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LORD CARRINGTON'S VISIT

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CARRINGTON, WILL VISIT HONG KONG TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT MONTH EN ROUTE TO CHINA AND WILL HOLD TALKS WITH THE GOVERNOR AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

LORD CARRINGTON, WHO ARRIVES FROM ISLAMABAD ON MARCH 29, WILL ALSO MEET UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

HE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR CHINA ON APRIL 1.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHILE DETAILS OF LORD CARRINGTON'S PROGRAMME IN HONG KONG HAD NOT BEEN FINALISED, HE WAS EXPECTED TO BE BRIEFED ON THE PRESENT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION SITUATION AND TO VISIT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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ELEVATED ROAD FOR CENTRAL PROPOSED

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A GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGE ACROSS QUEENSWAY HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE REVISED DRAFT CENTRAL DISTRICT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PLAN IS A PROPOSED ELEVATED ROAD FROM WESTERN MARKET ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND PART OF HARCOURT ROAD AND ITS CONNECTION TO COTTON TREE DRIVE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID CENTRAL TRAFFIC WAS BECOMING MORE AND MORE CONGESTED.

+IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AND TO MEET FUTURE TRAFFIC DEMAND IN THE AREA, IT IS PROPOSED TO INCORPORATE THE ELEVATED ROAD ABOVE CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL INTO THE PLAN,+ HE SAID.

THE PLANNING AREA, OF ABOUT 83 HECTARES, IS THE CENTRE OF GOVERNMENT, CONSULAR, BANKING, BUSINESS AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

BESIDES ROADS AND OTHER SPACES WHICH TAKE UP ABOUT 37.2 PER CENT OF THE AREA, THE PREDOMINANT LAND USES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT ARE +COMMERCIAL+ AND +GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY+ WHICH ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 22.1 PER CENT AND 21.5 PER CENT OF THE AREA RESPECTIVELY.

THE PROPOSED LAND USE AREAS ARE:

- * COMMERCIAL USE - 18.36 HECTARES
- * RESIDENTIAL USE - 0.23 HECTARES
- * GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE - 17.85 HECTARES
- * OPEN SPACE - 8.39 HECTARES AND
- * OTHER SPECIFIED USES - 7.27 HECTARES

THE SPOKESMAN SAID INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED 16 AMENDMENTS WERE:

- * THE EXISTING RODNEY BLOCK FROM GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE TO OPEN SPACE,
- * THE ADMIRALTY STATION AREA FROM COMMERCIAL/ RESIDENTIAL USES TO COMMERCIAL AND OPEN SPACE USE,
- * PART OF THE COMMERCIAL SITE EAST OF MURRAY ROAD TO OPEN SPACE AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE,
- * THE SITE NORTH OF MURRAY BUILDING FROM GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY PURPOSES TO OPEN SPACE AND COMMERCIAL USE,
- * THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER FROM OPEN SPACE TO GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE,
- * THE MEMORIAL GARDEN FROM OPEN SPACE TO GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION, AND COMMUNITY USE AND
- * THE MACAU FERRY WHARF FROM GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE TO COMMERCIAL USE.

OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF THE PLANNING AREA TO COVER AREAS NORTH OF UPPER ALBERT AND KENNEDY ROADS AND THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE COMMERCIAL SITES WEST OF CONNAUGHT CENTRE.

PROPOSALS WERE ALSO MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES OF THE PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$8.50 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAN MAY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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MP TOURS NEW TERRITORIES
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A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, SIR ANTHONY ROYLE, IN HONG KONG FOR A FIVE-DAY PRIVATE VISIT, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAW THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THREE NEW TOWNS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SIR ANTHONY WENT TO TSUEN WAN FOR A BRIEFING BY THE TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, AND PROJECT MANAGER, MR EDDY SHORT.

MAJOR PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION AND THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE INDUSTRIAL NEW TOWN, WERE EXPLAINED TO HIM.

THE PARTY DROVE TO TUEN MUN AND WERE MET BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM- PROJECT MANAGER, MR STAN BARDEN- HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT- AND FORMER KUK CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN YAT-SUN.

FROM A VANTAGE POINT, SIR ANTHONY WAS TOLD THAT THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN WOULD DOUBLE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS WITH THE COMPLETION OF A NUMBER OF LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS.

HE SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A FAST GROWING POPULATION.

AFTER LUNCH AT FANLING LODGE, THE GROUP TRAVELLED TO SHA TIN FOR A BRIEFING BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, AND PROJECT MANAGER, MR KENNETH KWOK.

SIR ANTHONY, WHO IS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 11). HE VISITED SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE YESTERDAY (THURSDAY). HE WILL TOUR MACAU TOMORROW AND LEAVE ON SUNDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING SIR ANTHONY BEING BRIEFED AT TUEN MUN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION LATER FROM GIS PRESS BOXES.

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FLOATING POPULATION DECLINES

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PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE 1981 MARINE CENSUS SHOW THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUOUS DECREASE IN HONG KONG'S FLOATING POPULATION OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS.

THE LATEST HEADCOUNT SHOWS THAT THE SIZE OF THE FLOATING POPULATION IS ABOUT 50 000, AS COMPARED WITH 137 000 IN THE 1961 MARINE CENSUS, 80 000 IN 1971, AND 59 000 IN 1976.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE HEADCOUNT, WHICH WAS PROVISIONAL, INCLUDED ALL DWELLERS ON FISHING VESSELS, BARGES, LIGHTERS, HOUSE BOATS AND STATIONARY BOATS. MORE THAN 10 000 VESSELS WERE ENUMERATED IN THE CENSUS.

+FINAL RESULTS OF THE MARINE CENSUS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL, DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FLOATING POPULATION, WILL BE AVAILABLE TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR ALONG WITH THE RESULTS OF THE LAND CENSUS,+ HE SAID.

THE MARINE CENSUS, CONDUCTED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1 AND 4, WAS THE FIRST PART OF A FULL-SCALE DECENNIAL CENSUS AIMED AT OBTAINING BENCHMARK INFORMATION ON THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF HONG KONG.

THE 1981 LAND CENSUS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 6 TO 15.

ENUMERATORS CARRYING A RED SACHEL AND A GREEN CENSUS OFFICER IDENTITY CARD BEARING THE HOLDER'S NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH WILL VISIT ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG.

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SERVICE GROUPS ROLE IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS HAVE TWO ROLES TO PLAY IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION -- PARTICIPATE IN ITS WORK AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR GRAHAM BARNES AT THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB MEETING THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

+WITH THE BEST WILL IN THE WORLD, NO BOARD OF A MANAGEABLE SIZE, EVEN IF ELECTED, CAN EVER HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PRODUCE SINGLE-HANDED ALL THE IDEAS AND SCHEMES FOR IMPROVEMENT WHICH EACH DISTRICT NEEDS,+ MR BARNES SAID.

IT WAS HOPED THAT MEMBERS OF MAJOR DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIPS TO TIE THEIR OWN ORGANISATIONS MORE CLOSELY TO THE SYSTEM, HE SAID.

HE BELIEVED THAT MANY ASSOCIATIONS COULD PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ENCOURAGING CANDIDATES TO COME FORWARD, IN HELPING THEM IN THEIR ELECTION CAMPAIGNS, IN ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO REGISTER FOR ELECTIONS AND FINALLY IN VOTING.

/MR BARNES

MR BARNES SAID THAT COMPLICATED AS THEY MIGHT SEEM AT FIRST GLANCE, THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WERE A LOGICAL RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICTS.

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FIFTEEN NT SITES FOR TENDER

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE LAST 15 NEW TERRITORIES SITES FOR TENDER THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE TENDER IS LIMITED TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS 'A' AND 'B') ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

DETAILS ARE IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE SITES, TOTALLING MORE THAN 8.4 HECTARES, ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL, NON-INDUSTRIAL AND INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN DEVELOPMENT.

TEN ARE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN, FOUR IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND THE REMAINING SITE IS IN TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE LARGEST SITE, MEASURING 24 400 SQUARE METRES, IS IN THE CENTRAL PART OF TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE. IT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$217 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN 56 MONTHS.

IT IS ONE OF SEVEN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN CENTRE LOTS, THE LAST THREE OF WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, THE TOWN CENTRE WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR 25 000 PEOPLE.

ANOTHER FIVE NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES MEASURE BETWEEN 1 550 AND 8 100 SQUARE METRES. THREE ARE IN SHA TIN, ONE IS IN TAI PO AND ONE IS IN TUEN MUN.

ALL THE RESIDENTIAL SITES ARE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN, COVERING AN AREA BETWEEN 1 650 AND 8 300 SQUARE METRES.

THE REMAINING FOUR SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN USE, MEASURING BETWEEN 2 000 AND 5 000 SQUARE METRES. TWO ARE IN SHA TIN AND THE OTHER TWO ARE IN TUEN MUN.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE AVAILABLE FROM NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OF THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 13.

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TEMPORARY DIVERSION OF CMB ROUTE NO. 20

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CMB ROUTE NO. 20 (SHAU KEI WAN TO CENTRAL) WILL BE TEMPORARILY DIVERTED VIA QUEEN VICTORIA STREET INSTEAD OF POTTINGER STREET IN CENTRAL FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FROM SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THE DIVERSION IS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK IN POTTINGER STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S AND DES VOEUX ROADS.

DURING THE DIVERSION PERIOD, A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE PUT UP OUTSIDE LANE CRAWFORD BUILDING TO REPLACE THE BUS TERMINAL AT POTTINGER STREET.

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