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MORE PEOPLE SEEK HELP FROM INJURY COMPENSATION SCHEME
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MORE PEOPLE ARE TURNING FOR HELP TO THE COMPENSATION SCHEME WHICH PROVIDES CASH ASSISTANCE TO THOSE INJURED OR DEPENDANTS OF THOSE KILLED IN VIOLENT CRIME OR ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR JUST ENDED, A TOTAL OF 711 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED UNDER THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME, AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 160 COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

ABOUT \$1.1 MILLION WERE PAID OUT DURING THE YEAR BRINGING TO \$8.17 MILLION, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION GIVEN OUT SINCE THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1973. THE AMOUNT PAID TO CRIME VICTIMS OR THEIR FAMILIES ALSO INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT AGAINST \$920 000 IN 1978/79.

MR HERBERT YIM, SENIOR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, ATTRIBUTED THE INCREASE MAINLY TO GOOD CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT 68 PER CENT OF THE APPLICATIONS WERE REFERRED BY OTHER OFFICES, SUCH AS THE POLICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HIS STAFF ALSO TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO LOCATE CRIME VICTIMS THROUGH NEWSPAPER REPORTS IF THESE CONTAINED ADDRESSES.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THE NUMBER OF DIRECT APPLICATIONS ALSO INCREASED BY ALMOST 30 PER CENT, FROM 175 CLAIMS IN 1978-79 TO 227 LAST YEAR.

MR YIM SAID THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED COVERED 11 PER CENT OF THE 6 285 REPORTED CASES OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE INVOLVING PERSONAL INJURIES. OF THESE, ROBBERY AND BURGLARY CASES MADE UP 39.9 PER CENT WHILE ASSAULT AND WOUNDING REPRESENTED 54.3 PER CENT.

THE BIGGEST SINGLE PAYMENT OF NEARLY \$20 000 WAS MADE TO THE DEPENDANTS OF A MAN KILLED IN A ROBBERY NEAR HIS FACTORY IN SHAM SHUI PO.

UNDER THE SCHEME, APPLICANTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ANY MEANS TEST BUT COMPENSATION IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO AN INJURED PERSON WHOSE INJURY HAS CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS LOSS OF EARNINGS OR WORKING CAPACITY.

THE COMPENSATION SCHEME IS ADMINISTERED BY TWO BOARDS, THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD, WITH MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SECRETARIAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

STAFF OF THE SECRETARIAT, APART FROM PROCESSING CLAIMS, ALSO LOOK INTO OTHER NEEDS OF THE VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS AND REFER THEM TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR WELFARE AGENCIES IF THEY REQUIRE HELP.

LAST YEAR, ASSISTANCE WAS GIVEN IN SOME 80 SUCH CASES.

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SAFETY HINTS TO OPERATE CRANES

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EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WERE TODAY REMINDED TO TAKE ADEQUATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN THEY OPERATE CRANES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID ALL CRANE-USERS HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY TO STRICTLY OBSERVE CERTAIN SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

THE REQUIREMENTS COVER THE SAFE WORKING LOAD, STABILITY, TESTING, EXAMINATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CRANES.

A CRANE SHOULD BE OF GOOD MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERLY MAINTAINED, AND SHOULD ONLY BE OPERATED BY A TRAINED AND COMPETENT OPERATOR.

BEFORE BEING USED, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TESTED AND THOROUGHLY EXAMINED BY A COMPETENT EXAMINER IN THE PRECEDING FOUR YEARS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE THOROUGHLY EXAMINED BY A COMPETENT EXAMINER ONCE EVERY 14 MONTHS.

IN ADDITION, APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE ITS STABILITY. THE GROUND ON WHICH IT RESTS SHOULD BE COMPACTED TO AVOID SUBSIDING.

FOR A WHEEL-MOUNTED CRANE FITTED WITH OUTRIGGERS, THEY SHOULD BE FULLY EXTENDED AND PROPERLY SUPPORTED.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE SAFE WORKING LOAD AT VARIOUS RADII OF THE JIB-BOOM AND THE MAXIMUM RADIUS AT WHICH THE JIB-BOOM MIGHT BE MANOEUVRED SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE CRANE.

IT SHOULD BE FITTED WITH AN ACCURATE INDICATOR, CLEARLY VISIBLE TO THE OPERATOR, SHOWING THE RADIUS OF THE JIB-BOOM AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME AND THE SAFE WORKING LOAD APPLICABLE TO THAT RADIUS. IT SHOULD NOT BE LOADED BEYOND THE MAXIMUM SAFE WORKING LOAD.

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL THOSE CONCERNED SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE PRECAUTIONS ARE ADOPTED FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF A CRANE TO SAVE LIFE AND AVOID DAMAGE TO PLANT AND PROPERTY,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

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TUNG CHUNG FOOTBRIDGE BEING REBUILT
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A FOOTBRIDGE AT SHA TSUI TAU, TUNG CHUNG, ON LANTAU ISLAND, IS BEING REBUILT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AFTER IT WAS DAMAGED BY A TYPHOON.

FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT ARE PROVIDED BY THE LIONESSE CLUB OF MT PHOENIX, HONG KONG, AND FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, ISLANDS.

THE ORIGINAL FOOTBRIDGE WAS CONSTRUCTED BY A ROYAL ENGINEERS FIELD SQUADRON IN 1971 TO PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IN TUNG CHUNG AREA WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 4 000.

IT WAS 46 METRE LONG AND 1.5 METRE WIDE AND WAS BUILT ON SPECIALLY DESIGNED REINFORCED CONCRETE PILLARS WITH TIMBER DECKING.

HOWEVER, ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, THE CONCRETE PILLARS BEGAN TO MOVE DUE TO RIVER EROSION.

EVENTUALLY, THE BRIDGE COLLAPSED WHEN TYPHOON HOPE HIT HONG KONG LAST AUGUST.

THE BRIDGE WAS USED DAILY BY LOCAL PEOPLE TAKING PRODUCE ON HANDCARTS TO LOCAL MARKETS AND ALSO BY SCHOOL CHILDREN. ITS COLLAPSE CAUSED A GREAT DEAL OF INCONVENIENCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE REPAIR WORK WAS REGARDED AS URGENT. HE SAID THE NEW BRIDGE WOULD COST ABOUT \$200 000, OF WHICH THE LIONESSE CLUB HAD PROVIDED HALF. WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROJECT WAS AN EXAMPLE OF JOINT EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS SCHEME, THE GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS.

BUT THE FOOTBRIDGE WAS OF COMPLICATED DESIGN. THE WORK THEREFORE WOULD BE LEFT ENTIRELY TO THE CONTRACTOR.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS MOST GRATEFUL TO THE LIONESSE CLUB FOR PROVIDING PART OF THE FUNDS. +WITHOUT THEIR GENEROSITY, REBUILDING OF THE BRIDGE MIGHT HAVE HAD TO BE DELAYED,+ HE SAID.

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AP LEI CHAU SITE FOR SALE

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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A SITE AT AP LEI CHAU FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, PART OF WHICH IS TO BE RECLAIMED, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 24 900 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS AT NOON ON AUGUST 29, 1980.

TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CONTRACT SIGNING FOR MTR-KCR INTERCHANGE

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL AWARD A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY INTERCHANGE STATION AT KOWLOON TONG TOMORROW (MONDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF PWD HEADQUARTERS, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AT 11 AM.

OFFICERS OF THE PWD PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

TV CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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YUEN LONG TO GET NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR

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WORK WILL START SHORTLY ON BUILDING A NEW FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AT WANG CHAU IN YUEN LONG.

THE SERVICE RESERVOIR IS PART OF THE WORK ON SUPPLYING WATER TO THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND THE INDUSTRIAL AREA NORTH-EAST OF THE NEW TOWN.

IT WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 60 000 CUBIC METRES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT IS THE LAYING OF ASSOCIATED PIPELINE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 20 METRES ACCESS ROAD.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN JULY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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GSD STAFF RETIRE

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THREE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE RETIRING SHORTLY AFTER SERVING IN THE GOVERNMENT FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF 74 YEARS.

THEY ARE MR LEUNG SHEUNG-TAK, CHARGEHAND- MR LEE WAH, WATCHMAN AND MRS NG CHAN NGAR-NUI, LABOURER.

MR LEUNG HAS 34 YEARS SERVICE WHILE MR LEE AND MRS NG HAVE SERVED 23 YEARS AND 17 YEARS RESPECTIVELY.

TO MARK THEIR RETIREMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR ROY KILVERT WILL PRESENT RETIREMENT GIFTS TO THEM ON BEHALF OF THEIR COLLEAGUES ON TUESDAY (APRIL 29) IN THE CANTEEN OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT GIFTS TO THREE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN THE CANTEEN OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, TOP FLOOR, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT AT 4 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 29).

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING IN CHEUNG SHA WAN
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CHEUNG SHA WAN FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 29) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

A SECTION OF CHEUNG YEE STREET BETWEEN TAI NAN WEST STREET AND CHEUNG LAI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND- AND CHEUNG YUE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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