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EXPANSION FOR GOVERNMENT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICE

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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO EXPAND ITS WORKSHOP DIVISION WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR, AMONG OTHER TASKS, MAINTAINING A FLEET OF 4,200 GOVERNMENT VEHICLES.

THE EXPANSION PLAN, NOW ON THE DRAWING BOARD, INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO MORE SERVICING STATIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON BAY AND THE EXTENSION OF THE BASE WORKSHOP IN SUNG WONG TOI ROAD TO COPE WITH INCREASING WORKLOAD.

THE ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF WORKSHOPS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, MR. ROY COPPER SAID SITES HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE TWO NEW SERVICING STATIONS AND IT IS EXPECTED WORK ON THE KOWLOON BAY DEPOT WILL COMMENCE IN 1979 TO BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY THE SECOND STATION ON HONG KONG ISLAND. WORK ON SUNG WONG TOI ROAD DEPOT WILL COMMENCE IN FEBRUARY 1979.

IN ADDITION, A MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CONTROL ACCOUNTING (MICA) SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE DIVISION EARLY THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION ON MAINTENANCE COSTS OF VARIOUS MODELS OF VEHICLES UNDER ITS CARE AS WELL AS THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE.

MR. COPPER SAID: +WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COLLECTING DATA FOR THE SYSTEM WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE COMPUTERISED IN THE FUTURE TO ASSIST US IN ANALYSING THE STATISTICS.+

AT PRESENT, THE DIVISION HAS TWO BASE WORKSHOPS, ONE IN CAROLINE HILL AND THE OTHER IN SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, KOWLOON CITY, AND FOUR SERVICING STATIONS IN KENNEDY TOWN, LAI CHI KOK, FAN LING AND LANTAU.

IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SERVICING AND REPAIRING THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT FLEET OF VEHICLES APART FROM FIRE ENGINES OF WHICH THE UPKEEP IS DONE BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THERE ARE 180 DIFFERENT MODELS OF VEHICLES UNDER ITS CARE RANGING FROM POLICE SARACEN ARMoured CARS TO BICYCLES.

MR. COPPER SAID: +THE VEHICLES ARE CALLED IN FOR SERVICING ON A MILEAGE BASIS THAT DIFFERS FROM ONE MODEL TO ANOTHER. ON AVERAGE WE SERVICE 80 VEHICLES A DAY, APART FROM THE ROUND-THE-CLOCK BREAKDOWN SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.+

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MORE LAND FORMED IN SAI KUNG

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MORE LAND WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE IN SAI KUNG FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS GRADUALLY TRANSFORMING NEARLY FOUR HECTARES OF A FORMERLY SHALLOW AND UNHYGENIC AREA INTO A VALUABLE SITE.

WHEN FULLY FORMED, THIS AREA WILL PROVIDE SITES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE, A FIRE STATION, AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT DEPOTS.

THE WORK IN PROGRESS IS PART OF THE FIRST THREE PACKAGES OF A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN SAI KUNG (TUI MIN HOI) AREA ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF SAI KUNG HARBOUR TO THE TOWN.

THEY COMPRISE THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 9.5 HECTARES OF LAND, THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1.6 KILOMETRES OF A NEW TWO-LANE ROAD, AND A 260-METRE SEAWALL.

FILLING MATERIAL USED FOR RECLAMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM TUI MIN HOI WHERE PLATFORMS HAVE BEEN FORMED FOR BUILDING HOUSING FOR FISHERMEN AFFECTED BY THE HIGH ISLAND SCHEME.

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO THE LAND-SCAPING ELEMENT TO REDUCE THE INITIAL IMPACT OF THE WORK. TURFING AND PLANTING WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER FORMATION OF THE LAND.

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COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS ON H.K. INDUSTRIES

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THE POST OFFICE WILL ISSUE THREE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS ON THE THEME OF +HONG KONG INDUSTRIES+.

THE THREE STAMPS ARE IN 20 CENTS, \$1.30 AND \$2 DENOMINATIONS AND WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON JANUARY 9, 1979.

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY THE DESIGN DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

SPECIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 AT 20 CENTS EACH.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE- KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, NATHAN ROAD- AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, SALISBURY ROAD.

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FOR THIS SERVICE, ADDRESSED FIRST DAY COVERS MUST BE HANDED IN WITH AN ORDER FORM TOGETHER WITH A REMITTANCE TO COVER THE COST.

THE CHARGE WILL BE \$3.70 PER COVER WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF THE THREE STAMPS AND A SERVICE FEE OF 20 CENTS.

THE COVERS MUST BE FULLY ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANT, AND NOT LESS THAN 10 COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH EACH ORDER.

THE ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON DECEMBER 27.

COVERS ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL DESTINATION MAY BE COLLECTED ON JANUARY 10, 1979 FROM THE OFFICE WHERE THE ORDER WAS PLACED.

COVERS ADDRESSED OVERSEAS WILL BE SENT FORWARD BY SURFACE MAIL, UNLESS SUFFICIENT STAMPS ARE AFFIXED TO COVER AIRMAIL AND/OR REGISTRATION CHARGES. THE LATEST ACCEPTANCE DATE FOR ADVANCE ORDERS OF SERVICED COVERS WILL BE 5 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1979.

A SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1979 AT ALL POST OFFICES WHEREBY FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATE STAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM. NO TIME TYPE WILL APPEAR IN THE POSTMARK.

THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THIS SERVICE ARE:-

- * ONLY ARTICLES BEARING AN INDICATION THAT THEY ARE +FIRST DAY COVERS+ WILL BE SO TREATED-
- * THE ARTICLES MUST BE ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL ADDRESS-
- * THE ARTICLES MUST NOT BEAR ANY OTHER CANCELLATION-
- * NO REGISTERED ITEMS WILL BE PROCESSED BY THIS METHOD.

SPECIAL POSTING BOXES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON JANUARY 9, 1979 FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE FIRST DAY COVERS CAREFULLY HAND-POSTMARKED BEFORE DESPATCH TO THE ADDRESS ON THE COVERS.

THE NEW STAMPS WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE FIRST FLOOR PUBLIC COUNTER OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, ON JANUARY 3, FROM 9.20 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M.

THERE WILL BE TWO MORE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUES IN 1979, ONE HONG KONG BUTTERFLIES AND THE OTHER ON MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

THE HONG KONG BUTTERFLIES ISSUE WILL COMPRISE FOUR STAMPS OF VALUES AT 20 CENTS, \$1, \$1.30 AND \$2 AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISSUE WILL HAVE THREE STAMPS AT 20 CENTS, \$1.30 AND \$2.

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BOOKING REMINDER FOR TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES
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THE PUBLIC IS REMINDED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THERE ARE ONLY FOUR DAYS TO GO TO MAKE POSTAL BOOKINGS FOR TICKETS TO THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES BEFORE THE SERVICE CLOSES ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 20).

THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATOR, MR. BENJAMIN TANG SAID THE SERVICE WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED BY BOTH URBAN RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE LIVING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+MORE THAN 2,500 BOOKING FORMS WERE DISTRIBUTED SINCE THE SERVICE OPENED LAST FRIDAY,+ MR. TANG SAID.

+WHAT IS MOST ENCOURAGING IS THAT THE FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY THE MAJOR PRESENTATIONS BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AND THE PHOENIX OPERA TROUPE.+

JUDGING FROM THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, MR. TANG SAID, THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS CONFIDENT MANY MORE APPLICATIONS WOULD POUR IN BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE. THE TWO-WEEK FESTIVAL OPENS ON JANUARY 1.

MR. TANG ALSO ADVISED PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ADVANCE BOOKING BUT HAVE NOT DONE SO SHOULD HURRY AND GET THEIR BOOKING FORMS, COMPLETE THEM AND SEND THEM TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHEQUES TO THE FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE NOW.

BOOKING FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEAD OFFICE AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

MR. TANG SAID: +TICKETS TO ALL PERFORMANCES, EXCEPT FOR THE CANTONESE OPERAS, WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM DECEMBER 20.

+BOOKING CAN BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AT 10 CHUNG ON STREET, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN.+

TICKETS TO THE CANTONESE OPERAS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE ASSOCIATION FROM DECEMBER 25, HE SAID.

BLOCK BOOKINGS BY ASSOCIATIONS AND SCHOOLS ARE WELCOME BUT INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 10 TICKETS PER PERFORMANCE.

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PUBLIC SHOW MORE INTEREST IN FIRE PREVENTION

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INTEREST SHOWN BY THE PUBLIC IN FIRE PREVENTION IS INCREASING ANNUALLY.

DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, OVER 140 LECTURES, DEMONSTRATIONS AND TALKS ON FIRE SAFETY WERE CONDUCTED BY OFFICERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMPARED WITH 170 IN 1977 AND 59 IN 1976.

OF THESE, 32 WERE ORGANISED FOR HOSPITAL STAFF WITH EMPHASIS ON THE STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS.

THE REST WERE GIVEN TO PERSONNEL IN SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, HOTELS, COMMERCIAL FIRMS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

+MOST OF THE LECTURES WERE CONDUCTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE MANAGERMENTS AND IT SHOWS MORE PEOPLE ARE TAKING INITIATIVE IN ACQUIRING THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF FIRE PREVENTION,+ A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID.

APART FROM THESE LECTURES, SHORT FILMS, SLIDES AND OTHER FORM OF VISUAL AID ARE CONSTANTLY USED TO GIVE PARTICIPANTS AN INSIGHT INTO SPECIAL FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE DEPARTMENT TOOK PART IN FOUR DISTRICT EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

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CROSS MOUNTAIN RACE

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MORE THAN 350 OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN STAFF OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PART IN ITS ANNUAL CROSS MOUNTAIN RACE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 18).

THE EIGHT-MILE RACE WILL START ON ROUTE 1 OPPOSITE THE ENTRANCE TO THE KADOORIE EXPERIMENTAL FARM VIA RAZORBACK MOUNTAIN AND CORPS RIDGE TO FINISH AT THE FANLING FIRE STATION.

THE COMPETITORS WILL SET OUT IN THREE GROUPS, WITH WOMEN AND THOSE OVER 40 LEAVING AT 10.30 A.M. AND THE REST AT 11 A.M. AND 11.15 A.M. RESPECTIVELY.

THE OVERALL WINNER WILL BE AWARDED THE LANE TROPHY DONATED BY MR. MAURICE LANE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES.

LAST YEAR THE RACE WAS WON BY FIREMEN WONG KIN-KEUNG AT A TIME OF 54 MINUTES AND 42 SECONDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE ANNUAL FIRE SERVICES CROSS MOUNTAIN RACE WHICH WILL START AT ROUTE 1 OPPOSITE THE ENTRANCE TO THE KADOORIE EXPERIMENTAL FARM AT 10.30 A.M. ON MONDAY.

SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, MR. H.F. CHUI OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A SECTION OF OLD CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD ADJACENT TO CHOI WAN ESTATE WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED TO VEHICLES FROM 1 A.M. TO 5.30 A.M. FOR FIVE DAYS FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 18).

ONE LANE WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR TRAFFIC FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS ALTERNATIVELY AND WILL BE CONTROLLED BY TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

THIS SECTION OF OLD CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR THREE PERIODS OF 10 MINUTES EACH TO FACILITATE THE DISMANTLING OF THE TEMPORARY FORMWORK AND SUPPORTS OF THE TWO FOOTBRIDGES THERE.

THE EXISTING BAN ON VEHICLES IMPOSED ON THE UNNAMED ROAD OFF SHUM WAN ROAD NEAR ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL WILL BE LIFTED STARTING FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROHIBITED FROM USING SHUN WAN ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THESE AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUTS
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG AND CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 19).

PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON TUESDAY TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY ARE BOUNDED BY SHING YIP STREET, 1-31 HING YIP STREET, 57-71 KING YIP STREET, 55 AND 64-80 HOI YUEN ROAD AND 436-438 KWUN TONG ROAD.

AFFECTED PREMISES IN CENTRAL WHICH WILL HAVE THEIR WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY INCLUDE 20-62 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL- 1-21 D AND 2-44 STANLEY STREET- 1-49 AND 2-76 WELLINGTON STREET- D'AGUILAR STREET, WO ON LANE, LAN KWAI FONG- 1-31 B AND 2-16 WYNDHAM STREET, ON HING TERRACE AND ON LAN STREET.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM 8.30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 20) AND THURSDAY (DECEMBER 21).

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE FIRING PRACTICE.

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