMANENT URN GRAVE SPACE IN THE PUBLIC CEMETERIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CHARGE WILL INCREASE FROM \$100 TO \$430.

IN THE CASE OF CREMATION OF AN ADULT AND A CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE, THE FEES WILL BE \$120 AND \$60 RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT FEE OF \$60 AND \$30. THIS WILL BRING THEM IN LINE WITH THE FEES FOR CREMATION IN THE URBAN AREA.

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE TEMPORARY STORAGE OF ASHES FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS BUT A FEE OF \$50 WILL BE IMPOSED FOR EACH MONTH OR PART OF A MONTH THEREAFTER.

FOR THE PERMANENT PLACING OF ASHES IN A COLUMBARIUM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, A SUM OF \$1 000 WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH STANDARD NICHE CAPABLE OF HOLDING TWO URNS (PREVIOUSLY \$500) AND \$4 000 FOR EACH FAMILY NICHE CAPABLE OF HOLDING FOUR URNS (PREVIOUSLY \$2 000).

CHARGES FOR THE PLACING OF A MEMORIAL TABLET ON THE WALL OF A COLUMBARIUM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, OR A TREE PLANTED IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE OF A CREMATORIUM INCREASES FROM \$25 TO \$50.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE REVISION OF FEES FOR BURIALS AND CREMATIONS IS TO REFLECT MORE REALISTICALLY GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON THESE SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, THE 30 PER CENT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY ON BURIAL FEES IS RETAINED. THERE IS ALSO A 50 PER CENT SUBSIDY ON CREMATION FEES IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF CREMATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO BURIAL, HE ADDED.

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GAINS TAX BILL GAZETTED

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THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1981, WHICH SEEKS TO CLARIFY THE LIABILITY TO TAX OF GAINS ARISING ON CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AND BILLS OF EXCHANGE, WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTENTION TO INTRODUCE THIS LEGISLATION WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS 1980 BUDGET SPEECH.

THE BILL WILL ALSO

- * REMOVE AN ANOMALY UNDER WHICH INTEREST, ALREADY SUBJECT TO WITHHOLDING TAX, PAID BY TRUSTEES TO BENEFICIARIES IS CHARGED TO TAX A SECOND TIME=
- * CLARIFY THE PROFITS TAX LIABILITY OF TRUSTEES WHO CARRY ON A TRADE, PROFESSION OR BUSINESS IN HONG KONG= AND
- * RATIFY THE LONG ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF GRANTING DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCES ON CAPITALISED INTEREST INCURRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF BUILDINGS AND MACHINERY OR PLANT.

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FIRE BAN TO BE LIFTED IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK

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THE BAN ON THE LIGHTING OF FIRES IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK WILL BE LIFTED FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE DECISION TO LIFT THE BAN, IMPOSED ON JANUARY 16, WAS MADE IN VIEW OF THE WET WEATHER CONDITIONS IN RECENT DAYS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HOWEVER, HE EMPHASISED THAT DESPITE THE REMOVAL OF THE BAN, PICNICKERS SHOULD ONLY BARBECUE IN DESIGNATED AREAS AND CAMPING SITES. IT IS AN OFFENCE TO BARBECUE ANYWHERE ELSE IN A COUNTRY PARK.

HE REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT LIGHTING FIRES ILLEGALLY IN THE COUNTRY PARKS COULD RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR ILLEGAL FIRES ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IS \$2 000.

A TOTAL OF 211 CASES OF ILLEGAL FIRES WERE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURTS LAST YEAR. THESE RESULTED IN FINES TOTTALLING \$36 850 BEING IMPOSED ON THE OFFENDERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. ANOTHER 40 CASES ARE STILL AWAITING HEARING.

+THE BAN ON LIGHTING FIRES COULD BE RE-INTRODUCED IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY PARKS SHOULD WEATHER BECOME WINDY AND DRY AGAIN,+ HE SAID.

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+FIRE IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE THREAT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE AND NO ONE SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE THE DANGER TO LARGE AREAS OF THE TERRITORY BY THE CARELESSNESS OF PERSONS VISITING THE COUNTRYSIDE.+

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED FARMERS TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE WHEN BURNING RUBBISH AND WEEDS ON THEIR FARMS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THEY SHOULD INFORM STAFF AT THE NEAREST COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE OR SEEK THEIR ASSISTANCE WHERE NECESSARY, BEFORE LIGHTING A FIRE.

FARMERS SHOULD ALSO HAVE BUCKETS OF WATER AND FIRE BEATERS READY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF FIRE TO ADJOINING COUNTRYSIDE. THEY SHOULD POSTPONE THE BURNING WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE DRY AND WINDY.

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U.C. NOMINATIONS

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THE RETURNING OFFICER, MR THOMAS TSO MAN-TAI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT NINE NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION ON MARCH 5.

THE CANDIDATES ARE: MESSRS FRANCIS CHAINE, CHAM PO-CHEUNG, CHAN CHAN-NAM, PETER CHAN CHI-KWAN, PETER CHAN PO-FUN, CHOI KWOK-CHING, CHOW WAI-HUNG, SHUM KUI-CHUNG AND TSIN SAI-NIN.

THE ELECTION WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM.

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RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR FIRE OFFICERS

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO LAUNCH A RECRUITING DRIVE FOR STATION OFFICERS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID APPLICANTS WHO MEET BASIC EDUCATIONAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIREMENTS BUT WITH ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE USEFUL IN THEIR NEW CAREER WILL BE OFFERED HIGHER STARTING SALARY.

THIS INCLUDES EXPERIENCE IN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OR ADMINISTRATION, TECHNICAL OR SCIENTIFIC FIELDS, TEACHING OR ANY OF THE AUXILIARY SERVICES.

+UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL INCREMENTS CAN BE AWARDED TO A RECRUIT STATION OFFICER. A MATRICULANT WITH CONSIDERABLE RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, CAN START WITH A SALARY OF \$4 720, RISING TO \$8 450 AND WITH PROSPECTS OF PROMOTION TO HIGHER RANKS,+ HE SAID.

+A FIRE OFFICER IN HONG KONG IS A CAREER WORTH PURSUING FOR IT OFFERS JOB SATISFACTION, COMRADESHIP AND A HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFE AS A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.+

LAST YEAR THE SERVICES RESPONDED TO SOME 241 000 EMERGENCIES OF WHICH MORE THAN 19 500 WERE FIRE AND SPECIAL SERVICES ALARMS. IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, ABOUT 218 000 CALLS WITH MORE THAN 18 700 FIRE AND SPECIAL SERVICES ALARMS WERE RECEIVED.

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DURING THE FOUR-WEEK RECRUITMENT EXERCISE TWO RECRUITING CENTRES WILL BE SET UP, ONE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN KOWLOON.

THE HONG KONG ISLAND CENTRE WILL BE AT THE HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION AND THE KOWLOON CENTRE AT TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION, CANTON ROAD.

THE CENTRES WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICERS VIEW TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENTS

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A PARTY OF 20 NEWLY-APPOINTED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TOURED TSUEN WAN THIS AFTERNOON (FRIDAY) TO SEE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS.

THEY BEGAN AT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, AND OTHER OFFICERS ON TOWN PLANNING AND THE URBAN RENEWAL SCHEME. THEY ALSO WATCHED A FILM ON NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT.

THEY THEN WENT TO THE ROOF OF THE FOU WAH CENTRE FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE AREA AND OF THE VARIOUS PROJECTS NOW TAKING PLACE, INCLUDING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION WHICH WILL BE READY BY MID-1982.

THE PARTY THEN VISITED SAM TUNG UK, THE VILLAGE SITE RECENTLY DECLARED A MONUMENT, AND HOI PA VILLAGE AND SQUATTER AREA, WHERE THEY SAW SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN RESITING THESE OLD COMMUNITIES AND REHOUSING AND COMPENSATING THE RESIDENTS.

LATER, THEY VISITED TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WHERE THE THIRD TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL IS TAKING PLACE. THE TOWN HALL IS ALSO A CENTRE FOR ALL LOCAL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

THE TOUR WAS PART OF A FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME FOR NEWLY-APPOINTED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS OFFICERS. IT WAS ORGANISED BY THE TRAINING DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

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TUEN MUN TO HOLD COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK

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A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK WILL BE OPENED IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 22) BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM.

ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS, A SERIES OF EVENTS WILL BE HELD DURING THE WEEK WITH THE AIM OF KEEPING TUEN MUN RESIDENTS INFORMED OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN.

ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS IS A FUN FAIR WHICH WILL OPEN AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

BESIDES GAMES STALLS SET UP BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT VEHICLES WILL BE ON DISPLAY TO PUBLICISE THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY A SCHOOL BAND AND A MOTOR CYCLE DEMONSTRATION TEAM FROM THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, AS WELL AS AN EXHIBITION AT TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL. EXHIBITS WILL INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHS AND CAPTIONS SHOWING PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE NEW TOWN, STATISTICS ON POPULATION AND THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, AND FIGHT CRIME EQUIPMENT. A FILM ON THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE SHOWN.

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK WILL BE A CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY NEXT SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 28) AND A CULTURAL NIGHT ON MARCH 1.

TICKETS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S FAIR ARE AVAILABLE FROM TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI HING PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE AND TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

NEW TERRITORIES ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAY

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 22) IN THE NEW TERRITORIES :

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
(1)	11 AM	OPENING OF NT BASKETBALL LEAGUE	OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL STADIUM, KWAI CHUNG
(2)	1.30 PM	OPENING OF TUEN MUN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK	TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND, HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD
(3)	2.45 PM	GIRL GUIDE THINKING DAY CELEBRATION	YUEN LONG STADIUM

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT EVENTS (1) AND (3) WHILE THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT EVENT (2).

TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 10 AM TO TAKE THE PRESS TO COVER ALL THREE EVENTS. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KENNEDY TOWN

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KENNEDY TOWN FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORKS ALONG KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, COLLINSON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE WAY EASTBOUND= SAI CHEUNG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE WAY WESTBOUND= AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA BETWEEN COLLINSON STREET AND SAI CHEUNG STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AND ANY VEHICLES PARKED BESIDE THE RENEWAL WORKS AREA WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY POLICE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN MARCH

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON 16 DAYS IN THE CASTLE PEAK/ HA TSUEN RANGE NEXT MONTH (MARCH).

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

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MARCH 3 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 9 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 10 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 11 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 12 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 8 PM
MARCH 13 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 16 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 17 (TUESDAY)	9 AM - 3 PM
MARCH 18 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 2 PM
MARCH 19 (THURSDAY)	9 AM - 2 PM
MARCH 20 (FRIDAY)	9 AM - 2 PM
MARCH 23 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 24 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 25 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 26 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 27 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM

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