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FIRST NT REGIONAL COMMISSIONER EXPLAINS HIS ROLE
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THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRST REGIONAL COMMISSIONER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES INCLUDE ENSURING THAT THE PEOPLE ARE INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN MAKING DECISIONS ON THEIR FUTURE AND THAT THEY OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS.

MR. JAMES SWEETMAN, OUTLINING HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES AT A MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY) OF THE LIONS CLUBS OF HONG KONG HARBOUR AND HONG KONG (HOST), SAID THIS AIM COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED UNLESS ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE REGION WERE SEEN TO HAVE NOT ONLY A SENSIBLE POLICY FOR DEALING WITH THEIR PARTICULAR PROBLEMS, BUT ALSO WERE CAPABLE AND ENTHUSIASTIC ENOUGH TO SOLVE THEM.

+IF I CAN BE ASSURED THAT PEOPLE REALISE THAT WE ARE RESPONDING QUICKLY TO MEET THEIR NEEDS, THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION CAN BE NURTURED AND MAINTAINED,+ HE SAID.

MR. SWEETMAN, WHO WAS APPOINTED TO HIS NEW POST IN APRIL, SAID HIS DUTIES ALSO INCLUDED CO-ORDINATING AND MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY- ENSURING THAT THIS POLICY WAS EXPLAINED TO THE PEOPLE AND THEIR OPINIONS ON IT AND SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES WERE CONSIDERED AND CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNMENT- AND PROVIDING A HIGH STANDARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE REGION.

OF THE NEED FOR CLOSER CO-ORDINATION AT A MORE LOCAL LEVEL TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE, MR. SWEETMAN SAID HE HAD TO ENSURE THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTED FOR CLEANING OUR STREAMS OF POLLUTION AND, THROUGH REDEVELOPMENT, AN IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT COULD HELP TEACH PEOPLE NEW HABITS OF PUBLIC HYGIENE.

HE ALSO HAD TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE HAD IMPROVED OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR SOCIAL INTERESTS AND HAD MORE RECREATION.

MR. SWEETMAN SAID THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSING FIELD WAS WELL-KNOWN, AND EVEN IN THESE TIMES OF CAUTION IN PUBLIC SPENDING, THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME WAS BEING MAINTAINED. THE PRIVATE SECTOR ALSO HAD A LARGE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE BUILDING UP OF THE REGION, AND HE WAS HAPPY TO ENCOURAGE LARGE-SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT.

+HOWEVER, IT IS USELESS TO BUILD NEW HOMES WITHOUT THE ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND WITHOUT THE SCHOOLS, CLINICS AND HOSPITALS WHICH ANY PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY INSISTS UPON.

+THE NEEDS OF TRANSPORT ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVE ISOLATION OF THE REGION FROM THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTRES OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

/+HOWEVER,

+HOWEVER, IN THE WEST, WE ALREADY HAVE THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY, WHICH CONTINUES TO BE IMPROVED AND WITH THE HEAVY POPULATION CONCENTRATION TO BE BUILT UP BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN, THERE ARE AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR HAVING A MODERN TRAMWAY SYSTEM.+

IN THE EAST, THERE WOULD BE AN ELECTRIFIED, FREQUENT SERVICE OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WHICH, WITH ITS CONNECTIONS WITH THE MTR, WOULD MAKE ATTRACTIVE THAT PART OF THE REGION AS A COMMUTERS' DORMITORY.

+NEITHER MUST WE FORGET THE FERRIES, FOR THEY PROBABLY PROVIDE THE MOST RELAXED FORM OF TRAVEL IN HONG KONG, AND IN THE FUTURE THERE SEEMS TO BE GOOD SCOPE FOR, AND A LOT OF GEOGRAPHICAL LOGIC IN, PROVIDING SPEEDIER FERRIES BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND THE URBAN AREA AND INDEED TO AND FROM MACAU AND THE NEIGHBOURING PARTS OF CHINA, PARTICULARLY IN THESE DAYS OF EVER-INCREASING OIL PRICES.

+THUS THE IDEA OF HAVING A NORTHWEST REGION IS TO CONCENTRATE THE EFFORTS OF ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND IN RESPONSE TO THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO LIVE IN THE REGION, TOWARDS PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE NEW ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES, WORKING IN BETTER PLANNED FACTORIES AND ENJOYING THE SPREAD OF AMENITIES FROM THE SOPHISTICATED TOWN CENTRES TO THE EASILY ACCESSIBLE RECREATIONAL AREAS, AND THUS TO GIVE THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN A BETTER LIFE THAN THEY COULD HOPE FOR IN THE ALREADY OVER-DEVELOPED AND OFTEN OVER-PRICED URBAN AREA,+ MR. SWEETMAN SAID.

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COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO REHABILITATING DISABLED PEOPLE EMPHASISED

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THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO REHABILITATING DISABLED PEOPLE SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES TO THE FULLEST AND, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. JOHN CHAMBERS SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AND CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE FOURTH HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS 1979, MR. CHAMBERS SAID THE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH IS GAINING MOMENTUM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THROUGH THE CO-ORDINATED EFFORTS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

+SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE OVERALL PROGRAMME,+ MR. CHAMBERS SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THESE ACTIVITIES ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT FOR DISABLED PEOPLE AS THEY ARE FOR THE ABLE-BODIED.

/+THEY HELP

+THEY HELP DISABLED PEOPLE TO GAIN SELF-CONFIDENCE, TO DEVELOP SPORTSMANSHIP, AND TO SHARE IN THE SENSE OF ENJOYMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT WHICH EVERYONE EXPERIENCES IN PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS,+ HE SAID.

ADDRESSING THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS, MR. CHAMBERS SAID THEY HAD DEMONSTRATED TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY THAT DISABLED PEOPLE CAN ACHIEVE A GREAT DEAL IN A FIELD WHICH MANY PEOPLE PROBABLY THINK IS NOT OPEN TO THEM.

+IT IS TRUE OF COURSE, THAT YOU MUST OFTEN MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE PERFORMANCE LEVELS THAT ARE MORE EASILY REACHED BY ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT THE EVENT WILL FURTHER STIMULATE A GENERAL AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS AND RECREATION FOR THE DISABLED AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED.

HE THANKED THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED FOR ORGANISING THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN HONG KONG, AND THE SCHOOLS AND CENTRES WHICH HAD PARTICIPATED FOR THEIR EFFORTS WHICH HE SAID HAD MADE THE SPORTS MEETING A SUCCESS.

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ANCIENT FORT UNDER RESTORATION

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STAFF OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS SECTION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY, HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED THE SECOND PHASE OF RESTORATION WORK ON A CHING FORT ON TUNG LUNG ISLAND.

ACCORDING TO +SHIN-AN YUEN-CHIH+ (CHRONICLE OF SHIN-AN PREFECTURE), THE FORT WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE KANGHSI REIGN OF THE CHING DYNASTY AND WAS ABANDONED IN 1810 WHEN IT WAS REPLACED BY ANOTHER BUILT IN KOWLOON.

IT IS SITUATED ON THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF TUNG LUNG ISLAND WHICH LIES TO THE EAST OF HONG KONG ISLAND FACING FAT TONG MUN.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS SECTION, DR. S. BARD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT INITIAL EXCAVATION TOOK PLACE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

+WE TOOK TEN DAYS TO CARRY THIS OUT AND MOST OF OUR TIME WAS SPENT ON CLEARING THE WILD VEGETATION COVERING THE FORT,+ DR. BARD SAID.

THE FORT, WHICH IS RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE, COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 30 TO 40 SQUARE METRES. IT IS SURROUNDED BY FOUR WALLS ERECTED OF STONES PILED ON ONE ANOTHER.

+ALTHOUGH PART OF THE WALLS HAD COLLAPSED AND WILD VEGETATION COVERED THE FORT MAKING IDENTIFICATION DIFFICULT, WE HAVE DISCOVERED AN ENTRANCE IN THE NORTHERN WALL OF THE FORT,+ DR. BARD SAID.

/+APART FROM

+APART FROM THAT WE ALSO FOUND DURING THE SECOND STAGE OF RESTORATION WORK WHICH LASTED EIGHT DAYS, WALL FOOTINGS AND SOME ANCIENT CHING DYNASTY COINS INSIDE THE FORT NEAR THE ENTRANCE,+ HE ADDED.

DR. BARD SAID THAT FROM THE SHAPE OF THE BRICKS FOUND NEAR THE ENTRANCE, AN ARC-SHAPED GATE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BUILT THERE.

ON TOP OF THE SOUTHERN WALL WERE ALSO FOUND FOUNDATIONS OF SOME SORT OF CONSTRUCTION. SINCE THE FORT OVERLOOKS FAT TONG MUN AND IS STRATEGICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT LOOK-OUT POSTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN BUILT ON THAT WALL.

+WE HAVE COLLECTED THE STONES AND BRICKS FOUND INSIDE AND AROUND THE FORT FOR FUTURE RESTORATION, WHICH WILL START NEXT JANUARY AFTER EXCAVATION WORK IS COMPLETED,+ DR. BARD SAID.

APART FROM TUNG LUNG FORT, TWO OTHER FORTS ARE KNOWN TO EXIST - TUNG CHUNG AND FAN LAU - BOTH ON LANTAU ISLAND. SO FAR ONLY THE TUNG CHUNG FORT HAS BEEN DECLARED AS A MONUMENT.

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RESIDENTIAL SITES IN SHA TIN TO BE AUCTIONED

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TWO RESIDENTIAL SITES IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON DECEMBER 20, AT 11 AM AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

A SITE AT LOK LO HA MEASURING 2 579 SQUARE METRES HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1 440 000 TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 36 MONTHS.

THE OTHER SITE AT KAU TO MEASURES 1 010 SQUARE METRES AND THE BUILDING COVENANT OF \$160 000 ALSO HAS TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN THE SAME PERIOD.

BOTH SITES ARE FORMED AND ARE FOR LOW DENSITY DEVELOPMENT.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. ROGER THOMPSON, SAID DEVELOPERS WERE SHOWING A LOT OF INTEREST IN THE TWO SITES AND KEEN BIDDING WAS EXPECTED AT THE AUCTION.

HE SAID THE LOK LO HA SITE WOULD BE CONNECTED BY ROAD TO THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY PODIUM DEVELOPMENT IN SHA TIN AND FO TAN RAILWAY STATION. IT HAS A PLOT RATIO OF ONE AND COMMANDS A GOOD VIEW OF SHA TIN RACE COURSE AND RECREATIONAL AREAS.

MR. THOMPSON DESCRIBED THE KAU TO SITE AS +VERY ATTRACTIVE+ WITH A FULL VIEW OF THE TOLO CHANNEL. IT HAS A PLOT RATIO OF ONLY 0.4.

HE SAID SEVEN OTHER RESIDENTIAL SITES AND TWO INDUSTRIAL SITES IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN ARE TO BE DISPOSED OF BY LETTER A AND B TENDER EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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FIREMEN TO COMPETE IN ROUND-THE-PEAK RACE
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THE HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND OF THE FIRE SERVICES IS TO HOLD ITS THIRD INTER-DIVISIONAL PEAK RELAY RACE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

EIGHT TEAMS, EACH OF FIVE RUNNERS, WILL TAKE PART IN THE 11-MILE (17.7 KM) RACE WHICH STARTS AND ENDS AT THE OPEN GROUND CLOSE TO THE PEAK CAFE.

EACH RUNNER HAS TO COMPLETE THE 2.2-MILE (3.5 KM) PEAK CIRCUIT VIA HARLECH AND LUGARD ROADS.

THE WINNING TEAM WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A TROPHY BY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER MR. L. WORRALLO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE FIREMEN'S ROUND-THE-PEAK RACE TOMORROW (FRIDAY). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION AT 1.45 PM WHERE THEY WILL BE TAKEN BY A FIRE SERVICES COACH TO THE STARTING POINT.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE
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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON JANUARY 7, 1980 AT 2.30 PM.

ONE OF THE SITES MEASURING ABOUT 7 400 SQUARE METRES, IS AT BELLEVIEW DRIVE, REPULSE BAY, HONG KONG. IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE OTHER LOT, LOCATED AT WINSLOW STREET, HUNG HOM, IS FOR PUBLIC PARKING OF LORRIES AND GODOWN PURPOSES. IT MEASURES ABOUT 3 200 SQUARE METRES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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DSW TO OFFICIATE AT SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) OFFICIATE AT THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE SIK SIK YUEN'S HO LAP COLLEGE.

MR. LEE WILL MAKE A SPEECH IN WHICH HE WILL TALK ABOUT THE NEED FOR LOVE AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY. MRS. LEE WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES TO THE GRADUATES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.50 PM AT THE COLLEGE AT 15 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRIVING EVENT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9) FOR THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION'S 'DRIVER OF THE YEAR' EVENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SLIP ROAD BETWEEN GARDEN ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE, NORTHBOUND MOTORISTS ALONG GARDEN ROAD SHOULD USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA THE SLIP ROAD OFF THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE TO GO TO COTTON TREE DRIVE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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CLOSURE OF SLIP ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE EAST SIDE OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO CONTAINER PORT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 8) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE CONTAINER PORT FLYOVER.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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