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PLANS FOR URBAN PARK ON FORMER REFUSE TIP
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LANDSCAPE CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO CARRY OUT STUDIES FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT OF GIN DRINKERS BAY CONTROLLED TIP INTO AN URBAN PARK.

THE APPOINTMENT WAS MADE BY THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF PWD'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE CONSULTANTS CHOSEN ARE EDMOND BULL CORKERY (EBC (HK) IN JOINT VENTURE WITH YUNCKEN FREEMAN (HK). THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY GOLDER ASSOCIATES, EXPERTS IN WASTE DISPOSAL.

MR EDDIE SHORT, PROJECT MANAGER FOR TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, SIGNED THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF PWD, AND MR ROBIN EDMOND AND JOHN DENTON ON BEHALF OF THE CONSULTANTS.

THE GIN DRINKERS BAY TIP IS ONE OF THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD AND THE PROCESS OF TURNING THE AREA INTO A PLACE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES IS EXPECTED TO BE LONG AND COMPLEX.

THE CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO FIND APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF:

- * DISPOSAL OF LIQUID WASTES, LEACHING FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE TIP,
- * SAFE DISPERSAL OF METHANE GASES PRODUCED BY DECOMPOSING ORGANIC MATERIAL, AND
- * DIFFERENTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE TIP DUE TO VARYING DEGREES OF COMPACTION THROUGHOUT THE TIP.

THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO LOOK INTO THE EFFECTS OF THESE FACTORS ON PLANTS, BUILDINGS AND PAVED AREAS.

THE FACILITIES TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE DEVELOPMENT ARE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE A FULL SIZE SOCCER PITCH, TENNIS COURTS, BASKETBALL COURTS, AN AMPHITHEATRE, CHANGING AND CLUB ROOMS, A CYCLE TRACK, PLEASURE GARDEN AND PAVILION, PICNIC AREAS, AND PARKING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES. OTHER PROVISIONS ARE ALSO BEING CONSIDERED.

WORK IS DUE TO START ON THE FIRST PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT, LARGELY ADVANCE PLANTING, IN THE COMING SPRING, WITH POSSIBLE PHASED COMPLETION AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO PARTS OF THE PARK IN 1983/84.

THE CURRENT ESTIMATED COST OF THE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO SERVE AS A DISTRICT AND REGIONAL FACILITY, IS ABOUT \$30 MILLION.

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LOW-BUDGET HOLIDAY RESORT OPENS AT SAI KUNG

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LADY MACLEHOSE OPENED HONG KONG'S FIRST FAMILY HOLIDAY VILLAGE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK TODAY.

ATTENDING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE WERE THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, WHO HAS MADE A DONATION OF \$2 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE.

AT THE CEREMONY, LADY MACLEHOSE UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO SIGNIFY THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE WELL-EQUIPPED HOLIDAY RESORT FOR HONG KONG'S OVERCROWDED MILLIONS.

SHE RECEIVED A PLEASANT SURPRISE AFTER THE OPENING. ONE OF THE GUESTS, MRS CHAN MOK WING-CHUN, PRESENTED HER A CHEQUE FOR \$10 000 TO BE USED FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE.

MRS CHAN TOLD OFFICERS OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE THAT SHE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE LADY MACLEHOSE VILLAGE AND WISHED TO MAKE A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION.

LADY MACLEHOSE THANKED MRS CHAN FOR HER GENEROSITY AND ACCEPTED THE CHEQUE ON BEHALF OF THE RSS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY SAID THE PROJECT WAS THE RESULT OF A HAPPY SERIES OF EVENTS INVOLVING INITIATIVE, INGENUITY AND GENEROSITY.

+THE BUILDINGS WERE ORIGINALLY PUT UP FOR THE ENGINEERS ENGAGED IN BUILDING THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR JUST OVER THE HILL. IT WAS ITSELF THE LARGEST AND MOST IMAGINATIVE OF THE MANY WORKS UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG TO PRODUCE WATER. THE ENGINEERS LIVED HERE FOR A FEW YEARS BUT THE BUILDINGS PUT UP FOR THEM ARE STILL DURABLE,+ THE SECRETARY SAID.

HE SAID THE IDEA OF CONVERTING THE ENGINEERS' BUNGALOWS INTO A HOLIDAY CAMP WAS NOT THE FAR-FETCHED SCHEME IT WOULD HAVE SEEMED EVEN FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO BUT A PRACTICAL AND USEFUL PLAN WANTING ONLY FUNDS FOR FULFILMENT.

HE THANKED SIR SHIU-KIN TANG FOR HIS \$2 MILLION DONATION.

+EVEN THOSE OF US WHO KNOW HIM WELL FIND DIFFICULTY IN RECALLING THE MANY VALUABLE SCHEMES HE HAS HELPED THROUGH HIS DONATIONS.

+LAST YEAR ALONE HE GAVE OVER \$12 MILLION TOWARDS A WHOLE SERIES OF IMPORTANT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

+ 'SECOND UNCLE' WE CALL HIM. I AM SURE THIS TERM OF AFFECTION AND RESPECT WILL SPRING READILY TO THE MINDS OF THOSE WHO WILL ENJOY THIS CAMP,+ MR BRAY SAID.

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THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IS SITUATED IN 12 HECTARES OF WOODED COUNTRYSIDE NEAR PAK TAM. IT WILL PROVIDE CHALET-STYLE ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 120 OVERNIGHT VISITORS. WHEN THE WHOLE PROJECT IS COMPLETED, THERE WILL BE OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 250 PEOPLE AT ANY ONE TIME.

THE BUNGALOWS RANGE IN SIZE FROM 3-BED UNITS OF 30 SQUARE METRES EACH, TO 100-SQUARE-METRE UNITS SLEEPING 12. THEY HAVE BEEN REFURBISHED, FURNISHED WITH SPECIALLY-DESIGNED FURNITURE, AND EQUIPPED WITH AIR-CONDITIONERS IN THE BEDROOMS AND WATER-HEATERS IN THE SHOWERS. MOST OF THE UNITS HAVE SITTING-ROOMS.

THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IS MANAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, AND WILL FEATURE A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ORGANISED ACTIVITIES.

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE TO THE MANAGER OF THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL RSS DISTRICT OFFICES AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE MANAGER, LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE, PAK TAM, SAI KUNG, THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

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LAND FOR YUEN LONG NEW TOWN

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ABOUT 20 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN FOR ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

A \$70 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS SIGNED TODAY BY MR P.B. KEOWN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND MR MAK WAI-KEI OF THE EXPRESS TRANSPORT AND BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD.

THE CONTRACT, WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, DRAINS AND SEWERS, FORMS PART OF THE NEW TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE PWD'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE LAND FORMED WILL BE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTE AND COMMUNITY USES — THERE WILL BE SITES FOR FOUR SCHOOLS, A MAGISTRACY, A DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION, AN AMBULANCE DEPOT, A CLINIC, CAR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BINNIE AND PARTNERS (HONG KONG), FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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NEW BOOK DEPICTS HONG KONG'S ANIMAL LIFE
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THE MANY DIFFERENT FORMS OF ANIMAL LIFE TO BE FOUND IN HONG KONG -- SOME UNUSUAL OR RARE -- ARE PORTRAYED IN THEIR NATURAL COLOURS IN A NEW BOOK NOW ON SALE.

CONTAINING ABOUT 600 ORIGINAL PAINTINGS, THE BOOK ENABLES EASY IDENTIFICATION OF MOST LOCAL ANIMALS, INCLUDING MAMMALS, REPTILES, INSECTS, FRESHWATER FISH AND OTHER MARINE LIFE.

THE PAINTINGS ARE THE WORK OF KAREN PHILLIPPS, A TALENTED LOCAL ARTIST WITH A SPECIAL INTEREST IN NATURAL HISTORY. DR DENNIS S. HILL, UNTIL RECENTLY WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, HAS PRODUCED THE TEXT WHICH IS THE RESULT OF 11 YEARS' PERSONAL EFFORT.

PUBLISHED UNDER THE TITLE, +A COLOUR GUIDE TO HONG KONG ANIMALS+, THE 280-PAGE BOOK WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND HAS BEEN PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

IT IS ON SALE AT \$38 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, LEADING BOOKSHOPS, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN AN INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER TO THE BOOK, THE AUTHORS NOTE THAT THERE IS AN EVER-INCREASING AWARENESS OF LOCAL ECOLOGY IN HONG KONG.

WITH THE PROMOTION OF THE COUNTRY PARKS PROGRAMME AND THE INCREASE OF THE ECOLOGY CONTENT IN VARIOUS SCHOOL CURRICULA, THE AUTHORS HOPE THAT THIS AWARENESS WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO INTEREST.

THE BOOK CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE MAIN ECOLOGICAL HABITATS PRESENT IN HONG KONG AND GIVES A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF ANIMAL COMMUNITIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES SAID THE BOOK WAS EXPECTED TO AROUSE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AS IT WAS THE FIRST DETAILED SOURCE OF REFERENCE ON HONG KONG'S ANIMAL LIFE.

+IT SHOULD APPEAL NOT ONLY TO THE SERIOUS STUDENT OF NATURAL HISTORY, BUT ALSO TO THE NON-EXPERT WHO WANTS TO INCREASE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE MANY CREATURES WITH WHOM HE SHARES A PLACE IN THE ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE BOOK IS THE SECOND TITLE IN THE +COLOUR GUIDE+ SERIES INTRODUCED BY THE GIS. AN EARLIER BOOK ON HONG KONG BIRDS, FEATURING ORIGINAL PAINTINGS BY THE SAME ARTIST, PROVED SO POPULAR THAT A SECOND EDITION HAD TO BE PRINTED.

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FIRST-TIME SCHOOL ENTRIES TO HKCEE NEED APPROVAL
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SCHOOLS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY WISH TO ENTER FORM/MIDDLE V CANDIDATES AND +ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN 1982, THEY MUST APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE SAME PROCEDURE APPLIES TO SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR CERTAIN PRACTICAL SUBJECTS.

THESE SUBJECTS INCLUDE SHORTHAND, TYPING, PHYSICS (SYLLABUSES 1 AND 2), CHEMISTRY (SYLLABUSES 1 AND 2), BIOLOGY (SYLLABUSES 1 AND 2), POTTERY, HOME ECONOMICS, NEEDLEWORK/DRESS, DRESSMAKING, WOODWORK, METALWORK, PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, TECHNICAL DRAWING, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, EMBROIDERY, AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN.

APPLICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON. APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SAME OFFICE.

HANDBOOKS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS ON THE REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1982 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY'S PUBLICATIONS UNIT AT 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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TAI PO CYCLISTS URGED TO BE MORE CAREFUL
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TAI PO CYCLISTS WHO FAIL TO OBSERVE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS COULD FACE FINES OR IMPRISONMENT.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY DURING A VISIT TO CYCLING +BLACK SPOTS+ IN THE TOWN BY THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHUN-WAI.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT TRAFFIC INSPECTOR, MR KWOK FUK-SHING, MR WONG LOOKED ESPECIALLY AT THE SITUATION AT TAI MEI TUK, A POPULAR AREA FOR CYCLISTS.

AT TING KOK ROAD, MR WONG WAS TOLD THAT POLICE OFFICERS WERE ON DUTY DURING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAY PERIODS TO INSTRUCT CYCLISTS ON SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THEY SHOULD OBSERVE.

THOSE WHO FAIL TO MAKE USE OF THE CYCLE TRACK OR WHO IGNORE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ARE LIABLE TO A \$500 FINE OR IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS.

MR WONG AND MR KWOK ALSO CALLED ON LOCAL BICYCLE HIRING OPERATORS TO SEEK THEIR COOPERATION IN THE ROAD SAFETY DRIVE.

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+IT WILL HELP VERY MUCH IF ALL BICYCLES ARE KEPT IN SOUND CONDITION AND CUSTOMERS ARE TOLD TO RIDE CAREFULLY EVERY TIME THEY COME TO THE SHOP,+ MR WONG TOLD THE OPERATORS.

POSTERS WITH CYCLING SAFETY MESSAGES HAVE BEEN PUT UP AS A REMINDER TO CYCLISTS.

TAI PO ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR WONG, COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, POLICE, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, RURAL COMMITTEE, KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY AND LOCAL MINIBUS AND TAXI OPERATORS' ASSOCIATIONS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BEING ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY IN TAI PO INCLUDE SEMINARS FOR DRIVERS, FILM SHOWS, AND A MODEL DRIVER COMPETITION.

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COMPETITION FOR CLEANEST VILLAGE HOUSE * * *

A DISTRICT-WIDE +BUILDING CLEAN-UP COMPETITION+ FOR RESIDENTS OF VILLAGE HOUSES AND MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN NT NORTH DISTRICT WAS LAUNCHED TODAY.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, EXHORTS THE RESIDENTS TO KEEP THEIR ENVIRONMENT A PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE IN.

+WE ALSO HOPE TO REVIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE 1972 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN BEFORE STARTING ANOTHER BIG DRIVE,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE VISITED A NUMBER OF HOUSES AT VARIOUS VILLAGES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TODAY TO PICK THE WINNERS.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMPRISE RURAL LEADERS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE.

TOMORROW, THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL INSPECT THE COMMON PLACES, CORRIDORS AND CANOPIES OF MORE THAN 10 MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN THE TOWNS TO FIND MODEL BUILDINGS THERE.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED AT A CEREMONY TOWARDS THE END OF THIS MONTH TO THE CLEANEST VILLAGE HOUSES AT FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI AND SHA TAU KOK, AND MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AT LUEN WO HUI AND SHEK WU HUI.

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AMS HOLDS CELEBRATION DINNER

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL DINNER ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 10), CLIMAXING A YEAR OF ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY.

MORE THAN 1 200 MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION WHICH WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, WHO IS ALSO UNIT CONTROLLER OF THE SERVICE.

DR THONG WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND PRESENT LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO 56 MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED BETWEEN 15 TO 27 YEARS.

AMONG THE GUESTS INVITED TO THE DINNER WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER OF CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR ROGER LOBO, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR A.K. MASON, DR HENRY LI FOOK-KUEN OF THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 10) AT THE MAXIM PALACE RESTAURANT, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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HK HAS OVER 190 000 PRIVATE CARS

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THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS IN HONG KONG TOPPED 190 000 AT THE END OF LAST YEAR. THIS WAS A RISE OF OVER 27 000 OR 16.8 PER CENT OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS, AND COMPARES WITH AN INCREASE OF 20 713 IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER, 1979.

THE NUMBER OF NEW CARS REGISTERED DURING DECEMBER WAS 3 007, AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS WHICH LAPSED WAS 1 132. THERE WAS THUS A NET INCREASE OF 1 875 CARS, BRINGING THE OVERALL TOTAL TO 190 131.

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