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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TO VISIT POWER STATION

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FOLLOWING THIS MORNING'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CARRINGTON, HAS HAD TO CANCEL HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG DUE TO COMMITMENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY WILL VISIT THE KOWLOON ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY'S SITE AT TAP SHEK KOK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE.

THE PRINCESS AND MR OGILVY WILL ALSO VISIT THE BORDER AREA INCLUDING THE MAN KAM TO POLICE POST.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT THE KAI TAK NORTH REFUGEE CAMP.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS FACILITY FOR BOTH REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE POWER STATION VISIT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER THIS EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE C.G.O. CAR PARK AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THEY ARE REMINDED THAT PEOPLE GOING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES MUST BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OR PASSPORTS.

AFTER TAP SHEK KOK, THE PRESS PARTY WILL BE TAKEN TO KAI TAK NORTH TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CAMP. NEVERTHELESS, TRANSPORT WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR SEPARATELY ASSIGNED REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2.45 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). GIS OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST.

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE INSIDE THE MEDICAL CENTRE AT THE CAMP, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO REFRAIN FROM ENTERING THE CENTRE. PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE PROVIDED BY GIS.

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COMPLAINTS UNIT WILL IMPROVE TRANSPORT POLICY
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THE PUBLIC MUST NOT BE GIVEN THE FALSE HOPE THAT THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT WOULD BE ABLE TO PERFORM MIRACLES AND SOLVE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS OVERNIGHT, SAID THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNIT, MR JAMES K.C. KWAN TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, HE SAID IT WOULD BE LUDICROUS TO EXPECT HIS SMALL UNIT TO BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO SO MANY LONG STANDING TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

+HOWEVER,+ HE WENT ON, +BOTH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR T.S. LO, AND MYSELF ARE CONVINCED THAT THE GATHERING OF TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS, AND A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF THEM BY THE UNIT WILL PROVIDE POLICY POINTERS WHICH WILL ENABLE THE TAC TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON THE FORMULATION OF LONG AND MEDIUM TERM TRANSPORT POLICY AND TO CHANGE EXISTING POLICY IF NEEDED.+

THE NEW UNIT, WHICH WILL MONITOR ALL TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS IS ANSWERABLE TO THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR KWAN SAID TRANSPORT WAS ONE OF THE MORE SERIOUS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG AND IT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOST COMMON SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION FOR THE MAN IN THE STREET.

+PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAVE GOT USED TO HEARING TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS ON THE RADIO AND READING ABOUT THEM IN THE NEWSPAPERS,+ HE SAID, +BUT PEOPLE OFTEN WONDER WHETHER THESE COMPLAINTS OR SUGGESTIONS ARE REALLY EFFECTIVE, PARTICULARLY AS SO MANY TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG DO NOT HAVE IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS.+

+GOVERNMENT REALISES THE EXISTING SHORT COMINGS IN SPLITTING RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS DEALING WITH PROBLEMS RELATING TO TRAFFIC OR TRANSPORT, NOTABLY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, POLICE, HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF PWD, ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH AND ENVIRONMENT BRANCH. WHILST THESE DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES HAVE OFTEN DEALT WITH COMPLAINTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON TRAFFIC OR TRANSPORT MATTERS, THE TENDENCY HAS ALWAYS BEEN SUCH THAT EACH CASE IS BEING DEALT WITH IN ISOLATION AND IT SELDOM AFFECTS TRANSPORT POLICY OR OPERATION.

+AS THE NAME SUGGESTS,+ SAID MR KWAN, +THE UNIT WOULD PRIMARILY DEAL WITH ALL COMPLAINTS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.+

+BUT THAT IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY,+ HE SAID, +IT MUST BE EMPHASISED THAT DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS IS NOT AN END IN ITSELF (LIKE IT USED TO BE), BUT A MEANS TO AN END. IT IS THE ACCUMULATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE COMPLAINTS AS INPUT TO POLICY MAKING THAT IS THE ULTIMATE AIM.+

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MR KWAN STRESSED THAT DURING THE INITIAL STAGE HIS AIM WAS TO ENSURE THAT ALL TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS WERE PROPERLY ATTENDED TO, AND TO SPEED UP THE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS. HE INVITED THE PUBLIC TO WRITE, TELEPHONE OR COMPLAIN IN PERSON TO THE UNIT OR PUT THEIR COMPLAINTS OR SUGGESTIONS THROUGH CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE URBAN AREAS OR DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FOR THE TIME BEING, THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT WILL OPERATE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE (HOTLINE 5-731919). HOWEVER, IT IS INTENDED THAT IT WILL SET UP ITS OWN OFFICE ELSEWHERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND ONCE SUITABLE OFFICE SPACE CAN BE FOUND.

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NEW REGULATIONS ON COMPRESSED GAS USE

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NEW REGULATIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT YEAR TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE USE OF COMPRESSED GASES IN HONG KONG.

THE DANGEROUS GOODS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS ALREADY PROVIDE FOR THE LICENCING OF THE STORAGE OF COMPRESSED GASES.

UNDER AMENDED REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE LICENCING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ANY PIPELINE USED FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF GAS FROM A STORE TO ANY PART OF THE PREMISES IN WHICH THE STORE IS SITUATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICANTS FOR LICENCES TO STORE COMPRESSED GAS IN CYLINDERS OR LIQUEFIED GAS IN BULK WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PLANS SHOWING THE ROUTING AND METHOD OF FIXING ANY PIPELINE TO BE INSTALLED. PLANS SUBMITTED WILL ALSO HAVE TO INCLUDE DETAILS OF THE DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE PIPELINE AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

OPERATORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN PIPELINES IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION AT ALL TIMES, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, AND NO ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS WILL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR.

THE OPPORTUNITY HAS ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO REVIEW THE PENALTY FOR MAKING UNAUTHORISED ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ALL DANGEROUS GOODS STORES, THEIR FITTINGS, EQUIPMENT AND PIPELINES. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY WILL BE RAISED FROM THE PRESENT LEVEL OF A FINE OF \$2 000 AND ONE MONTH'S IMPRISONMENT, TO A FINE OF \$8 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE INDUSTRY TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDED REGULATIONS WOULD COME INTO OPERATION ON MARCH 1, 1981.

HE ADDED THAT ALL LICENCEES OF EXISTING STORES WOULD BE INFORMED INDIVIDUALLY OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

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APATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY
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THE ATTENTION AND INTEREST OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES HAVE TO BE AROUSED AND THEIR PRESENT ATTITUDES TOWARDS SAFETY IN THEIR WORKING ENVIRONMENT HAVE TO BE DRASTICALLY CHANGED IF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ARE TO BE REDUCED TO ANY SIGNIFICANT LEVEL.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DAVID LIN, SAID THIS TONIGHT (FRIDAY) WHEN HE WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TO ACHIEVE THESE AIMS, MR LIN SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD LAUNCHED AN ON-GOING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN SINCE 1978 WHICH INCLUDED LARGE-SCALE SAFETY EXHIBITIONS, PRESS INTERVIEWS AND RELEASES ON SAFETY MEASURES, SCREENING OF SHORT SAFETY FILMS ON TELEVISION, HOLDING SAFETY QUIZ PROGRAMMES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRESS, PUBLISHING SAFETY GUIDES AND POSTERS AND CO-SPONSORING OTHER PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WITH INDUSTRY AND TRADE ORGANISATIONS.

+WITH RISING PUBLIC INTEREST, ENLIGHTENED EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN INDUSTRY HAVE BEGUN TO FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT.+

+BUT,+ HE SAID, +OLD HABITS DIE HARD. THE ATTITUDE OF THE MAJORITY OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REMAINS NEVERTHELESS APATHETIC.+

MR LIN CONCEDED THERE WERE SIGNS THAT SOME MAJOR EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS WERE ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE THIS PHENOMENON.

+HOWEVER,+ HE CONTINUED, +ATTEMPTS MADE BY THESE BODIES SO FAR MADE IN THE FIELD OF PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ARE FEW AND INADEQUATE.+

HE BELIEVED A STRONG VOLUNTARY INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG WOULD HAVE A DECISIVE EFFECT IN REDUCING ACCIDENTS.

+ONE OF THE PRIME OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION IS TO CREATE AND NURTURE A VOLUNTARY MOVEMENT ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMONG THE INDUSTRIAL POPULACE IN HONG KONG.

+IT ALSO AIMS AT PRODUCING CODES OF SAFE WORKING PRACTICES FOR A RANGE OF TRADES OR INDUSTRIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD,+ HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE - ESTABLISHED IN 1978 - IS A TRIPARTITE NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATIVE BODY UNDER THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD. IT IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS, EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AS WELL AS OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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IT ALSO ACTS AS A FORUM FOR THE INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS ON PRACTICAL METHODS OF MEETING STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON TECHNICAL AND LEGAL MATTERS ARISING FROM INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT.

+FURTHERMORE,+ MR LIN CONTINUED,+THE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE COURSE OF ITS WORK RECOMMENDS THE BEST MEANS OF PROVIDING TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE ON MATTERS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND SAFETY COURSES FOR INDUSTRY.+

HE REVEALED THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMING A SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY - THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF INDUSTRY-WIDE SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE MORE HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE, WILL COMPOSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND TRADE UNIONS AND WILL BE CHAIRED BY A SUPERINTENDENT OF FACTORY INSPECTORS.

APART FROM THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE COMMITTEE IS TO HOLD A SEMINAR FOR INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

+DESPITE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE OVER ITS SHORT SPAN OF TENURE, THE VOLUNTARY INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.

+THE MOVEMENT STILL REQUIRES THE KEEN INTEREST, INVOLVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES - WHOM IN THE LONG RUN WILL STAND TO GAIN FROM SAFER AND HEALTHIER WORKING CONDITIONS BY THE SUCCESSFUL PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS AND THE ELIMINATION OF HEALTH HAZARDS,+ MR LIN CONCLUDED.

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+SOCIAL WELFARE HOTLINE+ STARTS NEXT WEEK
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A +SOCIAL WELFARE HOTLINE+ TO PROVIDE QUICK ASSISTANCE IN URGENT CASES AND FACILITATE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ABOUT ITS VARIOUS SERVICES.

THE HOTLINE WILL START ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 1) ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. THE NUMBER IS 3-432255.

IT WILL BE MANNED BY A SOCIAL WORKER DURING THE DAY, WHILE OVERNIGHT ENQUIRIES WILL BE MACHINE-RECORDED FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION THE NEXT MORNING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) WHILE THE HOTLINE WAS TO OPERATE DAY AND NIGHT, IT WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO GIVE QUICK HELP IN URGENT CASES AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

DURING OFFICE HOURS, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT'S NETWORK OF 17 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES SERVE AS FOCAL POINTS WHERE PEOPLE IN NEED GO FOR ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION ON WELFARE SERVICES.

+WE HOPE PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE FULL USE OF THESE FACILITIES IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS DURING THE DAY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HOTLINE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN CASES WHERE THE CALLER WISHED TO URGENTLY SEEK PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE ON FAMILY OR PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

IN CASES LIKE THIS, IMMEDIATE SERVICES CAN BE PROVIDED OVER THE PHONE, TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY LONGER-TERM ASSISTANCE WHERE NECESSARY, HE SAID.

THE HOTLINE WILL BE PHYSICALLY MANNED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 10 PM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY, AND BETWEEN 1 PM AND 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. MACHINE-RECORDINGS WILL OPERATE OUTSIDE THESE PERIODS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PEOPLE USING THE HOTLINE AFTER 10 PM SHOULD LEAVE THEIR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS SO THAT THEIR ENQUIRIES COULD BE FOLLOWED UP THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

SHOULD THERE BE CASES WHICH REQUIRE VERY URGENT ATTENTION DURING THE NIGHT, A REPORT MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION, HE ADDED.

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REPORT SOON ON SEAMEN TRAINING
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THE HONG HONG MERCHANT NAVY TRAINING BOARD WILL REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF THE YEAR PLANS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE 1978 CONVENTION ON THE STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCH-KEEPING OF SEAFARERS.

THE CONVENTION, THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENT ON MARITIME TRAINING, REPRESENTS A MAJOR ATTEMPT BY THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANISATION (IMCO) TO INTRODUCE STANDARDS OF TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS WHICH WILL BE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE AND APPLICABLE.

IMCO IS THE SPECIALISED AGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, EXCLUSIVELY CONCERNED WITH SHIPPING AND MARITIME MATTERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID MARITIME TRAINING FOR LOCAL SEAMEN SHOULD BE GIVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE.

+WE SHOULD HAVE A PROPER TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LOCAL SEAMEN AND IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SHIPOWNERS TO ENSURE THAT SEAMEN GET AMPLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES,+ HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT, TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR LOCAL SEAMEN ARE RUN BY CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS AND PRIVATE FIRMS.

THE MAIN TASK OF THE BOARD, ESTABLISHED IN 1977, IS TO ASSESS THE TRAINING NEEDS OF HONG KONG SEAMEN AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE FULFILLED.

THE BOARD, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, TRAINING SCHOOLS, MARITIME EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IMCO, MR C.P. SRIVASTVA, IN A MESSAGE TO MARK WORLD MARITIME DAY TODAY (FRIDAY), SAID THE THEME THIS YEAR - MARITIME TRAINING FOR SAFER SHIPPING AND CLEANER OCEANS - HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINED PERSONNEL TO THE WORLD'S SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

+IMCO BELIEVES THAT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING SHIPPING STANDARDS WORLDWIDE CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF THE STANDARD OF COMPETENCY OF THE CREWS AND OTHER PERSONNEL WHO MAN THE VESSELS OF THE WORLD IS RAISED AND KEPT HIGH ON A GLOBAL BASIS.

+THAT IS WHY IMCO'S GOVERNING BODIES AND SECRETARIAT HAVE ATTACHED SO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE SPEEDY RATIFICATION AND EARLY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE 1978 CONVENTION,+ MR SRIVASTVA ADDED.

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MORE LAND FOR TAI PO NEW TOWN

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MORE THAN TWENTY-TWO HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE PRODUCED FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE RAPIDLY GROWING TAI PO NEW TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE WORKS, INCLUDING SITE FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE, ARE BEING INVITED BY THE TAI PO AND FANLING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE SAID THE CONTRACT COMPRISED THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 6.2 HECTARES OF LAND NEAR WAN TAU TONG AND THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 16 HECTARES OF LAND NEAR YUE KOK.

HE SAID THE LAND FORMED NEAR WAN TAU TONG WOULD BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTING ROAD NETWORKS, AND SITES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTE AND COMMUNITY PURPOSES.

+THE RECLAIMED LAND NEAR YUE KOK WILL BE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTE AND COMMUNITY USES,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ENGINEERING WORK WOULD INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 450 METRES OF A NEW RIVER CHANNEL AND THE BUILDING OF PART OF A HIGHWAY NETWORK ON NEWLY FORMED LAND NEAR WAN TAU TONG. THIS WILL INCLUDE A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND A TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE, ALL ASSOCIATED ROADWORKS, CYCLE TRACKS, FOOTPATHS, DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE WORKS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN DECEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 26 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PWD.

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FOOTBRIDGE OPENS AT TUNG CHUNG

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A FOOTBRIDGE AT TUNG CHUNG, LANTAU, BUILT TO REPLACE ONE DESTROYED BY A TYPHOON LAST YEAR, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ORIGINAL BRIDGE, OF A SIMPLER DESIGN, WAS BUILT BY A ROYAL ENGINEERS FIELD SQUADRON AT THE SAME LOCATION IN 1971.

RIVER EROSION, HOWEVER, CAUSED THE PILLARS TO MOVE AND IT EVENTUALLY COLLAPSED WHEN TYPHOON HOPE HIT HONG KONG LAST SUMMER.

THIS CAUSED INCONVENIENCE TO RESIDENTS OF TUNG CHUNG AND NEARBY VILLAGES, WHO USED IT FOR TAKING PRODUCE TO MARKETS. THE BRIDGE WAS ALSO USED BY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TOURISTS.

AN APPROACH WAS MADE TO ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE FOR HELP. A PROJECT COSTING \$200 000 WAS AGREED AND WORK STARTED IN MAY. IT TOOK FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE BRIDGE -- NAMED AFTER THE NEARBY HAU WONG TEMPLE -- IS 50 METRES LONG AND TWO METRES WIDE, HAS REINFORCED CONCRETE PILLARS AND DECKING. THERE ARE RAILINGS ON BOTH SIDES FOR SAFETY PURPOSES.

THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ENGINEER, MR RAYMOND WONG, WAS THE DESIGNER AND CONSTRUCTION WAS SUPERVISED BY ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE WORKS SECTION. HALF THE MONEY WAS PROVIDED BY THE LIONESSE CLUB OF MOUNT PHOENIX AND THE OTHER HALF BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WERE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO- THE CHAIRMAN OF TUNG CHUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHONG CHU-CHOI- AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIONESSE CLUB OF MT. PHOENIX, MISS IRENE THONG.

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PARENTS' CONSENT NEEDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN FLAG DAYS

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SCHOOLS ARE REMINDED TO OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF PARENTS WHEN STUDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 14 ASSIST IN SELLING FLAGS OR FLOWERS FOR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS ON APPROVED FLAG AND FLOWER DAYS.

IN A GENERAL CIRCULAR TO SCHOOLS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID : +SUPERVISORS AND HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SEEK PRIOR APPROVAL OF PARENTS IN SUCH CASES.+

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THESE NON-EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, HE SAID.

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SEMINAR ON MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES

THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG) WILL HOST A SEMINAR ON MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 28) AT LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE, SAU MAU PING.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR H.H.T. BARMA, AND UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, THE HON WONG LAM, WILL SPEAK ON THE OBJECTIVES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MAC SCHEME.

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE A LECTURER AT THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, MR PATRICK LAU ON THE ROLE MACS COULD ASSUME IN IMPROVING THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT- CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KWUN TONG), MR DAVID TSUI AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KWUN TONG), MR WILFRED WONG, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAC SCHEME.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES ORGANISED BY CDO (KT) AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY AT LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE, HIU KWONG STREET, SAU MAU PING.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

THE SECTION OF HANKOW ROAD BETWEEN SALISBURY AND PEKING ROADS WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELLING SOUTHBOUND ALONG KOWLOON PARK DRIVE WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO MIDDLE ROAD.

MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELLING SOUTHBOUND ALONG ASHLEY ROAD WILL BE PERMITTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO MIDDLE ROAD AND THEN TURN LEFT INTO KOWLOON PARK DRIVE.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

AS A RESULT OF THESE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, KOWLOON MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 8 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA HANKOW ROAD, PEKING ROAD, ASHLEY ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD, KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND SALISBURY ROAD ON ITS HO MAN TIN-BOUND JOURNEY.

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ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF LIN MA HANG ROAD BETWEEN MAN KAM TO ROAD AND PING CHE ROAD FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO INDICATE THE CLOSURE.

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