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GOVT FIRMLY COMMITTED TO NEW AIRPORT

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON REAFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE NEW AIRPORT AND ITS DETERMINATION TO CARRY THE PROJECT THROUGH WITH ALL DUE SPEED.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG, SIR PIERS SAID THAT PEOPLE WHO STILL HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THIS COMMITMENT WERE IGNORING THE FACTS.

"THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

"ONLY TWO DAYS AGO, WE APPOINTED MORGAN STANLEY AS THE OVERALL FINANCIAL ADVISER FOR THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) AND WARDLEY CAPITAL LIMITED AS THE AIRPORT PROJECT FINANCIAL ADVISER.

"BECHTEL HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE AIRPORT AND RELATED WORKS, WHILE GREINER-MAUNSELL HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO PREPARE THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN.

"THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, WHICH I CHAIR HAS BEEN FORMALLY ESTABLISHED AND IS TAKING FORWARD THE PLANNING OF THE NEW AIRPORT," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS SAID THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR PHYSICAL WORKS TO TURN THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PLANS INTO REALITY -- A \$203 MILLION CONTRACT FOR DREDGING OFF YAU MA TEI AND AT KELLETT BANK -- WAS LET IN MID-AUGUST.

"LAST WEEK WE AWARDED A SECOND MAJOR CONTRACT, FOR \$235 MILLION, FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, WHICH WILL AMONG OTHER THINGS PROVIDE LAND FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY AND ROAD LINKS.

"INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAIN BRIDGE PROJECT WILL BE ISSUED IN ABOUT A MONTH'S TIME. OTHER CONTRACTS WILL BE AWARDED AT A STEADY PACE," HE SAID.

TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY A POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT PHASING, SIR PIERS STRESSED THAT IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN ENVISAGED THAT THE OVERALL AIRPORT PROJECT WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO CORE ITEMS AND NON-CORE ITEMS.

CORE ITEMS REFER TO THOSE WORKS THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IF THE AIRPORT IS TO OPEN, WHILE NON-CORE ITEMS REPRESENTED THOSE WHICH ARE DESIRABLE AND SHOULD BE PROVIDED AT SOME STAGE, BUT DO NOT HAVE TO BE COMPLETED TO BRING THE NEW AIRPORT INTO OPERATION.

"THE FIRST GROUP, THAT IS THE CORE ITEMS, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS FAST AS IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE," SIR PIERS EMPHASISED, ADDING THAT THE SECOND GROUP WOULD HAVE TO BE PHASED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

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"WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW IS EXAMINING VERY CRITICALLY EACH COMPONENT AND DECIDING WHETHER IT IS CORE OR NON-CORE. ONE OF THE ITEMS BEING SCRUTINISED IS THE RAIL LINK," HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT NO DECISION ON THIS HAS YET BEEN MADE, SIR PIERS ADDED: "EVEN IF IT IS DECIDED THAT THE RAIL LINK IS NON-CORE AND COULD BE DEFERRED BY A YEAR OR SO, THAT CANNOT BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION BE TAKEN TO IMPLY A LACK OF COMMITMENT TO THE TOTAL PROJECT."

EARLIER, SIR PIERS OUTLINED THE SCOPE OF PADS WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS AN EXCITING BUT ESSENTIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

"WE HAVE SPENT MORE THAN A DECADE ON DETAILED INVESTIGATION AND PLANNING. ANYONE CROSS CHECKING THAT RESEARCH WILL COME INEVITABLY AND INEXORABLY TO THE SAME CONCLUSIONS WE DID," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE SEARCH FOR THE NEW AIRPORT SITE, 19 SITES HAVE BEEN EXAMINED IN DETAIL, AND THAT "CHEK LAP KOK IS CLEARLY THE BEST PLACE FOR IT."

ON FINANCING OF THE AIRPORT PROJECT, SIR PIERS NOTED THAT ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF PADS WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE WHOLE STRATEGY COULD BE SPLIT INTO PACKAGES THAT WOULD BE AS ATTRACTIVE AS POSSIBLE TO PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPERS.

"VERY SOON ALL OF US -- THE DOUBTERS AND BELIEVERS ALIKE -- WILL BE ABLE TO SEE FOR OURSELVES TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF OUR COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HONG KONG NEEDS.

"THOSE WHO MAY BE INCLINED TO HOLD BACK, TO WAIT AND SEE, ARE OF COURSE FREE TO DO SO. BUT THEY RUN THE RISK OF LOSING OUT," HE SAID.

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PROPOSALS FOR SECOND COMMERCIAL RADIO SERVICE RECEIVED
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) RECEIVED THREE PROPOSALS FROM COMPANIES COMPETING FOR THE RIGHT TO OPERATE A SECOND COMMERCIAL RADIO SERVICE IN HONG KONG.

THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, SAID: "APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM REDIFFUSION (HONG KONG) BROADCAST LTD, HONG KONG METROPOLITAN BROADCASTING COMPANY LIMITED, AND METROPOLITAN BROADCASTING, A COMPANY AFFILIATED TO GOLDEN HARVEST AND DICKSON POON.

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"OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WILL EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS AND WILL FORWARD TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ITS RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AWARD OF A LICENCE. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO DECIDE ON THE AWARD BY NOVEMBER 30 THIS YEAR.

"THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE INVITED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO APPLY FORMALLY FOR A 12-YEAR LICENCE. THE LICENCE IS EXPECTED TO BE GRANTED BY THE END OF 1990."

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NEW SECURITY AND INSURANCE PACKAGE AGAINST CONSTRUCTION SITE CRIMES
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WITH CONSTRUCTION SITE THEFTS AND BURGLARIES A DAILY PROBLEM IN ALL POLICE DIVISIONS IN HONG KONG, OFFICERS OF THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU HAVE SPENT THREE YEARS WORKING ON HOW TO CUT COSTLY LOSSES AND TIME CONSUMING INVESTIGATIONS.

CONSTRUCTION SITE CRIME IS SO WIDESPREAD THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY THAT A FLAT COSTING A PURCHASER \$1 MILLION INCLUDES \$20,000 TO COVER THE COSTS OF LOSSES DURING BUILDING.

BUT THE CPB HAS HOPES OF A BREAKTHROUGH IN PREVENTING CONSTRUCTION SITE CRIME WITH THE AGREEMENT OF TWO MAJOR HONG KONG COMPANIES TO WORK HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANIES COVERING THEM IN PUTTING A FIRMER GRIP ON SITE SECURITY.

IF THE NEW SECURITY AND INSURANCE PACKAGE PROVES SUCCESSFUL AND COST EFFECTIVE THE BUREAU IS CONFIDENT THAT OTHER CONSTRUCTION FIRMS WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

CHIEF INSPECTOR JOHN BLACK, REGIONAL CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER, KOWLOON EAST SAID: "EVERY POLICE DIVISION IN HONG KONG HAS NEW BUILDINGS GOING UP AND EVERY DAY THERE ARE THEFTS OF MATERIALS OR PLANT.

"THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION SITE LOSSES IS EVENTUALLY PASSED DOWN TO THE CONSUMER."

MR BLACK SAID THAT EVERY TIME AN INSURANCE CLAIM WAS MADE PREMIUMS INCREASED WHICH ALSO HAD AN EFFECT ON THE EVENTUAL PRICES OF BUILDINGS.

"THE BASIS OF THE GUIDELINES WE ARE OFFERING TO CONTRACTORS IS THAT THE MAIN CONTRACTOR ONLY SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON AT THE SITE,"MR BLACK ADDED.

BAD SECURITY AND POOR LIAISON BETWEEN MAIN CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS CAUSED DISPUTES BETWEEN THEM WHICH SOMETIMES INVOLVED TIME CONSUMING AND COSTLY LITIGATION AND COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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ANOTHER SNAG, MR BLACK SAID, WAS THAT SOME COMPANIES WERE CONCERNED THAT THE COST OF EFFECTIVE INSURANCE MIGHT PREVENT THEM FROM SUBMITTING LOW TENDERS FOR CONTRACTS.

AND WHEN LOSSES OCCURRED THE POLICE WERE INVOLVED IN LENGTHY DEALINGS WITH LOSS ADJUSTORS IN UNRAVELLING CASES. "THE POLICE END UP GETTING INVOLVED IN WORK THAT SHOULD REALLY BE CARRIED OUT BY OTHERS," MR BLACK SAID. "IT'S VERY TIME CONSUMING."

"WE WANT THE MAIN CONTRACTORS FROM SQUARE ONE TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYTHING ON SITE, INCLUDING THE SUB-CONTRACTORS WORKING FOR THEM."

SOME MAIN CONTRACTORS WERE RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR A SITE PERIMETER FENCE. THERE WAS LITTLE REGARD GIVEN TO SUB-CONTRACTORS' WORK AND MATERIALS DELIVERED SOMETIMES WEEKS BEFORE THEY WERE REQUIRED WERE COMMON TARGETS FOR THEFT AS THEY LAID NEGLECTED ON THE SITE.

"A SIMPLE METHOD OF MARKING MATERIAL SO THAT IT IS EASILY IDENTIFIABLE WOULD ALONE REDUCE THE THEFT OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF FIXTURES AND FITTINGS LEFT ON SITES," MR BLACK SAID.

FOLLOWING THREE YEARS OF TALKS WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES, CONTRACTORS AND SECURITY COMPANIES, THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU WAS PRESSING INSURANCE COMPANIES TO WORK TOGETHER IN INSISTING THAT COVER INCLUDED EFFICIENT SECURITY.

"AN INSURANCE CONTRACT SHOULD HAVE REASONABLE SECURITY WRITTEN INTO IT. WE WANT INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE CONTRACTORS WITHOUT ANY RESORT TO LEGISLATION.

"PREMIUMS WOULD BE MORE ATTRACTIVE AND WORK ON THE SITE WOULD BE LESS COSTLY. POLICE TIME COULD ALSO BE REDUCED CONSIDERABLY.

"WE ARE LOOKING FOR A COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY. IT'S THE MAN IN THE STREET WHO PAYS FOR IT ALL AT THE END OF DAY.

"WE ARE PREPARING A BOOKLET OF GUIDELINES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CONTRACTORS TO GIVE THEM AN INSIGHT ON MATTERS THAT CAN BE ENCOUNTERED ON EACH AND EVERY BUILDING SITE IN HONG KONG."

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NEW CHLORINATION HOUSE AT SHATIN WATER TREATMENT WORKS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHLORINATION HOUSE TO IMPROVE CHLORINE FACILITIES AT SHATIN WATER TREATMENT WORKS.

THE NEW CHLORINATION HOUSE IS COMPOSED OF A CHLORINE DRUM STORE, A CHLORINE ABSORPTION SYSTEM AND ANCILLARY ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORKS.

UPON COMPLETION, THE STORE WILL CONVERT THE EXISTING BULK TANK STORAGE TO ONE TONNE DRUM STORAGE OF CHLORINE AND THE CHLORINE ABSORPTION SYSTEM WILL SAFEGUARD AGAINST ANY CHLORINE DISCHARGE TO THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE EVENT OF ACCIDENTAL LEAKAGE, THEREBY REDUCING THE SOCIETAL RISKS OF THE SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL.

THE NEW INSTALLATION INCLUDING THE ASSOCIATED PLANT AND EQUIPMENT IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$29 MILLION.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK OF THE PROJECT WILL START IN DECEMBER AND WILL LAST FOR 15 MONTHS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATED PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHLORINE ABSORPTION SYSTEM WITH THE WHOLE PROJECT TO BE COMMISSIONED IN LATE 1992.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD ON OR BEFORE NOON SEPTEMBER 21.

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\$5.85M CONTRACT SIGNED FOR COMPUTER SYSTEM

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A CONTRACT FOR \$5.85 MILLION WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF A COMPUTERISED SYSTEM OF FINANCIAL MODELS WHICH WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE PLANNING OF FUTURE EDUCATION POLICY.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MISS CHRISTINE K.T. CHOW, THIS MORNING SIGNED THE CONTRACT WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS, COOPERS AND LYBRAND ASSOCIATES LIMITED.

THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR THIS CONSULTANCY WAS MADE BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT NO. 2.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE LINKED FINANCIAL MODELS WILL HELP THE COMMISSION IN ITS TASK OF ASSESSING THE EFFECT OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATION BUDGET. THEY WILL ALSO HELP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS STUDY THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF FUTURE CHANGES IN EDUCATION POLICY.

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THE PRESENT CONSULTANCY, WHICH WILL TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, IS THE SECOND STAGE OF THE COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT. THE FIRST STAGE -- THE SYSTEM DESIGN STUDY -- WAS COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1989.

BASED ON THE SYSTEM DESIGN STUDY, THE CONSULTANTS ENGAGED FOR THE SECOND STAGE WILL DEVELOP AND INSTALL AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM CAPABLE OF STORING AND ANALYSING DATA FROM ACROSS ALL SECTORS OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

SECTORS TO BE COVERED BY THE SYSTEM ARE PRE-PRIMARY, PRIMARY, SECONDARY, SIXTH FORM, ADULT EDUCATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION, TEACHER TRAINING, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TERTIARY EDUCATION.

DATA FROM THESE SECTORS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO A "MASTER" MODEL OPERATED BY THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH.

AT THE END OF THIS STAGE OF MODEL DEVELOPMENT, OFFICERS IN THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH AND CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE THE MODELS THROUGH DESK-TOP COMPUTER TERMINALS.

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FOUR NT LAND LOTS FOR SALE

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FOUR LAND LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION AND BY TENDER.

TWO LOTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT AN AUCTION TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE FIRST ONE IS A 929-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT AREA 4B, SHEUNG SHUI. IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 2,788 SQUARE METRES MUST BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1993.

THE OTHER LOT, WHICH MEASURES ABOUT 3,250 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT AREA 11, ON MUK STREET, SHA TIN. IT IS FOR GODOWN PURPOSES, EXCLUDING DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 18,525 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1994.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD CENTRAL; THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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MEANWHILE, TWO LOTS LOCATED AT AREA 10, TSING YI ISLAND ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE LOTS, FOR USE AS PETROL FILLING STATION, MEASURE ABOUT 1,480 AND 2,110 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD SUBMIT TENDERS BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 28.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AND ALL DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES.

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CUSTOMS COOPERATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

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THE THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING OF CONTACT POINTS IN THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) REGION ENDED IN HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TWO-DAY MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, WAS ATTENDED BY 21 PARTICIPANTS FROM 14 CCC MEMBER CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS WITHIN THE REGION, INCLUDING HONG KONG.

AT THE MEETING, REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSED THE EXCHANGE OF DRUG INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CUSTOMS TRAINING TECHNIQUE.

MR G.D. GOTSCHLICH, CCC DIRECTOR (CUSTOMS TECHNIQUE), ASSISTED BY MR I. IMPEY, CCC DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ENFORCEMENT), FLEW FROM BRUSSELS TO HONG KONG TO CHAIR THE MEETING.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED TWO OBSERVERS EACH FROM BRUNEI AND MACAU AND ONE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

THIS IS THE SECOND MEETING OF ITS KIND HELD IN HONG KONG. THE LAST ONE WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

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CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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DESIGN WORK FOR THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN TSEUNG KWAN O HAS NOW COMMENCED, FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF A CONSULTANT AGREEMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AGREEMENT ON THE DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WAS SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION AND MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED.

THE PROJECT MANAGER (SOUTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED BY THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION TO MANAGE AND MONITOR THE CONSULTANT'S WORK FOR ITS THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE PROJECT MANAGER WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CALLING FOR TENDERS, PROCESSING PAYMENTS, ARRANGING LAND PROVISION AND FILL MATERIAL AS WELL AS APPOINTING SITE STAFF.

THE NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WILL BE RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA NORTH OF FAT TONG CHAU, PROBABLY USING MARINE FILL FROM THE TATHONG CHANNEL.

THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE ESTATE IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1993 PROVIDING A GROSS AREA OF 25 HECTARES INCLUDING ALL SERVICES REQUIRED FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FACTORY OPERATION.

SITE FORMATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORK WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A GROSS TOTAL OF 93 HECTARES BY THE END OF 1995.

ALLOWING FOR ROADS, OPEN SPACE AND OTHER AMENITIES, THE NET AREA OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AVAILABLE TO APPLICANTS WILL BE ABOUT 70 HECTARES.

THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WILL BE FULLY SERVICED WITH ROADS, DRAINS, SEWERS, WATER MAINS AND OTHER UTILITIES.

A 1,000 METRE-LONG WATERFRONT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BERTHING OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS.

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PROJECTS TO IMPROVE FRESH WATER SUPPLY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WITH ASSOCIATED PUMPING MAINS TO SERVE THE PROPOSED SIU SAI WAN DEVELOPMENT AREA.

THE SIU SAI WAN FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 11,400 CUBIC METRES.

/THE PROJECT

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE LAYING OF A 2,450-METRE FRESH WATER PUMPING MAINS WITH DIAMETERS OF 800 MILLIMETRES AND 600 MILLIMETRES ALONG CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, WAN TSUI ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD IN CHAI WAN.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 28.

MEANWHILE, TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR MAINLAYING WORKS AT HARBOUR ISLAND AND SAI O TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN THE AREA.

WITH A DIAMETER OF 2,000 MILLIMETERS, THE 800-METRE ADDITIONAL LAND MAINS WILL BE LAID TO COPE WITH AN INCREASING DEMAND FROM MA ON SHAN, SAI KUNG PENINSULA, EAST KOWLOON AND NORTH EAST OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDER IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 14.

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PUBLICATION OF LAM TSUEN INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLAN

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THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GAZETTING OF LAM TSUEN INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLAN.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 12 PLANS OF SUCH NATURE HAVE BEEN GAZETTED FOR VARIOUS PARTS OF THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES.

THE LAM TSUEN PLAN COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 420 HECTARES.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, THE LAM TSUEN AREA IS AN ALLUVIAL LOWLAND MOSTLY UNDER ACTIVE CULTIVATION. THERE IS A NEED TO CONSERVE THE RURAL SETTING OF THE AREA AS WELL AS TO PROTECT THE PRACTICE OF AGRICULTURE.

THE LAM TSUEN INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLAN IS AIMED AT CONSERVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATING DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

ON THE PLAN, ALL RECOGNISED VILLAGES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TAI OM SHAN VILLAGE AND SIU OM SHAN VILLAGE WHICH ARE NO LONGER INHABITED, HAVE BEEN ZONED 'VILLAGE-TYPE DEVELOPMENT' TO CATER FOR THEIR NECESSARY EXPANSION.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, PERMISSION WILL BE REQUIRED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA, UNLESS IT IS PERMITTED AS SPELT OUT UNDER THE PLAN.

DEVELOPMENT IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE PLANS WILL BE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

ON ENACTMENT, THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS WILL BE INCLUDED IN STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING COULD THEN SERVE NOTICE REQUIRING REINSTATEMENT OF THE LAND TO THE CONDITION IT WAS IN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE GAZETTING OF THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS OR RESTORATION OF THE LAND TO HIS SATISFACTION.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID EXISTING USES WOULD BE TOLERATED WITHIN THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS. PERMISSION GRANTED BY THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE HONOURED WHEN THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS ARE INCLUDED INTO STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS.

IF PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT IS REQUIRED, AN APPLICATION FOR SUCH PERMISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL REGISTRY OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

INDIGENOUS NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGERS WISHING TO APPLY FOR SMALL HOUSE SITES IN AREAS COVERED BY THE NEW INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY DIRECT TO THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER.

THE LAM TSUEN INTERIM PLANNING PERMISSION AREA PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED UNTIL OCTOBER 30, 1990 AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES :

- (A) THE CENTRAL & WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- (B) PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- (C) RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICES.

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 EACH FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 EACH FOR A COLOURED COPY.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABERDEEN & AP LEI CHAU OZP
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS MADE A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROVED ABERDEEN & AP LEI CHAU OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WHICH WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENTS ARE MADE MAINLY TO ACCOMMODATE PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN LAND USE. THE MAJOR CHANGES INCLUDE:

- (A) REZONING OF A 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' SITE AT SHUM WAN ROAD TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; AND
- (B) REZONING OF A SITE (ZONED 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' AND SHOWN 'ROAD') ADJOINING SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' FOR PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPEMNT.

THESE SITES WERE ORIGINALLY RESERVED FOR SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE EITHER FOUND REPLACEMENT SITES ELSEWHERE OR ARE NOW CONSIDERED NOT NECESSARY.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS UNTIL OCTOBER 31 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- PLANNING DEPARTMENT,
FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.
- CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES/WEST WING,
11 ICE HOUSE STREET,
HONG KONG.
- DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN),
SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT,
ABERDEEN,
HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 31.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

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VOTER REGISTRATION COUNTERS AT MTR STATIONS

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE SETTING UP COUNTERS AT FOUR MTR STATIONS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS IN SEPTEMBER TO ENABLE TRAIN PASSENGERS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS.

THE COUNTERS WILL OPERATE FROM 1.30 PM TO 5 PM AT THE NORTH POINT, TAIKOO, HENG FA CHUEN AND CHAI WAN STATIONS.

VIDEOS ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WILL BE SHOWN AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE GIVEN OUT.

MEANWHILE, A BUS PARADE TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) AFTERNOON. TELEVISION ARTISTE MISS BERTHA NGAI AND DISC JOCKEY MR JOHN WOO WILL JOIN DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF ON THE TOUR ALONG THE MAIN STREETS OF THE DISTRICT.

THE BUS WILL STOP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS INCLUDING SIU SAI WAN ESTATE, NEW JADE GARDEN, HENG FA CHEUN SHOPPING CENTRE, KORNHILL, CITY GARDEN AND PARK TOWERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION BUS PARADE ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 2). THE BUS WILL SET OFF AT 2.30 PM AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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VOTER REGISTRATION VARIETY SHOW ON SUNDAY

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A VOTER REGISTRATION GALA SHOW ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE HELD AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN OF NEW TOWN PLAZA ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 2). IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

THE DISTRICT'S "VOTER REGISTRATION AMBASSADOR", SINGER DANNY CHAN, WILL ENCOURAGE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP AS VOTERS, WHILE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE SINGING, DANCING, DRAMA AND MUSIC. COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WILL BE PRESENT TO HELP RESIDENTS TO REGISTER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION GALA SHOW TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN, THIRD LEVEL, NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN. THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR FIGHT CRIME AWARD SCHEME

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TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR THE TSUEN WAN CITIZEN FIGHT CRIME AWARD SCHEME.

THE SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE TSUEN WAN ROTARY CLUB.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME IS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO ASSIST THE POLICE TO PREVENT AND FIGHT CRIME," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DFCC, MR DAVID HO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"NOMINATION FORMS, IN THE FORMAT OF POSTAGE PRE-PAID ENVELOPES, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

"THE CLOSING DATE OF NOMINATION IS DECEMBER 31 AND A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS WILL BE SET UP TO SELECT THE WINNERS," HE SAID.

"THE WINNERS AND THEIR NOMINATORS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE TSUEN WAN FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR DURING WHICH THEY WILL BE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION AND SOUVENIRS," HE ADDED.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 492 5327 OR 492 6279.

MEANWHILE, A FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO PROMOTE THE AWARD SCHEME. IT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT INVITING THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME.

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YAU TSIM SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSES

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THE 1990 YAU TSIM DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL END TOMORROW (SATURDAY) ON A HIGH NOTE - A DANCING GALA AT HENRY G. LEONG YAUMATEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, BEGINNING AT 7 PM.

OVER 200 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS FROM 14 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAD ORGANISED 128 YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS WILL ATTEND THE PARTY.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A BUFFET DINNER AND A SOCIAL DANCE PERFORMANCE.

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A CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE START OF THE GALA. ASSISTANT YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MS MELODY WONG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE, MRS CHAN YUEN YIN-HUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

VOLUNTEERS WITH OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 1990 YAU TSIM DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO BE HELD AT 7 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT HENRY G. LEONG YAUMATEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FOUR SECTIONS OF ROADS IN NORTH POINT WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

THEY ARE:

- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TANNER ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KAM HONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TANNER ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KAM HONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION;
- * KAM HONG STREET BETWEEN TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD AND TANNER ROAD; AND
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KAM HONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, TANNER ROAD BETWEEN KAM HONG STREET AND TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE CLOSED.

MOTORISTS INTENDING TO GAIN ACCESS TO KAI YUEN TERRACE OR KAI YUEN STREET BY WAY OF THE TEMPORARILY CLOSED SECTION OF TANNER ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA KAM HONG STREET, TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD, SHU KUK STREET, JAVA ROAD, MAN HONG STREET, HEALTHY STREET WEST, TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD AND TIN CHIU STREET.

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