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MACPHERSON TO HEAD SPECIAL OFFICE
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR IAN MACPHERSON, PRESENTLY ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, AS HEAD OF THE SPECIAL OFFICE TO BE SET UP TO COLLATE AND ASSESS PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE DRAFT SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

THE OFFICE WILL PRODUCE A FINAL REPORT WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED. MR MACPHERSON WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID DETAILS OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE HAD YET TO BE FINALISED.

DETAILS OF THE INDEPENDENT TEAM TO MONITOR THE WORK OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

PRIOR TO HIS BECOMING ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MACPHERSON WAS REGIONAL SECRETARY, NEW TERRITORIES.

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FUTURE MUST BE BUILT ON PRESENT SYSTEM -- BRAY
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THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DENIS BRAY SAID TODAY THAT THE AIM OF THE GREEN PAPER ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WAS TO FURTHER EXTEND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT BUSINESS IN STEADY PACES.

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE LIONS AND LIONESS CLUBS OF HONG KONG THIS EVENING, MR BRAY POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSALS WAS THAT OUR FUTURE POLITICAL SYSTEM MUST BE BUILT UPON THE PRESENT SYSTEM WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE WORKING WELL FOR HONG KONG.

MR BRAY OUTLINED TWO CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY OFFER THEMSELVES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

+FIRST, ANYONE OF YOU CAN RUN FOR ELECTION TO DISTRICT BOARDS, URBAN COUNCIL OR REGIONAL COUNCIL ON A DISTRICT CONSTITUENCY.

+ON BEING ELECTED A MEMBER OF THESE COUNCILS, THE DOOR IS OPEN FOR HIM TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IF SO ELECTED BY THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT BY 1988, THE PERSON CAN BE ELECTED BY HIS UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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THE SECOND CHANNEL IS TO RUN FOR ELECTION IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES TO WHICH A PERSON BELONGS ACCORDING TO HIS PROFESSION.

+HE MAY THEN BE ELECTED TO BE A MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THEREAFTER THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WITH HIS PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE,+ HE SAID.

MR BRAY ALSO CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AND EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO ELECT THE PEOPLE WHOM THEY THINK CAN SERVE THEM WELL.

+I WOULD URGE YOU THEREFORE, WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER AND WHATEVER THE DEGREE OF INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE IN RUNNING ELECTIONS, TO REGISTER AS A VOTER WHEN THE REGISTER OPENS ON AUGUST 15, 1984,+ HE SAID.

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CHANGES BEGAN SOME YEARS AGO : AKERS-JONES

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PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SEEN AS A CULMINATION OF CHANGES THAT BEGAN SOME YEARS AGO RATHER THAN A SUDDEN CHANGE OF DIRECTION.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT A JOINT LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS.

+THESE STARTED IN 1977 IN TSUEN WAN, AND GRADUALLY BUILT UP THROUGH ADVISORY BOARDS, DISTRICT BOARDS, POPULAR ELECTIONS, AND CHANGES IN URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION, UNTIL THESE CHANGES HAVE REACHED THE SHORES OF THE CENTRAL ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

+THEY SHOULD BE SEEN AS PART OF THE CHANGES WHICH HAVE BEEN SWEEPING HONG KONG IN THE LAST DECADE AND THEY ARE A PART, TOO, OF THE PROCESS OF FACING UP TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

+THEY REACH BACKWARD FOR THEIR STRENGTH AND DOWNWARD FOR THE ROOTS, THEY LOOK FORWARD IN STRENGTH FOR THE FUTURE.+

MR AKERS-JONES STRESSED THAT HONG KONG HAD NO RESOURCES BUT ITS PEOPLE, AND THE +MOBILISATION OF THOSE RESOURCES, THEIR UNIFICATION, THE SEARCH FOR A COMMON GOAL AND THE COMMON GOOD, AND THE ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS NEEDED TO DEVELOP OUR PARTICULAR AND PECULIAR GENIUS.+

/+WE SHOULD .....

+WE SHOULD NOT HESITATE THEREFORE IF WE NEED TO INVENT AND EVOLVE OUR OWN SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT HERE IN HONG KONG, WITH ITS OWN DISTINCTIVE FEATURES, FOR OUR SITUATION IS UNIQUE,+ HE SAID.

+OUR OBJECTIVE IS CLEAR: TO MAINTAIN THOSE CONDITIONS OF STABILITY WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO INCREASE OUR PROSPERITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OUR PEOPLE AND TO BRING INTO BEING A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD.

+WE HAVE BUILT A GREAT CITY AND WE MUST GO ON BUILDING.

+WE MUST FIND STRENGTH IN WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED AND FACE THE FUTURE WITH INTELLIGENCE, IMAGINATION AND VISION, BUILDING NOT JUST HONG KONG BUT A GREAT INTERNATIONAL CITY OF THE 21ST CENTURY.+

MR AKERS-JONES SAID HE BELIEVED THE 12 REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE A REAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SPEAK FOR THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

+THEY WILL SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY AND THEY WILL BE ANSWERABLE TO THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

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RESTAURANT RECEIPTS, PURCHASES SURVEYED

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RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES OF THE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WERE ESTIMATED TO BE $4 454 MILLION AND $2 013 MILLION RESPECTIVELY, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1983, TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES EACH DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. AFTER ALLOWING FOR CHANGES IN THE PRICE LEVEL, TOTAL RECEIPTS DECLINED BY THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, HOWEVER, TOTAL RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, OR BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS, WHILE TOTAL PURCHASES INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANTS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND CATERING OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY, ETC.) RECORDED INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, BY ONE PER CENT AND FOUR PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE LAST QUARTER OF 1983. DECREASES OF SIX PER CENT, FIVE PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WERE RECORDED FOR FAST FOOD SHOPS, BARS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS.

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IN VOLUME TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE, WHILE THOSE OF FAST FOOD SHOPS WENT DOWN BY EIGHT PER CENT, BARS BY SIX PER CENT, AND CHINESE AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, EACH BY TWO PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS (17%), FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (15%), FAST FOOD SHOPS (13%), OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (11%) AND BARS (1%). IN VOLUME TERMS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS AGAIN RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN TOTAL RECEIPTS (8%), FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (5%), OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (3%) AND FAST FOOD SHOPS (2%).

THE VOLUME OF TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS, HOWEVER, DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT.

THE FIGURES PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE INCLUDE :

(A) THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984,

(B) THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR EACH TYPE OF RESTAURANT AND THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 (WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 TAKEN AS 100), AND

(C) THE COMPARISON OF THE SURVEY RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE FIRST AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF 1983.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING A REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984. THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AT $1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TEL. NO.: 3-7216024.

OVERALL TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 (PROVISIONAL) = HK$4 454 MILLION

OVERALL TOTAL RESTAURANT PURCHASES FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 (PROVISIONAL) = HK$2 013 MILLION

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VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 4TH QUARTER 1983 AND 1ST QUARTER 1984

(QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 = 100)

TYPE OF RESTAURANT	INDEX OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS	4TH QUARTER 1983	1ST QUARTER 1984 (PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	1ST QTR. 1984 COMPARED WITH 4TH QTR. 1983 POINTS	%	1ST QTR. 1984 COMPARED WITH 1ST QTR. 1983 POINTS	%
CHINESE RESTAURANTS	VALUE	121	120	-1	-1	17	17
	VOLUME	109	106	-2	-2	8	8
NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS	VALUE	115	116	1	1	15	15
	VOLUME	103	101	-2	-2	5	5
FAST FOOD SHOPS	VALUE	122	114	-7	-6	13	13
	VOLUME	108	99	-8	-8	2	2
BARS	VALUE	108	102	-6	-5	1	1
	VOLUME	96	90	-6	-6	-1	-1
OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	VALUE	98	101	4	4	10	11
	VOLUME	90	90	SAME	SAME	3	3
ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR	VALUE	120	119	-1	-1	16	16
	VOLUME	107	105	-3	-3	7	7

NOTE: FIGURES DENOTING CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM UNROUNDED FIGURES.

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SEIZURES CAUSE DRUG PRICE RISE

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THE 400 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN BASE SEIZED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WAS ALMOST EQUAL TO THREE QUARTERS OF THE TOTAL SEIZURE OF THE DRUG LAST YEAR, IT WAS STATED AT THE 52ND MEETING OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

AS A RESULT OF THE LARGE SEIZURES OF HEROIN BASE, THE WHOLESALE PRICE OF ONE KILOGRAM OF NO. 3 HEROIN INCREASED FROM $26 400 AT THE END OF 1983 TO $85 800 AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR.

AND THE SHARP DRUG PRICE RISE LED TO A 70-PER CENT INCREASE IN ADMISSIONS TO THE METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAMME IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

ON MARCH 23, THERE WERE 10 277 PATIENTS ATTENDING THE METHADONE CLINICS -- AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER FIGURE FOR 1983, THE NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE NEWLY REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 DECLINED BY 21 PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE PROSECUTED FOR MAJOR AND MINOR DRUG OFFENCES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 ALSO DECLINED BY 8.1 PER CENT AND 4.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER FIGURES.

DESPITE THIS DECLINE, THE ACAN WILL BE KEEPING UP ITS EFFORTS IN PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY.

WITH THIS IN MIND, STAFF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT HAVE BEEN VISITING SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO TALK TO THE CHILDREN IN FORMS I TO III.

ACAN WILL ALSO JOIN THE RADIO DIVISION OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG IN PRODUCING A SERIES OF DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMMES FOR THE YOUNG.

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QUARRY BAY OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE REVISION OF LAND USE PROPOSALS AT KORNHILL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT, IS AMONG TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT QUARRY BAY OUTLINE ZONING PLAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

KORNHILL WILL EVENTUALLY BE DEVELOPED INTO A RESIDENTIAL AREA FOR 38 000 PEOPLE. THERE WILL BE 9 450 FLATS, OF WHICH 2 200 WILL BE IN A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A RANGE OF SUPPORTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES, SUCH AS OPEN SPACE, SCHOOLS, A KINDERGARTEN, NURSERIES, CHILDREN'S CENTRES, YOUTH CENTRES, A MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND CAR PARKING FACILITIES.

THE OTHER AMENDMENT CONCERNS THE REALIGNMENT OF GREIG ROAD EXTENSION.

THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF AN 'OPEN SPACE' SITE AND A 'GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY' SITE TO THE SOUTH-WEST OF NAM FUNG SUN CHUEN HAVE ALSO BEEN AMENDED.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE AUGUST 9.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES :

* DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG;

* DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), 880-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; AND

* TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES ARE ALSO ON SALE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, AT $10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND $60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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NINE HOUSING CONTRACTS SIGNED

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY SIGNED NINE CONTRACTS TOTALLING $23.4 MILLION FOR PILING, BEAUTIFICATION AND SLOPE PROTECTION WORKS AT VARIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE LARGEST CONTRACT, OF $11.5 MILLION, IS FOR FOUNDATION PILING FOR FOUR DOMESTIC BLOCKS AT THE NEW TIN PING ESTATE IN SHEK WU HUI.

THE TWO TRIDENT BLOCKS AND TWO SLAB BLOCKS WILL FORM THE SECOND PHASE OF THE ESTATE, AND UPON COMPLETION BY 1987 WILL PROVIDE ALTOGETHER 2 594 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS FOR 11 100 PEOPLE.

THE SECOND LARGEST CONTRACT, VALUED AT $3.4 MILLION, IS FOR THE FOURTH PHASE OF THE TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. IT IS AIMED AT UPGRADING LIVING CONDITIONS AND RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AT THE OLDER ESTATE.

WORK INCLUDE PILING TO FOUNDATIONS FOR THREE NEWLY-DESIGNED LINEAR BLOCKS AND ASSOCIATED FOOTBRIDGES.

THE THREE BLOCKS WILL HOUSE 2 100 PEOPLE IN 420 FLATS ON COMPLETION BY EARLY 1986.

SIX OTHER CONTRACTS, WORTH $7.4 MILLION, ARE FOR SOFT LANDSCAPING WORKS TO ADD MORE GREENERY TO THE ESTATES OF SUN CHUI AND CHUN SHEK IN SHA TIN, KWONG FUK IN TAI PO, CHEUNG WAH IN FANLING AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME CHEUNG WO COURT IN KWUN TONG AND SIU HONG COURT IN TUEN MUN.

THE NINTH CONTRACT, VALUED AT $1 MILLION, IS FOR LONG-TERM SLOPE PROTECTION WORKS AT SHUN TIN ESTATE IN KWUN TONG.

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BUILDING TENDERS INVITED FOR HANG ON ESTATE

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY INVITED SEPARATE BUILDING TENDERS FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASES OF HANG ON ESTATE, THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT IN THE BUDDING NEW TOWN OF MA ON SHAN.

+THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE 36-STOREY CRUCIFORM HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME BLOCKS, A CARPARK AND A COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHILE IN THE THIRD AND FINAL PHASE, THREE 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCKS AND A COMMERCIAL CENTRE WILL BE BUILT,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY.

UPON COMPLETION BY 1987, THE THREE HOS BLOCKS WILL CONTAIN 1 050 FLATS AND THE THREE RENTAL BLOCKS WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER 2 488 FLATS TO HOUSE A TOTAL OF 16 500 PEOPLE.

ALSO TO BE BUILT ARE ELEVATED WALKWAYS AND A FOOTBRIDGE, PLUS ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND EXTERNAL WORKS.

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HUNG HOM BAY SITE TO BE OFFERED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO OFFER BY WAY OF LAND EXCHANGE 3 256 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED AT HUNG HOM BAY TO THE HONG KONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

THE PROPOSED GRANT FOR 75 YEARS, WHICH IS RENEWABLE FOR A FURTHER 75 YEARS, WILL ENABLE THE COMPANY TO REDEVELOP THE AREA TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 45 000 PEOPLE AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

POSSESSION OF AN ADJACENT AREA OF ABOUT 6 080 SQUARE METRES WILL ALSO BE GRANTED TO THE COMPANY FOR 48 MONTHS FOR USE AS A WORKS AREA.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE NOTICE AND RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN (AND COPIES PURCHASED) AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143, KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL OR WHO HAS CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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INDUSTRIAL COURSES DRAW THOUSANDS

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THE FIVE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAVE RECEIVED ABOUT 5 000 APPLICATIONS SINCE ENROLMENT OF TRAINEES STARTED THIS MONTH, MR MORRIS MORGAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE INDICATES THE WILLINGNESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN INDUSTRY THROUGH PROPER INDUSTRIAL TRAINING,+ HE SAID AT THE TOPPING OUT CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX.

+IT IS ALSO ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT THE COMPLEX UPON ITS COMPLETION IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR WILL BE ANOTHER MAJOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY OF SKILLED WORKFORCE FOR OUR INDUSTRY,+ MR MORGAN ADDED.

THE NINE-STOREY COMPLEX WILL HOUSE TRAINING CENTRES OF THE ELECTRONICS, HOTEL, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS AND PRINTING INDUSTRIES.

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APPLICATIONS FOR ALL FULL-TIME, ONE-YEAR CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN COURSES WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF THE MONTH. COURSES WILL START IN SEPTEMBER WITH THEORY SESSIONS HELD AT VARIOUS TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS. FORM THREE TO FORM FIVE SCHOOL-LEAVERS MAY APPLY.

DR FRANCIS TIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, AND DR GEOFFREY YEH, OF THE HSIN CHONG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED WERE ORIGINALLY TO HAVE OFFICIATED AT THE CEREMONY, BUT WERE UNABLE TO DO SO AS THEY WERE OUT OF TOWN.

IN HIS SPEECH READ BY MR MORGAN, DR TIEN SAID THAT THE COMPLEX WAS A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING HERE.

HE FELT THAT THE COURSES OFFERED WOULD BE POPULAR BECAUSE THEY HAD ALL BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED BY TRAINING BOARDS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

+ALL FULL-TIME TRAINEES WILL BE PAID WEEKLY ALLOWANCES, AND A PLACEMENT SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED TO HELP TRAINEES TO FIND SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT.

+IN ADDITION, ALL TRAINEES AT THE CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE TECHNICAL EDUCATION ON A DAY-RELEASE BASIS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE RELEVANT PART OF AN APPRENTICESHIP,+ DR TIEN SAID.

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GREAT DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT FACTORY UNITS

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LEASES FOR ALMOST HALF OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LATEST INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, WANG CHEONG FACTORY ESTATE, WERE SIGNED DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS SINCE APPLICATIONS OPENED ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 18).

ADDRESSING A SEMINAR TODAY, HOUSING MANAGER MR FOK PO-CHOI SAID THIS REFLECTED THE GREAT DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT FACTORY UNITS.

THE SEMINAR, CO-ORGANISED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS, WAS HELD AT THE FEDERATION'S PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI. ABOUT 100 MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION ATTENDED.

MR FOK, TOGETHER WITH MR STEPHEN TONG, THE BUILDING'S ARCHITECT, EXPLAINED THE ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS OF WANG CHEONG FACTORY ESTATE.

THE SEMINAR ALSO INCLUDED ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY INTRODUCED BY MR LAU WING-HANG, A DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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MR FOK EXPLAINED TO THE MANUFACTURERS THAT THE CONVENIENT LOCATION, ARCHITECTURAL ADVANTAGES, FAVOURABLE LEASE TERMS AND MODERN FACILITIES OF THE AUTHORITY'S NEW FACTORY BUILDING, HAD ALL CONTRIBUTED TO ITS POPULARITY.

THE BUILDING IS SITUATED BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND FAT CHEUNG STREET AND WITHIN THREE MINUTES WALK FROM THE CHEUNG SHA WAN MTR STATION. IT IS ALSO SERVED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF FRANCHISED BUSES AND MINIBUSES.

LABOUR SUPPLY IS PLENTIFUL AS THE DISTRICT IS ONE OF THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED, WITH NUMEROUS MAJOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AROUND.

MR FOK ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE AUTHORITY'S FACTORY UNITS HAD BEEN SIMPLIFIED SINCE JANUARY.

NOW, ALL APPLICANTS ARE IMMEDIATELY ELIGIBLE INSTEAD OF HAVING TO GO THROUGH A TENDERING PROCESS.

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FOOTBRIDGE PROPOSED AT NORTH POINT

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A FOOTBRIDGE AT THE JUNCTION OF JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT.

IT IS ONE OF SEVERAL PLANNED IN THE NORTH POINT AND QUARRY BAY AREAS TO PROMOTE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, AND ALSO ELIMINATE DISRUPTIONS TO VEHICULAR FLOW CAUSED BY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING MOVEMENTS AT GROUND LEVEL.

THE NEW FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS KING'S ROAD WILL BE 29 METRES LONG AND 6.1 METRES ABOVE THE CARRIAGEWAY.

BESIDES STAIRCASES DESCENDING TO GROUND LEVEL AT BOTH ENDS, THERE WILL ALSO BE A STAIRCASE GIVING ACCESS TO THE TRAM ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CARRIAGEWAY.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME CAN BE SEEN AT :

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND

* EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 884-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

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TAI PO PLAZA REOPENS FOR HOME-PURCHASERS

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SHOW FLATS AT THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME TAI PO PLAZA IN TAI PO NEW TOWN IS NOW OPEN AGAIN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING UNTIL JULY 31.

+THIS IS TO ENABLE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR THE PHASE VI A HOS FLATS TO SEE THE FLAT DESIGNS AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE ESTATE PRIOR TO THE SELECTION OF FLATS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

+THE OPENING HOURS OF THE SHOW FLATS WILL BE FROM 11.30 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 3 PM TO 4 PM BETWEEN MONDAY AND SATURDAY, AND FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAYS,+ HE ADDED.

BEING DEVELOPED AS THE FIRST PSPS PROJECT IN THE NEW TOWN, THE ESTATE WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 1 408 TWO-BEDROOM FLATS BUILT ON TOP OF A LARGE COMMERCIAL-ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE.

PRICES FOR THE FLATS VARY FROM $156 500 TO $248 800 EACH, WITH GROSS AREAS RANGING FROM 41.3 TO 53.4 SQUARE METRES.

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HEALTH DAY FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS

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YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ON SUNDAY (JULY 22) ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING GOOD HEALTH THROUGH FUN AND GAMES.

THE HEALTH DAY IS ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE LIONS CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES AND THE LEO CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DAY'S EVENTS, TO START AT 1.30 PM AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, WILL FEATURE AN ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE.

THERE WILL BE 10 GAME STALLS, A VITALITY EXERCISE BY TELEVISION ARTISTES, FIRST-AID DEMONSTRATION, MEDICAL TESTS, EYE EXAMINATION, A QUIZ AND A SLIDE SHOW.

SIX DOCTORS WILL BE THERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

CARTOON CHARACTER BO BO WILL MAKE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE, APPEALING TO RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILFRED WONG, THE FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR KWONG PO-MING, AND THE CORPS PRESIDENTS OF ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE, MR CHIU SZE-HOI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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CHILDREN'S PICTURES ON DISPLAY

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MORE THAN 70 WINNING ENTRIES OF AN INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DRAWING CONTEST WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE CHATER GARDEN ON SUNDAY (JULY 22).

THE CONTEST, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HARBOUR JAYCEES, WAS HELD IN MAY FOR CHILDREN, AGES BETWEEN FOUR TO 13, FROM JAPAN, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, TAIWAN AND HONG KONG.

SUNDAY'S EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 4.30 PM. A PRIZE PRESENTATION TO WINNERS FROM HONG KONG AND A CARTOON SHOW WILL ALSO BE STAGED.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHOW YIN-SUM, THE PRESIDENT OF HARBOUR JAYCEES, MR ALFRED LEUNG, AND THE PROJECT CHAIRMAN OF THE EXHIBITION, MISS IRIS LEUNG.

FROM MONDAY (JULY 23), THE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL CONCOURSE FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM FOR FIVE DAYS.

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RESIDENTS TO AIR VIEWS AT FORUM

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NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO AIR THEIR VIEWS ON LOCAL PROBLEMS AND GIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT AN OPEN FORUM ON SUNDAY (JULY 22) AFTERNOON.

THE PROBLEMS WILL INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL WASTE DISPOSAL, SLOW DEVELOPMENT AT TAKULING, FLOODING, AND NOISE POLLUTION AND INADEQUATE CROSSINGS ALONG THE RAILWAY LINE.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE FORUM WILL BE STAGED IN THE PLAYGROUND OF CHOI YUEN ESTATE IN SHEUNG SHUI BETWEEN 3 PM AND 4.30 PM.

SPEAKERS AT THE FORUM WILL BE THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR NG, FIVE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

NORTH DISTRICT IS THE THIRD DISTRICT, AFTER TUEN MUN AND SOUTHERN, TO HOLD THE TERRITORY-WIDE FORUM.

SIMILAR FORUMS WILL TAKE PLACE IN 15 OTHER DISTRICTS ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER.

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SPORTS COMPLEX FOR POLICE OFFICERS

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A SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX FOR POLICE OFFICERS IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON A ONE-HECTARE SITE NEXT TO THE CAUSEWAY BAY PORTAL OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

A $20.4 MILLION WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE JOB HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO TECHNIC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

THE COMPLEX WILL BE FOR USE BY OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE AND THEIR CIVILIAN COUNTERPARTS.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A COVERED AND HEATED SWIMMING POOL, A MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR GAMES HALL, FOUR SQUASH COURTS, A BOWLING ALLEY, A GYMNASIUM WITH FITNESS ROOMS, CHANGING ROOMS, A LOUNGE AND BAR AND DINING ROOMS.

SOME EXISTING OUTDOOR FACILITIES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING A BOWLING GREEN AND THREE TENNIS COURTS, WILL BE RETAINED OR RELOCATED.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 18 MONTHS.

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JUNK BAY NEW TOWN TO HAVE ROAD TUNNEL

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A PROJECT WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY INTO A NEW TOWN IS EXPECTED TO START IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

IT IS THE BUILDING OF A ROAD TUNNEL TO LINK THE WESTERN RECLAMATION OF THE NEW TOWN WITH URBAN KOWLOON.

THE TUNNEL WILL BE BUILT UNDER THE HILLS OF MA YAU TONG AND FORM PART OF A PRINCIPAL ACCESS TO JUNK BAY.

IT WILL BE A TWIN TUBE VEHICULAR TUNNEL TOTALLING 900 METRES IN LENGTH, 700 METRES OF WHICH WILL BE A CONCRETE LINED DRIVEN SECTION AND THE REMAINING 200 METRES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE CUT AND COVER METHOD.

DUE TO THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE PROJECT, THE JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS WITH RELATED EXPERIENCE TO APPLY FOR INCLUSION ON A PREQUALIFIED LIST TO TENDER.

THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUNNEL PORTALS AND ANCILLARY INSTALLATIONS AT BOTH ENDS.

THE TUNNEL IS EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC IN LATE 1988.

UNDER THE FIRST PHASE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY, A POPULATION OF ABOUT 175 000 IS ENVISAGED BY THE EARLY 1990'S.

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RECRUITS TO PARADE

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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUITS AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ON PARADE WILL BE 120 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF BASIC TRAINING.

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FANLING ROAD CLOSURE

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A SECTION OF ABOUT 200 METRES OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING SECTION), ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF THE SHEUNG SHUI MINI-ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES, BETWEEN 8 AM AND 6 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 22).

DURING THE CLOSURE, NORTHBOUND AND WESTBOUND VEHICLES GOING TO THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD ARE ADVISED TO GO VIA ROAD D4, ROAD L6, SAN FUNG AVENUE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND TAI PO ROAD (FANLING SECTION).

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC HEADING FOR FAN KAM ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD CAN GO VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SAN FUNG AVENUE, ROAD L6, ROAD D4 AND THE SHEUNG SHUI MINI-ROUNDABOUT.

VEHICLES TO AND FROM THE VILLAGES ALONG TAI PO ROAD (FANLING SECTION) ARE ADVISED TO GO VIA FANLING ROUNDABOUT.

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SUNDAY PARKING METERS

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PARKING CHARGES AT 36 METERED SPACES ON JOHNSTON ROAD BETWEEN ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH HENNESSY ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED TO SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JULY 22).

THE METERS WILL ONLY OPERATE BETWEEN 10 AM AND 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, CHARGING THE SAME FEES AS WEEKDAYS.

THEY WILL BE DISTINGUISHED BY THEIR POSTS, THE UPPER PARTS OF WHICH WILL BE PAINTED VIOLET.

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WAN CHAI WATER TEST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 23) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE FROM NEW RODNEY BUILDING AT QUEENSWAY TO THE JUNCTION OF HENNESSY ROAD AND JOHNSTON ROAD, AND A SECTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST FROM QUEENSWAY TO MONMOUTH PATH, INCLUDING MONMOUTH PATH.

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