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GOVERNOR FULLY INFORMED OF OTB
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THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MOVED VERY QUICKLY TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION ARISING FROM THE INSOLVENCY OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD BEEN KEPT VERY FULLY INFORMED ON MEASURES TAKEN ON THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

+I SHALL BE GETTING AN UP-TO-DATE REPORT ON THAT AS SOON AS I GET BACK TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE,+ HE SAID.

RECOUNTING HIS TRIP TO LONDON, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND THE TALKS BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR ZHAO ZIYANG, THE PREMIER OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND ALSO THE TALKS BETWEEN SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND FOREIGN MINISTER MR WU XUEQIAN.

+I THINK YOU MIGHT DESCRIBE THEM AS A REVIEW OF PROGRESS. THE KEY FEATURE WAS ONCE AGAIN THAT BOTH SIDES REITERATED VERY FIRMLY THEIR DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT THE JOINT DECLARATION FULLY,+ HE SAID.

+WHILE I WAS THERE, I WAS ALSO ABLE TO HAVE A TALK WITH MR LUCE, WITH SIR S.Y. CHUNG AND SIR ROGER LOBO ABOUT THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PROBLEM, AND ON THE DAY FOLLOWING I WAS AT A LUNCH WITH MR LUCE AND MR HARTLING, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FROM GENEVA, AT WHICH ONCE AGAIN WE WERE ABLE TO GET OVER THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH TO SOME MEASURES WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG.+

ASKED WHAT MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG, HE SAID THAT WAS THE QUESTION THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS NOW CONSIDERING BECAUSE THEY HAD TO REPLY TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

+OF COURSE, ALL THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH SIR S.Y. HAS TOLD YOU ABOUT, AND THE DISCUSSION WITH MR HARTLING WILL BE VERY VALUABLE TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN THAT REGARD. BUT IT IS NOW FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE ON THEIR REPLY TO PARLIAMENT,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) BILL, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +I HAVE BEEN ALSO KEPT FULLY INFORMED ON THAT, AND AS YOU KNOW, IT IS NOW BEING ARRANGED THAT THE BILL WILL GO BACK TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BUT THERE WILL BE TWO WEEKS BETWEEN THE RESUMPTION OF THE SECOND READING AND THE CONCLUSION, SO THAT THERE SHALL BE A FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE PUBLIC COMMENT.+

/IN REPLY .....

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER HE HAD MADE ANY REPRESENTATION ABOUT UMELCO BEING ABLE TO SIT ON THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, HE SAID: +NO, I WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THAT DISCUSSION, BUT I THINK IT HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR BY BRITISH MINISTERS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT THE GROUP IS BASICALLY OF COURSE AN OFFICIAL GROUP.+

SIR EDWARD WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND DR HARRY FANG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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NEW OTB DIRECTORS MEET

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THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK ARE HOLDING THEIR FIRST MEETING THIS MORNING TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE BANK'S BUSINESS.

THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE OFFICES OF THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH AND IS BEING RESUMED AT THE BANK'S WAN CHAI HEADQUARTERS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR BANKING HAS APPROVED THE REOPENING OF THE BANK. ALL ITS BRANCHES AND SUBSIDIARY OFFICES WILL OPEN FOR NORMAL BUSINESS ON MONDAY.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS. THE OTHER DIRECTORS ARE MR D.F.L. TURNER (MANAGING DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN) WHO WAS BUT NO LONGER THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HANG LUNG BANK AFTER IT WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE GOVERNMENT; THE HON PETER POON WING-CHEUNG, THE HON YEUNG PO-KWAN, MR W. TURNBULL, AND MR J.F. MATHEWS, CROWN SOLICITOR.

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HK MISSION'S UK VISIT A SUCCESS

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THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIALIST MISSION TO BRITAIN THIS WEEK ENDED ITS VISIT ON A SUCCESSFUL NOTE.

THE DELEGATION WAS LED JOINTLY BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY MR JOHN YAXLEY, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LI AND FUNG LTD. DR VICTOR FUNG, AND INCLUDED SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVEN HONG KONG COMPANIES DRAWN MAINLY FROM THE ELECTRONICS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRIES.

A SERIES OF SEMINARS AND A RECEPTION WERE HELD IN LONDON, BRISTOL AND BIRMINGHAM AND THESE WERE ATTENDED BY 300 GUESTS FROM BRITISH INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

THESE EVENTS PROVIDED A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE HONG KONG DELEGATION TO MEET THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN BRITAIN.

IN ADDITION, A FURTHER 50 PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS WERE ARRANGED FOR INDIVIDUAL HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS IN ALL THREE CITIES.

THE HONG KONG COMPANIES FOUND THE MISSION MOST USEFUL AND A NUMBER OF INTERESTING PROPOSALS EMERGED FROM THE DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, LICENCE AND SUB-CONTRACT MANUFACTURING.

MR YAXLEY SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT IN TIME SOME OF THESE WOULD DEVELOP INTO JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

IN ADDRESSING THE SEMINARS AND THROUGHOUT THE VISIT, MR YAXLEY DREW THE ATTENTION OF BRITISH BUSINESSMEN TO THE STRATEGIC LOCATION OF HONG KONG IN THE FAR EAST, THE BUOYANT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG AND THE RETURN OF CONFIDENCE SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

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47 ARRESTED IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CRACKDOWN

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ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HIDING IN HONG KONG AGAIN FELT THE HEAT THIS WEEK AS THE POLICE, LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS STEPPED UP OPERATIONS TO FERRET THEM OUT.

THE BLITZ RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF 47 SUSPECTED UNDERGROUND CITIZENS.

THEY HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

/A GOVERNMENT .....

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDER.

+OUR POLICY ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS VERY CLEAR. WHENEVER AND WHEREVER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE FOUND IN HONG KONG, THEY WILL BE SENT BACK.

+OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN HONG KONG,+ HE STRESSED.

DURING THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OPERATION, POLICE INCREASED THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPECT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THESE CHECKS RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF 37 SUSPECTED UNDERGROUND CITIZENS. ANOTHER FIVE PERSONS WERE CHARGED FOR FAILING TO CARRY PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, WHILE 82 OTHERS WERE SUMMONSED FOR THE SAME OFFENCE. A FURTHER 35 PERSONS WERE WARNED BY THE POLICE IN RESPECT OF THE OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF $1 000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 6 821 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 14 858 EMPLOYEES WERE CHECKED AND 10 PERSONS IN 10 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY. THEY HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANOTHER 32 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE KEEPING EITHER NO RECORD OR IMPROPER RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO $50 000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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TWO JAPANESE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

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TWO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUSHO) SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING OFFERED TO HONG KONG STUDENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES AND NATURAL SCIENCE IN JAPAN.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUSHO) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME, 1986 AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OVERSEAS STUDIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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COMPLETED FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE AT ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE JULY 26 THIS YEAR.

APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 17 AND UNDER 22 YEARS OF AGE ON APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR (1986). THIS MEANS THE APPLICANTS MUST BE BORN BETWEEN APRIL 2, 1964 AND APRIL 1, 1969.

AN APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG OR CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS, OR HAVE PASSED IN TWO RELEVANT SUBJECTS AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL AND IN THREE RELEVANT SUBJECTS AT THE ORDINARY LEVEL OR IN THREE RELEVANT SUBJECTS AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL AND IN ONE RELEVANT SUBJECT AT THE ORDINARY LEVEL IN A GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM; OR POSSESS HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS.

APPLICANTS NEED NOT HAVE ANY PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF JAPANESE, BUT THEY MUST BE WILLING TO RECEIVE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN THE MEDIUM OF JAPANESE.

THE AWARDS WHICH COVER TUITION, ACCOMMODATION, LIVING EXPENSES AND RETURN PASSAGE ARE NORMALLY TENABLE FOR FIVE YEARS FROM APRIL 1986 TO MARCH 1991.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE ENROLLED AT THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL ATTACHED TO THE TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES AND WILL BE GIVEN A ONE-YEAR COURSE ON THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND SUCH OTHER SUBJECTS AS ARE NECESSARY TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE BACHELOR'S (GAKUSHI) DEGREE COURSE.

A GRANTEE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PRESCRIBED COURSE AT THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL WILL GO ON TO A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IF HE PASSES THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE UNIVERSITY.

THE JAPANESE MONBUSHO, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY CONCERNED AND THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL, WILL DECIDE ON THE UNIVERSITY TO WHICH A GRANTEE SHOULD APPLY FOR ADMISSION.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE COURSES OF STUDY AVAILABLE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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FOOTBRIDGE PLANNED FOR MA CHAI HANG

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS MA CHAI HANG ROAD AND PARTIALLY CLOSE WONG TAI SIN ROAD AS PART OF THE CENTRAL ACCESS FOR MA CHAI HANG AND CHUK YUEN.

THE FOOTBRIDGE, TO BE BUILT NEAR FUNG MO INTERCHANGE, WILL CONNECT A PROPOSED RAMP ON THE FOOTWAY EAST OF LUNG CHEUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO THE EXISTING STEPS AND FOOTPATH ALONG THE SLOPE NORTH OF MA CHAI HANG ROAD.

ON COMPLETION, THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL PROVIDE A SAFE-GRADE SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BETWEEN CHUK YUEN, MA CHAI HANG AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FUNG MO STREET.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, THE JUNCTION BETWEEN WONG TAI SIN ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED AND DEVELOPED INTO AN AMENITY AREA.

THE CLOSURE WILL CUT DIRECT ACCESS BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD WHICH IS CONSIDERED A POTENTIAL TRAFFIC HAZARD.

ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL HOWEVER BE PROVIDED BETWEEN THESE TWO ROADS VIA A PROPOSED MINI-ROUNDABOUT ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE FUNG MO INTERCHANGE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND AND FOURTH FLOORS, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, BEFORE AUGUST 6.

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MORE ROADS PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN

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ANOTHER TWO MAJOR ROADWORKS ARE PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN.

THE FIRST PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY, AN INTERCHANGE, A COMBINED CYCLE TRACK AND FOOTBRIDGE, AND A SUBWAY TO THE NORTH OF TAI HING ESTATE.

IT WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN LINK TO LEUNG TIN ESTATE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE SECOND PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE ROAD AND FOOTPATH NEAR TSUN WEN ROAD AND WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC TO THE NORTH-WEST OF TUEN MUN SAN HUI.

NOTICES CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 6.

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MODERN COMPLEX FOR QUARRY BAY

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CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX TO HOUSE ON-STREET HAWKERS AND TO SOLVE THE SHORTAGE OF SUITABLE SITES FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1987.

SITE FORMATION WORKS AND PILING FOR THE SEVEN-STOREY URBAN COUNCIL QUARRY BAY COMPLEX HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE.

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UPON COMPLETION, IT WILL PROVIDE MARKET, RECREATIONAL AND LIBRARY FACILITIES ALL UNDER ONE ROOF. IT WILL ALSO ACCOMMODATE THE HAWKERS NOW TRADING IN THE HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE IN THE VICINITY THUS CONTRIBUTING TO A CLEANER AND NEATER LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

THE PROJECT, ESTIMATED TO COST $47.3 MILLION, OCCUPIES A 3 784-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF QUARRY BAY STREET AND MOUNT PARKER ROAD.

IN PLANNING THE COMPLEX, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN A CRITICAL LOOK AT THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED THERE WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE VIABILITY OF THE MARKET.

THE GROUND FLOOR WILL HOUSE A LOADING/UNLOADING BAY, A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND A PUMPING STATION.

THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS WILL ACCOMMODATE 21 MARKET STALLS, 132 MINI STALLS, FIVE COOKED FOOD STALLS AND TWO NEWSPAPER KIOSKS. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF SHOPPERS, THE TWO FLOORS WILL BE SERVED BY ESCALATORS.

THE UPPER FLOORS WILL INCORPORATE A STANDARD SIZE INDOOR GAMES HALL, RECREATIONAL ROOMS, TWO SQUASH COURTS, A JUNIOR LIBRARY, AN ADULT LIBRARY AND THE USD EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

TO ENHANCE THE VIABILITY OF THE MARKET, A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED TO LINK UP THE MARKET ENTRANCE FROM MOUNT PARKER ROAD.

THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CURRENT CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME NOW INCLUDES 24 MARKET COMPLEX PROJECTS WHICH ARE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN THE VARIOUS PLANNING STAGES.

THOSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ARE IN WESTERN, LOCKHART ROAD, PO ON ROAD, NGAU CHI WAN, KOWLOON CITY, FA YUEN STREET AND SHUI WO STREET.

THEY ARE DUE FOR COMPLETION BETWEEN 1986 AND 1988.

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SECOND YIN NGAI SOCIETY FORMED IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE SO UK YIN NGAI SOCIETY, THE SECOND WOMEN'S COMMUNITY ORGANISATION IN SHAM SHUI PO, HAS BEEN FORMED TO PROMOTE THE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL WOMEN IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

WOMEN LIVING OR WORKING IN THE SO UK AREA CAN JOIN THE SOCIETY FOR A $10 ENTRANCE FEE AND AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF $10, AND CAN PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, SAID THE SO UK SOCIETY WAS THE 24TH TO BE FORMED SINCE THE YIN NGAI MOVEMENT WAS LAUNCHED IN 1981.

HE NOTED THAT THE FORMATION OF THIS SOCIETY HAD MADE UP FOR THE ABSENCE OF A WOMEN'S ORGANISATION IN SHAM SHUI PO WEST AND THAT TOGETHER WITH THE PAK TIN YIN SOCIETY IN SHAM SHUI PO EAST, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO ATTAIN A MORE BALANCED DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

TURNING TO ITS OBJECTIVES, MR TSE SAID: +THROUGH VARIOUS ORGANISED ACTIVITIES, WOMEN IN THE DISTRICT COULD LEARN THE ADVANTAGES OF FELLOWSHIP AND MUTUAL CO-OPERATION, DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND STRENGTHEN THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE.

+IT ALSO PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR HOUSEWIVES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AS WELL AS TO TAKE PART IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

+THE SOCIETY'S RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO HELP FOSTER NEIGHBOURLINESS AND IMPROVE RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIVING IN THE PURSUANCE OF A SOUND COMMUNITY,+ MR TSE ADDED.

THE SO UK YIN NGAI SOCIETY HAS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MADE UP OF 16 MEMBERS, WITH FIVE WORKING GROUPS COVERING SECRETARIAL, FINANCE, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL, ART AND RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICE AFFAIRS.

ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE SOCIETY, MRS YU LEUNG OI-CHUN, PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO ORGANISE VARIOUS TYPES OF INTEREST CLASSES, OUTINGS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS, SEMINARS, VISITS TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

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FREE TRAINING FOR CAREERS TEACHERS

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A TRAINING COURSE FOR CAREERS TEACHERS WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND.

THE COURSE, RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS.

CLASSES WHICH ARE FREE, WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON FROM LATE SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR TO NEXT JUNE.

THE COURSE, THE THIRD TO BE HELD, WILL INCLUDE BASIC THEORIES AND PRINCIPLES RELEVANT TO CAREERS GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING. IT IS AIMED AT HELPING PARTICIPANTS ACQUIRE BASIC SKILLS IN CAREERS SERVICE AND TO KINDLE THEIR INTEREST AND AWARENESS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAREERS EDUCATION.

IN THE LAST TWO COURSE, MORE THAN 60 TEACHERS ATTENDED.

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EARLIER WELFARE PAYMENT

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE HOLDING CASH ORDER BOOKS, MAY RECEIVE THE MONEY EARLIER IF THEIR PAYMENT DATES FALL ON JUNE 15, 16 AND 17 -- WHICH ARE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THEY MAY CASH THEIR COUPONS ON JUNE 12, 13 AND 14 OR AFTER, AT THE DESIGNATED POST OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES OR TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

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COOKED FOOD CENTRE FOR CHAI WAN

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A TWO-STOREY COOKED FOOD CENTRE IS TO BE BUILT ON A 250-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT KUT SHING STREET IN CHAI WAN.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE 11 COOKED FOOD STALLS, TOILETS, A STOREROOM AND AN OFFICE.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN MAY NEXT YEAR.

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CHEAPER BURIAL WHEN COLUMBARIUM IS COMPLETED

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CHEAPER BURIAL SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN THE CHING CHUNG COLUMBARIUM IS COMPLETED IN MAY NEXT YEAR, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE CHING CHUNG COLUMBARIUM, DR HAYES SAID THAT APART FROM IMPROVING THE EXISTING COLUMBARIUM, THE $13 MILLION PROJECT WILL PROVIDE 10 000 NEW NICHES TO FAMILIES IN NEED OF CHEAP BURIAL SERVICES.

+ANY PROCEEDS THAT MAY ARISE FROM THESE NICHES WOULD BE USED TO FINANCE EXISTING AND FUTURE COMMUNITY PROJECTS RUN BY THE CHING CHUNG KOON,+ HE SAID.

+THIS PROJECT WILL FURTHER ENHANCE THE IMAGE AND REPUTATION OF THE KOON, WHICH IS ONE OF THE LEADING CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS IN WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES,+ DR HAYES SAID.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE KOON OF PROVIDING WELFARE FACILITIES TO RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN, SUCH AS FREE MEDICAL CLINICS, HOMES FOR THE AGED, KINDERGARTENS, SCHOOLS AND A CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOME.

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SPORTS VENUES CLOSE FOR MAINTENANCE

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT EIGHT SPORTS VENUES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM ONE TO FOUR MONTHS DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND RE-TURFING OF SOCCER PITCHES AT THE SPORTS GROUNDS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN SPORTS GROUNDS WILL BE THE FIRST TWO TO BE AFFECTED AND WILL CLOSE NEXT SATURDAY (JUNE 15).

THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND WILL RE-OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 1 WHILE THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND ON OCTOBER 16.

THE PERIODS OF CLOSURE FOR THE OTHER SIX VENUES ARE:

DISTRICT	VENUES	DATE
KWAI CHUNG	KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND	JUNE 16 - AUGUST 31
TAI PO	TEMPORARY SOCCER PITCH AT AREA 4	JULY 1 - AUGUST 31
TUEN MUN	TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND	JULY 15 - SEPTEMBER 30
KWAI CHUNG	WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND	JULY 16 - SEPTEMBER 30
YUEN LONG	YUEN LONG STADIUM	AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 31
SAI KUNG	TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND	AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 31

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT RETURFING WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE CLOSURE TO ALLOW TIME FOR GRASS TO GROW AND TO BE READY FOR INTENSIVE USE AFTERWARDS.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 11) TO SATURDAY (JUNE 15) BETWEEN 8.30 AM AND 5 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN KOWLOON

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THE WESTERN SIDE OF PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND SOY STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 11).

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE SECTION OF ON TAK ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND ON WAH STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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CENTRAL WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 11) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, ICE HOUSE STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND POTTINGER STREET INCLUDING HOUSE NOS. 1-9 ON HING TERRACE, HOUSE NOS. 24-38 ICE HOUSE STREET AND HOUSE NOS. 18-28 WYNDHAM STREET.

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