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THREE NEW HELICOPTERS FOR RHKAAF

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE TOOK DELIVERY OF THREE TWIN-ENGINED HELICOPTERS FROM FRANCE LAST WEEK.

THE THREE DAUPHINS 365C, COSTING ABOUT $27 MILLION, WERE ORDERED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR TO REPLACE ITS TWO SINGLE-ENGINED ALOUETTES.

ACCORDING TO WING COMMANDER R.G. PENLINGTON, COMMANDING OFFICER RHKAAF, THE 15-YEAR-OLD ALOUETTE HELICOPTERS ARE NO LONGER CAPABLE OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RHKAAF WHICH, IN RECENT YEARS, HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN TERMS OF SIZE AND ITS MANY-FACETED ROLES UNDERTAKEN.

+BESIDES PROVIDING THE QUICKEST AND MOST RESPONSIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORT FOR VARIOUS EMERGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ROUND-THE-CLOCK, THE DEMAND FOR SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS FOR ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS HAS DRASTICALLY INCREASED THE HELICOPTERS' UTILISATION,+ HE SAID.

+THERE WAS, THEREFORE, AN URGENT NEED TO ADVANCE THE ALOUETTE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME WITH A MODERN TYPE OF AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD PRODUCE THE FACILITIES AND PERFORMANCES CAPABLE OF KEEPING PACE WITH THE RHKAAF'S EXPANDING WORKLOAD NOWADAYS,+ WING COMMANDER PENLINGTON SAID.

BEING ONE OF THE LATEST AIRCRAFT TO ENTER THE MARKET IN RECENT YEARS, THE DAUPHIN IS MORE VERSATILE AND BETTER SUITED TO THE PRESENT REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF SEATING CAPACITY, LOAD-LADING, SPEED, RANGE AND SAFETY.

FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED, THE STREAMLINED DAUPHIN IS EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST AVIONIC (RADIO) AND AUTO-PILOT DEVICES.

IT HAS A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 170 KNOTS COMPARED WITH THE ALOUETTE'S 113 KNOTS.

THE ADVANTAGE OF THE DAUPHIN, SAID MR PENLINGTON, IS THAT IT CAN CARRY 14 PEOPLE OR 1 400 KILOGRAMS FREIGHT, OR BE EASILY MODIFIED TO HOLD FOUR STRETCHERS, WHICH IS TWICE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND STRETCHERS THAN THE ALOUETTE CAN HOLD.

THE DAUPHIN'S LOADING CAPACITY OF 3 400 KILOGRAMS IS 1 100 KILOGRAMS MORE AND ITS RANGE OF 420 KILOMETRES, NEARLY DOUBLES THAT OF THE ALOUETTE.

TO CARRY OUT ADVANCED TRAINING IN FLYING AND SERVICING OF THE NEW AIRCRAFT, THE RHKAAF SENT 21 AIRCREW AND TECHNICIANS TO FRANCE FOR FOUR WEEKS TRAINING PRIOR TO DELIVERY.

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CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX FOR TUEN MUN

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TUEN MUN WILL HAVE ITS OWN CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX BY THE MID-1980'S.

THE COMPLEX, WHICH IS TO BE BUILT IN THREE PHASES, WILL BE SITUATED ON A 4.5 HECTARE SITE NEAR THE NEW TOWN'S COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

THE CIVIC AREA WILL CONSIST OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, A BUS STATION, A LIBRARY AND A MAGISTRACY.

CULTURAL FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM WITH SEATING FOR 1 500 (TO BE BUILT IN PHASE 1), AN EXHIBITION AREA, LECTURE AND MUSIC PRACTICE ROOMS AND A RESTAURANT.

DESIGN OF THE AUDITORIUM WILL BE ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THE CITY HALL. HOWEVER, SOME MINOR VARIATIONS IN FINISHINGS AND COLOUR SCHEME WILL BE INTRODUCED TO ENABLE THE AUDITORIUM TO HAVE ITS OWN DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY. THIS PHASE WILL COST $60 MILLION.

PHASE II OF THE PROJECT COSTING $104.06 MILLION INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF THE CIVIC AREA, LESS THE MAGISTRACY WHICH WILL BE BUILT IN PHASE III.

WORK ON PHASES I AND II IS EXPECTED TO START IN 1982/83 AND BE COMPLETED BY 1985/86.

WORK ON THE MAGISTRACY IS TO START ABOUT SEPTEMBER, 1983, AND BE COMPLETED BY 1986/87. THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THIS PHASE WILL BE SUBJECT TO DESIGN BEING FINALISED.

A PLAN OF THE COMPLEX HAS BEEN SHOWN TO TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR COMMENTS BY THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR FRANCIS LAW, AND A SENIOR ARCHITECT IN THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR C.Y. KAN.

A FINAL DECISION ON THE PLAN WILL BE MADE WHEN ALL THE VIEWS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED.

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JOB-SEEKERS BEWARE OF OVERCHARGES BY AGENCIES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) WARNED JOB-SEEKERS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING CHEATED OF REGISTRATION FEES AND AMOUNT OF COMMISSION PAYABLE TO FEE-CHARGING EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES.

A SPOKESMAN FROM THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT SAID CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN BY JOB-SEEKERS, ESPECIALLY AROUND THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN MANY SCHOOL LEAVERS ARE ONLY TOO EAGER TO SECURE JOBS.

BY LAW, THE MAXIMUM REGISTRATION FEE CHARGEABLE TO A JOB-SEEKER IS $3, AND THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMMISSION IS TEN PER CENT OF THE FIRST MONTH'S SALARY.

/FREE-CHARGING .....

FEE-CHARGING AGENCIES MUST BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, BUT AGENCIES, WHICH ARE NON-PROFIT MAKING, MAY BE EXEMPTED PROVIDED THEY ONLY ARRANGE EMPLOYMENT FOR PERSONS WITHIN HONG KONG.

FROM JULY, ALL EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES DEALING SOLELY WITH HIRING DOMESTIC HELP ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

AT THE END OF JUNE, THERE WERE 70 LICENSED EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES IN HONG KONG, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 13 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 62 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THEY COMPRISED 57 AGENCIES DEALING WITH LOCAL EMPLOYMENT, 10 DEALING WITH OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT AND THREE HOLDING CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTION.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN TAI HANG ROAD

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TAI HANG ROAD, BETWEEN THE ROUNDABOUT AT STUBBS ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH BLUE POOL ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 0.30 AM AND 5.30 AM ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 19 AND 20) TO FACILITATE THE ERECTION OF TEMPORARY STEEL BEAMS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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HAWKERS PROHIBITED AREA IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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HAWKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO PLY THEIR TRADES IN FOUR MAIN STREETS IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS HAWKER PROHIBITED AREAS.

THE STREETS ARE DAI KWAI STREET, DAI FU STREET, DAI SHUN STREET AND DAI LI STREET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE STREETS HAVE BEEN GAZETTED AS RESTRICTION OF HAWKING IN SPECIAL AREAS.

+NO HAWKING+ SIGN BOARDS INDICATING THE PROHIBITION OF ILLEGAL HAWKING HAVE BEEN ERECTED IN THE STREETS TO GUIDE THE HAWKERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST OFFENDING HAWKERS, HE SAID.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN MAGAZINE GAP ROAD

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THE ELEVATED ROAD LINKING MAGAZINE GAP ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 20) BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 3.15 PM TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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