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NEW SCALE OF WATER CHARGES

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A NEW SCALE OF WATER CHARGES WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM APRIL 1 TO HELP OFFSET INCREASING COSTS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, SAID THE EFFECT OF THE NEW CHARGES WOULD BE MINIMAL FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF CONSUMERS AND WOULD NOT SHOW UP IN BILLS UNTIL AUGUST.

MR TOMLINSON SAID SOME 21 PER CENT OF ALL DOMESTIC CONSUMERS WOULD CONTINUE TO PAY NO WATER CHARGES AND ANOTHER 67 PER CENT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN EXTRA \$1 OR LESS PER WEEK. ONLY ABOUT FOUR PER CENT OF DOMESTIC CONSUMERS WOULD PAY AN EXTRA \$2 OR MORE PER WEEK.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE FREE ALLOWANCE TO DOMESTIC CONSUMERS OF 4 000 GALLONS PER FOUR-MONTHLY BILLING PERIOD PER FLAT SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. MR TOMLINSON SAID MOST RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS FREE ALLOWANCE.

+WATER CONSTITUTES A VERY SMALL PART OF THE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET AND THE EFFECT OF THE REVISED CHARGES ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IS EXPECTED TO BE LESS THAN 0.1 PER CENT,+ HE POINTED OUT.

TURNING TO TRADE SUPPLIES, MR TOMLINSON SAID ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF ALL TRADE CONSUMERS WOULD PAY NO MORE THAN \$1 PER WEEK EXTRA FOR THE WATER CONSUMED. A SMALL MINORITY, EQUIVALENT TO HALF A PER CENT, OF TRADE CONSUMERS WOULD FACE AN INCREASE OF \$100 OR MORE A WEEK.

MR TOMLINSON ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE TEMPORARY CONCESSIONARY RATE FOR TRADE CONSUMERS USING MORE THAN 6 000 UNITS PER FOUR-MONTHLY BILLING PERIOD WOULD BE EXTENDED FOR ONE MORE YEAR FROM APRIL 1.

+THIS WILL GIVE THESE CONSUMERS FURTHER TIME TO INTRODUCE MEASURES TO ECONOMISE IN THEIR USE OF WATER.+

HE SAID THAT FOR MOST TRADE CONSUMERS, WATER CHARGES REPRESENTED ONLY A SMALL PART OF THEIR TOTAL OPERATING COSTS, SO THE INCREASED CHARGES WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

SALT WATER FLUSHING WILL ALSO REMAIN FREE OF CHARGE. WHILE FRESH WATER USED FOR FLUSHING WILL BE CHARGED AT \$4.2 PER UNIT, THE \$24 DEDUCTION FROM THE RESULTANT CHARGE WILL BE INCREASED TO \$27.6 SO AS TO PROVIDE FREE OF CHARGE THE SAME QUANTITY OF FRESH WATER FOR FLUSHING AS IS CURRENTLY ALLOWED.

/MR TOMLINSON

MR TOMLINSON SAID HIS DEPARTMENT'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES, EXCLUDING ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESALTER OR DESALTING OPERATIONS, HAD INCREASED BY ABOUT 20 PER CENT OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND THE EFFECTS OF SUCH INCREASES IN OPERATING COSTS ON THE LEVEL OF WATER CHARGES WOULD BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW.

FOLLOWING IS A TABLE OF THE NEW SCALE OF CHARGES :

DOMESTIC CHARGES

<u>UNITS PER 4 MONTH BILLING PERIOD</u>	<u>CHARGE PER UNIT</u>	
	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>
	\$	\$
0 - 4	NIL	NIL
5 - 8	4.2	3.6
9 - 14	7.6	6.6
15 - 20	11.8	10.2
OVER 20	16.6	14.4
<u>TRADE SUPPLIES</u>	7.6	6.6

SHIPPING SUPPLIES

(A) FOR NON-OCEAN-GOING SHIPPING	7.6	6.6
(B) FOR OCEAN-GOING SHIPPING	16.6	14.4

CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES

	11.8	10.2
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PREPAID SUPPLIES

	7.6	6.6
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FLUSHING SUPPLIES

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(A) SALT WATER	FREE	FREE
(B) FRESH WATER	4.2	3.6
- LESS A DEDUCTION PER DWELLING FOR EACH 4 MONTH BILLING PERIOD IN RESPECT OF FRESH WATER USED FOR FLUSHING	27.6	24.0

(THIS DEDUCTION WILL CONTINUE THE EFFECT OF THE CURRENT PROVISION OF 1-2/3 UNITS PER MONTH, OR 6-2/3 UNITS PER 4 MONTH PERIOD, FREE OF CHARGE)

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SIR PHILIP TO OPEN STAFF MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL OPEN A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON STAFF MANAGEMENT AT THE SHERATON HOTEL ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 21).

SOME 200 PARTICIPANTS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE ORGANISED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE SILVER BALLROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SHERATON HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 9.15 AM. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE RECEPTION COUNTER ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE HOTEL AT 8.45 AM.

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MAJOR MANPOWER SURVEY FOR SERVICE INDUSTRY

A MAJOR SURVEY OF THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND 19, 1983 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

THE SURVEY WILL HELP TO FIND OUT THE MANPOWER CHANGES SINCE THE FIRST SUCH SURVEY TWO YEARS AGO.

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IT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, ASSISTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR LARRY TCHOU SAID, +THIS SURVEY IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE IN FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS.

+AS A RESULT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON THE 1981 SURVEY, A HOTEL INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN 1984, PROVIDING 2 200 TRAINING PLACES EACH YEAR,+ MR TCHOU SAID.

A NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS, CHOSEN BY STRATIFIED RANDOM SAMPLING, WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND VACANCIES, TRAINING ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS A FORECAST OF MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

MR TCHOU APPEALED TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SUPPORT AND COOPERATE IN THE SURVEY. HE STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH HAVE BEEN SENT OUT.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED AND COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES.

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CLOSER DB AND UC RELATIONSHIP ENVISAGED
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THE ALREADY VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED AFTER NEXT MONTH'S URBCO ELECTIONS, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN A DINNER SPEECH TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG, MR LAM SAID THIS WAS BECAUSE BOTH THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED URBAN COUNCILLORS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY SIT ON LOCAL DISTRICT BOARDS.

+ALSO THE ELECTED URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE DIRECTLY ANSWERABLE TO THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT AND THROUGH THEM, THE WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT CAN BE REFLECTED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

+THUS, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR REGISTERED VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE BY CASTING THEIR VOTES ON ELECTION DAY -- TUESDAY, MARCH 8.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE ELECTIONS IS SOMETHING THAT CONCERNS YOU AND ME AND IN FACT EVERYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY.

+I APPEAL THEREFORE TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO PERFORM THEIR CIVIC DUTY BY GOING TO THE POLLING STATIONS TO CAST THEIR VOTES.+

/MR LAM

MR LAM TOLD THE ROTARIANS THAT THE COMING URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN A NEW AND DIFFERENT STYLE -- ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS -- MEANING THAT PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF HONG KONG WOULD ELECT THEIR OWN COUNCILLORS TO PRESENT THEM ON THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THERE WILL BE 15 SEATS, ONE IN EACH OF THE 15 CONSTITUENCIES, THUS INCREASING THE EXISTING NUMBER OF 12 ELECTED URBAN COUNCILLORS BY THREE TO 15.

THE MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED IN GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES OF BROADLY 250 000 POPULATION EACH.

MR LAM POINTED OUT THAT THE 41 CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR NEXT MONTH'S ELECTIONS HAD COME FROM A BROAD SPECTRUM OF OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS INCLUDING BUSINESSMEN, TEACHERS, BANK OFFICERS, LAWYERS, ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, DOCTORS, HEADMASTERS, FACTORY WORKERS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND CLERKS.

TEN OF THESE CANDIDATES ARE SERVING URBAN COUNCILLORS AND 11 ARE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE CANDIDATES IS 44: THE YOUNGEST IS 27 AND THE OLDEST IS 70. NEARLY 40 PER CENT ARE BETWEEN 31 AND 40 YEARS OF AGE.

+OF THESE 41 CANDIDATES, THREE HAVE BEEN AUTOMATICALLY ELECTED AS THEY ARE UNCONTESTED IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES,+ MR LAM SAID.

+THIS LEAVES 38 CANDIDATES COMPETING FOR THE 12 SEATS IN THE REMAINING 12 CONSTITUENCIES.

+THE MOST HOTLY CONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE SHAM SHUI PO WEST WHERE FIVE CANDIDATES ARE COMPETING FOR ONE SEAT. OTHERS INCLUDE NORTH POINT AND KOWLOON CITY WEST, BOTH OF WHICH WILL HAVE FOUR CANDIDATES EACH.

+AS THERE ARE THREE UNCONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES, ABOUT 140 000 REGISTERED ELECTORS WILL NOT HAVE TO VOTE.

+THIS LEAVES ROUGHLY 570 000 REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CAN VOTE IN THE 12 CONSTITUENCIES WHERE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD.

+THESE FIGURES INCLUDE THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED AS ELECTORS IN PAST URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS; AND THOSE WHO REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER LAST YEAR.+

MR LAM WENT ON TO SAY THAT ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WOULD RECEIVE A POLL CARD ABOUT 10 DAYS BEFORE THE POLLING DAY, REMINDING THEM WHEN AND WHERE TO CAST THEIR VOTES.

+HOWEVER, TO GAIN ADMISSION TO A POLLING STATION, A REGISTERED ELECTOR MUST PRODUCE HIS IDENTITY CARD OR SOME PROOF OF IDENTITY, WHEREAS HIS POLL CARD IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR HIS ADMISSION, HE SAID.

/+THERE WILL

+THERE WILL BE 134 POLLING STATIONS SET UP THROUGHOUT THE 12 CONSTITUENCIES AND REGISTERED VOTERS CAN GO TO THEIR DESIGNATED STATION TO CAST THEIR VOTES ANY TIME BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM.+

HE CONTINUED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ORGANISED A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES TO INTRODUCE CANDIDATES TO THE ELECTORS, INCLUDING A SPECIAL NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANDIDATES TO AIR THEIR PLATFORMS IN FORUMS, +MEET-THE-PRESS+ TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMMES.

+THE MASS MEDIA ARE ALSO HELPING TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES TO THE PUBLIC BY PUBLISHING THEIR PHOTOS AND ELECTION PLATFORMS REGULARLY IN THE DAILY NEWSPAPERS.

+THE CANDIDATES THEMSELVES ARE ALSO BUSY ORGANISING THEIR OWN CAMPAIGNING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DISPLAY OF POSTERS, BANNERS OR MAKING HOUSEHOLD VISITS.

+FINALLY, ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY, A NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED IN SIX TO SEVEN MAJOR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS WHICH WILL SERVE AS A COMPREHENSIVE INTRODUCTION TO THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND THE CANDIDATES.+

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URBCO CANDIDATES TO MEET VOTERS

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REGISTERED VOTERS AT SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THEIR CANDIDATES FOR THE MARCH 8 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AT A VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THREE CANDIDATES, MR MAN CHI-KONG, MR BROOK BERNACCHI AND MR TO BOON-MAN, WILL SPEAK ON THEIR PLATFORMS AT THE TWO-AND-A-HALF HOUR SHOW ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE TO INTRODUCE THEM TO THE VOTERS.

THE SHOW, BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM AT THE MARDEN FOUNDATION CHAI WAN CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT CHAI WAN LAND LOT 77, WILL FEATURE SINGING, DANCING, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES.

FOR CANDIDATES OF THE NORTH POINT CONSTITUENCY, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ARRANGED A SIMILAR SHOW FOR FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 25) AT THE DR CHAN SHU KUI'S HALL AT 210 JAVA ROAD, BEGINNING AT 8 PM.

THE FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THIS CONSTITUENCY ARE MR NG TAM-YIU, DR VICTOR SIT FUNG-SHUEN, MR KWAN LIM-HO AND MR SHEK KWEI-CHUN.

MORE THAN 101 500 VOTERS HAVE REGISTERED IN THE SHAU KEI WAN AND NORTH POINT CONSTITUENCIES AND 21 POLLING STATIONS WILL BE SET UP THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT ON ELECTION DAY.

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DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE GATHERING PACE
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THE MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE IS STEADILY TAKING SHAPE AMID A BEEHIVE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

WITH DEVELOPMENT GATHERING PACE, THE MAIN FEATURES OF THIS PROJECT WOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1985, MRS PHYLLIS KWAN, THE CHIEF TOWN PLANNER OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SAID.

BY THEN, THE CENTRE WILL FORM THE HUB OF SHA TIN, CONSISTING OF A CULTURAL COMPLEX, A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, A MAGISTRACY, OFFICE BLOCKS, HOTELS, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND A KCR RAILWAY STATION BUILDING.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN ITSELF STARTED IN THE EARLY 1970'S AND HAS SINCE CHANGED THIS ONCE SEDATE, THINLY POPULATED RURAL AREA OUT OF RECOGNITION.

TODAY, THE NEW TOWN IS HOME TO 200 000 PEOPLE. WITH A STEADY INFLUX OF NEW RESIDENTS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE POPULATION WILL GROW TO 430 000 BY 1985 AND TO ABOUT 780 000 BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

BUT WITHOUT THE TOWN CENTRE, THE POPULATION AT THE MOMENT IS MADE UP OF DISPERSED COMMUNITIES.

THE CENTRE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN STAGES ON AN 18-HECTARE SITE IN THE HEART OF SHA TIN WILL PROVIDE THE FOCAL POINT LINKING THE POPULATION POCKETS INTO ONE COHESIVE COMMUNITY AND GIVING THE TOWN A NEW DIMENSION OF IDENTITY, MRS KWAN SAID.

+BECAUSE SHA TIN WAS ORIGINALLY A RURAL AREA WITH LITTLE DEVELOPMENT, WE CAN PLAN MORE EFFICIENTLY AND WITH ATTENTION TO AESTHETICS,+ SHE EXPLAINED.

THE DESIGN CONCEPT FOR THE TOWN CENTRE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE LUSH SHA TIN VALLEY FLANKED BY GENTLE, ROLLING SLOPES ON BOTH SIDES AND THE SCENIC SHING MUN RIVER FLOWING THROUGH IT, SHE SAID.

EVERY BUILDING IN THE CENTRE MUST CONFORM TO THE HEIGHT AND SPACE LIMITS SET DOWN BY THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. AN EIGHT-HECTARE TOWN PARK WILL STRETCH ALONG THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE SHING MUN RIVER PARALLEL TO THE TOWN CENTRE.

+THE BASIC CONCEPT IS TO GIVE EVERY BUILDING IN THE TOWN CENTRE AN UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW OF THE EXTENSIVELY LANDSCAPED PARK AND THE RIVER,+ MRS KWAN EXPLAINED.

THE BUILDINGS THEMSELVES WILL BE WIDELY SPACED OUT AND, AS AN ADDED AESTHETIC TOUCH, WILL HAVE LANDSCAPED PODIUMS AND ROOFTOP GARDENS, SHE SAID.

/THE 11-STOREY

THE 11-STOREY KCR BUILDING IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WILL PROVIDE 20 000 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR SPACE FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. IT WILL BE THE HUB OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK WITH A RAILWAY STATION ON THE GROUND LEVEL AND AN ADJACENT BUS TERMINAL TO SERVE ROUTES BETWEEN SHA TIN AND OTHER AREAS.

THE BUILDING WILL BE LINKED BY A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE TO A MASSIVE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH A GROUND-LEVEL BUS TERMINAL SERVING INTERNAL CITY ROUTES.

THIS \$163-MILLION COMPLEX BEING DEVELOPED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL BECOME THE REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTRE FOR THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ON COMPLETION IN 1985, PROVIDING COMMERCIAL FLOOR SPACE OF ABOUT 80 000 SQUARE METRES.

THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE TWO CINEMAS WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF 800 PEOPLE EACH AND AN AMPHITHEATRE TO HOLD 300 PEOPLE.

WORK HAS ALSO BEGUN ON A \$160-MILLION CULTURAL COMPLEX WHICH WILL CONSIST OF A MULTI-PURPOSE TOWN HALL WITH A CAPACITY FOR 1 450 PEOPLE AND A CENTRAL LIBRARY.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$50-MILLION TOWN PARK WILL START SHORTLY, WITH 1985 AS THE TARGET COMPLETION DATE, MRS KWAN SAID.

IT WILL FEATURE A LARGE ARTIFICIAL HILL AND WATERFALL, GARDENS, PONDS, FOUNTAINS, BOULEVARDS, PAVILIONS, AN AVIARY, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, TERRACED CAFES, A PROMENADE AND A CYCLING TRACK, ALL BEING SET AMID TREES, SCRUBS AND FLOWER BEDS.

SITES ARE ALSO RESERVED IN THE TOWN CENTRE FOR THREE OFFICE BLOCKS WHICH WILL PROVIDE 34 000 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR AREA AND TWO INTERNATIONAL-STANDARD HOTELS.

ALSO WITHIN THE CENTRE, SITES ARE BEING EARMARKED FOR COMMERCIAL-CUM-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS WHICH WILL HOUSE 25 000 PEOPLE WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

+A UNIQUE FEATURE OF THE TOWN CENTRE IS THAT EVERY BUILDING WILL BE LINKED BY ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS.

+THE IDEA IS TO SEPARATE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT ON DIFFERENT LEVELS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN ENJOY A LEISURE WALK THROUGHOUT THE TOWN CENTRE AND MAKE FULL USE OF THE PARK,+ MRS KWAN EXPLAINED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE ADEQUATE PARKING FACILITIES FOR BOTH THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS FROM OTHER AREAS.

WHEN THE TOWN CENTRE IS COMPLETED, SHA TIN WILL RANK AMONG THE BEST TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ASIA, MRS KWAN STATED.

SUPERVISION NECESSARY ON SCHOOL MINIBUSES
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SUPERVISORS OF KINDERGARTENS WHICH PROVIDE SCHOOL MINIBUS SERVICES HAVE BEEN REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPERVISION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WHILE THEY ARE TRAVELLING.

IN A CIRCULAR ISSUED TO ALL KINDERGARTENS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID PUPILS OUGHT TO BE TAUGHT HOW TO BEHAVE WHEN TRAVELLING ON BOARD SCHOOL MINIBUSES.

HE NOTED: +THEY MUST REMAIN SEATED ALL THE WAY; THEY MUST NOT TALK TO THE DRIVER OR SHOUT DURING THE JOURNEY; THEY MUST REFRAIN FROM EATING, DRINKING OR PLAYING WHILE THEY ARE TRAVELLING; AND AT NO TIME SHOULD CHILDREN BE ALLOWED TO PUT THEIR HEADS OR HANDS OUT OF THE WINDOW.+

CHILDREN SHOULD ALSO BE TAUGHT THE PROPER WAY TO BOARD AND ALIGHT FROM A SCHOOL MINIBUS AND THEY MUST ENSURE THAT THE VEHICLE HAS COME TO A COMPLETE STAND-STILL BEFORE BOARDING OR ALIGHTING.

ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR AN ADULT OR A TEACHER, OTHER THAN THE DRIVER, WHO KNOWS THE PUPILS WELL, TO ESCORT THE CHILDREN ON THE MINIBUS. THIS ESCORT SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE PUPILS ARE PROPERLY SEATED AND THE DOORS OF THE SCHOOL MINIBUS ARE PROPERLY CLOSED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED: +A NAME-LIST OF CHILDREN TRAVELLING ON EACH MINIBUS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE ESCORT TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE IS MISSING.

+TO AVOID CONFUSION, PUPILS TRAVELLING IN SEPARATE SCHOOL MINIBUSES SHOULD WEAR LABELS OF DISTINCT IDENTIFICATION.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PARENTS OR GUARDIANS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE DETAILS OF THE ROUTE, INCLUDING THE PICK-UP POINTS AND TIMES OF ARRIVAL AT THESE POINTS.

CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE PUPILS ARE COLLECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, HE SAID, ADDING: +IN CASES OF EMERGENCY, THE ESCORT SHOULD HELP THE PUPILS TO KEEP CALM TO AVOID UNNECESSARY PANIC.+

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SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD TO BE WIDENED
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO WIDEN A SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN KA NING PATH AND LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD TO A THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY — TWO LANES FOR UPHILL TRAFFIC AND ONE LANE DOWNHILL.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD, THE RENEWAL OF DRAINS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS ALONG THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE ROAD.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT INTENSIVE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREAS SERVED BY TAI HANG ROAD HAD GENERATED A HIGH VOLUME OF TRAFFIC ON THIS ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD. THIS HAD RESULTED IN HEAVY CONGESTIONS DURING PEAK HOURS.

+THE TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER, WHICH WILL PROVIDE DIRECT TWO-WAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD, IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WHEN COMPLETED, WILL ALLEVIATE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI HANG ROAD AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THEREFORE, THE WIDENING OF THE SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD FROM KA NING PATH TO LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE TRAFFIC INDUCED BY THE NEW FLYOVER,+ HE ADDED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (HONG KONG NORTH), MURRAY BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD; AND THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SENT HIS WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN 60 DAYS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY SCHEME FOR KENNEDY TOWN

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THE CHAOTIC TRAFFIC CONDITION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE URBAN CLEARWAY SCHEME ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 21).

THIS WAS STATED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN, MR LEE KAI-FAT TODAY DURING THE FINAL STAGE OF A CLEARANCE OPERATION AT THE NEARBY WHOLESALE MARKET.

MR LEE EXPLAINED THAT THE CLEARWAY SCHEME WOULD COVER CERTAIN PARTS OF VICTORIA ROAD, CADOGAN, CATCHICK, BELCHER'S AND SAI SEE STREETS.

+THE CLEARWAY AREA WILL EXTEND FROM SANDS STREET IN THE EAST TO THE KENNEDY TOWN BUS TERMINAL IN THE WEST,+ HE SAID.

THE SCHEME INVOLVES THE ERECTION OF NECESSARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND TUBULAR RAILINGS, DEMARCATION OF PARKING SPACES IN THE LOADING AND UNLOADING AREAS, RESURFACING OF ROADS, AND THE REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND WHOLESALE TRADING STALLS ON PAVEMENTS .

MR LEE SAID THE SITUATION IN THIS AREA IN KENNEDY TOWN HAD BEEN A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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+AFTER A SERIES OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS AND SITE VISITS, IT WAS AGREED TO EARMARK THE AREA AS URBAN CLEARWAYS, + HE SAID.

+WHEN THE CLEARWAY SCHEME IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, WE WILL MONITOR THE SITUATION TO SEE WHAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE, + MR LEE ADDED.

OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE SCHEME ARE: URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, POLICE, HIGHWAYS OFFICE, MARINE, URBAN SERVICES, FIRE SERVICES, TRANSPORT AND HOUSING.

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STREET ALTERATIONS FOR MTR ISLAND LINE
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A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY STREET ALTERATIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN NORTH POINT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

THE EXACT EFFECTIVE DATES FOR THE STREET ALTERATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. IN EACH CASE, ALTERNATIVE VEHICULAR ROUTING AND SUITABLE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AND TRAFFIC SIGNS ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

A SECTION OF THE CARRIAGEWAY OF MARBLE ROAD STRETCHING FROM THE EASTERN BUILDING LINE OF SHU KUK STREET EASTWARDS FOR 25 METRES WILL BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 3.5 METRES. FOOTPATHS ALONG THE SAME SECTION WILL BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 1.5 METRES.

THE CARRIAGEWAY OF SHU KUK STREET FROM THE JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD TO THE JUNCTION WITH THE NORTHERN BUILDING LINE OF MARBLE ROAD WILL ALSO BE REDUCED TO 3.5 METRES IN WIDTH. THE EASTERN FOOTPATH ALONG THE SAME SECTION LEADING FROM MARBLE ROAD TO THE SCAVENGING LANE WILL BE CLOSED.

THE SCAVENGING LANE RUNNING 15 METRES EAST OF THE BUILDING LINE OF SHU KUK STREET WILL BE REDUCED TO 1.5 METRES IN WIDTH.

A NOTICE IN RESPECT OF THE TEMPORARY ALTERATIONS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY). COPIES OF IT, TOGETHER WITH THE STREET ALTERATION PLAN (NO. MT/G/226), MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING; THE DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN) AT 884-886 KING'S ROAD; OR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION IN MURRAY BUILDING, COTTON TREE DRIVE.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE ALTERATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AND MUST REACH HIS OFFICE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE ROAD IS REINSTATED.

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NEW YEAR PARTIES FOR THE ELDERLY
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MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE, ALL AGED OVER 73, WILL BE TREATED TO A NEW YEAR RECEPTION IN TAI PO TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE OLDEST GUEST, 98-YEAR-OLD MADAM LEE PING-KIU, WILL RECEIVE A GOLDEN PLATE.

ALL GUESTS ATTENDING THE PARTY WILL BE GIVEN A +LAI SEE+ PACKET AS A NEW YEAR BLESSING.

THE PARTY IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AS PART OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO WILL ATTEND THE PARTY.

ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 20) AFTERNOON, 300 ELDERLY PEOPLE AT SHAU KEI WAN WILL ATTEND A LUNAR NEW YEAR VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOUR LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES AND THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATION.

SIX GUESTS, AGED BETWEEN 88 AND 94 FROM HOLY CROSS PATH VILLAGE, KAU MAN TSUEN AND SAI WAN HO, WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL GIFTS.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF THE CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB COLLEGE AT 2B, TAI CHEONG STREET, SHAU KEI WAN, STARTING FROM 2 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER (I) THE TAI PO PARTY AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT SUN PO SHING RESTAURANT ON HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO AND (II) THE VARIETY SHOW FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 20) AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF THE CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB COLLEGE AT 2B, TAI CHEONG STREET, SHAU KEI WAN.

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IMPORT CONTROL EXEMPTIONS
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A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, ACETIC ACID AND AUTOMATIC MACHINES WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO IMPORT LICENSING CONTROL BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT OF FIRST SCHEDULE) ORDER 1983, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE CONTROL TO ENSURE THAT AUTOMATIC MACHINES (OR MACHINES FOR AMUSEMENT, RECREATION OR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES) ARE INSTALLED ONLY IN LICENSED PREMISES AS STIPULATED BY THE MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES ORDINANCE, CAP, 114, LAWS OF HONG KONG.

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