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TARIFFS OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY
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FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, A RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 21, PROPOSING ADJUSTMENTS TO TELEPHONE TARIFFS FROM JULY 1, 1978.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EFFECT OF THE NEW TARIFFS ON SUBSCRIBERS WITH PRIVATE TELEPHONE LINES IN THEIR HOMES WOULD BE AN INCREASE OF $2 PER MONTH. THE MONTHLY RENTAL CHARGES FOR COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE LINES WOULD GO UP BY $4 AND FEES FOR NEW INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE INCREASED FROM $250 TO $300.

ADJUSTMENTS TO MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES WILL ALSO BE PROPOSED TO RELATE THEM MORE CLOSELY WITH PRESENT DAY COSTS. THERE WILL BE SOME INCREASES AND SOME REDUCTIONS.

THE LAST INCREASE IN TELEPHONE CHARGES WAS THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS AGO, IN JANUARY 1975, AT THE TIME WHEN A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY WAS APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY. THE COMMISSION SUBMITTED ITS REPORT IN NOVEMBER 1975 AND SAID THAT THE BASIC RENTAL CHARGES OF TELEPHONE SERVICES SHOULD BE RAISED AGAIN BY AS MUCH AS 15 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1977. HOWEVER, IT WAS THEN FELT THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO DECIDE WHETHER AND WHEN SUCH AN INCREASE WOULD BE REQUIRED BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS KEPT THE POSITION UNDER REVIEW AS PART OF ITS CONTINUOUS FINANCIAL MONITORING OF THE COMPANY.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE ADJUSTMENTS NOW PROPOSED AMOUNT TO AN OVERALL INCREASE OF ABOUT SEVEN PER CENT WHICH IS LESS THAN HALF THAT SUGGESTED BY THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY. MOREOVER, THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE HAD BEEN POSTPONED FOR 18 MONTHS.

AS A RESULT OF AN ANNUAL GROWTH OF APPROXIMATELY 9 PER CENT IN BOTH 1976 AND 1977 IN THE NUMBER OF EXCHANGE LINES CONNECTED, THE COMPANY HAS REDUCED CONSIDERABLY THE SPARE CAPACITY THAT HAD ACCUMULATED DURING THE RECESSION. THIS, COUPLED WITH THE IMPROVED EFFICIENCY OF THE COMPANY, HAS SO FAR RENDERED IT UNNECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TARIFF INCREASE SUGGESTED BY THE COMMISSION.

BUT, RISING COSTS MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT IN TARIFFS NECESSARY NOW.

NO FURTHER INCREASES ARE EXPECTED BEFORE 1981, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

+OVER THE PAST THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS THE COMPANY HAS SHOWN A REMARKABLE IMPROVEMENT, BOTH IN TERMS OF ITS OPERATING EFFICIENCY AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +IT HAS REDUCED THE WAITING TIME FOR CONNECTIONS, WIDELY EXTENDED ITS SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS AND REDUCED THE COMPANY'S BORROWINGS BY RAISING ADDITIONAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS THROUGH TWO SUCCESSFUL RIGHTS ISSUES+.

+IT WOULD NOT SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC IF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY FAILED TO MAINTAIN THIS IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES AND MEET FUTURE DEMANDS+, THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED.

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SUMMER FUN FOR YOUTHS
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AN AMBITIOUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE STAGED THIS YEAR TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHEME.

+BASED ON NINE YEARS' EXPERIENCE WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE THIS SUMMER'S PROGRAMME THE MOST SUCCESSFUL,+ THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION, MR. NORMAN OEI, SAID TODAY.

THE THREE-MONTH-LONG PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY (JUNE 18) WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AT ERSKINE CAMP TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

IT WILL INCLUDE AT LEAST 8,000 EVENTS COSTING OVER $4 MILLION OF WHICH $1.76 MILLION IS PLEDGED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE BIGGEST SINGLE DONOR.

COMMENTING ON THE AIM OF THE PROGRAMME, MR. OEI SAID : +WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS AND SELF CONFIDENCE.

+YOUNGSTERS WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO ENRICH THEIR KNOWLEDGE, CULTIVATE INTERESTS IN NEW FIELDS AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL.

+OUR PROGRAMMES OF INDOOR OR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SHOULD APPEAL TO STUDENTS AND WORKERS ALIKE AND FIT EASILY INTO STUDY OR WORK SCHEDULES.+

THERE WILL BE LEADERSHIP CAMPS, INTEREST GROUPS, TRAINING COURSES AND A HOST OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING OUTINGS, CAMPS, FUNFAIRS AND SPORTS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE MOUNTED BY MORE THAN 50,000 VOLUNTEERS DRAWN FROM SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, WELFARE AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE ARMED FORCES.

THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS ORGANISED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT BODIES INCLUDING THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE 1978 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS AVAILABLE FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, COMMUNITY CENTRES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

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THREE INDUSTRIAL SITES FOR SALE AT SHA TIN
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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR TWO INDUSTRIAL SITES IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN FROM HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. AN ADJACENT INDUSTRIAL SITE WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION ON TUESDAY (JUNE 20).

SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. ROGER THOMPSON, TODAY SAID: +THE THREE SITES ARE SITUATED IN TAI WAI AND HAVE GOOD ROAD ACCESS TO KOWLOON BY WAY OF THE SHA TIN TRUNK ROAD.

+THE INDUSTRIAL SITE AUCTION WILL BE THE FIRST IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN THIS YEAR.+ IT WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMENCING AT 11 A.M.

THE FIRST LOT FOR TENDER HAS AN AREA OF 3,226 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF $3,500,000 TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 30 CALENDAR MONTHS FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE SECOND LOT HAS AN AREA OF 2,319 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF $2,500,000 TO BE FULFILLED IN THE SAME PERIOD.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE TWO LOTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES BY NOON ON JULY 14 THIS YEAR.

AS FOR THE SITE TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, IT HAS AN AREA OF 3,782 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF $4,070,000 ALSO TO BE FULFILLED IN THE SAME PERIOD.

MR. THOMPSON ADDED THAT BUILDINGS ON THE THREE SITES WERE BASICALLY RESTRICTED TO SIX TO SEVEN STOREYS.

FULL PARTICULARS ON THE THREE LOTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON, AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NEW FIRE STATION FOR SHA TIN
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A NEW DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION IS TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN SOON TO COPE WITH ITS DEVELOPMENT.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, ARE INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

MR. K.M. TSENG, CHIEF ARCHITECT, SAID THAT THE PROJECT WOULD OCCUPY A 9,000-SQUARE-METRE SITE ADJACENT TO THE SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. TSENG SAID THAT THE DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION WOULD BE OF STANDARD DESIGN.

+THE THREE-STOREY STATION WILL HAVE ROOM FOR 10 FIRE APPLIANCES,+ HE SAID. +IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE DUTY AND SERVICES ROOMS, OFFICES, LECTURE ROOM, BARRACK ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ESSENTIAL OPERATIONAL STAFF ON DUTY, DINING AND RECREATIONAL AREAS, A DRILL YARD WITH A DRILL TOWER AND A STORE FOR DANGEROUS GOODS.+

A SEPARATE TWO-STOREY BUILDING ON THE SAME SITE WOULD PROVIDE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, SAID MR. TSENG.

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BOARD OF INVESTIGATION TO PROBE SHIP COLLISION

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE HAS APPOINTED A BOARD OF INVESTIGATION UNDER THE PILOTAGE ORDINANCE TO LOOK FURTHER INTO THE COLLISION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN VESSEL +PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT+ AND THE THAI SHIP +CHAMNARN SAMUT+ IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR ON MARCH 27.

THE BOARD WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR. KENNETH MOK, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT WITH TWO OTHER MEMBERS -- CAPTAIN M.D. BURBIDGE AND CAPTAIN A.R. DAVIDSON -- BOTH FROM THE SHIPPING CIRCLE.

IT WILL HOLD SITTINGS AT ROOM 149, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING, ON JUNE 15, 16, 27 AND 29. AT THE END OF THE INVESTIGATION, THE BOARD WILL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE WHO IS ALSO THE PILOTAGE AUTHORITY.

THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 27 WHEN THE +PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT+ WAS LEAVING THE PORT AND THE +CHAMNARN SAMUT+ WAS ENTERING. IN THE ACCIDENT, ONE SEAMAN WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER SERIOUSLY INJURED, BOTH FROM THE THAI SHIP WHICH ALSO SUSTAINED DAMAGE.

ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE COLLISION, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE APPOINTED CAPTAIN JOHN MAYO, SENIOR SURVEYOR OF SHIPS TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE ACCIDENT.

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THREE WAYS TO ACHIEVE LABOUR-MANAGEMENT HARMONY

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THE CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR. TSUI TIM-FOOK, SAID THE MAIN CAUSE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN LABOUR AND MANAGEMENT WAS GENERALLY DUE TO THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S DIFFICULTIES, NEEDS, ASPIRATIONS, STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES.

HE OFFERED THREE MAIN SUGGESTIONS FOR ACHIEVING LABOUR-MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATION DURING A LUNCHEON TALK TODAY AT THE LIONS CLUB OF LION ROCK -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES, THE SETTING UP OF AN EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, AND BEING CONVERSANT WITH LABOUR LAWS.

REFERRING TO HIS FIRST SUGGESTION, MR. TSUI SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORMAL JOINT-CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY WAS VERY SUITABLE TO LARGE SOPHISTICATED ORGANISATIONS WITH RELATIVELY LOW LABOUR MOBILITY.

FOR SMALL ESTABLISHMENTS, HOWEVER, INFORMAL JOINT CONSULTATION, SUCH AS AD HOC DISCUSSIONS OR BRIEFING SESSIONS, ATTENDED BY EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE EQUALLY EFFECTIVE.

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ANOTHER PRACTICAL AVENUE OF CONSULTATION ADVANCED BY MR. TSUI WAS THE OPENING OF A TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION CHANNEL THROUGH SUPERVISORS AND/OR FOREMEN AND THE DEPARTMENTAL MANAGERS.

HE SAID: +THIS APPROACH CALLS FOR THE SPEEDY AND FAITHFUL HANDLING OF INFORMATION UPWARDS AND DOWNWARDS.+

+THE ESSENCE OF ALL EFFECTIVE CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION PROCESSES,+ HE ADDED, +IS SINCERITY ON THE PART OF EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS AND THEIR COMMON DESIRE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS QUICKLY AND AMICABLY.+

ON HIS SECOND SUGGESTION, MR. TSUI SAID THE AVERAGE SIZED AND LARGER ORGANISATIONS SHOULD SET UP AN EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.

HE EXPLAINED THAT A GOOD PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT ACTS AS AN INTERNAL BRIDGE BETWEEN THE TOP MANAGEMENT AND THE SHOPFLOOR EMPLOYEES, THEREBY CREATING GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

+HOWEVER, TO MAKE A PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE, IT MUST BE MANNED BY TRAINED, QUALIFIED OR EXPERIENCED STAFF,+ MR. TSUI POINTED OUT.

+TO KEEP THEMSELVES ABREAST OF MODERN TECHNIQUES OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT STAFF SHOULD ATTEND RELEVANT COURSES OF TRAINING RUN BY THE EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITIES, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE.

+MOST OF THESE COURSES ARE CONDUCTED IN THE EVENING AND BY ENROLMENT WITH THEM, THEY CAN IMPROVE THEIR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR OWN SPARE TIME,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO HAVE A GOOD PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT WITHOUT COMPLEMENTING IT WITH SOUND EMPLOYMENT POLICY WHICH AIMS AT PROVIDING THE BEST POSSIBLE TERMS AND THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYEES AT ALL LEVELS,+ MR. TSUI ADDED.

ON HIS THIRD SUGGESTION, MR. TSUI SAID THAT AT AN AGE WHEN WORKERS WERE INCREASINGLY CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RIGHTS, EMPLOYERS AND PERSONNEL MANAGERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY THEMSELVES WERE CONVERSANT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LABOUR LEGISLATION.

THE LAW OF TODAY WAS MUCH IMPROVED COMPARED WITH THAT OF 10 YEARS AGO, MR. TSUI ADDED.

+WHILE WORKERS BENEFIT FROM IMPROVED LABOUR LEGISLATION, THEY SHOULD DO THEIR PART BY FULFILLING THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LAW,+ MR. TSUI ADVISED.

MR. TSUI THEN INVITED EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO APPROACH ANY OF THE SIX BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ABOUT PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND OTHER LABOUR RELATIONS MATTERS.

HE ADDED THAT STARTING FROM MONDAY (JUNE 19) ALL SIX BRANCHES WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE LUNCH HOUR BETWEEN 1 P.M. AND 2 P.M. ON WEEK DAYS (EXCEPT SATURDAYS) TO FACILITATE CONSULTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR LODGING OF COMPLAINTS WITH THE SERVICE.

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EXTENSION OF TUEN MUN WATER TREATMENT PLANT
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WORK ON THE EXTENSION OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN TUEN MUN HAS BEEN COMPLETED, BOOSTING THE DAILY CAPACITY OF THE PLANT FROM 45,500 TO 91,000 CUBIC METRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLY AIMS AT MEETING THE INCREASED DEMAND RESULTING FROM RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG AREAS.

UNTREATED WATER, WHICH WILL BE PURIFIED IN THIS PLANT, WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AFTER PURIFICATION, HE ADDED, THE WATER WILL BE PUMPED INTO SERVICE RESERVOIRS IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG AND TO A NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN TUEN MUN EAST.

THE EXTENSION, COSTING ABOUT $5 MILLION, WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON FRIDAY (JUNE 16) FOLLOWING AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY AT WHICH THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. TOM TOMLINSON, WILL OFFICIATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN TREATMENT WORKS OFF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, FU TEI, TUEN MUN, AT 11 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JUNE 16).

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, NOT LATER THAN 9.20 A.M. TWO VANS WILL LEAVE FOR TUEN MUN AT 9.30 A.M. SHARP.

OFFICERS OF THE P.W.D.'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

LETTERS AND SURVEY FORMS FOR THE SURVEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO CONTRACTORS FOR INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF MANUAL WORKERS EMPLOYED AT THE SITES AS AT JUNE 15.

THE PREVIOUS QUARTERLY SURVEY SHOWED THAT A TOTAL OF 65,036 MANUAL WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED AT VARIOUS WORK SITES IN THE MIDDLE OF MARCH THIS YEAR. OF THESE 32,004 WERE INVOLVED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

COMMENTING ON THE LATEST SURVEY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH CARRYING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL VISIT THE SITES FROM JUNE 15 TO 17 TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED SURVEY FORMS.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO CONTRACTORS AND THEIR SITE STAFF FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THE SURVEY.

INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS OR SITES WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE SOLELY USED FOR COMPILING STATISTICAL TABLES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR. CHAN TUNG-WAH, STATISTICIAN (INDUSTRY) AT 5-444674.

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AUCTION OF +SPECIAL+ CAR NUMBERS
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MOTORISTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF BUYING +SPECIAL+ NUMBERS FOR THEIR CARS AT THE WEEKEND WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HELPING LOCAL CHARITIES.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR AUCTION OF +SPECIAL+ CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JUNE 17). THE AUCTION WILL START AT 10 A.M. IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CITY HALL, EIGHTH FLOOR.

SIXTEEN NUMBERS WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION. THE NUMBERS ARE :-

753	XX 14	AH 999	BM 777
911	HK 83	BB 8888	BT 99
1338	AA 1221	BG 525	BT 123
8686	AB 6688	BM 68	BR 69

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSE OF BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

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ACAN STEPS UP DISTRICT CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES
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THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WILL EXTEND ITS DISTRICT-LEVEL ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGNS FROM ONE TO THREE DISTRICTS TO REACH MORE THAN A MILLION PEOPLE.

THE CAMPAIGNS OF INTENSIVE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY WILL BE MOUNTED CONSECUTIVELY IN TAI PO FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 14, IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT FROM OCTOBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 12 AND IN WONG TAI SIN FROM NOVEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER 17.

AN ACAN SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY: +WE ARE MOUNTING THREE DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS THIS YEAR AS A RESULT OF THEIR PROVEN SUCCESS SINCE THEIR INCEPTION IN 1973 IN PUTTING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THE CAMPAIGNS WILL BE TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE= TO PROVIDE YOUNGSTERS WITH HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES= TO ENCOURAGE THE REPORTING OF DRUG OFFENCES AND TO HELP ADDICTS COME FORWARD FOR TREATMENT.

THE CAMPAIGNS WILL BE ORGANISED BY LOCAL PEOPLE WITH GOVERNMENT PROVIDING FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED:+PUBLIC SUPPORT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN STAMPING OUT DRUGS AND WE HOPE THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS WILL ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PLAY A MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING ANTI-DRUG ABUSE ACTIVITIES.+

EACH CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE SPECTACULAR OPENING EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS, COMPETITIONS, VARIETY SHOWS, SEMINARS, LECTURES TO SCHOOLS AND MOBILE THEATRE AND FILM SHOWS.

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LEAFLETS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICTS AND BANNERS AND POSTERS WITH SLOGANS WILL BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN PUBLIC PLACES.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED AT TAI PO COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM RURAL COMMITTEES, FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS, YOUTH CENTRES, SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATIONS, SCOUTS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ENGAGED IN ANTI-DRUG ABUSE WORK.

SIMILAR COMMITTEES FOR CAMPAIGNS TO BE HELD IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG AND WONG TAI SIN WILL BE SET UP SHORTLY.

TO SPREAD THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO ALL PARTS OF HONG KONG INTENSIVE PUBLICITY WILL BE MOUNTED SIMULTANEOUSLY ON TELEVISION AND RADIO, IN NEWSPAPERS AND BY USING POSTERS AND THE DISPLAY WINDOWS OF ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES.

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EVENING ENGLISH COURSES FOR ADULTS

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THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL RUN EVENING ENGLISH COURSES IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR FOR PEOPLE AGED 18 AND OVER.

THE COURSES, BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 11, ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE LEVELS -- A SIX-YEAR ELEMENTARY COURSE EQUIVALENT TO PRIMARY 4 TO FORM 3, A TWO-YEAR INTERMEDIATE COURSE EQUIVALENT TO FORMS 4 AND 5 AND A ONE-YEAR SENIOR COURSE EQUIVALENT TO FORM 6.

ANNUAL FEES FOR THE THREE-LEVEL COURSES TO BE HELD IN THE URBAN AREA ARE $75, $95 AND $115 RESPECTIVELY= WHILE THOSE FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE LEVELS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE $40 AND $50 RESPECTIVELY. THERE IS NO SENIOR LEVEL COURSE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FREE APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM JUNE 15 TO 30 AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (HEADQUARTERS, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND ADULT EDUCATION SECTION)= QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KING'S COLLEGE, HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND DISTRICT OFFICE (ISLANDS) ON HONG KONG= QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, LI CHENG UK, KAI TAK, KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND TIN KWONG ROAD GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN KOWLOON= HOI PA STREET AND TAI PO GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS, HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND DISTRICT OFFICES (SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG) IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY JULY 3 TO THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION ALSO RUNS OTHER EVENING COURSES -- THE EVENING SCHOOL OF HIGHER CHINESE STUDIES, SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSES, MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE FOR ADULTS, YOUNG PEOPLE'S COURSE, TEACHERS' COURSES, ADULT EDUCATION COURSES (GENERAL BACKGROUND) AND ADULT EDUCATION COURSES (PRACTICAL BACKGROUND). APPLICATION FORMS FOR THESE COURSES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM JULY 3 AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION BY JULY 17.

REQUESTS FOR APPLICATION FORMS BY MAIL MUST SPECIFY THE COURSES APPLIED FOR AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY SELF-ADDRESSED AND STAMPED ENVELOPES.

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APPLICATION FOR DANGEROUS STRUCTURE CLOSURE ORDER

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED A STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OF NOS. 35-37 KAM WA STREET, SHAU KEI WAN LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS DUE TO THE LACK OF AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE.

THE STRUCTURE, WHICH WAS UNAUTHORISED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY, NOT ONLY LACKS ADEQUATE FIRE EXITS FOR ITS OCCUPANTS IN THE EVENT OF FIRE, BUT ALSO AFFECTS THE MEANS OF ESCAPE TO THE MAIN BUILDING, WITH RESULTANT DANGER TO THE REST OF THE OCCUPANTS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JULY 4 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION AT TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JUNE 15) THROUGH TRAFFIC ON TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN FO TAN ROAD AND HO TUNG LAU WILL BE DIVERTED ONTO THE NEW TRUNK ROAD TO THE EAST OF TAI PO ROAD.

THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WILL THEREAFTER BE USED FOR ACCESS ONLY.

THE EXISTING BUS ROUTES WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED ONTO THE NEW TRUNK ROAD.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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