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NT CLEANSING SERVICES TO BE MODERNIZED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO INTRODUCE LABOUR-SAVING DEVICES TO MODERNIZE ITS CLEANSING METHODS AND TO FULFIL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE RENEWED KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AT PENINSULA HOTEL THIS EVENING, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, SAID THE MODERNISATION WOULD FURTHER HELP TO REDUCE PUBLIC SPENDING AND THE STAFF ESTABLISHMENT OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

+I AM HOPING TO GET 64 BRAND NEW REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES BEFORE THE START OF THE CAMPAIGN AS WELL AS THREE STREET-WASHING VEHICLES, 12 DESLUDGERS, AND EXPERIMENTAL COMPLEMENT OF VILLAGE VEHICLES TO BE USED ON NARROW PATHS,+ MR SWEETMAN SAID.

+TWO OF THE VILLAGE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY DONATED BY LEADING NEW TERRITORIES PERSONALITIES.

+I HOPE THAT BY MAKING IT EASIER TO GET REFUSE OUT OF THE LESS ACCESSIBLE PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHERE AT PRESENT SO MUCH RUBBISH IS DUMPED INTO STREAMS, IT WILL SERVE NOT ONLY THE AIMS OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN BUT WILL ALSO LEAD THE WAY TOWARDS GREATLY REDUCING AND, IN THE MORE SENSITIVE AREAS, REMOVING ENTIRELY AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION,+ HE SAID.

MR SWEETMAN SAID IT WAS HIS FIRM BELIEF THAT AT LEAST UNTIL WE COULD TACKLE AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION AS A WHOLE WE COULD NOT REALLY MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN CLEANING UP THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FOR THIS, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT MUST MAKE IT EASIER TO GET DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL REFUSE PROPERLY COLLECTED AND REMOVED, PARTICULARLY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE POLLUTION IS A REAL DANGER TO OUR FUTURE HEALTH.

+I FEEL WE MUST FIND SOME WAY OF BANNING PIG FARMING WHILE ENCOURAGING ITS LARGER SCALE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER AREAS,+ HE STRESSED.

REFERRING TO HIS DEPARTMENT'S ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT MORE EFFICIENCY PARTICULARLY IN REMOVING THE VERY LARGE AMOUNT OF REFUSE PRODUCED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR SWEETMAN SAID:
+WE ARE URGENTLY INSTITUTING A CLEANSING REVIEW TO OVERHAUL OUR PRESENT PRACTICES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE AIMS.

+THIS WILL BE PART OF A LARGER REVIEW AND POSSIBLY A CONSULTANCY ON THE WHOLE QUESTION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT.+

ON THE SECOND KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, MR SWEETMAN SAID WHILE NEW INITIATIVES WERE BEING INTRODUCED, IT WAS NECESSARY MEANWHILE TO BRING ABOUT SOME IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT TO THE PRESENT POOR STATE OF CLEANLINESS AND INCREASE THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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+THE NEW TOWNS' PROJECT MANAGERS ARE NOW PROVIDED WITH TEAMS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND OTHERS, WHO CAN GIVE A BIG PUSH TO THE PROVISION OF PARKS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL AREAS BUT WE MUST DEPEND TO A GREATER EXTENT ON PUBLIC SUPPORT, CO-OPERATION AND INDEED COMPLIANCE IN MAKING A SUCCESS OF THE NEW KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN,+ HE SAID.

+WE ARE BUSY PREPARING BUDGETS FOR THE SPECIAL EXPENDITURE REQUIRED DURING THE CAMPAIGN OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR SO AND INITIAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH TO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY COMMITTEES,+ HE ADDED.

MR SWEETMAN SAID THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS WERE ALREADY BEING CONSULTED FOR THEIR ADVICE ON THE EMPHASIS TO BE GIVEN TO THIS CAMPAIGN.

THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WHICH HE IS THE CHAIRMAN AND, THROUGH THAT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MR CHARLES YEUNG ON WHICH UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE DAB'S ARE TO SERVE AS WELL AS OFFICIAL ADVISERS.

+I HOPE THAT WE CAN REALLY ACHIEVE A GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN CLEANLINESS NOT ONLY BY EDUCATION BUT ALSO BY RESORTING TO MORE STRINGENT CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT MEASURES NOT MERELY AGAINST THOSE WHO THROW CIGARETTE BUTTS INTO GUTTERS BUT AGAINST THE MORE BLATANT POLLUTERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING OF THE NEED FOR STAFF, MR SWEETMAN SAID HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO EXPAND BY 20 PER CENT PER ANNUM COMPOUND OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO OPEN HOLIDAY VILLAGE

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LADY MACLEHOSE WILL OPEN HONG KONG'S FIRST FAMILY HOLIDAY VILLAGE ON JANUARY 8 (THURSDAY).

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND SIR SHIU KIN TANG, WHO HAS DONATED \$2 MILLION TOWARDS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT, WILL ALSO ATTEND.

SET IN 12 HECTARES OF WOODED COUNTRYSIDE IN PAK TAM, SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK, THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE WILL PROVIDE CHALET-STYLE ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 120 OVERNIGHT VISITORS.

BUILT ORIGINALLY AS ENGINEERS' QUARTERS BY THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR CONTRACTORS, THE VILLAGE HAS UNDERGONE THE FIRST PHASE OF ITS TRANSFORMATION INTO A HOLIDAY RESORT.

THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE MANAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WILL FEATURE A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ORGANISED ACTIVITIES.

WHEN THE WHOLE PROJECT IS COMPLETED, IT WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO 250 OVERNIGHT VISITORS AT ANY ONE TIME WITH MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE ON JANUARY 8 (THURSDAY) AT 3 PM. TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE WILL BE PROVIDED.

A COACH WILL PICK UP MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 11.30 AM FOR SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE WHERE LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. AFTER THAT THE PRESS PARTY WILL BE TAKEN TO LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE ARRIVING THERE ABOUT 2.15 PM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY ARE REQUESTED TO TELEPHONE MISS NG WAI YEE AT 5-951871. THOSE WHO WISH TO USE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE THERE BEFORE 2.15 PM. COPIES OF A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE AND HOW TO GET THERE HAVE BEEN PLACED IN GIS BOXES FOR YOUR REFERENCE.

RSS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR COUPLETS WANTED BY TAI PO

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TAI PO IS HOLDING A CHINESE COUPLET WRITING COMPETITION AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

ALL HONG KONG RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ENTER.

ENTRIES CAN EITHER BE ENTIRELY ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS OR BASED ON GIVEN FIRST-LINES. THE MAIN JUDGING CRITERIA WILL BE ABILITY TO REFLECT THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TAI PO AND PROMOTE NEW YEAR FESTIVITY AND GOODWILL.

THE 13 BEST ENTRIES WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES. THEY WILL BE COPIED AND DISTRIBUTED AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS TO DISPLAY DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TING KOK ROAD, BY JANUARY 20. ALL WILL BE DISPLAYED ON FEBRUARY 3 AT PLOVER COVE ROAD SPORTSGROUND WHERE A NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 19 AT TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS, ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, POLICE, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ICAC, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND LOCAL CIVIC ORGANISATIONS, WILL LAST TWO WEEKS.

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BESIDES A COUPLET WRITING COMPETITION, THERE WILL BE COMPETITIONS IN PHOTOGRAPHY, LANTERN DESIGN, ROAD NAMING AND BUILDING CLEANING. OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A FLOWER SHOW, NEW YEAR WALKS, PICNICS, A DINNER FOR THE ELDERLY, FILM SHOWS AND CAMPS.

TAI PO DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS PROVIDING \$100 000 FOR THE CELEBRATIONS.

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CHANCE TO START SCHOOL FENCING CLUBS
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SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A FENCING COACHING COURSE TO BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY 11 TO THE END OF MAY AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI.

THE COURSE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION, AND AIMS TO ENCOURAGE INTERESTED TEACHERS TO TAKE UP COACHING IN FENCING AND TO START CLUBS IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE TRAINED IN MODERN FOIL FENCING, HOW TO GIVE GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL LESSONS, AND THE BASIC RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRED BY A FENCING JUDGE OR REFEREE.

MR MATTHEW CHAN, HEAD COACH OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE CONDUCTING THE CLASSES TO BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY BETWEEN 4.30 PM AND 6 PM.

THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES IS LIMITED TO 20, AND THE FEE IS \$150 PAYABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE ALL THE FENCING EQUIPMENT.

PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED 80 PER CENT OR MORE OF THE LESSONS AND ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE HEAD COACH WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN AN EXAMINATION.

IF SUCCESSFUL, THEY WILL BE AWARDED COACHES' CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE JANUARY 28 TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7TH FLOOR, NATHAN ROAD.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MR MATTHEW CHAN, THE HEAD COACH, ON 5-748745 OR 5-7903085.

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NEW BUS TERMINUS FOR STANLEY VILLAGE
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A NEW BUS TERMINUS WILL BE BUILT NEAR THE JUNCTION OF STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, STANLEY BEACH ROAD AND STANLEY NEW STREET TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW BUS TERMINUS WILL HAVE THREE BUS BAYS WITH SHELTERS, AND A SITTING OUT AREA WITH FLOWERS AND SHRUBS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MARCH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

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REMINDER TO PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
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PROPERTY TAXPAYERS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM DESPATCHED BY THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON RENT AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.

THE FORM I.R.C.S. 103 (REQUISITION FOR PARTICULARS OF TENEMENTS) WAS SENT BY POST ON NOVEMBER 24, 1980 TO PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE PROPERTY TAX ROLL EXCEPT THOSE WHO OCCUPY THEIR PROPERTIES SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

RECIPIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 23, 1980. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT DONE SO ARE URGED TO ACT ACCORDINGLY NOW. THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR HEAVY PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT HOW TO COMPLETE THE FORM CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-79595102 OR BY CALLING IN PERSON AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT - HONG KONG OFFICE, WINDSOR HOUSE, 19/F, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY= KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 12/F, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK= AND TSUEN WAN SUB-OFFICE, 210, G/F, FOU WAH CENTRE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

ASSISTANCE MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED AT ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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MORE REST AND PLAY FACILITIES

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RESIDENTS IN WEST KOWLOON WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WHEN A NEW REST GARDEN AND ANOTHER SITTING-OUT AREA ARE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER.

THE REST GARDEN, OCCUPYING A SITE OF ABOUT 1 500 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE SITUATED AT WAI CHI STREET, AND THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL BE AN EXTENSION TO THE SHEUNG LI UK GARDEN AT TAI PO ROAD.

BOTH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH PAVILIONS, ARBOURS AND BENCHES.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECTS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WHEN COMPLETED, THEY WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

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