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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER SAID THIS WHEN ADDRESSING THE 5TH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

+HONG KONG IS FORTUNATE INDEED TO HAVE A QUITE REMARKABLE LABOUR FORCE -- FLEXIBLE AND HARD-WORKING,+ HE SAID.

+THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO SHARE FAIRLY IN OUR PROSPERITY -- -- A PROSPERITY WHICH THEY HAVE LARGELY HELPED TO CREATE.+

+YOU MUST KNOW OF THE POOR UNFORTUNATES AMONGST US WHO CANNOT KEEP UP WITH THE PACE, WHO SLIP THROUGH THE SOMEWHAT MEAGRE SAFETY NETS GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE TO CATCH AND HELP THEM.+

+YOU ARE AWARE THAT WE NEED NOT ONLY THE EXPERTISE, THE PROFESSIONALISM, THE IDEAS, BUT ALSO THE PEOPLE WHO CARRY OUT THOSE IDEAS -- WHO ACTUALLY MAKE, BUILD, DIG, AND SOMETIMES SADLY DIE IN THE ENDEAVOUR.+

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR JACK CATER'S SPEECH :

+IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TONIGHT TO BE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS OF THE FLOURISHING INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, ESPECIALLY AFTER PARTAKING OF SUCH AN ENJOYABLE MEAL; AND THANK YOU TOO, SIR, FOR THE KIND WORDS YOU HAVE SAID ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE OVER-KIND THINGS YOU HAVE SAID ABOUT ME.

+I USED THE WORD +FLOURISHING+ TO DESCRIBE YOUR INSTITUTION DELIBERATELY AND ADVISEDLY. FOR THERE CAN BE FEW PROFESSIONAL BODIES IN HONG KONG WITH A LARGER OR MORE ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBERSHIP. AND SO IT SHOULD BE. MEMBERS OF THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION, IN ALL ITS BRANCHES, HAVE BEEN CHANGING THE FACE OF HONG KONG AND OTHER VITAL, OFTEN UNSEEN, PARTS OF THE BODY CORPORATE, FOR WELL OVER A CENTURY AND, AFTER ALL THAT PRACTICE, YOU SEEM NOW TO HAVE WHIPPED YOURSELVES INTO WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A VERITABLE FRENZY OF ACTIVITY WITH NO SIGN OF A LET-UP. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT NOWADAYS HONG KONG IS ONE VAST CONSTRUCTION SITE; BUT I AM TOLD BY THOSE IN AUTHORITY THAT THAT IS A SLIGHT EXAGGERATION; ONLY ABOUT A HALF OF IT CAN BE SAID TO FIT THAT DESCRIPTION AT ANY ONE TIME! BE THAT AT IT MAY, HOWEVER, HONG KONG IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MECCAS -- OR SHOULD I SAY ONE OF THE CORNUCOPIAS -- OF INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY FIRMS: THE HORN OF PLENTY, OVERFLOWING WITH CEMENT, SAND AND AGGREGATE -- AND, I IMAGINE, FAIRISH PROFITS.

/+ONLY A .....

+ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OFFICIALLY OPENED TWO PROJECTS — THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM OF THE MTR AND THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME — WHICH IN THEMSELVES CONSTITUTE MAJOR ENGINEERING FEATS OF THE FIRST ORDER, EVEN BY WORLD STANDARDS. I DOUBT WHETHER ANY UNDERGROUND RAILWAY SYSTEM OF COMPARABLE LENGTH HAS BEEN BUILT MORE RAPIDLY THAN OUR MTR — FOUR YEARS AND THREE MONTHS — AND I DOUBT TOO WHETHER ANY HAS BEEN BUILT THROUGH SUCH DENSELY POPULATED AREAS, OR INDEED WITHIN THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE. IN DUE COURSE IT WILL BECOME THE MOST HEAVILY UTILISED UNDERGROUND RAILWAY SYSTEM IN THE WORLD PER MILE OF TRACK.

+THE MTR IS NOT ALONE IN THE TUNNELLING BUSINESS EITHER: I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT 40KM OF TUNNELS WERE CONSTRUCTED FOR THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME. AND THIS NEW WATER SCHEME HAS NOW BEEN BACKED-UP BY THE IMPORTANT ARRANGEMENTS MADE RECENTLY WITH REGARD TO SUPPLIES FROM CHINA WHICH PROMISES TO MEET OUR FORECAST DEMAND OF UP TO 620 MILLION CUBIC METRES PER ANNUM BY 1994/5.

+AGAIN, AS YOU KNOW, WORK IS NOW PROCEEDING AT FULL SPEED ON THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION OF THE MTR WHICH SHOULD BE READY FOR OPERATION BEFORE THE END OF 1982. THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KCR IS ALSO WELL UNDER WAY. FURTHERMORE, A DECISION IS EXPECTED BEFORE LONG ON A RAIL-BASED SYSTEM FOR THE HONG KONG ISLAND CORRIDOR. INTERCHANGE STATIONS AT ADMIRALTY ON THE ISLAND AND AT KOWLOON TONG WILL ENSURE THAT IN A FEW YEARS' TIME THERE WILL BE AN INTEGRATED RAILWAY NETWORK, REACHING INTO MOST OF THE DENSELY POPULATED PARTS OF THE URBAN AREA AND THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

+THEN THERE ARE THE NEW TOWNS .... AND HERE WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE REAL CONCRETE RESULTS (AND I USE THAT WORD ADVISEDLY TOO!) IN TERMS OF HOMES, FACTORIES, COMMERCIAL AREAS AND OTHER BUILDINGS — AS IS EVIDENT IN SHA TIN, TUEN MUN AND THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING AREAS OF TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG. CONSIDERABLE DEVELOPMENT IS ALSO THERE FOR ALL TO SEE IN TAI PO AND YUEN LONG — AND SOON WILL BE IN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI. BY THE LATE 80S, WHEN ALL THESE TOWNS ARE DEVELOPED TO THEIR FULL CAPACITY, THEY WILL BETWEEN THEM CONTAIN A POPULATION OF AT LEAST 2-1/2 MILLION: A FAR CRY FROM THE COUNTRY TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES I CAME TO KNOW SO WELL IN 1945 AND IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED.

+NEEDLESS TO SAY, ALL THIS HAS INVOLVED A GREAT DEAL OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING EFFORT, WHETHER IN RECLAMATIONS AND CLEARANCES OF LAND, THE PLANNING OF LAYOUTS AND LAND USES, ROADS, WATER SUPPLIES, DRAINS, SEWAGE-TREATMENT-WORKS, AND SO ON. IT IS THE LATEST, AND IN MANY WAYS THE MOST AUDACIOUS, EXAMPLE OF HOW THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION IN ITS WIDER SENSE, HELPED BY OTHERS INCLUDING ARCHITECTS AND SURVEYORS ARE CONTINUING TO CHANGE HONG KONG.

+MR PRESIDENT, GENTLEMEN, BEFORE I EMBARKED ON THE PLEASANT DUTY OF CONSTRUCTING A SPEECH TO DELIVER TONIGHT I DID RATHER WONDER WHAT MANNER OF MEN I SHOULD BE ADDRESSING. WHAT, I ASKED MYSELF, IS AN ENGINEER? ENGINEERS, I KNOW, COME IN INNUMERABLE DIFFERENT MAKES, AND APPARENTLY IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. THEY ARE VERY CIVIL, ELECTRIFYINGLY CLEVER, MECHANICALLY-STRUCTURED, HEATED, STEAMED AND THEREAFTER BLESSEDLY SANITARY.

/+ (ANYWAY) I .....

+ (ANYWAY) I THEN OBTAINED A COPY OF YOUR ORDINANCE — WHICH I RECALLED WOULD HELP A LOT; AND IT DID. AND HERE, SIR, MAY I MAKE A PERSONAL COMMENT. I REMEMBER PARTICULARLY WELL THE CARE AND ATTENTION THE INSTITUTION GAVE TO THE FRAMING OF YOUR ORDINANCE, AND ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTION— ONE OF WHICH AT 4(1) IS +TO DISCOURAGE DISHONOURABLE CONDUCT AND PRACTICES ARISING IN THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION.+ IT IS VERY GOOD INDEED TO KNOW THAT, IN HONG KONG AT ANY RATE, ENGINEERS HAVE INSISTED UPON STATING THUS THEIR MORAL OBLIGATIONS SO FIRMLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY. I AM PROUD AND PLEASED THAT THAT IS SO.

+NEVERTHELESS, EVEN YOUR ORDINANCE DID NOT GIVE ME EXACTLY WHAT I WAS SEEKING IN TERMS OF DEFINITION..... WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE ARE ENGINEERS?

+NO DOUBT YOU HAVE READ THAT ADVERTISEMENT WHICH GOES SOMETHING LIKE ... +BUY ONE AND THEN YOU WON'T HAVE TO ASK YOUR DAD+? YOU HAVE? WELL I'LL BET YOURS IS RATHER MORE UP-TO-DATE THAN MY ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA BUT WHICH NEVERTHELESS DID ANSWER MY QUESTION. AND I SHOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY NEWLY ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE WITH YOU NOW; AND I QUOTE 'SO DIVERSIFIED ARE THE SERVICES REQUIRED OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS THROUGHOUT THE WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL WORK, AND IN THE DISCOVERY, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES, THAT MEN OF EXTREMELY VARIOUS PERSONALITY AND PHYSIQUE MAY ACHIEVE SUCCESS. (NO GUARANTEE YOU SEE; ALL SORTS, THE LONG, THE SHORT AND THE TALL, ANY SORT MAY BECOME ENGINEERS BUT NOT ALL MAY APPARENTLY ACHIEVE SUCCESS.)

+ 'QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL HONESTY, COURAGE, INDEPENDENCE OF THOUGHT, FAIRNESS, GOOD SENSE, SOUND JUDGEMENT, PERSEVERANCE, RESOURCEFULNESS, INGENUITY, ORDERLINESS, APPLICATION, ACCURACY AND (OF COURSE) ENDURANCE. AN ENGINEER SHOULD HAVE ABILITY TO OBSERVE, DEDUCE, APPLY, TO CORRELATE CAUSE AND EFFECT, TO CO-OPERATE, TO ORGANISE, TO ANALYSE SITUATIONS AND CONDITIONS, TO STATE PROBLEMS, TO DIRECT THE EFFORTS OF OTHERS (AND BY GOLLY THEY CERTAINLY DO, DON'T THEY). HE SHOULD KNOW HOW TO INFORM, CONVINCED AND WIN CONFIDENCE BY SKILFUL AND RIGHT USE OF FACTS. HE SHOULD BE ALERT, READY TO LEARN, OPEN-MINDED, BUT NOT CREDULOUS (EVEN THOUGH IF MY DEALINGS WITH THE FRATERNITY ARE ANYTHING TO GO BY MANY EXPECT ME TO BE CREDULOUS). HE MUST BE ABLE TO ASSEMBLE FACTS, TO INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY, TO DISCRIMINATE CLEARLY BETWEEN ASSUMPTION AND PROVEN KNOWLEDGE. HE SHOULD BE A MAN OF FAITH, ONE WHO PERCEIVES BOTH DIFFICULTIES AND WAYS TO SURMOUNT THEM. HE SHOULD NOT ONLY KNOW MATHEMATICS AND MECHANICS, BUT SHOULD BE TRAINED TO METHODS OF THOUGHT BASED ON THESE FUNDAMENTAL BRANCHES OF LEARNING. ORGANISED HABITS (WAIT FOR IT) OF MEMORY AND LARGE CAPACITY (NO, NOT FOR BOOZE — ALTHOUGH MANY HAVE THAT ABILITY TOO — AS EVIDENCED HERE TONIGHT) — CAPACITY FOR INFORMATION ARE NECESSARY. HE SHOULD HAVE EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCIENCES AND OTHER BRANCHES OF LEARNING AND KNOW INTENSIVELY THOSE THINGS WHICH CONCERN HIS SPECIALTIES. HE MUST BE A STUDENT THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER AND KEEP ABREAST OF HUMAN PROGRESS.

/+'HAVING BEEN .....

+HAVING BEEN ENDOWED MORE OR LESS COMPLETELY WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND CAPACITIES REQUISITE FOR A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER — (I VENTURE TO SAY THIS MAN IS GOOD FOR ANY JOB I CAN THINK OF!) — AND HAVING DEVELOPED THEM WITH THE AID OF EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND CONTACTS PROVIDED BY (AND I LIKE THIS BIT) CIVILISED COMMUNITIES THE ENGINEER IS UNDER OBLIGATION TO CONSIDER THE SOCIOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND SPIRITUAL (AND AGAIN THERE IS PLENTY OF EVIDENCE FOR THAT HERE TONIGHT) SPIRITUAL EFFECTS OF ENGINEERING OPERATIONS AND TO AID HIS FELLOWMEN TO ADJUST WISELY THEIR MODES OF LIVING, THEIR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL PROCEDURES, AND THEIR EDUCATIONAL PROCESSES SO AS TO ENJOY THE GREATEST POSSIBLE BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED THROUGH OUR ACCUMULATING KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNIVERSE AND OURSELVES AS APPLIED BY ENGINEERING. THE ENGINEER'S PRINCIPAL WORK IS TO DISCOVER AND CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MATERIALS AND FORCE, INCLUDING THE HUMAN, (DOES THIS PERHAPS MEAN GENETIC ENGINEERING OR SOCIAL ENGINEERING? OR SIMPLY BEING A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH) AND TO CREATE MEANS FOR UTILIZING THESE RESOURCES WITH MINIMAL COST AND WASTE AND WITH MAXIMAL RESULTS (OBVIOUSLY THE FINANCE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT IS STACKED OUT WITH ENGINEERS).'

+YOU WILL HAVE NOTED THAT ABOUT THE ONLY QUALITY NOT MENTIONED IN THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA IS +MODESTY+; OTHERWISE IT IS A PRETTY COMPREHENSIVE AND DAUNTING SET OF QUALIFICATIONS. IT LEADS ME TO OBSERVE YOU ALL WITH FRESH AND CONSIDERABLE RESPECT; AND IT IS WITH MUCH MODESTY — AND SOME AWE — THAT I NOTE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF YOU HERE TONIGHT HAVE CLEARLY IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR A CHIEF SECRETARY. WHEN NEXT WE NEED ONE, WE KNOW WHERE TO COME.

+NOW, IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT ANY ENGINEER HERE TONIGHT IS BASKING, HAPPILY REplete, IN THE SURE KNOWLEDGE HE FITS THE BILL JUST NOW GIVEN — A WORD OF CAUTION ESPECIALLY TO THOSE IN GOVERNMENT. WHILE ENGINEERS FORM ONE OF THE LARGEST IF NOT THE LARGEST PROFESSIONAL CONTINGENTS IN THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AND DIRECT THE SPENDING OF MORE FUNDS THAN ANY OTHER, SHOULD THEY MAKE A MAJOR MISTAKE (WHICH MAY NOT BECOME APPARENT FOR YEARS) THE PUBLIC MAY THEREAFTER LONG SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES ... AND COULD SUFFER IRREVOCABLE DISASTER. A SOBERING THOUGHT.

+BUT TO RETURN TO THAT ALL-EMBRACING DESCRIPTION OF THAT HELLAVAN ENGINEER OF GEORGIA TECH OR THE POLY OR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ... YOU WILL ALSO HAVE NOTICED THAT EMPHASIS IS PLACED AGAIN AND AGAIN ON SOCIOLOGICAL NEEDS, ON THE HARNESSING OF POWER FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE — THE REMINDER THAT ALL ENGINEERING IN ALL BRANCHES MUST SEEK TO SERVE PEOPLE.

+CERTAINLY I THINK IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT NONE OF US, NONE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, ARE UNAFFECTED BY THE RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ENGINEERS. BUT HONG KONG CAN NEVER AFFORD REALLY TO SIT BACK AND ADMIRE ITS ACHIEVEMENTS; FOR IN THE FACE OF THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND, NOT LEAST, DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES WE MUST CONTINUE TO FACE IN THE YEARS TO COME, WE HAVE CONSTANTLY TO MOVE FORWARD AND DEAL WITH CHALLENGES AS THEY ARISE.

/+FOR EXAMPLE, .....

+FOR EXAMPLE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO BRING NEW AREAS INTO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. MOST OF OUR LAND IS HILLY AND MOUNTAINOUS AND DIFFICULT TO USE - A BLESSING FOR BEAUTY, A PROBLEM FOR SITE-FORMATION- MUCH OF IT CONSISTS OF OUTLYING ISLANDS, DIFFICULT TO GET TO, USUALLY EQUALLY HILLY AND FOR THE MOST PART DEVOID OF WATER SUPPLIES. SO THE OPENING UP OF NEW AREAS USUALLY INVOLVES AN EXPENSIVE PROCESS OF FORMING LAND AND BRINGING IT INTO USE, TOGETHER WITH THE PROVISION OF COSTLY COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES TO LINK IT WITH OTHER AREAS AND THE CHOICE OF DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS HAS NECESSARILY TO BE CAREFULLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY WORKED OUT.

+THUS DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO EXTEND SHA TIN INTO THE SO-CALLED AREA B- AND TO DEVELOP JUNK BAY, BOTH FOR HOUSING AND FOR NEW INDUSTRY. CONSIDERATION IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO FURTHER EXTENSIONS TO TUEN MUN, BOTH TO THE EAST AND THE WEST- AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES ARE BEING COMMISSIONED INTO THE DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES OF THE NORTH-WEST AND NORTH-EAST NEW TERRITORIES.

+SOME OF THE MORE EXCITING POSSIBILITIES UP AHEAD INVOLVE LANTAU. THESE COULD BE TRIGGERED BY A DECISION WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO TO DEVELOP A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK ISLAND, OFF THE NORTH OF LANTAU, WITH A CAPACITY WHICH COULD EVENTUALLY EXTEND TO THREE RUNWAYS AND MUCH IN EXCESS OF KAI TAK. SUCH A DECISION WOULD ENTAIL A PARALLEL ONE OF DEVELOPING A FIXED CROSSING TO THE ISLAND THROUGH TSING YI AND MA WAN IN THE FORM OF A SERIES OF BRIDGES, TOGETHER WITH A MAJOR ROAD ALONG THE NORTH SHORE OF LANTAU AND PERHAPS A LIGHT-RAIL-PUBLIC-TRANSPORT-SYSTEM. THE POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER LAND-FORMATION BY RECLAMATION AND PLATFORM-FORMING OF THE NORTH WEST PART OF THE ISLAND ARE CONSIDERABLE AND COULD PROVIDE FOR IMPRESSIVE NEW INDUSTRIAL AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS. A VALUABLE AND IMPORTANT SPIN-OFF WOULD THEN BE THE RELEASE FROM HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF LAND IN THE AREA OF KAI TAK, INDEED THE OPENING UP OF KAI TAK ITSELF FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT, PROBABLY WITH FURTHER RECLAMATIONS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A BRIDGE CROSSING THE HARBOUR TO HONG KONG ISLAND. AND SOME OF OUR LOCAL FINANCIERS ARE ALREADY SUGGESTING THAT THESE DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES COULD MORE THAN PAY FOR THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

+AS THIS STAGE, MR PRESIDENT, I MUST SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT HIGHWAYS. THE WORKS OF THE ENGINEERS WHO CONSTRUCT THEM ARE ALL AROUND US AND ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR DAILY LIVES AS WE GO ABOUT OUR BUSINESS, AND WE ALL REJOICE IN THE COMPLETION OF THAT NEW FLY-OVER WHICH OVERCOMES THE BOTTLE-NECK OF PAST YEARS: NOW WE CAN GET TO THE OFFICE EVEN EARLIER! THESE DAYS MAJOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE ALWAYS IN HAND: I NEED MENTION ONLY THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL AND ASSOCIATED APPROACH ROADS- THE EAST KOWLOON WAY LEADING TO THE AIRPORT TUNNEL AND KWUN TONG- THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR, TSUEN WAN BY-PASS- THE SECOND HALF OF THE TUEN MUN ROAD AND SO ON AND SO ON. AND IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE THEY WILL BE JOINED BY THE START OF WORK ON THE ISLAND EAST CORRIDOR ROAD AND THE SHA TIN - TAI PO COASTAL ROAD. ALL OF THEM, AND MORE, ARE BADLY NEEDED.

+THE OBVIOUS POINT IS THAT THERE CAN BE NO SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS- AND, OBVERSELY, THAT GOOD COMMUNICATIONS BRING IN THEIR WAKE THE OPENING UP OF FURTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE NEW TOWNS WILL REQUIRE ADEQUATE ROADS LINKING THEM TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE OLDER URBAN AREA. TO THIS END IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE LINKS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES' CIRCULAR ROAD FROM TSUEN WAN TO TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI, TAI PO, SHA TIN AND BACK TO TSUEN WAN. LIKEWISE, IF NORTH LANTAU IS DEVELOPED, AS I CONFIDENTLY EXPECT IT WILL BE, EVEN IF THERE IS NOT AN AIRPORT THERE, ROAD SYSTEM AND FIXED CROSSINGS WILL NEED TO BE FIRMLY FITTED INTO THE WESTERN CORRIDOR ROAD SYSTEM.

+OF COURSE WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MEET UNLIMITED AND UNRESTRAINED TRAFFIC GROWTH FOR EVER BY EXPANDING THE ROAD SYSTEM. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE EXTENSION OF AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEMES, WHICH HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN WEST KOWLOON, WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED AND THEY WILL TAX THE INGENUITY OF THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERS TO SQUEEZE THE MAXIMUM OUT OF THE ROAD SPACE AVAILABLE. PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD IN THIS FIELD.

+AS OUR POPULATION BECOMES MORE AFFLUENT IT TRAVELS MORE, BOTH ON BUSINESS AND ON LEISURE, AND IT DEMANDS BETTER STANDARDS OF ITS PUBLIC TRANSPORT. THE MARKET IS THERE FOR THE TAKING FOR THOSE OPERATORS ABLE TO MEET THOSE STANDARDS AT REASONABLE COST. I HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN OF THE RAIL NETWORK (THE MTR AND THE ELECTRIFIED KCR) WHICH WILL BE THE BACKBONE OF THE SYSTEM IN THE YEARS TO COME. BUT OUR NEW ROAD SYSTEMS, BOTH IN THE URBAN AREAS AND TO AND BETWEEN THE NEW TOWNS, WILL ALSO REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF MORE MODERN, EFFICIENT AND COMFORTABLE BUS SERVICES. THE BUS COMPANIES HAVE AMBITIOUS PLANS TO THIS END WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND I HOPE THAT IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS RESULTS WILL BEGIN TO SHOW THROUGH MORE AND MORE STRONGLY.

+I CANNOT LEAVE COMMUNICATIONS WITHOUT MENTIONING ANOTHER DIMENSION THAT IS BEGINNING TO OPEN UP, THAT IS OUR LINKS WITH CHINA. ALREADY HONG KONG AND GUANGZHOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT CLOSER TOGETHER PHYSICALLY BY THE THROUGH-TRAIN SERVICES, AIR SERVICES, AND THE FERRY AND HOVERFERRY SERVICES. MAJOR NEW INDUSTRIAL ZONES ARE BEING DEVELOPED JUST NORTH OF THE BORDER WHICH ARE BOUND TO DEVELOP LINKS WITH HONG KONG INDUSTRY TO OUR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. CHINA'S RE-EXPORT AND TRANSHIPMENT TRADE THROUGH HONG KONG IS INCREASING AND WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

+ALL THIS, AS TIMES GOES ON, WILL REQUIRE AN IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS THE BORDER. JUST AS WE ARE MODERNISING AND ELECTRIFYING OUR RAILWAY, THE GUANGZHOU RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION IS CONSIDERING A SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT. IF THIS COMES TO FRUITION, AS I BELIEVE IT WILL, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN A MODERN ELECTRIC TRAIN, CARRYING THE KCR COLOURS, GOES INTO SERVICE BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND GUANGZHOU.

/+LIKEWISE, .....

+LIKewise, THE GUANGDONG AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING PLANS FOR IMPROVING THE ROAD SYSTEM ON THEIR SIDE OF THE BORDER AND, IN DUE COURSE, THAT SYSTEM WILL NEED TO BE BETTER-LINKED WITH OUR OWN NEW TERRITORIES ROAD SYSTEM. THIS MAY MEAN THAT, WITHIN A FEW YEARS, A MAJOR NEW ROAD-CROSSING WILL BE NEEDED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GROWING CROSS-BORDER ROAD TRAFFIC. HERE I NEED HARDLY POINT OUT THE NUMBER OF EXAMPLES IN EUROPE WHERE IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS BORDERS HAS LED TO MUTUALLY REINFORCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON BOTH SIDES.

+THE SCOPE THAT ALL THESE POSSIBILITIES HOLDS OUT TO THE ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL IN TERMS OF IMAGINATIVE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION IS VAST, VARIED AND EXTREMELY EXCITING. YOU ARE TRULY MEN OF THE FUTURE.

MR PRESIDENT, I HAVE ALMOST DONE. BUT BEFORE I CONCLUDE I SHOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF ALL THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENTS I HAVE TOUCHED ON TONIGHT: THE HUMAN ASPECT. DURING PERIODS OF CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SOME, PERHAPS MANY, PEOPLE ARE BOUND TO BE INCONVENIENCED BY NOISE, DIRT, INTRUSION, EYESORES OR WHAT HAVE YOU. OUR PEOPLE ARE, ON THE WHOLE, VERY PATIENT IN FACING, AND LEARNING TO LIVE WITH, THESE INCONVENIENCES AS PART OF THE PRICE TO BE PAID FOR DEVELOPMENTS FROM WHICH THEY WILL LATER BENEFIT.

+BUT THIS, NO DOUBT, IS AN OLD STORY TO YOU. MANY, IF NOT MOST, OF YOU HERE ARE ALREADY IN MANAGERIAL POSITIONS AND CAN SEE FULL WELL HOW ENGINEERING UNDERLINES THE SOMETIMES ALMOST FRIGHTENING PACE OF LIFE IN HONG KONG - THE BOOMING FACTORIES, THE PRESS OF PEOPLE AND TRAFFIC, THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE, AND MUSHROOMING CONSTRUCTIONS. AND YOU MUST KNOW, TOO, OF THE POOR UNFORTUNATES AMONGST US WHO CANNOT KEEP UP WITH THE PACE, WHO SLIP THROUGH THE SOMEWHAT MEAGRE SAFETY NETS GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE TO CATCH AND HELP THEM. YOU, MORE THAN MOST, COME IN DAILY CONTACT WITH PROBLEMS OF LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AND ARE AWARE, MORE THAN MOST, THAT WE NEED NOT ONLY THE EXPERTISE, THE PROFESSIONALISM, THE IDEAS, BUT ALSO THE PEOPLE WHO CARRY OUT THOSE IDEAS - WHO ACTUALLY MAKE, BUILD, DIG, AND SOMETIMES SADLY DIE IN THE ENDEAVOUR.

+HONG KONG IS FORTUNATE INDEED TO HAVE A QUITE REMARKABLE LABOUR FORCE - FLEXIBLE AND HARD-WORKING. THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO SHARE FAIRLY IN OUR PROSPERITY - A PROSPERITY WHICH THEY HAVE LARGELY HELPED TO CREATE. AS OUR COMMUNITY MATURES, DEMANDS MORE OF A SAY IN OUR AFFAIRS AND EXPECTS A GREATER MEASURE OF SOCIAL EQUALITY, IT IS NATURAL, HEALTHY AND RIGHT THAT ORGANISATIONS WHICH LOOK AFTER THE INTERESTS OF OUR WORKFORCE AND WHICH STRIVE TO IMPROVE LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS SHOULD FLOURISH AND TAKE THEIR PART IN THE COMMUNITY'S TOTAL EFFORT.

+AND YOU- REMEMBERING YOUR OBLIGATIONS 'TO CONSIDER THE SOCIOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND SPIRITUAL EFFECTS OF YOUR WORK AND TO AID YOUR FELLOWMEN TO ADJUST WISELY THEIR MODES OF LIVING' WILL CERTAINLY I AM SURE BE THE FIRST TO AGREE THAT IT BEHOVES US AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO REMEMBER THE PEOPLE, OUR PEOPLE, TO KEEP THEM IN THE PICTURE AS TO WHAT IS BEING DONE AND WHY, AND TO LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THEIR OPINIONS.

+MR PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION, FELLOW GUESTS, I BELIEVE I HAVE SAID ENOUGH! MORE THAN ENOUGH YOU MAY THINK? CERTAINLY ENOUGH I HOPE TO ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG IN MANY SPHERES. I HAVE HARDLY MENTIONED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND HAVE SAID NOTHING, FOR INSTANCE, ON THE MAJOR NEW ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS NOW BEING BUILT. I HAVE NOT MENTIONED THE MATTER OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION OF THE INSTITUTION AS A QUALIFYING BODY (ALTHOUGH I DO PROMISE AN ANSWER SOON): I HAVE NOT MENTIONED SIR MONTY FINNISTON AND HIS RECOMMENDATIONS; ALTHOUGH OF COURSE I AGREE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS A NEED FOR A THRIVING AND ACTIVE INSTITUTION TO - TO USE YOUR OWN WORDS MR PRESIDENT - TO ASSIST BOTH IN DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF ENGINEERING IN HONG KONG AND IN NURTURING, REGULATING AND DISCIPLINING THE FUTURE HONG KONG ENGINEERS. BUT I CAN SAY THAT HONG KONG IS PROUD OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO ITS GROWTH AND TO ITS WELL-BEING THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY YOUR PROFESSION, AND IT HOPES WILL LONG CONTINUE TO BE MADE. IN TOKEN OF THIS, I ASK MY FELLOW GUESTS TO BE UPSTANDING AND TO DRINK A TOAST TO THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND ITS FUTURE GOOD HEALTH AND VITALITY.+

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THE GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES IN 1983-84 IS ESTIMATED TO REACH ABOUT \$550 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN EIGHT-FOLD INCREASE OVER 1973-74, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST, MR LEE SAID PROVISION FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR AMOUNTS TO \$475.6 MILLION, OF WHICH \$221.3 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND \$264.3 MILLION ON SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES.

HE SAID SOCIAL SECURITY HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE OLD DAYS OF DRY RATIONS AND HAS DEVELOPED SINCE 1971 INTO THE PRESENT CONGLOMERATION OF CASH ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE LEAST ABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, HE SAID, ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO MEET BASIC LIVING, SPECIAL NEEDS ARISING OUT OF OLD AGE AND DISABILITY, HARDSHIP RESULTING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, AND CLAIMS BY VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE.

AS FROM NEXT MONTH, MR LEE SAID TWO FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED - THE EXTENSION OF THE DISABILITY ALLOWANCE TO THE PROFOUNDLY DEAF, AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR THE PARTIALLY DISABLED.

BOTH ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE EXTRA SUPPORT, ON TOP OF THE NORMAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FOR BASIC LIVING, TO THE DISABLED AND THEIR FAMILY TO MEET SPECIAL NEEDS, HE SAID.

THEY WILL BENEFIT AN ESTIMATED 3 800 PROFOUNDLY DEAF PEOPLE WITH A HEARING LOSS OF 85 DECIBELS AND AN ESTIMATED 1 000 PARTIALLY DISABLED PEOPLE WITH A 50 PER CENT LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY, HE ADDED.

REVIEWING SOCIAL SECURITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE PAST DECADE, MR LEE SAID PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WAS CONVERTED IN 1971 FROM DRY RATIONS TO CASH ASSISTANCE ON A MEANS-TEST BASIS TO MEET BASIC LIVING, AND WAS EXTENDED IN 1977 TO COVER THE UNEMPLOYED ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WHO COULD NOT SUPPORT THEMSELVES THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN.

IN 1978, THE SCHEME WAS FURTHER IMPROVED BY ADDING IN AN OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT FOR THOSE RECIPIENTS AGED 60 AND OVER, AN ANNUAL LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT TO REPLACE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR THOSE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR 12 MONTHS, AND AN INCOME DISREGARD SYSTEM TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR THOSE TAKING UP PART-TIME JOBS, HE SAID.

AN INDEPENDENT APPEAL BOARD WAS ALSO SET UP TO PROVIDE A SPEEDY MEANS OF REDRESS FOR ANYONE DISSATISFIED WITH OFFICIAL DECISIONS ON SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS, HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT, HE SAID, MORE THAN 45 600 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS ARE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, THE PAYMENT RATES OF WHICH ARE REVIEWED AND ADJUSTED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MAINTAIN THEIR REAL PURCHASING VALUE.

REFERRING TO PUBLIC DONATIONS MADE TO HARDSHIP FAMILIES, MR LEE STRESSED THAT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IS NEVER INTENDED TO BE REPLACED BY DONATIONS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT SINCE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IS MEANS-TESTED AND FINANCED BY PUBLIC FUNDS, AND TO ENSURE IT IS PROPERLY ADMINISTERED, THERE IS A NEED FOR SOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA RELATING TO THE APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

GENERALLY, HE SAID, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENT IS ONLY TEMPORARILY PREVENTED WHEN THE TOTAL VALUE OF RESOURCES AMOUNTS TO OVER \$2 000 PER MEMBER OF A FAMILY OR \$3 000 FOR A SINGLE APPLICANT.

HE SAID SMALL AND IRREGULAR DONATIONS FROM FRIENDS OR RELATIVES ARE IGNORED, ALTHOUGH LARGER DONATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD, MAY TEMPORARILY AFFECT PAYMENTS.

+THE AIM IS TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN PUTTING ONE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT AT AN ADVANTAGE OVER ANOTHER, AND AVOIDING STANDING IN THE WAY OF CHARITABLE HELP,+ HE SAID.

AS REGARDS THE NON-MEANS TESTED SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES SCHEME, MR LEE SAID IT WAS INTRODUCED IN 1973, COMPRISING THE DISABILITY ALLOWANCE FOR SEVERELY DISABLED PEOPLE AND THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE FOR PEOPLE AGED 70 AND OVER.

HE SAID BOTH ALLOWANCES WERE EXTENDED IN 1978 TO COVER ELIGIBLE PERSONS LIVING IN INSTITUTIONS.

TODAY, THE DISABILITY ALLOWANCE OF \$230 A MONTH IS BEING PAID TO 23 000 PEOPLE, WHILST 145 000 ARE RECEIVING THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE OF \$115 A MONTH, HE SAID.

OTHER SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS INCLUDE A SCHEME INTRODUCED IN 1973 TO PROVIDE CASH COMPENSATION FOR PEOPLE INJURED OR KILLED IN A CRIME OF VIOLENCE OR THROUGH THE ACTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHILST CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES, ANOTHER SCHEME IMPLEMENTED LAST YEAR TO GIVE QUICK CASH RELIEF TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT, AS WELL AS EMERGENCY RELIEF IN THE FORM OF CASH GRANTS, COOKED MEALS, BLANKETS, MATS AND OTHER DAILY NECESSITIES FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS.

MAJOR CONTRACT SIGNED FOR KCR MODERNISATION SCHEME  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED THE BIGGEST SINGLE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SO FAR UNDER THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

THE CONTRACT WORTH \$101.8 MILLION IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY DEPOT AT HO TUNG LAU, SHA TIN.

IT WENT TO LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY LTD OF AUSTRALIA.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS AFTERNOON BY MR WONG MANG-KI, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AND MR HARRY CHARITON FOR THE COMPANY.

THE DEPOT, WHEN COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS, WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF THE NEW ROLLING STOCK.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE SITE FORMATION, TRACK LAYING, CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE MAINTENANCE SHED, CARRIAGE WASHING PLANT, OFFICES AND OTHER MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ANCILLARY WORKS.

THE DEPOT SITE IS BOUNDED BY THE KCR MAIN LINE AND THE EXISTING DUAL CARRIAGEWAY TO TAI PO, AND LIES BETWEEN FO TAN AND THE NEW RACE COURSE STATION.

THE WORK FOR THE DEPOT HAS BEEN DESIGNED, AND THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TRANSMARK (A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF BRITISH RAIL), UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANT MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF PWD.

THE LATEST CONTRACT BROUGHT THE \$2 000 MILLION MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME OF KCR ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALITY.

EARLIER THIS MONTH, A \$44.8 MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY PWD FOR THE DESIGN, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A HIGH VOLTAGE (25 KV) OVERHEAD LINE.

THIS CONTRACT, ON WHICH WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1982, WAS AWARDED TO THE BRITISH FIRM, BALFOUR BEATTY POWER CONSTRUCTION LTD.

MEANWHILE, WORK IS PROGRESSING ON A 2.7-HECTARE PODIUM DECK WHICH IS BEING BUILT OVER PART OF THE DEPOT AT HO TUNG LAU.

A LARGE PRIVATE HOUSING COMPLEX, CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING SOME 13 000 PEOPLE, WILL GO UP ON THE UPPER LEVELS OF THE PODIUM.

INCREASES IN COMPENSATION FOR RESUMED LAND IN NT  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED INCREASES IN ITS COMPENSATION RATES FOR LAND RESUMED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FROM APRIL 1, OWNERS OF RESUMED AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WILL BE COMPENSATED AT THE NEW FULL RATE OF \$63 PER SQUARE FOOT INSTEAD OF \$59 PER SQUARE FOOT - AN INCREASE OF ABOUT SEVEN PER CENT.

THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OFFERED TO OWNERS OF RESUMED BUILDING LAND WITHIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WILL BE AT THE NEW FULL RATE OF \$135 PER SQUARE FOOT INSTEAD OF \$125 PER SQUARE FOOT - AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 7-1/2 PER CENT.

GIVING DETAILS OF THE NEW RATES TODAY, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR F.D. ROOME, SAID THEY HAD BEEN DRAWN UP IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF CONDUCTING HALF-YEARLY REVIEWS OF COMPENSATION RATES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE POLICY WAS ADOPTED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON NEW TERRITORIES URBAN LAND ACQUISITION HEADED BY SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

MR ROOME SAID THE NEW RATES WOULD BE EFFECTIVE UP TO SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR, WHEN A FURTHER REVIEW WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT, UNDER THE REVISED GOVERNMENT LAND RESUMPTION POLICY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, OWNERS OF RESUMED LAND OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WOULD BE COMPENSATED AT A PROPORTIONATE PERCENTAGE OF THE NEW FULL RATES DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF THE LAND RESUMED, AND MORE PARTICULARLY AS DEFINED ON A ZONAL PLAN AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT EACH OF THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL ENDS  
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THE SECOND TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL HAS ENDED SUCCESSFULLY WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RATE OF 93 PER CENT.

DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 23 TO MARCH 16, MORE THAN 31 000 TICKETS WERE SOLD FOR THE 27 PERFORMANCES HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL. OF THESE PERFORMANCES, 21 WERE FULL HOUSES.

A TOTAL OF 48 EVENTS WERE STAGED AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL, BOTH IN THE TOWN HALL AND AT OUTDOOR VENUES, COMPARED WITH 36 LAST YEAR.

THE CLOSING OF THE SECOND TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WAS MARKED BY A PERFORMANCE BY THE CHINESE ORCHESTRA LAST SUNDAY (MARCH 16).

AMONG THE MANY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL WERE CONCERTS BY THE NEW ZEALAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE LIM KEK HAN CONCERT ORCHESTRA, THE CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS WERE THE TRADITIONAL CANTONESE OPERA PRODUCTIONS, THE COLOGNE MIME THEATRE OF WEST GERMANY, CANTONESE DRAMA AND FOLK DANCES.

THE OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES HAVE ALSO BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND WITH THE WIDE EXTENSION OF VENUES, THEY ATTRACTED GREATER ATTENDANCE COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR.

THERE WERE FOUR EXHIBITIONS HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL. THE ANCIENT CHINESE COIN EXHIBITION PROVED TO BE THE MOST POPULAR WITH MORE THAN 190 000 VISITORS. THE GUANGXU IMPERIAL PORCELAIN EXHIBITION WHICH WILL END ON APRIL 20 HAS SO FAR ATTRACTED A TOTAL OF 124 000 PEOPLE.

THE FESTIVAL WAS PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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#### ID CARD - A MUST IN SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARKS

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS MADE AN ORDER DESIGNATING SAI KUNG EAST AND SAI KUNG WEST COUNTRY PARKS AND VILLAGES WITHIN THE GENERAL PARK BOUNDARIES AS AREAS WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MUST CARRY THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND PRODUCE THEM FOR INSPECTION ON DEMAND BY THE SECURITY FORCES.

THE ORDER, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 28.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMPULSORY CARRYING OF IDENTITY CARDS IN DESIGNATED AREAS WAS TO HELP THE SECURITY FORCES IDENTIFY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+AT THE SAME TIME, IT ALSO REDUCES INCONVENIENCE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF BEING QUESTIONED DURING ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS IN THESE AREAS,+ HE SAID.

OTHER AREAS PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ARE PING CHAU ISLAND IN MIRS BAY, THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA AND THE MAI PO BIRD SANCTUARY.

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SUPERVISION SCHEME FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON INTRODUCE INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL A BILL PROVIDING FOR THE SUPERVISION OF CERTAIN YOUNG OFFENDERS ON THEIR RELEASE FROM PRISON.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT NEW SECTIONS IN THE BILL INCLUDE:

- \* PROVIDING FOR THE MAKING OF SUPERVISION ORDERS, AND
- \* PROVIDING FOR THE MAKING OF RECALL ORDERS WHERE SUPERVISION ORDERS ARE BROKEN.

THE BILL PROPOSES A SCHEME OF SUPERVISION FOR PERSONS WHO, BEFORE THEIR 21ST BIRTHDAY, ARE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS OR MORE AND WHO ARE RELEASED BEFORE THE AGE OF 25.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE EFFECT OF THIS SCHEME WOULD BE TO MAKE THE OFFENDER THE SUBJECT OF SUPERVISION FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF HIS RELEASE. DISOBEDIENCE OF THE TERMS OF HIS SUPERVISION WOULD RENDER HIM LIABLE TO BE RECALLED TO PRISON.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT UNDER EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS YOUNG PERSONS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SUPERVISION AFTER RELEASE.

+THE PROPOSED SCHEME WOULD OPERATE ON A SIMILAR BASIS TO THE EXISTING SCHEMES FOR THE SUPERVISION AND, IF NECESSARY, RECALL OF FORMER INMATES OF TRAINING CENTRES, DETENTION CENTRES AND DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES WHERE SUPERVISION HAS PROVED TO BE A USEFUL AID TO REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

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NEW POST OFFICE AT MORRISON HILL

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A NEW POST OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OI KWAN COURT, 28 OI KWAN ROAD, MORRISON HILL, WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 9 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 24).

THE OFFICE KNOWN AS THE MORRISON HILL POST OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT MORRISON HILL ROAD POST OFFICE WHICH WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS AT 1 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL OPERATE IN LARGER ACCOMMODATION. APART FROM NORMAL COUNTER FACILITIES, IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE 300 NEW POST OFFICE BOXES TO MEET THE PUBLIC DEMAND.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER (5-737713) AND HOURS OF BUSINESS OF THE POST OFFICE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHOPS AT AIRPORT

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE TENANCIES OF FOUR RETAIL SHOPS IN THE DEPARTURES HALL OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

THESE SHOP SPACES ARE FOR THE SALE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT- RADIO AND ELECTRICAL ITEMS- JEWELLERY- AND TOBACCO, CIGARETTES AND CONFECTIONERY RESPECTIVELY.

THE TENANCIES OF THE SHOPS WILL BE FOR ONE YEAR COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT MAY 15, 1980, AND THEREAFTER ON MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS.

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TENDER BOX AT THE ENTRANCE HALL OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1980.

EACH TENDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RECEIPT SHOWING THAT THE TENDERER HAS DEPOSITED WITH THE TREASURY A SUM OF \$10 000 AS A PLEDGE OF HIS BONA FIDES.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY, OR AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

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TWO KOWLOON MAXICAB ROUTINGS REVISED

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THE ROUTINGS OF KOWLOON MAXICAB ROUTES 11 AND 12 WILL BE REVISED FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 23).

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ROUTE 11 ON JOURNEY FROM YAU YAT CHUEN TO MONG KOK (FIFE STREET) WILL OPERATE VIA CASSIA ROAD, BEGONIA ROAD, TAT CHEE AVENUE, TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, KNIGHT STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK ROAD, SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND FIFE STREET.

ON JOURNEY FROM MONG KOK (FIFE STREET) TO YAU YAT CHUEN IT WILL OPERATE VIA FIFE STREET, SAI YEE STREET, BOUNDARY STREET, TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, TAT CHEE AVENUE, OSMANTHUS ROAD, MARIGOLD ROAD, MAGNOLIA ROAD AND CASSIA ROAD.

TWO MAXICABS ARE OPERATING ON THIS ROUTE FROM 7 AM TO 10.25 PM DAILY AT A FREQUENCY OF 15 MINUTES DURING PEAK PERIOD AND 30 MINUTES OFF-PEAK.

FROM SUNDAY, MAXICAB ROUTE 12 ON JOURNEY FROM PAK TIN TO TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN WILL OPERATE VIA PAK WAN STREET, PAK TIN STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET, TAI HANG SAI STREET, TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, KNIGHT STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SAI YEE STREET, ARGYLE STREET, PORTLAND STREET, MONG KOK ROAD, ANCHOR STREET, ASH STREET, FUK TSUN STREET, IVY STREET, TAI CHING STREET AND TAI TSUN STREET.

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ON JOURNEY FROM TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN TO PAK TIN IT WILL BE VIA TAI TSUN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, FUK TSUN STREET, MONG KOK ROAD, SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, FIFE STREET, TUNG CHOI STREET, ARGYLE STREET, KADOORIE AVENUE, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, EMBANKMENT ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, TAI HANG SAI STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET, PAK TIN STREET AND PAK WAN STREET.

FIVE MAXICABS ARE OPERATING ON THIS ROUTE FROM 6.50 AM TO 11.35 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF 10 MINUTES DURING PEAK PERIOD AND 20 MINUTES OFF-PEAK.

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### COURSE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

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A CAMP LEADER'S COURSE HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE COURSE ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTED AT PUI CHOI SCHOOL, PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES FOR FIVE DAYS, FROM APRIL 8 TO 12.

THE COURSE AIMS TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH INFORMATION ON 'LIGHT WEIGHT' CAMPING. APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT DIFFERENT CAMP SITES.

THE COURSE WILL GIVE THE PARTICIPANTS AN INSIGHT INTO CAMP ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT, MOUNTAIN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, MAP AND COMPASS READING, CAMP CRAFT AND CHOICE OF CAMPING EQUIPMENT. IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THREE DAYS HIKING IN SAI KUNG AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME EXPEDITION INSTRUCTOR/ASSESSOR TRAINING.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE LIMITED TO 36 WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO THOSE WHO POSSESS VALID FIRST AID QUALIFICATIONS.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN THE APPLICATION FORMS BEFORE MARCH 26, TO PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION), (ATTN: MR FRANCIS CHIU), PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SIXTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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### TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YAU MA TEI

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN YAU MA TEI FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 24) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, VEHICLES ON SOUTHBOUND JOURNEY ALONG NATHAN ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM MAKING RIGHT TURN INTO KANSU STREET. AT THE SAME TIME THE RIGHT-TURN BAN FROM NATHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO JORDAN ROAD WILL BE LIFTED.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 17 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

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

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
APRIL 2 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 3 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 8 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 9 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 10 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
APRIL 11 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
APRIL 14 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
APRIL 15 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
APRIL 16 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
APRIL 17 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
APRIL 18 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
APRIL 22 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
APRIL 23 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 4.30 PM
APRIL 24 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
APRIL 25 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 4.30 PM
APRIL 28 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM
APRIL 30 (WEDNESDAY)	1 PM - 10 PM

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