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**\$15 DOG LICENCE FEE ABOLISHED**  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ABOLISH THE \$15 DOG LICENCE FEE.

A SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS HOPED THE ABOLITION OF THE FEE WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES.

+INOCULATION IS DONE AT THE TIME OF LICENSING AND IT IS HOPED THAT BY MAKING LICENSING FREE IT WILL ENCOURAGE MORE DOG OWNERS TO BRING THEIR ANIMALS IN,+ HE SAID.

THE ABOLITION OF THE FEE IS INCLUDED IN THE DOGS AND CATS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1980 PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

UNDER THE DOGS AND CATS REGULATIONS IT IS COMPULSORY FOR OWNERS TO LICENSE THEIR DOGS EVERY THREE YEARS. A CONDITION OF THE LICENCE IS THAT THE ANIMAL BE INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT WHILE THE FEE HAD BEEN ABOLISHED, THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A DOG LICENCE ITSELF REMAINED.

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**\$600 MILLION SPENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF KAI TAK AIRPORT**  
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NEARLY \$600 MILLION WAS SPENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT -- AN AVERAGE OF \$40 MILLION A YEAR -- WITH THE SPENDING REACHING A PEAK OF \$88 MILLION IN 1973-74.

THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR B.D. KEEP, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT A RECEPTION AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION MARKING THE FINAL PHASE OF THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPORT.

HE SAID THE TERMINAL WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO HANDLE ABOUT 550 PASSENGERS AN HOUR BUT THAT THE PRESENT TERMINAL CAN HANDLE 5 000 PASSENGERS AN HOUR.

+THE ORIGINAL PARKING APRON HAD SPACES FOR 10 AIRCRAFT, THE PRESENT PARKING APRON HAS SPACES FOR BETWEEN 29 AND 33 AIRCRAFT DEPENDING UPON THE SIZE OF THE AIRCRAFT.+

ON THE OPERATIONAL SIDE, MR KEEP POINTED OUT THAT, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT WAS THE EXTENSION OF THE RUNWAY WHICH REPRESENTED A GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN AIRCRAFT HANDLING CAPABILITY OF THE AIRPORT AND HAS PERMITTED AIRCRAFT TO FLY FROM HONG KONG TO PLACES AS FAR AS SAN FRANCISCO AND SYDNEY NON-STOP.

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ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AIR CARGO HANDLING BUSINESS, MR KEEP RECALLED THAT WHEN THE EXISTING TERMINAL BUILDING WAS OPENED IT WAS POSSIBLE TO RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL USE THE CARGO TERMINAL WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT IN 1960, AND OPENED INITIALLY AS A TEMPORARY PASSENGER TERMINAL.

+BY 1966 WE WERE ALREADY IN THE FIRST STAGES OF PLANNING A MAJOR INTEGRATED TERMINAL DEVELOPMENT. THIS TERMINAL SAW COMPLETION IN 1976 WITH THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINALS LIMITED BUILDING OVER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AIRPORT,+ HE SAID.

THIS TERMINAL, MR KEEP ADDED, IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST SINGLE BUILDINGS IN THE WORLD DEVOTED TO AIR CARGO AND INTEGRATION OF ALL AIR CARGO HANDLING UNDER ONE ROOF AND HAS ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIES IN SCALE AND EFFICIENCY.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT WHEN THE FORMER GOVERNOR, SIR ROBERT BLACK, OPENED THE TERMINAL BUILDING IN 1962 THE PASSENGER TRAFFIC THROUGH THE HONG KONG AIRPORT AMOUNTED TO A LITTLE OVER 600 000 PASSENGERS A YEAR.

+AT THE END OF THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS WE HAD HANDLED FOR THE 12 MONTHS PERIOD WAS 6 300 000, AN INCREASE OF 10 TIMES WHICH OVER THE PERIOD IS AN AVERAGE OF NEARLY 14 PER CENT PER ANNUM,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THE FACT THAT WE HAD NOT ONLY BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PACE WITH THIS GROWTH BUT HAD DONE SO WITHOUT COMPLETELY DISRUPTING THE CONTINUING OPERATIONS OF THE AIRPORT WAS +NO SMALL ACHIEVEMENT+.

MANY OF THE WORKS DONE OVER THE PAST 18 YEARS, MR KEEP CONTINUED, WERE MAJOR ITEMS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE THE EXTENSION OF THE RUNWAY FROM 2 540.90 TO 3 357.95 METRES WAS A SUBSTANTIAL CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT AT A COST OF OVER \$200 MILLION.

MR KEEP ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF VARIOUS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS, AIRLINE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS WHO PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

MR D.K. NEWBIGGING, MEMBER OF THE AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD, UNVEILED A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE 1965-1980 DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

MR NEWBIGGING SAID THE PHENOMENAL GROWTH IN CIVIL AVIATION, PARTICULARLY DURING THE LAST 15 YEARS, HAD HAD A PROFOUND EFFECT ON HONG KONG.

+IT HAS HELPED HONG KONG DEVELOP AS A BUSINESS CENTRE AND HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAS BECOME A CROSS-ROAD FOR BUSINESS AND COMMERCE IN THE FAR EAST, THEREBY ATTRACTING MANY OVERSEAS COMPANIES TO SET UP OPERATIONS HERE AS THEIR REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

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+IT HAS ASSISTED THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY — THE MANUFACTURING AND EXPORTING INDUSTRIES — PARTICULARLY WHERE SPEED AND TIMELINESS OF DELIVERY ARE IMPORTANT. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, IN VALUE TERMS, ABOUT 23 PER CENT OF OUR EXPORTS AND 28 PER CENT OF RE-EXPORTS LEFT HONG KONG BY AIR— A HIGH AND INCREASING PROPORTION OF OUR MANUFACTURED GOODS.+

THE TOURIST INDUSTRY, MR NEWBIGGING POINTED OUT, IS ANOTHER VITAL SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMY WHICH HAS BENEFITED FROM AND REMAINS HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON AVIATION.

+THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG HAS MULTIPLIED BY NEARLY SEVEN TIMES SINCE 1965 FROM 900 000 TO 6.2 MILLION IN 1979, OF WHICH 72 PER CENT WERE TOURISTS.+

MR NEWBIGGING ALSO NOTED THAT WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRLINKS BETWEEN CITIES IN CHINA AND HONG KONG, IT IS LIKELY THAT HONG KONG WILL INCREASINGLY BENEFIT FROM BEING A GATEWAY TO CHINA AND THIS COULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON FUTURE PASSENGER GROWTH.

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GO-AHEAD FOR PARK-AND-RIDE FACILITIES AT MTR, KCR STATIONS  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING AHEAD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF CAR PARKS AT MTR AND KCR STATIONS TO PROVIDE PARK-AND-RIDE FACILITIES FOR MOTORISTS.

MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE LAYOUTS AT BOTH TSUEN WAN AND KWAI FONG STATIONS ON THE MTR TSUEN WAN EXTENSION.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THESE FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE EXTENSION IN LATE 1981 OR 1982.

PROJECTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS AT MTR STATIONS AT CHOI HUNG AND ALSO AT KOWLOON TONG ARE NOW BEING ACTIVELY PROCEEDED WITH. BOTH ARE DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1983.

LARGE CAR PARKS HAVE ALSO BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE INTERCHANGE LAYOUTS AT SHA TIN, TAI PO, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI STATIONS ON THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

ALL THESE STATIONS ARE UNDERGOING MAJOR RE-DEVELOPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODERNISATION OF THE KCR, AND WILL PROVIDE CONVENIENT TRANSFER POINTS FOR MOTORISTS WISHING TO TRAVEL BETWEEN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE EXISTING URBAN AREAS.

SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER, MR PAUL WILLIAMS SAID: +CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO 'CATCH UP' WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF PARK-AND-RIDE FACILITIES BOTH ON THE MTR AND KCR, BUT CARE HAS TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT DEMAND FOR EXTENSIVE PARKING FACILITIES WILL MATERIALISE IN ORDER TO AVOID CREATING 'WHITE ELEPHANTS'.+

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HE STRESSED THAT FOR SOME OF THE MORE REMOTE OUTLYING RURAL AREAS WHERE BUS SERVICES ARE NOT ALWAYS CONVENIENT, THE PROVISION OF PARK-AND-RIDE FACILITIES AT MTR STATIONS OR OTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGES NEAR THE EDGE OF THE URBAN AREA IS DESIRABLE SO THAT MOTORISTS FROM THESE AREAS MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO LEAVE THEIR CARS AT A STATION ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE MOST CONGESTED AREAS AND COMPLETE THEIR JOURNEY BY MTR.

+HOWEVER,+ HE WENT ON, + FOR JOURNEYS COMPLETELY WITHIN THE BUILT-UP URBAN AREAS, OUR POLICY IS TO ENCOURAGE TRAVELLERS WISHING TO USE MTR TO GAIN ACCESS TO STATIONS EITHER BY WALKING OR BY USE OF THE MANY FEEDER BUS AND MAXICAB SERVICES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED, BUT NOT BY USE OF PRIVATE CAR.+

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1980'S WILL BE EXCITING DECADE FOR CIVIL SERVICE  
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THE 1980'S WILL BE AN EXCITING DECADE OF GROWTH, CHANGE AND CHALLENGE FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS, SAID THIS WHEN HE OPENED THE CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TODAY (TUESDAY).

REFERRING TO THE IMPACT WHICH INCREASED IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA IS HAVING ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAMMES, HE SAID :  
+SINCE THE PUBLIC SERVICE IS ALREADY OPERATING AT FULL STRETCH IN CARRYING OUT EXISTING PROGRAMMES, THIS UPSURGE IN OUR POPULATION WILL INEVITABLY CALL FOR AN EVEN GREATER EFFORT BY THE CIVIL SERVICE, AND A CORRESPONDINGLY HIGHER RATE OF ACHIEVEMENT.+

+A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF YOUNG GRADUATES WILL BE CRUCIAL TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE IN THE YEARS AHEAD,+ HE SAID.

HE URGED ALL CUHK STUDENTS TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE MERITS OF A CAREER IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

IN RECENT YEARS THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED AN AVERAGE OF 210 FRESH GRADUATES ANNUALLY FROM CUHK.

MR ROWLANDS SAID HE SHOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS FIGURE RISE TO 300 THIS COMING YEAR, AND RISE LATER TO 400 OR SO.

+AS A GOOD EMPLOYER WE PRACTISE MODERN STAFF MANAGEMENT METHODS, WE RECOGNISE THAT MEN AND WOMEN WORK BEST IF THEY ARE TREATED AS INDIVIDUALS, WE LIKE TO GIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE REWARD MERIT BY EARLY PROMOTION,+ HE SAID.

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HE ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF +THE PERSONAL SATISFACTION THAT CAN BE GAINED FROM A CAREER SPENT WORKING REALLY HARD FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL WHO LIVE IN HONG KONG, AND OF PERSONALLY PLAYING A PART IN MEETING AND OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES WHICH FACE EVERY CIVIL SERVANT IN HIS WORK.+

THIS YEAR'S CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION IS THE SECOND TO BE ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. LAST YEAR'S EXHIBITION ATTRACTED MORE THAN 2 000 PEOPLE.

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FOUR QUESTIONS AT LEGCO TOMORROW  
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FOUR QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WILL BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT TOMORROW'S (WEDNESDAY) COUNCIL MEETING.

DR THE HON HENRY HU WILL ASK GOVERNMENT HOW MANY STRAY DOGS HAD BEEN CAUGHT AND ELIMINATED SINCE THE COUNCIL WAS ADVISED IN AUGUST THAT A SPECIAL CAMPAIGN WAS BEING MOUNTED FOR THIS PURPOSE AND WHAT FORM THE CAMPAIGN HAS TAKEN AND THE FURTHER MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO CONTAIN AND ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF RABIES.

THE HON ANDREW SO WILL ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF THE EXISTING TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO INCLUDE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCUR ON EITHER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY OR THE PEAK TRAM.

HE WILL ALSO ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER INCREASING THE CIVIL SERVANTS RETIREMENT AGE FROM 55 TO 60.

ON THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION 1979-80, THE REV THE HON JOYCE BENNETT WILL ASK WHY WAS THERE NO ENTRANT FROM GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

THE HON FRANCIS TIEN WILL SPEAK ON 1979 ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY.

THE HON DEREK NEWBIGGING WILL ALSO PRESENT THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 1979/80 AT THE MEETING.

THREE BILLS -- THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT)(NO 4) BILL 1980, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, AND THE EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 -- WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING.

THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL 1980 WILL BE INTRODUCED AND MOVED TO COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

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AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON ROGER LOBO WILL INTRODUCE THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (VALIDATION) BILL 1980 FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING.

DURING THE MEETING, A NEWLY APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUE, THE HON WILLIAM BROWN WILL BE SWORN IN.

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**SWD'S +HOTLINE+ SERVICE**  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S +HOTLINE+ -- 3-432255 -- HAS RECEIVED 343 CALLS SINCE IT WAS INTRODUCED LAST WEDNESDAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) MOST CALLS WERE MADE AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

HE SAID THE CALLS GENERALLY CONCERNED PROBLEMS IN FOUR AREAS -- STRAINED FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR AND CHILD CARE, REHABILITATION SERVICES AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

IN MOST CASES, THE CALLS WERE SATISFACTORILY DEALT WITH OVER THE TELEPHONE, BY WAY OF GIVING PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE ON FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS, OR EXPLANATION OF WELFARE SERVICES, HE SAID.

IN CASES WHERE LONGER-TERM ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED, HE SAID, CALLERS WERE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OR SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS IN THEIR DISTRICT FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

THE HOTLINE, TO PROVIDE QUICK ASSISTANCE IN URGENT CASES AND FACILITATE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ABOUT WELFARE SERVICES, OPERATES ON A 24-HOUR BASIS.

IT IS PHYSICALLY MANNED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 10 PM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY, AND BETWEEN 1 PM AND 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ENQUIRIES AFTER 10 PM ARE MACHINE-RECORDED FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PEOPLE USING THE HOTLINE AFTER 10 PM SHOULD LEAVE THEIR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS.

SHOULD THERE BE OVERNIGHT CASES WHICH REQUIRE URGENT ATTENTION, A REPORT MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION, HE ADDED.

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### TWO MPS TOUR NEW TERRITORIES

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TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR JOHN WAKEHAM AND MR TIMOTHY SAINSBURY, IN HONG KONG FOR A 10-DAY VISIT, TODAY (TUESDAY) WERE SHOWN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES, THEY MET THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, AND THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, BEFORE TOURING SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

FROM SUI WO COURT LOOKOUT POINT THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, BRIEFED THEM ON HOW SHA TIN VALLEY IS UNDERGOING RAPID CHANGE FROM A RURAL AREA INTO A WELL-PLANNED NEW TOWN WITH A PROJECTED POPULATION OF 750 000 BY THE END OF THE 1980'S.

THE VISITORS THEN WENT TO WO CHE ESTATE WHERE THEY TOURED THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND VISITED A FAMILY.

AFTER LUNCH AT ISLAND HOUSE, HOME OF NEW TERRITORIES SECRETARY, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THEY TOURED THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND PLOVER COVE.

LATER, THEY WERE DRIVEN THROUGH FANLING, WHOSE DEVELOPMENT INTO A NEW TOWN OF 200 000 WAS EXPLAINED TO THEM, AND THEN BACK TO HONG KONG ISLAND VIA ROUTE TWISK, TSUEN WAN AND KOWLOON.

THE MP'S WILL MEET SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, UMELCO MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND VISIT VIETNAMESE REFUGEE TRANSIT CENTRES.

THEY WILL MEET THE PRESS BEFORE LEAVING HONG KONG NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 13).

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### STUDENTS URGED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S WARD

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AN APPEAL TO SCHOOL CHILDREN TO SUPPORT BY ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS THE +SCHOOL CHILDREN'S WARD+ IN THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM WAS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY, IN A GENERAL SCHOOLS CIRCULAR.

THIS WARD OF 10 COTS IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG AND THE DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLS ENABLE THE CHILDREN ACCOMMODATED THERE TO RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE AND ATTENTION WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THEM.

+LAST YEAR, SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTED A SUM OF ABOUT \$271 750 -- A SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT AND A CREDIT TO ALL CONCERNED,+ MR TOPLEY SAID.

HE SINCERELY HOPED THAT SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED THIS PROJECT FOR OVER 20 YEARS WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THIS WARD BY INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE EFFORTS.

/+INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS ...

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+INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD AGAIN BE LIMITED TO 50 CENTS AND MUST BE ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY, BUT SCHOOLS MAY CONSIDER VARIOUS OTHER WAYS AND MEANS OF RAISING MONEY TO SUPPORT THIS PRAISEWORTHY CAUSE,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SENT, PREFERABLY BY CROSSED CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION, TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY (GENERAL) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO THE ASSOCIATION. ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED +ANTI-TB+.

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#### TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST EARNED \* \* \* \* \*

INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 6-1/2 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPT FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY (TUESDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

HE SAID THAT THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT, AND FOLLOWS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION LAST SATURDAY THAT THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE INCREASED TO 6-1/2 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

A NOTICE SIGNED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY UNDER SECTION 28(1) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE TODAY.

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#### MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON AT SHEK PIK \* \* \* \* \*

CONSTRUCTION OF A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON AT SHEK PIK ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH.

A \$59.9 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO CHEE CHEUNG HING AND COMPANY LTD.

MR C.S. LEE, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, SAID THE PROJECT, TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 27 MONTHS, COMPRISED THE CONSTRUCTION OF 10 TWO-TO-FOUR STOREY BLOCKS.

+EIGHT BLOCKS ARE INTER-CONNECTING AND TOGETHER THEY CONTAIN 482 CELLS WITH CLEANING AND DINING AREAS, WORKSHOPS, CLASSROOMS AND MEDICAL AND DENTAL FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

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+THE TWO REMAINING BLOCKS ARE DETACHED FROM THE CELLS UNIT. ONE HOUSES A GYMNASIUM, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRY AND CENTRAL KITCHEN, AND THE OTHER PROVIDES OFFICES FOR ADMINISTRATION, VISITING FACILITIES, AS WELL AS ACCOMMODATION FOR STAND-BY DUTY STAFF.+

OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED, HE ADDED.

THE COMPLEX WILL BE BUILT INSIDE SECURITY WALLS WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN COMPLETED UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT.

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NEW PRIVATE CARS REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER  
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED CARS TOPPED 183 000 AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, A RISE OF ALMOST 26 000 OR 16.5 PER CENT OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A RISE OF ABOUT 20 000 DURING 12 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1979.

THE NUMBER OF NEW CARS REGISTERED DURING SEPTEMBER WAS 2 731, AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS WHICH LAPSED WAS 1 342, REPRESENTING A NET INCREASE OF 1 389 AND BRINGING THE OVERALL TOTAL TO 183 026.

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SAI KUNG, SHA TIN WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SAI KUNG TOWN WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA COVERS YI CHUN STREET, SAI KUNG HOI PONG STREET, SAI KUNG TAI STREET, SAI KUNG MAIN STREET, PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG YEE KUK STREET INCLUDING SAI KUNG WING WO STREET, SEE CHEUNG STREET, WANG STREET AND TAK LUNG FRONT AND BACK STREETS.

ALSO FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE CUT OFF FOR NINE HOURS FOR REPAIRS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE LEK YUEN AND WO CHE ESTATES, SHEUNG HA WO CHE VILLAGE, SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, FO TAN, SUI WO COURT, LOK LO HA VILLAGE, SEA VIEW VILLA, SHA TIN RACE COURSE, HO TUNG LAU VILLAGE, RED BRIDGE BUNGALOW AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

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