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WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES STRIKES RIGHT BALANCE
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES STRUCK THE BALANCE BETWEEN EXTREME VIEWS ON THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENT.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF BEACON HILL, MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT IN PLANNING DEVELOPMENT, THERE WERE INEVITABLY DIFFERENT SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT ON HOW FAST THE PROGRAMME SHOULD PROCEED.

HE SAID SOME BELIEVED IN A MORE RADICAL PACE OF DEVELOPMENT ON ALL FRONTS REGARDLESS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS, WHILE OTHERS FELT PLANNING SHOULD TAKE A MUCH LESS RADICAL OR PERHAPS A MORE CAUTIOUS COURSE.

+BOTH REPRESENT TWO EXTREME VIEWS, AND THE WHITE PAPER, I BELIEVE, STRIKES THE BALANCE,+ HE SAID.

HE QUOTED NEWSPAPER COMMENTS WHICH QUITE RIGHTLY POINTED OUT THAT WHILE HONG KONG WAS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN THE WELFARE FIELD, IT HAS AVOIDED THE PITFALLS OF SOME WESTERN COMMUNITIES WHICH DISPENSED WELFARE WITH RECKLESS ABANDON REGARDLESS OF NEED.

MR. LEE EMPHASISED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES ENVISAGED IN THE WHITE PAPER WERE ANCHORED VERY FIRMLY TO THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF HONG KONG WITHIN ITS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AND THAT THEY REPRESENTED REALISTIC GOALS.

WHILE THE PAPER ITSELF MIGHT NOT APPEAR STARTLINGLY REVEALING, HE SAID, IT DID SET THE RIGHT COURSE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT TO BETTER MEET THE WELFARE NEEDS AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

ANOTHER REASON, HE ADDED, WAS THAT A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPERS, FROM WHICH THE WHITE PAPER HAS DEVELOPED, HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE APRIL LAST YEAR SO THAT HELP COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE QUICKLY TO THOSE IN NEED.

MR. LEE SAID THAT SINCE THE WHITE PAPER WAS PUBLISHED A FORTNIGHT AGO, PUBLIC COMMENTS HAVE INDICATED A GENERAL WELCOME OF ITS PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMMES, PARTICULARLY THE PLANS TO IMPROVE CASH BENEFITS FOR THE DISABLED AND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

ON SERVICES FOR YOUTH, HE AGREED THAT WHILE PERSONAL HELP AND GUIDANCE WILL BE EXPANDED FOR A MINORITY GROUP OF VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE, IT WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF NORMAL-YOUNG PEOPLE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS ALREADY EXISTING GOVERNMENT POLICY AS THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ALREADY HAVE ACCESS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

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+THERE ARE INCREASING SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SUCH AS MORE COUNTRY PARKS, FOOTBALL PITCHES AND GAMES AREAS, SPORTS AND CULTURAL COMPLEXES, INDOOR GAMES HALLS AND PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, HE ADDED, THERE WERE NOW 108 YOUTH CENTRES AND 99 CHILDREN'S CENTRES TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS.

ON RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY, MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE PROVISION OF INSTITUTIONS WAS NO EASY TASK AS IT INVOLVED THE GRANT OF LAND, FUND-RAISING AND STAFFING, AND IT USUALLY TOOK LONG AND PROGRESSIVE STEPS BEFORE A PROJECT MATERIALISED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION IN HOUSING ESTATES MUST NECESSARILY DEPEND ON PROGRESS OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME.

NEVERTHELESS, THE WHITE PAPER ENVISAGED PLANS TO EXPAND THE PROVISION OF CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES, HOMES FOR THE AGED, HOSTELS AND PUBLIC HOUSING, AS WELL AS HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, HE SAID.

MR. LEE SAID THE INCREASING SCOPE AND COMPLEXITY OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES NATURALLY DEMANDED A PARALLEL EFFORT IN DEVELOPING SUPPORTING SERVICES SUCH AS PLANNING, RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND TRAINING.

HE SAID THE FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN SETTING OUT THE ACTUAL PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT, WILL REMAIN THE BASIC INSTRUMENT OF PLANNING AND WILL BE REVIEWED EACH YEAR UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

+IT PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF LEARNING ABOUT AND CO-ORDINATING THE INITIATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MONITORING PROGRESS AND ADJUSTING PRIORITIES AGAINST CHANGING NEEDS,+ HE SAID.

THE CAPACITY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPING FUTURE SERVICES HAS ALSO BEEN GREATLY STRENGTHENED TO PROVIDE A MORE CO-ORDINATED SYSTEM.

MR. LEE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS ATTACHED +GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES AS INCREASING FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED EACH YEAR FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION.+

WHILE THE WHITE PAPER'S PROGRAMME ENTAILED AN ESTIMATED \$2,000 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL CAPITAL AND RECURRENT EXPENDITURE UP TO 1986-87, THE \$630 MILLION PROVIDED FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR REPRESENTED A THREE-FOLD INCREASE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, HE SAID.

ON SOCIAL SECURITY ALONE, HE SAID, THE PROVISION OF \$400 MILLION REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 500 PER CENT OVER THE \$72 MILLION FIVE YEARS AGO.

IN ADDITION, THE WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION SERVICES PUBLISHED IN 1977 OUTLINED A MASSIVE PROGRAMME OF SERVICES COSTING ABOUT \$1,760 MILLION UP TO 1985-86, HE ADDED.

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500,000 KCR PASSENGERS A DAY BY EARLY 1990'S
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HONG KONG AND ITS COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A SUBURBAN RAIL SERVICE OF A STANDARD EQUAL TO ANY IN THE WORLD WHICH WILL PLAY ITS FULL PART IN THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

THIS WAS THE FORECAST OF MR. BOBBY HOWES, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

PROJECTIONS ON TRANSPORT NEEDS, HE SAID, INDICATED THAT FROM THE OPENING OF THE FULL ELECTRIC SERVICE, KCR WOULD BE CONVEYING 120,000 TO 140,000 PASSENGERS A DAY AND THIS COULD RISE TO 250,000 BY THE MID-1980'S.

+WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE UP TO 500,000 A DAY BY THE EARLY 1990'S,+ MR. HOWES SAID.

ELECTRIFICATION WILL ALSO ENABLE KCR TO RUN MANY MORE FREIGHT TRAINS AND TO HANDLE NOT LESS THAN THREE TIMES THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FREIGHT BUSINESS, HE SAID.

MR. HOWES ALSO SPOKE ON THE PRESENT TRAIN SERVICE, THE TRAFFIC GROWTH DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS, DOUBLE TRACKING, AND THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF KCR.

THE OVERALL KCR PROJECT, INCLUDING ELECTRIFICATION, MEANT COMPLETELY REBUILDING THE RAILWAY IN EVERY ASPECT, HE EXPLAINED.

IT WAS DESIGNED TO MEET THE LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, ESPECIALLY THE EXPANDING NEW TOWN POPULATIONS IN SHA TIN, TAI PO AND FANLING, AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

+THE WHOLE ROUTE WILL BE ELECTRIFIED WITH THE SYSTEM WHICH IS NOW THE GENERALLY ADOPTED STANDARD ON MOST SURFACE RAILWAYS, INCLUDING BRITISH RAIL AND MORE RECENT SUBURBAN ELECTRIFICATIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED BY THREE-CAR ELECTRIC MULTIPLE UNIT SETS WITH ULTIMATELY TRAINS OF UP TO 12 CARS.

THE INTERIOR DESIGN WILL PROVIDE A STANDARD OF COMFORT COMPATIBLE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SEATING AND STANDING PASSENGERS IN A FAST, FREQUENT SERVICE WITH A SHORT JOURNEY TIME. ALL VEHICLES WILL BE AIR-CONDITIONED.

PLATFORMS WILL HAVE TO BE RAISED AT BOTH THE EXISTING AND NEW STATIONS TO A HEIGHT OF 1.06 METRES, I.E. THE HEIGHT OF THE FLOOR OF THE ELECTRIC TRAINS.

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THIS WAS ESSENTIAL TO PERMIT VERY RAPID ENTRY AND EXIT OF PASSENGERS IN THE SHORT STATION STOP TIMES. EXISTING STATIONS WOULD NEED ENTIRELY NEW FACILITIES TO CATER FOR THE ANTICIPATED MASSIVE INCREASES IN TRAFFIC VOLUME TO BE HANDLED.

IN THE DETAILED DESIGN -- NOW WELL ADVANCED -- THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED HAVE NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED.

+IN SHORT, ALL EXISTING STATIONS WILL BE COMPLETELY REBUILT AND THREE NEW STATIONS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED, NAMELY AT TAI WAI, FO TAN AND KOWLOON TONG, WHERE THERE WILL BE A THREE-LEVEL INTERCHANGE WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY,+ SAID MR. HOWES.

THE INTERCHANGE WAS ONE OF THE KEY INGREDIENTS OF THE ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT, CREATING AN ESSENTIAL INTEGRATION BETWEEN THE KCR AND MTR, HE ADDED.

MR. HOWES ALSO MENTIONED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME.

THE BIGGEST SINGLE PROBLEM WAS THAT OF TOTALLY REBUILDING THE RAILWAY IN SITU WHILE KEEPING THE EXISTING RAILWAY FUNCTIONING AND MAINTAINING A QUALITY OF SERVICE.

HE WARNED THAT DURING THIS PERIOD THERE WILL ON OCCASIONS BE IMPEDIMENTS TO TRAIN OPERATIONS AND ON POSSIBLY RARE OCCASIONS CLOSURE OF THE LINE FOR LIMITED PERIODS FOR MAJOR WORKS.

A MAJOR AREA OF CONCERN, MR. HOWES WENT ON TO SAY, WAS THE FACT THAT THE PRESENT RAILWAY IS LARGELY UNFENCED.

+THIS IS WHOLLY UNSATISFACTORY FROM THE SAFETY STANDPOINT AND AS PART OF THE PROJECT, I HAVE INSISTED THAT THE RAILWAY MUST BE COMPLETELY FENCED THROUGHOUT,+ HE SAID.

+THE COST WILL BE HIGH SINCE IT ALSO MEANS BUILDING MANY ADDITIONAL 'GRADE SEPARATED' PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, BUT IT IS AN ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL PRE-REQUISITE TO THE NEW RAILWAY.+

MR. HOWES DESCRIBED THE END PRODUCT OF THE PROJECT AS +A FAST, FREQUENT AND RELIABLE PASSENGER SERVICE WHICH WILL CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE NEXT 15 OR MORE YEARS.+

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LAND SALES REALISE \$26.7 MILLION
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A RESIDENTIAL SITE AND A COMMERCIAL SITE IN TUEN MUN FETCHED A TOTAL OF \$26.7 MILLION IN A PUBLIC AUCTION HELD AT THE ST. SIMON LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TUEN MUN TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE 2,290-SQUARE METRE RESIDENTIAL SITE WAS SOLD TO KAM GA TAI CO. LTD. FOR \$13.6 MILLION, OR \$5,939 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE COMMERCIAL SITE MEASURING 693 SQUARE METRES WAS KNOCKED DOWN TO FOO YIK ESTATE CO. LTD. AT \$13.1 MILLION AFTER STRONG BIDDING AMONG AT LEAST SIX POTENTIAL BUYERS PUSHED UP THE \$4.5 MILLION OPENING PRICE.

IT REALISED AN EQUIVALENT OF \$18,900 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. VICTOR LEUNG, WHO CONDUCTED TODAY'S AUCTION DESCRIBED THE RESULT AS +MOST SATISFACTORY+ DESPITE THE RECENT INCREASE IN INTEREST RATES.

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT SITES EARMARKED PURELY FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE OPEN MARKET IN TUEN MUN,+ MR. LEUNG SAID.

+THE BIDDING WAS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND BIDDERS WASTED NO TIME IN RAISING THEIR OFFERS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE COMMERCIAL SITE.+

THE RESIDENTIAL SITE, SITUATED IN A SCENIC SETTING BETWEEN THE CASTLE PEAK AND TUEN MUN ROADS, IS ONLY ABOUT FIVE TO 10 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE TOWN CENTRE.

AS FOR THE COMMERCIAL SITE IN PUI TO ROAD, ITS CONDITION OF SALE ALLOWS FOR A GREAT VARIETY OF COMMERCIAL USES SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, SHOPS AND BANKING PREMISES ON THE LOWER FLOORS AND OFFICES ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

MR. LEUNG NOTED THAT ANOTHER 13 LOTS WOULD BE PUT UP FOR SALE OVER THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS EITHER BY AUCTION OR BY TENDER TO LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS.

+THE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED SALES PROGRAMME OVER PREVIOUS YEARS HAS RESULTED FROM THE RAPID PROGRESS OF THE LAND PRODUCTION PROGRAMME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE ADDED.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY TENDERS
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 3,330 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES, INCLUDING VEHICLES, AND/OR WORKS AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, AND THEREAFTER MONTHLY.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD OR IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE TWO OFFICES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 25.

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11 QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED AT LEGCO TOMORROW
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL RAISE 11 QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE HON. PETER C. WONG WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT IF IT HAS, HAVING REGARD TO THE HIGH COURT DECISION IN THE YAU MA TEI BOAT DWELLERS CASE AND VARIOUS EXPRESSIONS OF PUBLIC CONCERN, ANY PLANS TO AMEND THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO CONTROL OF MEETINGS AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS.

THE HON. ANDREW SO WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE OUTCOME OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE UNKNOWN GAS LEAKAGE WHICH AFFECTED THE STUDENTS OF THREE SCHOOLS IN TSUEN WAN.

OTHER QUESTIONS INCLUDE MEASURES TO CONTROL AND REDUCE AIR POLLUTION IN KWAI CHUNG, THE NUMBER OF COLLISIONS BETWEEN FISHING VESSELS AND OCEAN-GOING VESSELS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND MEASURES TO PREVENT FLOODING IN LOW-LYING AREAS AND THE SAFETY OF HILL-SIDE SQUATTERS IN VIEW OF THE COMING RAINY SEASON.

THE WHITE PAPER ON INTERNAL TRANSPORT POLICY — KEEPING HONG KONG MOVING, WILL BE TABLED AT TOMORROW'S MEETING.

THE OIL (CONSERVATION AND CONTROL) BILL 1979 WILL HAVE ITS FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE HON. DAVID JEAFFRESON WILL MOVE A MOTION TO ADOPT GMT PLUS NINE AS HONG KONG TIME STARTING FROM 3.30 A.M. THIS SUNDAY TO OCTOBER 21.

MR. JEAFFRESON WILL ALSO MOVE THAT FROM 3.30 A.M. ON OCTOBER 21, HONG KONG TIME BE EIGHT HOURS IN ADVANCE OF GMT.

THREE BILLS, INCLUDING THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

SEVEN BILLS IN THE COMMITTEE STAGE WILL BE READ FOR THE THIRD TIME. THEY ARE THE ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT)(NO. 4) BILL 1979, MOTOR VEHICLES (FIRST REGISTRATION TAX)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, DETERMINATION OF AGE (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1979 AND THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RETIRING NEXT MONTH
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. JOHN HOBLEY, WILL BE RETIRING NEXT MONTH.

HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR. JOHN GRIFFITHS, Q.C., WHOSE APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

MR. HOBLEY WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN 1950 AND JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A CROWN COUNSEL IN 1953. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SOLICITOR GENERAL IN MAY 1973 AND TO ATTORNEY GENERAL LATER THE SAME YEAR.

HE WAS APPOINTED A QUEEN'S COUNSEL IN 1973 AND WAS AWARDED THE C.M.G. IN 1976.

MR. GRIFFITHS IS AGED 47. FOLLOWING NATIONAL SERVICE IN THE ROYAL ENGINEERS, HE WENT TO EMMANUEL COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, WHERE HE GRADUATED WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS.

HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN 1956 AND WAS APPOINTED A QUEEN'S COUNSEL IN 1972.

HE IS A CROWN COURT RECORDER IN ENGLAND AND HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ENGLISH BAR COUNCIL.

MR. GRIFFITHS IS A MEMBER OF THE LORD CHANCELLORS LEGAL SERVICES CONFERENCE (CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL WELFARE LAW) AND IS ON THE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF THE GREATER LONDON CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, AND THE BAR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICES.

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DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES RETIRING

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THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR. FRED YOUNG, WILL RETIRE IN SEPTEMBER.

HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR. ROY KILVERT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, WHOSE PROMOTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

MR. YOUNG IS AGED 56, AND WILL HAVE COMPLETED MORE THAN 30 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT BY SEPTEMBER, HAVING SERVED SUCCESSIVELY AS STORES OFFICER FROM 1949, SENIOR STORES OFFICER FROM 1952, CHIEF STORES OFFICER FROM 1958, DEPUTY CONTROLLER OF STORES FROM 1965 AND DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES FROM OCTOBER 1970.

HE WAS AWARDED THE O.B.E. IN 1975.

MR. KILVERT IS AGED 46. HE WAS FIRST APPOINTED AN ASSISTANT STORES OFFICER IN MAY 1951, AND WAS PROMOTED TO STORES OFFICER IN 1956, SENIOR STORES OFFICER IN 1967, CHIEF SUPPLIES OFFICER IN 1971, SUPERINTENDENT OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES IN 1974 AND TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN AUGUST 1976.

HE HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

THE POST OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES WILL BE FILLED BY MR. ADOLF HSU, WHO IS A STAFF GRADE C ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

HE JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1958 AND HAS WORKED IN THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHRISTOPHER CLEMENTS, 25, ON DECEMBER 21, 1977 FOR THE MURDER OF AN ELDERLY PROSTITUTE WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMUTED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

CLEMENTS, A SHIP'S CHEF, WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF KWOK YIN-KAM, 59, IN MIRADOR MANSIONS, NATHAN ROAD, AT ABOUT 3 A.M. ON MARCH 28, 1977.

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UK BANKER SEES NEW TOWN PROGRAMME
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A LEADING BRITISH BANKER, MR. ROBIN LEIGH-PEMBERTON WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE SCALE AND SPEED OF HONG KONG'S NEW TOWN PROGRAMME WHEN HE SAW IT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY (TUESDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WHO ACTED AS HOST TO THE VISITING BANKER, THE PARTY CALLED AT SHA TIN FOR A BRIEFING ON THE NEW TOWN'S RAPID DEVELOPMENT FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON.

HE WAS THEN TAKEN ON A HELICOPTER TOUR OF OTHER DEVELOPING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BEFORE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HEUNG YIP ROAD FROM THE ABERDEEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, AND 12 - 38 WONG CHUK HANG ROAD INCLUDING THE ABERDEEN POLICE STATION AND CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY DEPOT.

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