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CONTRACTS OF \$291.6 MILLION LET  
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MORE THAN \$291.6 MILLION WORTH OF CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WERE LET BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN JUNE.

ONE OF THE LARGEST OF THE 25 CONTRACTS AWARDED WAS FOR THE BUILDING OF THE FINAL STATE OF THE SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL IN THE EASTERN PART OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE \$152 MILLION CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL, STAFF QUARTERS AND A LECTURE THEATRE BUILDING.

FULL MEDICAL TRAINING FACILITIES FOR SOME 400 STUDENTS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE QUARTERS WILL HOUSE SOME 2 000 DOCTORS, NURSES, MEDICAL STUDENTS AND OTHER HOSPITAL STAFF.

ANOTHER MAJOR CONTRACT, VALUED AT ABOUT \$78.6 MILLION, WAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW YUEN LONG SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AT WANG CHAU, YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

IT WAS FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS OF PHASE ONE OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT.

THE WORKS WILL PROVIDE FULL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

OF THE CONTRACTS AWARDED 13 WERE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND THE OTHERS ON THE PWD TENDER BOARD.

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GOVERNMENT SEEKS KUK'S CO-OPERATION  
TO PREVENT COUNTRYSIDE FIRES  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS WRITTEN TO THE HEUNG YEE KUK SEEKING THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL RURAL COMMITTEES AND VILLAGERS IN PREVENTING COUNTRYSIDE FIRES DURING THE DRY WEATHER SEASON, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 17.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT AN ALL OUT AND UNITED EFFORT BY THE COMMUNITY IS NEEDED IF COUNTRYSIDE FIRES ARE TO BE PREVENTED.

THE LETTER ASKS THE KUK TO HELP RELAY MESSAGES URGING THE PUBLIC:

- \* TO BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL WHEN BURNING WORSHIPPING ITEMS AND TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF CONTAINERS FOR BURNING=
- \* TO RAISE THE ALARM AT ONCE IF THEY SEE ANY SIGNS OF FIRE=
- \* NOT TO RELEASE HUNG MING BALLOONS, AND
- \* TO CONSULT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ABOUT BURNING UNDERGROWTH NEAR FARMLAND.

THE KUK HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED OF GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO TRY TO REDUCE FIRES IN COUNTRY AREAS DURING THE PEAK PERIOD THIS YEAR. THEY INCLUDE:

- \* BANNING THE RELEASE OF HUNG MING BALLOONS AND PROSECUTING OFFENDERS=
- \* THE SETTING UP OF A WORKING PARTY TO EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES AND PROPOSALS CONCERNING BANNING THE BURNING OF GRAVE WORSHIPPING ITEMS=
- \* THE PURCHASE OF CANS FOR PLACING AT GRAVESIDES IN WOODED AND HIGH RISK AREAS FOR USE BY WORSHIPPERS BURNING JOSS STICKS AND PAPER MONEY=
- \* AN INCREASE IN FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICITY THROUGH THE MEDIA=
- \* PATROLS DURING CHUNG YEUNG BY STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE AND CIVIL AID SERVICES AND THE PROSECUTION OF GRAVE WORSHIPPERS WHO CAUSE FIRES=
- \* FIRE SERVICES OFFICERS AND COUNTRY PARKS FIRE FIGHTING STAFF WILL BE PLACED ON SPECIAL ALERT DURING THE TWO WEEKS BEFORE AND AFTER CHUNG YEUNG AND FIRE WATCH PATROLS IN 30 VILLAGES AND SQUATTER AREAS WILL BE WARNED OF INCREASED FIRE RISK DURING DRY WEATHER PERIODS, AND

/X THE CONTINUATION ....

\* THE CONTINUATION OF VISITS BY AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT STAFF ADVISING FARMERS OF FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN FARMING PRACTICES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE NUMBER OF FIRES DURING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL HAD ALWAYS BEEN VERY HIGH DUE LARGELY TO CARELESSNESS.

+THE DAMAGE TO LARGE AREAS OF RECREATION SPACE, WHICH HAS OCCURRED DURING THE FESTIVAL, CAN NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED, + HE SAID.

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#### SURVEY ON MANPOWER

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THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IS TO CARRY OUT SURVEY NEXT MONTH ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS IN A NUMBER OF TRADES.

ACCOUNTANCY AND ALLIED FIELDS, AS WELL AS THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY.

THE SURVEY, SCHEDULED FROM AUGUST 11 TO SEPTEMBER 18, WILL ALSO LOOK GENERALLY INTO THE TRAINING OF MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS IN HONG KONG.

IT HAS BEEN PLANNED BY THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTANCY AND ALLIED FIELDS TRAINING BOARD, WHOLESALE/RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES TRAINING BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, HAVE BEEN SENT TO ABOUT 6 000 ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES IN TERMS OF THE SIZE OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE NATURE OF BUSINESS.

INTERVIEWERS WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND ASSIST IN FILLING IN THE FORMS WHERE NECESSARY.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES, THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES, FORECASTS OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND TRAINING MATTERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING COUNCIL, MR FRANCIS TIEN, TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON THE SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS TO EXTEND FULL SUPPORT TO THE SURVEY BY COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

HE 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 INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

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REVISED KCR TIMETABLE  
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A SLIGHTLY ALTERED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TIMETABLE WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 1) FOR ENGINEERING WORKS CONNECTED WITH THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RAILWAY SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ALL DOWN-TRAINS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA RACECOURSE STATION WITH MOST STOPPING BRIEFLY TO ENABLE NORTHBOUND COACHES TO PASS.

HE URGED COMMUTERS NOT TO DISEMBARK OR ATTEMPT TO BOARD TRAINS AT THE STATION.

HE ALSO REMINDED TRAVELLERS TO CHINA THAT THE SECOND THROUGH TRAIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AN HOUR EARLIER AS FROM FRIDAY.

LEAVING GUANGZHOU AT 10.10 AM, IT WILL ARRIVE AT KOWLOON STATION AT 1.07 PM. IT WILL THEN DEPART AT 2.55 PM AND ARRIVE IN GUANGZHOU AT 5.50 PM.

THE REVISED TIMETABLES ARE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS.

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NEW RESERVOIR FOR FANLING  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS CALLING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR IN TONG HANG, FANLING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE PROJECT FORMED PART OF THE WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME TO CATER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN.

+THE RESERVOIR WILL BE AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING SERVICE RESERVOIR IN TONG HANG AND WILL GIVE AN ADDITIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 18 200 CUBIC METRES TO THE NEW TOWN WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM,+ HE ADDED.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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LAND AUCTION POSTPONED

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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE AUCTION OF A SITE AT CHAI WAN RECLAMATION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON AUGUST 11.

THE AUCTION, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE ON JULY 22, WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF TYPHOON JOE.

THE SITE, FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES, MEASURES ABOUT 4 500 SQUARE METRES.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION ON GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER

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THE EASTBOUND LANE OF THE GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8 PM AND 5 AM FROM JULY 30 TO AUGUST 1 AND FROM AUGUST 5 TO 8.

THIS TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SALT WATER CUT IN MID-LEVELS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 24 HOURS FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 30) TO 9 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE SUPPLY IN THE HIGH LEVEL AREA.

THE AREAS AFFECTED WILL BE LYTTTELTON ROAD, BABINGTON PATH, KOTEWALL ROAD AND BONHAM ROAD.

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