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DISTRICT BOARD PLAN GETS BIG NT SUPPORT

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THE GOVERNMENT'S IMPETUS TOWARDS DEVELOPING PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG HAD MET WITH A VERY ENCOURAGING INITIAL RESPONSE, THE SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION, MR ALAN SCOTT SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE NORTH KOWLOON ROTARY CLUB, MR SCOTT SAID OVER 200 000 NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS HAD SENT IN THEIR FORMS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS, REPRESENTING ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE POTENTIAL ELECTORATE.

THIS RESPONSE CONFOUNDED THE PREDICTIONS OF THOSE WHO SAID HONG KONG PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN MANAGEMENT OF THEIR OWN AFFAIRS. IT ALSO COMPARED WELL WITH THE TURNOUT FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, AND WAS HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FIGURE IN THE UK, MR SCOTT SAID.

AND ENQUIRIES INDICATED THAT A HIGH PROPORTION OF THOSE WHO HAD REGISTERED INTEND TO TURN OUT TO VOTE, HE SAID.

REFERRING TO SOME CRITICISMS THAT DISTRICT BOARDS WERE MERELY RUBBER STAMPS, OR AN EMPTY SHOW OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE, MR SCOTT SAID ONLY TIME WOULD ANSWER THAT. BUT THE RECENT AIRING OF DIFFERING VIEWS IN PUBLIC BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, BETWEEN UNOFFICIALS AND OFFICIALS, WAS A VERY HEALTHY SIGN.

+THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE SCHEME IS ALL ABOUT - SENSIBLE, LEGITIMATE PRESSURE BEING PUT ON GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO IMPROVE SERVICES, TO GET THINGS RIGHT- AND IF WHAT PEOPLE WANT CAN'T BE DONE IMMEDIATELY, OR MAY HAVE TO BE DONE DIFFERENTLY FOR GOOD REASONS, TO EXPLAIN IT SATISFACTORILY AT DISTRICT LEVEL,+ MR SCOTT SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS HAD BEEN DIRECTED SIMPLY TO EXPLAINING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

+IT IS NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S JOB TO PERSUADE VOTERS ACTUALLY TO GO TO THE POLLING STATIONS.

+THIS IS A MATTER FOR EACH VOTER'S OWN JUDGEMENT, AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CANDIDATES' PRESENTATION AND THEIR IDEAS,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE KNEW WHEN POLLING DAY WAS, AND THAT VOTERS KNEW EXACTLY HOW AND WHERE TO CAST THEIR VOTES.

IT WAS ALSO THE GOVERNMENT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE, WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITATIONS, FACILITIES FOR CANDIDATES TO PROMOTE THEIR CAMPAIGNS, MR SCOTT ADDED.

THE ELECTIONS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD WOULD LIKELY TO BE HELD IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND THOSE FOR THE URBAN AREAS IN SEPTEMBER.

THE MAIN REASON FOR HOLDING NEW TERRITORIES AND URBAN ELECTIONS SEPARATELY, MR SCOTT EXPLAINED, WAS THAT URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS WERE A NEW CREATION, WHILE NT BOARDS HAD ALREADY BEEN OPERATING FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS.

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PLAN TO EASE SQUATTER WATER PROBLEM

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THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS SQUATTERS FACED DURING WATER RESTRICTIONS AND WAS WORKING TO HELP RELIEVE SOME OF THE HARDSHIPS, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, SAID TODAY.

MR TUCKER WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT THE SECOND PHASE OF WATER RESTRICTIONS, WHICH WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY.

IN THE SECOND PHASE, WATER WILL BE SUPPLIED ONLY BETWEEN 6 AM AND 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 10 PM EACH DAY, A TOTAL OF 10 HOURS.

MR TUCKER SAID THAT IN THE LONGER TERM HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE EACH SQUATTER HUT PROVIDED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL, METERED WATER SUPPLY, AND THE ABOLITION OF STANDPIPES, WHICH WERE SUBJECT TO WIDESPREAD ABUSE.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THERE WERE SEVERAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF WORK INVOLVED, THE IDENTIFICATION OF PREMISES FOR BILLING PURPOSES AND THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES OF LAYING PIPES TO HUTS HAPHAZARDLY ARRANGED AND TO WHICH THERE WAS LIMITED ACCESS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEGUN A SCHEME TO PROVIDE ABOUT 30 000 METERED CONNECTIONS TO 51 VILLAGES AND SQUATTER AREAS IN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE SCHEME WOULD BENEFIT ABOUT 160 000 PEOPLE.

MR TUCKER ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SQUATTERS IN SOME AREAS WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WATER 16 HOURS A DAY DURING THE SECOND PHASE OF RESTRICTIONS. ABOUT 45 000 PEOPLE IN 15 AREAS -- MAINLY SHAU KEI WAN -- WOULD BENEFIT.

+THIS IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE ADDITIONAL WORK IN MAINTAINING SUPPLIES CAN BE EFFECTED BY LIMITED EXTRA STAFF EFFORT,+ HE SAID.

IN SQUATTER AREAS SUBJECT TO THE 10-HOUR DAILY SUPPLY UNDER PHASE TWO, IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL DRAW-OFFS WOULD SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION.

+NEVERTHELESS, THE EFFECTS OF THE PHASE TWO RESTRICTIONS WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED SO THAT WE CAN RESPOND IN PARTICULAR CASES IF NECESSARY,+ HE SAID.

IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, 29 AREAS, HOUSING ABOUT 80 000 PEOPLE, HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS. ADDITIONAL DRAW-OFF POINTS WERE BEING PROVIDED AND EXTRA PIPES WERE BEING LAID TO IMPROVE THE SUPPLY.

SUPPLY HOURS WOULD BE EXTENDED IN THESE AREAS UNTIL THE PIPE-LAYING WAS COMPLETED, BUT THE AREAS WOULD THEN BE SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTED HOURS.

/MR TUCKER

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MR TUCKER SAID THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF WATER RESTRICTIONS HAD ACHIEVED A SAVING OF ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT, BUT THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY.

CONTINUED PUBLIC COOPERATION WAS VITAL IF THE TARGET OF A 20 PER CENT CUT IN CONSUMPTION WAS TO BE ACHIEVED DURING THE SECOND PHASE OF RESTRICTIONS, HE SAID.

ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION HAD A GENUINE NEED TO STORE MUCH WATER BECAUSE THEY WORKED LATE OR STARTED WORK EARLY.

MR TUCKER SAID HE WANTED TO EXPLAIN THE REASONS BEHIND THE DECISION TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS, FOLLOWING CONJECTURE IN THE MEDIA ABOUT THE NEED FOR CURBS ON WATER USE.

HE SAID THAT TWO PERIODS WERE IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF WATER SUPPLY TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE MEDIUM TERM. THESE WERE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT WET SEASON - SO STORAGE WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE POSSIBILITY OF THE LATE ARRIVAL OF RAIN - AND THE END OF NEXT WET SEASON, SO THAT STORAGE WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR THE FOLLOWING DRY MONTHS.

BY EXAMINING TOTAL RESOURCES AND ASSUMING A GROWTH OF DEMAND OF SIX PER CENT OVER THE NEXT YEAR, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE HOW THE DESIRED RESULT COULD BE ACHIEVED.

+THE LEVEL OF SUPPLY WHICH GAVE AN ACCEPTABLE DEGREE OF ASSURANCE THAT IT COULD BE ACHIEVED WAS A 10-HOUR DAILY SUPPLY,+ HE SAID.

THE RISK OF MAINTAINING A HIGHER LEVEL OF SUPPLY THROUGH THE COMING DRY SEASON - IN THE HOPE OF ADEQUATE RAIN NEXT YEAR - WAS TOO HIGH AND IF SUCH LEVEL WERE MAINTAINED THERE WAS A RISK THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE TO IMPOSE EVEN MORE SEVERE RESTRICTIONS NEXT SUMMER, HE SAID.

IF RAINFALL NEXT YEAR WAS BETTER THAN THAT IN 1981, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO STOP USING THE DESALTING PLANT EARLIER, OR TO MAINTAIN A BETTER LEVEL OF SUPPLY, OR BOTH. IT WOULD ALSO ENABLE RESERVOIR STOCKS TO BE REPLENISHED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

MR TUCKER RENEWED HIS APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE THE UTMOST CARE IN USING WATER DURING THE RESTRICTIONS, AND SAID THAT CONSUMERS SHOULD REPORT ANY ILLEGAL USE OR WASTAGE TO THE WATER AUTHORITY.

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\$22 MILLION SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE BUILT AT MUI WO

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THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR A +BADLY NEEDED+ SECONDARY SCHOOL ON LANTAU WAS LAID TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

THE SCHOOL IS THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHICH WILL BE BUILT ON A 7 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE CLOSE TO THE FERRY CONCOURSE AT MUI WO AT A COST OF \$22 MILLION.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR IN TIME FOR THE 1982/83 ACADEMIC YEAR WHEN 480 FORM I AND FORM IV STUDENTS WILL BE ENROLLED.

THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS, A HALL, FOUR LABORATORIES, TWO HOME ECONOMICS ROOMS, TWO DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY ROOMS, A LIBRARY AND GEOGRAPHY, MUSIC AND ART ROOMS.

WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL BY 1985, IT WILL PROVIDE 1 160 PLACES FOR FORM I TO FORM VII STUDENTS.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE SCHOOL WAS INDEED BADLY NEEDED. IT WOULD SERVE BOTH LANTAU AND THE SURROUNDING ISLANDS AND EASE THE PRESENT PRESSURE FOR PLACES AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON CHEUNG CHAU AND IN TAI O.

+THE ADVANTAGES OF BUILDING SUBSTANTIAL, CENTRALLY-LOCATED SCHOOLS LIKE THIS IN PREFERENCE TO A PROLIFERATION OF SMALL SCHOOLS, WHETHER PRIMARY OR SECONDARY, ARE OBVIOUS,+ HE SAID.

+SMALL RURAL SCHOOLS HAVE PROBLEMS SUCH AS COMBINED-CLASS TEACHING, INADEQUATE NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, AND LACK OF SPECIALIST TEACHERS WHICH ARE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SOLVE.

+IN A CENTRAL SCHOOL PUPILS HAVE A HIGHER STANDARD OF FACILITIES AND RESOURCES AND THE INTEREST OF BEING PART OF A LARGE UNIT,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

+I REALISE THAT THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS OF TRANSPORTATION, BUT THEY ARE OF A LESSER SORT AND CAN AND WILL BE SOLVED,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED AT THE FIRM SUPPORT THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THIS CONCEPT BY COMMUNITY LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID LEADERS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND LEADING RESIDENTS OF MUI WO HAD SPOKEN TO HIM OF THE NEED FOR THE SCHOOL.

+MOREOVER,+ HE SAID, +THEY HAVE BACKED THEIR WORDS WITH MONEY AND MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, WITH THE KUK IN THE LEAD.

+I AM GLAD IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND FAIRLY RAPIDLY TO THESE REPRESENTATIONS.+

SIR MURRAY SAID HE WAS SURE THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL WOULD BE A SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PRIDE AND SATISFACTION AND WISHED IT ALL SUCCESS.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES- THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY- THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT- ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG- AND THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR D. NAINGGOLAN.

POK FU LAM ROAD BUS-ONLY LANE STARTS ON WEDNESDAY

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THE 1.2-KILOMETRE POK FU LAM ROAD BUS-ONLY LANE WOULD BE INTRODUCED NEXT WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 28), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE LANE, EXTENDING FROM BISNEY ROAD TO POKFIELD ROAD, WILL OPERATE FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

COMMENTING ON THIS, THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER/TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, MR ALAN LUI, SAID THE BUS PRIORITY SCHEME WAS EXPECTED TO CUT BY 10 TO 15 MINUTES THE JOURNEY TIMES OF BUSES TRAVELLING BETWEEN THE ABERDEEN AREA AND CENTRAL DURING THE MORNING PEAK.

+MORE THAN 250 000 PEOPLE LIVE IN THE ABERDEEN AREA AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICTS OF WONG CHUK HANG, AP LEI CHAU, TIN WAN, SHEK PAI WAN, WAH FU, CHI FU FA YUEN AND POK FU LAM,+ HE SAID.

+AT THE MOMENT, SOME 160 BUSES ON 10 ROUTES CARRY 12 000 PEOPLE TO CENTRAL FROM THESE AREAS DURING THE PEAK HOURS OF 7 AM TO 9 AM.

+NOW, IN AN EFFORT TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW BUS-ONLY LANE AND TO PERSUADE EVEN MORE PEOPLE TO LESSEN THEIR DEPENDENCE ON CARS, CHINA MOTOR BUS WILL INTRODUCE A NUMBER OF SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 26).+

ON THAT DAY, MR LUI SAID, CMB WOULD:

- * INTRODUCE A NEW ROUTE, NO. 38, BETWEEN CHI FU FA YUEN AND NORTH POINT, TRAVELLING VIA NAM FUNG ROAD AT A BASIC FREQUENCY OF ONE BUS EVERY 15 MINUTES=
- * PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL JOURNEY AT 7.45 AM ON THE ROUTE 3A SERVICE FROM FELIX VILLAS, MT. DAVIS, TO CENTRAL= AND
- * IMPROVE THE EVENING OFF-PEAK FREQUENCY OF THE ROUTE 37 SERVICE FROM CENTRAL TO CHI FU FA YUEN TO ONE BUS EVERY 10 MINUTES.

ON CENTRAL-BOUND JOURNEYS, ROUTE NUMBERS 37 (CHI FU FA YUEN TO CENTRAL), 70M (SHEK PAI WAN TO CHATER MTR STATION) AND 71 (WONG CHUK HANG TO CENTRAL) WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE HILL ROAD FLYOVER AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST INSTEAD OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

+WE HAVE OFFSET THE CENTRE LINE OF POK FU LAM ROAD TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR OTHER ROAD-USERS TO FORM TWO QUEUES ALONGSIDE THE BUS-ONLY LANE SECTION,+ MR LUI SAID.

+THIS MEANS, IN EFFECT, THAT THE ROAD CAPACITY FOR OTHER ROAD-USERS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.+

/MR LUI

MR LUI SAID THAT, TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BUS-ONLY LANE, THE SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD BETWEEN SASSOON ROAD AND POKFIELD ROAD WOULD BE DESIGNATED A CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

WITHIN THE CLEARWAY, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED OMNIBUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WOULD BE RESTRICTED FROM PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING AND UNLOADING GOODS.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS WOULD ALSO BE INSTALLED IN POK FU LAM ROAD AT THE MT. DAVIS ROAD JUNCTION TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT OMNIBUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED, WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS-ONLY LANE DURING ITS HOURS OF OPERATION.

VEHICLES WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO CROSS THE BUS LANE TO GAIN ACCESS TO ADJACENT SITES.

THE EXTENT OF THE BUS-ONLY LANE AND CLEARWAY WOULD BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS, HE SAID.

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EDUCATIONISTS ARRIVING TOMORROW

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THE INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF VISITORS WHO ARE REVIEWING HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SYSTEM WILL BE ARRIVING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO HAVE DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS DURING THEIR TWO-WEEK STAY.

THE VISITORS HAVE ALREADY BEEN STUDYING AT THEIR HOME BASES THE MAIN EDUCATION POLICY DOCUMENTS, AND THE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS AND INTEREST GROUPS WHO RESPONDED TO THE OPEN INVITATION EARLIER THIS YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW PANEL ARE SIR JOHN LLEWELLYN, DR GREG HANCOCK, DR KARL ROELOFFS AND PROFESSOR MICHAEL W. KIRST. THEY WILL BE ASSISTED IN THEIR WORK BY TWO SPECIAL ADVISERS, MR Q.W. LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND MR JAMES MCHUGH, AN OVERSEAS MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE PANEL OF VISITORS WILL MEET THE PRESS AT 11.30 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 26) AT THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR. COPIES OF INFORMATION NOTES AND A PRESS RELEASE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES FROM 11 AM.

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KWAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT KWAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT THE AMENDMENTS WERE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE RECENT RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN KWAI CHUNG, INCLUDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING SCHEMES AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION TO TSUEN WAN, AND THE NEED TO PROVIDE MORE SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE EXPANSION OF THE CONTAINER PORT.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS INCLUDE :

THE UNDETERMINED SITE EAST OF THE CONTAINER PORT HAS BEEN REZONED TO OTHER SPECIFIED USES AND ANNOTATED +CONTAINER PORT AND TRUNK TRANSPORT ROUTE RESERVE+ TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE CONTAINER PORT.

ANOTHER UNDETERMINED SITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FUTURE KWAI FONG MTR STATION HAS BEEN REZONED FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES TO PROVIDE SCOPE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DISTRICT BUSINESS/SHOPPING CENTRE FOR SOUTH KWAI CHUNG.

THE GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY SITE TO THE NORTH OF LAI CHI KOK BAY HAS ALSO BEEN REZONED FOR OTHER SPECIFIC USES AND ANNOTATED +AMUSEMENT PARK, CAR PARK AND BUS TERMINUS+ TO REFLECT MORE APPROPRIATELY ITS EXISTING AND INTENDED FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PATTERN.

LARGE AREAS IN THE NORTH WESTERN PART OF KWAI CHUNG HAVE BEEN REZONED AS DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AND SAM DIP TAM WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A RIVER PARK TO PROVIDE A NEW FORM OF RECREATIONAL OUTLET FOR THE PEOPLE.

PROPOSALS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES TO THE PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD= THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE= AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TSUEN WAN), FIRST FLOOR, 93 HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT \$10 FOR UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT AN OBJECTION IN WRITING, ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 12, TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO EMPLOY DISABLED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY (FRIDAY) APPEALED TO ALL EMPLOYERS TO EXAMINE WHETHER THEY COULD DO MORE TO RECRUIT DISABLED PEOPLE.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE 16TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD AT THE REGENT HOTEL.

MR ALLEYNE SAID THAT IN SOME COUNTRIES, EMPLOYERS WERE REQUIRED BY LEGISLATION TO EMPLOY A SPECIFIC PROPORTION OF DISABLED PEOPLE.

THE SUCCESS OF SUCH COMPULSORY MEASURES WAS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS AS THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT IT CREATED RESENTMENT AGAINST THE DISABLED, HE SAID.

FOR THE PRESENT, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PREFERRED TO RELY ON VOLUNTARY CO-OPERATION FROM EMPLOYERS.

MR ALLEYNE SAID POSSIBLE WAYS OF DEVELOPING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYERS TO TAKE ON DISABLED WORKERS WERE BEING STUDIED.

DEDUCTIONS ON PROFITS TAX ARE ALLOWED FOR MODIFICATION OF PREMISES OR PLANT OR PROVIDING SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR DISABLED EMPLOYEES.

HE SAID A JOINT WORKING PARTY COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR WAS NOW REVIEWING FUTURE POLICY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

+ IF PRESENT ESTIMATES ARE CORRECT, WE FACE THE AWESOME TASK OF HAVING TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 3 000 SHELTERED WORK PLACES BY THE END OF THIS DECADE,+ HE SAID.

MANY COUNTRIES SAW THE NEED TO RUN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS ON BUSINESS-LIKE LINES - NOT SIMPLY AS A WAY TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES, BUT ALSO AS A WAY TO IMPROVE THE WAGE LEVELS AND SELF-ESTEEM OF SHELTERED WORKERS, HE SAID.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH AN APPROACH TO THE RUNNING OF SHELTERED WORKSHOPS COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WELFARE AGENCIES ALONE, MR ALLEYNE SAID.

+ RATHER, IT WILL REQUIRE CO-OPERATION BY THE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS IN IDENTIFYING PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND SERVICES WHICH CAN BE PASSED OUT TO SHELTERED WORKSHOPS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

MR ALLEYNE SAID IT WAS LIKELY THAT ABOUT 160 000 OR 6.5 PER CENT OF PEOPLE IN THE 15-64 AGE GROUP, WERE DISABLED TO A GREATER OR LESSER EXTENT.

HE CALLED FOR +A POSITIVE COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS+ NOT JUST TO TALK ABOUT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY BUT TO BE PREPARED TO MAKE THE INVESTMENT IN MONEY AND EFFORT TO ENSURE A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

MONDAY LAUNCHING FOR TSUEN WAN CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN
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A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS, SEMINARS AND EXHIBITIONS ON CLEANLINESS WILL BE LAUNCHED IN TSUEN WAN NEXT WEEK TO AROUSE COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

A +CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE+, CHAIRED BY AN UNOFFICIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR HO CHI-PING, HAS BEEN FORMED TO CO-ORDINATE AND ENCOURAGE GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION IN THE 14-MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN.

UNDER THE COMMITTEE, 11 GEOGRAPHICAL WORKING GROUPS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR OWN DISTRICT. EACH GROUP COMPRISES MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, RURAL COMMITTEES AND THE FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES.

ABOUT \$210 000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THESE ACTIVITIES, OF WHICH \$20 000 COMES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE CAMPAIGN IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE HELD AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 26) BETWEEN 4 PM AND 6 PM.

THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JAMES SWEETMAN, AND MR HO WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND SOLD

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WERE SOLD AT AN AUCTION HELD BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE SHOUSON THEATRE TODAY.

ONE OF THE LOTS WAS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES.

THIS LOT, OF 527 SQUARE METRES IN SHAU KEI WAN, WAS SOLD TO HARLAKE LIMITED FOR \$24.4 MILLION OR \$46 299.81 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE REMAINING TWO LOTS, BOTH IN THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, WERE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

ONE LOT, OF 2 000 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD TO KWONG SUN HONG GODOWN LIMITED FOR \$17 MILLION, OR \$8 500 PER SQUARE METRE. ANOTHER LOT OF 1 345 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO LIMMEX INVESTMENTS LIMITED FOR \$12.4 MILLION, OR \$9 219.33 PER SQUARE METRE.

ONE NON-INDUSTRIAL SITE IN NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, HONG KONG WAS WITHDRAWN BECAUSE OF NO BIDS.

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THIRD W.H.O. COURSE FOR DOCTORS
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THE THIRD WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION INTER-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR DOCTORS ON THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENT PERSONS WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG BETWEEN OCTOBER 27 AND NOVEMBER 17.

THE COURSE IS ORGANISED BY WHO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE VERY SUCCESSFUL TWO COURSES HELD HERE IN 1979 AND LAST YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THE COURSE TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE WAS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN IN-DEPTH STUDY INTO THE LATEST THEORY AND PRACTICE IN DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.

+HOWEVER, EMPHASIS WILL ALSO BE PUT ON THE LOCAL SITUATION SO AS TO PROMOTE A CROSS-FLOW OF IDEAS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE COURSE, THERE WILL BE LECTURES BY LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE GROUP DISCUSSIONS, VISITS AND ATTACHMENT TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS.

TAKING PART IN THE COURSE WILL BE 27 DOCTORS FROM EGYPT, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, CHINA, BANGLADESH, BURMA, INDIA, SRI LANKA, INDONESIA, PAKISTAN AND THE PHILIPPINES.

SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE COURSE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 9.15 AM ON OCTOBER 27.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE THIRD WHO INTER-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR DOCTORS ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER NOT LATER THAN 9 AM. NARCOTICS DIVISION STAFF WILL ASSIST THEM.

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BRIEF STREET CLOSURE
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TAI NAN STREET, BETWEEN KWEILIN STREET AND PEI HO STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN NOON AND 3 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 25) FOR THE OPENING OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT.

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FIELD GAMES FOR ELDERLY * * *

MORE THAN 500 ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN A SENIOR CITIZENS' GAMES DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, IS FOR 60-YEAR-OLD PEOPLE RESIDING IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS.

IT AIMS AT BUILDING UP CONFIDENCE AND ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES AMONG ELDERLY CITIZENS.

THERE WILL BE INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP FIELD EVENTS, FEATURING SHOT-PUTTING, OBSTACLE RACE AND JAVELIN THROW. OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE SPECIALLY-DESIGNED POTTED SPORTS GAMES.

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SIX TEAMS IN SAFETY QUIZ FINAL x x x

SIX TEAMS COMPRISING WORKERS FROM THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES HAVE ADVANCED INTO THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE CURRENT +SAFETY AT WORK+ TELEMATCH TELEVISION PROGRAMME, THE GRAND PRIZE FOR WHICH IS AN EIGHT-DAY, ALL-EXPENSES-PAID HOLIDAY OF A LIFE-TIME IN BRITAIN.

THE SIX TEAMS REACHED THE SEMI-FINALS AFTER BEATING 12 OTHER TEAMS IN THE PRELIMINARIES HELD OVER THE PAST SIX WEEKS.

THE FIRST SEMI-FINAL IS SCHEDULED TO BE SCREENED OVER THE CHINESE CHANNEL OF RTV TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH THE FINALS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14.

THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE WINNING TEAM WILL GO ON A TRIP TO LONDON BY BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

THE SEMI-FINALISTS ARE FROM CHI LIK METAL AND PLASTIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY, YANGTZEKIANG GARMENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, SONCA INDUSTRIES, AOKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND HONG KONG BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RTHK, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND CO-SPONSORED BY BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS, THE RTHK-PRODUCED PROGRAMME HAS BEEN EXCLUSIVELY DEVELOPED FOR WORKERS IN THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

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