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UK-HK TIES STRESSED

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BRITAIN IS IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG, AND THE RELATIONSHIP WORKS BOTH WAYS, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN OPENING AN EXTENSIVE VISUAL EXHIBITION ENTITLED +BRITAIN TODAY+ AT UNITED CENTRE.

MR BRAY SAID THE TWO PLACES HAD MANY LINKS APART FROM THE OBVIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL TIES.

+THUS FOR INSTANCE HONG KONG CURRENTLY EXPORTS MORE OF HER MANUFACTURED GOODS TO BRITAIN THAN TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD EXCEPT AMERICA,+ HE SAID.

+HONG KONG IS BRITAIN'S BIGGEST MARKET IN ASIA, BIGGER EVEN THAN JAPAN.+

HE SAID THE EXHIBITION WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG FOR MANY YEARS AND THE PURPOSE WAS TO SHOW BRITAIN TO HONG KONG.

+THERE ARE SEVERAL ORGANISATIONS ALREADY WORKING IN HONG KONG TO PROMOTE ASPECTS OF BRITAIN, AMONGST WHICH I PAY TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION, THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND THE BRITISH TOURIST AUTHORITY.

+HOWEVER, NONE IS REQUIRED TO SHOW BRITAIN IN THE ROUND AS THIS VISUAL COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND POSTERS BY THE BRITISH CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION DOES.+

MR BRAY ALSO HOPED THAT THE EXHIBITION WOULD REMIND PEOPLE OF THE VERY MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTION WHICH BRITAIN CONTINUED TO MAKE.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH IS BEING HELD ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF UNITED CENTRE, QUEENSWAY, FEATURES POSTERS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER MATERIAL ON 30 DISPLAY PANELS.

THEMES ILLUSTRATED INCLUDE TRADE, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, OVERSEAS AID AND SPORT. ALSO FEATURED ARE THE ROYAL FAMILY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL RUN UNTIL MARCH 16. ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME.

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\$9-MILLION PLAYGROUND OPENED IN SHA TIN

THE NORTHERN BANK OF SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN WILL BE COMPLETELY DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

A \$9-MILLION PLAYGROUND WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC TODAY (FRIDAY), ADDING TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND SQUASH COURTS AT THE RIVER BANK.

THE YUEN WO ROAD PLAYGROUND, BUILT ON 2.41 HECTARES ALONGSIDE THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SQUASH COURTS, IS ANOTHER MODERN MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL FACILITY IN THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

IT HAS SIX TENNIS COURTS, FOUR BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS AND TWO MINI-SOCCER PITCHES, SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, MR IP SHING-WAI SAID AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE OPENING OF THE FACILITY.

ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE RECREATIONAL COMPLEX IS A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WITH MODERN PLAY EQUIPMENT OF IMAGINATIVE DESIGN, MR IP SAID.

ALL PLAY EQUIPMENT ARE INSTALLED WITH SAFETY MATTING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN USING THEM, HE ADDED.

MR IP SAID CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SHA TIN SPORTSGROUND ADJACENT TO YUEN WO PLAYGROUND IS NOW IN FULL SWING AND WILL PROBABLY BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE SPORTSGROUND WILL HAVE AN EIGHT-LANE, ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK, A STANDARD TURFED SOCCER PITCH AND COVERED STANDS FOR 2 500 PEOPLE.

HE ALSO SAID THAT A LARGE TOWN PARK WAS BEING PLANNED AND WORK WAS EXPECTED TO START VERY SOON.

WITH THESE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE NORTHERN BANK OF SHING MUN RIVER WILL BECOME A CENTRAL RECREATION AND SPORTS VENUE IN THE NEW TOWN, HE SAID.

MR IP, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOUTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR DAVID DOWDING, LATER PERFORMED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.

ALSO TAKING PART AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE PROJECT MANAGER, MR KENNETH KWOK, AND SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WAI HON-LEUNG.

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COURSE ON CONTEMPORARY METHODS FOR TEACHERS
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SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE TEACHERS FOR A REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER.

THE COURSE IS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1978 WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION. IT IS TO ACQUAINT SERVING TEACHERS WITH CONTEMPORARY METHODS AND APPROACHES IN TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TO PROMOTE THE USE OF RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE OF NEW CONCEPTS IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

IT WILL BE SUBJECT BASED, AND WILL BE OPERATED ON A DAY-RELEASE BASIS OVER ONE YEAR, WITH INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS ATTENDING 36 FULL-PAY WEEKLY MEETINGS ON A FIXED DAY OF THE WEEK.

THE CURRICULUM WILL COMPRISE A CORE OF STUDY AND AN ELECTIVE COURSE. THE CORE COURSES INCLUDE TOPICS IN EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY, ASSESSMENT/STATISTICAL METHODS IN EDUCATION, AND MICROCOMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOM.

THE ELECTIVE SUBJECTS INCLUDE ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, CHINESE AND OTHER SUBJECTS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS.

THERE WILL BE NO WRITTEN TEST OR EXAMINATION, AND A TEACHER WITH A SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE ASKED TO NOMINATE UP TO FIVE NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS OF ANY RANK WHO COMPLETED THEIR INITIAL TRAINING FIVE YEARS AGO AND WHO ARE TEACHING THEIR ELECTIVE SUBJECTS IN FORMS I TO III.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO TEACHERS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED ANY COURSE SINCE THEIR INITIAL TRAINING IN A COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

A REPLACEMENT TEACHER OF CERTIFICATED MASTER/MISTRESS RANK MAY BE EMPLOYED ON A TEMPORARY MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS BY A GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL FOR A YEAR TO REPLACE THE FIVE TEACHERS UNDERGOING TRAINING. THE SERVICE OF THE REPLACEMENT TEACHER WILL COUNT FOR PROMOTION AND INCREMENTAL PURPOSES.

SCHOOL HEADS WHO WISH TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSE SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (FURTHER EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, SECOND FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COURSE MAY BE MADE TO NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT TEL. 5-871281 AND QUERIES ABOUT REPLACEMENT TEACHERS TO THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER CONCERNED.

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NEW FEES FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ATTENDANCE
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FEES FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN RESPECT OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES HAVE BEEN AMENDED WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983, PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES REGULATIONS, FEES ARE CHARGED FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WHERE THEY ARE REQUIRED BY A PERSON IN POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF GOODS TO WHICH THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE APPLIES. ATTENDANCES INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT AT A BONDED WAREHOUSE OR ANY OTHER PLACE, OR DURING THE REMOVAL OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE FEE INCREASES SHOULD HAVE VERY LITTLE EFFECT ON THE PRICES OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES.

+THE FEES ARE INTENDED TO COVER THE COST OF THE SERVICE PROVIDED. AS A RESULT OF SALARY REVISIONS FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE IN APRIL 1981 AND 1982, IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE FEES TO REFLECT PRESENT DAY COSTS.

+THESE FEES WERE LAST REVISED IN AUGUST 1981, WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PREVIOUS APRIL'S SALARY ADJUSTMENT. THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE ARISING FROM THE ADJUSTMENT IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$1.64 MILLION A YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE FOLLOWING SHOWS THE REVISED AND OLD FEES IN DOLLARS:

	PER HOUR OR PART OF AN HOUR		PER 8-HOUR DAY		PER MONTH	
	REVISED RATE	OLD RATE	REVISED RATE	OLD RATE	REVISED RATE	OLD RATE
INSPECTOR	90	64	630	448	13 500	9 600
CHIEF CUSTOMS OFFICER	71	57	497	399	10 650	8 550
SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICER	58	42	406	294	8 700	6 300
CUSTOMS OFFICER	39	29	273	203	5 850	4 350

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NT HAWKER LICENCE AND PITCH FEES INCREASED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED INCREASES FOR HAWKER LICENCE AND PITCH FEES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

THE NEW FEES WILL COME INTO FORCE FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 1), SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE REVISED FEES WHICH APPLY TO FIXED PITCH AND ITINERANT HAWKERS, MOBILE VAN OPERATORS, FROZEN CONFECTIONERY TRADERS, TRADESMEN, TEMPORARY LICENCE HOLDERS, OPERATORS OF COOKED FOOD STALLS, REFRESHMENT STALLS AND NEWSPAPER PITCHES ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THESE ARE THE FIRST FEE INCREASES FOR NT HAWKERS SINCE 1980. SIMILAR INCREASES WERE ANNOUNCED FOR URBAN HAWKERS IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

COMPARING THE NEW NT FEES WITH THOSE COMING INTO FORCE IN THE URBAN AREAS ON THE SAME DATE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A COOKED FOOD OPERATOR, FOR EXAMPLE, TRADING IN THE URBAN AREA WOULD BE PAYING \$11 040 FOR HIS ANNUAL FEE STARTING FROM MARCH 1, WHILE HIS COUNTERPART IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD ONLY PAY \$5 700 FOR THE LICENCE AND PITCH FEES COMBINED.

+THERE ARE AT PRESENT 7 258 LICENSED HAWKERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO WHOM THESE FEES APPLY. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED NT HAWKERS IS GRADUALLY DROPPING AS THEY ARE BEING MOVED INTO PURPOSE-BUILT MARKETS AND BAZAARS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE INCREASES ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE HARDSHIP TO THE OPERATORS, NOR SHOULD THEY AFFECT THE COST OF LIVING OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE HAWKERS' OVERHEADS ARE NEGLIGIBLE, COMPARED WITH THOSE OF SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS WITH WHICH THEY COMPETE FOR BUSINESS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE HAWKER LICENCE AND PITCH FEES WOULD BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY IN THE FUTURE.

/THE FOLLOWING

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REVISED AND EXISTING ANNUAL FEES OF
VARIOUS NT HAWKER LICENCES AND PITCHES:

	<u>REVISED FEES</u>	<u>EXISTING FEES</u>
(1) FIXED PITCH HAWKER LICENCE	\$ 300	\$ 150
(2) ITINERANT HAWKER LICENCE -		
(A) MOBILE VAN	\$5 700	\$2 850
(B) FROZEN CONFECTIONERY	\$ 400	\$ 200
(C) TRADESMAN	\$ 400	\$ 200
(D) OTHER CLASSES	\$ 150	\$ 75
(3) TEMPORARY LICENCE	\$ 50	\$ 25
(4) CONSENT FOR DEPUTY	ONE HALF OF THE FEE OF HIS PRINCIPAL'S LICENCE	ONE HALF OF THE FEE OF HIS PRINCIPAL'S LICENCE
(5) DUPLICATE LICENCE OR PITCH CARD	\$ 50	\$ 25
(6) COOKED FOOD	\$5 400	\$2 700
(7) LIGHT REFRESHMENT	\$5 400	\$2 700
(8) NEWSPAPER	\$ 300	\$ 150
(9) TRADESMAN	\$ 300	\$ 150
(10) BARBER	\$ 100	\$ 50
(11) BOOTBLACK	\$ 100	\$ 50
(12) WALL STALL -		
(A) NOT EXCEEDING 1.1 SQUARE METRES	\$ 160	\$ 80
(B) EXCEEDING 1.1 SQUARE METRES	\$1 580	\$ 790
(13) OTHER CLASSES -		
(A) NOT EXCEEDING 1.1 SQUARE METRES	\$ 480	\$ 240
(B) EXCEEDING 1.1 SQUARE METRES BUT NOT EXCEEDING 1.7 SQUARE METRES	\$ 720	\$ 360
(C) EXCEEDING 1.7 SQUARE METRES BUT NOT EXCEEDING 2.2 SQUARE METRES	\$ 960	\$ 480

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TUEN MUN HOVERFERRY FARE UP BY \$1
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY TO INCREASE ITS CURRENT \$6 FARE ON THE TUEN MUN-CENTRAL HOVERFERRY SERVICE BY \$1 WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 1.

THE INCREASED FARE WILL REDUCE ANNUAL OPERATING LOSSES ON THE ROUTE FROM ABOUT \$4 MILLION IN 1982 TO \$2.7 MILLION IN 1983. A FARE OF OVER \$8 WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE ROUTE TO BREAK EVEN ON OPERATIONAL COSTS.

THE COMPANY HAS BEEN CHARGING \$6 FOR THE 14.5 NAUTICAL-MILE JOURNEY SINCE THE PREMIUM SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER 1981.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMPANY DID NOT INCLUDE THIS ROUTE IN ITS APPLICATION FOR A GENERAL FARE INCREASE IN 1982 ON THE GROUNDS THAT PATRONAGE HAD NOT STABILISED.

HE ADDED THAT A NUMBER OF ECONOMY MEASURES, AMONG WHICH WERE CANCELLATION OF THE SERVICE, REPLACEMENT OF HOVERFERRIES BY CONVENTIONAL VESSELS AND A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF HOVERFERRIES OPERATING ON THE ROUTE, WERE CONSIDERED BEFORE APPROVING THE INCREASE.

CANCELLATION WAS NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BECAUSE OF THE POPULARITY OF THE SERVICE. REPLACEMENT BY CONVENTIONAL FERRIES WAS TRIED BUT WAS UNPOPULAR BECAUSE OF THE LONGER JOURNEY TIME AND BECAUSE THERE WERE INSUFFICIENT PASSENGERS TO MAKE IT PAY.

OF THE VARIOUS WAYS TO TRAVEL FROM TUEN MUN TO CENTRAL, THE 30-MINUTE HOVERFERRY TRIP IS THE QUICKEST AND MOST DIRECT. THE AVERAGE JOURNEY TIME, ON OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORT, IGNORING WAITING TIME AND INTERCHANGE TIME, RANGES FROM 55 MINUTES BY RESIDENTIAL COACH SERVICE TO MEI FOO SUN CHUEN THEN BY MTR TO CENTRAL AT A COMBINED FARE OF \$6.50, TO 95 MINUTES BY BUS TO LAI CHI KOK AND ANOTHER BUS TO CENTRAL AT A COMBINED FARE OF \$4.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE VIEWS OF BOTH TUEN MUN RESIDENTS AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, WHO DISCUSSED THE MATTER LAST OCTOBER, WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN THE APPLICATION WAS CONSIDERED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

THE REASONS FOR THE FARE INCREASE WERE EXPLAINED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AT ITS MEETING TODAY.

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SPECIAL STAMPS TO MARK COMMONWEALTH DAY

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THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE WILL ISSUE FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE THIS YEAR'S COMMONWEALTH DAY ON MARCH 14.

THE FOUR STAMPS WILL FEATURE AN AERIAL VIEW OF VICTORIA HARBOUR, A CONTAINER SHIP ENTERING THE HARBOUR, THE HONG KONG FLAG AND HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH DURING HER VISIT HERE IN 1975, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE STAMPS, IN DENOMINATIONS OF 30 CENTS, \$1, \$1.30 AND \$5, WILL BE ON SALE FROM MARCH 14.

THEY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE AND IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 4.30 PM FROM MARCH 7 TO MARCH 12, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPECIALLY DESIGNED FIRST-DAY COVERS WILL ALSO BE ON SALE AT 50 CENTS EACH AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM MARCH 1, WHILE ADVANCE ORDERS FOR THE SERVICING OF THE COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON MARCH 9 UP TO 5 PM, HE SAID.

SINCE 1977, THE SECOND MONDAY IN MARCH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED COMMONWEALTH DAY BY AGREEMENT AMONG ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

THIS YEAR 56 POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH WILL ISSUE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS TO MARK THE OCCASION.

CONSIDERABLE DEMAND IS EXPECTED FOR THE FIRST-DAY COVERS BECAUSE OF THE ATTRACTIVE ISSUE AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS ISSUING SPECIAL STAMPS FOR THE OCCASION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

GENERALLY, PHILATELISTS WORLDWIDE WOULD LIKE TO COLLECT A COMPLETE SET OF THE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS, HE ADDED.

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ROWING COURSES FOR HONG KONG ENTHUSIASTS

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ROWING ENTHUSIASTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN INTERNATIONAL ROWING EVENTS UNDER A TRAINING SCHEME SHORTLY TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A SERIES OF ROWING COURSES IS BEING PLANNED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG ROWING ASSOCIATION FOR THE 1983-84 YEAR AND APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVITED.

KNOWN AS THE ROWING INTRODUCTORY COURSES, THE TRAINING WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN ROWING CENTRE, NEAR THE SHING MUN RIVER.

/MR JOHNNY

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MR JOHNNY CHAN TUNG-SHING, THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER IN CHARGE OF OUTDOOR PURSUITS SAID: +ALL PERSONS AGED 16 OR ABOVE WHO ARE ABLE TO SWIM 50 METRES AND TREAD WATER FOR ONE MINUTE, AND WHO ARE WILLING TO UNDERGO RIGOROUS TRAINING MAY APPLY.

+BEST PERFORMERS IN THE COURSES WILL BE INVITED BY THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION TO TAKE UP FURTHER TRAINING.

+AND THIS IS THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THEY STAND A LOT OF CHANCE OF REPRESENTING HONG KONG IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS,+ HE ADDED.

THERE WILL BE 13 COURSES STARTING FROM MARCH 26 TO FEBRUARY 19 NEXT YEAR.

ALL COURSES WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS BETWEEN 2 PM AND 6 PM. THERE WILL BE FOUR SESSIONS, EACH LASTING FOUR HOURS.

ELEVEN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICES WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE 13 TRAINING COURSES. THE FIRST TWO COURSES IN MARCH AND APRIL WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE.

THE FIRST COURSE WILL START ON MARCH 26 FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER ON APRIL 9. ENROLMENT FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHA TIN RSS OFFICE.

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT THE RSS HEAD OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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NT LITTER LAW STRENGTHENED
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PRIVATE CAR AND MOTOR CYCLE OWNERS ARE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR LITTER THROWN FROM THEIR VEHICLES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND A JAIL SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS FOR THE OFFENCE.

THESE PENALTIES ARE PROVIDED IN THE PUBLIC CLEANSING AND PREVENTION OF NUISANCE (NEW TERRITORIES)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983 UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF NOW HAVE WIDER POWERS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST REGISTERED OWNERS OF PRIVATE CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES FOR LITTERING BY SIMPLY NOTING THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME THE OFFENCE IS COMMITTED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

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LANTAU TAXIS IN SERVICE SOON

LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE SERVED BY ITS OWN FLEET OF 20 TAXIS WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPOINTMENTS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE LANTAU TAXIS HAD BEEN FIXED AT THREE EACH DAY STARTING FROM TODAY UNTIL MARCH 7.

THE LANTAU TAXIS WILL BE LIGHT BLUE IN COLOUR WITH A WHITE TOP.

FARE CHARGES WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS - \$3 FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES AND 30 CENTS FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.2 KILOMETRE.

BECAUSE OF THE ROAD CONDITIONS IN PARTS OF LANTAU ISLAND, OPERATION OF LANTAU TAXIS WILL INITIALLY BE CONFINED TO SOUTH LANTAU AND TUNG CHUNG WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM SOUTH LANTAU ROAD TO PO LIN MONASTERY IN NGONG PING.

MEANWHILE, THE SPECIAL LANTAU TAXI WRITTEN TEST FOR LANTAU RESIDENTS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 28, 1983, AND THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN A WEEK.

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THREE NEW ROADS FOR TUEN MUN

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT THREE NEW ROADS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SCHOOLS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN SIXTY DAYS.

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PIER LEASE OFFER TO SHELL COMPANY
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO OFFER BY PRIVATE TREATY GRANT A 10-YEAR LEASE OF THE NEW KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO. 15 IN KWUN TONG TO THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED.

THE GRANT ALSO INCLUDES ABOUT 2 291 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN THE PIER AND THE SEAWALL.

THE COMPANY WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE EXISTING PIER STRUCTURE ONLY FOR THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF GOODS AND MATERIALS CONNECTED WITH THE NORMAL BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

ALL OBJECTIONS SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, 3RD FLOOR, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, KOWLOON.

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UC ELECTION CANDIDATES TO HAVE FUN WITH RESIDENTS
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SEVEN URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES, FROM THE TWO CONSTITUENCIES IN KOWLOON CITY, WILL SPEND A DAY OF FUN WITH THE RESIDENTS ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

STARTING AT 2.30 PM AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND, ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM AN EXHIBITION AND A FILM SHOW ON THE URBAN COUNCIL TO A +TREASURE HUNT+ GAME TO TEST RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNCIL'S FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE HELD.

+MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ COUNTERS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP FOR THE CANDIDATES TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RESIDENTS.

A THREE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW FEATURING LION DANCE, ACROBATIC AND SINGING PERFORMANCES BY A LOCAL ARTIST GROUP WILL START AT 7.30 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EVENT IS A SERIES OF PUBLICITY PROGRAMME HELD IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE MARCH 8 ELECTIONS.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

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COUNTRY PARKS PHOTOS FOR DISPLAY

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AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT COUNTRY PARKS WILL BE OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN ON TUESDAY (MARCH 1) AT THE LANDMARK IN CENTRAL.

THE DISPLAY, WHICH IS BEING PRESENTED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, AND A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER, MR HO KING-TON, WILL LAST UNTIL MARCH 9.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE FOOTBRIDGE LINKING THE LANDMARK WITH ALEXANDRA HOUSE ON THE WESTERN SIDE.

TWO LOTS OF PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

ONE LOT WAS SELECTED FROM 5 000 PHOTOGRAPHS ENTERED IN A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS, CULMINATING IN A FINAL COMPETITION LAST NOVEMBER.

THE OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN BY MR HO. THEY WERE COMMISSIONED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY FOR A SPECIAL 1983 CALENDAR PRESENTED BY THE PUBLISHING FIRM, LONGMANS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COUNTRY PARKS PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AT 3.45 PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1 AT THE WESTERN FOOTBRIDGE AT THE LANDMARK.

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LANDS AND WORKS TO HOLD SPORTS DAY

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THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS WILL BE HOLDING ITS FIRST-EVER SPORTS DAY AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN ON SUNDAY.

ABOUT 800 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE COMPETING IN SOME 40 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS AND THERE WILL ALSO BE NINE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND FIVE COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPATING IN TWO INVITATION RELAYS.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS BY MRS MCDONALD AND MISS HONG KONG, ANGLIE LEUNG.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR SEVEN 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 :

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MARCH 10	8 AM - 4.30 PM
MARCH 14	8 AM - 11 PM
MARCH 15	8 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 16	8 AM - 11 PM
MARCH 17	8 AM - 11 PM
MARCH 18	8 AM - 4 PM
MARCH 29	8 AM - 5 PM

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PEAK TRAM SERVICES
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PEAK TRAM SERVICES WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 4) FOR MAINTENANCE WORK.

NORMAL SERVICES WILL RESUME FROM 7 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 5).

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