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REFINERY REPORT ON SALE

Lamma Rural Leaders Urged To Study It Carefully

A shortened version of the Environmental Feasibility Study by Messrs. Cremer and Warner on the proposed Shell Refinery on Lamma Island will be on sale from Wednesday (October 31) at \$9.50 per copy.

The abridged report, in English and Chinese, contains a full description of the project as proposed by the Shell Company as well as the conclusions of the consultants on the environmental aspects of the refinery.

In very general terms, the consultants conclude that there should be no material pollution damage to the environment as a whole, provided adequate safeguards and standards are included in the design stage and provided an effective pattern of enforcement is introduced.

However, the consultants feel that the local impact of a major industrial plant on the rural setting of Lamma will change the nature of the island and the lives of local residents.

Copies of the report were presented to the village representatives of North Lamma at a meeting held on the island today by the District Officer, who advised them to study it carefully.

There would be opportunities for them to discuss the report and the possible consequences of the refinery's establishment, if approved, the District Officer said.

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He hoped that now that the report was available, a more informed dialogue on the matter could be established between the government and the villagers.

Copies of the unabridged version of the report, which was too long and too technical to be published in full, have already been made available to the Press and to Unofficial members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and also to interested organisations including the Conservancy Association.

Also on sale on Wednesday will be the report of the government group which visited Singapore and Australia in 1971.

This report has been amended to exclude reference to expressions of opinion and other comment made to the group in confidence by people in the refineries and in the government departments which the group visited.

A government spokesman said today it was hoped that members of the public would themselves take advantage of the publication to inform themselves on this important issue.

He added it would not be possible to reach a decision on the refinery until further studies on the proposals to TOA Oil of Japan and the Textile Alliances Ltd. for a refinery and petrochemical complex - also on Lamma Island - had been completed.

The reports are on sale at the Government Publication Centre, Star Ferry Concourse, Hong Kong.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ASSUMES NEW POST IN BRITAIN

Mr. A.S. Robertson, acting Director of Public Works is to become the Chief Executive of the Northumbrian Water Authority in England. He is expected to leave Hong Kong in January and will assume his new duties right away.

Mr. Robertson, who has been in the P.W.D. in Hong Kong for nearly 21 years, will be in charge of one of ten regional authorities which have been newly created to rationalise the entire water industry in England and Wales.

The Northumbrian Water Authority is concerned with the counties of Northumberland and Durham and its responsibilities will include water supply, sewerage and sewage disposal, the control of rivers, land drainage, fisheries, and the recreational use of all waters in the area.

Mr. Robertson, 47, joined the government as an engineer in 1953 and devoted many years of his early career to the Waterworks Office. He was appointed Government Water Engineer in 1966 and Director of Water Supplies on returning from a course in desalination technology in 1969. In November last year he was appointed Deputy Director of Public Works and became Acting Director in June this year.

Mr. Robertson has a Master of Engineering degree in desalination technology, an honours degree in mechanical and civil engineering, is a Fellow of the Institute of Civil Engineers, a Fellow of the Institute of Water Engineers and a member of the Institute of Structural Engineers.

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Commenting on his new appointment, Mr. Robertson said that his training and experience in Hong Kong would stand him in good stead.

"We are used to doing things quickly and on a large scale here", he said, "and we try to look at the whole picture. This is exactly what is needed in my new job.

"There is no place in the world like Hong Kong and my wife and I will miss our friends here unless they are prepared to brave the climate of the north-east of England and visit us. However, I look forward to the challenge of my new job and to building up an organisation which will be able to tackle its problems in good Hong Kong fashion."

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Note to Editors: Copies of Mr. Robertson's photograph are boxed for collection.

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TUNNEL BAN ON LEARNER DRIVERS

Learner drivers are reminded that they cannot use the cross harbour tunnel when engaged in driving lessons.

A spokesman for the Transport Department explained today that under the Cross Harbour Tunnel Ordinance learner drivers were prohibited to enter or remain in the tunnel area.

The reminder follows recent cases where learner drivers, in particular motorcyclists, attempted to go through the tunnel. Appropriate traffic signs had been posted on the approach roads to indicate the restriction.

Meanwhile, special traffic arrangements will be imposed in Deep Water Bay and Kowloon Tong on Wednesday (October 31). With effect from 10 a.m. on that day, no motor vehicles with unladen weights exceeding two tons will be allowed to use the section of Deep Water Bay Road between Nam Fung Road and Shouson Hill Road East. Drivers of such vehicles wishing to use the section of Deep Water Bay Road must apply in writing to the Commissioner for Transport for a special permit.

At the same time, the section of Rutland Quadrant between Waterloo Road and Stafford Road will be routed from two-way to one-way east-bound traffic.

The special arrangement is to facilitate road improvement works at Waterloo Road between Flint Road and York Road.

Traffic signs will be posted in the areas to guide motorists.

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NEW BUILDING PLANS

A total of 95 building plans were approved by the Buildings Ordinance Office in September this year.

Most of these plans are for multi-storey combined apartment/commercial buildings on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and the New Territories - including five 20-storey blocks in Mei Foo Sun Cheun in Lai Chi Kok.

In the same month, 50 buildings were certified for occupation, including an additional container terminal and a maintenance shop building at the Kwai Chung Container Terminal.

The total declared costs of these buildings exceeded \$100 million.

In addition, 58 building projects were cleared for work to begin, including a shipyard, a gas storage tank and buildings on Tsing Yi Island

Approval was given for the demolition of fifty-nine buildings. Among these were 20 dangerous buildings located in Shaukiwan Main Street East, Tsung Sau Lane West and Kat Hing Wai in Kam Tin, New Territories.

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NEW JURY LIST TO BE POSTED

A further list of common jurors will be posted at the Supreme Court on Thursday (November 1), the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Mr. J.R. Oliver, announced today.

The list will be displayed near the lift inside the south-west entrance of the Supreme Court Building and will remain posted for 14 days.

During this period any person may apply in writing to the Registrar requiring that his name or the name of some other person be posted or removed. Specific reasons must be given.

The Registrar will add or remove the name at his discretion and alter the list if necessary.

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY

The Social Welfare Department, operating authority of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will hold a presentation ceremony on Wednesday (October 31) at O Pui Shan Boys' Home at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Thomas C.Y. Lee, Deputy Director of Social Welfare, will officiate at the ceremony.

A total of 74 members from four correctional institutions of the department's Probation and Corrections Division will receive awards.

They comprise 34 members from Castle Peak Boys' Home, 21 from O Pui Shan Boys' Home, 13 from Ma Tau Wei Girls' Home and seven from Begonia Road Boys' Home.

All have undergone at least six months practical training on service, expeditions, interest design for living, and physical activities.

Guests invited include magistrates, civic and kaifong leaders, university authorities, probation officers and other senior departmental staff.

A first aid demonstration by award members will be held after the presentation ceremony.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to cover the ceremony. Transportation will be provided. Those who would like to make use of this facility should meet at the Public Relations Unit, Social Welfare Department, Room 528(A)(1), 5th floor, Lee Gardens, East Wing, at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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ARGENTINE CARDIAC MISSION ARRIVES

A group of Argentine heart specialists arrived in Hong Kong this afternoon on their way to China.

The mission, led by the Secretary for Public Health, Professor Domingo Liotta, was met at Kai Tak by Dr. H.S. Chan, Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services (Health), the Consul-General of the Argentine in Hong Kong, Senor Miguel de Martini, and Senora de Martini.

During their three-day stay in Hong Kong, the cardiologists will meet senior staff of the Medical and Health Department, the Hong Kong Cardiological Society and the Hong Kong Medical Association.

The visitors are anxious to participate in an exchange of knowledge, ideas and new methods for cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, haemodynamic studies, extracorporeal circulation, anaesthesia, acute myocardial infarction and organization in cardiac surgery.

They will tour the Kowloon and Queen Elizabeth hospitals.

Members of the mission will attend a dinner in their honour tonight with the Hong Kong Medical Association acting as hosts.

To-morrow (Tuesday), Dr. G.H. Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services, will call on the leader of the delegation at the Furama Hotel, and present him with a memento on behalf of the Hong Kong Government.

The mission will leave for China on Wednesday on an official visit.

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