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SIX NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO NT DISTRICT BOARDS

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THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF SIX NEW MEMBERS TO SERVE ON DISTRICT BOARDS.

THEY ARE:

TSUEN WAN - MR CHAN YIU, AGED 51, A BUSINESSMAN, WHO IS ACTIVE IN MUTUAL AID AND AREA COMMITTEE WORK- AND

MADAM CHAN KWOK WAI-MAN, A HOUSEWIFE, WHO IS ALSO ACTIVE IN MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WORK IN KWAI SHING ESTATE. MADAM CHAN IS A MEMBER OF KWAI SHING AREA COMMITTEE AND OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF KWAI SHING COMMUNITY HALL.

SHA TIN - MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN, AGED 36, DIRECTOR OF SHA TIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, AND A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT BOARD RECREATION AND SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE- AND

MR FRANKLIN SHUM TUNG-KEUNG, AGED 50, AN INDUSTRIALIST WITH A KEEN INTEREST IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. MR SHUM IS PRESIDENT OF THE NEWLY-FOUNDED SHA TIN ROTARY CLUB.

TAI PO - MR STEPHEN TANG LUNG-WAI, AGED 30, ASSISTANT LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, OF WHICH HE IS A SOCIAL SCIENCES GRADUATE. MR TANG IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME- AND

MR VINCENT LO WING-SANG, AGED 30, A LOCAL LAWYER, WITH AN INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

WELCOMING THE NEWLY-APPOINTED MEMBERS, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SAID THEIR RANGE OF INTERESTS WOULD ENSURE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THEIR LOCAL DISTRICT BOARDS.

MR CHUI SAID THE BOARDS WERE ENTERING A +VITAL STAGE+, WITH ELECTIONS OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ONLY ONE YEAR AWAY, AND ADDED: +OUR SUCCESS IN ATTRACTING SIX NEW MEMBERS OF SUCH CALIBRE AUGURS WELL FOR THE ELECTIONS.+

THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES BOARDS NOW HAVE 165 MEMBERS, FIVE MORE THAN LAST YEAR AND 25 MORE THAN IN 1979/80. OF THIS NUMBER, 106 (OR 64 PER CENT) ARE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

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BOARDS WERE FIRST ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER, 1977, WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- * TO ADVISE ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL BEING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE DISTRICT.
- * TO ADVISE ON THE PROVISION AND USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT, IN PARTICULAR :
 - (I) ON THE ADEQUACY AND PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT-
 - (II) ON THE USE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE WITHIN THE DISTRICT UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE.
- * TO UNDERTAKE, USING PUBLIC FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE :
 - (I) MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT-
 - (II) THE PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

THE LARGEST DISTRICT BOARD IS TSUEN WAN WHICH NOW HAS 29 MEMBERS FOLLOWED BY YUEN LONG WITH 24 MEMBERS AND TAI PO WITH 20.

THE BUDGET FOR 1978/79 WAS \$3.7 MILLION, FOR 1979/80 IT WAS \$4.5 MILLION AND FOR 1980/81 \$6.148 MILLION. DETAILS OF THE BUDGET FOR THE PRESENT FINANCIAL YEAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

MR CHUI SAID BOARDS HAD DONE A GREAT DEAL OF VALUABLE WORK IN THE COMPARATIVELY SHORT TIME THEY HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED.

NEED FOR GOOD FAMILY LIFE STRESSED

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A HAPPY FAMILY LIFE WAS BASED ON GOOD PARENT AND CHILDREN RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE LACK OF A CARING FAMILY COULD DRIVE YOUNG PEOPLE TO LOOK INDISCRIMINATELY FOR FRIENDS, THEREBY INCREASING THEIR CHANCES OF GOING ASTRAY, A SOCIAL WORKER SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING BEFORE MEMBERS OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST, MISS AGNES CHUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, URGED PARENTS TO SPEND TIME IN REVIEWING THEIR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS WHERE NECESSARY TO BUILD UP A HAPPY FAMILY LIFE.

RECOGNISING THESE FACTORS, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO HELP EDUCATE PEOPLE ON FAMILY LIFE, IN 1977.

+IT IS A TERRITORY-WIDE COMMUNITY EDUCATION EXERCISE AIMED AT ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF AGE,+ MISS CHUNG STRESSED.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS PROMOTED AT DISTRICT LEVELS WHERE SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES REACH INTO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, SCHOOLS, ORGANISATIONS AND FACTORIES TO ORGANISE SEMINARS AND TALKS EXPLAINING HUMAN RELATIONSHIP AND THE NEED FOR HARMONIOUS FAMILIES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES JOINTLY LAUNCH COMMUNITY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS EACH YEAR TO BRING HOME MESSAGES THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA, THROUGH LITERATURE, EXHIBITIONS, AND LARGE-SCALE PROMOTIONAL EVENTS, SHE SAID.

SHE SAID THE TARGET WAS APPROACHED ON A PROGRESSIVE BASIS, STARTING IN 1978 WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE AIMS AND SCOPE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, FOLLOWED BY AN EMPHASIS ON INDIVIDUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FAMILY, THE CHILD AND THE FAMILY, AND THEN MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS, WHICH IS THE THEME OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN.

+PREPARATIONS ARE WELL UNDERWAY TO LAUNCH THE NEXT CAMPAIGN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, WHICH WILL CARRY THE THEME OF THE ADOLESCENT AND THE FAMILY,+ SHE SAID.

+WE HOPE THAT AT A TIME WHEN WE FACE VARIOUS PROBLEMS CONCERNING YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FORTHCOMING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN CAN BRING ABOUT CERTAIN GUIDELINES FOR SOLUTION,+ SHE ADDED.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WAS A LONG-TERM EXERCISE AND TANGIBLE RESULTS COULD NOT BE SEEN IN ONE OR TWO YEARS.

VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD GET TOGETHER AND GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO THE EFFORT, SHE SAID.

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NEW SCHOOL OPENED IN TAI PO
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THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT IN TAI PO OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

THE CARMEL PAK U SECONDARY SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN THE RECENTLY-COMPLETED TAI YUEN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

UNVEILING A PLAQUE, MR AKERS-JONES SAID IT SEEMED DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST OF 14 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT IN TAI PO DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

IT WAS ALSO DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT AFTER CENTURIES -- INDEED THOUSANDS OF YEARS -- OF QUIET EXISTENCE, TAI PO HAD NOW EMBARKED ON A PERIOD OF EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT TRANSFORMING IT FROM A TRADITIONAL MARKET, INTO A BUSTLING MODERN TOWN.

+WE ARE INCLINED NOWADAYS TO THINK TOO MUCH OF NUMBERS, OF QUANTITY, OF CONCRETE, SO MANY BUILDINGS COMPLETED AND ROADS CONSTRUCTED, BUT THIS FINE SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE EMPTY OF MEANING UNLESS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS SHARE A COMMITMENT TO BUILD UP AN IDENTITY AND A FINE TRADITION AS A PLACE OF LEARNING,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

+LIKewise, ALL THE FACILITIES WE BUILD FOR TAI PO WILL NOT SERVE THEIR BEST PURPOSE IF THE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TOWN DO NOT TAKE PRIDE IN THE TOWNSHIP, DO NOT SHARE THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CARE FOR THEIR TOWN AND FOR EACH OTHER, AND DO NOT COME FORWARD AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY.

+LET US RESOLVE THEN AS WE GATHER HERE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND WITH GOD'S HELP WE WILL SUCCEED,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

CARMEL PAK U SECONDARY SCHOOL IS ONE OF THREE SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED BY THE EVANGELICAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT INCORPORATION AND IS SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SCHOOL STARTED LESSONS IN SEPTEMBER 1979, IN BORROWED PREMISES AT BAPTIST LUI MING CHOI SCHOOL, SHA TIN. LAST SEPTEMBER IT MOVED INTO ITS PRESENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$9 MILLION.

FUNDS FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT WERE PROVIDED BY THE EVANGELICAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT INCORPORATION AND MADAM LEUNG SING-TAK, A MANAGER OF THE SCHOOL.

FACILITIES INCLUDE AN ASSEMBLY HALL, 24 CLASSROOMS, 12 SPECIAL ROOMS, A LIBRARY AND COVERED AND OPEN PLAYGROUNDS.

THE SCHOOL NOW OPERATES 16 CLASSES WITH 650 STUDENTS. THERE WILL EVENTUALLY BE 30 CLASSES FROM FORM ONE TO FORM SEVEN FOR 1 300 STUDENTS WHEN THE SCHOOL IS FULLY OPERATIONAL IN 1984.

MOST STUDENTS COME FROM TAI PO, FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI AND YUEN LONG.

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TAI PO DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY LAUNCHED
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THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED TO GIVE FULL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT 100 TREES OF VARIOUS SPECIES PLANTED IN TAI PO TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO LAUNCH THE TAI PO DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD AROUSE THE PUBLIC'S CONCERN AND INTEREST IN THE LOVE AND CARE OF TREES.

MR SWEETMAN SAID THAT IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TOWN AND NEW ROAD NETWORKS, IT WAS INEVITABLE MANY WOODLANDS AND ROADSIDE TREES HAD TO BE CLEARED OR HAD BEEN DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

TO REMEDY THE LOSS OF AMENITIES AND TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT, IT WAS NECESSARY THAT MORE NEW TREES SHOULD BE PLANTED, HE SAID.

+THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PLANT MORE TREES IN THE DISTRICT TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROVIDE A PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.+

+WE WILL ALSO MAKE IT OUR TASK TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION TO THE TREES WE PLANTED,+ HE SAID.

MR SWEETMAN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND CHILDREN FROM FIVE TAI PO SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN THE TREE PLANTING.

ALSO OFFICIATING WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN WONG= THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR LO KAR-CHUN= THE PROJECT MANAGER OF TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR J.W. THOMAS= AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR LAU PEI-PING.

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FESTIVAL FIRE DANGER
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THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRES DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (FRIDAY), +PEOPLE VISITING GRAVES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MUST TAKE EXTREME CARE IN BURNING JOSS STICKS AND OTHER SACRIFICIAL ITEMS.+

HE REPEATED THE FOLLOWING ADVICE TO HELP PREVENT HILL FIRES:

- * BURN JOSS STICKS AND JOSS PAPERS IN METAL CONTAINERS=
- * DO NOT LEAVE LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND JOSS PAPERS UNATTENDED=

/s/ PUT OUT

* PUT OUT ALL FIRES BEFORE LEAVING THE GRAVE SITE= AND

* RAISE ALARM AT THE FIRST SIGN OF A FIRE.

+FIRE PRECAUTIONS AT HOME ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT WHEN MANY PEOPLE ARE CONDUCTING RITUAL CEREMONIES,+ HE SAID.

+PEOPLE IN SQUATTER AREAS, WHERE FIRE RISKS ARE PARTICULARLY HIGH, SHOULD TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN BURNING JOSS STICKS AND OTHER ITEMS.

+REMEMBER, CARELESSNESS DOES NOT PAY!+

TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF FIRE DANGERS DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, THE MOBILE FILM UNIT OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES HAS BEEN MAKING SPECIAL MESSAGE BROADCASTS AT BUS TERMINALS AND FERRY PIERS IN THE URBAN AREAS SINCE LAST WEEK.

IN RURAL AREAS, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S CIVILIAN INFORMATION TEAMS HAVE BEEN VISITING COUNTRY PARKS AND GRAVE SITES TO GIVE FIRE PREVENTION ADVICE.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS ALSO SUPPORTING THE PUBLICITY DRIVE BY ARRANGING REGULAR BROADCASTS AT ITS HUNG HOM TERMINUS, SHA TIN, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI STATIONS.

PEOPLE PLANNING TO VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD WERE ALSO URGED TO USE DESIGNATED BARBECUE AREAS AND KEEP THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN.

+CAUSING A FIRE OR LITTERING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL LEAD TO HEAVY FINES,+ THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

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ISLAND FESTIVAL TRAFFIC PLAN

SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON HONG KONG ISLAND ON SUNDAY (APRIL 5) FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

FROM 6 AM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAY, PEEL RISE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WHILE CONSORT RISE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BISNEY ROAD.

CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM LIN SHING ROAD TO SHEK O ROAD.

LIN SHING ROAD WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM WAN TSUI ROAD TO CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WHILE WAN TSUI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE FROM EAST TO WEST.

WAH HA STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM LIN SHING ROAD TO CHAI WAN ROAD AND CAPE COLLINSON ROAD MAY HAVE TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

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ON THE SAME DAY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL OPERATE SPECIAL BUS SERVICES - NO. 57, BETWEEN CENTRAL BUS STATION AND THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY AND NO. 89 BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN CEMETERY - BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF EVERY SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES.

THE BUS STOPS OUTSIDE BLOCK 27 WAN TSUI ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL CEMETERY ROUTE NO. 89.

THE EASTBOUND BUS STOP IN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD OUTSIDE THE SHAU KEI WAN KAIFONG WELFARE CENTRE WILL BE RESITED EASTWARDS NEAR CHURCH LANE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 2 PM.

CMB ROUTE NOS. 8, 80, 82, 83, 84 AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 106 WHICH NORMALLY TRAVEL IN AN ANTI-CLOCKWISE DIRECTION ON WAN TSUI ROAD TO CHAI WAN WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO RUN ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD.

CMB ROUTE NOS. 82 AND 84 WHICH NORMALLY TRAVEL SOUTHBOUND ON WAH HA STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL ALONG WAN TSUI ROAD.

CMB ROUTE NOS. 81 AND 81M, AFTER LEAVING THEIR TERMINAL POINTS AT HING WAH ESTATE, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE WESTERN SECTION INSTEAD OF EASTERN SECTION OF WAN TSUI ROAD BETWEEN FEI TSUI ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD ONTO CHAI WAN ROAD.

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TRAFFIC PLANS FOR FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KOWLOON ON SUNDAY AND ON MONDAY (APRIL 5 AND 6) FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE +NO WAITING+ RESTRICTIONS ON CHING CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND WING MING STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM.

THE GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES IN KING LAM STREET, WING HONG STREET AND YU CHAU WEST STREET WILL BE CANCELLED FROM 7 AM ON APRIL 5 TO 7 PM ON APRIL 6.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED THAT ACCESS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY ABOVE CHING CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEE KUK WEST STREET AND KING LAM STREET. PARKING FACILITIES ARE LIMITED AND THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

IN WONG TAI SIN, MOTORISTS WISHING TO GO TO THE HAMMER HILL CEMETERY ARE ADVISED TO USE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, THE PO KONG VILLAGE INTERCHANGE AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR AT HAMMER HILL ROAD JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

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CRAFTSMEN TO SHOW SKILLS

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CRAFTSMEN IN HONG KONG ARE HIGHLY SKILLED AND IT IS HOPED THAT IN FUTURE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS, MR JEFFREY DEVEREUX, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL ENGINEERING CRAFT COMPETITION HELD AT KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

+I BELIEVE THAT WITH THE INNATE SKILL OF OUR CRAFTSMEN AND THE RIGHT SORT OF TRAINING WE CAN MATCH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS IN THE WORLD.

+IT IS THEREFORE THE HOPE OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WHO HAVE JOINTLY ADMINISTERED THE COMPETITION, THAT HONG KONG WILL AT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL CRAFT SKILL COMPETITIONS,+ MR DEVEREUX SAID.

THIS WAS THE SECOND CRAFT SKILL COMPETITION HELD. THE FIRST WAS HELD LAST YEAR.

ITS AIM IS TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF TRAINING AT CRAFT LEVEL, AND TO PROMOTE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING, ESPECIALLY AMONG STUDENTS AND LOCAL INDUSTRIES, OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

THE WINNERS OF THE CRAFT COMPETITION RECEIVED CASH PRIZES, TROPHIES AND AWARDS, AND ALL THE FINALISTS RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

THE CASH PRIZES WERE DONATED BY CHEN HSONG MACHINERY CO. LTD., AND THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR CHIANG CHEN OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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HOLIDAY REMINDER

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE CHING MING FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5, IS ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THAT SUNDAY, HE POINTED OUT, IS PROBABLY ALSO A REST DAY FOR MANY EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE, AND IF THIS IS THE CASE AN EMPLOYER MUST APPOINT AN ALTERNATIVE REST DAY BECAUSE A REST DAY CANNOT BE COUNTED AS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IN THE CASE OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRY, IF THE CHING MING STATUTORY HOLIDAY FALLS ON THEIR REST DAY, THE HOLIDAY SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE REST DAY.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$6 000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

/THEY MUST

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS COULD BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638- KOWLOON WEST 3-201652- KWUN TONG 3-898520- TSUEN WAN 12-422096- TUEN MUN 12-818443 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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REVISED CHAI WAN PLAN RELEASED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED A REVISED DRAFT CHAI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN INCORPORATING THREE AMENDMENTS.

THE AMENDMENTS ENABLE THE EXTENSION OF THE PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY AT THE EASTERN END, CHANGE OF PART OF A +GREEN BELT+ ZONE TO A +RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)+ ZONE, AND REPLACEMENT OF THE +SCHEDULE OF NOTES+ TO THE PLAN BY A REVISED SET.

THE FIRST TWO AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE AN AREA FOR A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

AS A RESULT OF THE LATEST AMENDMENTS, THE TOTAL RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A) ZONE IN CHAI WAN, HAS BEEN INCREASED BY 4.6 HECTARES (I.E. FROM THE 42.9 HECTARES IN THE PREVIOUS PLAN TO 47.5 HECTARES IN THE LATEST PLAN).

THE REVISED SET OF NOTES BASICALLY UPDATES THE PREVIOUS NOTES.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE SEEN DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS AT: THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG- THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE, HING WAH ESTATE, BLOCK 2, CHAI WAN, HONG KONG AND THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN (NO. LH 20/15D) IS ON SALE AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AT \$8.50 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE SCHEDULED AMENDMENTS MAY INFORM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD OF HIS OBJECTION, BEFORE APRIL 23, BY WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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NT GRAVES DUE FOR EXHUMATION

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HUMAN REMAINS BURIED IN THE GRAVES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC CEMETERIES IN 1974 ARE NOW DUE FOR EXHUMATION, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISED THE PUBLIC.

AN ORDER DEALING WITH THIS MATTER, THE CHEUNG CHAU CEMETARY, SANDY RIDGE CEMETERY, SANDY RIDGE URNS CEMETERY AND WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY (REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF HUMAN REMAINS) ORDER, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A TOTAL OF 15 086 GRAVES -- 8 273 IN WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY, 1 152 IN SANDY RIDGE CEMETERY, 417 IN SANDY RIDGE URNS CEMETERY AND 5 189 IN CHEUNG CHAU CEMETERY -- ARE DUE FOR EXHUMATION.

APPLICATION FOR A PERMISSION TO EXHUME ANY HUMAN REMAINS, WHICH COST \$50, CAN BE MADE TO THE CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 6 CHEONG HANG ROAD, HUNG HOM PUBLIC FUNERAL PARLOUR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR JACK OPENS EXHIBITION

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, TODAY OFFICIALLY OPENED A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ON THE THEME +KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT+ AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL.

THE EXHIBITION FEATURES DISPLAYS BY 14 SECONDARY SCHOOLS SELECTED FROM 51 ENTRIES IN A +KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT+ COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE ICAC IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF SIR JACK'S SPEECH, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE GIS PRESS BOXES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CROSS HARBOUR POWER LINK COMMISSIONED

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY THE HON SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TODAY (FRIDAY) OFFICIATED AT THE CEREMONY TO MARK THE COMMISSIONING OF THE CROSS HARBOUR POWER SYSTEM INTERCONNECTION.

TODAY'S COMMISSIONING OF TWO CROSS-HARBOUR CIRCUITS OF 80 MVA EACH, BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND HOK UN, MARKS THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF STAGE 1 OF THE PROJECT.

COPIES OF SIR PHILIP'S SPEECH (IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH) AT THE CEREMONY ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS BOXES, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES FOR SCHOOL SERVICES
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TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR TRANSPORT OF STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOLS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS EASED THE REGULATIONS TO PERMIT CERTAIN TYPES OF VEHICLES, CURRENTLY CLASSIFIED AS PRIVATE CARS, BUT CAPABLE OF CARRYING 12 PASSENGERS, TO BE RE-REGISTERED AS PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES.

FULL DETAILS OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST AT THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION, MEZZANINE FLOOR, 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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MAXICAB ROUTE 30 SCHEDULE REVISED
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THE SCHEDULE FOR HONG KONG MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 30, OPERATING BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WATFORD ROAD VIA ADMIRALTY MTR STATION, WILL BE REVISED AS FROM SUNDAY (APRIL 5), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE REVISED TIMETABLE, THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE AT 12-MINUTE INTERVALS DURING PEAK HOURS AND 30-MINUTE INTERVALS DURING OTHER HOURS.

THE LAST JOURNEY DEPARTING FROM WATFORD ROAD WILL BE ADVANCED TO 6.54 PM FROM 10.04 PM.

SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND THE ADMIRALTY MTR STATION WILL BE INTRODUCED DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS AT 12-MINUTE FREQUENCY AND AT 7 OR 8-MINUTE FREQUENCY IN THE EVENING UP TO 12.20 AM, AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE WATFORD ROAD SERVICE.

THE CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE IS FIXED AT \$1.

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FOOTBRIDGE TO BE BUILT
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A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE IS TO BE BUILT ACROSS WAI YIP STREET, NEAR SIU YIP STREET IN KOWLOON, TO PROVIDE A SAFE CROSSING POINT FOR PEDESTRIANS.

THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DESIGNED THE FOOTBRIDGE AND WILL SUPERVISE ITS CONSTRUCTION. WORK WILL START IN JULY AND TAKE 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK HAVE BEEN INVITED.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR SCHOOLS
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN CHAI WAN KOK WEST IN TSUEN WAN.

THE SCHOOLS, LOCATED NEAR ON YUK ROAD, WILL BE OF THE STANDARD 24 CLASSROOM TYPE.

IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN TEACHING BLOCK, THE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS, SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AS WELL AS A LIBRARY, WORKSHOP, ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND MENIAL STAFF QUARTERS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS TO BEGIN IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1982.

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TENDER FOR JOINT-VENTURE SOUGHT
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER RESIDENTIAL SITE FOR JOINT VENTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE 10 130-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS IN VENTRIS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER MUST BUILD FOR THE GOVERNMENT, FREE OF CHARGE, TWO RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, AND THE SIZE OF THE UNITS IN THE BLOCKS MUST BE EITHER 176 OR 215 SQUARE METRES.

THE REMAINING BLOCKS WILL BE THE PROPERTY OF THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER.

CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS WILL BE NOON ON MAY 29.

TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

TENDER PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THESE PLACES.

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SERVICE RESERVOIR TO BE BUILT
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A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR IS TO BE BUILT AT PAI TAU HANG IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

IT WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 1 000 CUBIC METRES, AND FORM PART OF THE PROJECT FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGH LEVEL AREAS OF NORTHERN SHA TIN, A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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