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USING RAILWAY TRACKS AS FOOTPATHS IS SHORT CUT TO DEATH
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A SHORT CUT TO DEATH -- THAT IS WHAT PEOPLE ARE RISKING WHEN THEY TRESPASS TO WALK ALONG RAILWAY TRACKS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WARNED TODAY (TUESDAY).

+I CANNOT EMPHASISE TOO STRONGLY THE DANGERS THESE PEOPLE FACE,+ HE SAID. +THE FIGURES FOR ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIAN TRESPASSERS SO FAR THIS YEAR ARE MOST DISTRESSING- THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN MORE THAN 10 IN MONG KOK AND SHA TIN ALONE.+

+WHAT PEOPLE DO NOT REALISE IS THAT THE INJURIES SUSTAINED BY VICTIMS OF THESE ACCIDENTS ARE OFTEN SERIOUS AND SOMETIMES FATAL,+ HE SAID.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH ACCIDENTS OCCUR ARE:

- * WHEN PASSENGERS IGNORE STATION WARNINGS AND ALIGHT FROM ONE TRAIN INTO THE PATH OF ANOTHER, AND
- * WHEN PEDESTRIANS TRESPASS ON RAILWAY PROPERTY BY WALKING ALONG OR ACROSS THE TRACKS.

DESCRIBING THIS AS A TRAGIC AND USELESS WASTE OF LIFE, THE SPOKESMAN URGED PEOPLE NOT TO USE THE TRACKS AS A FOOTPATH BUT TO USE AUTHORISED CROSSINGS.

+IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP A TRAIN OF SEVERAL HUNDRED TONS ON A SIX-PENCE,+ HE ADDED, +AND THE STRAIN UNDER WHICH OUR DRIVERS HAVE TO OPERATE IS TREMENDOUS.+

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE MANAGEMENT WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT DOUBLE TRACKING BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN HAS NOW BECOME OPERATIONAL.

+THIS MEANS,+ HE SAID, +THAT PEOPLE WHO USE RAILWAY TRACKS AS FOOTPATHS WILL RUN A DOUBLE RISK AS TRAINS WILL BE PASSING EACH OTHER AT THE SAME TIME- WE SHALL ALSO SHORTLY BE RUNNING MORE TRAINS BETWEEN THESE STATIONS.+

MORE THAN 60 TRAINS PER DAY RUN OVER THIS SECTION AND THE DANGERS TO THOSE WHO ARE CARELESS ARE CONSIDERABLE.

THE RAILWAY HAS RECENTLY CARRIED OUT A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO WARN THE PUBLIC, AND IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL GO SOME WAY TO MAKING THEM MORE AWARE OF THE DANGERS.

+IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE ALSO PLAN TO ERECT ADDITIONAL WARNING SIGNS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO ATTEND
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MEETING IN MANILA

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, LEAVES HONG KONG TODAY (TUESDAY) TO ATTEND THE 12TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MANILA FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO FRIDAY. MR. HADDON-CAVE IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE MEETING ON THURSDAY.

ALSO IN THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE MR. DOUGLAS BLYE, SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS= MR. COLIN MARTIN, COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND MRS. STELLA HUNG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY (MONETARY AFFAIRS).

MR. HADDON-CAVE IS DUE BACK IN HONG KONG ON FRIDAY. DURING HIS ABSENCE, THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. HENRY CHING, WILL ACT AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

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MARINE COURT REPORT ON
COLLISION BETWEEN HYDROFOIL AND FISHING VESSEL

A MARINE COURT HAS RULED AGAINST THE HYDROFOIL, +FLYING CONDOR+ IN RESPECT OF THE COLLISION BETWEEN IT AND A FISHING VESSEL IN THE CHANNEL BETWEEN LANTAU ISLAND AND CHEUNG CHAU ON APRIL 12, 1978, RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF THE FISHING VESSEL AND THE DEATH OF THE FISHERMAN'S SON.

THE COURT, WHICH SAT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AND COMPRISED JUDGE HOPKINSON, ASSISTED BY CAPTAIN M.D. BURBIDGE AND CAPTAIN P.M. GRAY AS ASSESSORS, HELD THAT THE COLLISION WAS CAUSED BY:

- * THE HIGH SPEED OF THE +FLYING CONDOR+ IN DENSE FOG=
- * HER FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A PROPER LOOK-OUT= AND
- * HER FAILURE TO SIGHT THE FISHING VESSEL AND TAKE THE NECESSARY AVOIDING ACTION.

THE COURT FOUND THE CASUALTY WAS CAUSED BY THE +WRONGFUL ACT OR DEFAULT+ OF THE MASTER OF THE +FLYING CONDOR+ PROCEEDING AT AN UNSAFE SPEED IN THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS, AND IT DECIDED THAT THE MASTER'S CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

IN A REPORT RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY), THE COURT FOUND NO FAULT IN THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION OR EQUIPMENT THAT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OR DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE CASUALTY.

THE COURT MADE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

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COMPASS-STABILISED RADAR

ALL HYDROFOILS SHOULD BE FITTED -- AND RETRO-FITTED WHERE NECESSARY -- WITH COMPASS-STABILISED RADAR.

IN ITS REPORT ON A COLLISION BETWEEN THE +MAN TACK+ FERRY AND THE +FLYING ALBATROSS+ A PREVIOUS MARINE COURT MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION. BUT EFFECT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN TO IT, AND IN THIS CASE THE +FLYING CONDOR+ IS STILL FITTED WITH A NON-STABILISED RADAR, THE COURT POINTED OUT.

SHIP'S RECORDS

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO LAY DOWN MINIMUM LOG AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT (HOVERCRAFT OR HYDROFOILS) OPERATING OUT OF HONG KONG.

THE COURT SAID THE MANNER IN WHICH THE +FLYING CONDOR'S+ RECORDS WERE KEPT WAS +UNSATISFACTORY TO SAY THE LEAST.+ THE PREVIOUS MARINE COURT HAD ALSO COMMENTED ON THE INADEQUACY OF RECORD-KEEPING ABOARD THE HYDROFOIL +FLYING ALBATROSS+ OPERATED BY THE SAME COMPANY, IT WAS POINTED OUT.

+THERE IS NO RECORD AMONGST THE STANDING INSTRUCTIONS OR CIRCULAR NOTICES OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU HYDROFOIL COMPANY, TO SUGGEST THAT ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE COMPANY TO ENSURE AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE POOR STANDARD OF RECORD KEEPING,+ THE COURT SAID.

IN ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE COURT SAID IN THE CASE OF HYDROFOILS, LOG BOOKS KEPT ABOARD SUCH CRAFT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- * RECORDS OF PASSING SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL POSITIONS=
- * TIMES AT WHICH CRAFT BECOME FOILBORNE OR HULLBORNE= AND
- * ALL ALTERATIONS OF ENGINE REVOLUTIONS.

HYDROFOIL OPERATIONS

THE COMPANY SHOULD HAVE REVISED ITS OLD STANDING INSTRUCTIONS, EXPLAINING THAT THE NEW COLLISION AVOIDANCE RULES REQUIRED VESSELS TO PROCEED AT A SAFE SPEED IN RESTRICTED VISIBILITY. THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SHOULD INSTITUTE A SYSTEM OF UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS OF HYDROFOILS TO ENSURE THAT PROPER OPERATING STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED. SUCH INSPECTIONS SHOULD INCLUDE EN-ROUTE CHECKS AND EXAMINATIONS OF HYDROFOIL RECORDS BY QUALIFIED SURVEYORS.

EVIDENCE WAS GIVEN BY ONE HYDROFOIL MASTER THAT HE HABITUALLY PROCEEDED ON FOIL AT ABOUT 30 KNOTS IN RESTRICTED VISIBILITY,

/+THE COURT

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+THE COURT CONDEMNS SUCH PRACTICE WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED UTTERLY RECKLESS AND IRRESPONSIBLE.+

THE COURT ALSO POINTED OUT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE OPERATION OF THE COMPANY'S HYDROFOILS WERE EFFECTIVELY MONITORED.

REFERRING TO THE MASTER WHO GAVE EVIDENCE OF EXCESSIVE SPEED IN RESTRICTED VISIBILITY, THE COURT SAID THAT A SIMPLE SURVEY OF LOG BOOK TIMES IN CONJUNCTION WITH WEATHER REPORTS WOULD HAVE PROVIDED SUFFICIENT INDICATION WHETHER THEIR VESSELS WERE PROCEEDING AT SAFE SPEED IN RESTRICTED VISIBILITY.

TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HYDROFOIL OPERATORS, SHOULD GIVE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FURTHER TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES, WHEREBY HYDROFOILS MIGHT BE ROUTED TO THE SOUTH OF CHEUNG CHAU WHEN CONDITIONS OF POOR OR DETERIORATING VISIBILITY PREVAIL.

COMMUNICATIONS

IN ADDITION TO BEING EQUIPPED TO MONITOR PORT CONTROL FACILITIES AT HONG KONG AND MACAU, DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT, AND POSSIBLY CONVENTIONAL FERRIES, SHOULD BE EQUIPPED SEPARATELY TO MONITOR A SPECIFIED FREQUENCY WHICH WOULD CATER FOR CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS MARINE DISASTER.

REFERRING TO THE CODE OF SAFETY, THE COURT SAID IT HAD REFRAINED FROM MAKING ANY GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

+IN A STATEMENT TO THIS COURT CONCERNING THE CODE OF SAFETY, COUNSEL FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE ADVISED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE ANY FIRM STATEMENT REGARDING THE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE FOR DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT IN HONG KONG OR TO STATE WHETHER THE WHOLE OR ANY PARTS OF THE CODE WOULD BE GIVEN LEGISLATIVE EFFECT,+ THE COURT SAID.

+BUT IN VIEW OF THE SIZEABLE HONG KONG HYDROFOIL FLEET AND THE LARGE NUMBERS OF PASSENGERS CARRIED ANNUALLY, THIS COURT URGES THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE U.K. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE TO ENSURE THE EARLY ADOPTION OF THE SECTIONS (OF THE CODE) RELEVANT TO HONG KONG.+

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TYPHOON PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR PLEASURE CRAFT

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DURING THE TYPHOON SEASON EACH YEAR, A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PLEASURE CRAFT BREAK FREE AND DRIFT FROM THEIR MOORINGS. THEY ARE LIABLE TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO SECURELY MOORED BOATS, BECOME STRANDED OR SINK, OR BECOME SWAMPED BY RAIN WATER.

IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST OWNERS TO SECURE THEIR BOATS PROPERLY AND AVOID ACCIDENTS, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE AND COMMONSENSE PRECAUTIONS:

- * CHECK THE MOORING AND BOAT ON THE APPROACH AND FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF A STORM. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THEN MOOR THE BOAT FOR TYPHOON CONDITIONS WHENEVER IT IS LEFT UNATTENDED DURING THE TYPHOON SEASON.
- * MAKE SURE THE MOORING ROPES OR CHAINS ARE LONG ENOUGH TO ALLOW FOR HIGH WATER SPRINGS AND A STORM SURGE OTHERWISE THE BOAT MAY LIFT ITS MOORINGS FROM THE SEABED.
- * IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT MOORING ROPES BE OF GOOD QUALITY MANILA OR NYLON. REMEMBER THAT SOME TYPES OF SYNTHETIC ROPE DETERIORATE IN SUNLIGHT WITHOUT SHOWING ANY VISIBLE SIGNS.

+IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A SET OF STORM ROPES UNDER COVER BUT READY FOR USE ON THE APPROACH OF BAD WEATHER,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

MOORING ROPES SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY FITTING FLEXIBLE PLASTIC TUBING, LEATHER OR CANVAS TO PREVENT THEM FROM CHAFING, HE SAID.

+IT IS USUALLY ADVISABLE TO USE TWO MOORING ROPES TO EACH MOORING BUOY, ONE FROM PORT AND THE OTHER FROM STARBOARD OR, BETTER STILL, AN ADEQUATE MOORING CHAIN SHACKLED TO THE BUOY MOORING CHAIN. IF SHACKLES ARE USED, THEY SHOULD BE MOUSED TO PREVENT WORKING BACK,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

MOORING ROPES, HE SAID, SHOULD BE SECURED TO AT LEAST TWO POINTS ON THE BOAT TO OBTAIN THE DANGER OF CLEATS AND BOLLARDS BEING TORN FROM THE DECK WHEN A HEAVY STRAIN IS PLACED ON THE MOORING.

SAYING THAT MOORING CHAINS USUALLY WASTE AT THE LINKS IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE BUOY AND ALONG THE LENGTH WHERE THEY REST ON THE SEABED, HE ADVISED OWNERS TO HAVE THEIR MOORING EQUIPMENT INSPECTED BY A COMPETENT SURVEYOR AT INTERVALS OF NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS.

+IF A BOAT IS KEPT AT FORE AND AFT MOORINGS, AS AT ABERDEEN HARBOUR AND CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER, ADEQUATE FENDERS SHOULD BE USED TO PREVENT CONTACT DAMAGE TO ADJACENT BOATS. OLD CAR TYRES, WHICH ARE CHEAP AND NOT EASILY DISPLACED BY GUSTS OF WIND, MAKE VERY GOOD FENDERS,+ HE ALSO SAID.

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WHEN MOTOR BOATS AND RUNABOUTS ARE MOORED CLOSE ENOUGH TO TOUCH ONE ANOTHER DURING WINDY CONDITIONS, HE SAID THEY SHOULD BE DRAWN TOGETHER AND SECURED WITH FORE AND AFT SPRINGS AND BRESTLINES WITH ADEQUATE FENDERING BETWEEN THEM.

ON DANGERS OF SWAMPING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +SUBMERSIBLE TYPE BILGE PUMPS ARE OFTEN FITTED WITH THE DISCHARGE PIPE A FEW INCHES ABOVE THE WATERLINE. THESE PUMPS ARE OF THE CENTRIFUGAL TYPE WITHOUT VALVES. REMEMBER THAT IF THE DISCHARGE PIPE BECOMES IMMERSSED, WATER WILL FLOW INTO THE BOAT THROUGH THE PIPE AND PUMP.

+IT IS ADVISABLE TO FIT AUTOMATIC BILGE PUMPS TO BOATS VULNERABLE TO THE ENTRY OF RAIN WATER. FLOAT SWITCHES ARE REASONABLY PRICED AND CAN BE FITTED TO ELECTRIC BILGE PUMPS.

+JUNKS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE BECAUSE THEIR LARGE DECK COLLECTS WATER WHICH USUALLY FINDS ITS WAY BELOW VIA THE FLUSH ENGINE HATCH. MAKE SURE THE HATCH IS SEALED AND THAT RAIN WATER CAN DRAIN OVERSIDE.+

HE SAID BOATS SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY COVERED TO PREVENT SWAMPING BY RAIN WATER AND TEMPORARY AWNINGS SHOULD BE REMOVED TO REDUCE WINDAGE.

+PERMANENT WOODEN AWNINGS ARE OFTEN VULNERABLE BECAUSE THE WIND CAN GET UNDER THEM AND RIP THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OFF, INCLUDING PARTS OF THE CABIN SUPERSTRUCTURE,+ THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

TO PREVENT THIS, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN:

- * COVERS SHOULD BE SECURED BY MEANS OF OVERALL ROPE LASHINGS, EITHER TO OR UNDER THE HULL, AND
- * HINGED CABIN WINDOWS AND HATCH COVERS, WHICH CAN BE BLOWN OR SUCKED OPEN, SHOULD BE LASHED IF THE SECURING DEVICES ARE AT ALL SUSPECT.

+RUDDERS ARE SUBJECT TO LARGE FORCES WHEN A BOAT IS YAWING TO A SINGLE MOORING. FITTINGS SHOULD BE CHECKED AT REGULAR INTERVALS, PARTICULARLY ON JUNKS FITTED WITH EXTERNAL QUADRANTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALL OPENINGS, HE SAID, SHOULD BE SECURELY CLOSED AND BATTENED DOWN AND THAT LEAKING HATCHES CAN BE SEALED WITH WATERPROOF TAPE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SMALL BOATS AND TENDERS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT HANGING FROM DAVITS AT THE STERN OF LARGER CRAFT — THEY SHOULD BE SECURED TO THE DECK OF THE PARENT CRAFT OR TAKEN ASHORE.

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EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS

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EMPLOYERS WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) ADVISED TO REACH PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES ON THE RULES FOR WORK, AND THE RELEASE FROM WORK, DURING OR ON THE APPROACH OF A TROPICAL STORM.

+THE AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE THE METHOD OF CALCULATING WAGES TO BE PAID UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES,+ A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED MANY ENQUIRIES SEEKING ADVICE ON THE SUBJECT DURING THE TYPHOON SEASON.

+ALTHOUGH THE LAW DOES NOT LAY DOWN ANY PARTICULAR PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IT IS, BASICALLY, A MATTER OF DECISION BETWEEN EACH EMPLOYER AND HIS EMPLOYEE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE'S HOME, AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORT AND OTHER FACTORS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT CONFUSION OR EVEN DISPUTES COULD ARISE IF THERE WAS A LACK OF PRIOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AS TO WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A TYPHOON.

THE IMPORTANT THING TO CONSIDER WOULD BE THE EMPLOYEES' SAFETY BOTH AT THE PLACE OF WORK AND DURING THE JOURNEY TO AND FROM HOME.

+FOR EXAMPLE, FIRMS SHOULD SEND THEIR EMPLOYEES HOME WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NUMBER EIGHT OR HIGHER IS HOISTED, OR WHEN CESSATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IS IMMINENT.+

+OF COURSE, EMPLOYEES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL AND EMERGENCY DUTIES DURING THE TYPHOON WOULD BE EXCEPTIONS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT EMPLOYERS COULD ALWAYS APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE FOR ADVICE ON DRAFTING OR PREPARING AGREEMENTS CONCERNING TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS.

THE SERVICE OPERATES IN SIX OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BRANCH OFFICES:

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KOWLOON EAST

SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
PRINCE EDWARD ROAD,
SAN PO KONG.

TEL.: 3-205638

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SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
PRINCE EDWARD ROAD,
SAN PO KONG. TEL.: 3-201652

KWUN TONG

KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING,
TUNG YAN STREET,
SECOND FLOOR. TEL.: 3-898520

TSUEN WAN

CHARTERED BANK BUILDING,
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TUEN MUN NEW TOWN. TEL.: 12-818443

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SHA TIN INTERCHANGE TAKING SHAPE

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TRAFFIC GOING INTO AND THROUGH SHA TIN WILL BE MUCH IMPROVED THIS SUMMER FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERCHANGE AT TAI WAI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT WORK ON THE INTERCHANGE AND THE ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS, COMPRISING A SECTION OF A TRUNK ROAD FROM LOWER SHING MUN ROAD TO SHING MUN RIVER NEAR TAI WAI AND TWO PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR ROADS, IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION IN AUGUST, THE TRUNK ROAD WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC GOING THROUGH SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHILE THE TWO PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR ROADS WILL LINK UP WITH THE EXISTING ROADS IN THE AREA.

THE INTERCHANGE FORMS PART OF A \$21.4 MILLION CONTRACT FOR LAND FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE IN AREAS NORTH AND EAST OF TAI WAI.

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KINDERGARTEN IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE
-- APPLICATIONS NOW INVITED ANNUALLY
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE OF POPULAR RESPONSE, WILL BE RUNNING THE 13TH SESSION OF THE BI-YEARLY IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS THIS SEPTEMBER INSTEAD OF SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE COURSE WILL IN FUTURE BE RUN ON AN OVERLAPPING BASIS AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE INVITED EVERY YEAR INSTEAD OF EVERY TWO YEARS.

HE SAID APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR THE SEPTEMBER COURSE, AND 50 CANDIDATES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE CANTONESE, AND TUITION WILL BE FREE.

+TEACHERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL BE AWARDED THE STATUS OF QUALIFIED KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARTICIPANTS WILL UNDERTAKE COURSE LECTURES, SCHOOL VISITS, WORKSHOP SESSIONS, TEACHING PRACTICE AND TUTORIALS RUN BY STAFF OF THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

SUBJECTS OF LECTURES WILL INCLUDE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION= THE CHILD AND HIS ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING PERSONAL AWARENESS, HEALTH AND SAFETY, NATURAL EXPERIENCE AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT= CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND PROBLEMS IN LEARNING= KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING THROUGH PLAY.

THE LECTURES WILL BE HELD ONCE OR TWICE EACH WEEK BETWEEN 2.30 P.M. AND 5.30 P.M. AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, THIRD FLOOR, NORTH POINT.

TEACHERS TAKING THE COURSE WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT THROUGH TEACHING PRACTICE, PROJECT WORK AND COURSE STUDIES.

A WRITTEN EXAMINATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE END OF THE COURSE.

EACH CANDIDATE MUST HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST 80 PER CENT OF ALL LECTURES IN EACH COURSE BEFORE HE OR SHE IS ALLOWED TO SIT THE FINAL EXAMINATION.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, OR AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SIXTH FLOOR, NATHAN ROAD.

APPLICANTS MUST BE HOLDERS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT= FULL-TIME PERMITTED TEACHERS IN KINDERGARTENS WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS' SUITABLE TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN REGISTERED SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG= ABLE TO SPEAK CANTONESE FLUENTLY AND BE OF GOOD CHARACTER AND SUITABLE PERSONALITY.

/ALL APPLICATIONS....

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF EVERY TEACHING PERMIT ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN RESPECT OF THE APPLICANT'S EMPLOYMENT IN SCHOOLS.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE'S KINDERGARTEN SECTION NOT LATER THAN MAY 31.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED ON JULY 31.

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SQUATTERS TO GET LEGAL POWER SUPPLY
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A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY SIGNIFYING THE OFFICIAL SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO 29 HOUSEHOLDS IN A KWUN TONG SQUATTER AREA WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MR. LEUNG CHIN-MAN, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KWUN TONG), AND MR. D. CLEGG, AREA MANAGER OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AT THE JUNCTION OF WAN HON STREET AND SHUI NING STREET.

WITH THE HELP OF THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SQUATTERS FORMED A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE LAST DECEMBER AND LATER APPLIED TO CHINA LIGHT FOR POWER SUPPLY.

THE APPLICATION WAS APPROVED AND INSTALLATION WORK WAS COMPLETED BY THE COMPANY LAST (APRIL) MONTH.

APART FROM THE HOUSEHOLDS WHICH COMPRISE 127 PEOPLE, POWER SUPPLY TO 15 OTHER STRUCTURES -- USED EITHER AS STORES OR SMALL WORKSHOPS -- AWAITS APPROVAL BY THE COMPANY.

THE SQUATTER AREA IS THE FIFTH IN KWUN TONG TO RECEIVE LEGAL POWER SUPPLY, AND ELECTRIFICATION SCHEMES FOR SIX MORE AREAS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY SIGNIFYING THE OFFICIAL SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO A SQUATTER AREA AT THE JUNCTION OF WAN HON STREET AND SHUI NING STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE CEREMONY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY MR. LEUNG CHIN-MAN, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KWUN TONG), AND MR. D. CLEGG, AREA MANAGER OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST BETWEEN KAM WAH STREET AND A KUNG NGAM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. ON THURSDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAM KUNG FESTIVAL.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY MORRISON STREET, WING LOK STREET, SOUTHSIDE OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, SUTHERLAND STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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