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KCR MODERNISES RAIL TRACK

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS MODERNISING ITS TRACK FOR QUIETER AND MORE COMFORTABLE RIDE AND IN PREPARATION FOR THE RAILWAY'S ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME.

THE KCR'S PERMANENT WAY ENGINEER, MR. MICHAEL ELVY, SAID THE TRACK SECTION ALONG THE MAIN LINE BETWEEN MONG KOK STATION AND THE SITE OF THE FUTURE KOWLOON TONG STATION -- AN INTERCHANGE WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY -- HAS ALREADY BEEN MODERNISED AND WILL BE BROUGHT INTO USE ON TUESDAY (JULY 25).

THE TRACK IMPROVEMENT WORK WAS CARRIED OUT AFTER DOUBLE TRACKING WAS COMPLETED ALONG THIS SECTION ENABLING TRAINS TO BE DIVERTED WHILE WORK WAS IN PROGRESS.

+IMPROVEMENT WORK ON THE REMAINING TRACK, BEING CARRIED OUT SECTION BY SECTION, IS WELL UNDERWAY AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WHOLE LENGTH WILL BE MODERNISED BY THE END OF 1980,+ MR. ELVY SAID.

+BY THAT TIME, THE DOUBLE TRACKING OF THE ENTIRE RAILWAY IS ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED,+ HE ADDED.

+THE RESULT OF THE IMPROVEMENT WORK WILL MEAN A REDUCED MAINTENANCE OF THE TRACK, HIGHER SPEEDS FOR TRAINS -- FROM 45 M.P.H. TO 75 M.P.H. -- AND A QUIETER AND MORE COMFORTABLE RIDE FOR PASSENGERS,+ MR. ELVY SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE IMPROVEMENT WORK INVOLVES THE USE OF HEAVIER RAIL SECTION TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN TRAFFIC, THE REPLACEMENT OF TIMBER SLEEPERS BY HEAVIER AND MORE DURABLE CONCRETE SLEEPERS, THE USE OF IMPROVED CLIPS TO FASTEN RAIL MORE FIRMLY ON SLEEPERS AND THE WELDING OF RAIL JOINTS TO PROVIDE A STRONGER TRACK.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, THE ALIGNMENTS OF TRACK AT CURVES ARE BEING IMPROVED AND THE CANT HAS BEEN INCREASED TO ALLOW FOR GREATER TRAIN SPEEDS.

MR. ELVY SAID THE COST OF THE TRACK IMPROVEMENT WORK IS ESTIMATED AT \$1 MILLION FOR EACH KILOMETRE AND IT IS JUSTIFIABLE BECAUSE THIS IS A LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENT OF THE WHOLE RAILWAY.

HE SAID IMPROVEMENT WORK ON THE WHOLE TRACK WAS PLANNED BEFORE THE ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME WAS PROPOSED.

+NOW WITH THE ELECTRIFICATION OF TRAIN SERVICE PLANNED FOR COMPLETION BY MID-1981, THE WORK HAS TO BE CARRIED OUT FASTER BECAUSE THE IMPROVED TRACK IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCH TRAIN SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR. ELVY WARNED THAT WITH QUIETER AND MORE FREQUENT TRAINS AND HIGHER TRAIN SPEEDS THE PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE MORE CARE WHEN CROSSING THE RAIL, AND NOT TO USE THE TRACK AS A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT AT PRESENT ABOUT 10 PEOPLE, MAINLY TRESSPASSERS, ARE KILLED ON THE RAILWAY EACH YEAR AND THIS WILL INCREASE UNLESS PEOPLE TAKE CARE.

+FOR THE SAKE OF SAFETY IT IS PROPOSED TO FENCE OFF THE ENTIRE RAILWAY LINE EVENTUALLY AND PROVIDE SUBWAYS OR FOOTBRIDGES BUT IN THE MEANTIME, NEW WARNING SIGNS ARE TO BE SET UP AT POINTS ALONG THE RAILWAY WHERE PEOPLE CROSS,+ MR. ELVY SAID.

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NEW INDUSTRIAL LAND TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR 30,000 PEOPLE
IN TUEN MUN
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THE GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO DEVELOP ANOTHER LARGE INDUSTRIAL AREA IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE WORK FOR ABOUT 30,000 PEOPLE.

THE PROJECT WILL COMPLETE THE FORMATION OF NEARLY 20 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND OPPOSITE TUEN MUN SAN HUI.

A MAJOR PART OF THE AREA HAS ALREADY BEEN SOLD TO INDUSTRIALISTS WHO ARE ALREADY OPERATING FIVE FACTORIES, WHILE ANOTHER 12 INDUSTRIAL PLANTS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE ACTING TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GEOFFREY ORR, SAID TODAY THE LATEST PROJECT WOULD ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO KEEP PACE WITH THE KEEN INTEREST SHOWN BY INDUSTRIALISTS IN THE NEW TOWN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AN INDUSTRIAL SITE IN THE SAME AREA LAST TUESDAY (JULY 18) WAS SOLD FOR A RECORD PRICE OF \$15.2 MILLION -- THE EQUIVALENT OF \$522 PER SQUARE FOOT -- AND MORE THAN TWICE THE OPENING BID OF \$7 MILLION.

WORK ON SITE FORMATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE AREA IS SCHEDULED TO START IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

TO FACILITATE THE WORK, MR. GEOFFREY ORR SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO RESUME 2,036 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND, 976 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND, 162 SQUARE METRES OF KILN LAND AND 89 SQUARE METRES OF LIME KILN LAND.

THREE MONTHS' NOTICE OF THE LAND RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE RESUMPTION WILL INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF 158 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY 150 FAMILIES OF ABOUT 680 PERSONS. OF THESE STRUCTURES, TWO ARE ON PRIVATE LAND AND 156 ON CROWN LAND.

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IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 231 OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING NINE SHOPS, 30 WORKSHOPS, PIGSTIES, CHICKEN SHEDS AND PIGEON SHEDS, WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

+DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY, DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR TEMPORARY PUBLIC HOUSING.

+GENUINE CULTIVATOR FAMILIES MAY OPT FOR A RESITE TOGETHER WITH AN EX-GRATIA REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE OF \$5,000, BUT WILL FORFEIT THEIR PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING,+ MR. ORR SAID.

AS THE LAND TO BE RESUMED LIES WITHIN THE TUEN MUN OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, LANDOWNERS CONCERNED WILL BE OFFERED THE NEW COMPENSATION PACKAGE COMPRISING CASH AND LAND EXCHANGE.

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\$1 MILLION DONATION FOR NEW SCHOOL IN YUEN LONG
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A WELL-KNOWN FAMILY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY PRESENTED THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WITH A CHEQUE FOR \$1 MILLION WHICH WILL GO TOWARDS THE COST OF BUILDING A NEW GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN YUEN LONG.

THE CHEQUE WAS PRESENTED TO MR. TOPLEY BY THE LATE MR. CHIU LUT-SAU'S WIDOW, HIS SONS, STEPHEN AND LEONARD, AND HIS NEPHEW, MR. CHIU YUK-CHUEN.

THE NEW SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CHIU LUT-SAU GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, WILL BE BUILT ON A SITE OF MORE THAN 5,600 SQUARE METRES IN TAI YUK ROAD.

IT WILL CONSIST OF A MAIN BLOCK HOUSING 24 CLASSROOMS ON THE UPPER FLOORS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR- AN ASSEMBLY HALL WITH A COVERED PLAY AREA ON THE GROUND FLOOR- A 12-ROOM BLOCK PROVIDING SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR CLASSES IN DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, ART AND MUSIC, HOME ECONOMICS, GEOGRAPHY, BIOLOGY, PHYSICS, SCIENCE AND CHEMISTRY AND A LIBRARY- AND SEPARATE ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND QUARTERS FOR MINOR STAFF.

WORK ON THE NEW SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW OIL POLLUTION CONTROL CRAFT

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TOOK DELIVERY EARLIER THIS WEEK OF A SHALLOW DRAUGHT OIL POLLUTION CONTROL CRAFT SHIPPED TO HONG KONG FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE CRAFT WILL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT THE PRESENT OIL POLLUTION CONTROL CRAFT +MARINE 58+ FOR INSHORE WORK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID A DEMONSTRATION OF THE NEW CRAFT WILL SOON BE ARRANGED FOR THE PRESS ONCE THE CRAFT IS READY FOR OPERATION.

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TWO MORE JET NOSE-IN PIERS TO BE BUILT AT AIRPORT

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TWO MORE 747 JUMBO JET NOSE-IN PIERS AND ONE BUS DOCK ARE TO BE BUILT AT KAI TAK AIRPORT SHORTLY.

THE WORK IS PART OF THE KAI TAK TERMINAL BUILDING MODIFICATION PROGRAMME.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK WERE INVITED TODAY BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF 747 NOSE-IN PIERS WILL INCREASE TO SEVEN.

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VOLUNTEERS HELP CLEAN MA WAN BEACH

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SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND LOCAL RURAL LEADERS JOINED SOME 80 VOLUNTEERS THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING TO CLEAN UP TUNG WAN BEACH ON MA WAN ISLAND.

THE OPERATION STARTED AT 9.30 A.M. WHEN THE ASSISTANT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), MR. MICHAEL STONE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MA WAN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. CHAN KWONG-CHUEN, TOOK THE LEAD IN CLEANING RUBBISH AND LITTER FROM THE UNGAZETTED BEACH.

THE VOLUNTEERS, MAINLY COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS FROM THE LAM WOO MEMORIAL SCHOOL AND THE CARITAS ST. JOSEPH PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN TSUEN WAN, THEN GOT DOWN TO WORK AND IN LESS THAN THREE HOURS, A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF BASKETS OF LITTER WERE PICKED UP.

AFTER THE CLEAN-UP, MR. CHAN PRESENTED PENNANTS TO THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS.

THIS MORNING'S CLEANING OPERATION IS PART OF A SERIES OF CLEAN-UPS OF THE DISTRICTS 'BLACK-SPOTS' JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S TSUEN WAN OFFICE.

THE DISTRICT-WIDE OPERATION, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED LAST FRIDAY AT TSING LUNG TAU, AIMS TO PROMOTE THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND TO AROUSE PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF THEIR ROLE IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

OTHER SPOTS TO BE COVERED BY THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH, INCLUDE KAU WAH SUN CHUEN, SHEK PAI STREET SURROUNDING AREA OF FOU WAH CENTRE, LO WAI, TAI POR FONG, YEE POR FONG, AND TING KAU BEACH.

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WATER CUT IN MONG KOK

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY (JULY 25) TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CHUNG WUI STREET, KOK CHEUNG STREET, FUK LEE STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, SYCAMORE STREET, MAPLE STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET, WALNUT STREET, BEDFORD ROAD, LIME STREET AND LARCH STREET.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
JULY 24 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 25 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 10.30 P.M.
JULY 26 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 10.30 P.M.
JULY 27 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 28 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 5.30 P.M.

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