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HK ISLAND HOTEL PROJECT APPROVED BY B.O.O.
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A TWO-BLOCK HOTEL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SWIRE PROPERTIES SALES LIMITED AT SUPREME COURT ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND IS AMONG 39 PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN AUGUST.

ONE BLOCK WILL BE 55 STOREYS AND HAVE 444 ROOMS, WHILE THE OTHER WILL BE 60 STOREYS AND HAVE 572 ROOMS.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 24 ARE FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND APARTMENT/RESIDENCE DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING 28-STORY BLOCKS AT 466, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST/1-2, CHEUNG KAN LANE, AND 103, ROBINSON ROAD.

THE TALLEST COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT IS A 37-STORY COMMERCIAL BLOCK OVER A BASEMENT AT 197-209, 213 AND 221, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST/42-50, SPRING GARDEN LANE/4-10, SHAN PIN LANE/2-15, TIK LUNG LANE, IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR A TWO-STORY BUS DEPOT BUILDING AT THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S TUEN MUN DEPOT FOR THE TUEN MUN - YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

FOUR FACTORY BUILDINGS WERE PASSED, INCLUDING ONE AT THE RAPIDLY-EXPANDING YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

OF THE 39 APPROVALS, 15 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 13 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 11 IN KOWLOON.

CONSENT TO START WORK ON 35 PROJECTS WAS GIVEN, WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF MORE THAN 295,000 SQUARE METRES. THEY INCLUDED HOTEL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS ON QUEENSWAY AND 67-76, GLOUCESTER ROAD.

THE DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN AUGUST WAS \$742.8 MILLION, BRINGING THE SUM FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE YEAR TO \$6.174 BILLION.

THE NUMBER OF OCCUPATION PERMITS ISSUED WAS 37, INCLUDING SEVEN ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR IN KOWLOON AND 26 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A TOTAL OF 44 DEMOLITION ORDERS AFFECTING 113 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH. THEY INCLUDED THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING IN MACDONNELL ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 452 COMPLAINTS, CARRIED OUT 1,109 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 226 ORDERS, OF WHICH ONE THIRD RELATED TO ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURES. A TOTAL OF 177 ORDERS WERE VOLUNTARILY COMPLIED WITH DURING THE MONTH, 94 OF WHICH RELATED TO ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURES.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 341 BUILDINGS, OBTAINING 20 CLOSURE ORDERS, OF WHICH EIGHT WERE EMERGENCY CLOSURES.

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TIGHTER CONTROL ON CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

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MEASURES ARE BEING DRAWN UP TO STRENGTHEN CONTROLS ON THE DISPOSAL OF CHEMICAL WASTES, ACCORDING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER (LIQUID AND SOLID WASTE), DR. MICHAEL CHIU.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A PHOTOGRAPHY AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ROTARACT CLUB OF VICTORIA TODAY (SUNDAY), DR. CHIU SAID LOCAL COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY PRODUCED SOME 40,000 TONNES OF CHEMICAL WASTE A YEAR.

DR. CHIU SAID THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO PRESCRIBE CHEMICAL WASTES FOR TIGHTER CONTROL UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE AND DRAFTING OF THE NECESSARY REGULATIONS HAS REACHED AN ADVANCED STAGE.

THE PROPOSED CONTROLS WOULD REQUIRE THE WASTE PRODUCERS TO NOTIFY THE AUTHORITY PRIOR TO DISPOSAL. A TRIP TICKET SYSTEM WOULD BE INTRODUCED AND ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF THESE WASTES WOULD NEED TO INFORM THE AUTHORITY OF THEIR ACTIONS VIA FULL DOCUMENTATION.

THE ORDINANCE WOULD ALSO EMPOWER THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE LICENCES FOR SPECIFIC WASTE DISPOSAL PRACTICES IN RESPECT OF PARTICULAR LAND AREAS IN HONG KONG.

DR. CHIU SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD INTENDED TO DEVELOP A MULTI-FUNCTIONAL CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT PLANT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE TREATMENT PROCESSES FOR INORGANIC AQUEOUS WASTES, HIGH TEMPERATURE INCINERATION OF ORGANIC WASTES, AND OILY WASTE RECOVERY. THE PLANT WOULD BE DESIGNED, BUILT, MANAGED AND OPERATED BY AN INTERNATIONALLY EXPERIENCED WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTOR.

A CO-DISPOSAL PROJECT (THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTE AND CHEMICAL WASTES IN A CONTROLLED MANNER) WAS INTENDED TO BE DEVELOPED AT THE JUNK BAY LANDFILL SITE.

IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE CO-DISPOSAL OPERATION PROPERLY, DR. CHIU SAID IT IS ESSENTIAL TO SET UP THE NECESSARY CONTROL MEASURES AND DEVELOP SUITABLE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES.

AN INVESTIGATION WAS CARRIED OUT JOINTLY BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND A SPECIALIST CONSULTANT, INCLUDING LABORATORY, PILOT SCALE AND FULL SCALE TRIALS OF THE CO-DISPOSAL OF A VARIETY OF CHEMICAL WASTES. WHEN COMPLETED IN 1988, THE INVESTIGATION WOULD PROVIDE DATA ESSENTIAL FOR THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF CO-DISPOSAL FACILITIES, AND IN PARTICULAR RECOMMEND MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE LOADING RATES (I.E. AMOUNT OF DIFFICULT MATERIAL WHICH WOULD BE SAFELY DISPOSED) FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIC TYPES OF WASTES.

DR. CHIU URGED THE PUBLIC TO HAVE GREATER AWARENESS ON POLLUTION CONTROL.

"POLLUTION CONTROL IS NOT THE TASK FOR THE GOVERNMENT ALONE, WE NEED THE CO-OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC FROM ALL SECTORS."

LONG SERVICE PAYMENT IMPROVED

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THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT SCHEME UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS AND NO MAJOR DEFECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

ORIGINALLY, IT PROVIDED ONLY FOR EMPLOYEES WHOSE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS ARE TERMINATED FOR REASONS OTHER THAN SUMMARY DISMISSAL, REDUNDANCY OR RESIGNATION.

UNDER THE PRESENT SCHEME, AN EMPLOYEE MUST SATISFY A MINIMUM QUALIFYING YEARS OF SERVICE BEFORE HE IS ENTITLED TO A LONG SERVICE PAYMENT. THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE IS RELATED TO THE EMPLOYEE'S AGE AS FOLLOWS:

AGE ---	YEAR OF SERVICE REQUIRED -----
LESS THAN 41	10
41	9
42	8
43	7
44	6
NOT LESS THAN 45	5

A LONG SERVICE PAYMENT WILL AMOUNT TO TWO-THIRDS OF A MONTH'S WAGES FOR EACH YEAR OF SERVICE, UP TO A MAXIMUM LIMIT OF 12 MONTHS' WAGES.

FOR DAILY-RATED OR PIECE-RATED EMPLOYEES, THE AMOUNT WILL BE CALCULATED AT THE RATE OF 18 DAYS OF WAGES FOR EVERY YEAR OF SERVICE. IT WILL BE REDUCED PROPORTIONALLY IN THE CASE OF YOUNGER EMPLOYEES AS FOLLOWS:

AGE ---	AMOUNT OF LONG SERVICE PAYMENT PAYABLE -----
NOT LESS THAN 40 YEARS	100 PER CENT
36 YEARS OR MORE BUT LESS THAN 40 YEARS	75 PER CENT
LESS THAN 36 YEARS	50 PER CENT

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SINCE THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT PROVISIONS WILL INCUR RETROSPECTIVE LIABILITIES ON EMPLOYERS, A CUT-OFF DATE FOR RECKONABLE SERVICE HAS BEEN INITIALLY FIXED AT JANUARY 1, 1980. BUT IT WILL RETROGRESS AT THE RATE OF ONE YEAR PER YEAR UNTIL IT COMES TO REST BY 1989 AT JANUARY 1, 1977. THIS CAN BE ILLUSTRATED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

YEAR	RECKONABLE TO	NO. OF EFFECTIVE YEARS RECKONABLE
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1986	1980	6
1987	1979	8
1988	1978	10
1989	1977	12
1990	1977	13
1991	1977	14
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IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED SO FAR AND FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED ON THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE SCHEME.

THE CHANGES WILL ENABLE WORKERS AGED 65 OR OVER WITH NOT LESS THAN 10 YEARS SERVICE TO RECEIVE THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT UPON VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION.

AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS THE NECESSARY QUALIFYING YEARS OF SERVICE AND WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO BE MEDICALLY UNFIT FOR HIS PRESENT EMPLOYMENT WILL ALSO RECEIVE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT UPON RESIGNATION.

IN ADDITION, SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT IF A QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE DIES IN SERVICE.

AS THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED IN HIS POLICY SPEECH IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE SCHEME HAS THREE MAJOR ADVANTAGES FROM A WORKER'S POINT OF VIEW: HE DOES NOT HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT; HIS SERVICE BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHEME IS COUNTED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, SO THAT HIS PAYMENT DOES NOT DEPEND ON GRADUALLY ACCUMULATING MONEY IN A FUND; AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HIS PAYMENT IS BASED ON HIS FINAL SALARY AND IS NOT THEREFORE VULNERABLE TO EROSION BY INFLATION.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO LOOK AT HOW THE SCHEME CAN GRADUALLY BE IMPROVED IN FUTURE.

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PROJECT LAUNCHED TO IMPROVE KWAI TSING'S ENVIRONMENT

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PIONEERS PROJECT WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SUNDAY) WHEN THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, PRESENTED TORCHES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVEN SUB-DISTRICTS TAKING PART IN THE PROJECT TO SIGNIFY THE BEGINNING OF CONCERTED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENT.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD ALLOCATED \$150,000 TO CARRY OUT VARIOUS PROJECTS AND TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF CLEAN ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD HYGIENE.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY IN THE LAI KING HILL ROAD PLAYGROUND, MR COAK AND THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT, MR CHOY SHU-KAI, PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT TO THE DISTRICT BOARD'S EFFORTS IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

A GROUP OF ABOUT 100 PIONEERS, MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) THEN HELPED CLEAN UP THE PLAYGROUND AND NEARBY AREAS. A MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES ALSO SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT BY TAKING PART IN A LITTER-PICKING EXERCISE AT A NEARBY SLOPE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT, MR CHOW SUM, SAID THAT RESIDENTS' SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT WOULD BE VITAL TO ITS SUCCESS.

A FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION WOULD BE HELD AT KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL FROM OCTOBER 26 TO PUBLICISE FOOD HYGIENE AND METHODS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, HE ADDED.

CONTRACTORS WILL ALSO BE EMPLOYED TO CLEAR LITTERED SLOPES AT SHEK YAM ROAD, LEI PUI STREET, ON CHIT STREET, YIP SHING STREET AND WING YIP STREET, AND IN KWAI SHING ESTATE, TAI WO HAU ESTATE AND KWAI CHUNG ESTATE.

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▲ MORE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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ABOUT 50,000 ADDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION SINCE THE CLOSE OF THE CAMPAIGN LAST MONTH, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THIS YEAR TO 317,000.

"THESE APPLICATIONS, IF FOUND VALID, WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER TO BE PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 6," REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, SAID.

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MEANWHILE, MR LAI REMINDED ELIGIBLE ELECTORS THAT THEY COULD STILL SEND IN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AS REGISTRATION WAS NOW OPEN YEAR ROUND.

"BUT THOSE WHO WISH TO VOTE IN THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR HAVE TO REGISTER ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 20, 1987," HE ADDED.

LATE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 20 WILL BE PROCESSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE 1987 FINAL REGISTER TO BE PUBLISHED ON JANUARY 8, 1988.

VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SHA TIN TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

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THE DRAFT 1988/89 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SHA TIN DISTRICT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 20).

THE PAPER IS AIMED AT BRIEFING AND CONSULTING MEMBERS ON THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR FRANCHISED BUS AND FERRY COMPANIES TO PREPARE FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMMES AND BUS AND FERRY ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR 1987/88 AND 1988/89.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO REVIEW MEASURES TO SPEED UP TOLL COLLECTION AT LION ROCK TUNNEL FOR KMB BUSES AND THE BUS LANE SCHEME ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

MEANWHILE, THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE 1987/88 BUS SHELTER PROVISION PROGRAMME, SAFETY ASPECT OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES USING THE APPROACH ROADS TO LION ROCK TUNNEL AND PROPOSED EXTENSION OF NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 65K TO WONG NAI TAU.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ROAD SAFETY, PROGRESS REPORT FROM TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, TEMPORARY BUS ROUTE DIVERSION AND BUS STOP ARRANGEMENT IN TAI WAI AS WELL AS PUBLIC HOUSING POPULATION IN SHA TIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 20) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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SUBSIDISED TRAINING COURSE FOR TOURISM PERSONNEL
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A COURSE ON "EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT SKILLS FOR TRAVEL AGENCY EXECUTIVES" WILL BE OFFERED FOR TOURISM STAFF WITH SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY FROM NOVEMBER 2 TO 14.

IT IS A SUBSIDISED TRAINING PROGRAMME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

AIMING AT UPGRADING THE STANDARD OF SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS OF TRAVEL AGENCY EXECUTIVES, THE COURSE COVERS TOPICS ON THE CHANGING ROLE OF AN EXECUTIVE IN TRAVEL INDUSTRY, STAFF RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING, MOTIVATION, SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP, HANDLING STAFF COMPLAINTS, PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS AND SO ON.

THE SIX-EVENING AND TWO-DAY COURSE ENABLES PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE PART IN FILM ANALYSIS, DISCUSSIONS, GROUP PROJECTS AND CASE STUDIES.

COURSE FEE IS \$1,600. VTC WILL REIMBURSE HALF OF THE FEE TO TRAINEES WHO HAVE ATTENDED 80 PER CENT OF THE CLASS MEETINGS. ALL APPLICANTS HAVE TO BE SPONSORED BY EMPLOYERS.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS OCTOBER 27, 1987. FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, CONTACT SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD AT 5-8932341 EXT. 282.

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PASSAGEWAY TO WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE CLEARED
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THE CONGESTED PASSAGEWAY OUTSIDE THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE WILL BE CLEARED OF THE CLUSTERING HAWKER STALLS AFTER AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OPERATION ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 21).

THE CLEARANCE OPERATION IS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN VIEW OF THE FIRE RISK AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE CAUSED BY UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES AND HAWKER STALLS.

DURING THE OPERATION, THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE WILL HAVE LIMITED ADMITTANCE AS THE MAIN GATE WILL BE CLOSED. WORSHIPPERS TO THE TEMPLE ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR THE NOTICE ABOUT THE ENTRANCE ARRANGEMENTS POSTED UP BY THE TEMPLE'S MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, SIK SIK YUEN.

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A SPOKESMAN OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THAT 107 UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN THE VICINITY WILL BE DEMOLISHED. OUT OF THE 93 STALLS AFFECTED, 84 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS GRANTED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES AMOUNTING TO \$540,000 TO THE ELIGIBLE STALL HOLDERS. HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS WERE ALSO MADE FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE.

TO TIE IN WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE, SIK SIK YUEN WILL ALSO CLEAR UNAUTHORISED STALLS WITHIN THE TEMPLE BOUNDARY ON THE SAME DAY.

EARLIER, A LOT DRAWING WAS HELD IN AUGUST AMONG THE UNAUTHORISED STALL HOLDERS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS BY RENTING A STALL MANAGED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS IN THE TEMPLE PREMISES.

THE ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE CLEARANCE WORKING GROUP AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP WHICH PLANNED TO BUILD A PERMANENT STRUCTURE TO REHOUSE ITS AUTHORISED STALLS.

THERE WILL BE 201 STALLS IN THE STRUCTURE, AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP WILL ALLOCATE 70 STALLS TO THE UNAUTHORISED STALL HOLDERS OF WHICH 40 ARE GOODS STALLS AND 14 FORTUNE-TELLING STALLS.

THE 201 STALLS MANAGED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP WILL MOVE TEMPORARILY TO A PLAYGROUND NEAR THE TEMPLE UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PERMANENT STRUCTURE.

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RESITE HOUSES TO BE BUILT IN TAI PO

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$15.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING 42 THREE-STOREY VILLAGE RESITE HOUSES AT KAM SHEK SUN TSUEN, TAI PO.

THEY ARE THE THIRD AND FINAL STAGE OF A DEVELOPMENT CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITIES IN THE AREA TO HOUSE RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES NEAR TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION.

IN THE FIRST AND SECOND STAGES, A TOTAL OF 52 UNITS WERE BUILT IN 1983 AND 1985.

WORK ON THIS FINAL STAGE IS EXPECTED TO START SHORTLY AND BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER, 1988.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO AWARDED A \$495,000 CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION WORK ON THE RESITE HOUSES.

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SEMINAR FOR ART AND DESIGN TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR ON ART ROOM SAFETY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ART TEACHERS AND FOUR IDENTICAL WORKSHOPS ON THE USE OF ELECTRIC POTTERY KILNS FOR ART AND DESIGN TEACHERS.

THE SEMINAR ON ART ROOM SAFETY WILL BE HELD AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, ON NOVEMBER 7 (SATURDAY).

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE TOPIC WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON FIRE HAZARD, ART MATERIALS CONTAINING POISONOUS CHEMICALS, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND SHARP TOOLS.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE FOUR HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS ON THE USE OF AN ELECTRIC POTTERY KILN WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE AT PAK FUK ROAD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 5.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE OCTOBER 24.

IT AIMS TO ACQUAINT ART AND DESIGN TEACHERS WITH THE OPERATION OF THE KILN PARTICULARLY ON SAFETY MEASURES.

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EXTENSION TO SIR ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL

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FACILITIES IN THE SIR ELLIS KADOORIE (SOO KUN POO) SCHOOL WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED UNDER AN EXTENSION AND ALTERATION WORKS PROGRAMME DESIGNED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING THE FACILITIES AND THESE MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 6 THIS YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL STOREY ON TOP OF THE EXISTING SINGLE-STOREY LABORATORY AND A THREE-STOREY EXTENSION BUILDING. THE NEW BUILDINGS WILL HOUSE A GENERAL SCIENCE LABORATORY, GENERAL PURPOSE ROOM, THREE SPECIAL CLASSROOMS AND TWO REMEDIAL TEACHING ROOMS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT-OPERATED SECONDARY CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL, SIR ELLIS KADOORIE (SOO KUN POO) SCHOOL IS LOCATED AT CAUSEWAY BAY, CLOSE TO THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

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