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TAI PO TO SPLIT INTO TWO DISTRICTS

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A MAJOR REORGANISATION IN THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO FURTHER STREAMLINE ITS SERVICES TO THE INCREASING POPULATION.

WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 2), THE DISTRICT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO, EACH UNDER THE CHARGE OF A DISTRICT OFFICER.

KNOWN AS THE TAI PO AND NORTHERN DISTRICTS, THE NEW DIVISION WILL BRING TO EIGHT THE NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. NICHOLAS NG WILL TAKE OVER THE NEW TAI PO DISTRICT WHICH WILL EMBRACE TAI PO AND SAI KUNG NORTH, WHILE MR. PETER JOHNSON, FORMERLY TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT WHICH WILL COVER FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI, TA KWU LING, SHA TAU KOK AND NEIGHBOURING AREAS.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD, SAID TODAY THE CHANGE FORMED AN INTEGRAL PART OF AN OVERALL PLAN TO REORGANISE AND STRENGTHEN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR SERVICES IN THE DEVELOPING AREAS AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EXISTING SERVICES.

THE FIRST STEP OF THE REORGANISATION CAME IN APRIL THIS YEAR, WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF A REGIONAL COMMISSIONER TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS IN THE NORTH-WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. TODD POINTED OUT THAT THE TAI PO DISTRICT HAD BEEN EXPERIENCING CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT YEARS, RESULTING IN A POPULATION BOOST IN THE NEW TOWNS OF TAI PO AND FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI.

HE SAID: +IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE MODERNISATION, THE GROWTH WILL BE EVEN GREATER IN THE FORTHCOMING YEARS, AND THE POPULATION IN THE TWO NEW TOWNS ALONE ARE EXPECTED TO REACH 220 000 AND 169 000 RESPECTIVELY BY 1988.+

+TO MEET THESE TARGETS, SOME 2 262 HECTARES OF LAND WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A WHOLE RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING.

+THE WORK INVOLVED IN THE ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT OF LAND AND THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR NEW RESIDENTS HAVE CALLED FOR A CORRESPONDING STRENGTHENING IN THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY.

+AS TAI PO AND FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI ARE BEING DEVELOPED AS TWO SEPARATE NEW TOWNS EACH WITH ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXISTING DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVELY DISCHARGED FROM TWO SEPARATE OFFICES,+ MR. TODD ADDED.

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THE NEW TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE NEWLY-COMPLETED TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT TING KOK ROAD WHILE THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL OPERATE IN THE EXISTING DISTRICT OFFICE PREMISES UNTIL NEW ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE.

MR. TODD SAID A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WORK HAD GONE INTO SEPARATING THE LAND RECORDS, CROWN RENT ROLLS AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE FOR THE SPLIT, BUT THE PROCESS WAS NOW VIRTUALLY COMPLETED. HOWEVER, STAFF OF THE TWO NEW DISTRICT OFFICES WOULD BE STANDING BY DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD OF OPERATION TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

BOTH DISTRICT OFFICES WILL BE SERVED BY ONE ACCOUNTING OFFICE WHICH IS NOW LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE NEW TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT LAND AND OTHER MATTERS IN THE TWO DISTRICTS SHOULD BE MADE BY TELEPHONING THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 12-677111 AND THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 12-662302.

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WEIGHT LIMIT OF LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES TO BE INCREASED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION OF LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE INCREASED FROM 40 HUNDREDWEIGHTS TO 45 HUNDREDWEIGHTS, THAT IS, FROM TWO TONS TO TWO-AND-ONE-QUARTER TONS.

THE NEW LIMIT WILL BE APPLIED TO NEWLY REGISTERED VEHICLES AND VEHICLES SUBJECT TO INSPECTION FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 1).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT FROM MONDAY ANY GOODS VEHICLES PRESENTED FOR INSPECTION AT ANY OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES IF THE UNLADEN WEIGHT DOES NOT EXCEED TWO-AND-ONE-QUARTER TONS.

HE SAID THAT THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN AMENDED TO ALLOW HOLDERS OF DRIVING LICENCES FOR GOODS VEHICLES NOT OVER TWO TONS UNLADEN WEIGHT TO DRIVE GOODS VEHICLES OF AN UNLADEN WEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING 45 HUNDREDWEIGHTS.

HE ADVISED MOTORISTS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO AMEND DRIVING LICENCES ALREADY ISSUED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INCREASE IN WEIGHT FOR SMALL GOODS VEHICLES HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO REFLECT THE MANUFACTURERS' SPECIFICATIONS FOR VEHICLES IN THIS CLASS. IT ALSO BRINGS THE DRIVING LICENCE CATEGORIES INTO LINE WITH THE LICENCE FEE CATEGORIES, THAT IS, NOT EXCEEDING TWO-AND-ONE-QUARTER TONS.

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REVISED PARKING CHARGES FOR AIRPORT
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A NEW SCALE OF CHARGES WILL BE LEVIED ON PARKING AT THE MULTI-STOREY AND OPEN AIR CAR PARKS AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM NEXT SATURDAY (OCTOBER 6).

THE REVISED PARKING FEES WILL BE \$2 PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST TWO HOURS AND \$4 PER HOUR THEREAFTER AS AGAINST THE PRESENT RATE OF \$1.50 PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST TWO HOURS, \$3 PER HOUR FOR THE THIRD TO EIGHTH HOURS AND \$4 PER HOUR FOR THE NINTH AND SUBSEQUENT HOURS.

THE PRESENT STRUCTURE OF PARKING FEES WAS BROUGHT INTO EFFECT IN JULY 1975 AND HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT SAID THAT THE FEES WERE ADJUSTED MAINLY TO OFFSET RISING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.

+THE PARKING FEES FROM THE THIRD HOUR ONWARDS ARE DOUBLED TO DISCOURAGE LONG-TERM PARKING AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE MORE PARKING SPACES FOR SHORT-TERM USERS,+ HE SAID.

SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT SHOW THAT NEARLY 90 PER CENT OF THE CAR PARK USERS LEAVE THEIR VEHICLES THERE FOR TWO HOURS OR LESS.

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MAJOR SEWER FOR KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION
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TENDERS ARE ABOUT TO BE INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR SEWER ALONG HOI BUN ROAD ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

A P.W.D. SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID: +AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO MAIN PUBLIC SEWERS ON THE RECLAMATION. AS IT IS INTENDED TO DEVELOP THIS AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE A MAIN SEWER WILL BE REQUIRED.+

HE SAID THE SEWER WOULD COLLECT SEWAGE FROM FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND WOULD ALSO SERVE THE KAI TAK PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE FORMER RAF SITE.

THE SEWER TO BE LAID WILL BE ABOUT 2 700 METRES-LONG WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 525 MM TO 1 650 MM.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DRAINAGE WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE P.W.D.

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TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF WESTERN MARKET STALLS

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HUNDREDS OF STALL-HOLDERS IN WESTERN MARKET WILL BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR BE MOVING UP TO HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

THE REASON FOR THE TEMPORARY RELOCATION IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REDEVELOP THE POPULAR WESTERN MARKET INTO A NEW COMPLEX.

TO ALLOW FOR THIS THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED FOR TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY MARKET IN HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

A P.W.D. SPOKESMAN SAID THE TEMPORARY MARKET WOULD BE BUILT ON THE OPEN SPACE OPPOSITE PO YAN STREET.

IT WILL COMPRISE 63 MEAT AND FISH STALLS, 56 VEGETABLE STALLS AND 110 MINI-STALLS.

CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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SUSPENSION OF HAPPY VALLEY TRAM SERVICES POSTPONED

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THE EARLY SUSPENSION OF TRAM SERVICES BETWEEN HAPPY VALLEY AND KENNEDY TOWN AND HAPPY VALLEY AND SHAU KEI WAN AT 11.30 P.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED AND THE SERVICES WILL OPERATE AS NORMAL TOMORROW.

INSTEAD NEW ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO STOP TRAM SERVICES IN HAPPY VALLEY AT 11.30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 13 AND 20 TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE CANAL ROAD EXTENSION.

ON THE TWO NIGHTS IN QUESTION THE TIMES OF THE LAST TRAMS TO AND FROM THE VARIOUS TERMINI WILL BE AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, THAT IS, THE LAST TRAM LEAVING HAPPY VALLEY FOR SHAU KEI WAN AND KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE AT 10.24 P.M. AND THE LAST TRAM FROM SHAU KEI WAN AND KENNEDY TOWN FOR HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE AT 10.26 P.M. AND 10.46 P.M. RESPECTIVELY.

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WO CHE BUS TERMINUS TO BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE

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THE WO CHE BUS TERMINUS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED PUBLIC BUSES FROM 10 A.M. TODAY (FRIDAY), IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

WITHIN THE ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE TERMINUS.

THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROHIBITED ZONE WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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STATISTICIAN RETIRING AFTER 39 YEARS GOVERNMENT SERVICE

THE SENIOR STATISTICS SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE OF TRADE STATISTICS IN THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, MR. HUI MAN-YIN, WILL SOON RETIRE AFTER 39 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON OCTOBER 2.

MR. HUI JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1940 AS A TEMPORARY CLERK AND WAS POSTED TO THE THEN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DEPARTMENT.

IN 1945, MR. HUI WAS APPOINTED AS GENERAL CLERICAL SERVICE (G.C.S.) III (NOW RETITLED CLERICAL OFFICER GRADE), AND WAS PROMOTED TO G.C.S. II IN 1949 AND G.C.S. I IN 1957.

MR. HUI JOINED THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN 1967 FIRST AS AN ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER II AND THEN AS SENIOR CLERK. TWO YEARS LATER HE WAS APPOINTED AS CENSUS AND STATISTICS SUPERVISOR. IN 1973 HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT AREA SUPERINTENDENT WHICH WAS RETITLED SENIOR STATISTICS SUPERVISOR ON APRIL 1, 1977.

MR. HUI IS MARRIED AND HAS SEVEN CHILDREN.

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FIRING PRACTICE

FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON EIGHT DAYS NEXT MONTH.

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

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
OCTOBER 4 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. -- 10 P.M.
OCTOBER 5 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
OCTOBER 10 (WEDNESDAY)	7 A.M. -- 4.30 P.M.
OCTOBER 11 (THURSDAY)	7 A.M. -- 11 P.M.
OCTOBER 12 (FRIDAY)	7 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
OCTOBER 15 (MONDAY)	7 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
OCTOBER 18 (THURSDAY)	7 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
OCTOBER 19 (FRIDAY)	7 A.M. -- 5 P.M.

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