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STAMPS FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR
TO MARK +YEAR OF THE RABBIT+
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TWO SPECIAL STAMPS TO MARK THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT WILL BE PLACED ON SALE, AT ALL POST OFFICES ON FEBRUARY 5, 1975.

THE TWO STAMPS, OF 10 CENTS AND \$1.30 DENOMINATIONS, WILL BE THE NINTH IN THE SERIES OF LUNAR NEW YEAR STAMPS.

THE 10-CENT STAMP DEPICTS A RABBIT IN SILVER AGAINST A RED BACKGROUND AND THE \$1.30-STAMP DEPICTS TWO GOLDEN RABBITS AGAINST A GREEN BACKGROUND. BOTH STAMPS ARE IN HORIZONTAL FORMAT.

TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION, SPECIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 20 CENTS EACH WILL ALSO BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM JANUARY 22.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO OBTAIN THEIR FIRST DAY COVERS EARLY IN ORDER TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING OF THE COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, PEDDER STREET= KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, NATHAN ROAD= AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, SALISBURY ROAD.

THE COVERS MUST BE FULLY ADDRESSED AND HANDED IN WITH AN ORDER FORM TOGETHER WITH A REMITTANCE TO COVER THE COST. THE CHARGE FOR EACH WILL BE \$1.50 WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF THE TWO STAMPS AND A 10 CENTS SERVICE FEE. NOT LESS THAN TEN COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH EACH ORDER.

ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ABOVE THREE POST OFFICES ON JANUARY 22. ADVANCE ORDERS OF SERVICED COVERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12 NOON ON FEBRUARY 3.

THOSE ORDERING SERVICED COVERS ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL DESTINATION WILL BE ABLE TO COLLECT THEM ON FEBRUARY 5 FROM THE OFFICE WHERE THE ORDER WAS PLACED.

COVERS ADDRESSED OVERSEAS WILL BE SENT FORWARD BY ORDINARY POST, SURFACE MAIL, UNLESS SUFFICIENT STAMPS ARE AFFIXED TO COVER AIRMAIL OR REGISTRATION CHARGES.

A SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON FEBRUARY 5 AT ALL POST OFFICES WHEREBY FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATE STAMP, WITHOUT THE TIME TYPE, AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM.

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FOR THIS SERVICE, THE ARTICLES

- * MUST BEAR AN INDICATION THAT THEY ARE 'FIRST DAY COVERS' =
- * MUST BE ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL DESTINATION =
- * MUST NOT BEAR ANY OTHER CANCELLATION =
- * MUST NOT BE REGISTERED ITEMS.

SPECIAL POSTING BOXES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON FEBRUARY 5 AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR FIRST DAY COVERS CAREFULLY HAND-POSTMARKED BEFORE DESPATCH TO THE ADDRESS ON THE COVERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE TWO SPECIAL LUNAR NEW YEAR STAMPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM.

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INDOOR DRIVING TRAINING COURSES

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS NOW ENROLLING CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT TWO SERIES OF INDOOR DRIVING TRAINING COURSES DUE TO START AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND SOMETIME AFTER MID-FEBRUARY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY PEOPLE WISHING TO APPLY MUST ALREADY HAVE PASSED THE PART A WRITTEN TEST FOR PRIVATE CARS.

THEY MAY APPLY AT THE LICENSING OFFICE AT PUI CHING ROAD, KOWLOON, BRINGING ALONG THEIR PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE, HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD AND TWO COPIES OF THEIR RECENT PHOTOGRAPH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEXT TWO SERIES WOULD BEGIN ON JANUARY 30 AND FEBRUARY 20 RESPECTIVELY. CLASSES, EACH COMPRISING 15 ONE-HOUR LESSONS, ARE HELD BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 11 P.M. EACH DAY. THE FEE IS \$200.

HE SAID THAT AT THE END OF THE COURSE, CANDIDATES WOULD SIT FOR A SIMULATOR TEST. THOSE WHO PASS THE TEST WILL BE PLACED ON A SEPERATE WAITING LIST FOR THE COMBINED ROAD TEST, HE ADDED.

+THIS MEANS THAT ONCE TMEY HAVE FINISHED WITH THEIR OWN ON-ROAD DRIVING LESSONS, THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE COMBINED ROAD TEST AT A GIVEN DATE EARLIER THAN THE NORMAL WAITING PERIOD FOR SUCH TESTS,+ HE SAID.

OPENED IN JUNE LAST YEAR, THE INDOOR DRIVING INSTRUCTION CENTRE AT PUI CHING ROAD, HAS TRAINED MORE THAN 1,750 CANDIDATES IN FUNDAMENTAL DRIVING TECHNIQUES BEFORE THEY START UNDERGOING THEIR OWN DRIVING LESSONS ON THE ROAD.

THE CENTRE, EQUIPPED WITH 16 DRIVING SIMULATORS, FILMS AND A COMPUTER-CONTROLLED PANEL, TEACHES CANDIDATES THE USE OF VARIOUS CONTROLS, RECOGNITION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND NORMAL REACTIONS TO DIFFERENT TRAFFIC SITUATION.

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FIRST PHASE OF LEK YUEN ESTATE NEARING COMPLETION
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THE FIRST TWO BLOCKS OF THE LEK YUEN ESTATE, -- ONE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S TEN ESTATES TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN UNDER THE TEN-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME -- WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

THESE BLOCKS WILL OFFER SOME 1,150 SELF-CONTAINED UNITS FOR 7,400 PEOPLE.

MEANWHILE, THE APPLICATIONS SECTION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS SCREENING THE WAITING LIST FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR INTAKE IN APRIL.

LEK YUEN ESTATE, WHICH IS WITHIN A STONE'S THROW OF THE SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION AND NOT FAR AWAY FROM THE SHA TIN END OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF 23,000 WHEN FULLY COMPLETED IN EARLY 1976.

RENTS FOR THE ESTATE WILL BE CHARGED AT 63 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT -- ABOUT HALF OF THAT CHARGED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE MONTHLY RENTAL FOR A FIVE-PERSON FLAT OF 255 SQUARE FEET WILL BE \$160, A SEVEN-PERSON FLAT OF 323 SQUARE FEET \$200 AND A NINE-TO-TWELVE-PERSON FLAT OF 403 SQUARE FEET \$250.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE LEK YUEN ESTATE ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM.

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RAPID INDUSTRIALISATION AND CHANGE IN SOCIAL MENTALITY HAVE LED TO THE GRADUAL DISAPPEARANCE OF THE LARGE FAMILY SYSTEM IN HONG KONG.

THIS, COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT MODERN SCIENCE, MEDICAL ADVANCES AND BETTER EDUCATION HAVE RESULTED IN THE SPAN OF HUMAN LIFE BEING PROLONGED, HAS LED TO ANOTHER PROBLEM ARISING, THAT OF AGED PEOPLE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR. THOMAS LEE WAS SPEAKING WHEN HE OPENED THE NEW YUEN YUEN HOME FOR THE AGED IN TSUEN WAN. AT THE CEREMONY THE FIRST-TERM BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOME ALSO FORMALLY TOOK OFFICE.

MR. LEE SAID THE PROBLEM OF THE AGED WAS CAUSING THE PUBLIC GREATER CONCERN AND WAYS HAD TO BE FOUND TO SOLVE IT.

THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME AND OTHER SERVICES OF SIMILAR NATURE AIMED TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND INFIRM WHO HAD LOST THEIR POWER OF INDEPENDENCE, TO ENABLE THEM TO LIVE THEIR LAST YEARS IN PEACE.

BUT, HE POINTED OUT, THERE WERE STILL MANY ELDERLY MEN AND WOMEN WHO, BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH, ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM AND OTHER REASONS, WERE STILL WAITING TO BE CARED FOR.

THIS NEW HOME, MR. LEE SAID, WAS THEREFORE A PROMISE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE AND IT WOULD BE MAKING A PRAISEWORTHY CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY IN LINE WITH THE WELFARE POLICY PLANNED FOR HONG KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. LEE'S SPEECH ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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