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MOVE TO EXTEND PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN
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A BILL WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO THE NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, KNOWN AS THE EMPLOYMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1979, IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT MONTH.

COMMENTING ON THE BILL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT IT WAS A STEP DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO INTRODUCE COMPULSORY JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION.

HE RECALLED A STATEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 5, 1977 WHICH OUTLINED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO EXTEND BY TWO STAGES THE EXISTING PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO THE NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

THE INTENTION WAS TO PROHIBIT EMPLOYMENT WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH A CHILD'S SCHOOLING, BUT FLEXIBILITY WOULD BE MAINTAINED TO ALLOW FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT, PARTICULARLY IN FAMILY BUSINESSES OR SUMMER JOBS. THOSE WHO HAD COMPLETED THEIR FORM III EDUCATION BEFORE REACHING 15 YEARS OF AGE WOULD ALSO BE ALLOWED TO WORK IF THEY SO WISHED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN UNDER 14 IS PROHIBITED.

THE BILL SEEKS TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE SO AS TO SET A MINIMUM AGE FOR ALL FORMS OF EMPLOYMENT UNDER ONE LEGISLATION. CONSEQUENTLY, AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS AND CHILDREN AT SEA ORDINANCE AND THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES ORDINANCE, ALL OF WHICH DEAL WITH THE MINIMUM AGE OF EMPLOYMENT IN DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

BY THESE AMENDMENTS, NO CHILD UNDER 14 WILL, WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1979, BE ALLOWED TO BE EMPLOYED IN ANY OCCUPATION, AND NO CHILD UNDER 15 WILL, WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1980, BE ALLOWED TO BE EMPLOYED IN ANY OCCUPATION, EXCEPT FAMILY BUSINESSES, PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OR SUMMER JOBS IN THE NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WILL HAVE THE POWER TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS FOR SOME CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYMENT, SUCH AS CHILD ENTERTAINERS ON TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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BILLS TO IMPROVE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS SYSTEM

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AMENDING LEGISLATION IS TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY TO IMPROVE THE RELIABILITY OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS SYSTEM AND TO IMPOSE HEAVIER PENALTIES ON THOSE WHO FAIL TO REGISTER UNDER THE LAW.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1979 AND THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ONE MAIN CHANGE PROPOSED IS THAT IN HIS DEALING WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, A PERSON WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE NAME WHICH APPEARS ON HIS IDENTITY CARD.

COMMENTING ON THIS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID AT PRESENT, A RESIDENT MIGHT USE DIFFERENT NAMES IN RECORDS HELD IN DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

+THIS LEADS TO CONFUSION AND DUPLICATION OF RECORDS,+ HE SAID. +IT CAN ALSO CAUSE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PERSON HIMSELF WHEN HE SEEKS TO OBTAIN A SERVICE FROM A PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENT SYSTEM WAS NOT ONLY CONFUSING BUT ALSO OPEN TO ABUSE.

UNDER THE PROPOSED CHANGES, ONCE A CHILD BORN IN HONG KONG REACHES 11 YEARS OF AGE, HIS PARENTS WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO CHANGE HIS GIVEN NAMES IN THE REGISTER OF BIRTHS.

PARENTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MAKING A SUITABLE CHOICE OF NAMES OF THEIR CHILDREN BEFORE THEY REACH THE AGE OF 11.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THE PROPOSALS WOULD NOT MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR A PERSON TO USE MORE THAN ONE NAME. HOWEVER, IN HIS DEALINGS WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, HE IS REQUIRED TO USE THE NAME WHICH APPEARS ON HIS IDENTITY CARD.

+IT WOULD STILL BE POSSIBLE FOR A PERSON TO CHANGE HIS NAME BY DEED POLL OR TO SHOW THAT HE IS KNOWN BY SOME OTHER NAME BY COMMON REPUTE AND USAGE,+ HE SAID. +IN EITHER CASE, AN IDENTITY CARD WOULD BE ISSUED IN HIS NEW NAME.+

ANOTHER CHANGE PROPOSED IS THAT ALL RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED IN LAW, ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER.

THIS MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE OBLIGATION TO REGISTER UNDER THE LAW APPLIES TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE BORN IN HONG KONG, THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY RESIDENTS HERE AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ENTER HONG KONG WITH THE INTENTION TO RESIDE HERE.

PENALTIES ARE TO BE INCREASED FOR EVASION OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND THE TIME LIMIT FOR PROSECUTION WILL BE EXTENDED FROM TWO YEARS TO THREE YEARS.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN SAID STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC TO THE NEED FOR A RESIDENT OR NEW ARRIVAL TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION- AND FOR A PARENT TO MAKE ANY CHANGE, IF DESIRED, IN RESPECT OF THE NAME OF A CHILD BEFORE HE REACHES THE AGE OF 11.

REFERRING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR PROSECUTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IT OFTEN HAPPENS THAT OFFENCES UNDER THE REGULATIONS ARE NOT DETECTED UNTIL SOME YEARS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.+

ANOTHER BILL, THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, WILL ALSO BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE SO AS TO AUTHORISE THE MAKING OF REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR THE COMPULSORY CARRYING AND PRODUCTION OF IDENTITY CARDS.

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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL PROPOSED
TO IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENFORCEMENT

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THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE MONETARY PENALTY FROM \$1,000 TO \$5,000.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT PROPOSES THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING POWERS OF ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT TO OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT OF THE RANK OF FIELD OFFICER II OR ABOVE AUTHORISED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1935 AND THE LAST AMENDMENTS WERE MADE IN 1960.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS DESIRABLE TO AMEND SOME OF THE EXISTING PROVISIONS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENFORCEMENT.

HE SAID THAT WHILE A SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, HEALTH OFFICER, HEALTH INSPECTOR OR A POLICE OFFICER WERE EMPOWERED UNDER THE ORDINANCE TO ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OF CAUSING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, SIMILAR POWERS WERE NOT EXTENDED TO FIELD STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WHO WERE MOST LIKELY TO COME ACROSS OFFENCES INVOLVING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

WHEN THEY COME ACROSS SUCH SUSPECTED INCIDENTS, THEY HAVE TO LEAVE THE SCENE TO SUMMONS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE POLICE OR OTHER AUTHORISED PERSONNEL, DURING WHICH TIME THE SUSPECT COULD ESCAPE OR REMOVE THE EVIDENCE.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO:

- * EMPOWER A MAGISTRATE TO MAKE AN ORDER DEPRIVING AN OWNER OF HIS OWNERSHIP OF AN ANIMAL UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES-
- * EXTEND THE PRESENT POWER OF SEARCH TO VEHICLES, TRAINS, TRAMS AND AIRCRAFT- AND
- * PERMIT AN ANIMAL TO BE DESTROYED IN CERTAIN CASES WHERE IT IS TRAPPED.

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WIDER POWER TO SUSPEND A SEAMAN'S REGISTRATION PROPOSED
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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO GIVE WIDER POWER TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SEAMEN'S RECRUITING OFFICE TO SUSPEND A SEAMAN'S REGISTRATION WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RECRUITING OF SEAMEN) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 PROPOSES THAT A SEAMAN CAN BE SUSPENDED FROM THE REGISTER ON CONVICTION OF OFFENCES RELATING TO DANGEROUS DRUGS, BRIBERY OR OF ANY OFFENCE OF SUCH A NATURE THAT IS DESIRABLE TO SUSPEND HIM FROM THE SERVICE OF OCEAN-GOING SHIPS.

UNDER THE AMENDING LEGISLATION WHEN A SEAMAN'S REGISTRATION IS SO SUSPENDED, THE SUPERINTENDENT IS REQUIRED TO SERVE A NOTICE ON THE SEAMAN STATING THE GROUNDS ON WHICH HIS REGISTRATION IS SUSPENDED AND THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH THE SEAMAN MAY APPEAR BEFORE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON HIS CASE.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROPOSED CHANGES PROVIDE THAT A SEAMAN MAY HAVE HIS CASE REFERRED TO THE SEAMEN'S RECRUITING AUTHORITY IF THE SUPERINTENDENT DOES NOT WITHIN THREE MONTHS EXERCISE ANY OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE DISCIPLINING OF SEAMEN.

ANOTHER SECTION OF THE BILL SETS OUT THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN A BOARD OF REFERENCE HEARS A CASE REFERRED TO IT BY THE AUTHORITY. THERE IS ALSO PROVISION FOR A SEAMAN TO APPEAL TO A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT ON A POINT OF LAW WHEN HIS REGISTRATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR NOT MORE THAN 24 MONTHS IN THE CASE OF DESERTION, OR 12 MONTHS IN ANY OTHER CASE.

IN ADDITION, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RECRUITING OF SEAMEN) (SERVICE RECORD BOOKS) REGULATIONS WILL BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR A SURRENDERED SERVICE RECORD BOOK TO BE RETURNED TO ITS FORMER HOLDER WHEN THE HOLDER'S NAME IS RESTORED TO THE REGISTER OR WHEN THE SUSPENSION OF THE HOLDER'S REGISTRATION EXPIRES OR IS WITHDRAWN.

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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR LORD CARRINGTON'S VISIT
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THE RT. HON. THE LORD CARRINGTON, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, WHO IS DUE TO ARRIVE TONIGHT (FRIDAY) FOR A ONE-DAY VISIT, WILL GO ON A TOUR OF WO CHE HOUSING ESTATE IN SHA TIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE REFUGEE CAMP IN SHAM SHUI PO.

/LORD CARRINGTON

LORD CARRINGTON WILL LEAVE FOR KUALA LUMPUR IN THE EVENING BY R.A.F. VC-10, E.T.D. 8 P.M. HE IS EXPECTED TO MEET THE PRESS IN THE VIP PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT KAI TAK AT 7 P.M., AN HOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ARE REQUESTED TO BE IN THE VIP PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ABOUT 6.45 P.M. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THEM.

PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE PRESS TO COVER LORD CARRINGTON'S VISITS TO THE WO CHE HOUSING ESTATE AT 3 P.M. AND THE REFUGEE CAMP AT 3.30 P.M.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WO CHE HOUSING ESTATE. THOSE WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK NOT LATER THAN 2.15 P.M. OFFICERS FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO COVER THE VISIT TO THE REFUGEE CAMP IN SHAM SHUI PO ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE BEFORE 3.15 P.M.

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AP LEI CHAU RECLAMATION

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT IS INTENDED TO RECLAIM AN AREA OF LAND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ABOUT FIVE HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AP LEI CHAU WEST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

SITUATED ON THE SOUTH COAST OF AP LEI CHAU, ABOUT 2.48 HECTARES OF THIS AREA WILL BE GRANTED ON LEASE FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED FOR BOTH PUBLIC PURPOSES AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT ARE DESCRIBED IN NOTIFICATIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THIS CALLS ON PEOPLE HAVING OBJECTIONS OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT TO WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICES, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLANS SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON 19TH FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING.

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RECLAMATION FOR MUI WO DEVELOPMENT

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THE DOLPHIN AT MUI WO ON LANTAU ISLAND -- THE STRUCTURE USED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SUBMARINE WATER MAINS WHICH SUPPLY WATER TO HONG KONG -- IS BEING MOVED.

GOVERNMENT IS CARRYING OUT RECLAMATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUI WO TO PROVIDE SITES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, A NEW BUS TERMINUS, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES.

A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO RELOCATE THE DOLPHIN WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS RECLAMATION WORK.

+THE WORK WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE RELAYING OF A LENGTH OF SUBMARINE CABLE SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY TO THE DOLPHIN,+ HE SAID.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTIFICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE WHICH CALLS ON PEOPLE HAVING OBJECTIONS OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT, TO WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING, OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE, ISLANDS, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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TENDERS FOR SITE FORMATION WORK

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR SITE FORMATION WORK THAT WILL MAKE ANOTHER 13.2 HECTARES OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE RAPIDLY GROWING NEW TOWN OF SHA TIN.

ADDED TO THIS WILL BE 2.6 HECTARES AS OPEN SPACE, 1.1 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USES AND HALF A HECTARE FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE LAND FORMED WILL ENABLE ACCOMMODATION TO BE PROVIDED FOR ABOUT 28,000 PEOPLE IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

THE RELEVANT AREAS ARE ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGES OF TIN SAM AND TAI WAI.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ENGINEERING WORKS WOULD INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO THE EARTHWORKS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE BOX CULVERTS AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE.

+THE CONTRACT IS PLANNED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE,+ HE SAID.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED, AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PWD.

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LAND FORMATION TENDERS

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR PHASE OF ENGINEERING WORKS IN THE FANLING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE FORMATION OF 9.4 HECTARES OF LAND LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRUNK DRAINAGE TO SERVICE THE AREA.

+IT IS INTENDED THAT THE FORMED SITE WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HOUSING FOR 20,000 PEOPLE BY 1983-84,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE CONTRACT IS PLANNED TO START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE,+ HE ADDED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, MESSRS. MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PWD.

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SWD'S NINTH COMMUNITY HALL OPENED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S NINTH COMMUNITY HALL DESIGNED TO SERVE AS A CENTRE FOR RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN TAI HING ESTATE, TUEN MUN.

THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL, THE FIRST IN TUEN MUN, WAS OPENED BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. LAU WONG-FAT, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. NG KWOK-TAI, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL OFFICER, MR. HENRY AU.

TWO MORE HALLS, ONE AT PAK TIN IN SHEK KIP MEI AND THE OTHER AT WO CHE IN SHA TIN, WILL BE OPENED LATER THIS YEAR.

THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL PROJECT IS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY HALL FOR EACH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WITH A POPULATION OF 20,000 TO 50,000.

AT PRESENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OPERATES EIGHT OTHER COMMUNITY HALLS AT LEI MUK SHUE, LAI KING, KWAI FONG, KWAI SHING, SHEK YAM, LEK YUEN, YUE WAN AND HING WAH ESTATES.

A COMMUNITY HALL SERVES AS A BASE FOR GROUP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, THROUGH WHICH LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY DEVELOP A SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, CULTIVATE A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL HELP AND COOPERATION, AND ENRICH THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.

ONE OF THE FACILITIES AT THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL IS A MULTI-PURPOSE 350-SEAT ASSEMBLY HALL FOR INDOOR GROUP ACTIVITIES, EXHIBITIONS, BALL GAMES AND OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. IT IS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN BY LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS.

TODAY'S OPENING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A NUMBER OF CELEBRATION PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HALL EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THESE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A PING PONG EXHIBITION GAME, CHINESE CLASSICAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE, A BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY FOR THE ELDERLY, AND CHILDREN'S COLOURING AND CROSSWORD PUZZLES COMPETITIONS.

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TWO-WEEK DRIVE FOR MORE FIREMEN

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THE FIRE SERVICES WILL LAUNCH A TWO-WEEK RECRUITING DRIVE FROM MONDAY (JULY 2).

+WE ARE LOOKING FOR PHYSICALLY FIT YOUNG MEN INTERESTED IN AN EXCITING AND CHALLENGING CAREER,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE CALLED ON ENERGETIC AND RESPONSIBLE YOUNG MEN WHO WANT A JOB THAT IS OUT OF THE ORDINARY TO COME FORWARD TO JOIN THE FIRE SERVICES.

THREE RECRUITMENT CENTRES WILL BE SET UP ON THE ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE THREE CENTRES WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M. ARE AT:

* HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION -- OPEN FROM JULY 2 TO JULY 13 (EXCLUDING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)-

* TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION -- OPEN FROM JULY 2 TO JULY 13 (EXCLUDING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)-

* PAK HEUNG TRAINING SCHOOL -- OPEN ON JULY 2, 4, 10 AND 12.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICANTS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 30 AND HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

+APPLICANTS SHOULD SPEAK FLUENT CANTONESE AND BE ABLE TO READ AND WRITE CHINESE. THEY SHOULD BE AT LEAST FIVE FOOT SIX IN HEIGHT, WEIGH 120 POUNDS OR MORE AND HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE AND NORMAL EYESIGHT. THEY WILL BE TRAINED FOR GENERAL FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE DUTIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR A FIREMAN IS \$1,315 RISING TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,925. AN INCREMENT WILL BE GIVEN ON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF 26 WEEKS' BASIC TRAINING AT THE PAK HEUNG TRAINING SCHOOL.

APPLICANTS CALLING AT THE CENTRES SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS, A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (G.F. 340) WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS (UP TO PRIMARY SIX STANDARD).

THEY ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG RUBBER GYMNASTIC SHOES AND SHORTS FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST. THE TEST IS DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS: PRELIMINARY EYESIGHT TEST, PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS AND STRENGTH TEST.

+PROMOTION PROSPECTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE PREPARED TO WORK HARD AND STUDY TO BECOME QUALIFIED FOR HIGHER POSTS ARE VERY GOOD,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+IN FACT, A LARGE NUMBER OF THE SERVING SENIOR OFFICERS BEGAN THEIR CAREERS AS FIREMEN,+ HE ADDED.

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STREET CLOSURES FOR MTR TSUEN WAN DEPOT

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A NUMBER OF STREETS IN SAI LAU KOK, PAK TIN PA AND PAK TIN PA TSUEN WILL BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TSUEN WAN DEPOT.

THE DEPOT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 1982.

PLANS SHOWING THE AFFECTED AREAS MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE FU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN- CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL- AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE NOTICE, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), STIPULATED THAT CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

THEY MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE STREET OR FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE.

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FORUM ON STUDENT DELINQUENCY

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A FORUM ON STUDENT DELINQUENCY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CMA PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN NAM CHEONG STREET FOR ABOUT 120 SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE FORUM, ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO) AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, IS AIMED AT DISCUSSING EXPERIENCES REGARDING STUDENT DELINQUENCY AND TO FIND OUT PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL GIVE A TALK ON +DELINQUENT STUDENTS+ AND A LECTURER IN SOCIAL WORK FROM THE SHUE YAN COLLEGE WILL SPEAK ON +THE ROLE PLAYED BY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS TOWARDS DELINQUENT STUDENTS.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FORUM ON STUDENT DELINQUENCY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CMA PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, 298 NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, AT 9.15 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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TWO BUILDINGS IN TAI HOM ROAD DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) DECLARED NOS. 11 AND 12 TAI HOM ROAD, TAI HOM VILLAGE, KOWLOON, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THESE TWO-STORY VILLAGE BUILDINGS WERE RECENTLY INSPECTED FOLLOWING AN EMERGENCY REPORT.

THE LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS, HE SAID, WERE FOUND TO BE IN VERY POOR CONDITION AND CLEAR SIGNS OF RECENT MOVEMENT WERE NOTED.

+AS IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A VERY SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME ADJOINING HUTS, WHICH RELY ON THESE BUILDINGS FOR SUPPORT, WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE CLOSED.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS ON THESE TWO BUILDINGS AT THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JULY 6 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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TRAM SERVICES TO FINISH EARLIER
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TRAM SERVICES FROM HAPPY VALLEY WILL FINISH ABOUT HALF AN HOUR EARLIER TOMORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT TO ENABLE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION.

THE LAST TRAM LEAVING KENNEDY TOWN FOR HAPPY VALLEY WILL START AT 10.13 P.M. AND THE LAST TRAM FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE AT 10.54 P.M.

THE LAST TRAM FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO SHAU KEI WAN WILL LEAVE AT 10.24 P.M. WHILE THE LAST TRAM FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO HAPPY VALLEY WILL LEAVE AT 10.26 P.M.

TRAM SERVICES ON OTHER ROUTES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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ONE-WAY TRAFFIC
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY, CHEONG HANG ROAD IN HUNG HOM WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY ANTI-CLOCKWISE WITH ENTRY FROM WINSLOW STREET UPON COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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