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FOUR APPOINTED DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED TWO PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSELS OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND TWO ASSISTANT REGISTRARS OF THE JUDICIARY TO BE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 1977.

THEY ARE: MR. ROSS PENLINGTON AND MR. OWEN CORCORAN, PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSELS= MR. BRIAN JONES AND MICHAEL WONG KIN-CHOW, ASSISTANT REGISTRARS.

MR. PENLINGTON, 46, IS A BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND. HE JOINED THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AS CROWN COUNSEL IN 1964. HE BECAME PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN 1973.

MR. CORCORAN, 47, WAS A CROWN COUNSEL IN NORTHERN NIGERIA BEFORE HE JOINED THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AS CROWN COUNSEL IN 1963. HE BECAME PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN 1974.

MR. JONES, 47, JOINED THE JUDICIARY IN 1967 AND BECAME ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF SUPREME COURT IN 1970. HE WAS APPOINTED TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE IN 1974. BEFORE HE CAME TO HONG KONG, MR. JONES WAS A SOLICITOR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ENGLAND. HE IS ALSO A BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

MR. WONG, 41, JOINED THE JUDICIARY AS CROWN COUNSEL IN 1966 AND AFTER SEVERAL PROMOTIONS BECAME ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF SUPREME COURT IN 1975. HE WAS APPOINTED TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE IN 1976.

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RTHK TO LAUNCH NEW RADIO PROGRAMME FOR NT

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A NEW RADIO PROGRAMME CALLED +NEW TERRITORIES WEEKLY+ WILL BE LAUNCHED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ON ITS CHINESE SERVICE THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18).

THE 15-MINUTE PROGRAMME WILL GO ON AIR AT 6.15 P.M. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE NEWS AND WILL FEATURE TOPICAL EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

APART FROM INTERVIEWS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DEALING WITH NEW TERRITORIES EVENTS, OFFICIALS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, RURAL COMMITTEES, AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME.

THE PROGRAMME WILL TOUCH ON HAPPENINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES SUCH AS CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, SPORTS AND GENERAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

AN +N.T. LETTER BOX+ HAS ALSO BEEN SET UP TO ANSWER ANY QUERIES OR COMPLAINTS FROM N.T. RESIDENTS WHO, ALTERNATIVELY, MIGHT HAVE SOME CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS ON CERTAIN PROBLEMS.

THEY ARE WELCOME TO WRITE TO MR. FRANK NG, EDITOR, G.P.O. BOX 200, KOWLOON, FOR CONVEYANCE TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND REPLIES WILL THEN BE ARRANGED FOR BROADCAST IN THE PROGRAMME.

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LAND FORMATION AND FLOOD CONTROL WORKS TO START
IN TUEN MUN

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MORE ENGINEERING WORKS WILL START LATER THIS YEAR IN TUEN MUN TO IMPROVE FLOOD DRAINAGE AND TO PROVIDE MORE LAND FOR PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TOWN.

EARTH FROM LAND FORMATION WORKS IN TSENG TAU HA TSUEN WILL BE USED TO FILL THE NEARBY LOW-LYING AREA ALONG TUEN MUN MAIN RIVER CHANNEL TO REDUCE FLOOD HAZARD.

LAND FORMATION IN TSENG TAU HA TSUEN AND ITS ADJACENT AREA IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE ABOUT 34 HECTARES OF LAND, OF WHICH 11.5 HECTARES HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR OPEN SPACE AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, WHILE THE REMAINING 22.5 HECTARES WILL BE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOUSE ABOUT 15,000 PEOPLE.

THESE ENGINEERING WORKS WILL FORM PART OF AN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING RIVER TRAINING WHICH RUNS THROUGH THE NEW TOWN AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITES.

WORKS WILL BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE. THEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CONTRACTORS.

TO ENABLE WORKS TO START, ABOUT 14,100 SQ. METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN TSENG TAU HA TSUEN WILL BE RESUMED, AND ONE MONTH'S NOTICE OF THE RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE LAND OWNERS WOULD BE OFFERED CASH COMPENSATION OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE THE LAND EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY COMPENSATIONS FOR CROPS, FRUIT TREES, BEEHIVES, GRAPES, BONE PITS, WELLS, IRRIGATION SUMPS AND FENCES. EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES WILL ALSO BE PAID TO CULTIVATORS, PIG BREEDERS AND POULTRY FARMERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID 194 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES, OCCUPIED BY 129 FAMILIES MOSTLY ON CROWN LAND, WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARED. THE CLEARANCE WILL ALSO INVOLVE 702 ANCILLARY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES.

+ELIGIBLE FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING IN TUEN MUN, WHILE THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE OFFERED SPACE IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN THE NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

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SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO BE WIDENED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PLANS TO IMPROVE THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND AU TAU WITH THE AIM OF COPING WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

THE PROPOSALS CALL FOR THE WIDENING OF THE EXISTING TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY IN THIS SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO A TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY.

AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT IS BEING SOUGHT UNDER A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. THE NOTICE SPECIFIES THAT OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS BEFORE OCTOBER 16, 1977 AND ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 16, 1977.

MR. CHEN SHAO-CHI, CHIEF ENGINEER OF P.W.D.'S HIGHWAY (N.T.) DIVISION, SAID TODAY THAT THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WOULD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 7.3-METRE WIDE TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY OF ABOUT 1,600 METRES LONG.

+THE EXISTING ROAD BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND AU TAU IS INADEQUATE TO CARRY THE TRAFFIC FLOW FROM THE IMPROVED ROAD NETWORK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE SITUATION WILL GET WORSE WITH THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC GENERATED FROM THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNS.+

IT IS ALSO PLANNED TO BUILD A TWO-METRE WIDE FOOTPATH ON EACH SIDE OF THE NEW CARRIAGEWAY.

HE SAID THAT FIVE BRIDGES AND FOUR SUBWAYS WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED AT CONVENIENT LOCATIONS FOR SAFE CROSSING OF PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.

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MULTI-SERVICE WELFARE CENTRE COMMENDED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE TODAY HIGHLIGHTED THE MERITS OF MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES AND PRAISED THE ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT'S SKILL IN MOBILIZING ITS HUMAN RESOURCES.

SPEAKING AT THE SETTLEMENT'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, MR. LEE SAID THAT THROUGH THE SHARING OF FACILITIES, RESOURCES AND SUPPORTING SERVICES, A MULTI-SERVICE WELFARE CENTRE COULD ACCOMPLISH TASKS WITH A LOT MORE EASE WHILE THE DIFFERENT NEEDS OF FAMILY MEMBERS COULD BE MET IN THE SAME PLACE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE SAME SOCIAL WORKER.

BECAUSE OF SUCH A SOPHISTICATED, WELL-ORGANISED, INTEGRATED NETWORK OF WELFARE SERVICES, CLIENTS OF THE SETTLEMENT ARE ABLE TO ENJOY THE FRUITS OF MUTUAL AID, SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND OF TRULY LIVING TOGETHER IN A COMMUNITY, HE POINTED OUT.

AS AN ILLUSTRATION, MR. LEE SAID THAT OLD WOMEN, WHO CAME TO THE SETTLEMENT'S CHUNG PAK CLUB SIMPLY TO WHILE AWAY THE HOURS, WERE BECOMING +HAPPILY OCCUPIED WITH HOME-VISITING THE SICK MEMBERS AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE HOME-HELP SERVICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED MEMBERS.+

YOUTH GROUPS TOO FOUND PLEASURE IN HELPING TO MAKE TOYS FOR THE NURSERY, WHILE CHILDREN IN THE NURSERY GAVE PERFORMANCES AT THE OLD FOLK'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES, AND THE MOTHERS' CLUB MEMBERS BUSY THEMSELVES IN ORGANISING OUTINGS FOR THE OLD PEOPLE, HE ADDED.

MR. LEE NOTED THAT SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1950, THE ST.JAMES' SETTLEMENT HAD GROWN FROM A BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB HOUSED IN A ROOM BY THE SIDE OF PAK TAI TEMPLE TO A MULTI-PURPOSE AGENCY OCCUPYING THREE SITES IN STONE NULLAH LANE AND KENNEDY ROAD.

IN RESPONSE TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE SETTLEMENT NOW OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE A DENTAL CLINIC, A MOTHERS' CLUB, A LIBRARY, STUDY ROOMS, A NURSERY, A SHELTERED WORKSHOP, A CHILDREN'S MEAL SERVICE, FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICES AS WELL AS A HOME-HELP SERVICE.

DESCRIBING THE SETTLEMENT AS A MODEL OF MULTI-WELFARE SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI, HE INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HOPED TO SEE THE SAME SERVICE EXTENDED TO RESIDENTS OF OTHER DISTRICTS.

TURNING TO THE PLANS FOR SYSTEMATIC DEVELOPMENT OF WELFARE SERVICES, MR. LEE SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE REHABILITATION GREEN PAPER, PLANS FOR THE OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS, IN PARTICULAR THE ELDERLY AND YOUNG PEOPLE, WERE BEING DRAWN.

+THESE PLANS CANNOT MATERIALIZE WITHOUT THE FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR WHICH HAS A VERY IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY TO MAKE THESE PLANS A REALITY,+ HE ADDED.

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SWIMMING GALAS FOR KWUN TONG, CENTRAL AND WESTERN
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TWO SWIMMING COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICES AND VARIOUS CIVIC AND SPORTS BODIES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN KWUN TONG AND WESTERN DISTRICTS.

IN KWUN TONG, MORE THAN 300 PARTICIPANTS DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS WILL COMPETE IN ABOUT 40 EVENTS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 4 P.M. AT THE KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL IN TSUI PING ROAD.

THE SWIMMING GALA, WHICH IS OPEN TO THE DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG), THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE (KWUN TONG) AND THE KWUN TONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

ON THE ISLAND, THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FROM 1.30 P.M. TO 6 P.M. AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL IN SMITHFIELD ROAD. IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEE AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN).

THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KOWLOON), MR. MICHAEL C.C. SZE, AND MR. DAVID K.C. MAK, REGIONAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON) WILL OFFICIATE AT THE KWUN TONG SWIMMING GALA OPENING CEREMONY, WHILE THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MR. RICKY FUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL. THEY WILL ALSO PRESENT PRIZES TO SWIMMERS AFTER THE COMPETITIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE THE TWO SWIMMING EVENTS COVERED TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE KWUN TONG COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE AT KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL, TSUI PING ROAD STARTING AT 2 P.M. THE COMPETITION ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE HELD AT KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL, SMITHFIELD ROAD, STARTING AT 1.30 P.M.

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AQUATIC MEET FOR ISLANDS DISTRICT

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MR. JOHN TODD, ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL IN WONG CHUK HANG AT 5 P.M. ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18). THE EVENT STARTS AT 1 P.M.

MORE THAN 200 YOUNG SWIMMERS FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE AQUATIC MEET WHICH WILL BE HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME OUTSIDE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

THE SWIMMING GALA IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES WITH FUND DONATED BY THE HAPPY VALLEY LIONS CLUB.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OCCASION.

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