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GOVERNOR OPENS FIRST SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR
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THE FIRST SECTION OF HONG KONG'S MOST AMBITIOUS ROAD PROJECT TO DATE - THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR - WAS OPENED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, JUST UNDER THREE AND A HALF YEARS AFTER WORK ON BUILDING IT STARTED.

THE SECTION RUNS FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO TAIKOO SHING, A DISTANCE OF 3.7 KILOMETRES.

THERE ARE INTERSECTIONS AT HING FAT STREET, TONG SHUI ROAD AND HEALTHY STREET AND AN INTERCHANGE AT TAIKOO SHING.

THE SECOND STAGE WILL RUN FROM TAIKOO SHING TO SHAU KEI WAN AND IS DUE TO OPEN NEXT YEAR, WHILE THE FINAL STAGE TO CHAI WAN WILL OPEN TOWARDS THE END OF 1987.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, SIR EDWARD SAID THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WAS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LONG-TERM PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

+OUR POPULATION DENSITY AND OUR SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH HAVE RESULTED IN A TRAFFIC DENSITY THOUGHT TO BE AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

+TO IMPROVE THE ROAD NETWORK IS THEREFORE A PRIORITY TASK.+

IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD SPENT SOME \$1 400 MILLION PER YEAR ON IMPROVING THE ROAD SYSTEM, AND IT FULLY INTENDED TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE PROGRAMME IN FUTURE YEARS.

SIR EDWARD SAID APART FROM THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR SEVERAL OTHER MAJOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS WERE IN TRAIN.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE CIRCULAR ROAD FROM SHA TIN TO SHEUNG SHUI WOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR, SO ALSO WOULD THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS.

IN KOWLOON, THE MAJOR ROAD LINKS AND INTERCHANGES WITH THE AIRPORT TUNNEL HAD BEEN COMPLETED OR WERE NEARING COMPLETION, AND WORK WAS CONTINUING ON THE CORNWALL STREET INTERCHANGE AND THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

+THESE ARE ALL LONG-TERM PROJECTS, WHICH EXEMPLIFY THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

THE OPENING OF THE FIRST SECTION OF THE CORRIDOR WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE HALF A MILLION PEOPLE LIVING IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

+FOR A LONG TIME, THEY HAVE HAD TO PUT UP WITH TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN KING'S ROAD AND JAVA ROAD.

/+THE COMPLETION

+THE COMPLETION OF THE EASTERN CORRIDOR, TOGETHER WITH THE MASS TRANSIT ISLAND LINE WHICH WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, SHOULD PUT AN END TO THIS PROBLEM.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID AS AN ENGINEERING PROJECT THE EASTERN CORRIDOR WAS SPECTACULAR.

+I SHOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE ENGINEERS WHO CONCEIVED, PLANNED AND DESIGNED THE PROJECT, AND THE CONTRACTORS WHO BUILT IT.

+I CONGRATULATE THEM ON A JOB WELL DONE.+

THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR EDDIE SHORT, SAID THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ROADS TO SERVE THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT AND CHAI WAN WAS RECOGNISED 10 YEARS AGO WHEN A STUDY WAS MADE TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO MEET THE NEED.

+ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED INCLUDED A HILLSIDE ROUTE, AN ELEVATED ROAD ALONG KING'S ROAD AND A COASTAL ROUTE,+ HE SAID.

+THE COASTAL ROUTE WAS ADOPTED AND NAMED THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.+

MR SHORT SAID THE ROAD WOULD MEET THE TRANSPORT DEMANDS OF EASTERN DISTRICT WELL INTO THE NEXT DECADE.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE LADY YOUDE, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CONTRACTORS' STAFF.

AFTER HIS SPEECH, THE GOVERNOR UNVEILED A PLAQUE AND LOOKED AT A DISPLAY OF THE VARIOUS STAGES OF BUILDING THE CORRIDOR.

HE THEN OFFICIALLY OPENED THE ROAD BY DRIVING THROUGH A RIBBON STRETCHED ACROSS ONE CARRIAGEWAY.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE EIGHT KILOMETRES LONG HIGHWAY WILL BE \$1 720 MILLION.

IT IS MAINLY DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, ALTHOUGH BETWEEN THE HING FAT STREET AND TONG SHUI ROAD INTERSECTIONS AN EXTRA LANE HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN EACH DIRECTION.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST SECTION BEGAN IN JANUARY, 1981, ALTHOUGH A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF PREPARATORY WORK WAS COMPLETED BEFORE THIS, INCLUDING LARGE-SCALE RECLAMATION AT CAUSEWAY BAY AND QUARRY BAY.

IN BUILDING THE FIRST SECTION 1 400 PILES WERE USED, TOTALLING 55 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH.

THE VOLUME OF CONCRETE USED WAS 185 000 CUBIC METRES.

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THE SECTION HAS 108 SPANS AND THERE ARE 4.5 KILOMETRES OF SLIP ROAD.

AT THE PEAK OF CONSTRUCTION 1 600 WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED ON THE SITE AT ANY ONE TIME.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS AMOUNTED TO \$1.5 MILLION PER DAY.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY HAS MEANT THE RELOCATION OF FIVE PIERS.

THE HIGHWAY WILL OPEN TO TRAFFIC TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

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BUS FARE RATIONALE EXPLAINED TO UMELCO

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IN REPLY TO PRESS QUESTIONS TODAY, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD HAD A MOST HELPFUL DISCUSSION WITH UMELCO THIS MORNING ABOUT THE NEW TEMPORARY ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BUS ROUTES AND THEIR FARES.

HE SAID THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED IN DETAIL TO UMELCO THE RATIONALE FOR DETERMINING THE FARE LEVELS AT \$2 AND \$2.50 FOR THE FIVE ROUTES. THE FARES HAD BEEN DETERMINED FOR THE TEMPORARY ROUTES (AND HE EMPHASISED THAT THEY ARE TEMPORARY ROUTES) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WITH REFERENCE TO THE EXISTING SCALE OF FARES FOR GROUPS OF ROUTES. THE IEC ROUTES, OF COURSE, ARE NEW AND THEREFORE THERE IS NO EXACT PRECEDENT. THE COMMISSIONER HAD THEREFORE BASED THE FARES BETWEEN APPROVED +SUBURBAN EXPRESS+ FARE LEVELS AND +EXPRESS COACH+ LEVELS AS ALREADY APPLIED TO CMB SERVICES.

THE DIFFERENTIAL FARES IN THE VARIOUS GROUP OF FARES REFLECT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF SERVICE, MAINLY SPEED. THE BASIC ROUTES ARE URBAN AND SUBURBAN, WHICH HAVE MANY STOPS AND CONSEQUENTLY SLOWER SPEEDS AND THEREFORE LOWER FARE STRUCTURES.

THE +SUBURBAN EXPRESS+ GROUPS OF FARES, OF WHICH EXAMPLES ARE THE ABERDEEN TO CENTRAL ROUTE AND ALSO THE CHI FU FA YUEN TO NORTH POINT ROUTE, HAVE SOME STOPS, BUT RELATIVELY FEW. THE NEW IEC ROUTE WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE NO STOPS ON THE CORRIDOR ITSELF AND ITS AVERAGE SPEED WILL THEREFORE BE EVEN FASTER THAN THE SUBURBAN EXPRESS. HOWEVER, IN TERMS OF CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT, IT WILL NOT BE AS GOOD AS +EXPRESS COACH+ FARES. THE COMMISSIONER THEREFORE SET THE TEMPORARY FARES BETWEEN THE TWO. FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE +EXPRESS COACH+ FARE LEVEL, THE FARES WOULD COME OUT AT \$2 TO \$4, WHEREAS UNDER THE SUBURBAN EXPRESS LEVELS THEY COME OUT AT \$1.70 AND \$2.50. THE COMMISSIONER ESTIMATED THAT \$2 AND \$2.50 WOULD BE REASONABLE.

/THE SECRETARY

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THE SECRETARY EMPHASISED THAT THE PRESENT KING'S ROAD SERVICES WILL BE MAINTAINED AT THEIR PRESENT LEVEL OF SERVICE AND THAT THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND THE DEPARTMENT WILL MONITOR CMB'S PERFORMANCE ACCORDINGLY, TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THE STANDARD IS MAINTAINED. THE NEW SERVICE, HE NOTED, WOULD ALSO OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE TO PLB PASSENGERS WHO PAY FOR EXAMPLE \$6 FOR THE RIDE FROM CHAI WAN TO CENTRAL.

THE COMMISSIONER WILL ALSO MONITOR THE NEW IEC TEMPORARY ROUTES, AS HE DOES ALL TEMPORARY ROUTES. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH UMELCO THIS MORNING, THE COMMISSIONER HAS AGREED TO MAKE A SPECIAL REVIEW AFTER THREE MONTHS AND THE RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO UMELCO AND THE DISTRICT BOARD AND MADE PUBLIC. THE COMMISSIONER WILL ACTUALLY MONITOR THE SITUATION ON A WEEKLY BASIS, BUT OBVIOUSLY A PERIOD OF TIME IS NECESSARY BEFORE ANY FIRM CONCLUSIONS CAN BE DRAWN.

ASKED WHY THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED IN THIS CASE, AS THEY REGULARLY ARE UNDER THE AGREED PROCEDURES, THE SECRETARY REPEATED WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN SAID ON THIS POINT= NAMELY THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH CMB HAD NOT PROCEEDED SATISFACTORILY ENOUGH TO ENABLE THE FULL NORMAL PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED. THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD CONSIDERED THE ROUTES, BUT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO GET THE PROPOSED FARES TO THEM IN TIME. THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERED THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF TRAVELLERS, THE ROUTES SHOULD BE OPERATING ON THE DAY THAT THE IEC OPENED, AND HENCE THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS COULD ONLY BE INFORMED ALMOST AT THE LAST MINUTE. THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE CONSULTED ABOUT ANY CHANGES IN THE TEMPORARY ROUTES AND ABOUT ANY PERMANENT ROUTES WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT CMB'S VIEWS OF FARE LEVELS, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT CMB (LIKE OTHER BUS COMPANIES) HAD FOR A LONG TIME ACCEPTED AND OPERATED PREMIUM FARES ON DIFFERENT GROUPS OF ROUTES, AND HAD ADVANCED NO REASON WHY THESE NEW PREMIUM ROUTES SHOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM EXISTING PREMIUM ROUTES. CMB HAD SUGGESTED VARIOUS OTHER FARE LEVELS, BUT HAD NOT PUT FORWARD ANY EXPLANATION OR DETAILS TO JUSTIFY THEM. THEY HAD NOT EXPLAINED FOR EXAMPLE WHY THEY THINK IT POSSIBLE TO RUN THE IEC ROUTES AT LOWER FARE LEVELS, WITHOUT INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING THE SAME FOR OTHER PREMIUM ROUTES.

THE SECRETARY EMPHASISED THAT THE ROUTES ARE TEMPORARY, THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC WILL BE MONITORED CLOSELY AND APPROPRIATE CHANGES, AS NECESSARY, WILL BE PROPOSED TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS. FLEXIBILITY IS THE KEYNOTE IN THIS TEMPORARY SITUATION.

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INVESTMENT IN 'MOST MODERN MACHINERY' URGED
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HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS WERE URGED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, TO INVEST IN THE MOST MODERN AND SOPHISTICATED MACHINERY AVAILABLE, SO AS TO MOVE UP MARKET.

IN MAKING HIS CALL, MR YAXLEY SAID THAT WHATEVER THE FUTURE HELD IN STORE, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WOULD REMAIN +THE BEDROCK ON WHICH THE ECONOMY IS BUILT,+ AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR IT TO PROSPER.

+I BELIEVE,+ MR YAXLEY SAID, +THE OPPORTUNITIES HERE FOR A RESOURCEFUL AND ENERGETIC MANUFACTURER WILL CONTINUE TO BE, INCOMPARABLY BETTER THAN ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION, SIMPLY BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS FULL WELL THAT -- TO BORROW A PHRASE -- 'THE BUSINESS OF HONG KONG IS BUSINESS'.

+WE KNOW THAT OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY PROSPERS FROM THIS PHILOSOPHY, AND OUR POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS HAVE NO WIDER HORIZONS,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER PARTY OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF KOWLOON, MR YAXLEY SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED ALL 47 PROPOSALS IN THE 1979 REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION AND THAT THESE PROPOSALS WERE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION.

THERE WERE THREE MAIN AREAS OF GOVERNMENT'S POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

FIRSTLY THERE WAS THE NEED FOR A MORE ACTIVE GOVERNMENT ROLE IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES AND TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES.

POSITIVE ACTION TAKEN TO DATE, HE SAID, INCLUDED:

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SYSTEM AS PART OF AN IMPROVED AND MORE CLEARLY INDEPENDENT RANGE OF QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES;

THE SETTING UP OF A GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY. THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN OVER THE PREMISES FOR SUCH A LABORATORY AND EQUIPMENT WHICH HAD COST THE TAXPAYER \$15 MILLION WAS BEING COMMISSIONED. THE LABORATORY SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE CALIBRATION OF EQUIPMENT LATER THIS YEAR;

THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE MICROPROCESSOR DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY IN THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, TO PROMOTE THE APPLICATION OF MICROPROCESSORS IN INDUSTRY;

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THE PROVISION OF \$4 MILLION AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC FOR RESEARCH INTO VARIOUS PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FABRICATION AND USE OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND INTO THE COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN OF ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS.

SECONDLY A NEED WAS IDENTIFIED FOR A PROGRAMME OF EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

+THIS WAS TACKLED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT IN FEBRUARY 1982 OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FOR THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE EXISTING ONES AND THE SETTING UP OF TWO INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEXES,+ HE SAID.

THIRDLY THERE WAS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO PLAN, MONITOR AND ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

+THE BOARD INCLUDES A NUMBER OF PROMINENT INDUSTRIALISTS IN ITS MEMBERSHIP, AND IT KEEPS THE GOVERNMENT AND IN PARTICULAR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ON ITS TOES, SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE IMPETUS GAINED BY SETTING UP THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION IS MAINTAINED.

+RIGHT NOW THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD IS SEEKING THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC AS TO HOW AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY THROUGH A GOVERNMENT-FUNDED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

THESE WERE ONLY A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INCREASING SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, MR YAXLEY SAID.

ON THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND, MR YAXLEY SAID THAT TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT OVERLOOK THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRY, HIS DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION HELPED IN THE EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR LAND UNDER THE SPECIAL INDUSTRIES POLICY.

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ALSO HAD AN EXECUTIVE ROLE IN THE PROMOTION OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

+THIS ARISES FROM THE RECOGNITION BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION THAT ONE WAY TO BROADEN OUR INDUSTRIAL BASE AND TO INTRODUCE HIGHER TECHNOLOGY TO OUR INDUSTRY WAS TO ATTRACT OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT TO HONG KONG.

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+WE WELCOME ANY FIRM WHICH IS ABLE TO OPERATE IN LOCAL CONDITIONS, BUT NATURALLY WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN HI-TECH ENTERPRISES WHOSE PRESENCE HERE HELPS TO BOOST THE OVERALL LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION OF OUR INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

HIS DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION CONSULTANTS HAD ASSISTED MANY OF THE OVER 530 INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES NOW OPERATING IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE FULLY OVERSEAS-OWNED OR JOINT VENTURES AND WHICH TOGETHER EMPLOYED ABOUT 11 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE.

MR YAXLEY SAID OFFICERS FROM HIS DEPARTMENT MADE REGULAR CALLS ON FACTORY OPERATORS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH WHAT WAS GOING ON, AND TO GIVE FACTORY MANAGERS THE CHANCE TO SPEAK ABOUT ANYTHING THEY THOUGHT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE DOING FOR THEM.

+SEVERAL HUNDRED FACTORIES ARE VISITED IN THIS WAY EVERY YEAR, AND WHEN THIS IS AGGREGATED WITH OUR CLOSE CONTACT WITH MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND THE REPRESENTATION ON OUR VARIOUS COMMITTEES BY INDUSTRIALISTS, IT ADDS UP TO VERY WIDESPREAD CONSULTATION,+ HE SAID.

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SIR PHILIP LOOKS OVER INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE TAI PO ESTATE OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION.

THE CORPORATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1977 TO DEVELOP AND MANAGE ESTATES TO ACCOMMODATE INDUSTRIES WHICH, BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES, ARE UNABLE TO FIND SUITABLE LAND OR FACTORY PREMISES ELSEWHERE.

SIR PHILIP WAS BRIEFED AT TAI PO BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION, MR LI FOOK-WO, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MR V.W. MILLER. HE THEN TOURED THE ESTATE AND VISITED THE FACTORY OF RCL SEMICONDUCTORS LTD WHERE HE SAW THE MANUFACTURE OF INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC MICRO CIRCUITS ON SILICON WAFER CHIPS.

A TOTAL OF 40 FIRMS HAVE BEEN GRANTED FACILITIES AT TAI PO, AND 30 OF THESE, EMPLOYING ABOUT 5 000 WORKERS, HAVE STARTED MANUFACTURING.

STAGES ONE AND TWO OF THE DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE THIRD WILL BE FINISHED IN 1987.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES FOR ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR

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THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND TAIKOO SHING, WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, HAS A NUMBER OF SLIP ROADS LINKING WITH THE LOCAL ROAD NETWORK.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC MAY ENTER THE CORRIDOR VIA VICTORIA PARK ROAD OR HING FAT STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY OR VIA JAVA ROAD EAST OF THE NORTH POINT FERRY PIER. IT MAY LEAVE THE CORRIDOR AT TONG SHUI ROAD OR JAVA ROAD IN NORTH POINT, OR AT TAIKOO WAN ROAD IN TAIKOO SHING.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC MAY ENTER THE CORRIDOR VIA TAI KOK WAN ROAD, TONG SHUI ROAD OR KING'S ROAD NEAR HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL, AND LEAVE VIA JAVA ROAD EAST OF THE NORTH POINT FERRY PIER, HING FAT STREET OR VICTORIA PARK ROAD.

STOPPING ON THE CORRIDOR OR ITS SLIP ROADS WILL BE BANNED. PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, LEARNER DRIVERS, CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING.

TRAFFIC MEASURES SUCH AS THE REROUTING OF ROADS, STOPPING AND TURNING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IN FORCE NEAR THE CORRIDOR'S INTERCHANGES, PARTICULARLY IN TAIKOO SHING, AND MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNS.

EXISTING ROUTINGS ON JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD IMPLEMENTED IN 1982 AS PART OF THE KING'S ROAD GYRATORY SCHEME REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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U.S. MAKES EXPORT AUTHORISATION CALL

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THE UNITED STATES MADE AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION CALL ON PART OF CATEGORY 359 (COTTON OUTER VESTS) AT 8.45 AM TODAY (THURSDAY), THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THIS BRINGS THE NUMBER OF CALLS BY THE UNITED STATES ON HONG KONG IN 1984 TO 11.

PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EXPORT AUTHORISATION FOR THIS CATEGORY AS FROM THE TIME OF CALL.

BUT THE DEPARTMENT WILL, AS USUAL, CONTINUE TO APPROVE AND ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FOR THIS CATEGORY AGAINST VALID EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS APPROVED BEFORE THE SUSPENSION.

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MEANWHILE, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY (JUNE 9) TO HOLD TALKS WITH THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE FIVE EXPORT AUTHORISATION CALLS MADE IN MAY.

THEY COVER:

- (1) CATEGORY 337 (COTTON PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, WASHSUITS, CREEPERS, ROMPERS);
- (2) CATEGORY 649 (MAN-MADE FIBRE BRASSIERES, ETC);
- (3) PART OF CATEGORY 359 (COTTON COVERALLS/JUMP SUITS/HUNTING SUITS AND COTTON OVERALLS);
- (4) CATEGORY 650 (MAN-MADE FIBRE DRESSING GOWNS); AND
- (5) PART OF CATEGORY 659 (MAN-MADE FIBRE SWIMSUITS)

THE CONSULTATIONS, DUE TO START ON JUNE 12, WILL FURTHER DISCUSS THE RE-CLASSIFICATION OF GARMENT PARTS BY THE UNITED STATES.

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BOARD TO CHECK ON ENVIRONMENTAL WORK
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EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON VISIT THE DISTRICT'S RURAL AREAS AND VILLAGES WHERE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GERALD CAVANAGH, MEMBERS WILL FIRST VISIT BUTTERFLY BEACH, WHERE BENCHES AND BARBÉCUE PITS WILL BE INSTALLED FOR THE PICNICKERS.

THEY WILL THEN PROCEED TO NAI WAI AND TO YUEN WAI VILLAGES TO SEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, A STREAM EMBANKMENT AND OTHER PROTECTION WORKS.

AT TIN SUM VILLAGE IN HUNG SHUI KIU, MEMBERS WILL WALK ALONG A DILAPIDATED ROAD WHICH SERVES AS A MAJOR LINK TO THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD. A SUM OF \$250 000 HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE ROAD INTO A VAN TRACK.

MEMBERS WILL END THEIR TOUR AT THE TAI HING TENNIS COURT IN TAI HING ESTATE. FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR IRON FENCING OUTSIDE THE TENNIS COURT.

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DISTRICT ORGANISATION PRAISED FOR COMMUNITY WORK
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A PRIMARY SCHOOL AND A COLUMBARIUM PARK ARE BEING PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN BY A LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANISATION, THE YAN OI TONG. THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THAT THE TONG HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCLUDING A POLYCLINIC, TWO KINDERGARTENS, AN ESTATE INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, A PRIMARY SCHOOL, A SECONDARY SCHOOL AND A COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE.

A LEISURE POOL IN TUEN MUN, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED WITH THE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE TONG, HE ADDED.

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE TONG'S FIFTH-TERM BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

+THE RAPID EXPANSION OF YAN OI TONG SINCE THE TURN OF THE DECADE HAS REFLECTED, ON THE ONE HAND, THE GROWTH AND DIVERSITY OF TUEN MUN AS A SUCCESSFUL NEW TOWN, AND ON THE OTHER, THE DEVOTION AND ENTHUSIASM THAT THE PAST AND PRESENT DIRECTORS HAVE PUT IN TO MAKE THE TONG SUCH A SUCCESS IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

+TUEN MUN OWES A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE COMMITMENT OF THE TONG OVER THE YEARS, TO THE GENEROSITY OF ITS BENEFACTORS, TO THE EXCELLENCE OF THEIR SERVICES AND TO THEIR FORWARD LOOKING BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.+

MR MACPHERSON SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEW BOARD AND WITH THE CONTINUED DEDICATION OF ITS SUPPORTING STAFF, THE TONG WOULD KEEP UP ITS GOOD WORK IN THE YEAR AHEAD.

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REMINDER ON FLOATING HOLIDAYS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY FIXED THE DATES OF THE TWO FLOATING HOLIDAYS FOR THIS YEAR AND THEIR EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT REQUESTED THAT THESE HOLIDAYS BE ADDED TO THEIR PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, THEY SHOULD GIVE EMPLOYEES THE FIRST FLOATING HOLIDAY ON JUNE 18, THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

IN THIS CASE, THE SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY WILL FALL ON AUGUST 27, THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST.

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A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, EMPLOYERS MUST FIX THE TWO FLOATING HOLIDAYS AND INFORM EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED AT A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BEFORE THE END OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.

HE SAID ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$8 500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS AND MUST 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 AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS, SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING THE PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: 3-205638 FOR KOWLOON EAST; 3-201652 FOR KOWLOON WEST; 3-319454 FOR KOWLOON SOUTH; 3-898520 FOR KWUN TONG; 0-234496 FOR KWAI CHUNG; 0-4980100 FOR TSUEN WAN; 0-6577111, EXT. 114 FOR TAI PO; 0-818443 FOR TUEN MUN; 5-268671 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST); AND 5-282523 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST).

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UNLICENSED FOOD OPERATOR FINED
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) WARNED THAT ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT OR OTHER FOOD PREMISES MUST FIRST APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A LICENCE.

THE WARNING WAS GIVEN FOLLOWING A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A WOMAN WAS FINED \$5 000 AT THE SAN PO KONG MAGISTRACY FOR ILLEGALLY OPERATING A FACTORY CANTEEN IN SAN PO KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANY PERSON WHO CARRIES ON A FOOD BUSINESS WITHOUT A LICENCE OR PERMIT IS LIABLE UPON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

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+WHERE THE OFFENCE IS A CONTINUOUS ONE, AN ADDITIONAL DAILY FINE OF \$250 WILL BE IMPOSED,+ HE ADDED.

DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT PROSECUTED 151 OPERATORS OF UNLICENSED FOOD PREMISES IN THE URBAN AREAS, RESULTING IN TOTAL FINE OF MORE THAN \$161 800.

THE UNLICENSED FOOD PREMISES INVOLVED WERE MAINLY GENERAL RESTAURANTS, FOOD FACTORIES AND LIGHT REFRESHMENT RESTAURANTS.

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TALKS ON COUNCIL'S ROLE

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WHETHER THE URBAN COUNCIL SHOULD BE ALTERED IN MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER ASPECTS -- AND IF SO, WHAT FORM SUCH CHANGES MIGHT TAKE -- WAS LENGTHILY DISCUSSED TODAY AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE, DURING WHICH A WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS WAS EXPRESSED BY BOTH APPOINTED AND ELECTED MEMBERS.

BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBJECT IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COUNCIL'S WORKING PARTY ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE EXPANDED IN MEMBERSHIP WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CONTINUING TO KEEP THE COUNCIL ABREAST OF COUNCIL-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR THE EVOLUTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERALLY.

+MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON THE CONTENTS OF THE COMING GREEN PAPER ON THESE EVOLUTIONARY PLANS, IN PARTICULAR CONCERNING ANY PROPOSALS TOUCHING ON THE COUNCIL,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN.

+IT WAS AGREED THEREFORE THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ANTICIPATE THE GREEN PAPER'S CONTENTS, AND RATHER THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD WAIT TO SEE AND WEIGH WHATEVER PROPOSALS THERE MIGHT BE CONCERNING ITS FUTURE MAKE-UP AND ANY OTHER POINTS.

+IN THE MEANTIME, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC AT ALL LEVELS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL'S EXPANDING CIVIC ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES.+

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TREE PLANTING DAY IN TSUEN WAN
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BESIDES PROVIDING GREENERY, TREES SERVE AS A SHIELD AGAINST NOISE AND DUST, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHOW SUM, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT'S FIFTH ANNUAL TREE PLANTING DAY, MR CHOW SAID TREES ALSO PROTECT HILLSLOPES.

TREE PLANTING WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN TSUEN WAN BECAUSE OF ITS RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT YEARS, HE SAID.

TODAY'S DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING DAY WAS ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT MEI FA (BEAUTIFICATION) PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR CHOW, THE PROJECT MANAGER OF TSUEN WAN, MR NG TACK-SHENG, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TSUEN WAN, MR CHAN YIU-CHEUNG, PLANTED A YOUNG TREE TOGETHER AT THE JUNCTION OF CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD AND ROUTE TWISK.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AND 60 STUDENTS, WHO PLANTED ABOUT 100 EVERGREENS AT THE SAME LOCATION.

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COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
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TEACHERS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION ARE BEING INVITED TO ENROL IN A VARIETY OF SPORTS COURSES BEING ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

TWENTY-FOUR COURSES WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR FOR TEACHERS FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THEY INCLUDE THE TEACHING OF BASKETBALL, TENNIS, SOCCER, SQUASH, TABLE-TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL AND BADMINTON.

THERE WILL ALSO BE COURSES ON INTERMEDIATE FENCING, SWIMMING, VARIOUS TYPES OF DANCING, FIRST-AID AND LIFE-SAVING.

A REFRESHER CLASS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND A JUDGE'S COURSE IN TRAMPOLINING WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

THE COURSES, WHOSE DURATION WILL BE FROM SIX TO 12 DAYS, WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 16 AND AUGUST 21.

MOST OF THEM WILL BE HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

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FOR THE RESIDENTIAL COURSES, PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY A LODGING AND LAUNDRY FEE OF \$30 PER DAY.

CIRCULARS GIVING DETAILS OF THE COURSES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE COURSES CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM MR H.F. LI, INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY JUNE 20.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION ON 3-884111, EXT. 271 OR 278.

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TEXTILE PACT WITH NORWAY IN EFFECT

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL ANNOUNCE TO THE TRADE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) THE DE FACTO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HONG KONG/NORWAY TEXTILE AGREEMENT INITIALLED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

THE FIRST RESTRAINT PERIOD UNDER THE AGREEMENT BEGINS ON JULY 1, 1984. QUOTAS FOR TEXTILE PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO RESTRAINT WILL BE ISSUED TO ELIGIBLE COMPANIES EARLY NEXT WEEK.

DETAILS REGARDING THE PRINCIPLES OF QUOTA ALLOCATION AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS ARE SET OUT IN THE NOTICE TO EXPORTERS, SERIES 3 (COUNTRIES OTHER THAN USA AND EEC) NO. 40/84 AND NO. 43/84, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S RECEPTIONIST COUNTER, GROUND FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD.

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TREATMENT WORKS LAB TO BE EXTENDED

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THE MAINLAND EAST LABORATORY AT SHA TIN WATER TREATMENT WORKS IS TO BE EXTENDED.

THE WORK COMPRISES BUILDING AN EXTENSION ABOVE PART OF THE EXISTING FILTER BLOCK TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 440 SQUARE METRES.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE SUPPLYING AND INSTALLING ALL SERVICES AND FIXED FURNITURE.

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THE EXISTING LABORATORY WILL BE MODIFIED.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY JUNE 22.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND WHEN COMPLETED IN 15 MONTHS THE EXTENSION WILL RELIEVE THE PRESENT OVERCROWDED SITUATION AT THE EXISTING LABORATORY.

THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THE LABORATORY IS TO CARRY OUT CHEMICAL, BACTERIOLOGICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL TESTS FOR QUALITY CONTROL AND MONITORING OF WATER.

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CROWN RENTS DUE SOON

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DEMAND NOTES FOR CROWN RENTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING ON JUNE 24 HAVE ALL BEEN ISSUED, A TREASURY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE NOTES INCLUDE THOSE NOT EXCEEDING \$100 A YEAR, AND WHICH ARE TO BE PAID ONLY ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS.

ANY CROWN LESSEE WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE SHOULD ENQUIRE AT THE CROWN RENT AND PREMIUM SECTION OF TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 9TH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG, HE SAID.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT CROWN RENTS MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 24, HE SAID.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY POST.

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\$11.4M PILING TENDER APPROVED FOR TIN PING ESTATE

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TIN PING ESTATE, THE THIRD PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT IN FANLING/SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN, IS ENTERING ITS FINAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR 22 400 PEOPLE ON FULL COMPLETION BY 1987.

+UNDER A NEWLY APPROVED TENDER WORTH OVER \$11.4 MILLION, PILING WORKS WILL SOON BEGIN FOR TWO TRIDENT III BLOCKS AND TWO SLAB BLOCKS IN ITS SECOND PHASE,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID THESE FOUR BLOCKS WOULD HOUSE 11 100 PEOPLE IN 2 594 MODERN, SELF-CONTAINED FLATS.

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+THE PILING TENDER ALSO COVERS A FIVE-STORY MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX PROVIDING SHOPS, MARKETS, A RESTAURANT, A CARPARK AND AN INDOOR-GAMES HALL.

+TIN PING ESTATE IS BEING DEVELOPED IN TWO PHASES, WITH CONSTRUCTION WORK NOW WELL UNDERWAY ON THREE TRIDENT II BLOCKS FOR SOME 11 400 PEOPLE.+

THE PILING TENDER WAS APPROVED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BUILDING COMMITTEE AT ITS LAST MEETING.

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KWAI CHUNG NULLAH COLUMNS TO BE STREAMLINED
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THE SHAPE OF THE COLUMNS IN KWAI CHUNG NULLAH WILL BE CHANGED FROM SQUARE TO TRIANGULAR TO SPEED UP THE FLOW OF WATER.

THE STREAMLINING WILL REDUCE THE DANGER OF FLOODING BY INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF THE NULLAH, A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

A \$8.9-MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS AWARDED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE 16-METRE-WIDE NULLAH RUNS 2.7 KILOMETRES FROM THE JUNCTION OF KWAI CHUNG AND CASTLE PEAK ROADS TO KWAI CHUNG CREEK.

WORK WILL START NEXT WEEK AND TAKE 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SPEEDPOST TO UK RESUMED
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THE POST OFFICE TODAY ANNOUNCED THE RESUMPTION OF THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE SERVICE HAD BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE JUNE 5.

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TRAFFIC NOTES
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TRAFFIC ON THE SECTION OF TSUEN KING CIRCUIT, BETWEEN ON YAT STREET AND ON YIN STREET, TSUEN WAN, WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO WAYS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 9), FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE CUL-DE-SAC OF BERWICK STREET WEST OF PAK TIN STREET, SHEK KIP MEI, TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF MENTALLY RETARDED STUDENTS IN THE VICINITY.

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