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DCS TAKES ON NEW ROLE,
SASI TO CONCENTRATE ON INFORMATION
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED A REORGANISATION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TO ENABLE THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL AFFAIRS.

UNDER THE REORGANISATION, THE COUNCILS, GENERAL, AND PROTOCOL DIVISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DCS'S OFFICE.

A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCILS DIVISION, SERVING THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, HAD UNTIL RECENTLY THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL SUBJECTS. SOME OF THESE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, AND LATTERLY SOME TO DCS.

+THESE RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVELY CARRIED OUT BY COMBINING THEM UNDER DCS,+ HE SAID.

THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE PREPARATION OF THE GREEN AND WHITE PAPERS ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, AND IN PREPARING THE LEGISLATION AND CONDUCT OF THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

WITH THE TRANSFER OF CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS TO THE DCS, +IT IS LOGICAL TO BRING BOTH ELECTORAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS UNDER THE SAME ROOF,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONSOLIDATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL MATTERS UNDER THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY WOULD ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH TO DEVOTE GREATER ATTENTION TO INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, AS WELL AS TO BROADCASTING POLICY AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

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RADIO RECEPTION TO BE IMPROVED
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) GAVE THE GO-AHEAD TO A PLAN WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE VHF COVERAGE OF RTHK'S RADIO SERVICES, AND ENABLE COMMERCIAL RADIO TO INTRODUCE TERRITORY-WIDE VHF COVERAGE ON ITS THREE SERVICES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ACTION WAS TAKEN TO OVERCOME POOR RECEPTION IN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND HONG KONG ISLAND.

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THE WORK, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE, WILL GIVE RTHK NEAR TERRITORY-WIDE VHF COVERAGE OF RADIOS 1, 2, 4 AND 5. AT THE SAME TIME, THE MEDIUM WAVE COVERAGE OF RADIO 3 WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED. THE PLAN WILL ALSO GIVE COMMERCIAL RADIO NEAR TERRITORY-WIDE VHF COVERAGE ON ITS THREE SERVICES.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED HOWEVER THAT FUNDS FOR RTHK'S PORTION OF THE PLAN, EXPECTED TO COST AROUND \$20 MILLION, WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHEN IT MEETS NEXT MONTH.

APPROVAL FOR THE PROGRAMME COMES HARD ON THE HEELS OF RTHK'S INTRODUCTION LAST WEEK OF ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES FOR RADIOS 1 AND 2.

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MORE OCEAN-GOING VESSELS CALLING AT HK
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OCEAN SHIPPING USING HONG KONG PORT INCREASED BY AN UNPRECEDENTED 11 PER CENT IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR GERRY HIGGINSON, TOLD THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF SHIPPING THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

IN ADDITION, THE TOTAL VOLUME OF CARGO WAS UP MORE THAN 13 PER CENT AND CHINA CARGO UP 35 PER CENT.

MR HIGGINSON NOTED THAT EACH MONTH LAST YEAR ABOUT 1 000 OCEAN-GOING VESSELS CALLED HERE WHILE LOCAL TRAFFIC ALONE AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN 14 000 VESSELS A MONTH.

REFERRING TO THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT, MR HIGGINSON SAID EXPANSION WOULD PROCEED IN THREE PHASES. THE FIRST PHASE NOW UNDERWAY WAS SLIGHTLY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. IT INVOLVED THE RECLAMATION OF AN ADDITIONAL 25 HECTARES OF LAND TO EXTEND THE TOTAL CONTAINER PORT AREA TO SOME 119 HECTARES.

THE SECOND PHASE, NOW AT AN ADVANCED STAGE OF NEGOTIATION, WAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW THREE-BERTH TERMINAL TO BE KNOWN AS TERMINAL 6. THE FIRST BERTH SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1987. THE THIRD PHASE OF THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME WAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FURTHER TWO TERMINALS BY THE EARLY 1990S.

+TO ENSURE THAT THE FACILITIES ARE KEPT ABREAST OF DEMAND,+ HE SAID, +WE ARE PRESENTLY CONDUCTING A PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY, IN PARALLEL WITH AND TO COMPLEMENT THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STUDY, TO ASSESS OUR REQUIREMENTS UNTIL THE END OF THE CENTURY AND TO SEE HOW SHORTFALLS IN FACILITIES CAN BEST BE MET.+

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ON THE QUESTION OF A HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER TO REPLACE THE BRITISH REGISTER, MR HIGGINSON SAID THIS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY ABOUT 1990 SO THAT +A RESPECTED, SEPARATE AND AUTONOMOUS REGISTER+ WAS IN PLACE WELL BEFORE 1997.

REFERRING TO CIVIL AVIATION PLANS, MR HIGGINSON SAID CURRENT EXPANSION WORK AT KAI TAK, KNOWN AS STAGE V, WAS AIMED AT INCREASING THE HOURLY CAPACITY OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING TO A LEVEL WHICH BROADLY MATCHED THE RUNWAY CAPACITY OF 30 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS AN HOUR.

STAGE V, DUE TO BECOME OPERATIONAL BY MID-1988, WOULD CATER FOR 5 300 PASSENGERS PER HOUR ONE WAY, WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO AN ANNUAL TOTAL OF ABOUT 18 MILLION PASSENGERS, THE LEVEL OF PASSENGERS FOR 1984 WAS ALMOST 10 MILLION, MR HIGGINSON ADDED.

WHILE PASSENGER TRAFFIC LAST YEAR PUT HONG KONG SEVENTH IN WORLD RANKING, THE GROWTH IN AIR FREIGHT WAS EVEN MORE EXCITING, HE SAID.

+IN 1984-85, 27 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND 21 PER CENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS BY VALUE WERE SHIPPED BY AIR,+ HE SAID.

THIS RANKED HONG KONG ELEVENTH IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF TOTAL CARGO THROUGHOUT AIRPORTS.

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URBCO EXPANDS POLICY OF BILINGUALISM
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THE URBAN COUNCIL TODAY TOOK ANOTHER STEP IN ITS POLICY OF BILINGUALISM WHEN ITS STANDING COMMITTEE AGREED THAT COMMITTEE MINUTES SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE.

SUCH TRANSLATION WILL BEGIN WITH THE MINUTES OF THE FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ITSELF, SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN.

THEN, BY STAGES AS EXPERT STAFF BECOME AVAILABLE, THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL'S 13 SELECT COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE TRANSLATED.

+THIS WILL FURTHER EXPAND THE COUNCIL'S LONG-STANDING POLICY OF BILINGUALISM,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AT THE COUNCIL'S OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND AT ALL MEETINGS OF ITS SELECT COMMITTEES.

+AS WITH ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE MOST EFFICIENT AND LEAST EXPENSIVE WAYS OF GRADUALLY INTRODUCING THE TRANSLATION OF THE COUNCIL'S IMPORTANT WORK INTO CHINESE.+

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OPEN FORUM ON HOUSING GREEN PAPER
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TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AT AN OPEN FORUM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 4).

THE FORUM, ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE HELD AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AT 8 PM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR CHAN YUEN-SUM, WILL CHAIR THE FORUM, AND AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR SIMON LI, HAS BEEN INVITED TO SIT ON THE PANEL.

THOSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE FORUM SHOULD CONTACT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON 0-445200 TO BOOK SEATS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPEN FORUM TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 4) AT 8 PM IN THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, AT TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY TO CONTINUE
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY THIS MONTH TO DECEMBER.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

SOME 5 000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAS BEEN SENT TO THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR COOPERATION.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, EACH CARRYING A DEPARTMENTAL IDENTITY CARD, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT INFORMATION.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT.

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SYMPOSIUM ON BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE ORGANISING A SYMPOSIUM ON EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THESE SCHEMES AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN ENHANCING STAFF PERFORMANCE.

THE ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM WILL BE RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT AND IS DESIGNED FOR PERSONNEL MANAGERS AND TRADE UNION OFFICIALS.

EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL MANAGERS, LECTURERS AND PROMOTERS OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS WILL BE INVITED TO SPEAK ON DIFFERENT TOPICS INCLUDING EXPERIENCE IN RUNNING THE PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME AND RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 22 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM AT \$220 PER HEAD AND INCLUDES LUNCH AND TEA.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE SYMPOSIUM MAY CONTACT THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT ON 5-8523511 FOR APPLICATION AND ENQUIRIES.

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SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION FOR MUI WO

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A FOUR-STOREY SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION WILL BE BUILT IN MUI WO ON LANTAU ISLAND.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE OFFICES, A FOUR-BAY APPLIANCE ROOM, COMMUNICATION ROOM, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT STORE, WORKSHOP, BARRACKS, CANTEEN AND EXERCISE ROOM.

A DRILL YARD AND A DRILL TOWER WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1986.

MEANWHILE, TENDERS ARE ALSO BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF OPEN SPACES ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE TOP PORTION OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO TSING YI EAST SERVICE RESERVOIR.

THE AREAS WILL BE LANDSCAPED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARBOURS, SITTING BENCHES AND CONCRETE PLANTERS.

LIGHTING WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED ALONG THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE OPEN SPACES AND SERVICE RESERVOIR.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY JUNE NEXT YEAR.

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SWIMMING GALA FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
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PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS WILL ONCE AGAIN PROVE THEIR ABILITY IN WATER SPORTS IN THIS YEAR'S SWIMMING GALA FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY (OCTOBER 6).

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED (SAP) AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY THAT OVER THE YEARS, THE EVENT HAD ATTRACTED GROWING NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS.

+THIS IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN OF DEVELOPMENT IN SWIMMING AMONG THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

+WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG AT THE 4TH FESPIC GAMES FOR THE DISABLED TO BE HELD IN INDONESIA FROM JUNE 8 TO JUNE 16 NEXT YEAR.+

IN LINE WITH THE FORMAT OF THE QUADRENNIAL FESPIC GAMES, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CLASSIFIED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES: THE AMPUTEE, THE BLIND, THE CEREBRAL PALSY, AND THE PARAPLEGIC.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SAP AND FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED AT 3-404584.

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AUSTRALIAN VISITOR PRAISES HK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
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CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG ARE CLEAN AND PRISONERS HAD GOOD DISCIPLINE, THE VISITING COMMISSIONER OF NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIVE SERVICES COMMISSION, MR FRANK HAYES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES RUN IN THE PRISONS, HE SAID, PROVIDED USEFUL WORK FOR PRISONERS AND CONTRIBUTED GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

HE ADDED THAT GOOD TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE STAFF STRENGTHENED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

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MR HAYES, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE CORRECTIVE FIELD IN AUSTRALIA FOR 34 YEARS, WAS SPEAKING AFTER A THREE-DAY VISIT TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THESE WERE THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, PIK UK PRISON, SHEK PIK PRISON, SHA TSUI DETENTION CENTRE, TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, STANLEY PRISON AND THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

BEFORE ENDING HIS VISIT TODAY, HE MET THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MR HAYES LEAVES FOR AUSTRALIA TOMORROW.

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USD STAFF RESTORE CLEANLINESS TO PARKS

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A TOTAL OF 720 LARGE BAGS OF RUBBISH LEFT BEHIND BY MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL MOON-GAZERS AT VICTORIA PARK WERE COLLECTED BY CLEANSING STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT DURING THE LONG WEEKEND. THIS COMPARED WITH THE NORMAL DAILY AVERAGE COLLECTION OF 100 BAGS.

THE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY HAD TO DEPLOY 40 CLEANSING STAFF TO CLEAN UP THE PARK. THEY WORKED FROM 7 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

IN KOWLOON, CLEANSING STAFF CLEARED UP SOME 60 LARGE BAGS OF RUBBISH AT KO SHAN PARK, WHERE THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE TOOK PART IN MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS.

THE AVERAGE DAILY RUBBISH COLLECTION THERE IS ABOUT 20 BAGS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN FANLING, SAI KUNG

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONNECTION OF THE OPENING OF THE TIN SAM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 4).

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

- * ROAD D6, ROAD L100 AND ROAD A100 WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.
- * ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF ROAD D6 BETWEEN WO HOP SHEK ROAD AND ROAD L100.

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* THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY:

- ROAD D6 BETWEEN WO HOP SHEK ROAD AND ROAD L100.
- WO HOP SHEK ROAD WESTBOUND FROM ABOUT 200 METRES WEST OF WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO 330 METRES WEST OF THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT.

* THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE DAILY:

- WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION WESTBOUND FROM ABOUT 160 METRES WEST OF THE WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT.
- WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION EASTBOUND FROM ABOUT 130 METRES WEST OF THE WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT.
- TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION WEST SERVICE ROAD FROM ABOUT 60 METRES EAST OF THE WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT.
- THE SLIP ROAD FROM TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT.
- WO HOP SHEK ROAD FROM 40 METRES SOUTH OF WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT.

MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

MEANWHILE, THE SECTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY IN SAI KUNG FROM ABOUT 165 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD TO PAK SHA WAN PIER TO A POINT ABOUT 190 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 4).

MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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MULTITUDE OF SERVICES AVAILABLE IN TAI PO
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT DEPLOYS A STAFF OF 475 TO PROVIDE A MULTITUDE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES AND ANOTHER 121 FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE TAI PO DISTRICT.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT (TAI PO), MR CHAN CHAI-CHI, SAID THE RSD'S ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE AREAS - PUBLIC CLEANSING, DISTRICT HYGIENE AND MANAGEMENT OF HAWKERS AND MARKETS.

+PUBLIC CLEANSING INVOLVES STREET SWEEPING, REFUSE COLLECTION, MANAGEMENT OF REFUSE COLLECTION AND A HOST OF OTHER RELATED WORK. IT INVOLVES A WORK FORCE OF 309 STAFF AND A FLEET OF SIX SPECIALISED VEHICLES. THEY COLLECT AN AVERAGE OF 79 TONNES OF REFUSE DAILY.

+DISTRICT HYGIENE WORK IS CARRIED OUT BY A TEAM OF FOUR HEALTH INSPECTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERIODICAL INSPECTION AND CONTROL OF 284 LICENSED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT.

+MANAGEMENT OF HAWKERS AND MARKETS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A GENERAL DUTIES TEAM OF 109 MEMBERS,+ MR CHAN SAID.

THE DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER (TAI PO), MR MARCUS LEE, WHO HEADS THE LEISURE SERVICES SECTION, THEN BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE ON THE RANGE OF RECREATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID THE SECTION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF NEARLY SEVEN HECTARES OF PUBLIC PLEASURE GROUNDS, INCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, GROUND PREPARATION FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS, THE UPKEEP OF TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS, CARING FOR PLANTED AND TURFED AREAS AND IMPLEMENTING MINOR LANDSCAPING WORKS.

+ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE 4.5 HECTARES OF ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOTS IN TAI PO UNDER THE REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF THE SECTION, WHICH INCLUDES WATERING, FERTILISING, PRUNING AND UNDERGROWTH CUTTING.

+THE UNIT ALSO LOOKS AFTER THE LARGEST PLANT NURSERY IN RSD, THE TUNG TSZ NURSERY WHICH HAS AN AREA OF 3.3 HECTARES AND WILL EVENTUALLY PRODUCE 200 000 PLANTS ANNUALLY,+ MR LEE SAID.

THE SECTION ALSO ORGANISED 154 SPORT PROJECTS BETWEEN APRIL AND AUGUST 1985 IN VARIOUS TYPES OF SPORTS CATERING FOR PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. IT ALSO GAVE ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE TO LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WHEN REQUIRED.

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THE MAIN CULTURAL FACILITIES IN TAI PO WERE THE NEWLY-INAUGURATED TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE AND THE TAI PO PUBLIC LIBRARY. MUCH OF THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA ALSO CENTRED AROUND THEM.

THE CENTRE HAD AN AUDITORIUM SEATING 880 SPECTATORS AND A LARGE STAGE WITH SOPHISTICATED SOUND AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT. IT IS SUITABLE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF A WIDE VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES AND PUBLIC FUNCTIONS.

THE LIBRARY, IN ADDITION TO A STOCK OF OVER 57 000 BOOKS, AND 2 000 AUDIO-VISUAL ITEMS, ALSO PROVIDED A RICH VARIETY OF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES.

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FIRST MEETING FOR ISLANDS
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND LEISURE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

THE MEETING, TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AT 2.30 PM.

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VISIT TO FARM
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A PRESS VISIT TO THE TAI LUNG FARM OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN SHEUNG SHUI ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 4) AFTERNOON.

BEFORE THE TOUR, A BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY SENIOR CROP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MISS VERA SO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE VISIT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK FOR TRANSPORT WHICH WILL LEAVE FOR THE FARM AT 1 PM SHARP. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CHAI WAN WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 4) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY CHAI WAN ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION OF A KUNG NGAM ROAD TO WAN TSUI ROAD, LOK MAN ROAD AND CHEUNG MAN ROAD, INCLUDING LEI YUE MUN BARRACK AND SHAN TSUI COURT.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 79.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 467.667 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 502.276 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 85.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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