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CANADIAN YOUTH TEAM VISITS HONG KONG

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FIVE YOUNG CANADIANS WHO ARE WINNERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARD ARE AT PRESENT IN HONG KONG VISITING VARIOUS OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE VICTORIA COOL-AID TEAM WHICH WON THE AWARD IN 1974. THE AWARD TAKES THE FORM OF A TEAM VISIT TO ANOTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY FOR MEMBERS TO STUDY COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS.

THE GROUP ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY BACK TO CANADA AFTER A TOUR OF AUSTRALIA SPONSORED BY THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THEY SPENT YESTERDAY VISITING THE WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE RUN BY THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

TODAY, THEY VISITED OFFICES OF THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE. THEY ALSO TOURED THE YOUTH CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS.

TOMORROW, THEY WILL VISIT THE OFFICE OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME AND TOUR THE HO MAN TIN DISTRICT AND THE OI MAN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE. LATER, THEY WILL VISIT THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION.

THE TEAM WILL ROUND OFF THEIR VISIT TO HONG KONG ON WEDNESDAY WITH A TOUR TO THE SHAM SHUI PO YOUTH CENTRE AND THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, BOTH RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARD IS GIVEN TO A YOUTH PROJECT THAT HAS MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

VICTORIA COOL-AID WAS FORMED IN 1968 AND ITS FIRST PROJECT WAS TO ORGANISE A YOUTH HOSTEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO TAKE TO THE ROADS IN THE SUMMER+. IT HAS SINCE GROWN INTO A YOUTH-RUN, YOUTH-ORIENTED MULTI-PURPOSE HELPING ORGANISATION.

THE PROJECT IS RUN BY VOLUNTEERS AND PAID STAFF WITH AN AVERAGE AGE OF 23. IT NOW PROVIDES A RANGE OF URBAN SERVICES, INCLUDING A COUNTRY FARM WHICH SUPPORTS THE URBAN ACTIVITIES OF COOL-AID, A HOME FOR HOMELESS TEENAGERS, A DAY-CARE CENTRE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, A THEATRE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, A DENTAL AND MEDICAL CLINIC, A 24-HOUR COUNSELLING SERVICE, AND AN INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE.

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BOYS' HOME INMATES TO SERVE COMMUNITY

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VILLAGERS OF FU KWAI HA CHUEN, A TINY VILLAGE BETWEEN SHEK O AND STANLEY, WILL SOON HAVE THEIR OWN STORAGE RESERVOIR TOGETHER WITH A FILTER BED.

THE CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY INMATES OF THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME AND A GROUP OF VOLUNTEER YOUTH WORKERS.

THE PROJECT, INITIATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (SOUTHERN), IS AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INMATES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

AS A GESTURE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE COMMUNITY, A BARBECUE PICNIC WILL BE ORGANISED AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE COST OF BOTH THE CONSTRUCTION WORK AND THE BARBECUE PICNIC WILL BE BORNE BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG (SOUTH).

THE SITE HAS BEEN CLEARED AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE FILTER BED WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY (MARCH 20).

WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RESERVOIR IS SCHEDULED TO START ON SUNDAY (MARCH 21). ON THAT DAY THE ROTARIANS WILL VISIT THE SITE TO BOOST THE SPIRIT OF THE INMATES AND THE VOLUNTEER WORKERS.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HUNG HOM WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. THIS THURSDAY (MARCH 18) WHEN THE WATERWORKS OFFICE WILL CARRY OUT LEAKAGE TESTS IN THE AREA.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY LOK SHAN ROAD, TO KWA WAN ROAD, MA HANG CHUNG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD, TAM KUNG ROAD, SAN SHAN ROAD AND PAU CHUNG STREET.

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PARKING STANDARD IN DENSITY ZONE II AREAS

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THE BASIS ON WHICH DEVELOPERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PARKING SPACES IN CERTAIN AREAS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY THAT FROM NOW ON THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES THE DEVELOPERS WAS OBLIGED TO PROVIDE UNDER THE LEASE OF CERTAIN LOTS WOULD BE BASED ON A RATIO OF ONE TO ONE-AND-A-HALF SPACE PER FLAT, OR PER 1,200 SQ.FT. OF GROSS FLOOR AREA, WHICHEVER WAS LESS.

THE NEW RATIO, SET BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, APPLIES TO AREAS DESIGNATED AS DENSITY ZONE II AREAS, WHICH INCLUDE SUBURBAN AREAS COMPRISING THE MID-LEVELS ON THE ISLAND, AND AREAS ALONG PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, BOUNDARY STREET, AND BROADCAST DRIVE IN KOWLOON.

PREVIOUSLY, THE PARKING REQUIREMENT RATIO FOR THESE AREAS WAS ONE-AND-A-HALF SPACE PER FLAT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PARKING REQUIREMENT WAS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS STIPULATED IN THE LEASE OF CROWN LAND SOLD IN DENSITY ZONE II AREAS.

+SITES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOLD WITH GREATER PARKING REQUIREMENTS,+ HE SAID, +MAY BE MODIFIED TO THE PRESENT STANDARD SUBJECT TO SUCH TERMS AS MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF A PREMIUM.+

MAPS OUTLINING THE DENSITY ZONE II AREAS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 18TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, HONG KONG, AND ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NATHAN ROAD.

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FACTORY OWNERS URGED TO GUARD DANGEROUS MACHINES
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PROPRIETORS OF FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO ENSURE THAT ALL DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS ARE SECURELY FENCED, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE STRESSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS DETERMINED TO SEE THAT THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS CONTAINED IN THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS WERE COMPLIED WITH.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH THE PROPRIETOR OF A METAL WORKS IN SAN PO KONG WAS SENTENCED TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 PRESCRIBED BY THE REGULATIONS.

IN THE CASE WHICH WAS HEARD IN THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, THE MAGISTRATE, MR. R.S. SANDERS, WAS TOLD THAT THE PROPRIETOR OF THE METAL WORKS - THE WING TAT METAL WORKS - FAILED TO SECURELY FENCE TOOL-AND-DIE PARTS OF 14 POWER PRESSES AND THREE HYDRAULIC PRESSES IN HIS FACTORY.

THE OFFENCE WAS DISCOVERED DURING AN INSPECTION OF THE FACTORY BY AN OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE.

THE FACTORY HAD HAD TWO SIMILAR CONVICTIONS AND 22 ACCIDENTS RELATING TO POWER PRESSES SINCE 1972, THE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, COMMENTING, SAID: +FOR SOME TIME NOW I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON NEW AND MORE PRECISE REGULATIONS FOR THE GUARDING OF DANGEROUS MACHINERY AND I AM THIS WEEK STARTING MY USUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS.+

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COMPENSATION TERMS SPELLED OUT TO SHOPKEEPERS

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THE OPERATORS OF BUSINESS PREMISES IN SHA TIN MARKET DUE TO BE CLEARED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS TO MAKE WAY FOR THE WIDENING OF TAI PO ROAD, HAVE BEEN GIVEN DETAILS OF THE EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION WHICH THEY ARE TO RECEIVE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SHA TIN, MR. MICHAEL SUEN, IN LETTERS SENT TO ALL OPERATORS, HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE AMOUNT WILL BE BASED ON THE AREA THE BUSINESSES OCCUPIED AT THE TIME OF A SURVEY CARRIED OUT LAST YEAR.

IT IS CALCULATED AT THE RATE OF \$120 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR THE FIRST 50 SQ. FT. AND \$30 PER SQUARE FOOT THEREAFTER.

MR. SUEN HAS ALSO PROVIDED DETAILS OF THE RESTRICTED TENDER FOR SHOPS IN LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN, IN WHICH THE 28 OPERATORS ARE BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LONGSTANDING AS A COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY, THE OPERATORS ARE BEING GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF CONTINUING TO DO BUSINESS IN SHA TIN, IN THE NEARLY COMPLETED LEK YUEN ESTATE.

THE SHOPKEEPERS MAY EITHER TAKE PART THEMSELVES OR PUT FORWARD A NOMINEE. SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS ARE BEING PERMITTED TO ASSIGN THEIR RIGHT ONCE BEFORE THE TENANCY AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED. THE TENDER EXERCISE WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 30.

IN SETTING ASIDE 28 SHOPS FOR THE SHOPKEEPERS WHO ARE TO BE CLEARED, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS STIPULATED THAT THE MINIMUM TENDER PRICE IS TO BE SET AT HALF THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED IF THE UNITS HAD BEEN PUT OUT TO OPEN TENDER.

THE 28 SHOPS, WHICH ARE SITUATED IN THREE BLOCKS OF THE ESTATE, VARY IN SIZE FROM 360 SQ. FT. TO 659 SQ. FT. MONTHLY INCLUSIVE RENTS RANGE FROM \$950 TO \$1,600. A VARIETY OF TRADES IS OFFERED, SUCH AS PROVISIONS, RICE AND GROCERY, HARDWARE, BOOKS AND STATIONERY AND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

LEK YUEN ESTATE NOW HAS ABOUT 5,000 RESIDENTS AND THIS WILL GROW TO 15,000 BY THE END OF 1976. THE ULTIMATE POPULATION OF THE ESTATE WILL BE 22,000.

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