



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BUDGET DAY ON WEDNESDAY

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HONG KONG'S BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1979-80 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE WILL MOVE THE FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1979 AT 2.30 P.M. DURING WHICH HE WILL OUTLINE HONG KONG'S ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1979-80.

THE ESTIMATED HEADS OF EXPENDITURE WILL BE SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE BILL TO BE PUBLISHED IN A GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY AT 2.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL WILL BE ADJOURNED AND RESUMED ON MARCH 28 WHEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATE OF HONG KONG AND THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIONS AS INDICATED BY THE BILL AND THE ESTIMATES. IF NECESSARY, THE DEBATE WILL CONTINUE ON MARCH 29.

ON APRIL 11 AND 12, THE OFFICIALS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED ON APRIL 25 BY COMMITTEE STAGE AND THE THIRD READING OF THE BILL.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, PROCEEDINGS WILL BE COMPREHENSIVELY COVERED BY RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH AT WEDNESDAY'S SITTING WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE OVER RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S CHINESE (RADIO 2) AND ENGLISH (RADIO 3) SERVICES.

RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL ALSO BE ARRANGING FOR A TELEVISION APPEARANCE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON +VIEWPOINT+ IN ENGLISH AND BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FINANCE BRANCH ON +VIEWPOINT AND ANGLES+ IN CHINESE.

COMMERCIAL RADIO'S CHINESE SERVICE WILL BROADCAST TOMORROW'S BUDGET SITTING LIVE ON CHANNEL ONE.

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YUEN LONG AT A GLIMPSE FOR PRINCE CHARLES

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THE HISTORY OF YUEN LONG — DATING BACK MORE THAN 1,000 YEARS — AND ITS RAPID TRANSFORMATION FROM A TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING CENTRE TO A NEW TOWN OF THE 80'S WILL BE THE FOCUS OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED AT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL NEXT MONDAY (MARCH 5) FOR THE VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES TO THE DISTRICT.

ENTITLED +YUEN LONG : THE SPIRIT OF PROGRESS+, THE WEEK-LONG EXHIBITION HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL CARTLAND SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE EXHIBITION — A PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY — WOULD GIVE PRINCE CHARLES A QUICK, BUT COMPREHENSIVE GLIMPSE OF THE DISTRICT'S PAST, ITS GROWTH AND ITS PLANS FOR THE NEXT DECADE.

THE PRINCE WILL BE ESCORTED AROUND THE EXHIBITION BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, MR. CHARLES YEUNG AND MR. STEPHEN CHIU, THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

THERE WILL BE 20 LARGE PHOTOGRAPHIC MURALS MOUNTED ON A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED PAGODA-LIKE STRUCTURE — SYMBOLISING YUEN LONG WITH ITS RESEMBLANCE TO THE FAMOUS PING SHAN PAGODA.

THE STRUCTURE, DESIGNED ON A MODULAR OF FOUR FEET BY EIGHT FEET, WILL RISE TO A HEIGHT OF 18 FEET. IT WILL BE PAINTED IN RED AND GOLD COLOURS AND LIT BY SPOTLIGHTS.

THE MURALS EACH REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF YUEN LONG. THEY DEPICT THE DISTRICT'S HISTORY, VIRTUALLY THOSE OF THE TANG AND MAN FAMILIES WHO WERE THE FIRST SETTLERS IN YUEN LONG— THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND AMENITIES BUILT UP BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE WITH GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGEMENT— LOCAL FARMING WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR HALF OF HONG KONG'S ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION— AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY WHICH CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO THE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE TOWN.

IN ADDITION, IT WILL FEATURE A SCALE MODEL OF THE FUTURE NEW TOWN — AN AMBITIOUS \$726 MILLION PROGRAMME UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP THE TOWN INTO ONE OF THE SIX NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH A POPULATION OF NEARLY 100,000 PEOPLE BY THE MID-80'S.

+YUEN LONG IS VERY UNIQUE IN ITSELF IN THAT ITS CLOSELY-KNIT COMMUNITY HAS FOSTERED A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY AND BELONGING,+ MR. CARTLAND SAID.

+THEY HAVE DONE MUCH TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT BY BUILDING THEIR DISTRICT HOSPITAL, SUPPORTING THEIR OWN FIRST DIVISION SOCCER TEAM AND FOUNDING THE FIRST DISTRICT CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

/+THE EXHIBITION.....

+THE EXHIBITION IS, IN FACT, A TESTIMONY OF THEIR CIVIC PRIDE.+

THE PRESENCE OF THE PRINCE WILL FORMALLY INAUGURATE THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM THE FOLLOWING DAY UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 12.

+TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE EXHIBITION,+ HE SAID, +WE ARE ARRANGING FOR A SPECIAL BI-LINGUAL BOOKLET ON YUEN LONG AND OTHER INFORMATION MATERIAL TO BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO VISITORS.+

+THE EXHIBITION IS SUITABLE FOR PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, PARTICULARLY STUDENTS AND LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO SEND THEIR STUDENTS IN ORGANISED GROUPS TO SEE IT,+ HE ADDED.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JANUARY
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JANUARY WERE BOTH 129. COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, C.P.I.(A) ADVANCED BY TWO POINTS AND C.P.I.(B), BY ONE POINT.

THE C.P.I.(A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400-\$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I. (B), BETWEEN \$1,500-\$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973-74.

THE SECTION INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1979, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1978, ARE:

SECTION	C.P.I.(A)			C.P.I.(B)		
	JAN. 79	DEC. 78	JAN. 78	JAN. 79	DEC. 78	JAN. 78
FOODSTUFFS	123	121	116	125	123	117
HOUSING	137	137	127	136	136	126
FUEL AND LIGHT	135	135	135	134	134	134
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	150	147	137	145	142	133
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	105	107	102	104	106	101
DURABLE GOODS	120	119	111	118	117	108
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	138	137	127	135	135	124
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	136	128	117	139	130	122
SERVICES	143	140	134	144	141	135
ALL ITEMS	129	127	121	129	128	121

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THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WENT UP BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I.(B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF PORK, LIVE POULTRY, FRESH-WATER FISH AND EGGS. BUT A REDUCTION WAS RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SALT-WATER FISH. MOVEMENTS IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ADVANCED BY THREE POINTS EACH IN C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO.

LOWER PRICES FOR MEN'S OUTERCLOTHING, WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING, AND CHILDREN'S OUTERCLOTHING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO FALL BY TWO POINTS EACH IN C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B).

THE RISE OF ONE POINT EACH IN THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS IN C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B) WAS MAINLY DUE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR FURNITURE.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS ROSE BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I.(A) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR TOILET REQUISITES, SOAP AND DETERGENTS, AND TOYS AND HOBBIES.

HIGHER FARES FOR TAXI AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS, COUPLED WITH HIGHER PRICES FOR GASOLINE FROM JANUARY 26 PUSHED THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES UP BY EIGHT POINTS IN C.P.I.(A) AND BY NINE POINTS IN C.P.I.(B).

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES WENT UP BY THREE POINTS EACH IN C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I.(B). THIS WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR SCHOOL STATIONERY, HIGHER CHARGES FOR CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT, LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING, AND TRADITIONAL INCREASE IN CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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BIG PROJECTS IN NEW TOWNS WILL GO ON, SAYS SNT

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE NEW TOWNS PROGRAMME HAS GAINED +AN INEXORABLE MOMENTUM+ WHICH WILL SEE THE CONTINUATION OF A WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS IN ALL THE DEVELOPING AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS DIRECTING 150 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AT THE MOMENT WHILE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS 11 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

MANY OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, HE ADDED, TOOK THREE OR FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE AND WERE INTERLOCKED WITH OTHERS SO THAT WORK ALREADY UNDER WAY WOULD CONTINUE DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID: +THE WORK WILL GO ON -- NEXT YEAR RECLAMATION, ENGINEERING INFRASTRUCTURE, ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORK, A CONTINUING GROWTH OF THE FOREST OF PILES AND CONCRETE WALLS RISING FROM THE LAND WITH AN INEXORABLE MOMENTUM.+

HE DESCRIBED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BUILDING PROJECTS AS EQUALLY STRIKING WITH ABOUT HALF OF ITS \$600 MILLION CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR BEING SPENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS, AS AT NOVEMBER 1978, ON-GOING CONTRACTS LET BY THE AUTHORITY WILL ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$950 MILLION -- WITH \$550 MILLION OF THIS BEING SPENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE NOTED.

+WORK IS GOING ON AT 11 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO, WHICH WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR 280,000 PEOPLE.+

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID ALL THIS REQUIRED LARGE AREAS OF LAND, NOT ONLY FOR THE NEW HOMES AND SCHOOLS AND OTHER MODERN AMENITIES, BUT FOR INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWNS.

TO MEET THIS NEED BETWEEN NOW AND 1983-84, THE GOVERNMENT HAD A TARGET OF PRODUCING AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 80 HECTARES OF LAND A YEAR FOR INDUSTRIAL USE, INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, MUCH OF IT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID THAT INDUSTRY HAS BEEN MOVING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES AT AN ACCELERATED PACE. IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, IT WAS FORECAST THAT 2.5 MILLION SQUARE METRES OF FACTORY FLOOR SPACE WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG -- WITH 1.6 MILLION SQUARE METRES OF IT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS EXAMINING THE QUESTIONS OF SMALL FACTORY UNITS AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL MACHINERY REQUIREMENTS, BUT ADDED THAT THERE WAS +ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHY THE PURCHASERS OF INDUSTRIAL LAND SHOULD NOT PROVIDE FOR THE MARKET WHICH CLEARLY EXISTS FOR THIS TYPE OF FACTORY ACCOMMODATION.+

AS A MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, HE SAID, HE WAS ASTONISHED BY THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FROM INDUSTRIALISTS WHOSE ONLY CLAIM FOR SPECIAL STATUS WAS A REQUIREMENT FOR HEAVY FLOOR LOADINGS AND HIGH CEILING FOR HIGH MACHINERY.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF WAS MOVING TOWARDS MEETING THIS NEED AND NOTED THAT +AN ENCOURAGING PRICE+ HAD BEEN PAID AT A RECENT AUCTION OF LAND IN SHA TIN THAT CARRIED LEASE CONDITIONS STIPULATING THE PROVISION OF HEAVY FLOORS AND HIGH CEILINGS.

ON LAND PRICES, PARTICULARLY FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT DESPITE THE VAST EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING NEW TOWNS AND NEW INDUSTRIAL AREAS, DEMAND STILL OUTSTRIPPED SUPPLY AND THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF INDUSTRIALISTS AND DEVELOPERS TO BID FOR LAND.

+COMPETITION IS KEEN AND PRICES ARE HIGH, BUT THE PURCHASERS OBVIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT PROFITS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO PAY FOR THE LAND AND TO YIELD A SUFFICIENT RETURN FROM THE SALE OF PRODUCTS,+ HE NOTED.

BUT HE ADDED THAT THE +SO-CALLED+ HIGH PRICES HAD TO BE SEEN AGAINST THE GENERALLY LOW LEVEL OF TAXATION.

+WE CAN'T HAVE IT ALL WAYS. BUT, SO THAT WE SHOULD NOT SHUT OUT OR DIVERT TO OTHER CENTRES IN THE FAR EAST THOSE INDUSTRIES WHICH MAY INTRODUCE NEW TECHNOLOGY, NEW PRODUCTS AND NEW IDEAS, WE HAVE CREATED THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES.+

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN TAI PO IS ALREADY PROVING ITS WORTH.

+THE FIRST FACTORY WILL BE IN OPERATION IN ABOUT 12 MONTHS AND THE 14 COMPANIES GRANTED LEASES SO FAR WILL BE PUTTING \$300 MILLION INTO THEIR OPERATIONS AND WILL HAVE AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL PRODUCTION VALUE OF OVER \$500 MILLION.

+THESE INVESTORS COME FROM EUROPE, SAUDI ARABIA, JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE,+ HE ADDED.

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**\$43.8M ROAD CONTRACT FOR NT SIGNED

THE \$250 MILLION GOVERNMENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI GOT OFF TO A GOOD START TODAY (TUESDAY) WITH THE SIGNING OF THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR THE AMBITIOUS SCHEME.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$43.8 MILLION, WAS AWARDED TO FOOK LEE CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

IT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED BY MR. GEORGE CHIEN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND MR. HO SAI-CHU, DIRECTOR AND MANAGER OF THE COMPANY.

SPEAKING AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY, MR. CHIEN SAID THE CONTRACT WAS THE FIRST IN A COMPREHENSIVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AT FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI TO BE COMPLETED OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE PROGRAMME FORMS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S \$2,200 MILLION PLAN TO TURN THE TWO AREAS INTO MODERN TOWNSHIPS FOR 170,000 PEOPLE UNDER THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS, HE ADDED, WOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

+THE CONTRACT SIGNED TODAY INVOLVES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DISTRIBUTOR ROAD,+ MR. CHIEN SAID.

+MEASURING ABOUT 2.4 KILOMETRES, THE NEW ROAD WILL BE A MAJOR LINK BETWEEN THE FUTURE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD NEAR WO HOP SHEK AND THE SHEK WU HUI TOWNSHIP.+

HE SAID THE ROAD WOULD BE A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY COMPLETE WITH FOOTPATHS AND A CYCLE TRACK.

THE CONTRACT ALSO COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX SUBWAYS AND A FOOTBRIDGE FOR CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. CHIEN SAID THE FULL PROGRAMME WOULD EVENTUALLY PROVIDE A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY FROM TAI PO TO SHEUNG SHUI.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED, AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED, BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF PWD.

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UK ENVIRONMENT EXPERTS VISIT HONG KONG
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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS TO THE UK MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT HAVE ARRIVED TO STUDY LOCAL POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

DR. R.K. CUNNINGHAM, CHIEF NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISER AND DR. DAVID HALL, ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER, ARE SPENDING A WEEK IN HONG KONG FOR TALKS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE NEW TERRITORIES TO STUDY LOCAL PROBLEMS.

TODAY (TUESDAY) THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS TOOK DRS. CUNNINGHAM AND HALL TO THE GOVERNMENT FARM IN SAI KUNG WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, PLASTIC NETHOUSES, MUSHROOM CULTIVATION AND THE PIG MANURE TREATMENT PLANT. THEY WENT BY HELICOPTER TO THE KAT O FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION AND FLEW AROUND THE NEW COUNTRY PARKS GAZETTED LAST WEEK.

PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD SEEN THE POULTRY MANURE TREATMENT WORKS AT PAT HEUNG AND AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENTS AT TAI LUNG AND TA KWU LING GOVERNMENT FARMS.

TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) THEY WILL VISIT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETS WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR. J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN AND MEET PIG BREEDERS ON TSING YI ISLAND AND IN CASTLE PEAK.

FRIDAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO FISHERIES RESEARCH INCLUDING LAUNCH TRIP ABOARD THE CAPE ST. MARY TO PICNIC BAY, LAMMA ISLAND, TO SEE THE PROBLEMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TO MARINE CULTURE.

BESIDES MEETING SENIOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES OFFICIALS, THE TWO ADVISERS WILL ALSO MEET THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR. D.G. JEAFFRESON AND THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER, DR. STUART REED.

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BIGGER RESTAURANT FOR AIRPORT

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THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL HAVE A NEW AND MUCH BIGGER RESTAURANT NEXT YEAR.

THE NEW RESTAURANT, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF 800, WILL BE HOUSED IN A NEW THREE-STOREY BLOCK TO BE BUILT AT THE WESTERN END OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING.

MR. T.T. SIU, PROJECT ARCHITECT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID PILING WORK FOR THE BUILDING WAS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE THREE-STOUREY STRUCTURE, THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF WHICH WILL BE LINKED TO THE TERMINAL BUILDING.

MR. SIU SAID THE NEW RESTAURANT, MEASURING ABOUT 800 SQUARE METRES, WOULD BE TWICE AS BIG AS THE PRESENT ONE.

IT WILL BE ON THE SECOND FLOOR WHILE THE FIRST FLOOR WOULD HOUSE A SNACK BAR AND OFFICES OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

MR. SIU ADDED THAT WORK ON THE PROJECT WOULD START IN MAY AND WOULD TAKE JUST OVER A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, THE AREAS NOW OCCUPIED BY THE EXISTING RESTAURANT AND SOME OF THE OFFICES OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WOULD BE USED FOR PASSENGER PROCESSING FACILITIES, COUNTERS FOR BAGGAGE RECLAIM AND SHOPS.

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KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY PIER TO CLOSE

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY PIER AND THE EASTERN LANDING OF THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED FROM MONDAY (MARCH 5) FOR RECLAMATION WORKS.

OWNERS, COXSWAINS AND OPERATORS OF SMALL CRAFT ARE URGED TO USE LANDING FACILITIES AT MA TAU KOK PUBLIC PIER, TO KWA WAN, TO PREVENT CONGESTION AT KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, ESPECIALLY ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER.

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SEMINAR ON +POLYMER CHEMISTRY+ FOR CHEMISTRY TEACHERS
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A ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON +POLYMER CHEMISTRY+ WILL BE HELD AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL IN KOWLOON ON SATURDAY FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M.

+THE AIM IS TO INTRODUCE TO CHEMISTRY TEACHERS THE UP-TO-DATE DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF POLYMER CHEMISTRY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

TWO LECTURES WILL BE DELIVERED BY DR. WONG KAM-HAN, LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON +INTRODUCTION TO POLYMERS+ AND +POLYMERISATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF POLYMERS.+

THESE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION PERIOD AND A DISPLAY AND PRACTICAL WORK SESSION ON POLYMER CHEMISTRY.

+OVER 200 TEACHERS OF CHEMISTRY AT F/M4 TO 6 LEVEL ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE OPENED BY MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

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DHA TO VISIT TUNG WAH NURSERY
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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN WILL PAY AN INSPECTION VISIT TO THE TUNG WAH OI MAN DAY NURSERY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE CHILD CARE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS IN THE AREA.

LOCATED AT UNITS 425-434, GROUND FLOOR, PO MAN HOUSE, OI MAN ESTATE, THE NURSERY WAS OPENED IN JANUARY LAST YEAR.

THE OI MAN DAY NURSERY HAS AN AREA OF 4,375 SQUARE FEET, EQUIPPED WITH UP-TO-DATE FACILITIES AND TEACHING MATERIAL GEARED AT DEVELOPING THE CHILDREN PHYSICALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY.

THE NURSERY HAS AN INTAKE OF 140 CHILDREN AGED TWO TO FIVE. IT IS STAFFED BY PROFESSIONALS COMPRISING A SUPERVISOR, 10 CHILD CARE WORKERS AND SIX AMAHS.

THE MONTHLY CHARGE IS \$80 PER CHILD WITH THE DEFICITS SUBVENTED PARTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR. WILLIAM MA, CHAIRMAN OF TUNG WAH AND NINE ASSOCIATES AND MR. ANGUS MIU, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY), MR. WALDEN WILL TOUR THE PREMISES AND SEE SOME TRAINING ACTIVITIES OF THE CHILDREN IN SESSION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, TO THE TUNG WAH OI MAN DAY NURSERY AT 11.30 A.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT PO MAN HOUSE, OI MAN ESTATE, KOWLOON.

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PRIZES PRESENTED TO BOOK REPORT COMPETITION WINNERS
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PRIZES WERE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF A BOOK REPORT COMPETITION TODAY (TUESDAY) BY MR. B.D. WILSON, DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES, AT TSUEN WAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THIS COMPETITION, HELD RECENTLY, WAS THE SECOND ORGANISED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS OLD AS ONE OF MANY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES.

THE AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO READ, NOT ONLY CRITICALLY AND WITH AN OPEN MIND, BUT FOR ENJOYMENT.

MORE THAN 150 ENTRIES, BOTH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WERE RECEIVED FROM 24 SCHOOLS IN TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND SHEUNG SHUI.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR. WILSON SAID ALL THE ENTRIES WERE OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD.

HE CONGRATULATED THE WINNERS AND ALSO REMINDED THOSE WHO DID NOT WIN THAT WINNING IS NOT THE IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE.

HE SAID, +IT'S THE SPIRIT TO PARTICIPATE IN WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES THAT MATTERS, AND I HOPE YOU'LL ALL CONTINUE TO TAKE PART IN THE VARIOUS LIBRARY ACTIVITIES AND USE THE LIBRARY FACILITIES TO THE FULL.+

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE JUNIOR LIBRARY OF THE TSUEN WAN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY.

THE WINNERS ARE:

CHINESE LANGUAGE GROUP

- FIRST: YIP SO-HAN, 13, TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.
SECOND: LAI MAY-LING, 11, CHING YEE PRIMARY SCHOOL (TAI PO).
THIRD: HO HON-MAN, 12, PO LEUNG KUK CENTENARY COLLEGE (TUEN MUN).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE GROUP

- FIRST : CHAN WING-YEE, 14-1/2, TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.
SECOND: LEE WAI-FAN, 14, CHUEN YUEN COLLEGE.
THIRD: AU-YEUNG LAI-LING, 15, TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1979

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY IN ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 P.M. ON THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR DIVERSION OF WATER CONNECTIONS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IN ABERDEEN STRETCHES FROM OLD MAIN STREET TO TIN WAN INCLUDING YUE KWONG ESTATE, SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE, TIN WAN ESTATE, TIN WAN LICENSED AREA, DAIRY FARM TIN WAN AND HING WAI COLD STORAGE.

IN AP LEI CHAU, THE WHOLE ISLAND IS AFFECTED INCLUDING THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC POWER STATION.

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