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MORE SWIMMING POOLS FOR N.T.

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THERE WILL BE 11 MORE PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BETWEEN NOW AND THE EARLY 1980'S, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

ALL THESE NEW POOLS WILL COST SOMEWHERE IN THE REGION OF \$130 MILLION TO CONSTRUCT, HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES WAS ADDRESSING SOME 300 PARTICIPANTS OF TODAY'S SECOND NEW TERRITORIES SWIMMING GALA HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN SWIMMING POOL - THE ONLY ONE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES SO FAR.

HE SAID THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX TO BE BUILT IN NORTH KWAI CHUNG, TWO IN TSUEN WAN AND ANOTHER ON TSING YI TO SERVE THE RAPIDLY GROWING POPULATION OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

+THE OTHER NEW TOWNS OF SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN WILL EACH HAVE TWO.

+IN THE OTHER AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WORK IS WELL IN HAND ON A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AT FANLING, AND WORK WILL START ON THE YUEN LONG COMPLEX NEXT YEAR.

+IN 1981, TAI PO WILL ALSO GET ITS OWN PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD NOW COMPLETED A SURVEY OF THE BEACHES AND FACILITIES AT SWIMMING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING A MAJOR PROGRAMME OF EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES IN THESE AREAS, HE ADDED.

ALL THESE, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID, ARE IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE REMARKABLE RISE IN POPULARITY OF SWIMMING AS A RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING OUTLET IN HONG KONG OVER RECENT YEARS.

+THIS IS BUT ONE PART OF THE 'VIGOROUS ACTION' THE GOVERNOR DESCRIBED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS WEEK TO BRING AMENITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES UP TO THE STANDARDS OF THOSE IN THE URBAN AREAS,+ HE SAID.

+AS A MATTER OF FACT, I READ ONLY THE OTHER DAY THAT AT THE PRESENT RATE OF POOL BUILDING, HONG KONG WILL SOON HAVE MORE SWIMMING POOLS PER SQUARE MILE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.+

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TOP SPORTSMEN URGED TO +WALK FOR SPORT+

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TOP LOCAL SPORTSMEN HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE FUND-RAISING +WALK FOR SPORT+ ON NOVEMBER 6 IN TSUEN WAN, ORGANISED TO HELP FINANCE SHA TIN'S \$75 MILLION JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMITTEE FOR THE SILVER JUBILEE FUND, MR. LO CHI-CHUNG, SAID TODAY LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS OF VARIOUS SPORTS, CALLING FOR THEIR HELP IN THE EVENT.

MR. LO WHO IS SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, SAID: +WE HAVE INVITED THE ASSOCIATIONS TO BE THE HONORARY ADVISERS OF OUR WALK AND TO SEND THEIR STAR PLAYERS AND ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE.

+WE HOPE THEIR PRESENCE WILL PROMOTE INTEREST IN SPORT AMONG THE COMMUNITY AND ON THIS OCCASION THEIR PRESENCE WILL BE MORE MEMORABLE AS IT IS BEING HELD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A SPORTS CENTRE PROJECT.+

THE WALK, WHICH COVERS 14 MILES, WILL START AND FINISH AT THE TAI WO HAU PUBLIC PLAYGROUND AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD, NEXT TO THE TSUEN WAN POLICE STATION.

THE SPONSORSHIP FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11) FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. LO APPEALED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY ON THE WALK, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONNECTED WITH SPORTS IN HONG KONG.

+WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR BIG DONATIONS FROM THEM, BUT WE HOPE THEY WILL BECOME INVOLVED,+ HE SAID.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE FORMED TO WORK ON THE WALK HOPED TO RAISE PART OR ALL OF A \$2.5 MILLION TARGET WHICH THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMITTEE OF THE SILVER JUBILEE FUND SET TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SHA TIN PROJECT.

THE CENTRE, WHICH WILL BE BUILT ON 41 ACRES OF RECLAIMED LAND NEXT TO THE NEW JOCKEY CLUB RACE COURSE, WILL SERVE AS A TRAINING CENTRE FOR HONG KONG'S TOP SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN SHOOTING FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARD.

IT WILL COST \$75 MILLION, A THIRD COMING FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND ANOTHER \$25 MILLION FROM THE GOVERNMENT. OF THE REMAINING \$25 MILLION, THE JOCKEY CLUB HAS AGREED TO MATCH THE COMMUNITY'S DONATIONS ON A DOLLAR-TO-DOLLAR BASIS. THIS MEANS \$12.5 MILLION HAS TO BE RAISED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY. SO FAR \$8 MILLION HAS ALREADY BEEN RAISED BY THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL FUND COMMITTEE HEADED BY MR. Q. W. LEE. THE SILVER JUBILEE FUND NEW TERRITORIES COMMITTEE LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, AIMS TO RAISE \$2.5 MILLION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS CONFERENCE ON HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME
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A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME WILL BE HELD IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 10) STARTING AT 3 P.M.

THOSE ATTENDING WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON HOME OWNERSHIP, MR. C.P. HADDON-CAVE, AND SIX MEMBERS. THEY ARE THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. A.J. SCOTT; THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. D.P.H. LIAO; ASSISTANT REGISTER-GENERAL, MR. N.M. GLEESON; DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR. P.C. HAYWARD; ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. K.Y. YEUNG, AND MR. H.M. G. FORSGATE, URBAN COUNCILLOR.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND.

SEVERAL MODELS OF THE PROPOSED ESTATES UNDER THE SCHEME WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHING FROM 2.30 P.M. ON THAT DAY.

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HK OFFICIALS TO ATTEND RATING AND VALUATION CONFERENCE
IN KUALA LUMPUR
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MR. R.A. FRY, COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION AND MR. HUI MAN-SHING, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, LEFT HONG KONG THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON FOR KUALA LUMPUR TO ATTEND THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF COMMONWEALTH VALUATION DEPARTMENTS.

THE CONFERENCE WILL OPEN ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 10) AND END ON OCTOBER 16.

AT THE CONFERENCE MR. FRY WILL BE DELIVERING A PAPER ON +THE TRAINING OF VALUERS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE+. HE WILL ALSO, LATER, BE CHAIRING A SESSION ON +THE APPLICATION OF COMPUTERS IN VALUATION DEPARTMENTS+.

AS A MEMBER OF THE WORKING PARTY ON HOME OWNERSHIP, MR. FRY WILL BE SPENDING A FEW MORE DAYS IN KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE TO MEET OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES IN THEIR COUNTRIES WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL TO HONG KONG IN LAUNCHING THIS NEW INITIATIVE IN THE HOUSING FIELD.

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INTERCOM SYSTEM FOR IMMIGRATION ENQUIRIES
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT AN EXCHANGE CONNECTED INTERCOM SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ENQUIRIES SECTION TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ENQUIRE ABOUT ANY IMMIGRATION MATTER SHOULD DIAL 5-436374-7. THESE LINES ARE SPECIALLY ASSIGNED FOR THE ENQUIRIES SECTION LOCATED ON THE 15TH FLOOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS AT INTERNATIONAL BUILDING REMAINS AS 5-456065.

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NEW SLIP ROAD TO CAR PARK
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A NEW SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM GARDEN ROAD TO THE MURRAY BARRACKS OPEN AIR CAR PARK WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE ENTRANCE OF THE NEW ROAD IS ABOUT 100 YARDS SOUTH OF THE EXISTING ONE, WHICH WILL BE CLOSED FROM TOMORROW.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW SLIP ROAD IS PART OF THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE QUEENSWAY FLYOVER.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN EDINBURGH PLACE
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL, NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11) DURING THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL OF ASIAN ARTS.

EDINBURGH PLACE BETWEEN STAR FERRY AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM NOON TO 8 P.M.

IN ADDITION, THE MAXICAB STAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST WILL BE RESITED TO THE EAST SIDE DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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