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BOARD WORKING THROUGH LOCAL BODIES
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A DISTRICT BOARD MIGHT WORK THROUGH A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL BODIES TO PROVIDE A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE RESIDENTS ALTHOUGH IT HAD ONLY LIMITED MEANS AT ITS DIRECT DISPOSAL.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE NAM SHAN CENTRE IN SHAM SHUI PO.

+THE CENTRE IS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICE BUT WITHIN IT WE HAVE A TOY LIBRARY AND A STUDY ROOM WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE WALL MURAL OUTSIDE, ARE THE THREE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THIS CENTRE IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

+SO OFTEN WE HAVE SAID THAT ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IS TO PROVIDE A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE RESIDENTS AND THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE TO PROVIDE THE MOMENTUM.

+HOW A DISTRICT BOARD, WITH ONLY LIMITED MEANS AT ITS DIRECT DISPOSAL, IS TO ACHIEVE THIS MUST BE THE QUESTION ON THE MINDS OF MANY.

+HERE WE HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING LOCAL NEEDS THROUGH A WELFARE AGENCY AND IN OTHER CASES, THE DISTRICT BOARD MAY WORK THROUGH A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, WITH AN AREA COMMITTEE, A KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND MANY OTHER LOCAL BODIES,+ HE SAID.

+IN THIS WAY WE HAVE A VIABLE FUSION OF IDEAS AND RESOURCES, ALONG WITH BETTER AND MORE ACTIVE LOCAL PARTICIPATION.

+THIS CO-OPERATION HAS WORKED WELL ACROSS THE DISTRICTS AND I AM SURE THAT THERE CAN BE MANY ADDITIONS AND VARIATIONS TO THE FORMULA.

+A BETTER COMMUNITY IS WHAT WE ARE WORKING FOR, AND IN THIS THE GOALS OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE WELFARE AGENCIES AND THE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ARE VERY SIMILAR,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR AKERS-JONES TOURED THE CENTRE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, MISS KO SIU-WAH AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN IP.

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HIGH HOUSING CARE STANDARD STRESSED
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ALL HOUSING DEPARTMENT ESTATES ARE MANAGED BY MEMBERS OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF HOUSING, AND TO THE SAME CONSISTENT AND HIGH STANDARDS, MR BERNARD WILLIAMS, WHO WILL BE RETIRING AS DIRECTOR OF HOUSING SAID.

IN AN ADDRESS TO THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE INSTITUTE OF HOUSING, HONG KONG BRANCH, HE RECALLED HOW THE EXPERTISE OF THE INSTITUTE IN PROFESSIONAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO ESTATES RUN BY THE FORMER RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT.

MR WILLIAMS SAID HE WAS POSTED IN 1969 TO THE RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT AND FOUND HIMSELF IN CHARGE OF 25 HOUSING ESTATES CONTAINING ABOUT 230 000 FLATS.

+ALTHOUGH THESE ESTATES VARIED IN QUALITY, THEY ALL SUFFERED, SOME MORE THAN OTHERS, FROM VARIOUS MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.+

+THERE SEEMED TO BE NO PARTICULAR SYSTEM OF MANAGEMENT AND MANY DECISIONS WERE TAKEN AD HOC TO MEET PARTICULAR SITUATIONS.

SINCE THEN, MR WILLIAMS SAID SEVERAL RESETTLEMENT OFFICERS HAD ATTENDED TRAINING COURSE, AND AN EXPERIENCED HOUSING MANAGER WAS ALSO SECONDED FROM THE THEN HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SEE WHETHER PROFESSIONAL HOUSING PRINCIPLES COULD BE INTRODUCED.

BY 1972, RESETTLEMENT OFFICERS HAD GRADUATED FROM THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY COURSE AND BECAME FULL MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE -- AND A NEW STYLE OF MANAGEMENT WAS INTRODUCED, HE SAID.

+WITH THE TREMENDOUS GROWTH OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME SINCE 1973, THE OLD GROUP B ESTATES ARE NOW IN THE MINORITY, AND THEIR ORIGINALLY INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS ARE DISAPPEARING ONE BY ONE.+

AS TO HOW PUBLIC HOUSING WAS LIKELY TO EVOLVE IN THE FUTURE, MR WILLIAMS SAID HE HIMSELF PREFERRED WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED THE +CONSERVATIVE+ ALTERNATIVE.

+THAT IS AS MANY FAMILIES AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO BECOME HOME-OWNERS.

+IN MANY CITIES, THIS IS NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF THE EXORBITANT COST OF LAND, BUT IN HONG KONG, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EVOLVE A LOW-INCOME FLAT PURCHASING POLICY WHICH PUTS HOME OWNERSHIP WITHIN THE MEANS OF ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION -- AND THIS PROPORTION WILL GROW IN THE FUTURE.+

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PRAISED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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A PRISONER IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND IS THEREFORE ENTITLED TO ENJOY HIS SELF-RESPECT, HIS PERSONAL DIGNITY AND HIS HUMAN RIGHTS LIKE ANYONE ELSE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MR MICHAEL THOMAS SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HAVING BEEN ACCUSED OF A CRIMINAL CHARGE, TRIED AND CONVICTED BY THE DUE PROCESS OF THE LAW AND SENTENCED TO A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT, THE PRISONER LOSES HIS FREEDOM BY ORDER OF THE COURT AND BECOMES SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF PRISON RULES WHICH IS A PART OF THE LAW, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT OFFICERS AT STANLEY, HE SAID THAT LOSS OF FREEDOM WAS PUNISHMENT IN ITSELF AND THAT WAS ALL A PRISONER MUST SUFFER.

+MEN COME TO PRISON AS A PUNISHMENT NOT FOR PUNISHMENT,+ MR THOMAS SAID, QUOTING A FAMOUS BRITISH PENOLOGIST.

MR THOMAS SAID IT WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THAT A PRISONER LOST HIS FREEDOM BY WAY OF PUNISHMENT, BUT IN CONSEQUENCE OF THAT IT WAS A PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE PRISON CONDITIONS BEARABLE AND NOT A DEGRADING OR HUMILIATING EXPERIENCE.

IT WAS THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO CARRY OUT THAT PUBLIC DUTY, HE SAID.

QUOTING CHINESE MAXIMS, HE REMINDED THE OFFICERS THAT +AS GOOD OFFICIALS, THEY MUST NOT THROW THEIR WEIGHT ABOUT,+ ALSO THAT THEY +MUST BE FAIR AND JUST AND NOT CORRUPT.+

MR THOMAS PRAISED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR ITS SUCCESS IN CORRECTIONAL WORK WHICH WAS RECOGNISED AND ADMIRER INTERNATIONALLY. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS SUCCESS TO THE DISCIPLINE AND THE HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT EXISTED THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

MR THOMAS ALSO PRAISED THE CONDITIONS AT STANLEY PRISON WHICH HE VISITED LAST WEEK. HE REMARKED : +IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT STANLEY IS STREETS AHEAD OF SOME OF THE LOCAL PRISONS I HAVE VISITED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN TERMS OF ACCOMMODATION, SPACIOUSNESS AND WORKSHOP FACILITIES.+

+HONG KONG MUST KEEP ITS PLACE IN SHOWING THE WORLD WHAT CAN BE DONE TO GIVE MEANING TO THE LIFE OF THE PRISONER,+ HE ADDED.

MR THOMAS WAS THE INSPECTING OFFICER AT THE PARADE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY. ON PARADE WERE 115 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAD COMPLETED THEIR SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING.

HE ALSO PRESENTED SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS, MESSRS CHENG WAN-PO AND CHIU SHUN-FAN.

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BEACHGOERS SHOULD OBSERVE DANGER SIGNALS

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BEACHGOERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO STAY OUT OF WATER AT ANY PUBLIC BEACH WHERE A RED FLAG IS HOISTED.

THIS SIGNAL MEANS THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE WATER AT THE BEACH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE SIGNAL IS RAISED WHEN THERE IS STRONG WIND OR WHEN THE SEA IS ROUGH.

A BLUE FLAG MEANS THAT THE WAVES MAY BE TOO STRONG FOR LESS EXPERIENCED SWIMMERS AND CHILDREN.

+THOSE WHO FAIL TO OBSERVE EITHER WARNING MAY ENDANGER THEIR LIVES,+ THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

HE RECALLED THAT THREE BATHERS DROWNED LAST SUNDAY BECAUSE THEY IGNORED THE RED FLAG SIGNAL OR FAILED TO OBSERVE SAFETY RULES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO WARNED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO SWIM OUTSIDE THE SAFETY LIMITS MARKED BY BUOY LINES OR AT UNGAZETTED BEACHES WITH ROCKY HEADLANDS AND STRONG TIDES.

TONG FUK BEACH ON LANTAU ISLAND IS PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER UNGAZETTED BEACHES WHERE DANGER SIGNALS ARE HOISTED INCLUDE TAI LONG SAI WAN, TAI LONG TUNG WAN AND HAM TIN BAY AT SAI KUNG.

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UK POLICE ADVISER ARRIVES

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SIR JAMES CRANE, FORMERLY HER MAJESTY'S CHIEF INSPECTOR OF CONSTABULARY, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A THREE-WEEK VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THIS IS SIR JAMES' FOURTH VISIT TO HONG KONG AND CONTINUES THE USEFUL ASSOCIATION DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE OF HIS PREVIOUS VISITS. HE FIRST CAME TO HONG KONG IN EARLY 1978 TO ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE ON THE ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE. A WIDE RANGE OF RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE AND THE PROGRESS MADE IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION WAS REVIEWED IN THE COURSE OF HIS TWO SUBSEQUENT VISITS IN 1979 AND 1981.

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DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT, SIR JAMES WILL BE ASKED TO EXAMINE AND ADVISE ON THE PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE OF DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO REGIONAL LEVELS, AND HE WILL AGAIN REVIEW PROGRESS ON PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS. SIR JAMES WILL ALSO BE HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND A MEETING WITH THE UMELCO POLICE GROUP.

SIR JAMES' TWO STAFF OFFICERS, ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE S. PLEECE AND CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT R.C. WILKES, ARRIVED ON JUNE 25 AND HAVE CARRIED OUT ESSENTIAL GROUNDWORK IN CO-OPERATION WITH POLICE HEADQUARTERS STAFF. CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT J.B. GOULDSMITH, THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, RHKPF, WILL ASSIST SIR JAMES AND HIS TEAM.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE S. PLEECE ACCOMPANIED SIR JAMES DURING HIS 1981 VISIT, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST VISIT OF CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT R.C. WILKES TO HONG KONG.

NEED FOR ROAD SAFETY STRESSED

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KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS MUST MAKE ROAD SAFETY AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR EVERY DAY LIFE BECAUSE OF THE TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, SAID THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LEE LYON-YUAN.

"THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT, THE SUBSEQUENT GROWTH IN POPULATION AND THE HEAVY VOLUME OF TRAFFIC SERVICING THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL ARE THE MAIN CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS," HE EXPLAINED.

IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE ROAD SAFETY DAY HELD AT KWAI CHUNG POLICE STATION COMPOUND TODAY (SATURDAY), MR LEE REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING ROAD SAFETY ADVICE.

THIS ROAD SAFETY DAY MARKED THE END OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE POLICE AND THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD. PUBLICITY PROGRAMME WHICH COMMENCED EARLY LAST MONTH INCLUDED ROAD SAFETY LECTURES AND FILM SHOWS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS, ROAD SAFETY SLOGAN, DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITIONS AND THE SELECTION OF MODEL PEDESTRIANS.

"THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL START ON MONDAY IS A TWO-WEEK 'ON-THE-STREET' EDUCATION FOR PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS. DURING THIS PERIOD, POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE DEPLOYED AT BUSY SPOTS IN KWAI CHUNG TO ADVISE PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS ON THE CORRECT WAY OF USING THE ROADS, MR LEE SAID.

"IN THE FINAL PHASE -- ANOTHER TWO-WEEK PERIOD, THE POLICE WILL STEP UP PROSECUTION AGAINST ERRING DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS," HE COMMENTED.

/MR LEE

MR LEE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE THEME FOR THIS ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN 'PEDESTRIAN SAFETY' IS VERY APPROPRIATE FOR KWAI CHUNG BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND FACTORIES IN THE DISTRICT. SPECIAL EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGH CASUALTY RATE IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. WE HOPE TO IMPLANT ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES FIRMLY IN THEIR YOUNG MINDS AND THUS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS."

TO MARK THE OCCASION, MR LEE PERFORMED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TOGETHER WITH THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR EVAN EVANS; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, NORTH KWAI CHUNG, MR LAM YIU-TONG; THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF NEW TERRITORIES TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS, MR ANTHONY WINBUSH AND A MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SZETO WING.

PRIZES WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY SLOGAN, DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITIONS AND THE MODEL PEDESTRIANS.

DISPLAYS AT THE ROAD SAFETY DAY INCLUDED A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN, A ROAD SAFETY BUS, A ROAD SAFETY DISPLAY CENTRE, A SEAT BELT CATAPULT, A MOBILE VISION SCREENING VEHICLE, AND A ROAD SAFETY FILM SHOW. THERE WERE ALSO GAMES STALLS FOR CHILDREN AND BAND AND FOOTDRILL PERFORMANCE.

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MORE ROADS FOR SHEUNG SHUI

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE CARRYING OUT TWO ROAD PROJECTS TO THE NORTH OF THE SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATION AS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP FANLING NEW TOWN.

THE FIRST PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF EXTERNAL DISTRIBUTOR ROADS AND INTERNAL FEEDER ROADS TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOUTH-EAST OF SHEK WU HUI, INCLUDING TSOI YUEN TSUEN AND SO KWUN PO.

THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT AREA WILL HAVE OPEN SPACES, SCHOOLS, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PREMISES, A MARKET COMPLEX, AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

UNDER THE OTHER PROJECT, EXTERNAL DISTRIBUTOR ROADS AND INTERNAL ROADS WILL BE BUILT TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO A PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE EAST OF SHEK WU HUI.

NOTICES ABOUT THE PROJECTS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

THE PROJECT PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT OLD DISTRICT BUILDING, TAI PO MARKET; AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, FANLING SUB-OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY AUGUST 30, 1983.

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NEW LANE FOR TAI HANG ROAD
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WORK WILL SOON START ON THE WIDENING OF A SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN KA NING PATH AND LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL LANE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT INTENSIVE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREAS SERVED BY TAI HANG ROAD HAD GENERATED A HIGH VOLUME OF TRAFFIC ON THIS ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD, RESULTING IN HEAVY CONGESTION DURING PEAK HOURS.

+THE TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER, WHICH WILL PROVIDE DIRECT TWO-WAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD, IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL ALLEVIATE CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI HANG ROAD AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THEREFORE, THE WIDENING OF THE SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD FROM KA NING PATH TO LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE TRAFFIC INDUCED BY THE NEW FLYOVER,+ HE ADDED.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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PROJECT TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 4 000 METRES OF FRESH AND SALT WATER MAINS.

THE MAINS, WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 200 MM TO 800 MM, WILL BE ALONG LUNG MUN ROAD BETWEEN PAK KOK AND PILLAR POINT.

THE CONTRACT FORMS PART OF A SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO THE WESTERN EXTENSION OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FARMERS GET \$23 MILLION IN LOANS
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MORE THAN \$22.7 MILLION WAS LENT TO FARMERS AND FISHERMEN LAST YEAR FROM FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE ACTING DIRECTOR, DR H.Y. LEE SAID TODAY.

AND ANOTHER \$260 500 WAS AWARDED TO STUDENTS TO STUDY AT LOCAL AND OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WHICH ARE ALSO ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

DR LEE MADE THESE HIGHLIGHTS AT THE 61ST INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY CELEBRATIONS.

HE SAID THAT OF THE LOANS GRANTED TO FARMERS, SOME 30 PER CENT WERE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES WHILE OF THE FISHERMEN'S LOANS SOME 60 PER CENT WERE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE SOCIETIES.

+DESPITE THE EXCEPTIONALLY BAD WEATHER WHICH REDUCED LOCAL VEGETABLE PRODUCTION BY 12 PER CENT DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE VEGETABLE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES CONTINUED TO PLAY THEIR IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLES,+ SAID DR LEE.

DR LEE SAID THE FISHERMEN HAD A GOOD YEAR IN 1982 AND OF THE 172 000 TONNES OF FISH LANDED BY THE FLEET, ABOUT 40 PER CENT WERE MADE BY MEMBERS OF FISHERMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

MEANWHILE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT SPECIAL LOW INTEREST LOANS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CHICKEN FARMERS AS FROM MONDAY.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED 1 600 APPLICATIONS FROM CHICKEN FARMERS FOR LOANS AND THESE WERE BEING PROCESSED.

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REMINDER TO RATEPAYERS
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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983 MUST BE PAID BY NOON ON JULY 30.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE AND A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT ON ACCOUNTS STILL OUTSTANDING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

HE SAID RATEPAYERS SHOULD HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY AT THE RATES SECTION OF THE TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG- OR AT THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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+WHETHER OR NOT THE DEMAND NOTE IS RECEIVED, IT DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES SHOULD BE PAID BEFORE THE DUE DATE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT RATES WERE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT WERE REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE NO REFUNDS IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES, UNLESS IT IS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

TO AVOID QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR AUTOPAY FORMS SHOULD READ THEIR DEMAND NOTES CAREFULLY TO SEE IF THEY CONTAIN THE WORDING +PAYMENT BY AUTOPAY AS AUTHORISED+.

THE ABSENCE OF SUCH WORDING MEANS THEIR FORMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PROCESSED, IN WHICH CASE THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY THEIR RATES IN THE NORMAL WAY, I.E. IN PERSON OR BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER.

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WOMEN'S SOCIETY FOR MIDDLE INCOME GROUP
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THE TIME HAD COME FOR YIN NGAI SOCIETIES' MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT, MRS JANE AKERS-JONES, WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, SAID TODAY.

SHE SAID THE AIM OF THE SOCIETIES WAS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR WOMEN LIVING IN RATHER UNTRADITIONAL SURROUNDINGS, TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND TO ENRICH THEIR LIVES.

+DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICE, YIN NGAI MEMBERS ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE,+ SHE SAID.

MRS AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE CHI FU FA YUEN YIN NGAI SOCIETY - THE FIRST FORMED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL ESTATE.

THIS ALSO BRINGS TO 10 THE NUMBER OF YIN NGAI SOCIETIES FORMED SINCE 1981 - THE OTHER NINE ARE ALL IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

MRS AKERS-JONES SAID EACH YIN NGAI SOCIETY HAD DEVELOPED ITS OWN CHARACTERISTICS - SOME ON LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WHILE OTHERS ON SOCIAL PROJECTS, EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

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+SUCH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES REFLECT THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF EACH SOCIETY AND THE WAY IT RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF ITS MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY,+ SHE SAID.

+SELF-HELP, SELF-RELIANCE AND MUTUAL HELP IS THE MOTTO FOR EACH YIN NGAI MEMBER TO CHERISH.+

SHE SAID THE WARM RESPONSE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MEMBERS PROVED THAT YIN NGAI SOCIETIES WERE OF USE TO ALL WOMEN IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR SOCIAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

+CLOSE CO-OPERATION AMONGST YIN NGAI SOCIETIES IS ALSO NECESSARY. YOU ARE ALL MAKING THE IDEAL OF YIN NGAI COME TRUE,+ SHE SAID.

THE CHI FU FA YUEN YIN NGAI SOCIETY HAS SO FAR RECRUITED SOME 230 MEMBERS - THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS AMONG ALL YIN NGAI SOCIETIES.

SINCE LAST OCTOBER, THE SOCIETY'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN RECRUITING MEMBERS AND ORGANISING ACTIVITIES, SEMINARS AND INTEREST CLASSES FOR WOMEN IN CHI FU FA YUEN.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE MEMBERS FROM OTHER YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

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TENNIS LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

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CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHT AND 14 WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, THE BEGINNERS' COURSE WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 25 TO AUGUST 6.

CLASSES CONSISTING OF SIX TWO-HOUR SESSIONS EACH WILL BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN TAI HING TENNIS COURT AND THE TUEN MUN TEMPORARY TENNIS COURT.

ONE SERIES OF SESSIONS WILL START AT 9 AM AND THE OTHER SERIES AT 11 AM.

A MAXIMUM OF 12 PLACES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EACH CLASS.

THE FEE FOR THE COMPLETE COURSE IS \$20.

ENROLMENT IS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS HEADQUARTERS, ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-458511, 5-741546 OR 0-813210.

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NORTH POINT AND SAI WAN HO TRAFFIC PLAN
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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN NORTH POINT, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG TONG SHUI ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO JAVA ROAD FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 4).

VEHICLES HEADING FOR JAVA ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MARBLE ROAD AND SHU KUK STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN HOI NING STREET AND HOLY CROSS PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE GAS MAIN WORK.

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WATER CUT ON PEAK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON THE PEAK WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 5) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT 1-78 MOUNT KELLETT ROAD, INCLUDING THE MATILDA AND WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, AND AT 3-5 AND 9 PLUNKETT'S ROAD.

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TAPS OFF IN TAI HANG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI HANG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 5) FOR MAINS LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY CLEMENTI ROAD, MOUNT BUTLER ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD, INCLUDING MOUNT BUTLER QUARRY.

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