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CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT ON REPLACEMENT AIRPORT

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HONG KONG'S PLANS FOR A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, OFF LANTAU, MOVED FURTHER AHEAD WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) OF A MAJOR CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT.

THE AGREEMENT, FORMALLY SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR NICKY CHAN, OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND MR J.N. FEHRER OF R.M.P. ENCON, LIMITED, OF THE UNITED STATES, IS FOR A CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGN STUDY TO BE CARRIED OUT FOR THE AIRPORT.

IT IS ONE OF FIVE STUDIES APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE OTHER FOUR STUDIES RELATE TO AIRPORT MASTER PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS, METEOROLOGICAL AND OCEANOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS. THE RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT BY THE END OF 1982 AND ENABLE IT TO COME TO A FINAL DECISION ON THE BUILDING OF THE AIRPORT.

THE COST OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGN STUDY WHICH COVERS CONSULTANTS FEES FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR THE WHOLE PROJECT, DETAILED DESIGN FOR PHASE I (TO BE DEFINED DURING PRELIMINARY DESIGN STAGE) AND MODEL TESTS, AMOUNTS TO JUST OVER \$58 MILLION.

IN ADDITION, ANOTHER \$42 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON DETAILED SITE INVESTIGATIONS= THE CONSTRUCTION, TESTING AND MONITORING OF A TRIAL RECLAMATION AREA. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIAL RECLAMATION IS TO VERIFY DESIGN PARAMETERS, AND TO CONFIRM OPTIMUM DESIGN AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION.

THIS STUDY WILL BASICALLY FALL INTO TWO STAGES.

FIRST, A GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AND TEST RECLAMATION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE SUB-SURFACE CONDITIONS FOR DESIGN PURPOSES, AND TO ENABLE DETAILED ESTIMATES OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS TO BE DRAWN UP.

ONCE THE TEST FILL PROGRAMME IS COMPLETED THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND SPECIFICATION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS WILL START AND A DETAILED CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS WILL BE PREPARED.

+THIS CONSULTANCY MARKS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE LONG PROCESS OF PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTING A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT FOR KAI TAK,+ SAID MR CHAN.

STUDIES CARRIED OUT IN THE MID-1960S BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIED A PROBABLE SHORTFALL IN KAI TAK'S CAPACITY EXPECTED DURING THE 1980S.

IN 1975, A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS ESTABLISHED THE NEED FOR A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AND A SITE WAS SELECTED AT CHEK LAP KOK. FURTHER STUDIES IN 1979 BY A FIRM OF CONSULTANTS, COMMISSIONED BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, INDICATED THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

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IN JANUARY 1980, THE CONSULTANTS FORMULATED A PROGRAMME OF IMPLEMENTATION COMPATIBLE WITH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH LANTAU AND THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING. THEY RECOMMENDED THAT FURTHER PLANNING AND DESIGN STUDIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SHOULD PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE THE POSSIBILITY OF TIMELY AVAILABILITY OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

ACCORDING TO PRESENT PROPOSALS, THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE DEVELOPED IN TWO PHASES.

+AN 840-HECTARE SITE FOR PHASE I (SINGLE RUNWAY OF PAVED LENGTH OF 3 600 METRES) AND PHASE II (ADDITIONAL RUNWAY OF PAVED LENGTH OF 2 800 METRES) IS EXPECTED TO BE CREATED BY LEVELLING 310 HECTARES OF LAND FROM THE ISLANDS OF CHEK LAP KOK AND LAM CHAU AND BY RECLAIMING ANOTHER 530 HECTARES OF LAND FROM THE ADJOINING WATERS,+ MR CHAN SAID.

+SITE PREPARATION WILL INVOLVE LARGE SCALE EXCAVATION FROM THE HILLSIDE ON NORTH LANTAU AND CHEK LAP KOK (100 MILLION CUBIC METRES), DREDGING AND DISPOSAL OF MARINE DEPOSITS FROM THE PROPOSED AIRPORT SITE (21 MILLION CUBIC METRES) AND PLACING OF FILL (77 MILLION CUBIC METRES). THIS IS TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRFIELD AND SUPPORT FACILITIES.+

AN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME PROVIDED BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT STUDIES AIMS AT COMMENCING SITE PREPARATION WORK IN EARLY 1984 AND COMMENCING OPERATION OF PHASE I OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT IN 1990 WITH PHASE II FOLLOWING WHEN REQUIRED.

THE COST OF CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT IS ESTIMATED AT HK\$5 500 MILLION FOR PHASE I AND HK\$1 700 MILLION FOR PHASE II.

+MORE THAN 60 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COSTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS,+ SAID MR CHAN.

+ALONG WITH THE AIRPORT STUDIES, PROGRESS IS ALSO BEING MAINTAINED ON THE DETAILED DESIGN OF THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES ON NORTH LANTAU.+

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MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR NEW TERRITORIES

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MORE SUPERVISED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MAKE LIFE THERE MORE ATTRACTIVE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SQUASH COURTS, SIR MURRAY SAID EXPENDITURE ON RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$21 MILLION TO \$98 MILLION THIS YEAR.

AND IN SHA TIN ALONE, SEVEN MAJOR RECREATIONAL PROJECTS WILL START THIS YEAR.

SIR MURRAY SAID THE OPENING OF THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX COINCIDED WITH A DETERMINED EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT, ASSISTED BY SOME VERY GENEROUS PRIVATE DONATIONS, TO MAKE GOOD THE LACK OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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+IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE CONCENTRATED ON HOUSING AND OTHER PROJECTS THAT SEEMED MORE NECESSARY. STEPS HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN TO BRING FORWARD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE PROVISION OF NEW PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND OTHER COMMUNITY BUILDINGS.

+UNSUPERVISED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE OF LITTLE VALUE, SO THERE ARE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS TO PROVIDE THE STAFF TO MANAGE AND MAINTAIN THEM AND TO STIMULATE AND ORGANISE SO THAT THEY ARE FULLY USED,+ HE ADDED.

SIR MURRAY SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE SUPPORT AND STIMULUS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, A STEADY IMPROVEMENT WOULD NOW TAKE PLACE.

EARLIER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEWARDS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MR P.G. WILLIAMS, SAID THE PROJECT REPRESENTED ANOTHER HAPPY RESULT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE JOCKEY CLUB.

THE CLUB PROVIDED CAPITAL FUNDS TOTALLING ABOUT \$34.5 MILLION TOWARDS THE PROJECT WHICH WAS COMPLETED MORE THAN A YEAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

MR WILLIAMS SAID MUCH OF THE JOCKEY CLUB'S ACTIVITY IS IN THE NATURE OF A TRUST -- A TRUST TO DISPENSE THE CLUB FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY WISELY, EFFICIENTLY, AND QUICKLY.

+ANY FEELINGS OF PRIDE ATTACHED TO THE JOCKEY CLUB'S NAME BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT MUST BE COUNTERBALANCED BY ITS DISPLAY BEING A CONSTANT REMINDER TO US TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND MAINTAIN THE TRUST WHICH I BELIEVE WE ENJOY TODAY,+ SAID MR WILLIAMS.

THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, SAID THE PROJECT WAS ONE OF OVER 200 SCHEMES, LARGE AND SMALL, WHICH HIS DEPARTMENT WAS PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME.

REFERRING TO THE SEVEN MAJOR SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WHICH WOULD START CONSTRUCTION IN SHA TIN, MR SWEETMAN SAID THEY INCLUDED A SPORTSGROUND WITH A 400 METRE ALL WEATHER RUNNING TRACK AND COVERED SPECTATOR STAND, GRASS SOCCER PITCHES, BASKETBALL AND VOLLEY-BALL COURTS, TENNIS COURTS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

+WE SHALL BE AIMING TO ACHIEVE WITH THESE PROJECTS THE SAME HIGH STANDARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN SET BY THIS COMPLEX,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SQUASH COURTS:

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+ I AM DELIGHTED TO OPEN THIS COMPLEX OF SWIMMING POOLS AND SQUASH COURTS, AND I SHOULD LIKE ESPECIALLY TO THANK THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR THE PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION THEY ARE MAKING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN - PENFOLD PARK, THE TEMPORARY SPORTS GROUND, NOW THIS MAGNIFICENT COMPLEX, AND NEXT YEAR THE JUBILEE SPORT CENTRE. ALL THESE ARE OF IMMEASURABLE VALUE TO THE PEOPLE OF SHA TIN AND BRING LIFE, LIGHT AND INTEREST TO THIS NEW TOWN. HERE, AND ELSEWHERE THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, THE JOCKEY CLUB'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO A GREAT VARIETY OF PROJECTS GIVE INVALUABLE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S OWN PROGRAMMES.

+ THE OPENING OF THIS COMPLEX TO-DAY COINCIDES WITH A DETERMINED EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT, ASSISTED BY SOME VERY GENEROUS PRIVATE DONATIONS, TO MAKE GOOD THE LACK OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE CONCENTRATED ON HOUSING AND OTHER PROJECTS THAT SEEMED MORE NECESSARY. STEPS HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN TO BRING FORWARD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE PROVISION OF NEW PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND OTHER COMMUNITY BUILDINGS.

+ EXPENDITURE ON RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IS BEING INCREASED FROM \$21 MILLION TO \$98 MILLION IN THE CURRENT YEAR. HERE IN SHA TIN ALONE 7 MAJOR RECREATIONAL PROJECTS WILL START THIS YEAR.

+ UNSUPERVISED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE OF LITTLE VALUE, SO THERE ARE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS TO PROVIDE THE STAFF TO MANAGE AND MAINTAIN THEM AND TO STIMULATE AND ORGANISE SO THAT THEY ARE FULLY USED. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE SUPPORT AND STIMULUS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, A STEADY IMPROVEMENT WILL NOW TAKE PLACE.

+ A HAPPY COMMUNITY CANNOT BE BUILT FROM RELUCTANT RESIDENTS, AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PEOPLE DO NOT MERELY MOVE TO THE NEW TOWNS THROUGH LACK OF ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION - RATHER THEY SHOULD BE ATTRACTED TO THEM. THIS REQUIRES NOT ONLY GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE URBAN AREA, NOT ONLY THE MUCH HIGHER STANDARD OF HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT THAT ARE ASSURED, NOT ONLY THE SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK FOR PARENTS, BUT ALSO BETTER AND HEALTHIER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AND INDEED AMUSEMENT, THAN IN THE CROWDED OLDER URBAN AREAS. THESE NEW TOWNS ARE BEING BUILT TO PROVIDE A BETTER LIFE. THEY ARE OUR SECOND CHANCE. WE ARE DETERMINED NOT TO MISS IT.

+ ONCE AGAIN I THANK THE JOCKEY CLUB FOR HELPING THE GOVERNMENT IN THIS ENDEAVOUR AND I WISH THE PEOPLE OF SHA TIN JOY OF THIS NEW COMPLEX. +

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ORDERS-ON-HAND IN FEBRUARY 1981
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1981 AS FOLLOWS:

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND IN TERMS OF MONTHS</u>		
	<u>FEB 1980</u>	<u>JAN 1981</u>	<u>FEB 1981</u>
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	5.0	4.6	4.6
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	2.8	2.3	2.3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.5	3.6	4.1
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	4.7	3.6	3.7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.0	4.9	5.1
OTHERS	4.0	3.7	3.8
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.1	4.2

THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND HELD BY MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED INCREASED FROM 4.1 MONTHS IN JANUARY 1981 TO 4.2 MONTHS IN FEBRUARY, SUGGESTING THAT THE TREND OF DECREASING VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND HELD BY MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED MAY HAVE CEASED. BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER THIS DEVELOPMENT IS THE START OF A NEW TREND.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND HELD BY MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED IN FEBRUARY 1981 WAS STILL CONSIDERABLY SMALLER THOUGH THIS MAY NOT SUGGEST A DECREASE TO THE SAME EXTENT IN BUSINESS VOLUME BECAUSE OF THE TENDENCY FOR ORDERS RECEIVED TO HAVE BECOME SHORTER AND MORE FREQUENT.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE BASED ON AN UPDATED AND ENLARGED PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979. AS THE PANEL IS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE PANEL, BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

THIS SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED MONTHLY, ALSO ASKS QUESTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL AND COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS BESIDES MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1981 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 5-274203).

HOME SCHEME FOR CIVIL SERVANTS THIS YEAR
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THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO A HOME PURCHASE SCHEME WHICH WILL PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED NUMBER OF CIVIL SERVANTS WITH DIRECT ASSISTANCE TOWARDS HOME OWNERSHIP, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE WAH YUEN CHUEN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY'S HOUSING SCHEME IN KWAI CHUNG.

SIR JACK SAID THE HOME PURCHASE SCHEME, WHICH HAS BEEN DRAWN UP IN CONSULTATION WITH MORE THAN 100 STAFF ASSOCIATIONS, WILL BE SUBMITTED VERY SHORTLY TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

+SUBJECT TO COUNCIL'S ADVICE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT A START CAN BE MADE ON THE HOME PURCHASE SCHEME WITHIN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR,+ HE SAID.

+WHILST THIS HOME PURCHASE SCHEME WILL COMPRISE THE MAIN THRUST OF GOVERNMENT'S HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO ITS STAFF, WE HAVE NOT OVERLOOKED THE POPULARITY OF CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SCHEMES.+

SIR JACK SAID THAT ONCE THE NEW HOME PURCHASE SCHEME IS UNDERWAY, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE GROUP HOUSING SCHEMES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS AND TO CONSIDER THE PRECISE FORM WHICH THESE MIGHT TAKE.

HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT, BOTH AS AN ADMINISTRATION AND AS AN EMPLOYER, STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE FOR DECENT SELF-CONTAINED ACCOMMODATION.

SIR JACK SAID WAH YUEN CHUEN, WITH ITS FIVE BLOCKS AND 600 FLATS, WILL BE HOME TO SOME 3 000 PEOPLE COMPRISING CIVIL SERVANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND WILL PROVIDE QUALITY ACCOMMODATION AND AN EXCELLENT ENVIRONMENT FOR THOSE WHO LIVE THERE.

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CONTRACT FOR TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE
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A PROMENADE WILL BE BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI WATERFRONT, RUNNING FROM THE EAST OF THE NEW WORLD CENTRE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE IN HUNG HOM, TO PROVIDE A REST SPOT FOR OFFICE WORKERS, RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS.

A \$5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT, AWARDED TO WING MING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WAS SIGNED THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING BY MRS C. ALUNAN, CHIEF PWD ARCHITECT, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANY.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROMENADE WILL BE LINKED TO THE ONE BEING CONSTRUCTED BY THE NEW WORLD CENTRE AND THE ONE PLANNED AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL COMPLEX.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL FORM AN UNBROKEN PEDESTRIAN BELT BETWEEN THE CULTURAL COMPLEX, THE NEW WORLD CENTRE AND THE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL CENTRE OF EAST TSIM SHA TSUI.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROMENADE, WHICH IS FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TUEN MUN VACANT SITES FOR RECREATIONAL USE

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THREE VACANT SITES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE FACILITIES, INCLUDING TWO TENNIS COURTS, A ROLLER-SKATING RINK AND A JOGGING TRACK, WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

ONE SITE IS LOCATED NEAR TAI HING ESTATE WHERE THE TWO TENNIS COURTS WILL BE BUILT.

THE ROLLER-SKATING RINK WILL BE BUILT OPPOSITE TUEN MUN CLINIC WHILE THE SIX KILOMETRE JOGGING TRACK WILL CIRCLE THE NEW TOWN.

FUNDS FOR DEVELOPING THE FACILITIES, COSTING \$330 000, WILL BE PROVIDED BY TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT WHERE THE POPULATION WAS INCREASING RAPIDLY.

AT PRESENT IT IS 120 000 AND WILL REACH 182 000 BY NEXT YEAR WITH THE COMPLETION OF MORE HOUSING ESTATES AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS.

OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BEING DEVELOPED INCLUDE TUEN MUN SPORTSGROUND AND YAN OI TONG SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR AND IN 1982.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GRAND BAZAAR TO RAISE FUNDS FOR WELFARE PROJECTS

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE WILL ON SATURDAY (APRIL 18) OFFICIALLY OPEN A GRAND BAZAAR AND FUN FAIR ORGANISED BY THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-HONG KONG SYNOD TO RAISE FUNDS TOWARDS A \$18 MILLION MULTI-SERVICE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT.

THE PROJECT, WHICH HAS BEEN PLANNED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WILL ON COMPLETION PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE YOUNG, THE ELDERLY AND THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED THE LUTHERAN CHURCH A 2 600-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN HO MAN TIN FOR THE 8-STOREY WELFARE BUILDING.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BAZAAR AND FUN FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY AT THE PLAYGROUND OF THE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL AT 12 TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, KOWLOON.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WO HOP SHEK ROAD
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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT CERTAIN TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE INTRODUCED IN THE WO HOP SHEK AREA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (APRIL 18 AND 19) TO FACILITATE GRAVE SWEEPERS VISITING THE AREA.

UNDER THE PLANNED ARRANGEMENTS, WO HOP SHEK ROAD MAY BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT HEARSEs AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 5 AM TO 8 PM IF THE TRAFFIC SITUATION SO REQUIRES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

THERE MAY BE NO PARKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE AND ANY VEHICLES FOUND PARKED ILLEGALLY ON THE ROAD OR PAVEMENT MAY BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

SEVERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON TAI PO ROAD ON THESE TWO DAYS AND MOTORISTS GOING TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE ROUTE TWISK AND FAN KAM ROAD OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TUEN MUN HIGHWAY AS ALTERNATIVES ROUTES IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE CONGESTION ON TAI PO ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WOULD BE DISPLAYED AND POLICE WOULD BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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