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YUEN LONG SITE TO BE DEVELOPED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO DEVELOP A LARGE AREA IN YUEN LONG TO PROVIDED SITE FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR ABOUT 11,000 PEOPLE BY THE END OF 1980.

WORK WILL START SOON ON THE SITE FORMATION AT SHUI PIN WEI AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

FACILITIES WITHIN THE ESTATE WILL INCLUDE A NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY SCHOOL AND A MARKET.

THE ACTING YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. K.K. FUNG, SAID TODAY THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WAS PLANNED TO COPE WITH THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GROWING YUEN LONG MARKET TOWN.

HE SAID THE SITE FORMATION WORK WOULD COST ABOUT $4 MILLION AND WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CONTRACTORS.

TO FACILITATE THE WORK, MR. FUNG SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME ABOUT 16,700 SQUARE METRES OF LIGHT INDUSTRIAL LAND AT SHUI PIN WEI.

NOTICE OF THE RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE RECENTLY.

THE LAND RESUMPTION WILL INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF THREE TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES, A FOOD-PROCESSING FACTORY AND 10 OTHER ANCILLARY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES.

+DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY, DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR SPACE IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

+IF NO REHOUSING IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, THEN THE FAMILY MAY OPT FOR A RESITE TOGETHER WITH AN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OF $5,000, BUT THE FAMILY WILL FORFEIT PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING,+ HE SAID.

LAND OWNERS INVOLVED IN THE RESUMPTION WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVE OF CASH COMPENSATION OR LAND EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS, HE ADDED.

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REVIEW OF WORK OF LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE
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HONG KONG WORKERS LAST YEAR RECEIVED MORE THAN $8 MILLION IN SETTLEMENT OF TRADE DISPUTES THROUGH EFFORTS OF LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

MORE THAN $3.2 MILLION, REPRESENTING 40 PER CENT OF THE SUM, WERE SEVERANCE PAYMENT TO 3,025 EMPLOYEES WHO BECAME REDUNDANT BY OPERATIONAL OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE REMAINDER WAS PAID AS ARREARS OF WAGES, WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY, BONUSES AND OTHER PAYMENTS DUE TO 7,306 OTHER EMPLOYEES.

THE NUMBER OF TRADE DISPUTES HANDLED BY THE SERVICE DURING THE YEAR TOTALLED 145 OF WHICH 102, OR MORE THAN 70 PER CENT, WERE SETTLED WITH THE HELP OF THE SERVICE.

THE SERVICE ALSO HELPED TO BRING ABOUT CONCILIATION IN 7,226 CLAIMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE OR THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.

IT SETTLED 3,596, OR SOME 50 PER CENT OF THEM, AND REFERRED MOST OF THE REMAINDER TO THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL FOR JUDICIAL DECISION.

THE SERVICE ALSO INVESTIGATED 252 MAJOR COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALLEGED BREACHES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE SUCH AS FAILURE TO PROVIDE REST DAYS, HOLIDAYS WITH PAY AND IMPROPER DEDUCTIONS OF WORKERS' WAGES.

DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, THERE WERE 38 WORK STOPPAGES RESULTING IN 10,814 WORKING DAYS LOST. THIS REPRESENTED AN AVERAGE OF 6.37 DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND WORKERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS CONSIDERED LOW BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND WAS A POSITIVE INDICATOR OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS.

IN THE SAME YEAR, THE SERVICE HANDLED 50,096 ENQUIRIES AND CONSULTATIONS, COMPARED WITH 43,792 IN 1976. MOST OF THESE CONCERNED THE PROVISIONS IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING LABOUR RELATIONS.

+THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES AND CONSULTATIONS REFLECTS THE GROWING IMPORTANCE NOW ATTACHED TO LABOUR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS BY BOTH EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

REFERRING TO THE SERIES OF AMENDMENTS MADE TO LABOUR LAWS LAST YEAR SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF PAID ANNUAL LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES, IMPROVED SEVERANCE PAY, BETTER SICKNESS ALLOWANCE AND WAGE PROTECTION AGAINST DEFAULTING SUB-CONTRACTORS IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW LAWS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO A BETTER LIFE FOR THE AVERAGE EMPLOYEE AND PROVIDED A SOUND BASIS FOR HARMONIOUS LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMME A SUCCESS
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HAS ACHIEVED A GREAT SUCCESS IN DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMME WHICH HAS EARNED THE DEPARTMENT A REPUTATION BOTH LOCALLY AND ABROAD.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS, MR. LO KWOK-KUEN, IN HIS ADDRESS TO 36 PRISON OFFICERS AND 66 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO TOOK PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE TODAY AT PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

MR. LO SAID A PRISON OFFICER NOT ONLY HAS A DUTY TO REHABILITATE PRISONERS OR INMATES BUT A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFE CUSTODY OF THOSE WHO HAVE DONE HARM TO SOCIETY.

NOTING THAT THE DUTIES OF A PRISON OFFICER NOWADAYS ARE NOT SIMPLE OR EASY, HE TOLD THE GRADUATES: +YOU MUST AT ALL TIMES PERFORM YOUR DUTY FIRMLY BUT FAIRLY WITH UNDERSTANDING, PATIENCE, AND TACT BUT WITH DUE REGARD TO MAINTAINING A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF DISCIPLINE.+

+OFTEN A PRISON OFFICER IS CALLED UPON TO PERFORM DIFFERENT ROLES AS A GUARDIAN, COUNSELLOR, WELFARE OFFICER, EDUCATIONALIST OR THERAPIST,+ HE ADDED.

MR. LO WHO JOINED THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT 31 YEARS AGO IN DUE TO RETIRE SOON. A MAJOR PART OF HIS SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WITH THE TREATMENT OF DRUG OFFENDERS.

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FIVE LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR SALE
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FIVE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON MARCH 3 AT 2.30 P.M.

THE FIRST SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 3,200 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

TWO OTHER SITES ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USES ARE LOCATED AT KAM SHING ROAD AND SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON. THEY MEASURE 2,156 SQUARE METRES AND 61.6 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE FOURTH LOT, WITH AN AREA OF 3,000 SQUARE METRES IN CHA KWO LING ROAD, IS FOR ICE MAKING AND COLD STORAGE PURPOSES.

THE LAST LOT, LOCATED AT FUNG YIP STREET, CHAI WAN, WILL BE USED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES. IT HAS AN AREA OF 1,400 SQUARE METRES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

MEANWHILE, THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT HAS OFFERED ANOTHER PIECE OF CROWN LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 910 SQUARE METRES IN LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KOWLOON, IS FOR A PETROL FILLING STATION.

THE LEASE TERM IS 21 YEARS LESS THREE DAYS FROM JULY 1, 1976.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS FEBRUARY 24, 1978 (NOT LATER THAN NOON).

COPIES OF THE TENDER FORM AND NOTICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND THE PLAN INSPECTED AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

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SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICES DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICES FROM FEBRUARY 7 TO 9 TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN COMMUTERS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

DURING THESE THREE DAYS SIX ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 9.56 A.M., 10.50 A.M., 12.35 P.M., 1.35 P.M., 3.39 P.M. AND 5.05 P.M. ANOTHER SPECIAL TRAIN WILL DEPART FROM KOWLOON STATION AT 6.50 A.M. ON LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY.

ALL ADDITIONAL AND SCHEDULED TRAINS LEAVING KOWLOON STATION BEFORE 3 P.M. DURING THESE THREE DAYS WILL NOT STOP AT MONG KOK STATION.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL ALSO OPERATE SIX ADDITIONAL SOUTHBOUND TRAINS DURING THESE THREE DAYS -- THREE DEPARTING FROM LO WU AT 11.34 A.M., 12.58 P.M. AND 5.51 P.M.= TWO FROM FANLING AT 2.14 P.M. AND 2.42 P.M. AND ONE FROM SHA TIN AT 5.46 P.M.

ON LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY AN ADDITIONAL SOUTHBOUND TRAIN WILL DEPART FROM LO WU AT 8.38 A.M.

A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID MORE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL BE RUN IN THE LATE EVENINGS DURING THESE THREE DAYS IF THERE IS A DEMAND.

HE SAID MONTHLY TICKET HOLDERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BOARD THE SPECIAL TRAINS WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPECTED THAT DURING THESE THREE DAYS THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND TRAINS WILL BE FULL BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 3 P.M. AND THE KOWLOON-BOUND ONES WILL ALSO BE FULL BETWEEN 3 P.M. AND 9 P.M.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS GOING TO CHINA DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD, ORDINARY CLASS RETURN TICKETS FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU STATIONS WILL BE SOLD AT KOWLOON STATION FROM NEXT WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 1) UNTIL FEBRUARY 28.

EACH RETURN TICKET WILL BE VALID FOR THE JOURNEY FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU ON THE DATE OF ISSUE AND FOR A RETURN JOURNEY ON ANY DAY FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 1978.

ON ARRIVAL AT LO WU, PASSENGERS HOLDING RETURN TICKETS ARE REQUESTED TO SHOW THE TICKETS TO THE TICKET COLLECTORS AT THE EXIT GATES AND THEN KEEP THE TICKETS FOR USE ON THE RETURN JOURNEY AFTER WHICH THE TICKETS WILL BE COLLECTED AT KOWLOON OR MONG KOK STATION.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

IN HUNG HOM, THE CENTRAL DIVIDER IN GILLIES AVENUE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH BAKER STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 3 TO 4 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 11.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD NORTHWEST-BOUND VEHICLES IN BAKER STREET WILL HAVE TO TURN LEFT INTO GILLIES AVENUE.

IN WONG TAI SIN, ALL PARKING IN SHEUNG HEI STREET, SAN PO KONG, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM 8 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 4 UNTIL 8 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 7.

AND IN SHAM SHUI PO, ALL PARKING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS WILL BE BANNED BETWEEN 8 A.M. TODAY (SATURDAY) AND 4 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 7:-

* THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING NORTH FROM TONKIN STREET AND BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND CHEUNG SHA WAN POLICE MARRIED QUARTERS= AND

* FAT TSEUNG STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

THESE SECTIONS OF ROADS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 5 UNTIL 2 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 7.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, TWO SECTIONS OF ROADS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO FEBRUARY 7 FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR IN THE AREA.

THEY ARE THE WHOLE LENGTH OF KIK YEUNG ROAD AND THE SECTION OF ON NING ROAD BETWEEN MA MIU ROAD AND TAI KIU ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN ALL THESE AREAS TO ASSIST MOTORISTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

OPENING OF SHEUNG SHUI LIBRARY
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THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC LIBRARY ON MONDAY (JANUARY 30) AT 11 A.M.

THE LIBRARY, LOCATED AT SHING FAT BUILDING, SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI, IS THE FOURTH PUBLIC LIBRARY TO COME INTO OPERATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK AT 9.30 A.M. ON MONDAY.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON TEN DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

DATE	HOURS
FEBRUARY 1 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
FEBRUARY 2 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
FEBRUARY 3 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
FEBRUARY 16 (THURSDAY)	10 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
FEBRUARY 20 (MONDAY)	9.30 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
FEBRUARY 22 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
FEBRUARY 23 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. -- 10 P.M.
FEBRUARY 24 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
FEBRUARY 27 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
FEBRUARY 28 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. -- 5 P.M.

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