DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1978

CONTENTS PAGE NO.

CHANGES PROPOSED IN MANAGEMENT OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOLS 1

GOVERNOR SEES FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME 2

FIRST TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL 3

'COMMON CORE' CONCEPT IN CURRICULUM PLANNING 5

CAUSEWAY TO BE CONSTRUCTED 6

AUCTION OF SPECIAL NUMBERS 7

S.W.D. TO PRODUCE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CALENDAR 7

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT 8

TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND TO BE AUCTIONED 8

NEW YOUTH SERVICE CENTRE FOR TUEN MUN 9

CIVIL AID SERVICES ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 9

CHANGES PROPOSED IN MANAGEMENT OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOLS

* * * *

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) NEW PROPOSALS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOLS. IT IS PROPOSED THAT FROM SEPTEMBER 1979 THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION WILL TAKE OVER THE DIRECTION OF ALL ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOLS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR INCLUDING THOSE AT PRESENT RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR THE INITIAL SECONDMENT OF GOVERNMENT TEACHERS IN THESE SCHOOLS AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT IF THEY ACCEPT CONTRACTS OFFERED BY THE ESF.

THESE NEW PROPOSALS STEM FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE SCHOOLING FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHILDREN.

+THE MAIN CONCLUSION IS THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR A BASIC CHANGE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SCHOOLS WILL WORK BETTER IF THEY ARE ALL UNDER ONE MASTER,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO LOOK HARD AT THE FINANCING OF THESE SCHOOLS AND IN PARTICULAR AT THE LEVEL OF FEES. IT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED THAT THE MECHANISM DESIGNED TO GIVE EFFECT TO GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF PARITY OF SUBSIDY WITH ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOLS HAS NOT WORKED SATISFACTORILY. AS A RESULT A NEW FORMULA HAS BEEN DEVISED, WHICH WILL ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RISING COSTS. IF THESE PROPOSALS ARE FINALLY AGREED IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RAISE FEES IN SEPTEMBER 1979 FROM $1,900 PER ANNUM TO ABOUT $3,500 PER ANNUM IN JUNIOR ENGLISH SCHOOLS AND FROM $3,040 PER ANNUM TO ABOUT $5,300 PER ANNUM IN THE ENGLISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THIS WILL BE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO PARENTS BUT EMPLOYERS MAY BE WILLING TO HELP IN SOME CASES AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL RE-EXAMINE THE LEVELS OF LOCAL EDUCATION ALLOWANCES PAID TO ITS OWN EMPLOYEES. ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE TO COVER FEE REMISSION FOR THOSE PARENTS WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY THE INCREASED FEES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT FEES WOULD STILL NEED TO RISE TO LEVELS SIMILAR TO THOSE NOW PROPOSED EVEN WITHOUT CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THESE SCHOOLS. FEES WERE LAST REVIEWED FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOLS IN 1976.

AT PRESENT THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION RUNS TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHILE A THIRD SECONDARY SCHOOL AND FIVE PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THERE WILL NOW BE CONSULTATION WITH THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION, THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT STAFF AFFECTED BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, IT IS HOPED THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1979, THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

THE FOUNDATION WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL MEASURE OF FREEDOM UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO INTRODUCE IMPROVEMENTS IN STANDARDS AND FACILITIES TO MEET THE WISHES OF PARENTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2 .....

GOVERNOR SEES FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME

* * * *

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TODAY (THURSDAY) TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, WHICH IS RECEIVING ENCOURAGING RESPONSE, DURING A VISIT TO EASTERN DISTRICT.

IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT, SIR MURRAY SAW LAWYERS GIVING LEGAL ADVICE TO PEOPLE AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), AND WAS TOLD THAT BOOKINGS FOR THE SERVICE HAD TO BE MADE TWO WEEKS AHEAD.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE SCHEME BY MR. B. TISDALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SCHEME AND MR. S.C. WILLIAMS, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SCHEME.

SIR MURRAY WAS ALSO TOLD THAT A TOTAL OF 140 LAWYERS INCLUDING 40 EXPATRIATES WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND 131 CASES HAD BEEN HANDLED SINCE THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED A MONTH AGO.

OF THESE, 35 INVOLVED MONEY MATTERS AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTES, 26 ON MATTERS BETWEEN THE LANDLORDS AND TENANTS, 20 ON DIVORCE, SEPARATION OR OTHER MATRIMONIAL MATTERS, 14 ON COMPENSATION OR DAMAGES, 12 ON ESTATE ADMINISTRATION, SIX ON WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT MATTERS, AND THE REMAINING 18, MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED BY THE LAW SOCIETY ON NOVEMBER 2 WITH FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT. AT PRESENT THERE ARE TWO LEGAL ADVICE CENTRES IN THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN EASTERN DISTRICT AND MONG KOK.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THREE PRACTISING LAWYERS ATTEND EACH CENTRE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE TO PEOPLE REFERRED TO THEM BY VARIOUS AGENCIES AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

EARLIER, SIR MURRAY VISITED CHAI WAN AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THERE BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (HONG KONG) MRS. MABLE HAYES, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN) MR. CHARLES GATELY, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS.

THESE INCLUDED THE CHAI WAN CIVIC CENTRE WITH A MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR GAMES HALL SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MID-1981, THE LEI YUE MUN PARK, A NEW MULTI-STOREY MARKET FOR YUE WAN ESTATE AND RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES FOR CHAI WAN.

SIR MURRAY ALSO LEARNT ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATE BEING BUILT IN CHAI WAN AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CHAI WAN WEST ESTATE.

HE VIEWED THE DEVELOPMENTS IN CHAI WAN FROM THE ROOF OF A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING AND TOURED THE AREA. LATER HE WENT TO THE TOP OF A HIGH-RISE BLOCK IN YUE WAN ESTATE FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF CHAI WAN.

/SIR MURRAY.....

SIR MURRAY THEN WENT TO THE YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL AND CHATTED WITH GROUPS OF CHILDREN PLAYING VARIOUS INDOOR GAMES THERE.

THE GOVERNOR WOUND UP HIS CHAI WAN VISIT BY HAVING A MEETING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HALL.

----0----

FIRST TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL
******

THE FIRST DISTRICT-WIDE ARTS FESTIVAL IN HONG KONG WILL BE HELD FROM NEW YEAR'S DAY IN TSUEN WAN TO BRING ART AND CULTURE TO +WHAT IS STILL A CULTURALLY-DEPRIVED COMMUNITY+.

THE FIRST TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL IS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL RUN FOR TWO WEEKS TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT ON A WIDE AND VARIED SCALE FOR THE FAST INCREASING POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN AND TO MEET THEIR NEEDS FOR BETTER CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR. JAMES HAYES DESCRIBED THE EVENT AS +A TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF MODERN TSUEN WAN+.

HE SAID: +THE FESTIVAL IS THE FIRST OF WHAT HAS BEEN PLANNED AS A SERIES OF YEARLY EVENTS FOR TSUEN WAN AND IS EVERY BIT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW TOWN.+

THE FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE 25 PERFORMANCES TO BE HELD IN EIGHT DIFFERENT VENUES IN THE NEW TOWN.

THEY WILL MAINLY BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR CATAGORIES - DRAMA AND OPERA, MUSIC, DANCES AND EXHIBITIONS.

THE DRAMA AND OPERA CATAGORY WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED BY FIVE PERFORMANCES BY THE FAMOUS PHOENIX OPERA TROUPE LED BY RENOWNED OPERA STARS MR. LEUNG SING-POR, MISS LUNG KIM-SANG AND MISS MUI SHUE-SEE.

ADDING COLOUR TO THE CANTONESE OPERA WILL BE TSUEN WAN'S YOUTH DRAMA GROUP AND THE NORTHCOTE PLAYERS WHO WILL PERFORM THREE DRAMAS BASED ON THE POPULAR FRENCH NOVELS +TOPAZE+ AND +MEN WITHOUT SHADOWS+.

/THERE WILL.....

THERE WILL ALSO BE THREE FAMOUS CHIU CHOW OPERAS BY THE HONG KONG SUN LOK SING CHIU CHOW OPERA GROUP WHILE THE FAMOUS MANDARIN OPERA ACTORS, MR. KUO TIT-WAH, MR. LUK YING AND OTHERS WILL PERFORM EXCERPTS FROM FOUR OPERAS BASED ON ANCIENT CHINESE LEGENDS.

TO GIVE MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS AUDIO ENJOYMENT, THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO ORGANISED, AS PART OF THE COLOURFUL PROGRAMME, CONCERTS BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, THE WAN KWONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND OTHER LOCAL CELEBRITIES.

THE COMMITTEE HAS PAID NO LESS ATTENTION TO DANCE PERFORMANCES AND HAS SEEN TO THAT BOTH CHINESE CLASSICAL AND WESTERN FOLK DANCES HAVE WOVEN INTO THE PROGRAMME.

THE MAIN PERFORMERS WILL BE THE TSUEN WAN DANCE TROUPE AND THE HONG KONG FOLK DANCE TROUPE.

IN THE EXHIBITION SECTION, ABOUT 100 HONG KONG PAINTERS AND CALLIGRAPHERS WILL PRESENT MORE THAN 300 OF THEIR WORKS FOR DISPLAY AT A FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE STARTING FROM JANUARY 8.

THE CENTRE WILL ALSO BE THE VENUE OF A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION ON THE LAST THREE DAYS OF THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, FEATURING MORE THAN 400 PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKS BY DISTINGUISHED PHOTOGRAPHERS.

ON TOP OF THE FULL BUT BALANCED PROGRAMMES WILL BE A PUPPET SHOW BY THE HON WAH NIN CANTONESE PUPPET TROUPE AND AN APPRECIATION SERIES ON CHINESE MUSIC, CHINESE OPERA, WESTERN MUSIC AND CANTONESE DRAMA.

IN ORDER TO GIVE PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE A CHANCE TO ENJOY THE FESTIVAL, NOMINAL CHARGES WILL BE IMPOSED ON ALL PERFORMANCES EXCEPT THE CANTONESE OPERA.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR. CHAN PO-FONG, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, POINTED OUT THAT THE FIRST TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL AIMED NOT ONLY TO GAIN EXPERIENCE TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE SECOND FESTIVAL TO BE STAGED IN THE $23 MILLION TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WHEN IT OPENED LATE NEXT YEAR, BUT ALSO TO INTRODUCE MORE HIGH-QUALITY CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO TSUEN WAN.

+BECAUSE OF THE VENUE AND FACILITY FACTORS, WE CANNOT EXPECT THE FIRST FESTIVAL TO BE AS MUCH COMPREHENSIVE AS HONG KONG'S MAJOR ARTS FESTIVALS,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, IF OUR PILOT ATTEMPT CAN AROUSE THE CULTURAL INTEREST OF LOCAL PEOPLE, OUR OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE DISTRICT WILL HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.+

- - - - 0 - - - -

/5 .....

+COMMON CORE+ CONCEPT IN CURRICULUM PLANNING

* * * * * *

THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS RECOMMENDED A +COMMON CORE+ FOR EACH SUBJECT IN ORDER TO CATER FOR A WIDER RANGE OF ABILITIES WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSAL JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION, MR. KEN TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS COMMON CORE CONCEPT MEANT THE WORKING OUT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES AND SKILLS WITHIN THE REACH OF PUPILS OF ALL ABILITIES, WHILE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR THE MORE ABLE PUPILS, HE ADDED.

MR. TOPLEY WAS SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR OF HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS HELD AT THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO DISCUSS THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

HE DESCRIBED THE SEMINAR AS A MEANS OF +PROVIDING IMPORTANT FEEDBACK OF VALUABLE DATA FOR FUTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, THUS PROMOTING BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SCHOOLS ON CURRICULUM MATTERS.+

IN RECENT YEARS THE NEED HAD BEEN RECOGNISED FOR A BROADER CURRICULUM WITH MORE EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A MODERN AND INCREASINGLY TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY, MR. TOPLEY SAID.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE NEW SUBJECTS MEANT THAT TEACHERS NOW NEEDED TO SPEND MORE TIME IN PLANNING AND DISCUSSING SYLLABUS CONTENT AND APPROACHES.

MR. TOPLEY NEXT TURNED TO THE PROBLEM OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND HOW THE SCHOOL HEADS COULD MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE COMPETENCE AND PROFESSIONAL SELF-ESTEEM OF TEACHERS.

HE SUGGESTED THAT TEACHERS BE GIVEN EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO VISIT OTHER SCHOOLS FOR OBSERVATION AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKING COMMITTEES, TO RUN SCHOOL-BASED COURSES AND WORKSHOPS, AND TO DEVELOP NEW TEACHING MATERIALS AS A TEAM WITHIN THE SCHOOL OR WITH TEACHERS OF OTHER SCHOOLS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WERE URGED TO ENCOURAGE TEACHERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED IN-SERVICE COURSES TO APPLY WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED WITHIN THE SCHOOL. THERE SHOULD ALSO BE REGULAR +COUNSELLING+ INTERVIEWS WITH STAFF TO DISCUSS THEIR WORK AND ASPIRATIONS.

WITH REGARD TO CURRICULUM INNOVATION, MR. TOPLEY RECOGNISED THAT THE HEADS WHEN DECIDING ON CHANGES HAD TO DO SO ON THE BASIS OF WHAT THEY CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO THEIR OWN SCHOOL.

+CARE IS NEEDED NOT TO OVERTAX OUR STUDENTS AND CREATE AN IMBALANCE IN THE CURRICULUM BY MERELY ADDING WITHOUT SUBSEQUENTLY DELETING THE LESS RELEVANT CONTENT FROM THE CURRICULUM,+ HE SAID.

/IT WAS.....

IT WAS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT THAT HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND THEIR SENIOR STAFF BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE PROBLEMS OF TIME-TABLING AND ACQUIRE STILL MORE EXPERTISE IN THE METHODS OF MEETING THESE PROBLEMS.

+THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TOO, MUST BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN THIS AREA AND MUST SO EQUIP ITSELF THAT IT CAN PROVIDE AS COMPREHENSIVE A SERVICE TO SCHOOLS AS IS POSSIBLE.

+WAYS OF DOING SO ARE ALREADY BEING INVESTIGATED WITHIN THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AFFECTING THE CURRICULUM WAS CLOSE LINKS WITH PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, AND MR. TOPLEY SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT HEADS OF SCHOOLS WERE FULLY ALIVE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SCHOOLS' RELATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC AND BE EVER ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR WAYS BY WHICH THESE RELATIONS COULD BE ENHANCED.

----0----

CAUSEWAY TO BE CONSTRUCTED

****

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT A CAUSEWAY ALONG THE SOUTHWEST COAST OF SHA TAU KOK HOI (STARLING INLET) TO ACCOMMODATE A SECTION OF NEW ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF LUK KENG ROAD.

THE CAUSEWAY IS TO BE BUILT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AN AREA OF ABOUT 5.16 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

ON COMPLETION, THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED TO REMOVE THE BOTTLENECK ON THE CIRCULAR ROUTE LINKING TAI PO, TAI MEI TUK, LUK KENG AND FAN LING.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TOMORROW'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH OBJECTIONS AND/OR CLAIMS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS, FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATION.

THE NOTICE (IN BOTH 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 SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, 1ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES.

----0----

/7 .....

AUCTION OF SPECIAL NUMBERS

* * * * * *

TWENTY-FIVE +SPECIAL+ CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WILL BE AUCTIONED THIS SATURDAY BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CITY HALL STARTING FROM 10 A.M.

THE NUMBERS THAT WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF ARE AS FOLLOWS: 6= BV 3333= BV 8673= BW 338= BW 809= XX 47= BW 1= BV 9133= BW 357= BW 983= BM 595= BW 123= BW 238= BW 633= BW 1112= BP 1= BW 1818= BW 288= BW 663= BW 2228= BV 595= BV 8388= BW 328= BW 728= BW 3338.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSE OF BIDDING ON SATURDAY.

HE REMINDED BIDDERS THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL, AS USUAL, GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

- - - - O - - - -

S.W.D. TO PRODUCE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CALENDAR

* * * * * *

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS TO PRODUCE A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CALENDAR DESIGNED TO DRIVE HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER GUIDANCE AND CARE OF CHILDREN.

PRODUCTION OF THE WALL CALENDAR FORMS PART OF THE CURRENT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO FOSTER STRONGER FAMILY TIES AND FORESTALL FAMILY BREAKDOWNS.

FEATURING CARTOONS AND 13 SPECIAL MESSAGES OF PROPER PARENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN, THE CALENDAR PROJECT IS FINANCED BY A CONTRIBUTION MADE BY A YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY LEADER, MR. CHIU YU-HEI.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, MR. CHIU PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR $34,000 TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, AT THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

MR. LEE THANKED HIM FOR HIS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION AND FOR HIS SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

MR. CHIU HAS KEEN INTEREST IN COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH SERVICES. HE IS, AMONG OTHERS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CALENDAR IS PLANNED FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

- - - - O - - - -

/8 .....

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

* * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE SOUTHEAST-BOUND SLIP ROAD OF GASCOIGNE ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) FROM 2.00 A.M. TO 6.00 A.M. TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF A COMPRESSOR AND A GENERATOR IN A MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WORKS SITE.

CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE NO. 122 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA THE SECTION OF GASCOIGNE ROAD NORTH OF ASTOR THEATRE.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE SAME ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND TO BE AUCTIONED

* * * * *

TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE AT AN AUCTION IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON JANUARY 9, 1979, AT 11 A.M.

ONE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 2,900 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON. THE OTHER SITE AT QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, HONG KONG, COVERS AN AREA OF 1,299 SQUARE METRES. BOTH SITES ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405, NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/9 .....

NEW YOUTH SERVICE CENTRE FOR TUEN MUN

* * * * *

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) OFFICIALLY OPEN THE TAI HING CHRISTIAN YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE IN TUEN MUN WHICH IS TO MEET THE GROWING NEED FOR YOUTH SERVICES IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE YOUTH CENTRE IS THE LATEST PROJECT RUN BY THE FINNISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND PARTIALLY FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

- - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW TAI HING CHRISTIAN YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE WHICH IS AT HING SHING HOUSE, BLOCK 2 OF THE TAI HING ESTATE, AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE FINNISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH WILL LEAVE AT 1.45 P.M. FROM 60 BUTE STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET IN MONG KOK, KOWLOON.

- - - - 0 - - - -

CIVIL AID SERVICES ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

* * * *

THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SPORTS DAY AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10).

THE CAS COMMISSIONER, MR. ROGER LOBO WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND PRESENT PRIZES.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE AN INVITATION RELAY WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TAKING PART.

A SPOKESMAN FOR CAS SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET IS ONE OF THE MANY RECREATIONAL FUNCTIONS ORGANISED FOR MEMBERS OTHER THAN ROUTINE TRAINING IN FIRST AID, YOUTH LEADERSHIP, LIGHT AND HEAVY RESCUE, MOUNTAIN SEARCH AND RESCUE, COMMUNICATION, CROWD CONTROL AND FOREST FIRE FIGHTING DUTIES.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CIVIL AID SERVICES ANNUAL SPORTS DAY AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 5 P.M. ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10).

- - - - 0 - - - -