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SPECIAL ROYAL WEDDING STAMP ISSUE
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THERE WILL BE TWO MORE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUES IN 1981, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE FIRST, TO COMMEMORATE THE MARRIAGE OF PRINCE CHARLES AND LADY DIANA SPENCER, WILL BE ISSUED ON JULY 29, AND THE SECOND, WITH THE THEME +PUBLIC HOUSING+, WILL BE ISSUED ON OCTOBER 14.

THE ROYAL WEDDING ISSUE WILL COMPRISE THREE STAMPS (VALUES 20 CENTS, \$1.30 AND \$5).

THE DESIGNS INCORPORATE AN HERALDIC GARLAND SYMBOLISING THE MARRIAGE, AND A WEDDING BOUQUET COMPOSED OF BAUHINIA FLOWERS (20 CENTS)- A PHOTOGRAPH OF PRINCE CHARLES DOTTING THE EYE OF A DRAGON DURING HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG IN MARCH 1979 (\$1.30)- AND AN OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENT PHOTOGRAPH (\$5).

THE STAMPS WILL BE PRINTED IN TWO PANES OF 25 STAMPS EACH AND AN ADDED ATTRACTION FOR PHILATELISTS IS THE DECORATIVE HERALDIC DESIGN IN THE CENTRAL GUTTER BETWEEN THE TWO PANES OF STAMPS.

THE POST OFFICE EXPECTS THIS TO BE A VERY POPULAR ISSUE.

THE PUBLIC HOUSING ISSUE WILL COMPRISE FOUR STAMPS (VALUES 20 CENTS, \$1, \$1.30 AND \$2).

A SOUVENIR SHEET FOR THE PUBLIC HOUSING ISSUE WILL ALSO BE ISSUED.

THE FIRST SPECIAL ISSUE OF STAMPS IN 1982 WILL BE MADE ON JANUARY 5, WITH THE THEME +THE PORT OF HONG KONG, PAST AND PRESENT+, AND WILL COMPRISE FOUR STAMPS (20 CENTS, \$1, \$1.30 AND \$2).

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DECISION ON WATER RESTRICTIONS DEFERRED
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A DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO IMPOSE WATER RESTRICTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND HAS BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH WHEN A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE OVERALL WATER SITUATION WILL BE MADE, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

MR TOMLINSON SAID THAT THIS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE YIELD FROM RAINFALL TO THE ISLAND RESERVOIRS SO FAR THIS WET SEASON.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THE WARNING ON THE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF WATER RESTRICTIONS FOR HONG KONG ISLAND WAS GIVEN ON APRIL 10, THE WATER STORAGE IN THE ISLAND RESERVOIRS WAS 10.1 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 30 PER CENT OF THE CAPACITY.

TODAY, THE STORAGE STANDS AT 17.5 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 50 PER CENT OF THE CAPACITY.

HOWEVER, MR TOMLINSON SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE AS FAR AS TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE IS CONCERNED.

AT 9 AM TODAY, THE TOTAL STORAGE IN THE RESERVOIRS WAS 226.7 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 39.2 PER CENT OF THE CAPACITY, COMPARED WITH 339.4 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 58.7 PER CENT AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

THE DIRECTOR APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONTINUE TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM ECONOMY IN THE USE OF WATER.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 39.2 PER CENT OR 226.732 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

ON THE SAME DATE LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 329.491 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER. THIS WAS 58.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SURVEY OF ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BEGINS

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A MAJOR SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BEGINS TODAY (MONDAY) TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

THE SURVEY, THE SIXTH OF ITS KIND, IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR AND CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE HAVE BEEN SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY RANDOM STRATIFIED SAMPLING.

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EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING, THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS AND HELP EMPLOYERS TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR WARNER S.Y. YEH, SAID TODAY THAT THE SURVEY WAS NEEDED IN VIEW OF THE MANY CHANGES SINCE THE ONE CONDUCTED TWO YEARS AGO.

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 ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

+AS THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED IS OF IMPORTANCE IN FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY, CO-OPERATION OF THOSE COVERED IN THE SURVEY IS SINCERELY SOLICITED,+ HE ADDED.

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SEMINAR FOR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS
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A SEMINAR FOR OFFICE-BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN THE NAM SHAN AND YAU YAT CHUEN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1981 STARTING FROM 7 PM IN TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE, TONG YAM STREET, TAI HANG TUNG.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NAM SHAN AND YAU YAT CHUEN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, SHAM SHUI PO, WITH A VIEW TO FOSTERING BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND RELATIONS AMONG MEMBERS OF THE AREA COMMITTEE, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND PROVIDING A FORUM FOR THE MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

MR STEPHEN IP, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, AND MR PETER CHEUNG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, WILL SPEAK AT THE EVENT TO INTRODUCE THE GENERAL CONTENT OF THE SCHEME AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN SHAM SHUI PO. REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

A SLIDE SHOW INTRODUCING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS IN FUTURE PUBLICITY TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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THE EVENT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET DINNER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
EVENT.

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MANAGEMENT GROUP FORMED FOR \$10 MILLION CENTRE
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A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED FOR THE \$10 MILLION NORTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TOWN HALL NOW BEING BUILT AT SHEUNG SHUI.

THE CENTRE IS ON A 2 750 SQUARE METRE SITE NEAR SHEK WU HUI RAILWAY STATION AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO OVERSEE THE USE OF PREMISES AND FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED TO DEAL WITH FUND RAISING, FITTING OUT AND EQUIPMENT, PROGRAMMES, THE OPENING CEREMONY, AND A HISTORICAL EXHIBITION.

THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE A MUCH NEEDED SERVICE FOR THE LOCAL POPULATION, WHICH WILL RISE TO OVER 170 000 BY THE END OF THE 1980'S WHEN DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN IS FULLY COMPLETED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SAID TODAY.

THE CENTRE WILL BE AIR CONDITIONED AND CONSIST OF A 1 000-SEAT AUDITORIUM OVER A COVERED PLAY AREA, LINKED TO A SIX-STOREY BUILDING.

FACILITIES IN THE BUILDING WILL INCLUDE OFFICES, EXHIBITION SPACE, A COFFEE BAR, LIBRARY, MEETING ROOMS, GAMES AREA AND NURSERY. THE ROOF WILL BE USED AS AN OPEN PLAY AREA.

DONATIONS OF \$3 MILLION HAVE BEEN RAISED FOR THE PROJECT WITH THE BALANCE BEING PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT.

A LOCAL LEADER, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISES 16 UNOFFICIAL AND SIX OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

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ROAD WORK TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

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A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERSECTION IS TO BE BUILT ALONG KWUN TONG ROAD OVER THE JUNCTION OF LAI YIP STREET, ELEGANCE ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD TO RELIEVE THE EXISTING TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK WILL CONSIST OF A 400-METRE LONG TWO-LANE DUAL ELEVATED CARRIAGEWAY ALONG KWUN TONG ROAD AND A TWO-LANE CONNECTION LINKING THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD.

UPON COMPLETION, TRAFFIC ON KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE CARRIED OVER THE JUNCTION ON THE ELEVATED STRUCTURE, WHILE TURNING MOVEMENTS WILL BE CONTROLLED AT GROUND LEVEL BY A TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE ELEVATED ROAD WOULD NOT ONLY RELIEVE CONGESTION AT THE ABOVE JUNCTION BUT WOULD ALSO FORM A CONTINUATION OF THE PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON BAY AND KWUN TONG WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND LAST ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

DURING CONSTRUCTION, TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC IN EACH DIRECTION ALONG KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

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ANOTHER PUMPING STATION FOR MUK WU

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WORK WILL BEGIN SHORTLY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER PUMPING STATION AND ASSOCIATED RECEPTION FACILITIES AT MUK WU NEAR THE BORDER.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK WERE INVITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE PROJECT FORMED PART OF STAGE ONE OF A \$1 300 MILLION PLAN TO CATER FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF WATER FROM CHINA OVER THE NEXT 12 YEARS.

HE SAID THAT THE PUMPING STATION WOULD HOUSE TEN SETS OF PUMPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF ABOUT 1.4 MILLION CUBIC METRES DAILY.

THE ASSOCIATED RECEPTION FACILITIES WILL COMPRISE TWO RECEPTION TANKS, EACH WITH A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 5 400 CUBIC METRES.

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ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE LAYING OF SOME 1 200 METRES OF TWIN PIPELINES OF 2 000 MM TO 2 200 MM IN DIAMETER. A SECTION OF THE PIPELINES WILL CROSS UNDER SHEN ZHEN RIVER TO CONNECT WITH THE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE RIVER IN CHINA.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TEMPORARY PUMPING ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ALSO BE MADE TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM BY ABOUT 170 000 CUBIC METRES DAILY.

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SALT WATER LEAKAGE TESTS
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (WEDNESDAY) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY PUI CHING ROAD, SHEUNG SHING STREET, SHEK KU STREET, PERTH STREET, GULLANE ROAD, SHEUNG HONG STREET, SHEUNG LOK STREET, AND SHEUNG FOO STREET INCLUDING SHEUNG FAT STREET, SHEUNG HING STREET AND BLOCK 1-8 HO MAN TIN ESTATE.

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