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HONG KONG ROADS TO GO COMPUTER

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THE INSTALLATION OF A COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HONG KONG ISLAND.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON OF ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST TODAY, THE ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, MR. FONG CHUN-NAM, SAID THAT A SIMILAR SYSTEM HAD BEEN IN OPERATION IN WESTERN KOWLOON FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

MR. FONG SAID THE COMPUTER HAD PROVED VALUABLE IN MAKING MORE ECONOMICAL USE OF THE ROAD SYSTEM. THE METHOD CURRENTLY USED ON HONG KONG ISLAND WAS NOT AS EFFICIENT.

+THE LINKED SIGNAL SYSTEM PRESENTLY BEING USED ON HONG KONG HAS THE WEAKNESS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO CALCULATE THE FIXED TIME CO-ORDINATION PLANS ON THE BASIS OF PAST RATHER THAN CURRENT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, WITH NO PROVISION FOR ADJUSTING SIGNAL SETTINGS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF MOMENTARY FLUCTUATIONS IN TRAFFIC FLOWS,+ HE SAID.

+WITH THE HELP OF A COMPUTER, A WELL DESIGNED SCHEME COULD OVERCOME THE DEFICIENCY, RESULTING IN MORE EFFICIENT ROAD USE.+

MR. FONG ALSO REVEALED THAT THE P.W.D. WAS CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE STUDY ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

+THE AIM OF THIS STUDY IS TO DERIVE A NETWORK WHICH WOULD INCLUDE CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION AND TRAFFIC DETECTORS TO MONITOR TRAFFIC FLOW AND TO ENABLE THE SPEEDY DETECTION OF INCIDENTS AND CONGESTION,+ HE SAID.

+THE NETWORK WOULD ALSO PROVIDE CHANGEABLE SIGNS TO ALTER SPEED LIMITS, DIVERT OR STOP TRAFFIC AND CLOSE LANES TO GIVE EFFECTIVE TRAFFIC CONTROL IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT.

+SUCH A SYSTEM IS LIKELY TO BE INSTALLED ALONG THE WHOLE WATERFRONT FROM WEST TO EAST AND THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL NORTH TO SOUTH ROUTE.+

MR. FONG ALSO DETAILED OTHER ROAD DEVELOPMENTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, INCLUDING THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL= THE ELEVATED ROAD LINKING POKFULAM ROAD WITH THE WATERFRONT VIA HILL ROAD= THE WIDENING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD FROM HILL ROAD TO RUMSEY STREET= AN ELEVATED ROAD FROM HILL ROAD TO HARCOURT ROAD= A NEW COASTAL ROAD FROM VICTORIA PARK TO NORTH POINT= THE STUBBS ROAD FLYOVER AND AN INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION OF ROBINSON ROAD AND GLENEALY.

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+WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF WIDENING GARDEN ROAD BY THE ADDITION OF ONE UP LANE,+ HE SAID.

ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND MR. FONG SAID THERE WERE PLANS TO EXTEND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD ALONG ABERDEEN WATERFRONT TO JOIN SHEK PAI WAN ROAD.

THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE WAS AT AN ADVANCED STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION AND THERE WERE PLANS TO WIDEN THE ROAD BETWEEN THE HONG KONG COUNTRY CLUB AND DEEP WATER BAY.

ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION WAS A NEW ROUTE, POSSIBLY A TUNNEL, LINKING REPULSE BAY AND DEEP WATER BAY.

+ALL IN ALL, WE HAVE PLANS TO IMPROVE THE WHOLE HIGHWAY SYSTEM ON HONG KONG BUT WE ARE VERY MUCH LIMITED OF COURSE BY RESOURCES, BOTH FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER,+ HE ADDED.

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EDUCATIONAL COURSES FOR ADULT PRISONERS

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ADULT PRISONERS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTAIN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL LEVEL WHILE SERVING THEIR SENTENCES IN PRISONS.

EDUCATIONAL COURSES ARE ORGANISED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST PRISONERS TO BROADEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND OUTLOOK AND TO ACQUIRE A SKILL ON WHICH THEY CAN RELY TO MAKE A LIVING ON THEIR RELEASE.

THE SCHOOLMASTER OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, MR. LEE TO-KING, SAID THESE COURSES BROADLY ARE DIVIDED INTO TUITION AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.

THE TUITION COURSES ARE CONDUCTED BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON A PART-TIME BASIS.

THEY PROVIDE AN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TO INMATES ON FOUR SUBJECTS -- ENGLISH, CHINESE, ARITHMETIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

THESE COURSES ARE OFFERED TO PRISONERS AND INMATES IN STANLEY, CHI MA WAN, MA PO PING, PIK UK, TONG FUK, TAI LAM, SHA TSUI AND HEI LING CHAU.

IN STANLEY PRISON, COURSES ON ADVERTISING DESIGN AND MANDARIN ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

ATTENDANCE TO THESE COURSES IS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRISON SUPERINTENDENT.

WHEN PERMISSION IS GRANTED, THE PRISONERS MUST SIT FOR AN ASSESSMENT TEST TO ENABLE THE TEACHERS TO DIVIDE THEM INTO CLASSES ACCORDING TO THEIR EDUCATIONAL STANDARD.

+NORMALLY, THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS REQUESTING TO ATTEND THESE COURSES FAR EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE,+ MR. LEE SAID.

+TO CATER FOR SUCH NEED, CELL STUDY COURSES IN THE FORM OF CORRESPONDENCE COURSES ARE AVAILABLE AT STANLEY PRISON, SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE, PIK UK PRISON AND VICTORIA RECEPTION CENTRE.

+AT PRESENT, NINE SELECTIVE SUBJECTS ON CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, CHINESE HISTORY, AND CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY ARE OFFERED,+ HE ADDED.

THESE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES START WITH A BRIEFING BY THE TUTOR AND THEN THE PRISONERS ARE LEFT ON THEIR OWN TO STUDY THE SUBJECT ACCORDING TO PRE-SET GUIDELINES.

+OF COURSE THEY MAY REQUEST TO MEET THE TEACHERS TO DISCUSS THEIR INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS.+

MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE CELL STUDY COURSES ARE MORE SUITABLE FOR LONG-TERM PRISONERS TO PROVIDE THEM A RELIEF FROM MENTAL STRAIN AND TO KEEP THEM OCCUPIED.

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 254 PRISONERS ATTENDED TUITION COURSES AND 258 TOOK THE CELL STUDY COURSES.

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TENDERS FOR SITE FORMATION,
ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN SHA TIN
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL SOON BE INVITING TENDERS FOR SITE FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN RAPIDLY GROWING SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE TOTAL AREA INVOLVED IS 31 HECTARES AND FORMS PART OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE SITE FORMATION WILL PROVIDE:

- * 14.7 HECTARES OF LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING-
- * 1.3 HECTARES FOR PRIVATE HOUSING-
- * 10 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USES- AND
- * FIVE HECTARES FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USES.

A P.W.D. SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WOULD ENABLE ACCOMMODATION TO BE PROVIDED FOR SOME 46,000 PEOPLE IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND 22,600 PEOPLE IN PRIVATE HOUSING.

THE PRIVATE HOUSING, SAID THE SPOKESMAN, WOULD BE MAINLY IN THE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE NEW TOWN.

ENGINEERING WORKS WILL INCLUDE BORROWING MATERIAL FROM THREE AREAS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF SECTIONS OF PRIMARY AND DISTRICT DISTRIBUTOR ROADS, INTERNAL ACCESS ROADS, A TRUNK SEWER AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE AND FOUL SEWERS.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE TWO SUBWAYS, FIVE BOX CULVERTS, A FOOTBRIDGE, PART OF A RIVER WALL AND ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS AND CYCLEWAYS.

IT IS HOPED THAT WORK WILL START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE P.W.D.

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HUNG HOM CAR PARK TO BE RE-OPENED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE HUNG HOM CAR PARK WILL BE RE-OPENED FROM SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 11) AND ITS OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT MOTORISTS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE THESE HOURS BUT MOTORISTS LEAVING THE CAR PARK BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 7 A.M. CAN PAY THEIR PARKING CHARGES ON EXIT AT THE TICKET COLLECTING BOOTH.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

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SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) IN HONOUR OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES DURING THE TWO WORLD WARS.

THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH WILL BE SIMPLIFIED WITH NO RELIGIOUS SERVICE, BAND, OR GUARD OF HONOUR DUE TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

IT IS INTENDED TO RESUME THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH IN FUTURE YEARS AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT.

AMONG THOSE LAYING WREATHS AT THE CENOTAPH WILL BE THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE= THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR GEOFFREY BRIGGS= THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL R.M.F. REDGRAVE= THE DEPUTY COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, BRIGADIER D.T. CRABTREE= THE COMMANDER RAF, THE CAPTAIN-IN-CHARGE HONG KONG, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMANDING OFFICERS' COMMITTEE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MERCHANT NAVY, COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SERVICE UNITS AND EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.

SIR MURRAY WILL ARRIVE AT 10.18 A.M. AND WREATH-LAYING WILL BEGIN AT 10.20 A.M. THE WHOLE CEREMONY IS EXPECTED TO END AT 10.35 A.M. BY WHICH TIME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND SERVICE OFFICERS WHO WISH TO LAY WREATHS AT THE CENOTAPH MAY DO SO.

AT 10.58 A.M. SIR MURRAY WILL ATTEND A REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL IN THE COURSE OF WHICH THE TRADITIONAL TWO-MINUTE SILENCE WILL BE OBSERVED.

EARLIER ON THE SAME DAY, A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 A.M. AT THE CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL IN THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANIC GARDENS.

THE GOVERNOR, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES AND THE SERVICE COMMANDERS WILL LAY WREATHS THERE. THEY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, CHINESE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, AND CHINESE MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES WILL ALSO BE HELD AT STANLEY FORT AND SEK KONG GARRISON CHURCH AT 10.40 A.M. AND 10.55 A.M. RESPECTIVELY.

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AT THE BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL IN KING'S PARK, A SPECIAL SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6 P.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CENOTAPH CEREMONY

THERE WILL BE A PRESS POSITION AT THE NORTH-EASTERN SIDE OF THE OUTER PERIMETER OF THE CENOTAPH. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ADVISED TO HAVE WITH THEM IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR VISITING CARDS. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV CAMERAMEN ARE ALSO ADVISED TO USE TELE-LENSES. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICE

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PICTURES AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CATHEDRAL BEFORE THE CHURCH SERVICE BEGINS. NO PHOTOGRAPHING WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL.

CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL CEREMONY

EDITORS ARE ADVISED THAT REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE ROPE CORDON AROUND THE CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL IN THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANIC GARDENS. THEY CAN STAND EITHER ON THE EAST OR WEST SIDE OF THE ROPE CORDON, BUT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE MEMORIAL ARCH.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED, IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED ACCOMMODATION, TO OBSERVE THE DIRECTION OF POLICE OFFICERS ON DUTY.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT SEK KONG,
STANLEY FORT AND BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL

THE PRESS ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SERVICES.

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PENG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE BY-ELECTION

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PENG CHAU VILLAGERS ARE GOING TO THE POLLS THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) TO ELECT NEW OFFICIALS TO FILL SIX SEATS OF KAIFONG REPRESENTATIVES ON THEIR RURAL COMMITTEE.

THE RURAL COMMITTEE HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 18 WHICH INCLUDES THREE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AND 15 KAIFONG REPRESENTATIVES. THE SIX SEATS FELL VACANT LAST YEAR.

THE BY-ELECTION TO BE HELD AT THE PENG CHAU CHI YAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY SECRET BALLOT. POLLING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AND THE COUNTING OF VOTES WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 P.M.

THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE BY-ELECTION IS THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. VICTOR YUNG.

THERE ARE 21 CANDIDATES AND THE ELECTORATE CONSISTS OF 979 LOCAL VILLAGERS WHO ARE HEADS OF FAMILIES WITH MORE THAN TEN YEARS' RESIDENCE ON THE ISLAND.

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WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS ON TWO MORNINGS FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AND FRIDAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED TOMORROW IS BOUNDED BY HOI YUEN ROAD, HUNG TO ROAD, TSUN YIP STREET AND HOW MING STREET. ON FRIDAY, THE SAME AREA WILL AGAIN BE AFFECTED INCLUDING TSUN YIP LANE.

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