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DECLINE SEEN IN AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

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THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG WILL INCREASE TO 6.2 MILLION IN 1991 AND TO 6.7 MILLION IN 1996, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT ALUMNI SOCIETY THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

MR BREMRIDGE BASED THESE ESTIMATES ON PAST TRENDS OF DECLINING FERTILITY AND MORTALITY AND ON AN ASSUMED NET IMMIGRATION OF 44 000 A YEAR.

+IF WE COULD ASSUME ZERO NET IMMIGRATION, WHICH MUST BE A REASONABLE AIM, THE FIGURES WOULD BECOME 5.8 MILLION IN 1991 AND 6 MILLION IN 1996,+ HE SAID.

DUE TO DECLINING FERTILITY AND RISING PROSPERITY, THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE FELL FROM 4.5 IN 1971 TO 3.9 LAST YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO DECLINE FURTHER TO 3.3 IN 1991 AND 3.1 IN 1996, HE SAID.

MR BREMRIDGE ADDED THAT THERE WERE OBVIOUS IMPLICATIONS HERE FOR HOUSING DEMAND WHICH HE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE UNABATED FOR MANY YEARS.

BETWEEN 1971 AND 1981, LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR MEN INCREASED BY FIVE YEARS FROM 67.4 TO 72.4 AND FOR WOMEN BY 3.1 YEARS FROM 75 TO 78.1, HE REPORTED.

THESE FIGURES WERE COMPARABLE WITH THOSE OF THE MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, HE POINTED OUT.

THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN PER WOMAN FELL DRAMATICALLY FROM 5.17 IN 1961 TO 1.97 LAST YEAR AND FURTHER DECLINES MIGHT BE EXPECTED, HE SAID.

TODAY, THE CRUDE BIRTH RATE STANDS AT 17 PER THOUSAND AND THE CRUDE DEATH RATE AT FIVE PER THOUSAND.

INFANT MORTALITY -- DEFINED AS DEATHS DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF LIFE -- FELL FROM 18 PER THOUSAND IN 1971 TO 10 PER THOUSAND IN 1981, WHICH IS LOWER THAN THOSE OF BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES AND SINGAPORE BUT SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN JAPAN'S EIGHT PER THOUSAND, MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

ALTHOUGH A QUARTER OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION ARE BELOW 15 YEARS OLD, THE MEAN AGE ROSE FROM 27.4 YEARS IN 1971 TO 30.3 YEARS IN 1981, HE SAID.

OF SIGNIFICANCE TO FUTURE SOCIAL DEMANDS, THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE OVER 65 YEARS OLD IS NOTICEABLY INCREASING, MR BREMRIDGE POINTED OUT.

THE FIGURE WAS UP FROM 4.5 PER CENT IN 1971 TO 6.6 PER CENT IN 1981 AND IS EXPECTED TO RISE FURTHER TO 8.7 PER CENT IN 1991 AND TO 9.6 PER CENT IN 1996, HE ADDED.

THE IMPLICATIONS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE WERE OBVIOUS AND PUBLIC SPENDING IN THIS AREA MIGHT HAVE TO BE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED, HE SAID.

RECENT IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA HAD HIGHER LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES THAN THE LOCAL POPULATION, AND IN GENERAL HAD TAKEN UP JOBS REQUIRING LOWER LEVELS OF SKILL, HE DISCLOSED.

SEVENTY-FOUR PER CENT WERE IN PRODUCTION OCCUPATIONS IN 1981, COMPARED WITH ONLY 48 PER CENT OF THE LOCAL POPULATION WHILE THEIR MEDIAN INCOME WAS ONLY 80 PER CENT OF THE LOCAL WORKERS, MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

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FOUNDATION WORK ON GOVERNMENT COMPLEX IN WAN CHAI

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$240-MILLION CONTRACT TO KUMAGAI GUMI (HONG KONG) LTD. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-LEVEL BASEMENT AND FOUNDATIONS ON A WAN CHAI RECLAMATION SITE EARMARKED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GOVERNMENT COMPLEX.

THE CONTRACT, ONE OF THE BIGGEST AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR, WAS FORMALLY SIGNED THIS MORNING BY THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR D.W.T. MOK, AND MR C.P. YU AND MR T. NAKAYAMA OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

MR MOK SAID THE GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, ESTIMATED TO COST \$1.5 BILLION AT CURRENT PRICES, WOULD BE BUILT ON THE 19 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE BOUNDED BY HARBOUR ROAD TO THE NORTH AND GLOUCESTER ROAD TO THE SOUTH, NEXT TO THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

+AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THIS CONTRACT IN ABOUT TWO YEARS' TIME, SIX BLOCKS OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ABOVE THE BASEMENT WHICH WILL HAVE PARKING SPACES FOR 400 GOVERNMENT VEHICLES AND AN AIR-CONDITIONING PLANT FOR THE ENTIRE COMPLEX,+ MR MOK SAID.

THE SIX BUILDINGS INCLUDE A DISTRICT COURT/MAGISTRACY BUILDING, A SCIENCE BUILDING, A PUBLIC CAR PARK, A FIRE STATION AND TWO OFFICE TOWERS.

+THE DISTRICT COURT/MAGISTRACY BUILDING WILL BE 30 STOREYS HIGH WITH 30 000 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR AREA FOR DISTRICT AND MAGISTRACY COURTS ON THE LOWER FLOORS AND 27 000 SQUARE METRES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON THE UPPER FLOORS,+ MR MOK SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT SCIENCE BUILDING, WHICH WILL BE 19 STOREYS HIGH AND PROVIDE 22 000 SQUARE METRES OF ACCOMMODATION FOR GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES, WILL BE ERECTED ABOVE AN EIGHT-STOREY PUBLIC CAR PARK BUILDING THAT WILL PROVIDE PARKING SPACE FOR ABOUT 600 PRIVATE CARS.+

THE SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION INCLUDED IN THE COMPLEX WOULD BE A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING.

/MR MOK

MR MOK SAID THAT THE TWO TOWERS, EACH 49 STOREYS HIGH, WOULD PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 200 000 SQUARE METRES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICE SPACE.

A UNIQUE FEATURE OF THIS COMPLEX IS A 3 000-SQUARE-METRE GARDEN TO BE BUILT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT COURT/MAGISTRACY BUILDING AND THE TWO TOWERS.

+THIS OPEN PLAZA WILL BE COLOURFULLY LANDSCAPED WITH LUXURIANT PLANTS AND BEAUTIFUL FOUNTAINS THAT SHOULD BRING ENVIRONMENTAL RELIEF TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC,+ MR MOK SAID.

WORK ON THE PRESENT CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH, BUT FOUNDATION WORKS FOR THE 30-STOREY COURT BUILDING HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTIRE COMPLEX HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES WITH THE DISTRICT COURT/MAGISTRACY BEING FIRST.

DESIGN PLANS FOR THE OTHER BUILDINGS ARE STILL BEING DRAWN UP, MR MOK ADDED.

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MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

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THE REGISTRAR GENERAL HAS INFORMED SCOTLAND INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED THAT ITS AUTHORISATION FOR CARRYING ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG IS TO BE WITHDRAWN AS FROM 00.01 AM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1982.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE ACTION IS BEING TAKEN UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) ORDINANCE, WHICH EMPOWERS THE REGISTRAR GENERAL TO REVOKE SUCH AUTHORISATION WHERE HE CEASES TO BE SATISFIED AS TO THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF A COMPANY CARRYING ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

THE EFFECT OF THE REVOCATION WILL BE THAT ALL MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES ISSUED BY SCOTLAND INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED WILL CEASE TO BE VALID AS AT 00.01 AM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11.

+ALL MOTORISTS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE COVERED AGAINST THIRD PARTY BODILY RISK AND PASSENGER LIABILITY. IT WILL THEREFORE BE A MATTER OF THE GREATEST URGENCY FOR THOSE INSURED WITH THE COMPANY TO TAKE OUT NEW POLICIES WITH ANOTHER AUTHORISED COMPANY+, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IF ANY MOTORIST WHO IS PRESENTLY COVERED BY A SCOTLAND INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED POLICY FAILS TO TAKE OUT A NEW POLICY BY MIDNIGHT ON DECEMBER 10 AND USES HIS VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC ROAD AFTER THAT, HE WILL BE COMMITTING A STATUTORY OFFENCE FOR WHICH HE COULD BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10 000, BE IMPRISONED FOR UP TO A YEAR AND LOSE HIS/HER DRIVING LICENCE FOR UP TO THREE YEARS.

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AMENDMENTS TO HKTA ORDINANCE PROPOSED
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A BILL IS TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO AMEND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION ORDINANCE TO EFFECT MINOR CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS AND TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORISED USE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S LOGO AND TITLE.

THE AMENDMENTS, WHICH ARE PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES OR ARE FOUND NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE.

THEY WILL:

- * REPLACE THE TWO EXISTING CATEGORIES OF +ORDINARY+ AND +ASSOCIATE+ MEMBERS WITH +TRAVEL INDUSTRY+ AND +ORDINARY+ MEMBERS RESPECTIVELY.
- * REPLACE THE TERM +TOURIST AGENT+ WITH +TOUR OPERATOR+.
- * CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
- * RECONSTITUTE THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FROM JANUARY 1, 1983 SO THAT ORDINARY (AT PRESENT ASSOCIATE) MEMBERS WILL HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE IN FUTURE AND INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER CARRIERS, BOTH AIR AND SEA, WHO ARE AT PRESENT SEPARATELY REPRESENTED, WILL HAVE ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE. THE NOMINATED MEMBER OF EACH CLASS OF BOARD MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO BE ENGAGED IN THE ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATE TO THAT CLASS, FOR EXAMPLE, HOTEL PROPRIETORS WILL BE REPRESENTED BY A HOTELIER AND NOT A HOTEL OWNER.
- * FORMALISE THE EXISTING PRACTICE OF NOT ACCEPTING INDIVIDUALS AS MEMBERS.
- * INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINE, INTRODUCED IN 1965, FROM \$1 000 TO \$50 000 FOR UNAUTHORISED USE OF THE LOGO OR TITLE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

IF THE BILL IS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AMENDMENT RULES WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED TO ENABLE THE ASSOCIATION TO CHARGE ENTRANCE FEES AND TO REQUIRE ITS MEMBERS TO COMPLY WITH CODES OF PRACTICE.

COMMUNITY URGED TO KEEP RESOLVE

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY CALLED ON THE COMMUNITY NOT TO FALTER IN ITS RESOLVE TO BUILD A FULL AND HAPPY LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THIS COULD BE DONE, HE SAID, BY USING THE IMAGINATION, ENTERPRISE AND DETERMINATION WHICH HAD BROUGHT THE TERRITORY TO ITS POSITION OF PRE-EMINENCE IN TODAY'S WORLD.

MR AKERS-JONES' CALL CAME AT THE END OF A SPEECH IN WHICH HE SPOKE OF THE DECADES OF CONTINUAL CHANGE AND CHALLENGE SINCE THE WAR WHICH HAD TRANSFORMED HONG KONG INTO A GREAT MODERN CITY.

HE TOLD AN AUDIENCE OF TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS AT THE ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE SPEECH DAY THAT +WE HAVE CREATED A MODERN, COMPLEX SOCIETY WHICH, WITH ONLY FIVE MILLION PEOPLE, IS RANKED SIXTEENTH AMONG THE TRADING NATIONS OF THE WORLD AND THIRD AMONG THE FINANCIAL CENTRES, COMPETING ON EQUAL TERMS WITH GREAT NATIONS AND CAPITAL CITIES AROUND THE WORLD.+

MR AKERS-JONES EMPHASISED THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE HAD FACED MANY HARDSHIPS TOGETHER: NO NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSING SHORTAGES, DROUGHT AND FLOOD, TYPHOONS, FIRE AND SICKNESS.

+WE HAVE FOUND A WAY TO OVERCOME THESE ADVERSITIES AND TO GO ON TO ACHIEVE A STANDARD OF LIVING THAT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN ASIA,+ HE SAID.

+AT THE SAME TIME, AS PEOPLE INFLUENCED BY EDUCATION, TRAVEL, CINEMA AND TELEVISION, BY POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE CONSTRAINTS OF HIGH-DENSITY, HIGH-RISE LIVING, WE HAVE CREATED A HONG KONG LIFE STYLE AND, WITHIN THE ESSENTIAL FRAMEWORK OF THE LAW, OUR OWN SPECIAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH DOES NOT RELY ON ELECTIONS TO ACHIEVE A WIDE MEASURE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT.

+WE GOVERN BY CONSENSUS AND THERE CAN BE FEW GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORLD WHICH ARE ADVISED BY OVER 300 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

+THERE ARE FEW COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD WHERE EACH DAY SEES THE PUBLICATION OF OVER 50 DAILY PAPERS REPRESENTING THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF THE FREEDOM WHICH WE ENJOY.+

MR AKERS-JONES REMINDED THE GRADUATING STUDENTS THAT THEY WOULD BE GOING OUT INTO SOCIETY TO JOIN THREE MILLION OTHER HONG KONG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 30.

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS NOT AN EASY PLACE IN WHICH TO GROW UP AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO JOIN THOSE FORCES WORKING TO CREATE A NEW SOCIETY AND TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DISRUPTIVE FORCES TO CRIME, CORRUPTION, DRUGS AND POLLUTION OR TO LEAD A MATERIALISTIC, SELF-CENTRED LIFE.

MR AKERS-JONES EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE STUDENTS HAD THE VISION TO SEE THE NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF THE SOCIETY AND TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO THEM ALL, TO JOIN IN THIS WIDER SPHERE OF ACTIVITY OUTSIDE THE CIRCLE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

HE SAID: +THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE INCREASING AS MORE REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS ARE CREATED AT A DISTRICT LEVEL AND MORE ACTIVITIES ARE GIVEN A DISTRICT FOCUS.

+AND I AM NOT REFERRING MERELY TO THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS BUT TO A SPECTRUM OF ACTIVITY, WHICH COVERS ALL THOSE ORGANISATIONS WHICH UNITE OUR COMMUNITY: SCOUTS, RED CROSS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS.

+THE VAST MAJORITY OF HONG KONG'S PEOPLE WILL LIVE HERE ALL THEIR LIVES, THEIR HOMES ARE HERE, THEIR FUTURE IS HERE, FOR THEM THERE IS NO QUESTION OF DEPARTURE.

+THEREFORE WE MUST NOT FALTER IN OUR RESOLVE AS A PEOPLE - AS A GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, TO BUILD HEERE A FULL AND HAPPY LIFE FOR OUR PEOPLE, BY USING THE IMAGINATION, ENTERPRISE AND DETERMINATION, WHICH HAS BROUGHT US TO THE PRE-EMINENT POSITION WE ENJOY TODAY.+

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HAYE SAYS SOME FAITH IS BETTER THAN NONE
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IN THE MODERN WORLD THOSE THAT HAVE A FAITH ARE IMMEASURABLY BETTER OFF THAN THOSE WHO HAVE NONE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, HE SAID, + ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS IN THE AGE IN WHICH WE LIVE IS SOME SORT OF FAITH, AN IDEAL WHICH IS OUTSIDE ONESELF, TO WHICH ONE CAN CLING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES.+

MR HAYE SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DIVIDE PEOPLE INTO THREE BROAD CATEGORIES: THOSE WHO HAD A FAITH, THOSE WHO REJECTED FAITH AND THOSE WHO EITHER DID NOT KNOW OR DID NOT CARE.

+PHILOSOPHICALLY I SUPPOSE ONE WOULD SAY THAT PEOPLE ARE EITHER BROADLY IDEALISTIC OR MATERIALISTIC.

+I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT IT MUST BE TERRIBLY DEPRESSING TO BE A MATERIALIST BECAUSE THIS REALLY MEANS THAT YOU BELIEVE THAT LIFE IS SOMEHOW THE PRODUCT OF MATERIAL ACCIDENT, THAT IT IS A MEANINGLESS LOTTERY OR THAT EVERYTHING IS SOME SORT OF ADJUSTMENT TO ENVIRONMENT, AND THAT THERE IS NOTHING AFTER DEATH.

+THE IDEALIST, ON THE OTHER HAND, SUBSCRIBES TO PURPOSE, MEANING, AND A DESTINY WHICH MAY NOT BE TOTALLY INTELLIGIBLE BUT WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY SHAPES OUR ENDS.

+QUITE APART FROM PREFERENCE FOR AN EXCITING AND MEANINGFUL EXISTENCE, AS DISTINCT FROM A DESPAIRING AND MEANINGLESS WORLD, THERE ARE VERY GOOD RATIONAL REASONS FOR BEING AN IDEALIST,+ MR HAYE SAID.

HE SAID HE WAS NOT PRAISING ANY PARTICULAR SYSTEM OF FAITH, BUT ADDED, +I DO BELIEVE THAT WHAT YOU LEARN HERE AT ST MARY'S PREPARES YOU FOR A POSITIVE IDEALISTIC LIFE.+

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NATHAN ROAD SHOP SITE FOR SALE

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A 5 410-SQUARE-METRE SITE ON NATHAN ROAD WILL BE SOLD BY TENDER EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE AND TWO-STOREY SHOPS OVER BASEMENTS.

THE SITE CONSISTS OF A STRIP OF LAND 17 METRES WIDE STRETCHING FROM A POINT NEAR THE CORNER OF AUSTIN ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE KOWLOON MOSQUE.

TENDERS WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 28.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SAID THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT THE BUILDING ACCOMMODATING THE SHOPS TO A SPECIFIED LEVEL SO THAT THE ROOF WILL FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF KOWLOON PARK.

+AT THE SOUTHERN END THE ROOF TOP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY LEVEL WITH THE ADJACENT PARK AND AT THE NORTHERN END THE PARK WILL BE LANDSCAPED TO SLOPE GENTLY UP TO THE ROOF TOP,+ HE ADDED.

UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF SALE, THE DEVELOPER WILL BE PREVENTED FROM INTRUDING ONTO THE ROOF AREA AND NO AIR-CONDITIONING PLANT OR VENTS WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE ROOF.

THE ROW OF SHOPS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE BLOCKS SEPARATED BY WIDE FLIGHTS OF STEPS GIVING DIRECT ACCESS FROM NATHAN ROAD TO KOWLOON PARK.

ON COMPLETION OF THE DEVELOPMENT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL LANDSCAPE THE ADJACENT AREAS AND PLANT TREES AND SHRUBS ON THE ROOF-TOP SO AS TO MAKE IT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PARK.

+THIS WOULD EFFECTIVELY INCREASE THE USABLE AREA OF THE PARK BY CREATING A PLEASANT PASSIVE RECREATION AREA OF MORE THAN HALF A HECTARE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ROOF STRUCTURE OF THE SHOPS WILL OVERHANG NATHAN ROAD BY THREE METRES, THUS PROVIDING PEDESTRIANS WITH SHELTER ALONG THIS SIDE OF NATHAN ROAD.

+IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT THE SHOPS TOGETHER WITH THE LANDSCAPING AND SHRUBS PLANTED ON THE ROOF WILL FORM AN EFFECTIVE BARRIER AGAINST TRAFFIC NOISE ON NATHAN ROAD AND SO ENHANCE THE TRANQUILITY OF THE PARK AREA,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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HOME OWNERSHIP PROJECT
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SOME 1 560 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE LAND IN TAI HOM WOR, KOWLOON, WILL BE RESUMED TO MAKE WAY FOR A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECT, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NINE AGRICULTURAL LOTS WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE RESUMPTION. THE MAJORITY OF THESE LOTS WERE COVERED BY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES OCCUPIED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

+AN AREA OF 1 400 SQUARE METRES UNDER CULTIVATION WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED,+ HE SAID.

+IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 2 300 STRUCTURES SITUATED ON CROWN LAND WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED. THEY CONSIST OF DOMESTIC DWELLING HOUSES, SHOPS AND WORKSHOPS.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ALL ELIGIBLE PERSONS AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH COMPENSATION AND RE-HOUSING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE HOS PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE 3 400 FLATS FOR 15 300 PEOPLE.

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FLAGSTAFF HOUSE MUSEUM PROJECT
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TENDERS FOR THE CONVERSION OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE IN THE FORMER VICTORIA BARRACKS INTO A MUSEUM, ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, THE UPPER FLOOR OF THE BUILDING WILL BE CONVERTED INTO GALLERIES FOR THE DISPLAY OF ABOUT 500 CERAMIC PIECES.

THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING WILL BE TURNED INTO A RECEPTION HALL WITH SALES COUNTERS, A SPECIAL SUBJECT LIBRARY, A LECTURE/ORIENTATION ROOM, EXHIBITION/PREPARATION WORKSHOP AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

MEANWHILE, THE SERVICE BLOCK OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE WILL ALSO BE CONVERTED INTO A MUSEUM STORE, WORKSHOP AND STAFF QUARTERS.

WORKS WILL START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER.

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NEW ADDRESS FOR MACAU VISIT PERMIT OFFICE

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FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 29), THE MACAU VISIT PERMIT OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE FROM INTERNATIONAL BUILDING TO NEW RODNEY BLOCK, SECOND FLOOR, QUEENSWAY.

THE OFFICE HANDLES ALL APPLICATIONS FOR VISIT PERMITS FROM CHINESE RESIDENTS IN MACAU.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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NEW PRISON COMES INTO OPERATION

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TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, A NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED AND PURPOSE-BUILT MINIMUM SECURITY PRISON, WAS GAZETTED TODAY AND WILL RECEIVE ITS FIRST ADMISSIONS NEXT WEEK.

THE INSTITUTION IS SITUATED ON STANLEY PENINSULA ADJACENT TO STANLEY PRISON AND WILL BE HOUSING LOW-SECURITY-RISK FIRST OFFENDER MALE PRISONERS WHO ARE SERVING RELATIVELY SHORT SENTENCES. THERE IS CERTIFIED ACCOMMODATION FOR 260.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE OPENING OF THE INSTITUTION WILL RELIEVE OVERCROWDING IN OTHER MINIMUM SECURITY PRISONS.

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TV VARIETY SHOWS TO BRING FAMILIES CLOSER

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A SERIES OF TV PROGRAMMES AIMED AT FOSTERING CLOSER RELATIONSHIP AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS, HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND WILL BE SCREENED BY LOCAL TV STATIONS AS PART OF A WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION BEGINNING ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 28).

ENTITLED +FAMILY WEEK 1982+ AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RTHK AND THE URBAN COUNCIL IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE EVENT WILL START OFF WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AT THE REPULSE BAY CAR PARK ON SUNDAY AT 2.30 PM.

MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, CHAIRMAN OF URBAN COUNCIL, MR STUART WILKINSON, DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, AND MR DOMINIC K.M. CHEUNG, GENERAL MANAGER OF OVERSEAS TRUST BANK LIMITED, WHICH SPONSORED THE EVENT, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE OPENING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN HOUR-LONG VARIETY SHOW BY RTHK ARTISTES AND A SANDCASTLE BUILDING COMPETITION AMONG 84 CHILDREN OF ALL NATIONALITIES FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

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BUILDING CLEAN-UP COMPETITION IN WONG TAI SIN
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A BUILDING CLEAN-UP COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

SO FAR FIVE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS IN TSZ WAN SHAN (SOUTH), FUNG WONG NEW VILLAGE AND SAN PO KONG HAVE ENTERED FOR THE COMPETITION.

LOCAL DOMESTIC OCCUPANTS AND FACTORY PROPRIETORS WISHING TO JOIN THE COMPETITION SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE THROUGH THEIR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES BY NOVEMBER 30.

ENTRANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CLEAR UP GARBAGE IN PUBLIC CORRIDORS, STAIRCASES AND EXITS IN THEIR BUILDINGS.

SIX ADJUDICATORS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WONG TAI SIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AND LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES WILL EXAMINE THE BUILDINGS ON DECEMBER 7 AND 8.

WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIR BANNERS AND PLAQUES.

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CUSTOMS DISPLAY AT EDINBURGH PLACE
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YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN A CAREER WITH THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE SHOULD NOT MISS THE CAREER '83 EXHIBITION AT EDINBURGH PLACE OUTSIDE CITY HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SERVICE'S EXHIBITION WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS, EXHIBITS AND DISPLAY STANDS MANNED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS AND SHOWING THE WIDE VARIETY OF DUTIES OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY WILL INCLUDE DRUG DETECTOR DOG SHOWS AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE DETECTION OF DETREATED INDUSTRIAL DIESEL OIL.

IN ADDITION, THE PUBLIC CAN VISIT CUSTOMS' LAUNCHES BERTHED AT QUEEN'S PIER, AND SEE A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY OF THE DUTIES OF INSPECTORS AND OFFICERS IN THE SERVICE WILL BE ON SHOW.

THE SHOWS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE OPENING AT 10 AM BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN.

THE DISPLAY IS PART OF THE CAREERS '83 EXHIBITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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DINNER TREAT FOR 1 000 PEOPLE OVER 70
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SOME 1 000 PEOPLE AGED OVER 70 FROM SAI KUNG WILL BE INVITED TO A DINNER NEXT MONTH AS PART OF A MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' CONCERN AND CARE FOR OLD PEOPLE.

THE FESTIVAL WILL ALSO PROVIDE A VARIED PROGRAMME INCLUDING MEDICAL CHECK-UPS, DENTAL EXAMINATIONS, SEMINARS, OUTINGS, EXHIBITIONS, X-RAY CHECKS AND FILM SHOWS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 28) WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW AND A FUN FAIR AT THE CHENG CHIK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL HALL.

THE EVENT, COSTING \$120 000, IS BEING ORGANISED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS WITH SPONSORSHIPS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

A TALK ON INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR VOLUNTARY WORKERS WHO WILL START VISITING THE AGED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

+TO ENABLE THE OLD PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES, THE ORGANISERS HAVE ARRANGED TRANSPORT TO TAKE THEM TO AND FROM THE VENUES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID.

THE FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE WITH A SERIES CREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, A LUCKY DRAW AND A DINNER FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE ON DECEMBER 27 (MONDAY).

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SQUASH TRAINING COURSE
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A SQUASH TRAINING COURSE FOR WOMEN WHO WISH TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILL WILL BE HELD EVERY SUNDAY FROM DECEMBER 26 TO JANUARY 30.

THE COURSE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

ALL WOMEN OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE WHO HAVE PLAYED SQUASH FOR ONE YEAR MAY APPLY.

TWO CLASSES, STARTING AT 12.30 PM AND 1.45 PM, WILL BE HELD AT ISLAND SQUASH RACKETS CLUB, BORRETT ROAD.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH CLASS WILL BE LIMITED TO 16, AND THOSE INTERESTED ARE URGED TO APPLY BEFORE DECEMBER 6. THE PROGRAMME FEE IS \$15.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS HEAD OFFICE AND ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-458511 OR 5-236968.

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PLB CLEARWAY IN ABERDEEN

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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN ABERDEEN, TUNG SING ROAD BETWEEN TSUNG MAN STREET AND ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 29).

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE SAME ARRANGEMENT WILL APPLY TO TSUNG MAN STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD.

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WATER MAINS WORK

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WATER MAINS WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN ABERDEEN AND KWUN TONG FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

AS A RESULT, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY.

THE WORK WILL AFFECT THE AREA BOUNDED BY TIN WAN STREET, TIN WAN HILL ROAD, SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AND ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD, AS WELL AS A SECTION OF SHEK PAI WAN ROAD TO ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD BETWEEN TIN WAN HILL ROAD AND CHENGTU ROAD.

AND FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS, FROM 9.30 PM ON MONDAY.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG HONG NING ROAD BETWEEN HIP WO STREET AND KUNG LOK ROAD, KUNG LOK ROAD BETWEEN HONG NING ROAD AND 'HYDE TOWER', HONG LEE ROAD INCLUDING HONG LEE COURT AND THOSE ON-ROUTE BUILDINGS, SAU YAN PATH AND UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 15 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

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

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
DECEMBER 1 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 2 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 3 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM
DECEMBER 4 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 6 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 7 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 8 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 9 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 10 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM
DECEMBER 11 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM
DECEMBER 13 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 14 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 15 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 16 (THURSDAY)	NOON - 5 PM
DECEMBER 17 (FRIDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM

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