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FIRST MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM FOR THE N.T.

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THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL SOON HAVE ITS FIRST MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM WHICH WILL BE BUILT IN TSUEN WAN TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED FACILITIES FOR THE INCREASING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE RURAL AREAS.

WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH ON THE \$19.2 MILLION PROJECT FOR WHICH THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB IS DONATING \$10 MILLION. THE REMAINING COST WILL BE MET BY GOVERNMENT.

THE AUDITORIUM, CAPABLE OF SEATING 1,500 PEOPLE, WILL BE SIMILAR IN DESIGN TO THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL, BUT THERE WILL BE MODIFICATIONS TO MAKE IT MORE SUITABLE FOR CHINESE DRAMA PERFORMANCES.

COMPLETE WITH MODERN STAGE AND SOUND EQUIPMENT, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND DRESSING AND REHEARSAL ROOMS, IT WILL SERVE AS A GOOD VENUE FOR CONCERTS, DRAMAS AND CHINESE OPERAS.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TONIGHT (SATURDAY) SPOKE OF THE PROJECT WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL TO MARK THE START OF A FUND-RAISING DRIVE BY THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION. HE LATER WATCHED A DRAMA PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

MR. AKERS-JONES NOTED THAT THE PERFORMANCE WAS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE SCHOOL HALL AND SAID +I BELIEVE IF THERE WERE A BETTER-EQUIPPED PLACE, YOUR WORK COULD ACHIEVE EVEN BETTER RESULTS.+

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THIS NEED AND WAS PROCEEDING TO BUILD AN AUDITORIUM ON A 62,835 SQ. FT. SITE NEXT TO THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY BUILDING. PILING WORK IS EXPECTED TO START SOMETIME NEXT MONTH, HE ADDED.

+CONSTRUCTION OF THIS AUDITORIUM WILL PROCEED WITH ALL SPEED AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE PROJECT WILL BE READY FOR USE BY THE AUTUMN OF 1979,+ HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROVIDING VARIOUS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, TOGETHER WITH SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS IN TAI PO AND YUEN LONG.

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DEMANDS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE GROW

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THE AMBULANCE COMMAND OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD A BUSY YEAR LAST YEAR, RESPONDING TO A TOTAL OF 145,520 CALLS, ABOUT 15 PER CENT MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

OF THE TOTAL, 118,134 (82 PER CENT) WERE EMERGENCY CALLS, INCLUDING MATERNITY CASES.

THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS CARRIED ALSO INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT, FROM 152,816 IN 1975 TO 177,624 LAST YEAR.

ALTHOUGH THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF CALLS RECEIVED PER DAY WAS ABOUT 400, THIS FIGURE WAS FAR EXCEEDED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CALLS IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD WAS 516, ACHIEVED ON MAY 26.

THE AMBULANCE COMMAND OPERATES A FLEET OF 99 AMBULANCES AND HAS AN ESTABLISHMENT OF ABOUT 640.

A NEW AMBULANCE STATION AT THE HING WAH ESTATE IN CHAI WAN WAS BROUGHT INTO SERVICE IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, BRINGING TO 10 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPOTS AND STATIONS NOW IN OPERATION. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE NORMALLY TWO AMBULANCES IN MOST FIRE STATIONS IN THE URBAN AREA.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE NUMBER OF CALLS HAS BEEN RISING BY ABOUT 15 PER CENT ANNUALLY DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS AND TO COPE WITH THE CONTINUING GROWTH IN DEMAND, PLANS ARE IN HAND TO EXPAND THE AMBULANCE FLEET AND TO BUILD MORE AMBULANCE DEPOTS.

A NUMBER OF PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY IN EITHER CATEGORY A OR B OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME. THESE INCLUDE AN AMBULANCE DEPOT EACH FOR TUEN MUN, SHA TIN, TSING YI, CHEUNG SHA WAN, NGAU CHI WAN, QUARRY BAY AND ABERDEEN.

MEANWHILE, A TWO-STOREY DEPOT AT WO YIP HO ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG IS GRADUALLY TAKING SHAPE.

UPON COMPLETION IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, IT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN BOTH KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN AREAS.

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HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL CHIEF TO VISIT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN, WILL VISIT THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, AT ITS OPEN WEEK ON MARCH 14 (MONDAY), AT 2.30 P.M. TO PROMOTE APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AND BETTER UTILISATION OF THE FACILITIES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

MR. TIEN WILL BE SHOWN AROUND THE INSTITUTE BY MR. LINCOLN LIEU, PRINCIPAL OF THE INSTITUTE.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY MR. HORACE KNIGHT, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING), MEMBERS OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD AND EXECUTIVES OF VARIOUS GARMENTS ASSOCIATIONS.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE VISIT.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (MARCH 15) WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROLS AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND WO YI HOP ROAD AND THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND LEI MUK ROAD.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM WO YI HOP ROAD INTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD= RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD INTO LEI MUK ROAD AND LEFT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM LEI MUK ROAD INTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE BANNED.

THE MEASURES ARE AIMED AT IMPROVING THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT THE TWO JUNCTIONS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP FOR THE GUIDANCE OF MOTORISTS.

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INTERRUPTION OF TRAIN SERVICES

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RAIL SERVICES BETWEEN SHA TIN AND KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE WHOLE DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF A SECOND RAILWAY TRACK NORTH OF BEACON HILL TUNNEL.

HOWEVER, SERVICES NORTH OF SHA TIN WILL OPERATE NORMALLY ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.

THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SERVICES IS NECESSARY AS A BRIDGE WHICH CARRIED THE RAILWAY HAS TO BE MOVED FROM ITS EXISTING POSITION TO A LOCATION ALONGSIDE, ONTO THE ALIGNMENT OF THE NEW TRACK.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL STRENGTHEN ITS BUS SERVICES TO AND FROM SHA TIN TOMORROW TO MEET THE DEMAND OF PASSENGERS.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL NUMBERS REALISES \$396,200

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AT AN AUCTION AT THE CITY HALL THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING, 15 SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS FETCHED A TOTAL OF \$396,200 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 10 GO FOR THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$206,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER, 8998, WAS SOLD FOR THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$35,000, WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 FOR BM58.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES :

AP2	\$25,000	BG80	\$11,000
BL8	\$23,000	BK200	\$10,500
AT8	\$21,000	4567	\$10,000
AK555	\$13,000	BK6000	\$ 8,000
BK66	\$12,500	AD303	\$ 5,000
BB21	\$11,200	BG2121	\$ 4,000

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 32ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$5,598,232.

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DR. THONG HOLDS INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH
GOVERNMENT DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION

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THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, HELD AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

DURING A RECEPTION YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR BY THE ASSOCIATION, DR. THONG SPOKE OF THE NEED TO ESTABLISH MORE FIRM LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS AT EVERY LEVEL.

+ON MY PART, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT EVERYONE WORKING WITHIN THE SERVICE I REGARD AS A MEMBER OF A LARGE FAMILY, AND AS SUCH WE SHOULD REGARD EACH OTHER'S PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES AS OUR OWN AND TRY TO HELP EACH OTHER TO OVERCOME THEM,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG POINTED OUT THAT THERE COULD SOMETIMES BE DISAGREEMENTS EVEN AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT +WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MEET AND COMMUNICATE OPENLY, EFFECTIVELY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL IN THE SERVICE.+

THE DIRECTOR SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE RECEPTION WHICH HE REGARDED AS A GESTURE OF UNITY AMONG FELLOW PROFESSIONALS.

THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH WAS FORMED EIGHT MONTHS AGO, HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 741, WHICH IS 93 PER CENT OF ALL GOVERNMENT DOCTORS AND DENTISTS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, DR. W.Y. PAU, SAID THE ASSOCIATION WOULD DO ALL IT COULD TO BETTER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR GOVERNMENT DOCTORS AND DENTISTS, THUS IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

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