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GREATER SECURITY FOR INSURANCE POLICY HOLDERS

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE NEW LEGISLATION AIMED AT PROVIDING ADDED PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HOLDING INSURANCE POLICIES.

THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANIES DEPOSIT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 AND THE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE BILLS IS TO REQUIRE ALL COMPANIES CARRYING ON FIRE AND MARINE OR LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS TO MAINTAIN A SHARE CAPITAL OF \$5 MILLION AND A FIXED SOLVENCY MARGIN OF \$2 MILLION, OR \$4 MILLION IF A COMPANY CARRIES ON BOTH FIRE AND MARINE AND LIFE BUSINESS.

THESE COMPANIES WOULD REQUIRE THE AUTHORITY OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES TO CARRY ON INSURANCE BUSINESS, AND THE REGISTRAR WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO REVOKE THE AUTHORISATION IF A COMPANY CEASED TO MEET THE PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS.

THE BILLS MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR THESE COMPANIES TO DO BUSINESS WITHOUT AUTHORISATION, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$500 000 PLUS \$50 000 FOR EACH DAY THE OFFENCE CONTINUES.

AN OFFICER OR AGENT OF A COMPANY WHO COMMITS THE OFFENCE WOULD BE LIABLE TO UP TO TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$50 000.

INSURANCE COMPANIES AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE SIX MONTHS FROM THE INTRODUCTION OF THE AMENDMENT ORDINANCES TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF AUTHORISATION, ALTHOUGH THIS PERIOD MAY BE EXTENDED BY ANOTHER SIX MONTHS IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES SHOULD A COMPANY HAVE DIFFICULTY COMPLYING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALTHOUGH THE PUBLISHED BILLS DID NOT COVER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE, IT WAS INTENDED TO REQUIRE COMPANIES CARRYING ON THIS CLASS OF BUSINESS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW CAPITAL AND SOLVENCY PROVISIONS. THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE EXISTING MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) ORDINANCE.

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PLAN TO HAVE SOLICITORS INSURED AGAINST CLAIMS

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ALL SOLICITORS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN HONG KONG WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE INSURED UNDER A COMPULSORY PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY SCHEME, IF A BILL PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY IS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE SCHEME, PROPOSED BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT)(NO.3) BILL 1980.

UNDER THE SCHEME, ALL SOLICITORS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE WOULD BE COVERED FOR PROFESSIONAL RISKS, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, BY A MASTER POLICY.

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THE SCHEME WOULD BE FUNDED BY ANNUAL PREMIUMS PAID BY SOLICITORS, WHO WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW SOCIETY'S INDEMNITY RULES BEFORE BEING ISSUED WITH A PRACTISING CERTIFICATE. SIMILAR SCHEMES EXIST IN ENGLAND AND WALES AND IN AUSTRALIA.

THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, WHICH IS ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, SEEKS TO EXTEND ADMISSION TO THE BAR IN HONG KONG TO HOLDERS OF A HONG KONG UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LAWS WHO ARE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AND WHO HAVE BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT HERE FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CUSTOMS SERVICE IN HONG KONG

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN SAID TODAY THAT A PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF A CUSTOMS SERVICE IN A FREE PORT LIKE HONG KONG IS FACILITATION OF TRADE.

ADDRESSING THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND LUNCHEON MEETING, MR JORDAN SAID THAT THE WORK OF THE CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS DEPARTMENT, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE FEDERAL TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, IS TO ASSIST TRADE, PARTICULARLY WHERE IT IS OF AN INTERNATIONAL NATURE, AS WELL AS TO PROTECT SOCIETY.

+BOTH RESPONSIBILITIES ARE CONCOMITANTS OF A CUSTOMS SERVICE OF THE 1980'S,+ HE SAID.

MR JORDAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT KEEPS ITS METHODS AND THE FACILITIES OFFERED UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW. +AS AN EXAMPLE, WE WILL SHORTLY BE INTRODUCING PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE ACTIVITIES OF BUSINESSMEN WHO MANUFACTURE THEIR GOODS PARTLY IN CHINA.

+WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING WILL PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AND THE REPUTATION OF THE GENUINE 'MADE IN HONG KONG' LABEL WHERE INDUSTRY WISHES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LEGITIMATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PART OF THEIR PROCESS TO BE CARRIED OUT ACROSS THE BORDER,+ HE SAID.

MR JORDAN OUTLINED TO THE MEETING THE DUTIES OF THE CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS DEPARTMENT IN REVENUE COLLECTION, TRADE DOCUMENTATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

ON THE SUBJECT OF HONG KONG BEING A FREE PORT, MR JORDAN SAID: +THERE ARE ONLY FOUR REVENUE YIELDING DUTIES AND ALTHOUGH, OF NECESSITY, LANDING OR MANUFACTURE AND SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENT OF THESE GOODS IS CONTROLLED, THE VAST MAJORITY OF GOODS DEALT WITH IN HONG KONG MOVE UNINHIBITED BY REVENUE RESTRICTION.+

DUTIES COLLECTED FROM THE FOUR DUTIABLE COMMODITIES, NAMELY LIQUOR, PETROL, AUTO DIESEL AND TOBACCO GOODS, CONTRIBUTED SIX TO SEVEN PER CENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS, MR JORDAN SAID.

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IN THE FIELD OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, MR JORDAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD SHORTLY BE OPERATING UNDER THE NEW TRADE DESCRIPTIONS LEGISLATION WHICH RECEIVED ITS THIRD READING AND COMMITTEE STAGE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST WEEK.

+WE ARE ALSO PREPARING FRESH LEGISLATION CONCERNING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. BOTH LEGAL PROVISIONS WILL BENEFIT AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS WELL AS OUR IMAGE ABROAD,+ HE SAID.

OUTLINING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS, MR JORDAN SAID: +NOT ONLY IN THE HARBOUR AND AT THE AIRPORT BUT THROUGHOUT THE HINTERLAND THEY ARE A VERY PROFESSIONAL ENFORCEMENT FORCE WHOSE SUCCESSES HAVE RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM.

+WHERE APPROPRIATE THEY WORK WELL WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE POLICE AND INDEED ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THIS CO-OPERATION IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO HAS BEEN THE SETTING UP OF A JOINT CUSTOMS/POLICE INTELLIGENCE UNIT WHICH HAS ALREADY RECORDED A NOTABLE NUMBER OF SUCCESSES.

+THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAS ALSO ACHIEVED ACCLAIM FOR THE SUCCESS IT HAS ATTAINED AGAINST PIRATED CASSETTES AND IT MUST BE UNIQUE IN THAT IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH NOT ONE BUT TWO GOLDEN DISCS BY THE RECORDING INDUSTRY IN RECOGNITION OF ITS EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD,+ MR JORDAN ADDED.

ILLUSTRATING THE DUTIES OF THE CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS DEPARTMENT IN REGULATING TRADE, HE SAID: +IT IS THE MISDEMEANOURS OF THAT TINY PERCENTAGE OF OUR TRADING COMMUNITY, WHO WOULD BRING HONG KONG'S TRADING REPUTATION INTO DISREPUTE, WHICH MUST BE CONSTANTLY COUNTERED.

+THE PROPORTION OF FAKE GOODS IMPROPERLY PRODUCED IN HONG KONG IS INFINITESIMAL COMPARED WITH THOSE PRODUCED IN LEGITIMATE TRADE. NEVERTHELESS WHEN COUNTERFEIT GOODS ARE DISCOVERED AND THERE IS CONSEQUENT PUBLICITY EITHER HERE OR ABROAD, HONG KONG'S TRADING REPUTATION AS A WHOLE IS PLACED IN JEOPARDY.

+LIKewise, WHEN THE OCCASIONAL SHARP OPERATOR EVADES QUOTA CONTROL OR FALSELY OBTAINS CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN OF HIS GOODS, HE BRINGS THE SYSTEM AND ALL DECENT TRADERS OF HONG KONG INTO DISREPUTE.

+IN MY OPINION, TRADING INTEGRITY IS ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS,+ MR JORDAN SAID.

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RESTRICTIONS ON DIRECT ISSUE OF DRIVING LICENCES

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FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1980, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE AND EFFECTIVE FROM TODAY, HOLDERS OF OVERSEAS DRIVING LICENCES WILL NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE FOR DIRECT ISSUE OF A HONG KONG LICENCE TO DRIVE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES, PRIVATE OMNIBUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES OVER 45 CWT.

OVERSEAS DRIVING LICENCE HOLDERS WILL HOWEVER STILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF A LICENCE TO DRIVE A PRIVATE CAR OR MOTOR-CYCLE.

THOSE WHO WISH TO OBTAIN A HONG KONG LICENCE TO DRIVE A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE, A PRIVATE BUS OR A GOODS VEHICLE OF MORE THAN 45 CWTs. WILL NEED TO HOLD A DRIVING LICENCE FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS BEFORE ATTEMPTING A HEAVY GOODS OR PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE DRIVING TEST.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS IS TO PREVENT EROSION OF THE HIGH STANDARDS SET IN HONG KONG FOR THE TESTING AND LICENSING OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO DRIVE THESE VEHICLES.

+BECAUSE OF THE GREATER RISKS TO PUBLIC SAFETY INHERENT IN THE USE OF SUCH VEHICLES, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THOSE WHO DRIVE THEM ARE FULLY TRAINED AND CONVERSANT WITH ROAD CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

UNDER THE AMENDED REGULATIONS THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIRECT ISSUE OF PRIVATE CAR AND MOTOR-CYCLE LICENCES TO LICENCE HOLDERS FROM COUNTRIES LISTED IN THE FIFTH SCHEDULE OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE ARE ALSO SLIGHTLY CHANGED TO PROVIDE GREATER CONTROL.

DIRECT ISSUE OF HONG KONG DRIVING LICENCES WILL NOW BE DONE ON THE BASIS OF THE HOLDER HAVING PASSED A DRIVING TEST IN THE FIFTH SCHEDULE COUNTRY WHICH ISSUED THE LICENCE.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THERE HAVE BEEN CASES WHERE THE HOLDER OF A DRIVING LICENCE FROM A COUNTRY NOT INCLUDED IN THE FIFTH SCHEDULE OBTAINING A LICENCE OF A FIFTH SCHEDULE COUNTRY BY DIRECT ISSUE, WITHOUT ANY FORM OF RE-TESTING, AND IN TURN USING THIS LICENCE TO OBTAIN A HONG KONG ONE.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY OF YUEN LONG TOWN HALL CELEBRATED

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YUEN LONG TOWN HALL WAS DESCRIBED TODAY AS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF THE STRENGTH OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WAS SPEAKING AT THE START OF CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE TOWN HALL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY.

HE SAID IT HAD BEEN BUILT BY A GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF MANY PUBLIC SPIRITED PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

+AFTER IT WAS BUILT THEY CONTINUED TO GIVE THEIR ATTENTION, TIME AND MONEY TO MANAGE AND DEVELOP IT INTO A LIVELY CENTRE OF ACTIVITY,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

HE SAID DEMAND FOR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WAS STEADILY INCREASING, AND THERE WAS A NEED TO DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES TO MEET THIS NEED.

HERE IN YUEN LONG, A WELL EQUIPPED, AIR-CONDITIONED AUDITORIUM, THE CHIU LUT SAU HALL, WILL VERY SOON BE COMMISSIONED-IMPROVEMENT WORK ON YUEN LONG STADIUM AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SWIMMING COMPLEX ARE ALSO WELL UNDER WAY, HE SAID.

+BUT, FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THE FACILITIES IS ONLY A START. WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT THE PEOPLE OF YUEN LONG SHOULD DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE WAY THE TOWN HALL HAS DEVELOPED, TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE, AND MAKE GOOD USE OF THESE FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL,+ HE ADDED.

MR AKERS-JONES CONGRATULATED THE CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN CHIU, AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP, ENTHUSIASM AND EFFORT IN MAKING THE TOWN HALL A SUCCESS.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE INCLUDES LOCAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, RURAL COMMITTEE LEADERS AND PROMINENT RECREATIONAL, SPORTING, CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL FIGURES.

MR AKERS-JONES- THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR K.K. FUNG, ARE HONORARY MEMBERS.

OVER THE PAST DECADE THE TOWN HALL HAS ORGANISED A VARIETY OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE.

IT HAS A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, A BALLET SCHOOL AND A SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP.

FUNDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY YUEN LONG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND LEADERS.

TO CELEBRATE ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY THE TOWN HALL IS HOLDING A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A VARIETY SHOW, A CONCERT, A FAMILY BARBECUE AND A DINNER FOR THE ELDERLY. THERE WILL ALSO BE A NUMBER OF EXHIBITIONS.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, MR ALLEYNE PRESENTED SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO STAFF AND VOLUNTEER HELPERS.

TOWN CENTRE SITE RESERVED FOR TAI PO

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A TOWN CENTRE WITH MAJOR CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IS PROPOSED FOR TAI PO UNDER A DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE TOWN CENTRE WILL BE SITUATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE EXISTING TAI PO MARKET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE AIM OF BUILDING TAI PO NEW TOWN WAS TO CREATE A NEW BALANCED SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY FOR SOME 230 000 PEOPLE IN AN ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

THE DRAFT PLAN COVERS A TOTAL OF 2 354 HECTARES. OF THIS, ABOUT 52 HECTARES WILL BE ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, 179 FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, 113 FOR VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT, 24 FOR INDUSTRIAL USES, 114 FOR OPEN SPACE, 1 440 FOR GREEN BELT AND 110 FOR OTHER SPECIFIED USES.

ANOTHER 123 HECTARES HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES, INCLUDING A DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION, A FIRE STATION, AN AMBULANCE DEPOT, A STADIUM, A CULTURAL COMPLEX, A COMMUNITY CENTRE, A DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND SERVICE RESERVOIRS.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN, TOGETHER WITH A SET OF NOTES WHICH DEFINE THE PERMITTED USES AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH MAY BE EXCEPTIONALLY PERMITTED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE- THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TAI PO), TAI PO MARKET, AND THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

THE DRAFT PLAN IS AVAILABLE FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$8.50 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$120 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE DRAFT PLAN AND HAS OBJECTION SHOULD SUBMIT IT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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SOLICITOR'S COSTS REVISED

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REVISED SOLICITOR'S COSTS CHARGEABLE FOR NON-CONTENTIOUS BUSINESS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE CHANGES ARE SET OUT IN THE SOLICITORS (GENERAL) COSTS (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) RULES 1980, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE RULES ALSO INTRODUCE TWO NEW PROVISIONS:

FIRSTLY, WHERE THERE IS DISPUTE AS TO WHETHER ANY ADDITIONAL WORK UNDERTAKEN BY A SOLICITOR IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NON-CONTENTIOUS BUSINESS, THE DISPUTE IS TO BE RESOLVED BY THE TAXING MASTER OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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SECONDLY, FOR TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING LETTER +A+ OR LETTER +B+ LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS AND FOR CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTS OF FLATTED PROPERTY OR TOWN HOUSES, THE COSTS ARE NOW SET OUT.

THE NEW COSTS WILL ONLY APPLY TO BUSINESS FOR WHICH INSTRUCTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM TODAY.

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KWAI CHUNG TO HOLD OWN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR

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KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO TRAVEL A LONG DISTANCE TO TSUEN WAN TO VISIT A LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR THIS YEAR.

THEY WILL HAVE THEIR OWN FAIR AT KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY.

+THE FAIR IS ORGANISED TO KEEP PACE WITH THE INCREASED POPULATION IN THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING DISTRICT,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

AT THE SAME TIME TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS WILL STILL HAVE THEIR LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR AT SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

A TOTAL OF 126 STALLS AT THE KWAI CHUNG FAIR SITE WILL BE AUCTIONED ON JANUARY 12 WHILE 208 STALLS AT THE TSUEN WAN SITE WILL BE AUCTIONED ON JANUARY 13. THE UPSET PRICE OF EACH IS \$50.

THE TWO PUBLIC AUCTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

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NEW SCHOOLS MUST BUILD UP SOUND TRADITION

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THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE CRUCIAL ONES BECAUSE THAT IS THE TIME TO BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR A SOUND TRADITION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE POST-SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING IN CANTONESE AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF PO ON COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION WONG SIU CHING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TSUEN WAN.

HE NOTED THAT THE SCHOOL WAS THE FIRST SECONDARY SCHOOL SET UP BY THE ASSOCIATION ALTHOUGH IT HAD AMPLE EXPERIENCE BECAUSE IT WAS ALREADY OPERATING TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

+A GOOD BEGINNING IS A JOB ALREADY HALF COMPLETED,+ HE SAID, +AND A SCHOOL MUST SET THE FOUNDATION FOR A SOUND TRADITION AND SHAPE THE STUDENTS' MORAL CHARACTER WITHIN THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT.+

MOST OF THE STUDENTS NOW STUDYING IN THE SCHOOL ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 15.

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THIS IS THE AGE WHEN YOUTHS ARE MOST RECEPTIVE TO NEW IDEAS, MORE SOCIABLE AND HAVE THE MOST DRIVE IN THEIR WORK, MR TOPLEY SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE ADDED, THIS IS ALSO THE AGE WHEN THEY ARE AT THEIR MOST IMPULSIVE AND WOULD EASILY SUCCUMB TO TEMPTATION.

THEREFORE CAREFUL GUIDANCE IS NEEDED ON THE PART OF THE PARENTS AND THE TEACHERS TO SEE THAT THEY ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH, MR TOPLEY SAID.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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THE POST OFFICE TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE LATEST DATE FOR POSTING LOCAL MAIL ITEMS TO ENSURE DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS DECEMBER 21, SUNDAY.

THERE WILL BE NO LETTER DELIVERY ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY- ONE DELIVERY THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 14) AND ON BOXING DAY (DECEMBER 26)- AND TWO DELIVERIES ON DECEMBER 21, SUNDAY.

IN ADDITION, ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ON BOXING DAY, 32 POST OFFICES INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL, TSIM SHA TSUI, TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

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TENDER FOR CLEANING JOBS AT AIRPORT

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CLEANING OF PUBLIC AND RESTRICTED AREAS AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

FOUR SEPARATE TENDERS ARE BEING CALLED FOR THE CLEANING OF THE AIRSIDE EXTERNAL AREAS, LANDSIDE EXTERNAL AREAS, AIRPORT INTERNAL AREAS, AND TOILETS.

ALL THE CONTRACTS WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS BEGINNING FROM ABOUT FEBRUARY, 1981.

TENDERERS MAY BID FOR ANY OR ALL OF THE CONTRACTS BUT IF SUCCESSFUL IN ANY, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE OTHER CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OR OTHER PEOPLE WITHIN THE AIRPORT DURING THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT.

ALL TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1981.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY, OR FROM THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT AT THE AIRPORT.

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CONTRACT FOR CLOCK SYSTEM AT KCR STATIONS
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SYNCHRONISED TIMING SYSTEM AT ALL KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATIONS.

THE CONTRACT IS FOR FIVE YEARS AND CARRIES THE RIGHT OF DISPLAYING ADVERTISEMENTS OF THE BRAND NAMES AND TRADE MARKS OF THE CLOCKS.

TENDERS MUST BE PUT IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX BEFORE 12 NOON ON JANUARY 9.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER
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THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LANE OF THE GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON TWO NIGHTS BETWEEN 8 PM AND 5 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY.

THE TRAFFIC LANE IS TO BE CLOSED FOR REPAIR WORKS.

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