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SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS BEING IMPLEMENTED

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FOLLOWING EXTENDED EXPERIMENTATION, THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS NOW CARRYING OUT A SERIES OF SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS TO REDUCE FUEL CONSUMPTION.

THE DEPARTMENT STARTED EXPERIMENTAL SCHEMES IN LATE 1980 TO TEST THE FEASIBILITY OF SOLAR POWER AS AN ALTERNATIVE OR SUPPLEMENTARY SOURCE OF ENERGY.

THE SCHEMES WERE TRIED OUT AT THE STANLEY BATHHOUSE AND THE SHEK KONG ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT DEPOT WHERE THEY NOW PROVIDE HOT WATER FOR SHOWERS.

+AT THE STANLEY BATHHOUSE, AN ANALYSIS SHOWED THAT THE SCHEME SAVED 1 646 LITRES OF DIESEL OIL, OR ABOUT \$2 350, FOR THE FOUR-MONTH PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1980 TO MARCH 1981,+ SAID MR MAK WOON-CHUNG, SENIOR BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEER OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW PROJECTS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AT A TOTAL COST OF \$4.8 MILLION FOR A VARIETY OF HEATING PURPOSES IN SHEK PIK MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON, LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN HEI LING CHAU, MORSE PARK, SHEK KONG MILITARY CAMP AND THE TAI NAN STREET BATHHOUSE, AMONG OTHER PLACES.

THE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM EMPLOYED CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF A HEAT-ABSORBING COLLECTOR - A SERIES OF SOLAR PANELS - A CIRCULATING PUMP, A HOT WATER STORAGE TANK, A HEAT EXCHANGER AND PIPING, TOGETHER WITH INSTRUMENTS TO ASSESS THE TEMPERATURE AND WATER FLOW, MR MAK EXPLAINED.

+THE SOLAR PANEL AREAS FOR THESE PROJECTS MEASURE FROM 45 TO 480 SQUARE METRES. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT WITH OPTIMUM PANEL AREAS, THE PAY-BACK PERIODS RANGE FROM SEVEN TO 11 YEARS ON THE BASIS OF RECENT FUEL PRICE TRENDS,+ MR MAK SAID.

+AS THE SYSTEM HAS NO MOVING PARTS OTHER THAN THE CIRCULATION PUMP, MAINTENANCE COSTS ARE MINIMAL,+ MR MAK EXPLAINED.

THE SOLAR PANELS ARE INSTALLED ON THE ROOF AND TILTED AT APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES FACING SOUTH TO CATCH MAXIMUM HEAT FROM THE SUN.

ACCORDING TO MR MAK, HEAT PROVIDED BY THE SYSTEM CAN REACH 50 TO 60 PER CENT OF THE INCIDENT SOLAR RADIATION WHICH IS CONSIDERED BY ENERGY SCIENTISTS AS A HIGH EFFICIENCY RATE.

+WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOLAR SYSTEM WILL BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE FOR INSTITUTIONS LIKE PRISONS, BARRACKS, ABATTOIRS, CLINICS AND HOSPITALS WHERE HOT WATER IS NEEDED ALL YEAR ROUND,+ HE SAID.

THE PROJECT IN SHEK PIK PRISON ON LANTAO ISLAND WITH A PANEL AREA OF 480 SQUARE METRES IS THE GOVERNMENT'S LARGEST SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM WHICH HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED AT A COST OF \$2 MILLION.

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+UNLIKE MOST OTHER PLACES IN HONG KONG WHERE THE SYSTEM IS BEING INTRODUCED, THE PRISON BUILDING HAS A SPACIOUS ROOFTOP WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE SUITABLE FOR THE SOLAR INSTALLATION.

+ALSO, THE PRISON IS FAVOURABLY LOCATED FOR TAPPING SOLAR ENERGY, WITH ITS SOUTH SIDE CLEAR OF ANY TALL BUILDINGS,+ MR MAK SAID.

+THE MAJOR SOLAR PROJECTS INSTALLED SO FAR ARE USED ALONG WITH OIL-FUELED BOILERS.

+ON CLOUDY OR RAINY DAYS WHEN SUNSHINE IS INSUFFICIENT, BOILERS MUST BE USED TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL THERMAL DEMANDS,+ HE SAID.

MR MAK STRESSED THAT SOLAR ENERGY APPLICATION IN HONG KONG IS STILL VERY YOUNG AND IS CURRENTLY USED FOR HEATING PURPOSES ONLY.

+THE APPLICATION OF SOLAR ENERGY FOR AIR-CONDITIONING, INVOLVING COMPLEX AND EXPENSIVE TECHNOLOGY, FOR INSTANCE, WON'T BE PRACTICAL FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

BUT AT LEAST, THE DEPARTMENT HAD NOW ACQUIRED SOME EXPERIENCE, AND IF THE APPLICATION WAS CORRECTLY SELECTED THE ULTIMATE COST SAVING SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLE, MR MAK SAID.

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COMPULSORY INSPECTION OF VEHICLES

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ALL GOODS VEHICLES AND TRAILERS MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1976 WILL HAVE TO UNDERGO EXAMINATION BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT BEFORE THEIR VEHICLE LICENCES CAN BE RENEWED.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE VEHICLES WILL REQUIRE INSPECTION ONLY IF THE NEW LICENCES COMMENCE ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 1984.

VEHICLES AND TRAILERS WHICH HAVE PASSED EXAMINATION AT THE DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE AT CHEUNG YIP STREET,, NGAU TAU KOK, WILL BE ISSUED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS.

THE CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE PRODUCED DURING RELICENSING, BUT ONLY CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE FOUR MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW LICENCE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR EXAMINATION ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL LICENSING OFFICES AND VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES, AND VEHICLE OWNERS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE EARLY APPOINTMENTS TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE WHEN THEIR LICENCES EXPIRE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7597505.

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TUEN MUN CARNIVAL FOR 10 000
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MORE THAN 10 000 PARENTS AND CHILDREN SPENT A HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY AT A CARNIVAL IN TUEN MUN TODAY.

THEY WERE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW, MUSIC PERFORMANCE, DRAMA, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS, AND SINGING AND DANCING AT AN OPEN SPACE IN ON TING ESTATE.

PACKED WITH CHILDREN WERE 23 GAMES STALLS SET UP BY MORE THAN TEN ORGANISATIONS AND TWO SANTA CLAUSES WERE BUSY DISTRIBUTING GIFTS.

THE CARNIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, ON TING-YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE, ICAC (TUEN MUN OFFICE), ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATE OFFICES AND THE TWO ESTATES' 17 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

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ANNEX FOR HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
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THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT LAI CHI KOK ROAD IS TO HAVE AN ANNEX TO PROVIDE MORE TRAINING FACILITIES FOR VARIOUS COURSES.

THE ANNEX WILL BE A FIVE-STOREY BLOCK CONNECTED TO THE EXISTING MAIN BUILDING BY BRIDGES AT EACH LEVEL.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL HAVE SPACE FOR NINE MORE CLASSROOMS, TWO TECHNICAL DRAWING ROOMS AND A LECTURE THEATRE.

OTHER ADDITIONS WILL INCLUDE ELECTRICAL AND WELDING WORKSHOPS, A MECHANICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY, A LANGUAGE LABORATORY AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR HOTEL AND CATERING COURSES.

A SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED AS A WING TO THE NEW ANNEX TO PROVIDE STORAGE SPACE FOR VEHICLES WHICH WILL BE USED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING CALLED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN FEBRUARY AND TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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\$3 000 PRIZE OFFERED FOR BEST STUDENT MURAL
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STUDENTS ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR THE SHEK KIP MEI WALL-MURAL DESIGN COMPETITION BEFORE THE DEADLINE ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 31).

A GRAND PRIZE OF A \$3 000-GIFT COUPON IS OFFERED FOR THE BEST WORK.

A \$1 000 COUPON WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH OF THE FIRST TWO RUNNERS UP.

THE DESIGN ENTRIES SHOULD SERVE TO MANIFEST THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEK KIP MEI AREA FROM ITS POST-WAR YEARS TO THE PRESENT, PREFERABLY WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY INTEGRITY.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, AND THE SHEK KIP MEI AND PAK TIN AREA COMMITTEE.

THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE REPRODUCED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT ON A FLANK WALL MEASURING 2 M BY 6 M AT AN EXHIBITION SITE IN THE LAST PHASE OF THE ESTATE'S REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PAINTED ON CARDBOARDS OF 400 MM BY 1 200 MM, IN POSTER COLOUR OR OIL PASTEL, WITH THE PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS, AND SUBMITTED TO THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

A SELECTION OF HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE OFFICE, WHILE BRIEF HISTORICAL NOTES AND INFORMATION HANDOUTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES TO HELP THE CONTESTANTS.

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

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LIFE-SAVING COURSE OFFERED
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YOUNGSTERS WISHING TO TAKE UP LIFE-SAVING MAY JOIN ONE OF THE TWO TRAINING COURSES AT THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ENTRIES FOR THE TWO FREE TRAINING COURSES ARE BEING INVITED AND ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ORGANISED BY THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, THE COURSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BUBBLE-COVERED AND HEATED MAIN POOL OF THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL.

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THE FIRST COURSE WILL BE HELD EACH MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY BETWEEN JANUARY 4 AND FEBRUARY 8, WHILE THE SECOND COURSE WILL BE HELD EACH TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY BETWEEN FEBRUARY 14 AND MARCH 17.

ALL CLASSES WILL COMMENCE AT 6.30 PM AND LAST FOR TWO HOURS.

INSTRUCTORS FROM THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB WILL BE INVITED TO GIVE LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE COURSE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE COURSE, ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL SIT FOR AN EXAMINATION LEADING TO THE AWARD OF THE BRONZE MEDALLION BY THE ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY, ENABLING THEM TO BECOME QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS.

APPLICANTS FOR THE FREE TRAINING COURSE SHOULD BE AGED 14 OR ABOVE AND CAPABLE OF SWIMMING 50 METRES BY BREAST STROKE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL AND THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF GARAGE NO. 1, TAI YUEN ESTATE, TAI PO.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DUTY OFFICER OF THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL ON TELEPHONE 0-916951.

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KIOSK OPERATORS WANTED

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR OPERATION OF KIOSKS SELLING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, HANDLING OF TENTS HIRE AND THE PROVISION OF CHANGING FACILITIES AT FIVE GAZETTED BEACHES ON OUTLYING ISLANDS.

THE BEACHES ARE THE SILVERMINE BAY BEACH, UPPER CHEUNG SHA BEACH AND PUI O BEACH ON LANTAU ISLAND, KWUN YUM WAN BEACH AT CHEUNG CHAU AND LO SO SHING (WEST) BEACH ON LAMMA ISLAND, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTRACTS FOR THE KIOSK AT SILVERMINE BAY AND KWUN YUM WAN ARE FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND THE HANDLING OF TENTS FOR HIRE TO THE PUBLIC, AND THE THREE CONTRACTS FOR THE KIOSKS AT UPPER CHEUNG SHA BEACH, PUI O BEACH AND LO SO SHING (WEST) BEACH INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF CHANGING FACILITIES.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS FROM APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR. ALL CONTRACTS WILL EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 30, 1986.

TENDER FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ISLANDS URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT ROOMS 2101-2103 OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE, AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, BEFORE JANUARY 20 (FRIDAY).

INTERESTED BIDDERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE ISLANDS URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 5-452442 FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

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NEW HORTICULTURAL COURSE

A NEW HORTICULTURAL CLASS FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT MONTH.

ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE FREE COURSE AND ALL YUEN LONG RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AND FOLLOWS THE ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER CLASS.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM ON TEN CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS, BETWEEN 1.30 PM AND 3 PM STARTING JANUARY 8 (SUNDAY) NEXT YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

LECTURES WILL DEAL MAINLY WITH MIXING OF SOIL, SEED SOWING, GRAFTING, TRANSPLANTING AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PRACTICAL PLANTING, DEMONSTRATIONS AND SLIDE SHOWS.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE YUEN LONG STADIUM OR THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING, MAIN ROAD, YUEN LONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS JANUARY 3 (TUESDAY), THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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BUS-ONLY LANE SUSPENSION

FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 27), THE EXISTING BUS-ONLY LANE ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN TAI CHEONG STREET AND TAI HONG STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK WORK.

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LEAKAGE TESTS

WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON DECEMBER 28 (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE BOUNDED BY GLOUCESTER ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD, CANAL ROAD WEST AND MARSH ROAD, INCLUDING JAFFE ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD.

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