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H.K.'S HANDLING OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PRAISED

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THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER IN HONG KONG, MR. M.G. CLARK, TODAY CONGRATULATED HONG KONG FOR THE WAY IT HAD RESPONDED TO THE SUDDEN INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES LAST MONTH.

+THE SPEED, THE EFFICIENCY, AND THE HUMANITY WITH WHICH HONG KONG RESPONDED TO THIS UNUSUAL CHALLENGE HAS RIGHTLY EARNED WIDESPREAD ADMIRATION,+ HE TOLD GRADUATING IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AT THEIR PASSING-OUT PARADE IN HAPPY VALLEY THIS MORNING.

MR. CLARK ALSO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR PERFORMING SUCH A VALIANT JOB IN HELPING TO RECEIVE AND CARE FOR THE 4,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

+THE WAY IN WHICH THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HAS SUCCEEDED IN MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF THE SUDDEN INFLUX OF PEOPLE FROM VIETNAM AND IN CARRYING ON WITH ITS NORMAL WORK OF HANDLING 40,000 PEOPLE A DAY, TESTIFIES TO THE QUALITY OF THE TRAINING AND ESPRIT-DE-CORPS OF ALL OFFICERS FROM THE MOST JUNIOR TO THE MOST SENIOR,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, MR. CLARK TOLD THE GRADUATING OFFICERS THAT THEIR WORK WOULD OFTEN BE DIFFICULT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME HE ASSURED THEM THAT THEY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OF BUILDING A FASCINATING CAREER.

IMMIGRATION WORK, HE SAID, CALLED FOR A HIGH DEGREE OF TECHNICAL COMPETENCE, AN UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OVER LARGE PARTS OF THE WORLD= THE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE -- OFTEN IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES -- AND A TALENT FOR ARRIVING AT FAIR DECISIONS QUICKLY AND COURTEOUSLY.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE DEMANDING COURSE THE GRADUATES HAD JUST COMPLETED HAD PREPARED THEM WELL FOR THE CHALLENGING TASK AHEAD.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. CLARK'S SPEECH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. NEWS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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TRAFFIC-FREE ZONES TO BE INTRODUCED IN TSIM'SHA TSUI

TWO ROADS IN THE HEART OF TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON WILL SOON BE TURNED INTO A LEISURE-CUM-SHOPPING HAVEN FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF PEDESTRIANS AND TOURISTS.

THE PILOT SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH IN HANOI ROAD AND CORNWALL AVENUE FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AFTER WHICH IT MAY BE MADE PERMANENT, DEPENDING ON ITS SUCCESS.

THE TWO ROADS WILL TAKE ON A GARDEN LOOK WITH FLOWERS, BENCHES AND CONCRETE PUDDINGS LINING BOTH SIDES OF THE ROADS, TO PROVIDE ANOTHER PLEASANT SITTING OUT AREA IN THE DISTRICT.

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES SUCH AS FIRE ENGINES, POLICE CARS AND AMBULANCES. GOODS VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO SERVICE THE PREMISES FRONTING THE ROADS WILL, HOWEVER, BE ALLOWED ENTRY BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 11 A.M.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE SCHEME WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT FOR CHATER ROAD IN CENTRAL DISTRICT, THE CLOSURE OF WHICH TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS HAD PROVED VERY POPULAR WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE NEED TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT IN BUILT-UP AREAS, AND THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC-FREE STREETS WHERE PEOPLE COULD STROLL AND SHOP AT LEISURE AND IN SAFETY WOULD DO MUCH TO IMPROVE URBAN SURROUNDINGS.

HANOI ROAD AND CORNWALL AVENUE HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THEY WERE NOT HEAVILY USED BY MOTORISTS. THE TWO ROADS ARE FRONTED MAINLY BY SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS AND CLOSING THEM OFF IS UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON TRAFFIC MOVEMENT IN THE AREA, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PEDESTRIAN PRECINCTS SHOULD PROVE FAVOURABLE WITH SHOPS SINCE PEDESTRIANS WOULD BE FREE TO CRISS-CROSS THE ROADS FROM SHOP TO SHOP INSTEAD OF HAVING TO BE CHANNELLED ALONG ONE SIDE OF THE ROADS ONLY.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH ILLUSTRATING THE PEDESTRIAN PRECINCTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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FIRST STAGE OF LAI KING ESTATE ALMOST READY
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S TEN-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME WILL SOON MOVE ANOTHER STEP FORWARD WHEN THE FIRST 6,500 TENANTS MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOMES IN LAI KING ESTATE IN KWAI CHUNG IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THE FIRST TWO 15-STOREY BLOCKS OF THE ESTATE WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT MONTH, AND THE FIRST GROUP OF TENANTS IS EXPECTED TO MOVE IN DIRECTLY AFTERWARDS.

IN THE MEANTIME, WORK ON THE OTHER FIVE BLOCKS IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

THE ESTATE COMPRISES TWO 22-STOREY AND FIVE 15-STOREY BLOCKS PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 4,239 FLATS WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE 27,000 PEOPLE BY JUNE NEXT YEAR.

BUILT ON A 150-ACRE SITE, THE SELF-CONTAINED ESTATE WILL HAVE THE SOCIAL INFRA-STRUCTURE THAT GOES WITH NEW HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES.

AMONG THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED ARE SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS, RECREATIONAL AND OPEN SPACE, WELFARE AND COMMUNITY PREMISES, RESTAURANTS AND CAR PARKS AS WELL AS A POST OFFICE AND SHOPPING CENTRE.

MEANWHILE, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 240 METRES OF INTERNAL ROADS, FIVE OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS AND A BASKETBALL COURT IN THE ESTATE.

WORK ON THE PROJECT -- DESIGNED BY PWD'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE (NEW TERRITORIES DIVISION) -- IS DUE TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND SHOULD BE FINISHED IN A YEAR'S TIME.

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MORE HOUSING BLOCKS PLANNED TO EASE OVERCROWDING
AT TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL BUILD THREE PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS ON THE FORMER TAI HANG SAI COTTAGE AREA SITE TO REHOUSE ABOUT 6,000 TENANTS OF NEARBY TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE THREE 12-STOREY BLOCKS AND A TWO-STOREY MARKET AND SHOPPING CENTRE, AS WELL AS AN ESTATE CARPARK, IS SCHEDULED TO START IN AUGUST AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1977.

QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS WISHING TO TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE INVITED TO INFORM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BY LETTER OF THEIR INTENTION BEFORE NOON ON JUNE 13, 1975.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TAI HANG TUNG REDEVELOPMENT OPERATION WILL START AS SOON AS THE THREE BLOCKS ARE READY FOR OCCUPATION.

THE FULL SCHEME ENVISAGES THE EVENTUAL DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING FOURTEEN MARK 1 BLOCKS WHICH NOW HOUSE SOME 35,000 PEOPLE. IN THEIR PLACE WILL BE 12-STOREY BLOCKS WITH SELF-CONTAINED FLATS, EACH WITH ITS OWN BALCONY, KITCHEN, TOILET AND SHOWER.

WITH THE REHOUSING OF PART OF THE EXISTING POPULATION IN TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE, THE POPULATION DENSITY THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED FROM 2,700 PEOPLE PER ACRE TO ABOUT 1,700 PEOPLE PER ACRE.

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ESTATE FAMILY FACING EVICTION PAYS UP

ANOTHER OF THE SEVEN FAMILIES OF WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE WHO WERE SERVED WITH NOTICES TO QUIT LAST MONTH, HAS PAID THE FULL RENT FOR JUNE AND AGREED TO SETTLE THE ARREARS BY INSTALMENTS AS FROM JULY.

THIS LEAVES FIVE FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT DONE SO YET.

MR. D.I. MCINTOSH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (GROUP A) OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY SENT A LETTER TO THE FAMILY WHICH DECIDED TO PAY THANKING THEM FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION.

IN HIS LETTER, MR. MCINTOSH ALSO SAID: +IF, DURING THE PERIOD THAT YOU ARE MAKING THESE INSTALMENTS, YOU SHOULD IN ANY PARTICULAR MONTH ENCOUNTER ANY DIFFICULTY IN MAKING THESE PAYMENTS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO APPROACH THE HOUSING MANAGER WHO WILL DO WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE TO ASSIST YOU IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY EMBARRASSMENT.+

NONE OF THE REMAINING FIVE FAMILIES SERVED WITH NOTICES TO QUIT, HAS YET APPROACHED THE ESTATE OFFICE TO DISCUSS TERMS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THEIR ARREARS OR THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFER OF LOWER-RENT ACCOMMODATION WHICH HAS BEEN ARRANGED AT SHEK PAI WAN, TIN WAN AND CHAI WAN ESTATES ON THE ISLAND AND LAM TIN AND SAU MAU PING ESTATES IN KOWLOON.

+THEY SHOULD AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY NOW BEFORE THE NOTICE TO QUIT EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH,+ MR. MCINTOSH SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EIGHT OF THE 77 OTHER FAMILIES IN BLOCK 10, WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE WHO OWE RENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, HAVE APPLIED FOR CHEAPER ACCOMMODATION AND THESE ARE NOW BEING PROCESSED.

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RACE ROUND LAM TIN DISTRICT

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ONE THOUSAND BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10 AND 15 WILL BE MEETING ON SUNDAY MORNING (JUNE 8) TO TEST THEIR ENDURANCE IN A RACE ROUND LAM TIN DISTRICT IN EAST KOWLOON.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS -- ONE FOR THE 10 TO 12-YEAR-OLD AND ANOTHER FOR THOSE AGED 13 AND OVER.

STARTING FROM THE LAM TIN RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND, THE ROUTE WILL TAKE THEM TO PING TIN STREET, ON TIN STREET, KAI TIN STREET, LYEMUN ROAD, JUNK BAY ROAD, KAI TIN ROAD, TAK TIN STREET AND BACK TO THE PLAYGROUND. IN ALL, THEY WILL COVER ABOUT FOUR MILES IF THEY COMPLETE THE ENTIRE RACE.

THIS SPORTING EVENT IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE, THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES IN KWUN TONG.

IT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY FIVE WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT -- THE LAM TIN (EAST) AND WEST ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE Y.M.C.A. LAM TIN CENTRE, THE FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS LAM TIN YOUTH CENTRE, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS ASSOCIATION LAM TIN CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND THE GALILEE CENTRE OF THE CHRISTIAN GALILEE CHAPEL.

FOLLOWING THE RACE A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE FINISHING POINT AT 11 A.M. OFFICIATING WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SPONSORS, ORGANISERS, THE ESTATE OFFICE AND THE LAM TIN KAI FONG ASSOCIATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

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A YOUTH VOLUNTEERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH TO TRAIN YOUTH LEADERS HELPING OUT IN SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD ON JULY 12, 13 AND 14 FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AT HEEP YUNN SCHOOL, FARM ROAD, KOWLOON, AND THERE WILL BE AN OVERNIGHT CAMP ON JULY 19 AND 20 AT THE BAPTIST PING CHE CAMP, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING WILL BE EMPHASIZED IN THE FORM OF SEMINARS, LECTURES, AND DEMONSTRATIONS. FIELD WORK PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE INDIVIDUAL YOUTH CENTRES AFTER THE COURSE.

THE PROGRAMME IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WITH OTHER 10 YOUTH SERVICE AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

A TOTAL OF 150 TRAINEES WILL BE RECRUITED FROM THE ORGANISING AGENCIES, BUT A LIMITED NUMBER OF VACANCIES IS AVAILABLE. THOSE INTERESTED MAY CALL THE CYO (KOWLOON CITY) ON TEL. 3-021414.

MEANWHILE, A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM ABOUT 20 SOCIAL SERVICE GROUPS IN KOWLOON CITY AT THE CYO (KOWLOON CITY) TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

MISS VIRGINIA CHAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE WILL GIVE A TALK ON +THE RECENT TREND OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES,+ AND SHOW SOME SLIDES OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE GROUPS AT WORK.

THE LECTURE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION ON THE NEEDS FOR SOCIAL SERVICE AND ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

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FIRST PRIZE OF GOVERNMENT LOTTERY WORTH \$460,000

SOMEONE WILL BE RICHER BY \$460,000 TOMORROW WHEN THE FIRST PRIZE FOR THE FIRST GOVERNMENT LOTTERY OF THE YEAR IS DRAWN.

A TOTAL OF 575,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD UP TO 9 P.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN SALES CLOSED. THE TOTAL PROCEEDS REACHED \$1,150,000.

THE SECOND PRIZE IS WORTH \$46,000, AND THE THIRD PRIZE \$4,600.

EACH OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES AND THE 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES IS WORTH \$1,150.

THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FIVE RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES - MR. LEUNG MING, MISS FUNG SHUI CHUN, MR. TSANG KONG, MISS KIMMY GOT AND MR. WU KWUN MAANG. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DRAW, A CHINESE KUNG FU SHOW WILL BE STAGED BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT COMEDY PERFORMED BY RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES.

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MORE CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS EXEMPT FROM TAX

A REVISED LIST OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND TRUSTS RECOGNISED AS BEING EXEMPT FROM TAX IS PUBLISHED IN A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO TODAY'S GAZETTE.

THE NEW LIST REPLACES ALL OTHERS PUBLISHED BEFORE MAY 31 THIS YEAR. THE NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS AND TRUSTS INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S LIST IS 2,400 AS COMPARED WITH 2,350 LAST YEAR.

ANYONE WHO MAKES DONATIONS TO ANY OF THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND TRUSTS SPECIFIED ON THE LIST MAY CLAIM TAX RELIEF UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

CLAIMS FOR SUCH RELIEF MAY BE MADE WHEN COMPLETING RETURN FORMS REQUIRED FOR PROFIT TAX, SALARIES TAX OR PERSONAL ASSESSMENT, AND SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY AN OFFICIAL RECEIPT ISSUED BY THE INSTITUTION OR TRUST.

RELIEF WILL ONLY BE GRANTED WHEN THE TOTAL APPROVED DONATIONS AMOUNT TO \$100 OR MORE IN A YEAR.

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