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### \$2.9 MILLION PAID OUT AS EMERGENCY RELIEF

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OVER \$2.9 MILLION FROM THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND WAS PAID OUT TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED DURING THE YEAR 1978-79, ACCORDING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FUND JUST PUBLISHED.

THIS WAS MORE THAN FOUR TIMES THE AMOUNT OF RELIEF PAYMENTS MADE IN 1977-78, WHICH TOTALLED ONLY \$720 000 BECAUSE NO SIGNIFICANT NATURAL DISASTER OCCURRED THAT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY MOST OF THE GRANT RECIPIENTS LAST YEAR WERE FIRE AND TYPHOON VICTIMS.

ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION WAS PAID OUT AS RE-ACCOMMODATION AND RE-EQUIPMENT GRANTS WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 51 PER CENT OF THE YEAR'S PAYMENT, WHILE AGRICULTURE GRANTS TOTALLED \$1.3 MILLION.

IN THE SAME YEAR, HE SAID, THE FUND RECEIVED \$3 017 701 IN REVENUE, COMPRISING \$3 MILLION FROM GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND THE REST FROM PUBLIC DONATIONS AND INTEREST.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FUND WAS SET UP TO PROVIDE GRANTS AND LOANS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED OF RELIEF AS A RESULT OF FIRE, FLOODING, TYPHOON OR OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS.

+GRANTS FROM THE FUND ARE AVAILABLE FOR DEATH OR PERSONAL INJURY, DOMESTIC RE-ACCOMMODATION AND RE-EQUIPMENT EXPENSES, REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF VESSELS, AGRICULTURAL LOSS AND SPECIAL CASES,+ HE SAID.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVING GRANTS AND MAKING PAYMENTS IS, IN MOST CASES, VESTED IN OFFICERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE, HOUSING, HOME AFFAIRS, MARINE, AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENTS.

THE FUND WAS INTRODUCED IN 1962 AS THE COMMUNITY RELIEF TRUST FUND AND WAS RENAMED IN 1973.

THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

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TSUEN WAN ROAD ARTERY OVER HALF COMPLETED  
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TRAFFIC IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG WILL BE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY EARLY NEXT YEAR WHEN TSUEN WAN BY-PASS STAGE ONE, AN ELEVATED ROAD JOINING KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD BYPASSING THE CENTRE OF TSUEN WAN, IS COMPLETED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT WORK ON THE ROAD PROJECT WAS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AND WAS NOW 60 PER CENT COMPLETE.

STAGE ONE OF THE BY-PASS FORMS PART OF A MAJOR ROAD PROJECT TO COPE WITH THE HEAVY TRAFFIC GENERATED FROM DEVELOPMENT IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE TWO-KILOMETRE ROAD RUNS FROM A POINT NEAR THE CONTAINER TERMINALS AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO TEXACO ROAD NEAR YEUNG UK ROAD, AND HAS THREE INTERCHANGES LOCATED AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD, HING FONG ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD.

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MA WAN TO GET IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SPEND \$300 000 ON IMPROVING WATER SUPPLY TO THE 5 500 RESIDENTS OF TWO VILLAGES ON MA WAN ISLAND.

AT PRESENT, THE TWO VILLAGES, MA WAN AND TIN LIU, ARE SERVED BY ONE WATER TANK, INSTALLED IN 1965. ITS CAPACITY IS 36 000 LITRES.

IN THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, A NEW WATER TANK OF 40 000 LITRES CAPACITY WILL BE PROVIDED TO GIVE DIRECT WATER SUPPLY TO TIN LIU. MA WAN VILLAGERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE SERVED BY THE EXISTING WATER TANK.

WORK INCLUDES CONSTRUCTING TWO PUMP HOUSES AND LAYING 1 800 METRES OF PIPELINE.

BOTH TANKS WILL BE FED BY TWO NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WELLS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID, WITH THE NEW SUPPLY SYSTEM, THE PROBLEM OF WATER SHORTAGE IN THE AREA WOULD BE SOLVED. THE PROJECT IS DUE TO BE READY BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE SCHEME FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WAS REACHED AT A RECENT MEETING BETWEEN RURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM TSUEN WAN, TSING YI AND MA WAN AND DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF.

THE PROJECT WAS DESIGNED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WORKS SECTION WHICH IS SUPERVISING WORK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS SCHEME COULD ACHIEVE TO HELP IMPROVE FACILITIES IN MORE RURAL AND LESS DEVELOPED AREAS.

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APPLY NOW FOR EVENING ENGLISH COURSES  
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A NUMBER OF EVENING COURSES WILL BE STARTED IN SEPTEMBER BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE 18 OR ABOVE TO IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH.

THE COURSES ARE AT THREE LEVELS: A SIX-YEAR ELEMENTARY COURSE WITH STANDARDS EQUIVALENT TO PRIMARY 4 TO FORM 3, A TWO-YEAR INTERMEDIATE COURSE EQUIVALENT TO FORMS 4 AND 5, AND A ONE-YEAR SENIOR COURSE EQUIVALENT TO FORM 6.

ANNUAL TUITION FEES DIFFER ACCORDING TO THE LEVELS. THE FEE FOR THE PRIMARY LEVEL OF THE ELEMENTARY COURSE IS \$100, AND \$150 FOR THE JUNIOR SECONDARY LEVEL. FOR THE INTERMEDIATE COURSE THE FEE IS \$150, AND FOR THE SENIOR COURSE \$200.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COURSES, WHICH WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 8, ARE AVAILABLE BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 30.

THEY CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN LEE GARDENS, ITS SUB-OFFICE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION AT MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KING'S COLLEGE, HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (ISLANDS).

IN KOWLOON, FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL AND THE GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TONG MEI ROAD, KAI TAK AND KWUN TONG.

THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT THE HOI PA STREET AND TAI PO GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS, HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, DISTRICT OFFICES AND NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTERS.

REQUESTS FOR APPLICATION FORMS BY MAIL SHOULD SPECIFY THE COURSE APPLIED FOR AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SELF-ADDRESSED AND STAMPED ENVELOPES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY JUNE 30 TO THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 4TH FLOOR, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

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SPECIAL TRANSPORT FOR TAI PO BOAT RACE

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SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE GOING TO THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE AT TAI MEI TUK ON TUESDAY (JUNE 17).

ADDITIONAL BUSES WILL BE PUT ON ROUTE 70 FROM JORDAN ROAD FERRY, AND THE FREQUENCY OF ROUTE 75 FROM TAI PO MARKET WILL BE INCREASED TO EVERY FIVE TO SIX MINUTES FROM 8 AM, ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE THE RACE STARTS.

AFTER THE EVENT, FOUR BUSES ON ROUTE 75 WILL WAIT FOR PASSENGERS OUTSIDE THE YOUTH HOSTEL NEAR THE VENUE AT ABOUT 12.30 PM.

THE TWO BUS STOPS AT TING KOK ROAD JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD TO PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR WILL BE SUSPENDED.

PARKING FACILITIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. VISITORS WITHOUT SPECIAL LABELS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

AT THE SAME TIME THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HAS ARRANGED FOUR SPECIAL TRAINS FOR THE BOAT RACE.

TWO WILL LEAVE KOWLOON FOR TAI PO MARKET AT 8.28 AM AND 1.50 PM RESPECTIVELY AND TWO WILL RETURN FROM TAI PO MARKET AT 9.45 AM AND 2.58 PM.

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EXHIBITION OF CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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LOCAL SUPPLIERS OF INDUSTRIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO TAKE PART IN A CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXHIBITION IN AUGUST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE EXHIBITION WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY'S TRAINING CENTRE IN TAI YIP STREET, NGAU TAU KOK, FROM AUGUST 9 TO 17.

THE EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE AUTHORITY, WILL HIGHLIGHT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE SAFE OPERATION OF LIFTING APPLIANCES COMMONLY USED ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

+A NUMBER OF STANDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO SUPPLIERS OF INDUSTRIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR DISPLAY OF THEIR PRODUCTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THOSE INTERESTED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT ON 3-688111 EXT 320 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF STANDS AVAILABLE IS LIMITED.

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RECRUITMENT FOR PRISON OFFICERS IN WESTERN DISTRICT  
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THE MOBILE RECRUITMENT DISPLAY BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THIRD STREET, SAI YING PUN TOMORROW (MONDAY). A RECRUITMENT STAND WILL ALSO BE SET UP THERE.

THE DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PRISONS WORK AND ITS EXCELLENT STAFF WELFARE FACILITIES, IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT DRIVE TO TAKE ON YOUNG ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE DISPLAY WHICH CAN BE SEEN BETWEEN 3 PM AND 10 PM ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY. PRISON OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES.

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TENDERS FOR PUMPING STATION  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT WATER PUMPING STATION AND STAFF QUARTERS AT THE SEAFRONT NEAR PAK KOK, TUEN MUN.

THE PUMPING STATION, WITH A CAPACITY OF 27 300 CUBIC METRES PER DAY, WILL SUPPLY SEA-WATER FOR FLUSHING TO TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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ROAD CLOSURE AT PLOVER COVE  
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THE ACCESS ROAD TO PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR DAM FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TING KOK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC, EXCEPT THOSE BEARING AUTHORISED PARKING LABELS, FROM 12 MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY (JUNE 16) TO 3 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THIS PERIOD, PARKING SPACES ALONG THE ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE FOR THE DRAGON BOAT RACE TO BE HELD NEARBY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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