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IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BETTER GEARED TO ANSWER
ENQUIRIES AND REQUESTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE EVEN BETTER AND QUICKER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW ENQUIRIES OFFICE ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE OFFICE, ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, WILL REPLACE THE OLD ONE ON THE 15TH FLOOR.

THE MAIN FEATURE IS AN EXTENDED TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES SERVICE MANNED BY A DOZEN EXPERIENCED OFFICERS IN SPECIALLY DESIGNED BOOTHS.

BESIDES HANDLING ENQUIRIES, THE OFFICE WILL OFFER A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS, GIVING ADVICE ON HOW TO FILL THEM, AND ATTESTING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ENQUIRIES SECTION WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN OVER THE YEARS INCREASINGLY HARD PRESSED BY THE WORKLOAD WHICH GREW NOT ONLY IN QUANTITY BUT ALSO IN COMPLEXITY.

+IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THE SECTION DEALT WITH SOME 1 325 000 ENQUIRIES AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC, EITHER IN PERSON, BY POST OR BY TELEPHONE,+ HE SAID.

THE MOST POPULAR METHOD OF MAKING ENQUIRY OR REQUEST WAS BY TELEPHONE, BUT WITH ONLY FOUR DIRECT LINES AVAILABLE, THE SERVICE BECAME INADEQUATE AND FAR FROM SATISFACTORY TO THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY DURING PEAK HOURS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID STATISTICS SHOWED THAT DEMAND FOR SERVICE MULTIPLIED MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS, AND A RECENT SURVEY INDICATED THAT A CALLER HAD TO WAIT AN AVERAGE OF FOUR MINUTES BEFORE HIS CALL COULD BE CONNECTED THROUGH.

+WITH AN EXPANDED TELEPHONE ENQUIRY UNIT IN THE NEW OFFICE, WHICH CAN COPE WITH 10 CALLS AT ANY ONE TIME, THIS WAITING TIME WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED,+ HE NOTED.

HE SUGGESTED TO THE PUBLIC THAT THEY MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF THE TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES SERVICE INSTEAD OF CALLING AT THE OFFICE IN PERSON TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS, SO AS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY INCONVENIENCE.

A +DIAL-A-FORM+ SERVICE IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN ANY APPLICATION FORM THROUGH THE POST SIMPLY BY MAKING A TELEPHONE CALL, HE ADDED.

THEY ARE ALSO ADVISED TO AVOID PEAK HOURS AND MAKE MORE USE OF THE SERVICE DURING SLACK PERIODS, FROM 8.45 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4.15 PM TO 5.15 PM.

THE NEW OFFICE IS OPEN FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ENQUIRIES AND REQUESTS IS 5-434711.

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CUSTOMS SERVICE STEPS UP
CHECKS ON LIQUOR SHOPS
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WITH THE APPROACH OF THE FESTIVE SEASON, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAS STEPPED UP ITS ROUTINE INSPECTIONS ON LICENSED LIQUOR DEALERS TO PREVENT THE SALE OF ADULTERATED LIQUOR.

ACCORDING TO PAST EXPERIENCE, ADULTERATED LIQUOR IS SOLD MORE ACTIVELY DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SERVICE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

EXCISE OFFICERS SEIZED NEARLY 100 QUART-BOTTLES OF ADULTERATED BRANDY BEFORE CHRISTMAS LAST YEAR AND ANOTHER 50 QUART-BOTTLES BEFORE THE LAST LUNAR NEW YEAR, HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH CONSTANT CHECKS ARE MADE, THE PUBLIC SHOULD STILL BE ON THE ALERT AND BUY LIQUOR ONLY FROM REPUTABLE DEALERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT ILLICIT MANUFACTURERS USUALLY EMPLOY WOMEN TO SELL ADULTERATED LIQUOR AT CUT PRICES TO PEOPLE IN CROWDED HOUSING ESTATES ON THE PRETEXT THAT THE LIQUOR IS OBTAINED DUTY-FREE FROM SEAMEN RETURNING TO HONG KONG OR AT STAFF PRICE FROM THE SOLE AGENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD ALSO BE ON GUARD AGAINST IRRESPONSIBLE WINE SHOP AND STORE OPERATORS WHO MAY TRY TO MAKE A QUICK PROFIT THROUGH SELLING ADULTERATED LIQUOR.

PEOPLE WHO ARE OFFERED LIQUOR AT UNREASONABLY LOW PRICE OR HAVE ANY DOUBT ON THE LIQUOR THEY BOUGHT, ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE ON 5-456182 EXTENSION 200 OR 3-685662 EXTENSION 511, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW TRACK MAINTENANCE MACHINE FOR KCR
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HAS RECENTLY BROUGHT INTO USE A \$1.5 MILLION TAMPING MACHINE TO HELP MAINTAIN TRACKS TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD TO COPE WITH FASTER AND MORE FREQUENT TRAIN SERVICES.

MANUFACTURED IN AUSTRIA, THE +TAMPER+ CAN ACCOMPLISH IN FOUR HOURS THE WORK WHICH NORMALLY TAKES 24 MEN TWO DAYS TO COMPLETE. THE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED MACHINE IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH A SPECIAL SOUND-PROOF DEVICE.

+WITH TRAFFIC GETTING INCREASINGLY HEAVIER, PARTICULARLY AS THE ENTIRE LINE IS TO BE ELECTRIFIED BY THE END OF 1982, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT TRACK MAINTENANCE BY TRADITIONAL WORK-GANG METHODS,+ SAID PERMANENT WAY ENGINEER OF KCR, MR. MICHAEL ELVY.

/THE MACHINE

THE MACHINE, HE SAID, CAN ALSO HANDLE THE LATEST TYPE OF HEAVIER RAILS WHICH ARE BEING CONTINUOUSLY WELDED TO GIVE A MUCH SMOOTHER RIDE.

MR. ELVY POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER MERIT OF THE MACHINE IS THAT MAINTENANCE, NOW AVERAGING ONCE A MONTH ON THE OLD TRACKS, CAN BE REDUCED DUE TO ITS BETTER AND MORE CONSISTENT QUALITY OF WORK.

+THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE TIME SAVED IN ACTUAL MAINTENANCE WORK, WILL ENABLE THE KCR TO MAKE FULLER USE OF THE RAILWAY LINE FOR BOTH PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAFFIC,+ HE ADDED.

MR. ELVY SAID THE MACHINE CAN LIFT AND SET THE TRACK TO THE CORRECT LEVEL, SET THE TRACK TO THE CORRECT ALIGNMENT, AND PACK TIGHT THE SHINGLES WHICH ACT AS BALLAST UNDERNEATH THE TRACK AFTER IT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY SET.

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WORK TO START ON TRUNK SEWER FOR HOUSING ESTATE
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CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF A TRUNK SEWER TO SERVE THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWN AT SHEK WU HUI WILL START SHORTLY.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CONTRACT WOULD INVOLVE THE LAYING OF 950 METRES OF TRUNK SEWER BETWEEN THE PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATION.

ON COMPLETION, THE ESTATE WILL HOUSE ABOUT 30 000 PEOPLE.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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COURSE ON WORKING WITH DISABLED PEOPLE IN WORKSHOPS
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A COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS WORKING WITH DISABLED PEOPLE IN WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

INSTRUCTORS POSSESSING THE COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS' CERTIFICATE OR ITS EQUIVALENT AND ARE WORKING IN VOCATIONAL CENTRES OR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FOR THE DISABLED ARE INVITED TO APPLY.

THE COURSE AIMS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE DISABLED, AND THE TECHNIQUES OF TEACHING AND WORKING WITH THEM.

THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IS CANTONESE AND THE FEE IS \$100.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD ONCE A WEEK FOR 15 WEEKS STARTING IN JANUARY, 1980.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BEFORE DECEMBER 29.

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SCOUTS AND CUBS URGED TO BECOME HELPFUL AND
CARING MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY
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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IS EXPANDING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG MEMBERS OF OUR GROWING COMMUNITY AND RELIES MUCH ON THE GOODWILL AND SUPPORT OF INTERESTED AND CARING OLDER PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THIS, MRS. JANE AKERS-JONES, WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING A CEREMONY MARKING THE OPENING OF PLAY STRUCTURES AT THE SCOUT TRAINING CENTRE OF HONG KONG AT TUNG TSZ IN TAI PO, MRS. AKERS-JONES SAID: +I HOPE THAT ALL SCOUTS AND CUBS WHO ENJOY THEMSELVES WITH THESE NEW GAMES WILL REMEMBER THAT 'ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER' AND WILL IN THEIR TURN BECOME HELPFUL AND CARING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.+

SHE THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS DONATION OF THE NEW GAMES APPARATUS, WORTH MORE THAN \$35 000, TO THE NT REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

MRS. AKERS-JONES ALSO THANKED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPSITES AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE, NT REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, MADAM LEUNG SING-TAK, WHO HAS FINANCED THE INSTALLATION OF THE PLAY STRUCTURES.

MRS. AKERS-JONES INSPECTED FACILITIES AT THE SCOUT TRAINING CENTRE AND PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT TO 24 MEMBERS OF SCOUT SERVICE TEAMS.

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PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROPOSED FOR TIN WAN MARKET
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER HING WO STREET ONTO THE FIRST FLOOR LEVEL OF TIN WAN MARKET BUILDING, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN TIN WAN, ABERDEEN.

THE BRIDGE WILL LEAVE THE STREET WITH A CLEAR HEADROOM OF ABOUT 5.13 METRES (16 FEET 10 INCHES).

NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO CLOSE PART OF THE LANE BETWEEN HING WO STREET AND TIN WAN CLOSE FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

THE LAST DAY FOR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE IS JANUARY 14, 1980 AND ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 14, 1980 AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON TAI KOK TSUI ROAD
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THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN FUK TSUN STREET AND ANCHOR STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 18).

THE CLOSURE, WHICH WILL LAST ABOUT TWO MONTHS, IS TO FACILITATE THE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE SECTION OF BEECH STREET BETWEEN FUK TSUN STREET AND ANCHOR STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON TAI KOK TSUI ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FUK TSUN STREET AND BEECH STREET TO CHERRY STREET.

THE ORIGINAL TRAFFIC ROUTING WILL BE RESTORED ON COMPLETION OF THE RE-CONSTRUCTION WORKS. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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DIVERSIFICATION REPORT ON SALE
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THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THE NEWLY-PUBLISHED REPORT BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, G.P.O. BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE PRICE FOR EACH VERSION IS \$30.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WITH HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS.

PUBLIC COMMENT IS INVITED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT.

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WATER CUT IN REPULSE BAY AREA
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE REPULSE BAY AREA WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR SEVEN HOURS ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 17) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM TO ENABLE ESSENTIAL WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE 109-129 (ODD NOS.) AND 90-102 (EVEN NOS.) REPULSE BAY ROAD, 9A AND 9-11 SOUTH BAY ROAD, AND 3-23 AND 6-8 SOUTH BAY CLOSE, INCLUDING THE PETROL STATION.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

DATE	TIME
DECEMBER 19 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 6 PM
DECEMBER 20 (THURSDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 21 (FRIDAY)	9 AM - 4 PM

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