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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT COLLECTS FEES FOR
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME, AS ANNOUNCED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE LAST WEEK, CAME INTO OPERATION ON MAY 1.

THE SCHEME, AIMED AT PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR PEOPLE INJURED OR KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, WILL BE FUNDED BY GOVERNMENT AND FROM FEES COLLECTED FROM MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS AND HOLDERS OF ALL TYPES OF DRIVING LICENCES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FROM MAY 1 ALL REGISTERED OWNERS OF VEHICLES HAVE TO PAY AN EXTRA \$75 TOWARDS THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME ON TOP OF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE WHOSE CYLINDER CAPACITY IS BETWEEN 1,000 CC AND 1,500 CC WILL HAVE TO PAY AN ANNUAL LICENCE FEE OF \$600 PLUS \$75 FOR THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME, I.E. A TOTAL OF \$675.

FOR DRIVING LICENCE HOLDERS, THOSE RENEWING THEIR LICENCES FOR ONE YEAR WILL HAVE TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$25 FOR THE SCHEME. IF THEY ARE RENEWING THEIR LICENCES FOR THREE YEARS THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$75.

FOR EXAMPLE, A DRIVING LICENCE HOLDER RENEWING HIS LICENCE FOR THREE YEARS WILL HAVE TO PAY \$150 FOR A THREE-YEAR RENEWAL PLUS \$75 FOR THE SCHEME, I.E. A TOTAL OF \$225.

A PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE HOLDER RENEWING HIS LICENCE FOR ONE YEAR WILL HAVE TO PAY \$100 PLUS \$25.

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INTEREST ON TAX CERTIFICATES INCREASED
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THE ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES WILL BE INCREASED FROM 5.76 PER CENT TO 8.04 PER CENT, TAX FREE, AS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE INCREASE HAS BEEN AUTHORISED BY THE GOVERNOR AND NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE IN TOMORROW'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE 67 CENTS A MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETED MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

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INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID IN CASH.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 4, 1979.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 16, 1979, AND BEFORE MAY 4, 1979, WHEN THE RATE WAS 5.76 PER CENT WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT THAT RATE.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 19, 1975, AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 17, 1977, WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT 4.2 PER CENT.

THOSE ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 17, 1977, AND BEFORE SEPTEMBER 22, 1978 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT THREE PER CENT= THOSE ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 22, 1978 AND BEFORE NOVEMBER 24, 1978, WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT 3.24 PER CENT AND THOSE ISSUED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 24, 1978 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 16, 1979 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AT 5.04 PER CENT, BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETED MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE

\$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON MAY 4, 1979, JUNE 4, 1979 AND JULY 4, 1979 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDERED IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON AUGUST 3, 1979, WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

ON \$1,000 MAY 4, 1979 TO AUGUST 3, 1979, 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$6.70 PER MONTH	= \$20.10
ON \$1,000, JUNE 4, 1979 TO AUGUST 3, 1979, 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$6.70 PER MONTH	= \$13.40
ON \$1,000, JULY 4, 1979 TO AUGUST 3, 1979, 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$6.70 PER MONTH	= \$ 6.70
INTEREST ACCRUED	<u>\$40.20</u> =====

THE INTEREST ACCRUED IS ROUNDED OFF TO \$41 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 7 (3) OF TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES (FOURTH SERIES) RULES.

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\$2.3 MILLION CONTRACT AWARDED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) AWARDED A \$2.3 MILLION CONTRACT TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL A MODERN LIFT AND RAMP SYSTEM FOR THE PASSENGER AND VEHICULAR FERRY PIER AT MUJ WOR ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE CONTRACT WENT TO MCCONNELL DOWELL (HK) LTD., AND WAS SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, MR. G. OSBORNE AND MR. MATTHEW LAU OF MCCONNELL DOWELL.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE WORK COMPRISED A STANDARD TWO-LIFT, EIGHT-RAMP SYSTEM TO ACCOMMODATE DOUBLE-DECKER PASSENGER FERRIES AT ALL TIDAL CONDITIONS.

+THE VEHICULAR RAMP WILL BE FOR SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC TO AND OFF THE VEHICULAR FERRIES,+ HE SAID.

CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS CONNECTED WITH THE PIER ARE WELL UNDER WAY, AND THE LIFT AND RAMP INSTALLATION WILL START AROUND SEPTEMBER.

THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION IS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND COMMERCIAL SITE FOR
SALE IN YUEN LONG
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A VALUABLE SITE IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND A PETROL FILLING AND SERVICE STATION.

SITUATED BETWEEN ON NING AND CASTLE PEAK ROADS AND TO THE EAST OF THE NULLAH THROUGH THE TOWN CENTRE, THE 3,287-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS THE FIRST PRIME LOT IN YUEN LONG TO BE PUT ON SALE BY THE GOVERNMENT THIS YEAR.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL CARTLAND SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE GOVERNMENT WAS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE +UNIQUE+ SITE DESIGNED TO GIVE THE PROSPEROUS COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN NORTH-WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES ANOTHER BOOST.

+WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE SITE IS THAT THERE ARE SPECIAL CLAUSES IN ITS SALE CONDITIONS, REQUIRING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-STOREY PUBLIC CAR PARK FOR 400 MOTOR VEHICLES AND A PETROL FILLING AND SERVICE STATION ON THE GROUND FLOOR,+ MR. CARTLAND SAID.

+THE SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER IS SO TIMED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR PARKING SPACE GENERATED BY THE RAPID DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN.+

MR. CARTLAND SAID PLANS WERE IN THE PIPELINE TO INSTALL PARKING METERS ON PUBLIC ROADS IN THE TOWN AREA TOWARDS THE END OF 1980 AND THE CONCEPT +FITS IN VERY WELL WITH THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT.+

FORMATION AND SERVICING OF THE SITE IS NOW AT AN ADVANCED STAGE WITH ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORK ALSO IN PROGRESS, HE SAID.

+IT IS EXPECTED TO BE READY VERY SOON.+

THE LOT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$18,350,000 OVER 36 MONTHS AND HAS A PLOT RATIO OF 9.5 ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-STOREY COMMERCIAL COMPLEX. THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER MAY SELECT TO PAY THE TENDERED PREMIUM BY INSTALMENTS.

ITS UPPER FLOORS MAY BE USED FOR VARIOUS COMMERCIAL PURPOSES INCLUDING RESTAURANTS, SUPERMARKETS, SHOPS AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

TENDERS FOR THE SITE, CLEARLY MARKED +TENDER FOR YUEN LONG TOWN LOT 303,+ SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON MAY 25.

THEY SHOULD BE PLACED TOGETHER WITH A CHEQUE OR CASHIER ORDER OF \$500,000 MADE PAYABLE TO HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN THE TENDER BOX ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OR ANY OF ITS SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

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ARTWORK ENTRIES INVITED FOR COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE EXHIBITION
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LOCAL STUDENTS NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO DISPLAY THEIR ARTWORK AT AN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION IN LONDON ALONGSIDE THOSE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

THE EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK BY YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE IN OCTOBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) INVITED STUDENTS TO SUBMIT THEIR ARTWORK FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT WHICH IS AIMED AT FOSTERING CLOSER RELATIONSHIP AMONG COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

THERE WILL BE A SELECTION OF THE ENTRIES, AND THE BEST WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION.

+THE EXHIBITS THIS YEAR WILL BE LOANED TO COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES FOR DISPLAY AFTER BEING SHOWN IN LONDON, AND IT IS HOPED WE WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE EXHIBITION HERE IN HONG KONG LATER ON.+

ALL KINDS OF ARTWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE EXHIBITION, INCLUDING PAINTING (CHINESE AND WESTERN), PRINTS, BATIK, FABRIC DESIGN, CARVING, COLLAGE, WEAVING AND CERAMICS.

+THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE THEME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENTRIES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE AGE GROUPS: GROUP I FOR SIX TO NINE= GROUP II FOR 10 TO 13= AND GROUP III FOR 14 TO 18.

TWO-DIMENSIONAL WORK SHOULD BE MOUNTED ON WHITE CARD AND SHOULD NOT EXCEED 60 CM BY 80 CM.

THREE-DIMENSIONAL WORK SHOULD NOT BE TOO BULKY OR TOO FRAGILE, AND SHOULD NOT EXCEED 20 CM IN ANY MEASUREMENT.

EACH PIECE OF WORK SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED ON THE REVERSE, GIVING IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH THE NAME, AGE, AGE GROUP AND SCHOOL OF THE ENTRANT.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR SELECTION.

UNSELECTED WORKS WILL BE RETURNED TO SCHOOLS.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS JULY 10, 1979.

ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULT OF THE LOCAL SELECTION.

THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SELECT WORK FOR DISPLAY AND WILL ISSUE AN EXHIBITOR'S CERTIFICATE TO EVERYONE WHOSE WORK IS DISPLAYED.

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PIANO MASTER CLASS BY MALCOLM FRAGER
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MALCOLM FRAGER WILL BE GIVING A PIANO MASTER CLASS ON MONDAY (MAY 7) AT THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC (EIGHTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE), FROM 4.30 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M.

THIS WILL BE A JOINT PRESENTATION BY THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.

PERFORMING IN THE MASTER CLASS WILL BE STUDENTS FROM THE CONSERVATORY, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, AND PRIZEWINNERS FROM THIS YEAR'S SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL.

THE MASTER CLASS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS AND PIANISTS TO SEE THE ARTIST AS A TEACHER.

MR. FRAGER WILL ALSO BE GIVING A RECITAL AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE THIS SUNDAY AT 8 P.M.

THERE WILL BE NO ADMISSION CHARGE FOR THE MASTER CLASS BUT DUE TO THE LIMITED SEATINGS, THOSE INTERESTED ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT MISS NANCY LOO AT THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TEL. NO. 5-283257.

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TEMPORARY RE-ROUTING
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT GRANVILLE CIRCUIT WILL BE TEMPORARILY RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. NEXT MONDAY TO FACILITATE ELECTRICAL DUCT LAYING WORKS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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