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RUNWAY RESURFACED AND GROOVED
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HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WHICH HANDLES MORE THAN 56 000 INCOMING AND OUTGOING PLANES A YEAR, HAS ACHIEVED A NEW STANDARD IN THE FRICTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ITS NEWLY PAVED AND GROOVED RUNWAY.

THIS WAS PROVED BY NUMEROUS TESTS CARRIED OUT ON THE RUNWAY OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+GOOD RUNWAY SURFACE FRICTION CONTRIBUTES CONSIDERABLY TOWARDS AIRCRAFT SAFETY WHILE POOR SURFACE FRICTION COULD MAKE WET RUNWAYS SLIPPERY AND COULD, AT ITS WORST, RENDER THE BRAKING SYSTEM OF AN AIRCRAFT INEFFECTIVE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE \$55-MILLION PROJECT INVOLVED REPAVING 3 230 METRES OF THE RUNWAY WITH TWO ASPHALTIC CONCRETE LAYERS, RAISING ITS SURFACE LEVEL BY 100 MM. ABOUT 65 000 MINUTE GROOVES, EACH MEASURING A MERE 8 MM IN WIDTH, WERE THEN CUT INTO THE OVERLAY TO GIVE THE RUNWAY BETTER SURFACE FRICTION, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE PROJECT USED UP 42 500 TONNES OF ASPHALTIC CONCRETE AND THE GROOVES, IF PLACED END TO END, WOULD STRETCH 3 000 KILOMETRES.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, 110 NEW LIGHTS WERE INSTALLED ON THE RUNWAY TO GUIDE PILOTS IN LANDING THEIR AIRCRAFT ALONG THE CENTRELINE AT NIGHT OR WHEN VISIBILITY IS POOR.

AS A RESULT OF THE REPAVING OF THE SURFACE LEVEL, MORE THAN 200 INSET LIGHTS AND 300 COVERS FOR DRAINAGE CHANNELS ON THE RUNWAY HAD ALSO TO BE RAISED.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED WITHIN SEVEN MONTHS -- FROM LAST OCTOBER TO APRIL THIS YEAR -- SO THAT THE REPAVED RUNWAY COULD BE READY BEFORE THE APPROACH OF THE RAINY SEASON.

THIS TIGHT SCHEDULE WAS MET EVEN THOUGH FOR ENGINEERING REASONS, TWO MONTHS HAD TO BE ALLOWED FOR THE FRESHLY LAID ASPHALTIC CONCRETE TO SETTLE BEFORE THE GROOVES COULD BE CUT INTO IT.

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TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT WORK

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FURTHER ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND SITE FORMATION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT SHORTLY IN THE WESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDERTAKEN BY THE OFFICE IN THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UNDER THE CONTRACT, A SECTION OF TSING WUN ROAD BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND LUNG MUN ROAD WOULD BE WIDENED TO A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC ACCESS TO THE AREA.

IT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOTAL OF 1.6 KILOMETRES OF NEW ROADS, TWO PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS, A COMBINED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SUBWAY, A STEEL FOOTBRIDGE, AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

+IN ADDITION, 5.8 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE PRODUCED IN TSING SHAN TSUEN AND TUEN MUN KAU HUI,+ HE SAID.

THE LAND FORMED IN TSING SHAN TSUEN WILL BE USED FOR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND A SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECT.

THE LAND FORMED IN TUEN MUN KAU HUI WILL BE FOR RECREATIONAL AND OPEN-SPACE USES.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN OCTOBER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1984.

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COVERED WALKWAY AT HUNG HOM FERRY CONCOURSE

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A COVERED WALKWAY WILL SOON BE BUILT FROM HUNG HOM FERRY CONCOURSE TO THE BUS TERMINUS NEARBY.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EIGHT MONTHS FROM SEPTEMBER.

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INDUSTRIAL DIRECTORY FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS
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AN INDUSTRIAL DIRECTORY WILL BE COMPILED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TOWN.

IT WILL SERVE AS AN INFORMATIVE REFERENCE FOR BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS BUSINESSMEN FOR TRADING PURPOSES, AND ALSO AS A GUIDE FOR CONSIDERING TUEN MUN AS A BASE FOR EXPANSION OF THEIR BUSINESSES.

ON PUBLICATION BY THE END OF THE YEAR, COPIES WILL BE SENT TO LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INDUSTRIALISTS, MANUFACTURERS AND POTENTIAL INVESTORS FREE OF CHARGE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO EXISTING INDUSTRIALISTS AND MANUFACTURERS TO SUPPLY UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HIS OFFICE.

HE SAID APPEAL LETTERS TOGETHER WITH QUESTIONNAIRES AND SELF-ADDRESSED REPLY ENVELOPES HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO SOME 1 300 BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL OPERATORS IN THE DISTRICT.

A NUMBER OF SUMMER STUDENTS WITH INTERIM IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD BE DEPLOYED TO COLLECT THE INFORMATION IN PERSON WHENEVER NECESSARY.

+TO MAKE THE DIRECTORY AS COMPREHENSIVE AS POSSIBLE, WE AIMED AT A 100 PER CENT INCLUSION OF ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR THE LISTING,+ HE SAID.

+THE DIRECTORY WILL BE COMPILED ACCORDING TO THE NATURE OF TRADES, PRODUCT OR SERVICE, AND PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH WITH CHINESE TRANSLATION FOR THE MAIN ITEMS.

+IT WILL SET OUT PARTICULARS OF ALL INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, COMMERCIAL AND RELATED SERVICES NOW OPERATING IN TUEN MUN.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE DIRECTORY WILL DEPEND ON THE FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE EXISTING OPERATORS.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT A SIMILAR COMMERCIAL DIRECTORY WILL ALSO BE COMPILED, MAINLY FOR LOCAL CONCERNS.

IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE OF VILLAGE CLEANSING

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RURAL LEADERS OF BOTH SAI KUNG AND YUEN LONG DISTRICTS WERE IMPRESSED BY THE CLEANSING WORK UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL BODIES UNDER A PILOT CONTRACTING OUT SCHEME LAUNCHED IN MAY THIS YEAR.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TOURED TAI PO TSAI AND HANG HAU TOWN IN SAI KUNG AND WANG TOI SHAN IN YUEN LONG ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS LAST WEEK AND SAW FOR THEMSELVES THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE VILLAGERS.

AS MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT TEAMS, THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACTING OUT SERVICES AT THE VILLAGES AND ENSURING THE STANDARD OF CLEANSING.

THE PILOT CONTRACTING OUT CLEANSING SERVICES WORTH \$475 000 WERE AWARDED TO THE LOCAL BODIES OF TAI PO TSAI AND HANG HAU TOWN IN SAI KUNG, WANG TOI SHAN IN YUEN LONG AND LUNG KWU TAN IN TUEN MUN FOR A PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS.

THE SCHEME WAS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING VILLAGERS TO PARTICIPATE IN CLEANSING THEIR OWN PLACE OF RESIDENCE. UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE RURAL ORGANISATIONS WOULD CARRY OUT THE NORMAL DUTIES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT CLEANSING STAFF.

THESE INCLUDED DAILY SWEEPING OF ROADS, PATHS AND PUBLIC AREAS, EMPTYING LITTER CONTAINERS, CLEANSING PUBLIC TOILETS, CLEARING RUBBISH COLLECTION POINTS AND BIN SITES AND REMOVING GARBAGE FROM DESIGNATED REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS.

THE RURAL BODIES WERE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING BEACHES, OPEN DITCHES, SURFACE CHANNELS, NULLAH, STREAM AND RIVER COURSES FREE OF RUBBISH.

TAKING PART IN THE TOUR IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT WERE A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LEE HOK-MING, A DISTRICT OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE, MISS HO PO-CHU, AND THE DEPUTY URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR CHOI YEUNG-HUNG.

AT YUEN LONG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR TANG TAK-KOU, THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR JAMES WILSON, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR PONG KIN-HONG, VISITED WANG TOI SHAN.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR TOURS, MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT TEAMS SAID THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH PERFORMANCE OF THE LOCAL AGENTS' CLEANSING SERVICES.

HOW A TRIP TO AUSTRALIA IS WON
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FOUR YEARS AGO, SHUM MAN-HOK, LIKE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HONG KONG'S SECONDARY STUDENTS, SPENT A LOT OF HIS LEISURE IN WATCHING TELEVISION, KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE CITY IN WHICH HE LIVED, AND IN FACT, CARED NOTHING ABOUT IT AND ITS POPULACE.

BUT NOW, WHENEVER MAN-HOK, NOW A 17-YEAR-OLD FORM 7 STUDENT, IS FREE OR ON HOLIDAY, HE WILL TRY TO FIND SOMETHING TO DO WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE CITY OR HIS FELLOW CITIZENS.

IN FACT, MAN-HOK IS PLANNING TO TAKE UP SOCIAL WORK IF HE CAN GET INTO A UNIVERSITY NEXT YEAR SO THAT HE CAN PROVIDE SOME FRONTLINE SERVICE TO THE NEEDY.

HOW DID THIS DRASTIC CHANGE COME ABOUT?

+IT ALL STARTED AFTER I JOINED THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB IN 1978, WHEN THE CLUB WAS FIRST FORMED,+ RECALLED MAN-HOK, THEN A FORM 4 STUDENT OF THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL, TSUEN WAN.

+I COULD REMEMBER THAT ONE OF MY TEACHERS CAME TO ME ONE DAY AND ASKED IF I WAS INTERESTED IN JOINING A SERVICE GROUP CALLED THE CYC. I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS ORGANISATION BUT HE TOLD ME THAT BY JOINING THE CLUB, I COULD MEET MORE PEOPLE AND UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT HONG KONG. THIS IDEA INTRIGUES ME AND SO I'VE BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CYC.+

MAN-HOK HAS NOW BEEN WITH THE CLUB FOR FOUR YEARS AND VALUES EVERY MINUTE OF IT.

+I'VE COME TO KNOW AND SEE A LOT OF THINGS WHICH HAVE HELPED ME DEVELOP MY FUTURE GOALS, ONE OF WHICH IS TO SERVE MY FELLOW CITIZENS,+ HE SAID.

MAN-HOK SAID BEFORE JOINING THE CYC, HE CARED MAINLY ABOUT HIMSELF. HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT OTHER PEOPLE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND THAT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE CITY.

BUT HE WAS QUICK TO ADMIT THAT HE WAS WRONG AFTER TAKING PART IN A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CYC.

ON A CHILLY DECEMBER MORNING IN 1979, MAN-HOK AND ABOUT 20 FELLOW CYC MEMBERS PAID A VISIT TO AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME IN TSUEN WAN. IT WAS HIS FIRST VISIT TO AN ELDERLY'S HOSTEL AND HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE A RATHER MONOTONOUS EXPERIENCE.

BUT IN FACT THE VISIT TOTALLY CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ELDERLY AND TOWARDS LIFE.

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RECALLING THE EXPERIENCE, MAN-HOK SAID: +OUR GROUP SPLIT UP AFTER PUTTING UP A PERFORMANCE FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS AND AS SCHEDULED, WE ALL CHATTED TO THE AUDIENCE AND MY 'PARTNER' IS A 76-YEAR-OLD WOMAN.

+AFTER TALKING TO THE LADY I CAME TO REALISE HOW APATHETIC IT WAS FOR SOMEONE TO LEAVE HIS OR HER PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS ALONE IN AN ELDERLY'S HOME.

+THE LADY WHOM I TALKED TO JUST COULDN'T HOLD BACK HER TEARS AS SHE TOLD ME HOW LONELY SHE WAS IN THE HOSTEL AND HOW MUCH SHE LONGED FOR HER SONS AND GRANDCHILDREN TO VISIT HER ON A HOLIDAY.

+AND IT WAS AFTER THIS VISIT THAT I TOLD MYSELF THAT I WILL NEVER ILL-TREAT AN ELDERLY AND THAT I WILL HELP SOMEONE WHENEVER HE NEEDS ANY ASSISTANCE,+ MAN-HOK SAID.

OTHER OUTINGS ORGANISED BY THE CYC HAD GIVEN SIMILAR INSPIRATION TO MAN-HOK.

LAST YEAR, HIS GROUP WAS REQUESTED TO PLANT SOME TREES IN A SCENIC SPOT IN THE SILVER JUBILEE COUNTRY PARK AND ALSO TO CLEAN UP THE AREA.

MAN-HOK RECALLED: +TUCKED IN THE MIDST OF A BEAUTIFUL FOREST AND VERY CLOSE TO THE RESERVOIR, THE SPOT WAS A PERFECT PLACE FOR A FAMILY OUTING. SO IT WAS REALLY A SHAME TO SEE THAT THE AREA WAS SO BADLY LITTERED.

+IT TOOK THE 10 OF US A FULL THREE HOURS TO CLEAN UP THE AREAS BEFORE WE COULD FINALLY SIT DOWN TO ENJOY THE SCENERY.+

MAN-HOK ADDED THAT AFTER THIS PAINSTAKING EXPERIENCE, HE WOULD NEVER LITTER THE COUNTRY PARK OR ANYWHERE IN THE CITY AND WOULD ADVISE OTHER PEOPLE TO DO THE SAME.

AS A RECOGNITION TO MAN-HOK'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE WHILE SERVING WITH THE CYC, DURING WHICH HE HAD TAKEN PART IN A TOTAL OF 32 SERVE-THE-CITY ACTIVITIES, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED AN EIGHT-DAY TRIP TO AUSTRALIA FOR HIM AND OTHER SEVEN OUTSTANDING CYC MEMBERS LATER THIS WEEK.

THE TRIP IS SPONSORED BY THE JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LTD AND IS AIMED AT BROADENING THE GENERAL OUTLOOK OF CYC MEMBERS. DURING THEIR STAY BETWEEN AUGUST 6 AND 13 IN THE COUNTRY, THEY WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND SOME FAMOUS HISTORICAL SPOTS.

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SEMINARS ON WIRELESS INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE WILL ORGANISE SIX SEMINARS ON THE USE OF THE WIRELESS INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 25 AND NOVEMBER 20.

THESE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

THERE WILL BE SHORT TALKS ON ADMINISTERING A TAPED PROGRAMME IN AN ENGLISH LESSON, DIFFERENT MODES OF UTILISING THE LOOP TO PROMOTE PUPILS' LISTENING SKILLS, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 50 TEACHERS AT EACH SEMINAR AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THE NAMES OF THEIR TEACHERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13.

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WATER CUT IN SAI KUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FOUR HOURS FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 3) FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL AFFECT PREMISES ON NOS. 7-32 AND 94-120, MAN NIN STREET, NOS. 1-11 AND 14-28, WAN KING PATH, AND NOS. 50-76, PO TUNG ROAD, AS WELL AS THOSE ALONG YI CHUN STREET.

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