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FIRST SHIPMENT OF ELECTRIC TRAINS ARRIVES

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THE ELECTRIFICATION AND MODERNISATION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY MOVED YET ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO REALITY TODAY WITH THE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST ELECTRIC TRAIN SET OF THREE CARS.

THE CARS, WHICH ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BY SEA YESTERDAY (SATURDAY) AFTER A 19 000-KILOMETRE JOURNEY FROM ENGLAND, WERE LIFTED BY FLOATING CRANE ONTO THE KCR TRACK AT HUNG HOM.

THEY ARE PART OF A \$500 MILLION ORDER FOR 45 THREE-CAR SETS PLACED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH METRO-CAMMELL LIMITED IN 1979.

MR LEUNG MIN-SUN, GOVERNMENT ENGINEER (RAILWAY), OF THE PWD, SAID 29 OF THE TRAIN SETS WOULD BE FOR OUTER SUBURBAN USE AND WOULD OPERATE ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE KCR WHILE THE REMAINING 16 SETS WOULD BE USED FOR INNER SUBURBAN SERVICE BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN.

THE OUTER SUBURBAN TRAIN SETS WILL PROVIDE FIRST AND ORDINARY CLASS SEATS, TOILETS AND A SEPARATE LUGGAGE AREA WITH SEATS AND STANDING ROOM FOR 775 PASSENGERS WHILE THE INNER SUBURBAN TRAIN UNITS, WHICH WILL ONLY HAVE ORDINARY CLASS SEATS, CAN CARRY UP TO 845 PASSENGERS.

+ALL THESE CARS ARE FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED AND THE INTERIOR HAS BEEN CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO GIVE A CLEAN, SMART AND SPACIOUS APPEARANCE,+ SAID MR LEUNG.

+THEY CAN BE LINKED TOGETHER TO FORM MULTIPLES OF UP TO 12 CARS.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE USE OF CONTINUOUSLY WELDED RAIL, AIR SUSPENSION AND NOISE INSULATION WILL MAKE THESE VEHICLES QUIET AND VERY COMFORTABLE FOR PASSENGERS.

MR LEUNG SAID THE TRAINS DELIVERED TODAY WERE THE TYPE FOR INNER SUBURBAN SERVICE.

+TWO THREE-CAR TRAIN SETS WILL BE LEAVING THE FACTORY IN BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, EVERY THREE WEEKS WHEN PRODUCTION REACHES ITS PEAK EARLY THIS SUMMER,+ HE ADDED.

+AND BY THE END OF THE YEAR, 20 MORE TRAIN SETS, INCLUDING FIVE OUTER SUBURBAN UNITS ARE EXPECTED.+

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY SAID THAT ALL THE UNITS DELIVERED WOULD BE TESTED BY THE MANUFACTURER ON SECTIONS OF KCR TRACK CLOSED TO NORMAL TRAFFIC.

THE CARS WILL UNDERGO 400 KILOMETRES OF TROUBLE FREE RUNNING BEFORE ACCEPTANCE BY TRANSMARK, THE CONSULTANT, AND THE KCR.

REFERRING TO THE PROGRESS OF THE KCR ELECTRIFICATION AND MODERNISATION PROGRAMME, MR LEUNG SAID THAT AS A WHOLE IT WAS GOING WELL.

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+THE NEW DOUBLE-TRACK BEACON HILL TUNNEL WILL BE OPENED SHORTLY. THE OVERHEAD WIRES TO PROVIDE POWER TO THE TRAIN ARE BEING ERECTED AND THE NEW ROLLING STOCK MAINTENANCE DEPOT IS HALF COMPLETE,+ HE SAID.

THE KCR SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INNER SUBURBAN SERVICE BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN WOULD COME INTO OPERATION IN THE SPRING OF 1982 AND THE REST OF THE LINE BY THE END OF 1982.

BY THEN, HE SAID, THE JOURNEY TIME BETWEEN KCR TERMINAL AT HUNG HOM AND LOWU WILL TAKE LESS THAN 40 MINUTES -- NEARLY TWICE AS FAST AS THE PRESENT DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE SERVICE.

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DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET ALMOST DOUBLED * * *

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED \$12.2 MILLION TO THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, ALMOST DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S ALLOCATION.

THE LARGEST SUM - ALMOST ONE QUARTER OF THE TOTAL BUDGET - GOES TO TSUEN WAN, WHICH WILL RECEIVE \$3.99 MILLION. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 96 PER CENT OVER THE AMOUNT PROVIDED DURING 1980/81.

YUEN LONG RECEIVES \$2.03 MILLION, COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR'S \$994 000, WHILE TUEN MUN HAS BEEN ALLOCATED \$1.372 MILLION, EXACTLY DOUBLE THE 1980/81 ALLOCATION.

OTHER ALLOCATIONS ARE : SHA TIN (\$1.07 MILLION)- TAI PO (\$996 000)- SAI KUNG (\$963 000)- ISLANDS (\$939 000)- AND NORTH (\$870 000).

THE DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET TOTALLED \$6.112 MILLION LAST YEAR. FOR 1979/80 IT WAS \$4.5 MILLION AND FOR 1978/79 IT WAS \$3.7 MILLION.

OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, MORE THAN 65 PER CENT WILL BE SPENT ON CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES. THE BALANCE IS FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT A +SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER AMOUNT+ HAD BEEN PROVIDED FOR DISTRICT BOARDS THIS YEAR.

HE SAID SINCE BOARDS WERE SET UP AT THE END OF 1977 THEY HAD DONE A GREAT DEAL OF VALUABLE WORK AND THE PROVISION OF EXTRA MONEY WOULD ENABLE THEM TO INCREASE THE SCOPE AND RANGE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

+THE BOARDS ORGANISE RECREATION AND SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WHICH INVOLVE LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE,+ MR CHUI SAID. +GOVERNMENT REGARDS THIS AS VITAL WORK AND IS GRATEFUL TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE TIME THEY GIVE UP.+

THE EIGHT DISTRICT BOARDS NOW HAVE 165 MEMBERS, MORE THAN 60 PER CENT OF WHOM ARE UNOFFICIALS.

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53 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN FEBRUARY
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 53 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN FEBRUARY, COMPARED WITH 96 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THESE NEW PLANS, 17 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 7 FOR KOWLOON AND 29 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED AN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN TAI PO, A JETTY IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND AN OIL TANK AT CHA KWO LING ROAD.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY WAS \$523.1 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$213.8 MILLION IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

DURING THE MONTH, THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED AMOUNTED TO 514 295.4 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 393 830.8 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 120 464.6 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 40 PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN, AN INDOOR SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TUEN MUN AND A HOTEL IN SILVERMINE BAY.

ALTOGETHER, 42 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN FEBRUARY, INCLUDING A SCHOOL AT POKFULAM ROAD, A SCHOOL AND CHURCH BUILDING AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, A MEDICAL SCIENCES BUILDING AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND AN OIL STORAGE TANK AT CHA KWO LING ROAD.

THE OFFICE ALSO AGREED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 47 BUILDINGS.

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BUILDING INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY
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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT LATER THIS MONTH.

THE SURVEY, THE SIXTH IN ITS SERIES, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL FROM APRIL 21 TO 24, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR, CENSUS AND STATISTICS AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS. IT WILL COVER ALL ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE INFORMATION WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INCLUDES:

- (I) THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED-
- (II) THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING- AND
- (III) THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES.

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DURING THE SURVEY, INTERVIEWERS WILL VISIT EACH OF THE PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION SITES, WHILE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WILL, ON BEHALF OF THE TRAINING BOARD, LIAISE WITH THE SITE FOREMEN OF ALL GOVERNMENT SITES TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR HO SAI-CHU, STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL SITE OR FIRM.

MR HO URGED EMPLOYERS TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION SO THAT PLANS COULD BE FORMULATED TO MEET THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER NEEDS.

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LOGO FOR FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT A GRAPHIC LOGO HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY ADOPTED FOR THE FUTURE PROMOTION OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

INTRODUCING THE LOGO, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS SO CONSTRUCTED AS TO SUGGEST AN IDEAL FAMILY WITH EMPHASIS ON LOVE, WARMTH, SECURITY AND PARENTAL GUIDANCE TO CHILDREN.

A BOLD CIRCLE CONTAINING THE GRAPHICS OF THE PARENTS HARBOURING TWO CHILDREN SUMS UP THE DOMESTIC BLISS WHICH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MAKES TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, FOR SOME TIME, SOCIAL WORKERS HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A SYMBOL WITH WHICH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION COULD BE READILY IDENTIFIED.

THE LOGO, DESIGNED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE EXTENSIVELY USED IN PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS, POSTERS, PAMPHLETS, EXHIBITIONS, TELEVISION BRIEFS, PROMOTIONAL EVENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE, HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WAS A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT ON HUMAN QUALITIES, PROMOTING FAMILY UNDERSTANDING AND STRONGER FAMILY TIES. +IT HELPS IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE BY ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING OF SELF, OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE FAMILY, AND OF THE ROLE EACH FAMILY MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO PLAY,+ HE SAID.

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VIEWS ON MORAL EDUCATION TO BE AIRED
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MORAL EDUCATION WILL BE THE FOCUS AT A SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (APRIL 14) AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

MORE THAN 200 SCHOOLS PRINCIPALS WILL BE DISCUSSING AT THE SEMINAR THE DEFINITION OF +MORAL EDUCATION+ AND WHETHER IT SHOULD BE TAUGHT AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT AND INTEGRATED INTO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER THE HOME, THE SCHOOL OR THE ENVIRONMENT PROVIDE THE MAJOR INFLUENCE ON PUPILS' MORAL CONDUCT, AND WILL BE INVITED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROMOTING MORAL EDUCATION.

APART FROM GROUP DISCUSSIONS, PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO HEAR SPEECHES BY EIGHT PANELISTS, AND TAKE PART IN A PANEL DISCUSSION.

THE EIGHT PANELISTS ARE MRS KWONG HA WAI-CHUNG, PRINCIPAL OF LAM WOO MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL- FR A.J. DEIGNAN, PRINCIPAL OF WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON- MR AU-YEUNG YING-CHEUNG, PRINCIPAL OF ISLAMIC COLLEGE- MR TIMOTHY YUNG, PRINCIPAL OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE- AND FR JOSEPH FOLEY, REV PETER WONG, MR LAI SZE-NUEN AND MR TUET WAI-SIN, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JOINT SECRETARIAT FOR COLLOQUIUM OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

MR MICHAEL LEUNG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL DELIVER THE OPENING ADDRESS AND CHAIR THE PANEL DISCUSSION AND MR COLVYN HAYE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL DELIVER THE CLOSING REMARKS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SEMINAR ON TUESDAY (APRIL 14) AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SASSOON ROAD, HONG KONG.

MR COLVYN HAYE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AT 4 PM.

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WORKSHOPS ON SMOKING HAZARD
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS TO EDUCATE YOUTHS ON THE HAZARD OF SMOKING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE PROJECT IS PART OF AN ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN LAST YEAR.

+THE AIM IS TO EDUCATE YOUNGSTERS ON THE HARMFUL EFFECTS AND DANGERS CAUSED BY SMOKING SO AS TO DISSUADE THEM FROM PICKING UP THE HABIT,+ HE SAID.

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+SURVEYS SHOW THAT MOST HABITUAL SMOKERS HAD THEIR FIRST PUFF DURING ADOLESCENCE AND THEN FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO RID OF IN THEIR ADULTHOOD,+ HE ADDED.

AN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR STUDENT GROUPS IN THE LOWER FORMS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AT 181-185 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS, A GUIDED TOUR OF INFORMATIVE EXHIBITS, AND A DISCUSSION SESSION, ALL OF WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO ILLUSTRATE THE HEALTH HAZARD OF SMOKING.

STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO PLAY A GAME OF ROULETTE ON SMOKING, WHICH SERVES TO ILLUSTRATE THE HIGH RISK OF CONTRACTING VARIOUS DISEASES DUE TO SMOKING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS.

INVITATION LETTERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKSHOPS ARE BEING SENT TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS. INTERESTED SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AT 5-720861 FOR ARRANGEMENT.

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KWAI CHUNG REFUSE BLACKSPOT TO BECOME AMENITY PLOT
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANS TO TURN A RUBBUSH-RIDDEN OPEN SPACE AT KWAI CHUNG INTO AN AMENITY PLOT AFTER THE COMPLETION OF AN INTENSIVE CLEAN-UP BEING CARRIED OUT THERE.

A MONTH-LONG CLEARANCE OPERATION WAS LAUNCHED LATE LAST WEEK TO REMOVE ABOUT 150 TONNES OF REFUSE AND BULKY DISCARDED ITEMS AT THE OPEN GROUND AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI LOONG STREET AND WO YI HOP ROAD.

THE EXERCISE WAS AIMED AT ELIMINATING HEALTH HAZARDS AND IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE FOR RESIDENTS IN NEARBY SQUATTER AREA AND MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, SAID THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOUTH REGION) OF NTSD, MR JAMES WILSON.

+WE HOPE TO TURN THE REFUSE DUMPING GROUND INTO A SITTING OUT AREA AND PLANTING PLOT FOR THE RESIDENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

HE APPEALED TO THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND HAWKERS PLYING THERE TO STOP DUMPING REFUSE INTO THE OPEN SPACE AND REMINDED THEM THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO DISCARD ANY LITTER AND REFUSE IN A PUBLIC PLACE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PART OF WATERLOO ROAD
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THE SECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN YIM PO FONG STREET AND PEACE AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE MORNINGS FROM APRIL 14 TO 17 TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER WATERLOO ROAD.

DURING THIS PERIOD, EASTBOUND VEHICLES ON WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA DUNDAS STREET, KWONG WAH STREET, YIM PO FONG STREET AND ARGYLE STREET, WHILE WESTBOUND VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HO MAN TIN HILL STREET, WYLIE ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD.

YIM PO FONG STREET AND WYLIE ROAD WILL REMAIN OPEN TO BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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