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MACHINE TO REVOLUTIONISE BEACH CLEANING OPERATIONS

The Urban Services Department is about to embark on an experiment which may revolutionise the traditional method of cleaning beaches in Hong Kong.

The department has placed an order for an American beach cleansing machine which is able to skim off rubbish at the rate of five miles an hour.

At present, refuse such as broken bottles, discarded newspapers, plastic bags, fruit peel and empty beer cans left behind by swimmers on the 37 Urban Council beaches, is removed by U.S.D. labourers.

This method of tidying the beaches is both slow and costly, but the new machine will help reduce the cost and increase the speed.

As a tractor pulls it along the beach, sand and refuse will be scooped up. A special vibrating screen will then collect the rubbish and return the sand to the beach.

The refuse collected can then be deposited into a waiting rubbish collection van.

Such modern beach-cleansing machines are now a familiar sight on many American and European beaches. With their aid, it is hoped that beach cleaning operations will become more effective.

At present 110 labourers are employed on beach cleaning duties.

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FIRST MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTING URBAN COUNCIL WHITE PAPER

The first meeting has been held between members of the Urban Council's Finance and General Purposes Select Committee and members of the Colonial Secretariat responsible for implementing the proposals made in the White Paper on the Urban Council.

The Secretary, Urban Council, Mr. J.A.M. Tinson, said that it had been called mainly to bring members of the Council up-to-date on progress made in drafting amendments to legislation to bring the terms of the White Paper into force. This had now reached an advanced stage.

Other aspects discussed were the future financing of the Urban Council, including the Council's Public Works Programme and the constitution of the new Council which will be set up on April 1, 1973.

Mr. Tinson, said it was a most useful first meeting which cleared the air on many matters in doubt. Additional meetings are to be held to consider the various matters raised in detail.

The meeting was held yesterday afternoon.

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RESULTS OF 53RD GOVERNMENT LOTTERY

The first prize of \$460,800 for the 53rd Government Lottery was won by ticket No. 685960.

This and other winning numbers were drawn this morning at the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club by four Commercial Radio personalities -- Miss Yan Wai-ye, Miss Leung Siu-yung, Miss Cheng Kit-man and Mr. Fung Chin-ping.

The five second prizes of \$30,720 each went to ticket Nos. 43254, 195848, 574200, 620338, 629950.

The three-digit number drawn for the special prize was 223. Holders of 768 tickets ending with this number won \$100 each.

Winning numbers for the 50 third prizes of \$4,608 each are as follows:

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| 8399 | 10608 | 16875 | 40338 | 44839 | 50584 | 50916 | 69082 |
| 78377 | 81192 | 94322 | 157741 | 164854 | 194655 | 194927 | |
| 220744 | 240417 | 263943 | 280320 | 308587 | 340916 | 351986 | |
| 399572 | 403968 | 406131 | 409885 | 413007 | 463055 | 472346 | |
| 482310 | 484802 | 504802 | 509085 | 510960 | 525298 | 539766 | |
| 540139 | 544830 | 561826 | 584620 | 591485 | 596745 | 610084 | |
| 616545 | 632354 | 704007 | 706419 | 722252 | 734208 | 764682 | |

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EXPANSION OF LOK MA CHAU PARKING FACILITIES PLANNED

Plans are in hand for providing additional car parking facilities at the popular tourist lookout point at Lok Ma Chau in the New Territories.

In recent years, due to its unique position overlooking the picturesque western border area, Lok Ma Chau has been attracting greater numbers of visitors each year, both locally and overseas. Practically every bus tour visiting the New Territories includes a stop at this spot.

Recent traffic counts have shown that as many as 26 tourist coaches and 18 cars visit the area in one hour, but the existing parking facilities can accommodate up to 10 coaches at a time. Because of this traffic congestion during peak hours is inevitable.

A suitable site to the north of the present parking area has been selected and the planning of the project is expected to start within this financial year.

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SCULPTURE BY YOUNG ARTISTS ON DISPLAY

About 50 pieces of original sculpture by young artists, group-conceived and presented together under the title "Young People's World," will go on display in the main concourse of the Ocean Terminal for two days from tomorrow (August 27).

The project is one of the last in the 1972 summer programme organised by the Group and Community Work Division of the Social Welfare Department.

It was inspired by a similar competition mounted during the Festival of Hong Kong in December, and which was favourably received by the public.

Before the exhibition opens at 11.30 a.m., a panel of judges headed by Mr. Grahame Blundell, Chief Information Officer, Information Services Department, will carefully inspect all the entries to select the most outstanding for special prizes. Mr. Blundell will be assisted by Miss Ko Siu-wah, General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., and Mr. Cheung Yee, an artist.

They will reach their conclusions by seeing to what extent participating teams of young sculptors have adhered to the theme -- youth in a changing society.

Before the prizes are presented, representatives of 1,500 young people who have assisted the Social Welfare Department in the last two months as volunteer workers for the summer programme, will be awarded certificates. These certificates symbolise both the department's and the community's appreciation for their help.

Officiating at the ceremony will be Mr. P.B. Williams, Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary (Social Services), and Mrs. Williams, and Mr. T.S. Heppell, Acting Deputy Director of Social Welfare, and Mrs. Heppell.

Note to editors: You are invited to have the adjudication and the opening and presentation ceremonies covered. The events begin at 11.30 a.m., but the judging will be held one hour earlier.

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TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED

The Transport Department will be introducing a series of new traffic arrangement on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon to improve traffic circulation.

With effect from 10 a.m. tomorrow (August 27) the left hand turn from Lower Pokfulam Road into Bonham Road will be prohibited, and motorists wishing to enter Bonham Road are advised to use Western Street.

Beginning on Wednesday (August 30) at 10 a.m., the un-named road between Cheung Sha Wan Road and Lai Chi Kok Road adjacent to house No. 888 Cheung Sha Wan Road will be re-routed one-way northbound.

Two flyovers will be opened at the junction of Cotton Tree Drive, Kennedy Road and Upper Albert Road on the Island, and this has led to a series of traffic arrangements which will come into force from 10 a.m. next Friday (September 1).

The flyover connecting Kennedy Road and Upper Albert Road will be opened to two-way traffic. The flyover connecting Cotton Tree Drive and Upper Albert Road will be open to one-way uphill traffic.

The slip road adjacent to the Helena May Institute will be open to one-way downhill traffic. The existing entrance to the Kennedy Road carpark at Garden Road will be converted to an exit, and the existing exit in Kennedy Road will become the entrance.

At the same time, traffic on Bowen Road between Magazine Gap Road and Borrett Road will be re-routed from two-way traffic to one-way eastbound.

Appropriate traffic signs will be placed at the various locations to guide motorists.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS

For Week Ended On August 12

Statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department for the week ended on August 12, 1972 are as follows:-

* Notifications of infectious cases (previous week's figures in brackets) -- total 139 (190); bacillary dysentery -- 7 (7); chickenpox -- 2 (nil); tuberculosis -- 117 (174); enteric fever (typhoid) -- 10 (5); leprosy -- 1 (nil); measles -- nil (3); and ophthalmia neonatorum -- 2 (nil).

* Births -- total registered 1,313; 334 on Hong Kong Island, 801 in Kowloon, and 178 in the New Territories.

* Deaths -- 476 from all causes; 141 on the Island, 325 in Kowloon and 10 in the New Territories.

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REST AREA FOR SHAU KEI WAN RESIDENTS

The open space at the junction of Chai Wan Road and Shaukiwan Road will be turned into a rest area.

The ground measures about 3,000 square feet. Part of it will be paved in concrete and the rest will be turfed and planted with shrubs and flowers.

A number of low concrete benches will be placed around the flower beds.

Work is expected to begin in October and should take about six weeks to complete.

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