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RESIDENTS ROLE IN PROBLEM-SOLVING STRESSED BY GOVERNOR

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RESIDENTS HAVE A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT THEM DIRECTLY, SUCH AS LACK OF RECREATION SPACE AND CRIME, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS, HE ADDED, PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT ORGANISATION FOR THEIR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT TO BE BROUGHT TO BEAR DIRECTLY ON ITS PROBLEMS BY THEIR OWN ACTION OR INDIRECTLY VIA THE GOVERNMENT.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE HENRY G. LEONG YAUMATI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE OBJECT, HE SAID, HAD BEEN INITIALLY — THROUGH THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND MORE RECENTLY THE OWNER'S INCORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND FINALLY AND MOST IMPORTANT NOW THE DISTRICT BOARDS — TO HELP RESIDENTS TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER AND SO TO HELP EACH OTHER, AND FINALLY PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE BLOCK OR AREA OR DISTRICT.

THE NEW MOVE TO COORDINATE ADMINISTRATION ON A DISTRICT BASIS SHOULD GREATLY HELP THIS PROCESS, HE SAID.

THE YAUMATI COMMUNITY CENTRE IS BEING BUILT WITH A DONATION FROM THE LEONG FAMILY OF \$8 MILLION WHICH WILL MEET TWO-THIRDS OF THE CONSTRUCTION COST. THE BALANCE WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNMENT.

SIR MURRAY THANKED THE LEONG FAMILY FOR THEIR TIMELY AND PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION AND SAID THAT THE CENTRE WOULD MAKE YAUMATI A HAPPIER PLACE IN WHICH PERSONAL CONTACTS, COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION CAN MORE EASILY BE ORGANISED.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH:

MR LEONG, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

+ I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE HONOUR YOU HAVE DONE ME IN ASKING ME TO LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE HENRY G. LEONG YAUMATI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

+ IT IS MOST FITTING THAT THE LEONG FAMILY SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN TO HONOUR THE MEMORY OF MR H.G. LEONG THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS COMMUNITY CENTRE. THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF \$8 MILLION WILL COVER TWO-THIRDS OF THE COST OF THE BUILDING AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE GOOD THE BALANCE. WHEN IT IS COMPLETED IN ABOUT ONE YEAR'S TIME THE BUILDING WILL PROVIDE ROOMS FOR MEETINGS, FOR STUDY AND FOR MANY GROUP ACTIVITIES. THERE WILL BE ACCOMMODATION FOR SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, A SPORTS GROUND, AND AN AIR-CONDITIONED MULTI-PURPOSE HALL WHICH WILL SEAT MORE THAN 800 PEOPLE AND WILL PROVIDE A CENTRAL FOCUS FOR DISTRICT FUNCTIONS. IT WILL MAKE YAUMATI A HAPPIER PLACE IN WHICH PERSONAL CONTACTS, COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION CAN MORE EASILY BE ORGANISED.

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+IN THIS THE LEONG FAMILY WILL BE MAKING A MOST TIMELY AND PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SOLVING IN YAUMATI SOME OF THE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS THAT BESET RESIDENTS OF A CITY AS LARGE AND AS CROWDED AS HONG KONG. THESE INCLUDE NOT ONLY LACK OF SPACE FOR RECREATION AND OF THE FELLOWSHIP THAT GROWS NATURALLY IN A SMALL COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO CRIME AND FEAR OF CRIME THAT GROWS IN A COMMUNITY WHICH LACKS THE RESTRAINTS OF CLOSE KNIT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

+WHILE THESE PROBLEMS OCCUR IN ALL CITIES HONG KONG IS NOTABLE BOTH FOR THEIR SIZE AND FOR THE VIGOUR WITH WHICH THEY ARE ATTACKED. THE GOVERNMENT ACTS ON THEM THROUGH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS THE POLICE, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICES AND OF COURSE THE MANY INVALUABLE ACTIVITIES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL. BUT RESIDENTS THEMSELVES HAVE A MAJOR PART TO PLAY IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT THEM SO DIRECTLY. BUT THEY NEED ORGANISATION FOR THEIR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT TO BE BROUGHT TO BEAR DIRECTLY ON ITS PROBLEMS BY THEIR OWN ACTION OR INDIRECTLY VIA THE GOVERNMENT. HENCE THE KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS, AND MORE RECENTLY THE OWNER'S INCORPORATIONS, THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, THE AREA COMMITTEES AND FINALLY AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL NOW DISTRICT BOARDS. THE OBJECT HAS BEEN INITIALLY TO HELP RESIDENTS TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER AND SO TO HELP EACH OTHER, AND FINALLY TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE BLOCK OR AREA OR DISTRICT. OF COURSE THE NEW MOVE TO COORDINATE ADMINISTRATION ON A DISTRICT BASIS SHOULD GREATLY HELP THIS PROCESS.

+THE PROVISION OF THIS FINE NEW FACILITY AND FOCUS FOR COMMUNITY LIFE AND RECREATION IN YAUMATI WILL GREATLY HELP THESE ESSENTIAL POLICIES. YAUMATI HAS NEVER BEEN LACKING IN COMMUNITY SENSE AND RESPONSIBILITY AND I KNOW THIS NEW BUILDING WILL BE PUT TO MOST EXCELLENT USE. ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF YAUMATI I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE ON RECORD MY GRATITUDE TO THE LEONG FAMILY BOTH FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND THEIR CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE DISTRICT OF YAUMATI.+

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TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIAL SITES TO BE RESUMED FOR BY-PASS PROJECT  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME SEVEN INDUSTRIAL LOTS IN WEST TSUEN WAN FOR THE MAIN BRIDGE WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECOND STAGE OF THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS.

A NOTICE IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SEVEN SITES COVER A TOTAL AREA OF 7 479.5 SQUARE METRES. TWO ARE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF TEXACO ROAD, WHILE THE OTHERS ARE AT CHAI WAN KOK.

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THEY WILL REVERT TO THE CROWN IN A MONTH AND MUST BE CLEARED BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

THE BRIDGE WILL BE TWO KILOMETRES IN LENGTH AND STRETCH ACROSS TSUEN WAN BAY FROM THE STAGE I BY-PASS AT THE SOUTHERN END OF TEXACO ROAD TO CHAI WAN KOK, CONNECTING UP WITH THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY.

WORK ON STAGE II OF THE BY-PASS WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1984. TOGETHER WITH STAGE I IT WILL FORM A MAJOR TRUNK ROAD LINKING KOWLOON TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RESUMPTION WOULD INVOLVE MOSTLY VACANT SITES, ALTHOUGH TWO FOUR-STOREY FACTORY BUILDINGS, TWO TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES AND EIGHT OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING SHOPS, STORES AND WORKSHOPS, WERE ALSO INVOLVED.

GOVERNMENT HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE OWNERS FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF THE LOTS. THE OWNERS ARE ENTITLED TO STATUTORY COMPENSATION, PLUS EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE, OR LETTERS OF EXCHANGE.

OPERATORS IN THE FACTORY BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE RESUMPTION AND ADVISED TO SUBMIT CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE ABOUT 500 WORKERS IN THESE PREMISES AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S TSUEN WAN OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL LOOK INTO THEIR PROBLEMS.

TSUEN WAN BY-PASS IS ONE OF SEVERAL MAJOR TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS NOW TAKING PLACE TO COPE WITH THE EXPANSION OF TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN NEW TOWNS.

PART OF THE STAGE I BY-PASS WAS OPENED LAST MONTH, AND THE REMAINING SECTION WILL BE READY BY MID-JUNE.

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#### PAID MATERNITY LEAVE STARTS IN JUNE

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LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR PAID MATERNITY LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE COMES INTO OPERATION ON JUNE 1. ACCORDING TO A NOTIFICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) ORDINANCE, 1981, ALL WOMEN MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND ALL WOMEN NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING UP TO \$6 000 A MONTH SHOULD BE PAID WHILE ON MATERNITY LEAVE AT THE RATE OF NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR WAGES.

MATERNITY LEAVE PAY IS LIMITED TO THREE SURVIVING CHILDREN AND THE QUALIFYING SERVICE IS 40 WEEKS OF CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT BEFORE THE START OF MATERNITY LEAVE.

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THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD PREPARED A GUIDE TO PROVISIONS OF PAID MATERNITY LEAVE AND FREE COPIES WERE AVAILABLE IN ALL OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

THE GUIDE OUTLINES ALL THE IMPORTANT PROVISIONS, SUCH AS THOSE CONCERNING QUALIFICATION OR ENTITLEMENT TO MATERNITY LEAVE AND MATERNITY LEAVE PAY, LENGTH OF MATERNITY LEAVE, RATE OF MATERNITY LEAVE PAY, PREGNANCY CHECK-UPS, POST CONFINEMENT MEDICAL TREATMENT AND MISCARRIAGES, VERIFICATION OF NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PROHIBITION OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH MATERNITY LEAVE.

ANYONE HAVING ENQUIRIES ABOUT MATERNITY PROTECTION SHOULD CONTACT THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE ON TELEPHONE 5-282523 EXT. 81.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MARCH PUBLISHED  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1981.

THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR MARCH 1981 WERE BOTH 113, EACH BEING ONE POINT OR 0.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE NEW C.P.I.(A) AND NEW C.P.I.(B) ARE BASED ON EXPENDITURE PATTERNS RESPECTIVELY OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE HOUSEHOLDS EXPENDITURE SURVEY OF 1979/80. AT THAT TIME, THE NEW C.P.I.(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE NEW C.P.I.(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1981 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMPONENTS OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE DISTINGUISHED IN THE TWO NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR FEBRUARY 1981.

/NEW C.P.I. (A) .....

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<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>NEW C.P.I.(A)</u>		<u>NEW C.P.I.(B)</u>	
	<u>MAR.81</u>	<u>FEB.81</u>	<u>MAR.81</u>	<u>FEB.81</u>
FOODSTUFFS	115	114	115	114
HOUSING	109	109	109	109
FUEL AND LIGHT	135	130	136	130
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	111	111	110	110
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	111	109	111	109
DURABLE GOODS	105	104	105	104
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	107	107	107	108
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	115	117	116	117
SERVICES	114	115	114	114
ALL ITEMS	113	112	113	112

THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT IN BOTH THE NEW C.P.I.(A) AND NEW C.P.I.(B) INCREASED BY ONE POINT.

THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND RICE, AND OF MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH, LIVE POULTRY, EGGS, SHRIMPS AND PRAWNS DECREASED. THE EFFECTS OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER COST OF FUEL OIL, ELECTRICITY RATES FOR MARCH WERE INCREASED AND CONSEQUENTLY THE INDEX FOR THE FUEL AND LIGHT COMPONENT IN NEW C.P.I.(A) INCREASED BY FIVE POINTS AND THAT IN NEW C.P.I.(B) BY SIX POINTS.

THE INDEX FOR THE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR COMPONENT IN BOTH NEW C.P.I.(A) AND NEW C.P.I.(B) INCREASED BY TWO POINTS AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR OUTERCLOTHING ITEMS AS WELL AS MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FOOTWEAR.

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR THE DURABLE GOODS COMPONENT IN BOTH NEW C.P.I.(A) AND NEW C.P.I.(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICAL CONSUMER GOODS, TELEVISION AND SOUND EQUIPMENT.

LOWER PRICE FOR GENUINE JEWELLERY CAUSED THE INDEX FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS GOODS COMPONENT IN NEW C.P.I.(B) TO DECREASE BY ONE POINT.

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THE INDEX FOR THE TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES COMPONENT IN NEW C.P.I.(A) DECREASED BY TWO POINTS AND THAT IN NEW C.P.I.(B) BY ONE POINT AS CHARGES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE INDEX FOR THE SERVICES COMPONENT IN NEW C.P.I.(A) DECREASED BY ONE POINT AS CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) (JULY 73/JUNE 74 = 100) FOR MARCH 1981 WERE 178 AND 177 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, C.P.I.(A) INCREASED BY TWO POINTS OR 1.1 PER CENT AND C.P.I.(B) BY ONE POINT OR 0.6 PER CENT.

WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1980, BOTH INDEXES INCREASED BY 20 POINTS OR 12.7 PER CENT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR MARCH 1981, NOW ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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#### TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISIT POWER STATION SITE

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THE CHINA LIGHT POWER STATION AT TAP SHEK KOK WILL COST BETWEEN \$16 BILLION AND \$18 BILLION TO DEVELOP, MEMBERS OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WERE TOLD THIS MORNING (FRIDAY).

THE GENERAL PROJECTS SITE MANAGER, MR JACK WOODS, SAID THE POWER STATION WAS BEING DEVELOPED IN TWO STAGES.

THERE WERE FOUR UNITS IN STAGE I, THE FIRST OF WHICH WOULD BE COMMISSIONED NEXT YEAR.

THERE WERE ALSO FOUR UNITS IN STAGE II, WHICH WOULD BE IN FULL OPERATION BY 1990.

THE BOARD MEMBERS SPENT TWO HOURS AT TAP SHEK KOK BEING BRIEFED BY PROJECT STAFF AND TOURING THE SITE.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER TUEN MUN, MR BILLY LAM, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR T.S. NG.

AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD EARLIER, THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY 1 PLACES IN TAI HING ESTATE, WHERE THERE WERE 2 000 PRIMARY 1 CHILDREN AND ONLY 900 PLACES.

/THE BOARD .....

THE BOARD HEARD THAT THERE WERE MORE YOUNG FAMILIES IN TAI HING ESTATE AND THAT THE PROBLEM HAD NOT OCCURRED IN OTHER NEW ESTATES IN TUEN MUN.

MR CHAN YAT-SUN SAID THE SHORTAGE OF PLACES FOR PRIMARY 1 CHILDREN IN TAI HING ESTATE SHOULD BE TAKEN +AS A LESSON+ AND PLANS SHOULD BE CHANGED IN THE FUTURE.

MR TANG CHUN-SING OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THERE WOULD BE NEW SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTED IN TUEN MUN BY 1982/83 AND PRIORITY FOR PLACES WOULD BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN OF THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WOULD BE REPLACED BY NEW, LARGE SCALE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH WOULD BE MORE UP TO STANDARD.

THE BOARD SUGGESTED THAT MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES COULD BE PROVIDED IN EXISTING SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TAI HING ESTATE OR IN OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE TOWN IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM.

THE BOARD ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL FOR A BETTING CENTRE IN TAI HING ESTATE. BOARD MEMBERS SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF A CENTRE IN PRINCIPLE AFTER THE DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT TUEN MUN, MR JIM MCDERMOTT, SAID THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT ILLEGAL GAMBLING IN TUEN MUN.

+THE CHOICE IS BETWEEN A LEGAL BETTING CENTRE AND ILLEGAL CENTRES,+ HE TOLD THE BOARD.

+PERSONALLY, I MUST SUPPORT THE LEGAL FORMS OF THIS.+

HE SAID LAST SUNDAY THERE WAS A VERY BIG GAMBLING CASE IN TAI HING ESTATE IN WHICH AN ILLEGAL BOOKMAKER AVERAGING \$40 - \$50 000 EACH RACE DAY WAS ARRESTED.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS MADE SEVERAL PROPOSALS ABOUT THE CENTRE, INCLUDING PREVENTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM USING THE CENTRE AND DECORATING IT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE IT LESS CONSPICUOUS. IT WAS ALSO PROPOSED THAT PROCEEDS FROM BETTING AT THE CENTRE MIGHT BE USED TO DEVELOP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN TUEN MUN.

ON THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN THE NEW TOWN, MR MCDERMOTT SAID SUCCESSES CONTINUED AND SERIOUS CRIME WAS VERY LOW. HE SAID INSTEAD OF TARGETTING TRIAD MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY, THE POLICE TARGETTED THE TYPE OF OPERATIONS WHICH WOULD MAKE MONEY FOR THE TRIADS, SUCH AS ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND PROTECTION RACKETS.

ON STREET NAMES FOR THE NEW TOWN, MEMBERS AGREED THAT IN FUTURE ALL MAJOR ROADS WOULD HAVE THE PREFIX +TUEN+ AND MINOR STREETS WOULD HAVE THE PREFIX +TSING+.

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STIFFER PENALTIES PROPOSED FOR MARINE POLLUTION

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TOUGHER PENALTIES FOR DUMPING LITTER INTO LOCAL WATERS ARE BEING PROPOSED UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1981, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PENALTIES ARE TO BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT FINE OF \$500 OR THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID EXISTING PROVISIONS HAD PROVED INADEQUATE AS A DETERRENT TO MARINE LITTERING AND IT WAS HOPED THAT THE PROPOSED STIFFER PENALTIES WOULD MORE EFFECTIVELY DETER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM DUMPING LITTER INTO THE SEA.

LAST YEAR, HE SAID, 4 351 TONNES OF REFUSE WERE COLLECTED FROM THE HARBOUR BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SCAVENGING FLEET OF 41 CARGO BOATS AND SAMPANS AT A COST OF \$3.4 MILLION. THIS YEAR THE COST WOULD LIKELY RISE TO ABOUT \$3.7 MILLION, HE ADDED.

UNDER THE BILL, LIABILITY WILL EXTEND NOT ONLY TO THE PERSON WHO ACTUALLY COMMITS THE ACT BUT ALSO TO THE OWNER OR MASTER OF A VESSEL, OR THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER OF PREMISES FROM WHICH SUCH AN OFFENCE WAS COMMITTED.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO EXTEND THE MARINE LITTERING OFFENCE TO INCLUDE WASTE THAT IS DEPOSITED IN ANY PLACE FROM WHICH IT IS LIKELY TO BE SWEEPED BY THE TIDE INTO HONG KONG WATERS.

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WATER LEAKAGE TEST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE LOCATED AT QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, FROM GARDEN ROAD TO POTTINGER STREET, AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, FROM GARDEN ROAD TO ICE HOUSE STREET.

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EARLY MORNING CLOSURE OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD SECTION  
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A SECTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, BETWEEN EMBANKMENT ROAD AND YUEN PO STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON MAY 19 AND 20 TO FACILITATE THE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA SAI YEE STREET AND BOUNDARY STREET, WHILE VEHICLES ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA EMBANKMENT ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET.

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TREATMENT WORKS EXTENSION PLANNED  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS TO INCREASE ITS CAPACITY.

THE WORK WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CLARIFIER, AN EXTENSION FILTER BLOCK AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ON COMPLETION OF THE EXTENSION, THE CAPACITY OF THE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE INCREASED FROM 1.23 MILLION CUBIC METRES TO 1.36 MILLION CUBIC METRES A DAY.

HE ADDED THE NEW WORKS FORMED PART OF A SCHEME TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S AGREEMENT WITH CHINA FOR THE SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL WATER.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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JOINT-VENTURE TENDERS FOR FLATS SOUGHT  
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A RESIDENTIAL SITE FOR JOINT VENTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE 6 436-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS IN NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, KOWLOON.

UNDER THE SALE CONDITIONS, THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER MUST BUILD FOR THE GOVERNMENT, FREE OF CHARGE, 40 RESIDENTIAL FLATS, EACH ABOUT 173 SQUARE METRES IN AREA.

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THE REMAINING FLATS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR DISPOSAL IN THE OPEN MARKET.

CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS WILL BE NOON ON JUNE 26.

TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

TENDER PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THESE PLACES.

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MBE FOR MUSIC INSTRUCTOR  
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AN INSTRUCTOR FOR THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, MR ARRIGO FOA HAS BEEN APPOINTED AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE CIVIL DIVISION OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MBE) BY THE QUEEN.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR FOA CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1952, HAVING TAUGHT AT THE SHANGHAI CONSERVATORY SINCE THE EARLY 1920'S.

MR FOA HAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED HIMSELF IN THE FIELD OF MUSIC IN HONG KONG. HE IS A RESPECTED PERFORMER AND TEACHER AS A VIOLINIST AND IN ENSEMBLE PLAYING.

HE BECAME CONDUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA IN 1952 AND HELD THAT POST UP TO 1968, HELPING THE ORCHESTRA TO GROW FROM A SMALL AMATEUR CHAMBER ORCHESTRA.

MR FOA IS STILL ACTIVE MUSICALLY AS AN INSTRUCTOR FOR THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND IN RECITALS AND RECORDINGS.

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PRIVATE CAR DRIVING TEST FORM REVISED  
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DRIVING TEST EXAMINERS TODAY (FRIDAY) BEGAN USING A NEW FORM TO ASSESS THE ABILITY OF CANDIDATES TAKING THEIR PRIVATE CAR PRACTICAL ROAD TEST.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW TEST FORM HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO STREAMLINE DRIVING TEST PROCEDURES TO SUIT PRESENT-DAY REQUIREMENTS AND ROAD TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

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