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## PRIORITY FOR IMPORTANT BUILDING PROJECTS

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IS PLAYING AN ACTIVE AND VIGOROUS PART IN THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME OF PRIORITY FOR IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH CAN IMPROVE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TONIGHT BY THE HEAD OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, MR EDWARD KENNARD. IN A TALK TO THE PENINSULA LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG, HE REVEALED THAT HIS OFFICE WAS HANDLING 50 BUILDING PROJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN PRIORITY STATUS BY THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THE BENEFITS THEY WILL BRING TO THE COMMUNITY.

+THEY INCLUDE,+ HE SAID, +PROPOSALS FOR LARGE RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, OIL STORAGE DEPOTS, A MANUFACTURING PLANT FOR THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY AND THE LIKE.

+PRIORITY STATUS MEANS THAT EVERY GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONCERNED WITH A SELECTED PROJECT IS BOUND TO TREAT HIS PART IN PROCESSING IT AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.+ THE PROJECT WOULD BE REVIEWED AT REGULAR AND FREQUENT INTERVALS +SO THAT THE DELAYS INVOLVED IN CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FRO CAN BE AVOIDED.+

MR KENNARD, WHO IS PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE TWO COMPLEMENTARY SYSTEMS FOR THE GRANTING OF PRIORITIES.

+FIRSTLY, WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT, HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS ARE HELD TO DETERMINE WHETHER PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE MERIT PRIORITY. THE MAIN CRITERIA ARE: 'IS THE SCHEME IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST? FOR EXAMPLE, DOES IT PROVIDE HOUSING ON A LARGE SCALE? DOES IT ATTRACT OVERSEAS CAPITAL? DOES IT INTRODUCE NEW INDUSTRIES INTO HONG KONG? CAN IT PROCEED QUICKLY IF GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT?'

+SECONDLY, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE WILL ALSO GRANT PRIORITY TO OTHER PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MEET THE REQUISITE CRITERIA. THIS IS DONE THROUGH THE B.O.O. PRIORITIES COMMITTEE WHICH CONSIDERS APPLICATIONS FROM ANY DEVELOPER OR HIS AGENT.

+QUITE RIGHTLY,+ MR KENNARD ADDED, +ALL DECISIONS MADE IN THIS COMMITTEE REQUIRE RATIFICATION FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.+

IN CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS, THE COMMITTEE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: +IS THE SCHEME IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST? HAS IT THE SUPPORT OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS? IS CAPITAL READILY AVAILABLE? CAN WORK START IMMEDIATELY?+

MR KENNARD SAID THAT THE CONCEPT OF GIVING PRIORITIES IN THIS MANNER WAS A NEW ONE, +AND WE MUST WELCOME IT, FOR IT GIVES US A CHANCE TO THINK AND ACT POSITIVELY AND NOT JUST LEAVE IT TO THE DEVELOPER TO SORT OUT THE DIFFICULTIES FOR HIMSELF.+

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HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE PRIORITY SYSTEM WOULD NOT MEAN ANY UNDUE DELAYS FOR OTHER NEW BUILDING PROJECTS. HE SAID THAT HIS OFFICE HAD ELIMINATED THE BACKLOG OF PROPOSALS WHICH HAD RESULTED FROM THE RAINSTORM DISASTERS OF 1972. +WE NO LONGER HAVE THIS BACKLOG, AND ALL PLANS ARE BEING PROCESSED WITHIN THE STATUTORY PERIOD LAID DOWN BY LAW.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE HAD A VERY GOOD RECORD FOR THE PACE AT WHICH IT PROCESSES PLANS, HE SAID, COMPARED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AVERAGE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN SUCH PLACES AS NEW YORK, TOKYO, PARIS, LONDON ETC.

+I KNOW OF ONE PROJECT IN CENTRAL LONDON, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED PERMISSION TO GO AHEAD SOME 10 FRUSTRATING YEARS AFTER GOING THROUGH 'THE PROPER CHANNELS.'+

IN HIS ADDRESS MR KENNARD ALSO TOUCHED ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ANTI-LANDSLIDE MEASURES -- HE DISCLOSED THAT HE WAS FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE STAFF OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DIVISION WHICH WAS SET UP WITHIN THE B.O.O. AFTER THE 1972 DISASTERS. THIS DIVISION IS STAFFED BY CIVIL ENGINEERS WHO CHECK ALL PLANS FOR BUILDINGS WHERE A SITE STABILITY PROBLEM COULD ARISE.

UNAUTHORISED WORKS AND ALTERATIONS : HE EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATIONS OF AVAILABLE STAFF, HIS OFFICE STILL HAD TO CONCENTRATE ON THOSE IRREGULARITIES WHICH COULD ENDANGER LIFE AND LIMB. BUT HE ADDED: +WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING IN DEPTH THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL WORKS (INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARE ANTI-SOCIAL AND NOT DANGEROUS) TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE MANPOWER WE ARE LIKELY TO HAVE AVAILABLE FOR ACTION IN THIS FIELD IN THE FORESEABLE FUTURE.+

MR KENNARD POINTED OUT THAT THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE NOW INCLUDED TWO FULLY QUALIFIED WOMEN BUILDING SURVEYORS AND THERE WAS A THIRD UNDER TRAINING. +BUILDING CONTROL,+ HE REMARKED, +IS NO LONGER EXCLUSIVELY A MAN'S WORLD, AND I HOPE THAT MORE OF THE SO-CALLED 'GENTLE SEX' WILL BE JOINING OUR RANKS IN THE FUTURE.+

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PASSENGER SAFETY AT KAI TAK IS WELL LOOKED AFTER  
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TODAY ASSURED AIR PASSENGERS USING KAI TAK AIRPORT THAT THEIR SAFETY IS FULLY PROVIDED FOR BOTH BY THE AIRLINES AND THE DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON NEWSPAPER REPORTS CONCERNING THE RECENT MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION (IFALPA) WHICH NAME SEVERAL AIRPORTS AS BEING DEFICIENT FOR VARIOUS REASONS, INCLUDING SLIPPERINESS OF RUNWAY AND INADEQUACY OF APPROACH LIGHTING AND INSTRUMENT APPROACH GUIDANCE SYSTEMS.

AS HONG KONG IS INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF AIRPORTS, THE REPORTS MIGHT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT KAI TAK IS DEFICIENT IN THESE LISTED AREAS, WHEREAS NO CRITICISM IS LEVELLED AT KAI TAK'S APPROACH GUIDANCE SYSTEMS, OR RUNWAY CONDITION.

+IN FACT KAI TAK'S FACILITIES IN THESE AREAS ARE OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD, + HE SAID.

+THE ALLEGED DEFICIENCY CONCERNING HONG KONG IN THE IFALPA REPORT IS SPECIFIC TO SEPARATION BETWEEN RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY AT KAI TAK THEREFORE IT IS OF INTEREST THAT THE ADEQUACY OF THIS SEPARATION WAS THE SUBJECT OF A STUDY BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SOME YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE RISK OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT ARISING FROM RUNWAY/TAXIWAY SEPARATION WAS NOT GREATER THAN THE RISK ACCEPTED IN OTHER FACETS OF AIRCRAFT OPERATION.

+NONETHELESS, CONSULTANTS ENGAGED TO CARRY OUT THE LONG TERM PLANNING INVESTIGATION OF THE HONG KONG AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM WERE COMMISSIONED TO CARRY OUT A FURTHER DETAILED INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER IN 1973/74 AND CONCLUDED THAT THE EXISTING RUNWAY/TAXIWAY SEPARATION AT KAI TAK PROVIDED AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF SAFETY FOR ALL AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY OPERATING THROUGH HONG KONG.

+INDEED THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATIONS GIVES ASSURANCE IN THIS RESPECT, BY CONFIRMING THAT MEMBER PILOTS OF THE ASSOCIATION WOULD NOT BE FLYING INTO AIRPORTS WHICH WERE NOT CONSIDERED SAFE.

+AIR PASSENGERS USING KAI TAK MAY THEREFORE REST ASSURED THAT THEIR SAFETY IS FULLY PROVIDED FOR BOTH BY AIRLINES AND THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.+

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### MOCK AUCTIONS TO BE BANNED

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MOCK AUCTIONS ARE TO BE PROHIBITED AND OFFENDERS ARE LIKELY TO END UP IN JAIL, IF PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION GAZETTED TODAY IS ACCEPTED.

THE PROVISIONS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MOCK AUCTIONS BILL WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED TODAY THAT THE EXISTING LAW ONLY COVERED THE OPERATION OF GENUINE AUCTIONS, BUT FROM PAST EXPERIENCE IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CONTROL MOCK AUCTIONS AS WELL TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF LEGISLATION ON MOCK AUCTIONS, HE SAID, CHARGES WERE UNSUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT LAST YEAR AGAINST SOME PERSONS WHO WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE CONDUCTED A MOCK AUCTION WITH THE INTENTION TO DEFRAUD.

THE DEFENDANTS WERE ACQUITTED IN COURT BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH THE COURT HELD THAT A BUSINESS WAS BEING CONDUCTED WHICH HAD THE APPEARANCE OF AN AUCTION, THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS WERE IN FACT A SHAM AND THE CHARGE AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS OF CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF AN AUCTIONEER WITHOUT A LICENCE COULD NOT BE UPHOLD.

AT THE TIME, THE COURT WAS OF THE OPINION THAT NO LICENCE WAS NEEDED TO CARRY ON THE SORT OF BUSINESS (ALTHOUGH UNDESIRABLE) WHICH THE DEFENDANTS HAD BEEN CARRYING ON, AND THAT THE LAW NOW IN FORCE DID NOT COVER MOCK AUCTIONS.

THE BILL NOW SEEKS TO PROHIBIT MOCK AUCTIONS AND LAYS DOWN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS AGAINST AN OFFENDER FOUND GUILTY ON INDICTMENT OF PROMOTING OR CONDUCTING, OR ASSISTING IN THE PROMOTION OR CONDUCT OF, A MOCK AUCTION.

UNDER THE BILL, A SALE OF GOODS BY WAY OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING WILL BE TAKEN TO BE A MOCK AUCTION IF DURING THE SALE ANY ARTICLE IS SOLD TO A BIDDER AT A PRICE LOWER THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE HIGHEST BID, OR IF ALL OR PART OF THE PRICE PAID IS SUBSEQUENTLY REFUNDED, OR IF PART OR ALL OF THE MONEY HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE PERSON (OR HIS ASSISTANT) CONDUCTING OR PROMOTING THE AUCTION.

AN AUCTION WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED A MOCK AUCTION IF THE RIGHT TO BID FOR ANY ARTICLE IS RESTRICTED TO PERSONS WHO HAVE BOUGHT OR AGREED TO BUY ONE OR MORE ARTICLES= AND IF ANY ARTICLE IS GIVEN AWAY OR OFFERED AS A GIFT, OR IF AN ARTICLE IS WRAPPED OR PLACED IN A CONTAINER WITHOUT THE CONTENTS BEING DISCLOSED.

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HOWEVER, SALES OF GOODS IN SUPPORT OF CHARITIES ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THE PROVISIONS IN THE BILL.

THE BILL CARRIES A PROVISION WHICH STIPULATES THAT THOSE WHO OPERATE A MOCK AUCTION IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE BILL WILL BE LIABLE TO PAY COMPENSATION TO ANYONE WHO HAS SUFFERED FINANCIAL LOSS AS A RESULT OF HAVING PURCHASED AN ARTICLE AT THE AUCTION.

THE VARIETIES OF ARTICLE FOR SALE AT MOCK AUCTIONS ARE SET OUT IN A PRESCRIBED LIST IN THE BILL. THEY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PLATES, CLOTHING, PICTURES, CHINA, ANTIQUES, JEWELLERY, HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ORNAMENTS, MUSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND SO FORTH.

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C.A.S. URGED TO CARRY ON GOOD WORK  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY URGED MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES TO REACT POSITIVELY TO THE FINANCIAL STRINGENCY WHICH THEY WERE NOW SUBJECT TO LIKE EVERY ONE ELSE.

+THE PROBLEM+ HE TOLD C.A.S. MEMBERS, +IS NOT HOW TO GET THE CUTS REINSTATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -- THOUGH THIS IS A FAIR OBJECTIVE -- BUT HOW TO REORGANISE YOUR AFFAIRS SO THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE AS MUCH OF THE SAME KIND OF SERVICE AS POSSIBLE WITH LESS MONEY.+

HE SAID THAT THIS WAS WHAT EVERY DEPARTMENT WAS NOW TRYING TO DO, AND HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT ALL WOULD +EMERGE THE BETTER FOR IT.+

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AT THE GLOUCESTER RESTAURANT, THE GOVERNOR ASSURED THAT A GREAT DEAL WOULD STILL BE DONE IN SPITE OF THE CURRENT RECESSION AND THAT THERE WERE GROUNDS FOR EXPECTING SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE WORLD ECONOMY BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

SIR MURRAY ALSO NOTED THAT THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR, C.A.S. HAD CONTINUED TO RENDER INVALUABLE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AND UNDER THEIR EXPANDED DIRECTIVE THEY HAD VENTURED INTO NEW FIELDS WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN AND TO ENJOY YOUR HOSPITALITY THIS EVENING: PARTICULARLY SO BECAUSE I HAD UNFORTUNATELY TO MISS YOUR ANNUAL DINNER LAST YEAR.

+THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR, THE CIVIL AID SERVICES HAVE CONTINUED TO RENDER INVALUABLE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. UNDER YOUR EXPANDED DIRECTIVE YOU HAVE VENTURED INTO NEW FIELDS, AND WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS. I AM SURE I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY IN THANKING YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WORK.

+I KNOW HOW DISAPPOINTED YOU ALL MUST BE THAT YOUR EXPANSION PROGRAMME MUST NOW SUFFER A TEMPORARY SETBACK IN THE FACE OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION. I SHARE YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT AS THE WORK YOU DO IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. HONG KONG CANNOT ESCAPE THE EFFECTS OF WORLD-WIDE RECESSION. FOR AS LONG AS THIS CONTINUES, I AM AFRAID WE SHALL BE UNABLE TO DO SOME OF THE THINGS WE WANT TO DO AS QUICKLY AS WE WANT TO DO THEM.

+BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT A GREAT DEAL WILL STILL BE DONE, AND I AGREE WITH YOU, MR. COMMISSIONER, THAT THERE ARE FAIR GROUNDS FOR EXPECTING SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE WORLD ECONOMY BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

/+BUT MEANWHILE .....

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+BUT MEANWHILE YOU ARE SUBJECT TO FINANCIAL STRINGENCY LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. I DO URGE YOU TO REACT TO THIS POSITIVELY. THE PROBLEM IS NOT HOW TO GET THE CUTS REINSTATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - THOUGH THIS IS A FAIR OBJECTIVE - BUT HOW TO REORGANIZE YOUR AFFAIRS SO THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE AS MUCH OF THE SAME KIND OF SERVICE AS POSSIBLE WITH LESS MONEY. THIS IS WHAT EVERY DEPARTMENT IS NOW TRYING TO DO, AND I HAVE NO DOUBT WILL EMERGE THE BETTER FOR IT.

+I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT THINGS ARE GOING WELL WITH THE C.A.S. CADET CAMP AT YUEN TUN, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION TO OPEN IT. I GREATLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE CAMP AND GLADLY ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

+I KNOW THAT GOOD CHINESE FOOD MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO GET COLD, SO I WOULD NOT HOLD YOU UP FROM YOUR DINNER ANY LONGER. BUT, BEFORE I SIT DOWN, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ALL TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES AND DRINK WITH ME A TOAST TO THE C.A.S.+

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WEEKEND CAMP FOR N.T. YOUTH  
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THE PAK KAU ENGLISH COLLEGE IN KAM TIN AND THE LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICE UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISE A RURAL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS' CAMP TO TAKE PLACE AT THE TSUEN WAN YOUTH TRAINING CAMP FOR 30 N.T. YOUTHS THIS WEEKEND.

THERE WILL BE A TALK ON +THE VALUE AND ROLE OF THE VOLUNTARY SERVICE+ GIVEN BY MR. BILLY WONG, ASSISTANT COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER (YUEN LONG) BEFORE THE CAMP STARTS.

THE CAMP PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF A BARBECUE, A GROUP DISCUSSION, TALKS AND SOME RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. A SEMINAR ON +YOUTH LEADERSHIP+ WILL ALSO BE HELD.

THE AIMS OF THE CAMP ARE TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN RURAL COMMUNITY SERVICE BY PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES OF THE RURAL MOBILE SERVICE.

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TOUGHER PENALTIES PROPOSED FOR WEAPON CARRIERS

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TOUGHER PENALTIES ARE PROVIDED FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF POSSESSING OFFENSIVE WEAPONS UNDER A DRAFT BILL PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

THE NEW LEGISLATION -- KNOWN AS THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 -- SEEKS TO RAISE THE PENALTY FOR THE OFFENCE OF POSSESSING OFFENSIVE WEAPONS FROM A FINE OF \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS TO A FINE OF \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

THIS OFFENCE IS SIMILAR TO THE ONE UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE WHICH NORMALLY CARRIES A MANDATORY MINIMUM CUSTODIAL SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS BUT DIFFERS FROM IT IN THAT IT MAY BE COMMITTED IN PRIVATE PREMISES.

AT THE SAME TIME, ANOTHER BILL -- THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 -- WHICH SEEKS TO MAKE THE COMMON PARTS OF ALL PREMISES "PUBLIC PLACES" IS ALSO GAZETTED TODAY FOR GENERAL INFORMATION.

IF APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THIS WILL MEAN THAT THE CARRYING OF AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE IN THE SHARED OR COMMON PARTS OF ANY BUILDING SUCH AS STAIRCASES, CORRIDORS AND LIFTS, WILL CARRY THE MANDATORY CUSTODIAL SENTENCE PROVIDED IN THE EXISTING LEGISLATION.

THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO TRANSFER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION PERMITS FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, APPLICATIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF PERMITS FOR FLAG AND FLOWER DAYS OR OTHER FORMS OF STREET COLLECTIONS ARE PROCESSED INITIALLY BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT BEFORE PERMITS ARE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

THIS PROPOSED TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE'S CURRENT POLICY OF EMPLOYING ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO THE MAXIMUM EFFECT, AND HIVING OFF DUTIES THAT CAN BE CARRIED OUT EQUALLY WELL BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

IF THE BILL WERE PASSED, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE WOULD STILL ACT AS A CONSULTING AUTHORITY, AND TAKE OUT PROSECUTIONS FOR BREAKERS OF CONDITIONS OF PERMIT IF NECESSARY.

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HONG KONG ANNUAL REPORT ON SALE

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+HONG KONG 1975,+ THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1974, GOES ON SALE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS.

THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR THE CHINESE EDITION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED ON THE SAME DAY AS THE ENGLISH VERSION. THE CHINESE EDITION USUALLY FOLLOWED THE ENGLISH BY TWO OR THREE MONTHS.

HOWEVER, THIS YEAR A TEAM OF TRANSLATORS FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE EDITOR OF THE ENGLISH VERSION, TO PRODUCE A SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

THE BOOK INCLUDES MORE THAN 70 FULL-PAGE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LIFE IN HONG KONG AND WAS PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THE REPORT WAS EDITED BY ANTHONY TOBIN, A SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, AND DESIGNED BY ARTHUR HACKER, CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF GIS'S PUBLICITY DIVISION. MOST OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN BY GIS PHOTOGRAPHER DAVID AU.

INCLUDED IN THE PUBLICATION ARE COLOUR SECTIONS ON THE AIRPORT, UNIVERSITIES, TEMPLES, BUTTERFLIES, MODERN ART, MARKETS AND POP STARS. THE ANNUAL PUBLICATION WAS PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

THIS YEAR'S ENGLISH PRINT ORDER HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 23,000 TO 30,000 AFTER LAST YEAR'S EDITION SOLD OUT. THE PRICE HAS BEEN INCREASED SLIGHTLY TO \$15.

HONG KONG 1975, ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL LEADING BOOKSTORES AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF HONG KONG 1975 AND A SAMPLE OF SOME OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS IN IT WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY.

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FOUNDATIONS FOR WO CHE ESTATE ALMOST COMPLETE

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PILING WORK FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S WO CHE ESTATE IN SHA TIN IS NOW WELL IN HAND AND TENDERS FOR THE FIRST BUILDING CONTRACT WILL BE INVITED IN MAY.

WO CHE, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO LEK YUEN ESTATE AND ONLY A STONE'S THROW FROM SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION, WILL EVENTUALLY BE THE HOME OF 34,000 PEOPLE.

THE BUILDING CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS AND A GARAGE. THIS PHASE OF WORK WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 2,200 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS TO ACCOMMODATE 15,000 PEOPLE. THESE FLATS, SIMILAR TO THOSE AT OI MAN ESTATE, WILL ALL HAVE A PRIVATE BALCONY, KITCHEN, TOILET AND SHOWER.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR, PILING WORK WILL ALSO START ON THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WHICH WILL SERVE ESTATE TENANTS AS WELL AS RESIDENTS IN THE SHA TIN AREA.

WHEN COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1978, THE ESTATE WILL HAVE SIX TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS, THREE SLAB BLOCKS TOGETHER WITH A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND SIX SCHOOL BUILDINGS. THE SLAB BLOCKS WILL CONTAIN TWO-BEDROOM FLATS EACH OF 590 SQUARE FEET.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT ARCHITECTS HAVE ALSO RESERVED 16 ACRES OF LAND WITHIN THE ESTATE BOUNDARY AS OPEN SPACE FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ESTATE TENANTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A HOST OF WELFARE FACILITIES TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

THE BUILDING PROGRAMME OF THE ESTATE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, AND RECLAMATION WORK WILL SOON START IN SHA TIN HOI AT HA WO CHE TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE TWO.

APART FROM THE ESTATE BLOCKS, FACILITIES TO BE BUILT ON THE RECLAMATION INCLUDE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TO REPLACE THE TEMPORARY WORKS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE VICINITY, A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION, AN AMBULANCE DEPOT AND A FIRE STATION.

ABOUT 1.2 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF FILLING MATERIAL WILL BE TAKEN FROM BORROW AREAS ADJACENT TO LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FOR RECLAMATION PURPOSES. THESE BORROW AREAS WILL IN TURN BE FORMED FOR SUBSEQUENT USE.

IN ADDITION, 700 METRES OF RIVER WALL WILL BE BUILT ALONG THE SHING MUN RIVER EXTENSION WHICH FLOWS THROUGH THE AREA INTO SHA TIN HOI, PARTLY TO RETAIN THE RECLAMATION AND PARTLY TO PROTECT IT FROM THE SEA.

RECLAMATION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MAY THIS YEAR AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN JUNE 1976, WHEN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL MOVE IN TO START PILING WORK FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE ESTATE.

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HONG KONG MAKES +IMPORTANT PROGRESS+ IN CONTROL OF TB

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TWO LEADING BRITISH CHEST SPECIALISTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT MORE HEALTH EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS BE CONDUCTED IN HONG KONG TO ALERT PEOPLE WITH PERSISTENT COUGH, LOSS OF WEIGHT, FEVER OR OTHER SUSPICIOUS SYMPTOMS, TO GO IMMEDIATELY FOR AN EXAMINATION IN GOVERNMENT CLINICS.

+THE LAUNCHING OF SUCH CAMPAIGNS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO HASTENING THE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF TUBERCULOSIS,+ SAY PROFESSOR J.G. SCADDING AND DR. WALLACE FOX.

PROFESSOR SCADDING WAS PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT THE CARDIOTHORACIC INSTITUTE, BROMPTON HOSPITAL, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, AND DR. FOX IS DIRECTOR OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL'S TUBERCULOSIS AND CHEST DISEASES RESEARCH UNIT.

THEY HAVE BEEN IN HONG KONG FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO ASSESS THE PRESENT POSITION OF TUBERCULOSIS AS A HEALTH PROBLEM WITH A VIEW TO ADVISING ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

IN A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY AT THE END OF THEIR VISIT HERE, THE TWO SPECIALISTS SAID IMPORTANT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS IN TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF TUBERCULOSIS.

MUCH OF THIS, THEY SAID, HAD BEEN THE RESULT OF RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN BY THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT SERVICES, BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND THOSE OF THE ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AND CHEST DISEASES ASSOCIATION AND HAVEN OF HOPE SANATORIUM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BRITISH MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.

THE RESEARCH, WHICH HAS BEEN DIRECTED ESPECIALLY TO THE PROBLEMS EXISTING IN HONG KONG, HAS LED TO IMPORTANT CHANGES IN METHODS OF TREATMENT AND CONTROL.

PROFESSOR SCADDING AND DR. FOX SAID THE RESEARCH HAD ESTABLISHED THAT IT WAS NOW POSSIBLE TO TREAT MOST PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS WITHOUT ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL.

+THE SUCCESS OF THIS DEPENDS ON THE AVAILABILITY, THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINIC SERVICE, OF FULLY SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF COMBINATIONS OF ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS DRUGS WHICH HAVE BEEN SHOWN BY RESEARCH TO BE EFFECTIVE IN HONG KONG,+ THEY SAID.

BOTH PROFESSOR SCADDING AND DR. FOX SPOKE HIGHLY OF THE B.C.G. PROGRAMMES IN HONG KONG, WHICH THEY SAID HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THE VACCINATION OF AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH PROPORTION OF NEW-BORN INFANTS.

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+THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN DEVELOPING SERIOUS FORMS OF TUBERCULOSIS.+

THE SPECIALISTS SAID THAT WITH THE DIMINUTION IN THE NUMBER OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS TO BE EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS, CLINICS AND HOSPITALS WOULD BE ABLE TO DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO OTHER IMPORTANT DISEASES OF THE BRONCHI AND THE LUNGS.

THEY SAID THIS WOULD LEAD TO THE NEED FOR SOME ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES, BUT THESE WOULD BE GRADUAL, AND THEY SAW NO GREAT DIFFICULTY IN PLANNING FOR THEM.

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CROWN LAND SALE  
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THE LEASE OF AN 8,700-FOOT LOT IN YUEN LONG WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE LAND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IS SITUATED AT YUEN LONG CENTRAL AREA, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.30 P.M. ON APRIL 1 AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, TAI PO ROAD, KOWLOON AND AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN, TAI PO, SAI KUNG, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON AND ISLAND, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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## NEW LUXURY COACH SERVICE AT KAI TAK

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PEOPLE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM KAI TAK AIRPORT WILL FIND IT MUCH EASIER TO OBTAIN PUBLIC TRANSPORT WITH THE INTRODUCTION NEXT WEEK OF A NEW LUXURY COACH SERVICE WHICH PROVIDES EXPRESS TRANSPORT BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND HONG KONG ISLAND.

WITH THE BACKING OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE KOWLOON AND CHINA MOTORS BUS COMPANIES WILL INTRODUCE THE CROSS-HARBOUR COACH SERVICE FROM MONDAY (MARCH 17) BETWEEN THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING AND THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE NEW SERVICE WOULD BE TRIED OUT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS, AND WOULD BE OPERATED ON A GUARANTEED SEAT BASIS.

HE SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE HAD RESULTED FROM DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENTS, TOGETHER WITH THE BUS COMPANIES, IN THEIR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT.

THE NEW SERVICE, DESIGNATED ROUTE 200, IS IN ADDITION TO A SIMILAR COACH SERVICE, ROUTE 201, INTRODUCED LAST MONTH BY KMB BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND TSIMSHATSUI IN KOWLOON. THE EXISTING \$2 FARE FOR ROUTE 201 WILL BE REDUCED TO \$1 ONLY WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIRPORT-CENTRAL COACH SERVICE SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS MAKING IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO GET PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO AND BACK FROM THE AIRPORT.

IT WOULD PARTICULARLY PROVE CONVENIENT TO TOURISTS, AS ONE OF ITS FEATURES IS THAT ALL HOTELS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT LIE ALONG THE ROUTE, EACH HAVING AN ADJACENT BUS STOP SERVED BY THE COACH SERVICE, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, IT STOPS IN GLOUCESTER ROAD VERY NEAR TO SOME HOTELS IN CAUSEWAY BAY AREA, HE ADDED.

ROUTE 200, USING 42-SEATER COACHES, WILL OPERATE AT 15-MINUTE FREQUENCY, WITH THE FIRST RUN LEAVING THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS AT 7 AM AND THE LAST AT 8.15 PM AND THE FIRST RUN LEAVING THE AIRPORT AT 7.35 AM AND THE LAST AT 7.35 PM. THE FARE IS A FLAT \$3.

COACHES BOUND FOR THE AIRPORT WILL TRAVEL VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET, CHATER ROAD, MURRAY ROAD, QUEENSWAY, ARSENAL STREET, WATERFRONT ROAD, FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, HONG CHONG ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, MA TAU WEI ROAD, CHI KIANG STREET, TO KWA WAN ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND OLYMPIC AVENUE.

JOURNEYS FROM THE AIRPORT TO CENTRAL WILL OPERATE VIA OLYMPIC AVENUE, TAM KUNG ROAD, MA TAU WEI ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, HONG CHONG ROAD, CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, WATERFRONT ROAD FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD, WATERFRONT ROAD, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, QUEENSWAY, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET.

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GAMES HALL FOR SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS  
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AN INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL BE BUILT NEXT TO THE BOUNDARY STREET SPORTS GROUND TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL SPACE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THE HALL WILL BEGIN IN MID-MAY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

IT WILL BE A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL FOR GAMES, GYMNASTICS AND OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. IT WILL HAVE AN AREA OF ABOUT 26,000 SQ.FT.

THE BUILDING WILL CONSIST OF A GAMES HALL FOR SPORTS AND BALL GAMES, A 1,000-SQUARE-FOOT STAGE FOR OPERAS AND OTHER PERFORMANCES, AND A SEATING AREA FOR MORE THAN 700 SPECTATORS. IT COULD ALSO BE USED FOR FILM SHOWS.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS, LAVATORIES, STORE ROOMS, OFFICES AND A COMMITTEE ROOM.

THE GAMES HALL WILL BE LOCATED AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF BOUNDARY STREET SPORTS GROUND WHICH IS AT THE CORNER OF SAI YEE STREET AND BOUNDARY STREET.

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PRISON DEPT RECRUITS GRADUATE  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR. DAVID FORD, WILL INSPECT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF ABOUT 60 GRADUATING PRISON OFFICERS AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE STANLEY STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OCCASION.

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