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ENUMERATORS PREPARE FOR PILOT CENSUS

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ENUMERATORS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TOOK THEIR OATH OF SECRECY FOR THE COMING PILOT LAND POPULATION CENSUS THIS MORNING. THE PILOT CENSUS WILL BEGIN NEXT FRIDAY (MARCH 7) AND END ON MARCH 16.

THE SECRECY OATH IS ONE OF THE STEPS BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT ENSURES THAT INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE CENSUS WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, AND WILL NEVER BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DATA WILL BE PROCESSED BY COMPUTER AND ANALYSED IN AGGREGATED FORM. NO INDIVIDUAL PARTICULARS CAN BE IDENTIFIED. BESIDES, ALL CENSUS SCHEDULES, WHICH DO CONTAIN THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS, ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE DESTROYED WITHIN A YEAR AFTER THE CENSUS.

SOME 20 000 HOUSEHOLDS FROM VARIOUS TYPES OF LIVING QUARTERS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR THE PILOT CENSUS. THESE HOUSEHOLDS ARE LOCATED IN ELEVEN DISTRICTS: WESTERN AND SHAU KI WAN/CHAI WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND- TSIM SHA TSUI, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON TONG AND KOWLOON CITY/WONG TAI SIN IN KOWLOON- AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, YUEN LONG, SAI KUNG/HANG HAU, TAI PO AND ISLANDS DISTRICT.

EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO ARE LIVING IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND UNLESS THERE ARE POSTAL DIFFICULTIES, THEY SHOULD NOW BE RECEIVING A NOTIFICATION LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT ENLISTING THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THIS PILOT CENSUS OPERATION. ANYONE WHO HAS ANY QUERIES CAN TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT AT 5-439189.

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DRIER SUMMER PREDICTED

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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY PREDICTED TODAY THAT THE RAINFALL FOR THE COMING SUMMER WILL BE LESS THAN THAT IN THE PREVIOUS TWO SUMMERS.

THE MAY TO OCTOBER RAINFALL THIS YEAR IS FORECAST TO LIE WITHIN THE RANGE 1 600 - 2 000 MILLIMETRES, CORRESPONDING TO 17 PER CENT BELOW TO FOUR PER CENT ABOVE THE 30-YEAR NORMAL OF 1 924 MILLIMETRES.

THE RAINFALL AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1978 AND 1979 AMOUNTED TO 2 102.0 AND 2 242.4 MILLIMETRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE RAINFALL FOR THE YEAR 1980 AS A WHOLE IS EXPECTED TO BE WITHIN THE RANGE 1 900 - 2 300 MILLIMETRES, THAT IS, FROM 15 PER CENT BELOW TO TWO PER CENT ABOVE THE AVERAGE OF 2 246 MILLIMETRES.

IF NECESSARY THIS PRELIMINARY FORECAST WILL BE UPDATED IN MAY WHEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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## SPECIAL CAR NOS FETCH \$415 100

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THIRTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$415 100 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER CD1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$90 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER CD88 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$50 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR CC5224, CC564, AND CC9616.

THE OTHER REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

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| CC988  | \$5 000  | CC4    | \$17 000 |
| CC993  | \$4 200  | AA987  | \$13 000 |
| CD11   | \$30 000 | CC718  | \$4 000  |
| CC288  | \$20 000 | CC280  | \$30 000 |
| CC3330 | \$2 000  | CC380  | \$12 000 |
| CC25   | \$16 000 | CC2892 | \$2 200  |
| CC810  | \$4 000  | CC308  | \$4 500  |
| CC912  | \$1 500  | CC322  | \$9 100  |
| CC103  | \$5 000  | CC730  | \$5 100  |
| CC2    | \$30 000 | CC672  | \$1 100  |
| CC178  | \$5 500  | AZ898  | \$25 500 |
| CC911  | \$6 200  | CC484  | \$12 000 |
| CB31   | \$7 200  |        |          |

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 51ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$11 971 332.

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## LOOKING FOR POTENTIAL FIREMEN

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THE FIRE SERVICES WILL LAUNCH A FOUR-WEEK RECRUITING DRIVE FROM MONDAY (MARCH 3) TO TIE IN WITH ITS EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

+WE ARE LOOKING FOR PHYSICALLY FIT YOUNG MEN INTERESTED IN AN EXCITING AND CHALLENGING CAREER,+ A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON ENERGETIC AND RESPONSIBLE YOUNG MEN WHO WANT A JOB THAT IS OUT OF THE ORDINARY TO COME FORWARD.

+PROMOTION PROSPECTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE PREPARED TO WORK HARD AND STUDY TO BECOME QUALIFIED FOR HIGHER POSTS ARE VERY GOOD,+ HE ADDED.

THREE RECRUITMENT CENTRES WILL BE SET UP ON THE ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THEY WILL OPERATE AT THE HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION, WEST OF WAN CHAI FERRY PIER- TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION ON CANTON ROAD, AND TSUEN WAN FIRE STATION ON TAI CHUNG ROAD. OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM (EXCEPT SUNDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICANTS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 30 AND HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF AT LEAST FIVE YEARS. HOWEVER, YOUNGER MEN OF OVER 17 WILL BE CONSIDERED.

+APPLICANTS SHOULD SPEAK FLUENT CANTONESE AND BE ABLE TO READ AND WRITE CHINESE. THEY SHOULD BE AT LEAST FIVE FOOT SIX, WEIGH 120 POUNDS OR MORE AND HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE AND NORMAL EYESIGHT,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

RECRUITS WILL BE TRAINED FOR GENERAL FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE DUTIES.

A FIREMAN STARTS WITH A MINIMUM SALARY OF \$1 610 RISING TO A MAXIMUM OF \$2 440. AN INCREMENT WILL BE AWARDED ON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF 26 WEEKS' BASIC TRAINING AT PAT HEUNG TRAINING SCHOOL.

APPLICANTS CALLING AT THE CENTRES SHOULD BRING THEIR IDENTITY CARDS, A DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (G.F. 340) OBTAINABLE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, AND ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS (UP TO PRIMARY SIX STANDARD).

THEY ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN RUBBER GYMNASTIC SHOES AND SHORTS FOR A PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST.

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MINOR STAFF VACANCIES IN GOVERNMENT

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MORE THAN 500 MINOR STAFF VACANCIES EXIST IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

POSTS AVAILABLE UNDER WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE +MODEL 1 PAY SCALE+ RANGE FROM THOSE FOR LABOURERS, HOSPITAL ORDERLIES AND AMAHS TO SKILLED WORKERS SUCH AS FITTERS AND AIR-CONDITIONING MECHANICS.

THE POSTS CARRY A PAY SCALE FROM \$1 175 TO \$1 800, IN ADDITION TO FREE MEDICAL SERVICES.

APPLICATIONS ARE MADE THROUGH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) WHICH HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR RECRUITING MINOR STAFF INTO THE CIVIL SERVICE SINCE NOVEMBER 1978.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT APPLICANTS SHOULD CALL AT ONE OF THE LES'S 13 BRANCH OFFICES, BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

A FULL LIST OF THE MODEL 1 PAY SCALE POSTS IS AVAILABLE AT THESE OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ANYONE INTERESTED IN A POST FOR WHICH A VACANCY WAS NOT YET AVAILABLE, MIGHT ALSO REGISTER WITH THE LES.

+WHEN THE VACANCY ARISES, WE WILL CONTACT THE APPLICANT IMMEDIATELY BY LETTER OR TELEPHONE.+

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION FOR MODEL 1 PAY SCALE POSTS CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 3-683764 OR 3-666615.

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HANDICAPPED STUDENTS WELCOMED AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES  
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HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE A VALUABLE SOURCE OF GENERALLY UNTAPPED MANPOWER WHICH CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, SAID MR DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

MR WATERS WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MUSIC CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE JOINT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION AT THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

+HANDICAPPED PEOPLE GENERALLY ARE RELIABLE AND DEDICATED TO THEIR JOBS. THEY CAN BE DEPENDED UPON SOMETIMES EVEN MORE THAN NORMAL PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

MR WATERS NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF YOUNG DESERVING PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE HAD JOINED COURSES IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND WERE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. THESE STUDENTS WERE INTEGRATED INTO NORMAL CLASSES.

+I AM SURE ALL OF YOU HERE THIS EVENING WILL AGREE WITH ME WE SHOULD WELCOME SUCH STUDENTS INTO OUR INSTITUTES AND THAT WE HOPE THAT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS THE NUMBER OF HANDICAPPED STUDENTS IN THE INSTITUTES WILL INCREASE,+ HE SAID.

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MORE SCOPE FOR CONTROLLED REFUSE TIPPING  
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FACILITIES FOR TIPPING OF REFUSE AT SHUEN WAN, OFF TING KOK ROAD IN TAI PO, WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE WITH THE OPENING OF THE FOURTH PHASE OF CONTROLLED TIPPING WORKS.

THE FIRST AND SECOND PHASES OF THE EXISTING SHUEN WAN CONTROLLED TIP HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND WORK ON THE THIRD PHASE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PWD SAID THAT IN THE FOURTH PHASE, FILLING OF THE CONTROLLED TIP WOULD CONTINUE TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

+WHEN THE ENTIRE TIP IS FILLED TO ITS DESIGNED CAPACITY BY SANITARY LANDFILL METHOD IN LATE 1982, A TOTAL 5.9 HECTARES OF OPEN SPACE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR RECREATIONAL AND AMENITY USES.

+SANITARY LANDFILL CONSISTS OF THE SPREADING OF REFUSE IN LAYERS, COVERING EACH LAYER WITH INERT EARTH AS TIPPING PROCEEDS, AND SEALING OFF ALL WORKING FACES AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH DAY'S WORK TO OBVIATE NOXIOUS SMELLS, CONTROL VERMIN AND ELIMINATE HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COVERING MATERIAL FOR THE SHUEN WAN TIP WOULD BE OBTAINED FROM AN ADJACENT BORROW AREA WHERE ABOUT 2.3 HECTARES OF LAND WOULD BE FORMED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE FOURTH PHASE OF TIPPING WORKS, FOR WHICH TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED, IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE HAS DESIGNED THE WORKS AND WILL SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION.

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WATER DRAIN DIVERTED FOR FERRY TERMINAL  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE DIVERSION OF THE STORM WATER DRAIN NEAR THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL TO MAKE WAY FOR THE FUTURE NEW TERMINAL COMPLEX.

THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE LAYING OF ABOUT 195 METRES OF STORM WATER DRAIN WITH A DIAMETER OF 2 100 MM AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL OUTLET.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, PWD.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE NEXT WEEK ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (MARCH 3 AND 4) FROM 7 AM TO 5 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

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MAXICABS RE-ROUTED  
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TWO HONG KONG ISLAND MAXICAB ROUTES, NOS 6 AND 10, WILL BE RE-DIRECTED VIA ADMIRALTY STATION FROM MONDAY (MARCH 3) TO ALLOW PASSENGERS TO INTERCHANGE WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, MAXICABS ON ROUTE NO 6 (STAR FERRY TO SHOUSON HILL ROAD AND OCEAN PARK), AND ROUTE NO 10 (CAUSEWAY BAY TO SCENIC VILLA AND SANDY BAY) WILL PICK UP AND SET DOWN PASSENGERS NEAR THE WESTERN BUS TERMINAL AT ADMIRALTY STATION.

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