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ERRANT TAXI DRIVERS LIABLE TO HEAVIER PENALTIES

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ERRANT TAXI DRIVERS WHO 'TAKE THE PUBLIC FOR A RIDE' WILL FACE STIFFER PENALTIES UNDER PROPOSED LEGISLATION PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

NOT ONLY WILL THEY BE LIABLE TO HEAVIER FINES, BUT THEY MAY ALSO BE DISQUALIFIED FOR SERIOUS CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE REGULATIONS.

UNDER THE BILL, OFFENCES SUCH AS MISUSE OF THE 'AVAILABLE FOR HIRE' FLAG, NOT DRIVING TO THE DESTINATION REQUESTED OR BY THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE, REFUSAL TO CARRY PASSENGERS, CHARGING FARES OTHER THAN ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE TO THE REGULATIONS, AND LOITERING WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$3,000 AND A SIX MONTHS' PRISON SENTENCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, UP UNTIL NOW, AN OFFENDER UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TAXIS, PUBLIC OMNIBUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND PUBLIC CARS) REGULATIONS HAS BEEN LIABLE TO A \$500 FINE AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS FOR A FIRST CONVICTION AND TO A FINE OF \$1,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS.

+THE MAXIMUM FINE IS THUS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED AND THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND OFFENCES REMOVED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID DISQUALIFICATION CAN BE IMPOSED IN SERIOUS CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE REGULATIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE IMPOSITION OF A FINE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OFFENCES FOR WHICH A MAGISTRATE COULD DISQUALIFY A DRIVER IN FUTURE WERE:

- * WILFULLY REFUSING OR NEGLECTING TO ACCEPT A HIRE FROM A HIRER WHETHER THE INTENTION OF THE HIRER IS INDICATED EXPRESSLY OR BY IMPLICATION-
- * REFUSING OR NEGLECTING TO DRIVE THE TAXI FROM A TAXI STAND TO ANY PLACE INDICATED BY THE HIRER-
- * REFUSING OR NEGLECTING TO DRIVE THE TAXI TO ANY PLACE INDICATED BY A HIRER, HAVING RESPONDED TO A HAIL FROM THE HIRER- AND
- * REFUSING OR NEGLECTING TO DRIVE THE TAXI TO ANY PLACE INDICATED BY A HIRER WHEN REQUESTED OTHERWISE THAN AT A TAXI STAND OR AFTER RESPONDING TO A HAIL.

THE BILL IS THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL 1978 WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 20).

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GOVERNOR OFFICIATES FOUNDATION STONE LAYING
CEREMONY OF HOLIDAY CAMP

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY (FRIDAY) OFFICIATED AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF PO LEUNG KUK'S PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG --THE FIRST SUCH CENTRE UNDERTAKEN BY THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, SIR MURRAY SAID IT WAS +MOST HEARTENING+ TO SEE THE KUK EXTENDING ITS SERVICES AGAIN AND THIS TIME INTO THE FIELD OF RECREATION.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO NOTED THAT IT WAS A FITTING PROJECT TO CROWN THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF THE KUK'S SERVICE TO HONG KONG.

SIR MURRAY POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WERE OVER 30 CAMPS AND YOUTH HOSTELS PROVIDING OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION FOR CAMPERS, THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE RUN BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WAS THE ONLY ONE PROVIDING A WIDE VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR CAMPERS UNDER CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION IN A COUNTRY SETTING.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE TWO MORE SUCH CENTRES WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS, ONE AT TSO KUNG TAM IN TSUEN WAN, THE OTHER ONE AT TSAK YUE WU NOT FAR FROM HERE IN THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY TO LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP. IT IS MOST HEARTENING TO SEE THE KUK EXTENDING ITS SERVICES YET AGAIN- THIS TIME INTO THE FIELD OF RECREATION BECAUSE THERE IS AN OUTDOOR RECREATION BOOM FOR WHICH HONG KONG IS RELATIVELY UNEQUIPPED.

+MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE SPENDING THEIR INCREASED LEISURE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE, AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE SPEND A FEW DAYS IN A COUNTRY SETTING. FOR ITS PART THE COUNTRY PARKS SERVICE IS MAKING RAPID STRIDES IN OPENING UP THE COUNTRYSIDE TO VISITORS.

+BUT ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OVER 30 CAMPS AND YOUTH HOSTELS PROVIDING OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION FOR CAMPERS, THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE RUN BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH PROVIDES A WIDE VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR CAMPERS UNDER CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION, IN A COUNTRY SETTING.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE TWO MORE SUCH CENTRES WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS, ONE AT TSO KUNG TAM IN TSUEN WAN, THE OTHER ONE AT TSAK YUE WU NOT FAR FROM HERE IN THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA. BUT THE DEMAND IS BOUND TO GROW FAST.

+THE PO LEUNG KUK'S PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP IS THE FIRST SUCH CENTRE UNDERTAKEN BY THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND IT DOES, AS THE CHAIRMAN SAID, MARK A SIGNIFICANT AND VERY TIMELY NEW DEPARTURE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE KUK, AND I HOPE THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

/+IN THE PLANNING

+ IN THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THIS PROJECT, THE KUK HAS DRAWN ON THE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE. I AM SURE THAT CLOSE CONTACT WITH THIS SERVICE AND ALSO WITH THE COUNTRY PARKS SERVICE WILL HELP TO GET THE PROJECT OFF TO THE ENJOYABLE AND SUCCESSFUL START WE ALL WISH IT.

+ I CONGRATULATE THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR ITS LONG AND DEDICATED RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND IN PARTICULAR YOU, MR. LAW, AND YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR YOUR IMAGINATION AND ENERGY IN BUILDING THIS CAMP. IT IS A FITTING PROJECT TO CROWN THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF THE KUK'S SERVICE TO HONG KONG.+

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RECREATION FUND INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS
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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION FOR THE 1979-80 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE FUND, SET UP IN 1970 WITH A \$3 MILLION DONATION TO COMMEMORATE THE GOVERNORSHIP OF SIR DAVID TRENCH, PROVIDES FACILITIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THOSE IN THE SUMMER PROGRAMME WHICH HAVE ALREADY ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND LOCAL COMMUNITY.

PROJECTS OF CONSTRUCTIVE AND LONG-TERM BENEFIT, TO DEVELOP THE INDIVIDUAL AND ENCOURAGE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE BY YOUNG PEOPLE, ARE GIVEN PRIORITY.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, MORE THAN \$3 MILLION IN GRANTS DERIVED FROM INTEREST EARNED IN THE INVESTMENT OF THE FUND, HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO FINANCE VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, GRANTS TOTALLING \$429,000 WERE MADE TO 113 AGENCIES FOR NEW PROJECTS AND PURCHASE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

THE FUND IS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE 1979-80 GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, WING ON CENTRE, 11TH FLOOR, 111, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1979.

ALLOCATION OF GRANTS IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN LATE JULY, 1979.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PENSION PAYMENT

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APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE TREASURY TO PAY LOCAL PENSIONERS ON DECEMBER 29 AND NEXT MONTH ON JANUARY 26, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO ENSURE THAT PENSIONERS WILL BE PAID BEFORE NEW YEAR AND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

+THERE ARE 14,000 PENSIONERS DRAWING PENSION IN HONG KONG AND OF THESE ABOUT 10,500 ARE PAID DIRECT INTO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS THROUGH THE AUTO PAY SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

THE REST COLLECT PENSION AT THE VARIOUS TREASURY OFFICES IN CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, YAU MA TEI AND KOWLOON CITY OR THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IN SHA TIN, TAI PO, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED PENSIONERS WHO HAVE NOT USED THE AUTO-PAY SYSTEM TO DO SO IN THEIR OWN BEST INTEREST.

+IN SO DOING, IT WILL SAVE THEM TIME IN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE NEAREST PAYMENT OFFICE TO GET THEIR PENSION,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR PENSION PAYMENT THROUGH THE AUTO-PAY SYSTEM ARE OBTAINABLE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY WRITING TO THE TREASURY PENSIONS SECTION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING, SECOND FLOOR, ROOM 204.

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MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCKS IN BATTLE AGAINST CANCER

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FEAR AND IGNORANCE ABOUT CANCER AMONG THE PUBLIC ARE THE MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCKS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE DREADED DISEASE, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY, HE POINTED OUT THAT MANY PEOPLE PRESENTED THEMSELVES FOR CARE MONTHS OR YEARS AFTER EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF THE DISEASE.

+THEIR FEAR AND IGNORANCE ABOUT CANCER MAKE THEM RELUCTANT TO SEEK EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS OUR DUTY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE AN ENLIGHTENED COMMUNITY WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT, WITH EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT, THE OUTLOOK HAS GREATLY IMPROVED AND THE FEAR AND PANIC FELT BY SUFFERERS IN THE PAST IS NOW IN LARGE PART GROUNDLESS,+ HE ADDED.

DR. THONG, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY, ADVISED THAT A LOT MORE NEEDED TO BE DONE IN PRIMARY PREVENTION AGAINST CANCER.

+A HIGH PROPORTION OF CANCERS ARE LINKED TO ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AND AMONGST THEM, TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL ARE KNOWN CARCINOGENS, YET SMOKING AND DRINKING IN THE COMMUNITY ARE STILL ACCEPTED AS SOCIAL HABITS,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+WE MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT SUCH HABITS ARE NOT PASSED ON TO OUR CHILDREN AND THAT THEY ARE PROTECTED FROM THE CANCER EPIDEMIC WHICH IS AFFLICTING OUR GENERATION,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG CALLED ON THE MEDICAL PROFESSION TO LOOK +CLOSELY AND CRITICALLY+ AT ANY PROCEDURES AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR PRE-SYMPTOMATIC SCREENING OF AT-RISK POPULATIONS BEFORE EMBARKING ON VENTURES WHICH MIGHT BE EXTREMELY COSTLY AND HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THE INCIDENCE OF THE TYPE OF CANCER FOR WHICH THEY WERE SCREENING.

+THERE CERTAINLY SEEMS TO BE EVIDENCE THAT SCREENING OF WOMEN DURING THEIR REPRODUCTIVE YEARS FOR CARCINOMA OF THE CERVIX BY MEANS OF PAP SMEARS FACILITIES EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND STATISTICALLY IMPROVES THE SUCCESSFUL CURES OF THE DISEASE,+ HE SAID.

HE PRAISED THE SOCIETY FOR PROVIDING A CYTOLOGY SERVICE WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR SCREENING PROGRAMMES.

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GOVERNMENT'S RECREATIONAL PROJECTS FOR TSUEN WAN
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AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, MR. CHAN PO-FONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING A NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT WOULD PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL, MR. CHAN SAID THE PROJECTS INCLUDED TWO INDOOR STADIUMS, ONE EACH FOR KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN, AND TWO PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS, ONE EACH FOR TSUEN WAN NORTH AND LEI MUK SHUE.

HE SAID THESE PROJECTS WERE EXPECTED TO BE READY OVER THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS AND WOULD HELP MEET A GROWING DEMAND FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE FAST-DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

+THEY WILL BE ADDITIONAL TO THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WHICH WOULD BE READY FOR USE BY EARLY 1980,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PLANNED TO OPEN UP TSO KUNG TAM AS A PARK AND THE TAI MO SHAN AREA AS A COUNTRY PARK.

PROJECTS COMPLETED IN RECENT YEARS FOR TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS INCLUDE A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN KWAI SHING, THE WO YEE HOP PLAYGROUND AND THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG FOOTBALL GROUND, HE ADDED.

MR. CHAN, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, SAID KWAI CHUNG WAS AN AREA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, THE TOTAL POPULATION BEING OVER 400,000.

HE PROPOSED THE SETTING UP OF TWO COMMUNITY HALLS, ONE EACH FOR SOUTH KWAI CHUNG AND NORTH KWAI CHUNG, TO PROVIDE MORE FOCAL POINTS OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS.

THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL IS THE FOURTH IN KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT -- AND THE SEVENTH IN HONG KONG -- PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

TWO OTHER NEW COMMUNITY HALLS ALREADY OPERATING WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. ONE IS AT SHEK YAM ESTATE, ALSO IN KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT, AND THE OTHER AT TAI HING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN.

STAFF AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ORGANISES REGULAR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS INTEREST GROUPS AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMMES AS WELL AS YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES TO HELP RESIDENTS BECOME MORE COMMUNITY-MINDED AND ENABLE THEM TO BUILD UP A MORE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY.

THE COMMUNITY HALL IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO LOCAL GROUPS, SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES.

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STAGE I OF SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR STAGE I OF THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE CONTRACT WILL COVER THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF NINE OVERHEAD TRAVELLING CRANES TO HANDLE VARIOUS MACHINERY INSTALLED IN THE WORKS.

IT WAS THE SECOND OF 13 SUB-CONTRACTORS TO BE LET FOR THE STAGE I SHA TIN PROJECT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID STAGE I OF THE WORKS WOULD, ON COMPLETION IN 1980, SERVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 230,000.

MEANWHILE, HE ADDED, THE SEWAGE FROM SHA TIN WAS BEING TREATED AT THE TEMPORARY AND INTERIM SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

PART OF THE PROJECT IS BEING FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS FROM MANUFACTURERS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND LUXEMBOURG.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY WATSON (HONG KONG) CHARTERED CONSULTING ENGINEERS, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THIS PROJECT, UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WATSON (HONG KONG) ARE ALSO SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED UNDER THIS SUB-CONTRACT.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR IS AOKI CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

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SUBMARINE OUTFALL TO BE BUILT IN SANDY BAY

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BUILD A SUBMARINE OUTFALL IN SANDY BAY TO PROVIDE A PROPER SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY'S PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

THE OUTFALL, TO BE BUILT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 2.47 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED IN SANDY BAY, WILL DISCHARGE TREATED SEWAGE INTO THE TIDAL STREAM OFF THE BAY FOR ADEQUATE DISPERSION AND DILUTION.

THE AREA INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATION.

THE NOTICE (IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

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PWD SITE VISIT

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WORK ON THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO AIRPORT TUNNEL IS MAKING HEADWAY.

THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF AN INTERCHANGE AT WUHU STREET/CHATHAM ROAD, AN ELEVATED ROADWAY ALONG CHATHAM ROAD AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND AN INTERCHANGE AT SAN SHAN ROAD.

IT FORMS PART OF THE \$300 MILLION ROUTE 3 SCHEME, DESIGNED TO CUT TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND URBAN KOWLOON.

THIS WAS ONE OF THE WORK SITES VISITED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY MR. DAVID STEAD, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

AMONG OTHER PROJECTS INSPECTED TODAY WERE THE TAI KOK TSUI SECTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR STAGE II, PILOT BALING PLANT AT SAI TSO WAN AND MA YAU TONG CONTROLLED TIP.

MR. STEAD, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF ENGINEERS OF VARIOUS OFFICES CONCERNED, WAS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECTS.

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S.W.D.'S REGIONAL OFFICER TO OPEN BLIND PEOPLE'S CENTRE
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICER FOR WEST KOWLOON, MR. LU YU-HUA, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A BLIND PEOPLE'S CENTRE IN SHAM SHUI PO ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE LUTHERAN CENTRE FOR THE BLIND, AT UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE, IS PARTLY FINANCED BY THE LOTTERIES FUND THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND IS RUN BY THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-HONG KONG SYNOD.

THE CENTRE REPLACES THE OLD ONE IN WONG TAI SIN WHICH HAS BEEN THE PIONEER IN ORGANISING OVERSEAS TRIPS FOR THE BLIND.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CENTRE FOR ITS 200 MEMBERS INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND THE PRODUCTION OF A BI-MONTHLY BRAILLE MAGAZINE.

AT PRESENT, THE CENTRE IS PREPARING A SERIES OF +TALKING MAGAZINES+ FOR LOAN TO THE BLIND EARLY NEXT YEAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LUTHERAN CENTRE FOR THE BLIND WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2 P.M. ON DECEMBER 17 AT KEI NGOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEXT TO THE CENTRE IN BLOCK 16, UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FLEMING ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF FLEMING ROAD BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 A.M. TO 6 P.M. ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 17) TO FACILITATE DEMOLITION OF A NEARBY BUILDING.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF AREAS IN KOWLOON AND SHAU KEI WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 18) NIGHT FOR ITS STAFF TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONS.

IN KOWLOON, SALT WATER SUPPLY IN HUNG HOM, KOWLOON TONG, KOWLOON CITY, WANG TAU HOM AND WONG TAI SIN WILL BE STOPPED FROM 10 P.M. ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO 2 P.M. ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 21) TO FACILITATE WORK ON DIVERTING SALT WATER MAINS.

IN SHAU KEI WAN, FRESH WATER SUPPLY WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO 6 A.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY (DECEMBER 19) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ALDRICH STREET TO SUN SING STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, TO THE SEAFRONT INCLUDING FU TAU WAT VILLAGE, TSIN SHUI MA TAU VILLAGE AND ALDRICH VILLAGE.

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