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SAI TSO WAN CONTROLLED TIP
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO SET UP A NEW CONTROLLED TIP FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AT SAI TSO WAN WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY BE TURNED INTO A RECREATIONAL GROUND.

MR. LEUNG MIN-SUN, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID TODAY SITE PREPARATORY WORK, INCLUDING DRAINAGE AND ROAD WORKS WITHIN THE TIP, WOULD START IN NOVEMBER.

+THE CONTROLLED TIP SHOULD BE READY FOR USE IN MID-1977, AND WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER OUTLET FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE GROWING AMOUNT OF REFUSE COLLECTED,+ HE SAID.

+WHEN FULLY COMPLETED AND CLOSED,+ HE SAID, +THE TIP WILL PROVIDE NEARLY SEVEN HECTARES OF NEW LAND.

+ABOUT 2.3 HECTARES OF THE NEW LAND PROVIDED WILL BE USED FOR OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL AND OTHER SIMILAR PURPOSES AND ABOUT 4.5 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A PROPOSED STADIUM AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE.+

+THIS IS ONE OF THE BIG ADVANTAGES IN CONTROLLED TIPPING,+ SAID MR. LEUNG, +BECAUSE NOT ONLY DOES THE SYSTEM PROVIDE FOR AN ECONOMICAL AND SANITARY MEANS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, BUT IT ALSO ENABLES FULL USE TO BE MADE OF THE SITES FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS ONCE THE TIP IS CLOSED AND TOPPED OFF.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN CONTROLLED TIPPING, REFUSE IS SPREAD IN LAYERS AND COMPACTED BY MECHANICAL PLANTS TO A THICKNESS OF ABOUT TWO METRES EACH TIME.

EACH LAYER IS THEN COMPLETELY COVERED WITH INERT MATERIAL SEALING OFF ALL WORKING FACES AT THE END OF EACH DAY'S WORK IN ORDER TO PREVENT FOUL SMELLS AND TO ELIMINATE HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE SAI TSO WAN TIP, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 1.7 MILLION TONNES AND WAS SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

SO FAR, FOUR CONTROLLED TIPS HAVE BEEN SET UP BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THEY ARE LOCATED AT GIN DRINKER'S BAY IN TSUEN WAN, SHUN WAN IN TAI PO, MA TSO LUNG IN YUEN LONG, AND NGAU CHI WAN.

ANOTHER TIP IS ALSO BEING DEVELOPED AT SHIU LANG SHUI IN TUEN MUN.

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INSPECTIONS BY FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT 22,683 INSPECTIONS IN AUGUST, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR TO 159,911.

THE TOTAL REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 51 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURES FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1975.

MORE THAN HALF OF AUGUST'S INSPECTIONS (12,585) WERE PROMPTED BY COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, OF WHICH 10,510 RELATED TO MEANS OF ESCAPE. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE 954 ROUTINE INSPECTIONS OF MEANS OF ESCAPE AND 5,713 VISITS TO FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

A TOTAL OF 101 VEHICLES USED FOR CONVEYING COMPRESSED GASES AND INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS WERE EXAMINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHEME TO LICENSE SUCH VEHICLES ANNUALLY.

FIRE OFFICERS ALSO INSPECTED 692 CHILD CARE CENTRES DURING THE MONTH TO CHECK ON FIRE SAFETY MEASURES. THIS BRINGS TO 898 SUCH CENTRES VISITED SINCE THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT ON JUNE 1.

INSPECTIONS RELATED TO THE STORAGE OR MANUFACTURE OF DANGEROUS GOODS NUMBERED 617. THERE WERE CLOSE TO 1,400 INSPECTIONS OF SCHOOLS, RESTAURANTS, NIGHTCLUBS, OTHER PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AND VENTILATION SYSTEMS.

THE NUMBER OF PLANS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED IN RESPECT OF NEW BUILDING PROJECTS WAS 501.

OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU ALSO CONDUCTED 14 FIRE PREVENTION LECTURES AND EXHIBITIONS ON THE RUDIMENTS OF FIRE FIGHTING FOR THE STAFF OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

DURING THE MONTH UNDER REVIEW, 711 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED AND 133 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT RESULTING IN THE IMPOSITION OF FINES TOTALLING ABOUT \$81,480.

MORE THAN 850 ITEMS OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND QUARTERS WERE ALSO TESTED.

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NEW ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS

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WITH THE COMPUTERISATION OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS OF PASSENGER MOVEMENTS, A NEW TYPE OF ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARD WILL BE INTRODUCED ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 1) TO REPLACE THOSE AT PRESENT IN USE.

STARTING FROM THAT DAY, ALL PASSENGERS PRESENTED FOR ARRIVAL CLEARANCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE NEW CARDS WHICH ARE PRINTED ON TWO-FOLD NO-CARBON-REQUIRED PAPER. THE DEPARTURE PORTION WILL BE RETAINED IN THE TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND WILL REQUIRE ONLY THE ADDITION OF TRAVEL DETAILS AND SIGNATURE BEFORE PRESENTATION FOR DEPARTURE CLEARANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID, HOWEVER, THAT TRAVELLERS TO AND FROM MACAO WOULD ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE A SMALL PORTION OF THE NEW ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS WHICH IS PRIMARILY BASED ON THE FORMAT OF TICKET STUBS PRESENTLY REQUIRED.

HOLDERS OF HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT TRAVELLING TO AND FROM CHINA, HE ADDED, WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW ARRANGEMENT.

COMMENTING ON THE ARRANGEMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW PROCEDURES SHOULD RESULT IN A MORE EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF MOVEMENT RECORDS AND MORE CONVENIENT AND FASTER PROCESSING OF PASSENGERS ON DEPARTURE.

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NEW PLB STAND FOR CENTRAL

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A NEW PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND WILL BE SET UP ON THE GROUND FLOOR ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE STAR FERRY CAR PARK IN CENTRAL DISTRICT. THE PLB STAND WILL COME INTO OPERATION AT 8 A.M. ON OCTOBER 1.

TEN PARKING SPACES IN THE CAR PARK WILL BE CANCELLED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE PLB STAND.

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TRIBUTE TO RETIRING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES
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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. WILLIAM BELL, TODAY PAID A WARM TRIBUTE TO THE RETIRING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT WHO HAS BEEN LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR WATER SCHEMES.

AT A FAREWELL CEREMONY THIS MORNING, MR. BELL SAID THAT LARGELY TO MR. KNIGHT'S EFFORTS THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG'S WATER SUPPLY LOOKED ROSIER THAN FOR MANY YEARS.

+SINCE HIS DAYS AS HEAD OF THE CONSTRUCTION DIVISION OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN THE EARLY SIXTIES, MR. KNIGHT HAS BEEN VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF OUR WATER RESOURCES NOT ONLY UP TO THIS TIME, BUT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME,+ SAID MR. BELL.

APART FROM HIS PROFESSIONAL DUTIES, MR. BELL ADDED, MR. KNIGHT HAD ALSO TAKEN A GREAT INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF HIS STAFF, PARTICULARLY THE VERY JUNIOR STAFF, AND HE WOULD BE SORELY MISSED.

MR. KNIGHT IS LEAVING FOR CALIFORNIA AT THE END OF THE WEEK AFTER 25 YEARS WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THE LAST 15 OF WHICH HE SPENT WITH THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

HE FIRST JOINED THE P.W.D. IN 1951 AS AN ENGINEER IN THE THEN ROADS OFFICE AND WAS LATER POSTED TO THE DRAINAGE OFFICE BEFORE BEING POSTED TO THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THE MORE RECENT WATER SCHEMES HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ARE THE LOK ON PAI DESALTER, THE WORLD'S LARGEST, AND THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME WHICH WILL VIRTUALLY DOUBLE HONG KONG'S TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY TO 128,000 MILLION GALLONS BY 1979.

AT TODAY'S FAREWELL CEREMONY MR. KNIGHT WAS PRESENTED WITH A SILVER TEA SET WHICH WAS DONATED BY HIS COLLEAGUES.

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TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION OF SALT WATER SUPPLY

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT AND AT MID-LEVELS WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 1) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE STAFF TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

IN CENTRAL DISTRICT, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE THOSE IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, INCLUDING THE CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL CAR PARK BUILDING, HILLIER STREET, MERCER STREET, BURD STREET, JERVOIS STREET AND LADDER STREET INCLUDING SQUARE STREET, BRIDGES STREET AND ROZARIO STREET.

AT MID-LEVELS, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE THOSE IN GLENEALY, ROBINSON ROAD, ALBANY ROAD, MACDONNELL ROAD, BOWEN ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO A POINT NEAR NO. 2 MAGAZINE GAP ROAD= AND FROM CALDER PATH TO HOUSE NO. 7B BOWEN ROAD, KENNEDY ROAD FROM PEAK TRAM PATH TO CALDER PATH, PEEL STREET FROM ROBINSON ROAD TO PRINCE'S TERRACE INCLUDING LEUNG FAI TERRACE, REDNAXELA TERRACE, MOSQUE STREET, MOSQUE JUNCTION AND YING FAI TERRACE, LYTTTELTON ROAD, HOUSE NOS. 35-57 AND 56-68 CONDUIT ROAD, KOTEWALL ROAD, PEAK ROAD FROM HOUSE NO. 6A TO ITS JUNCTION WITH BONHAM ROAD, BONHAM ROAD FROM PARK ROAD TO HOUSE NO. 48, CENTRE STREET, YING WA TERRACE, WEST END TERRACE, INCLUDING ST. STEPHEN'S GIRL COLLEGE, SEYMOUR ROAD, CASTLE ROAD AND WOODLANDS TERRACE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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A PART OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF OCTOBER 1 AND 3.

THE U-TURN SLIP ROAD NORTH OF THE FORMER GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 12.45 A.M. AND 5.30 A.M. ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 1).

THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN THE ABOVE SLIP ROAD AND THE JUNCTION OF YEE LOK STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 12.45 A.M. AND 6 A.M. ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 3).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SQUATTER CLEARANCE IN TSUEN WAN COMPLETED SMOOTHLY
Families Offered Public Housing

Another smooth clearance operation has been completed by the Housing Department at Tsuen Wan to clear the site for the future Shing On Estate.

Typical of the 155 families who have recently moved either into Kwai Shing or Lai King estates from squatter structures in Tsuen Wan is the Wong family, comprising the grandmother and her grandson and grand-daughter.

They are now settling down with many of their former neighbours in Block 9, Kwai Shing Estate.

Mrs. Wong, the grandmother, said she was happy with what she had been offered by the Housing Department and that she considered the rent of \$180 a month for the new flat to be very reasonable.

"I am most happy in finding that many of my former neighbours also live in the same block and I enjoy very much the pleasant environment here," she said today.

Satisfactory rehousing arrangements for other residents, fair compensation to the cultivators, reasonable ex-gratia allowance or reprovisioning for the businesses and industrial undertakings are the essential factors of a successful squatter clearance.

This was exemplified in this latest clearance in which all these and other human factors were carefully attended to.

The clearance involved 274 structures, including 20 shops and workshops, and over 100 pigsties and cultivators.

Mr. Lee Heung-cheuk, Senior Housing Manager in charge of the clearance, described it as one of the smoothest operations he had experienced.

"We took only one and a half days to complete the job which we originally planned for two days," he said.

He thanked the residents involved for their co-operation and the understanding they displayed.

The clearance, started yesterday, is to make available a site for the construction of Shing On Estate which eventually will house 40,000 people on completion.

The Housing Department has rehoused 672 squatters from 155 families to Lai King and Kwai Shing estates and offered another 166 people from 41 families licensed area accommodation at Yau Ma Hom and Ha Kwai Chung.

Over \$861,000 has also been paid to various commercial, industrial and agricultural undertakings affected by the clearance.

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