DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1985

CONTENTS PAGE NO.

GOVERNOR URGES ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO REGISTER 1

SIR DAVID SEES MEDICAL, HEALTH WORK 3

AIRLINE PRAISED FOR 'INVESTMENT FOR FUTURE' 4

HK CITIZENS' ROLE SUPPORTED 4

FARMERS GET CHANCE TO LEARN U.S. TECHNIQUES 5

DISCUSSION ON OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS 6

SANITARY CONDITION OF CARE VILLAGE MAINTAINED 6

DB MEETINGS FOR TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG 7

STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER 8

PLAQUE IN HONOUR OF RIZAL UNVEILED 8

FANLING BYPASS TO BE OPENED 9

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS COMMITTEE SET-UP 10

TIME CORRECTION 10

NEW TERRITORIES SITES UP FOR RENT 11

EARLY DRAGON BOAT RACE AT LAMMA 12

SAI KUNG SEMINAR FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY 12

TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR DRAGON BOAT RACES 13

MINIBUS SERVICE EXTENDED 14

GOVERNOR URGES ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO REGISTER

* * * * *

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED ON ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES TO REGISTER DURING THE LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD.

+THE ONE MESSAGE WHICH THIS AFTERNOON I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO TRANSMIT IS TO ENCOURAGE ALL THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS TO REGISTER,+ HE SAID.

+THE LATE REGISTRATION STARTS IN TWO DAYS' TIME. THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY AND I BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT INDEED THAT ALL ELIGIBLE ELECTORS SHOULD REGISTER THEMSELVES FOR THAT ELECTION.+

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE ENOUGH TO ENCOURAGE THESE PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD AND REGISTER, SIR EDWARD SAID, +WE HAVE DONE ALL WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME FORWARD.+

+I KNOW THAT ORGANISATIONS HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM TO COME FORWARD, AND I HAVE JUST ENCOURAGED THEM AGAIN.

+SO I DON'T THINK ANYBODY CAN NOW COMPLAIN THAT WE HAVEN'T DONE ENOUGH.+

EARLIER, REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO WERE COVERING THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE CAMPUS GOT TOGETHER AND SANG SIR EDWARD A BIRTHDAY SONG. TODAY IS SIR EDWARD'S 61ST BIRTHDAY.

SIR EDWARD COMMENTED, +I MUST SAY THAT THIS HAS BEEN QUITE A BIRTHDAY. I HAD A BIRTHDAY PARTY AT LUNCH WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS, AND THEY PRODUCED ME A MARVELLOUS CAKE.

+I EVENTUALLY GOT OUT OF THEM A PRESENT, WHICH WAS THE MENU WHICH THEY ALL SIGNED FOR ME, AND I SHALL TREASURE THAT AS A SOUVENIR.

+AND I HAVE JUST BEEN GIVEN ONE OR TWO SMALL GIFTS AS A MEMENTO OF MY COMING HERE AND OF MY BIRTHDAY.

+AND I MUST SAY THAT THE GREATEST SURPRISE OF ALL IS BY THIS HONG KONG PRESS CHOIR WHICH I AM SURE I SHALL FIND PERFORMING IN THE CITY HALL WITHIN A FEW WEEKS.+

/SIR EDWARD .....

SIR EDWARD SAID SIR S.Y. CHUNG, THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLYTECHNIC, HAD SUGGESTED THAT HE SHOULD COME ALONG AND SEE THE POLYTECHNIC, WHICH WAS SOMETHING HE HAD VERY MUCH WANTED TO DO.

+AND IT HAPPENED ON MY BIRTHDAY. I MUST SAY IT IS A VERY NICE WAY AND A VERY INTERESTING WAY TO SPEND YOUR BIRTHDAY. I RECOMMEND IT.+

ASKED TO MAKE A BIRTHDAY WISH, SIR EDWARD SAID, +MY BIRTHDAY WISH IS UNDOUBTEDLY THAT HONG KONG SHALL CONTINUE AS SUCCESSFUL AS IT IS NOW, IN THE FUTURE.+

ASKED ABOUT THE LATEST COMMENTS ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) BILL BY THE LEGAL SECTOR, THE GOVERNOR SAID, +I HAVEN'T SEEN WHAT THE LEGAL SECTION SAID. YOU KNOW I NEVER COMMENT ON SOMETHING I HAVEN'T SEEN.+

+BUT ON THE BILL I HAVE STILL THE SAME TWO THINGS WHICH I HAVE SAID BEFORE, WHICH IS - NOW IS THE TIME TO LOOK AT THE BILL AND TO CONTINUE LOOKING AT IT CAREFULLY AND IN DETAIL.

+AND THE BILL IS NOW WITH THE LEGISLATURE. SO IF THE LEGAL COMMUNITY HAVE PRODUCED ANY VIEWS ON IT, I AM SURE THAT MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL LOOK AT THAT VERY CAREFULLY.+

ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CHANCE THAT THE BILL WOULD BE DEFERRED, SIR EDWARD SAID, +AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, THE BILL IS NOW WITH THE LEGISLATURE, SO I THINK YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SEE WHAT THE LEGISLATURE DECIDES.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON AN EXISTING STANDING ORDER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHICH BANNED THE PUBLICATION OF ANY EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE ANY SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR SAID, +THE STANDING ORDERS, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN THERE NOT SINCE LAST WEEK. THEY HAVE BEEN THERE FOR A VERY LONG TIME FOR PEOPLE TO READ.+

+AND I HAVEN'T NOTICED THAT THESE STANDING ORDERS HAVE IN ANY WAY IMPEDED THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.+

TURNING TO THE RESCUE OPERATION OF THE KA WAH BANK BY THE HONG KONG BANK AND THE BANK OF CHINA, SIR EDWARD SAID IT WAS SOMETHING TO BE WELCOMED.

+IT IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES, THAT THERE SHOULD BE ACTION BY THE BANKING COMMUNITY TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENCE IN THE BANKING SYSTEM WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE SOUND AS A WHOLE,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS LATER PRESENTED WITH SOME FLOWERS AND A BIRTHDAY CARD SIGNED BY ALL REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO COVERED THIS AFTERNOON'S VISIT.

- - - - o - - - -

/3 .....

SIR DAVID SEES MEDICAL, HEALTH WORK

* * * *

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

SIR DAVID WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, AND OTHER DIRECTORATE STAFF.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR VARIOUS MEDICAL AND HEALTH PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE PROGRESS OF WORK ON THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, THE SHAUKEIWAN HOSPITAL AND THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL PHASE II EXTENSION PROGRAMME.

THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1988, AND SHAUKEIWAN HOSPITAL IN 1991, PROVIDING 3 000 MORE HOSPITAL BEDS. IN ADDITION, THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL PHASE II EXTENSION PROJECT, WHICH IS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1988, WILL PROVIDE 850 MORE BEDS.

WITH AN OVERALL ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE THAN 24 000, THE DEPARTMENT OPERATES 14 HOSPITALS, 62 OUT-PATIENT CLINICS, 44 FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRES, 18 CHEST CLINICS AND 20 SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS.

MEDICAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR WILL BE ABOUT $4 BILLION, OF WHICH $1.13 BILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

SIR DAVID ALSO SPENT SOME TIME TALKING TO STAFF IN THE VARIOUS OFFICES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/4 .....

AIRLINE PRAISED FOR 'INVESTMENT FOR FUTURE'

* * * *

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FIRST VR-11 INTO CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAY'S EXPANDING SERVICE MARKED THE AIRLINE'S INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE AND ITS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE NEW +STRETCHED UPPER DECK+ JET AT HANGAR NO. 4 OF KAI TAK AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID THE AIRLINE WOULD ALSO BE TAKING DELIVERY OF A SIMILAR AIRCRAFT NEXT YEAR, AND THAT THIS SERVED NOTICE OF THE AIRLINE'S INTENTION TO INCREASE AND CONSOLIDATE ITS SHARE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR P.D.A. SUTCH, AND OTHER EXECUTIVES OF THE AIRLINE, SIR DAVID FIRST TOURED THE INTERIOR OF THE PLANE.

THEN, FROM A PODIUM, SIR DAVID PRESSED A BUTTON TO RELEASE A SHOWER OF FLOWERS AND CONFETTI.

AFTER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, THE WIDE-BODIED CRAFT WAS TOWED OUT OF THE HANGAR AND PUT INTO SERVICE.

- - - - o - - - -

HK CITIZENS' ROLE SUPPORTED

* * *

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE A BROAD SPECTRUM OF HONG KONG CITIZENS ON THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

HE WAS ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING OF A JUMBO JET AT THE AIRPORT.

+THEY ARE LEADING FIGURES IN INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AND BANKING AND YOUNG LAWYERS,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHAT ROLE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PLAY ON THE COMMITTEE, SIR DAVID SAID: +THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO DIRECT ROLE TO PLAY ON THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF COURSE, BUT IT WILL NATURALLY BE IN EVERYBODY'S INTEREST IF THE HONG KONG MEMBERS OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE HAVE A FULL KNOWLEDGE OF EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON IN HONG KONG.+

- - - - o - - - -

FARMERS GET CHANCE TO LEARN U.S. TECHNIQUES

* * * *

FOURTEEN VEGETABLE FARMERS WILL LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES ON FRIDAY (JUNE 21) ON A STUDY TOUR ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

THE STUDY TOUR, THE EIGHTH SINCE 1977, WILL LAST 12 DAYS.

AT A BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, SAID THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF SUCH TOURS WERE TO PROVIDE LOCAL FARMERS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH ADVANCED CULTIVATION TECHNIQUES, TO BROADEN THEIR OUTLOOK ON AGRICULTURE AND TO GIVE THEM AN INSIGHT INTO THE TYPES OF LIFESTYLE LED BY THEIR COUNTERPARTS ELSEWHERE.

IN ADDITION, DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID, THE TOURS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF FARMING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE BETWEEN LOCAL AND OVERSEAS FARMERS.

+SEVEN SUCH TOURS HAVE SO FAR BEEN ORGANISED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, HOLLAND, JAPAN, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPATING FARMERS HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING AS THEY APPEAR TO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE TOURS AND HAVE BROUGHT BACK USEFUL TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW WHICH THEY HAVE SHARED WITH LOCAL FARMERS,+ HE SAID.

WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE TEAM, ACCOMPANIED BY AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, MR K.Y. HO, WILL VISIT RESEARCH CENTRES, VEGETABLE FARMS AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

THEY WILL ALSO MEET AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO WILL BRIEF THEM ON AGRICULTURE IN THE COUNTRY AND TAKE THEM TO SEE LARGE-SCALE AND SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTION OF GARDEN CROPS, THE LATEST TECHNIQUES AND METHODS USED IN THE CULTIVATION OF ARTICHOKE, MUSHROOM, CELERY AND LETTUCE, AND COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF SEEDS.

----0----

/6 .....

DISCUSSION ON OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS

* * * *

THE MARKETS AND STREET TRADERS SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL MET TODAY (WEDNESDAY) WHEN MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE SALE OF UNDESIRABLE PUBLICATIONS BY NEWSPAPER HAWKERS.

MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE ISSUE THOROUGHLY AND AGREED THAT THE WORKING PARTY TO REVIEW HAWKER AND RELATED POLICIES SHOULD NOW EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF SUSPENDING OR CANCELLING THE LICENCE OF A HAWKER WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE AGAINST THE OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS ORDINANCE.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ALSO URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO REACH A SPEEDY CONCLUSION TO ITS PRESENT DELIBERATIONS ON THE ISSUE AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD GIVE GUIDANCE TO NEWSPAPER HAWKERS AS TO WHAT IS CONSIDERED OBJECTIONABLE.

IN THE MEANTIME, MEMBERS CALLED ON HAWKERS TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN THE SALE OF UNDESIRABLE PUBLICATIONS.

- - - - o - - - -

SANITARY CONDITION OF CARE VILLAGE MAINTAINED

* * * *

THE SANITARY CONDITION OF THE CARE (CO-OPERATIVE AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE) VILLAGE WAS AS GOOD AS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THE +CONTRACTING OUT+ OF CLEANSING SERVICES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO YUNG-SANG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE SAID THIS AFTER VISITING THE VILLAGE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD TO SEE THE SANITARY CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE.

ACCOMPANYING BOARD MEMBERS ON THE TOUR WERE THE TAI PO DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT, MR CHAN CHAI-CHI, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF TAI PO (DEVELOPMENT), MR JOHNNY CHAN.

MR HO WAS TOLD THAT FOR ECONOMIC PURPOSE AND BETTER MANAGEMENT, THE +CONTRACTING OUT+ CLEANSING SERVICE IN THE CARE VILLAGE WAS TERMINATED ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

/AS A .....

AS A RESULT, CLEANSING SERVICE IN THE VILLAGE IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY STAFF OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR HO PRAISED THE DEPARTMENT FOR BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS STANDARD OF THE VILLAGE AT A REDUCED COST.

BOARD MEMBERS ALSO INSPECTED THE OPERATION OF A DISTRICT-WIDE ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN WHICH COINCIDENTALLY WAS HELD AT THE CARE VILLAGE TODAY.

THEY SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE WAY PEST CONTROL OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO COMBAT MOSQUITO BREEDING IN A BID TO FURTHER IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

----o----

DB MEETINGS FOR TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG

*****

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) BILL WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING IN WHICH BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS WAYS TO COMBAT OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS.

MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL BE SOUGHT ON A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE TENURE OF THE WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, AND THE ALLOCATION OF MORE SITES FOR THA DEVELOPMENT NEAR LEUNG TIN ESTATE.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ON THE RESULT OF A RECENT ASSESSMENT ON THE FUTURE DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS THAT WERE NOT DEALT WITH AT ITS PREVIOUS FULL BOARD MEETING.

THESE INCLUDE THE BACKGROUND TO PROBLEMS RELATING TO PRIVATE ROADS, AND PLANS FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY AND A MID-SUMMER NIGHT CONCERT.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO COMMENT ON PROPOSALS TO DEAL WITH VILLAGE VEHICLES. QUESTIONS ON HAWKER LICENCES, TEMPORARY HOUSING, TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES WILL BE RAISED DURING THE MEETING.

----o----

/8 .....

STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER

* * * *

EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON SATURDAY (JUNE 22) IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN $9 500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE SAID.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT COULD BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY-TO-DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

- - - - o - - - -

PLAQUE IN HONOUR OF RIZAL UNVEILED

* * *

THE PHILIPPINE CONSUL-GENERAL, MRS FELICIDAD BENGZON-GONZALES, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) UNVEILED A PLAQUE AT D'AGUILAR PLACE, 1-13 D'AGUILAR STREET, COMMEMORATING PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HERO DR JOSE RIZAL.

THIS IS THE 11TH COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE INSTALLED SINCE THE PROJECT WAS INITIATED BY THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD IN 1977.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH'S ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENT OFFICE SAID THE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES WERE INSTALLED TO MARK PLACES WHERE RENOWNED PEOPLE LIVED, WHERE NOTABLE EVENTS OCCURRED OR WHERE PREVIOUS WELL-KNOWN BUILDINGS STOOD.

/DR RIZAL .....

DR RIZAL (1861-1896), A PHYSICIAN, POET AND AUTHOR WHO WAS WIDELY REGARDED AS HAVING BEEN THE ARCHITECT OF THE PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, LIVED AND PRACTISED AS AN EYE SPECIALIST DURING 1891-92 IN A HOUSE WHICH ONCE STOOD ON THE SITE OF D'AGUILAR PLACE.

HE FIRST CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1888 RETURNING IN 1891 TO SET UP HIS OPHTHALMIC PRACTICE.

THE PLAQUE IS IN HONOUR OF DR RIZAL AND TO COMMEMORATE HIS SERVICE TO THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY DURING HIS BRIEF STAY IN THE TERRITORY.

+IT SERVES NOT ONLY TO UNDERLINE THE HISTORICAL LINKS BUT ALSO TO ENHANCE THE PRESENT CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER PLAQUES ALREADY INSTALLED INCLUDE ONE COMMEMORATING THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY, DR JAMES LEGGE (1815-1897) AT NO. 2 BRIDGE STREET AND ONE MARKING THE SITE OF THE OLD HONG KONG MINT IN CLEVELAND STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, WAS PRESENT AT THE UNVEILING TODAY.

----o----

FANLING BYPASS TO BE OPENED

***

SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR ROGER LOBO, WILL OPEN THE FANLING BYPASS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 21).

THE 3.9-KILOMETRE STRETCH OF DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY FORMS A CRUCIAL PART OF A CIRCULAR ROUTE BEING BUILT TO LINK THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

----o----

/10 .....

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS COMMITTEE SET-UP

* * * *

THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL MEET ON FRIDAY (JUNE 21) TO DECIDE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS COMMITTEES AND DISCUSS ISSUES CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER MATTERS.

THE COUNCIL IS TO APPOINT THREE SELECT COMMITTEES IN ADDITION TO HAVING ONE DISTRICT COMMITTEE IN EACH OF THE NINE DISTRICTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS. AT THE MEETING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL DECIDE ON THE PROCEDURE FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE COMMITTEES.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROPOSALS TO AMEND A PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE THAT GOVERNS THE MANNER IN WHICH LICENCES, REGISTRATIONS AND PERMITS ARE TO BE GRANTED, RENEWED, REFUSED, SUSPENDED OR CANCELLED.

OTHER ITEMS TO COME UP AT THE MEETING INCLUDE A BILL DEFINING THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, A POLICY PAPER ON ABATTOIRS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES, FEE INCREASES FOR THE YUEN LONG STADIUM AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL BE THE COUNCIL'S FOURTH MEETING SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN APRIL.

- - - - O - - - -

TIME CORRECTION

* * *

AT 8 AM ON JULY 1, 1985 THE USUAL 6-PIP TIME SIGNAL FROM THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONG KONG WILL NOT BE BROADCAST. IT WILL RESUME AT 8.15 AM.

THIS IS TO ENABLE A CORRECTION TO BE APPLIED WHICH WILL RESULT IN A DELAY OF ONE SECOND TO THE RESUMED TIME SIGNAL, AN OBSERVATORY SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY.

THIS CORRECTION ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT THE TIME SCALE NOW IN USE, KNOWN AS THE COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME (UTC), IS BASED ON THE ATOMIC TIME SCALE WHICH PROVIDES A MORE PRECISE AND UNIFORM SECOND THAN THAT DERIVED BY ASTRONOMICAL MEANS. IT HAS BEEN INTERNATIONALLY AGREED THAT A CORRECTION OF ONE SECOND SHOULD BE APPLIED FROM TIME TO TIME SO THAT THE COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME (UTC) WILL NOT DIFFER FROM THE ASTRONOMICAL TIME BY MORE THAN NINE-TENTHS OF A SECOND.

THE LAST CORRECTION WAS MADE ON JULY 1, 1983.

- - - - O - - - -

/11 .....

NEW TERRITORIES SITES UP FOR RENT

* * * *

THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF TWO SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FIRST SITE OF 1 248 SQUARE METRES AT FUNG YAU STREET NORTH, YUEN LONG, IS FOR USE AS A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CAR PARK.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER SITE, MEASURING 1 600 SQUARE METRES, IS AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR CHING LEUNG FA YUEN, TUEN MUN.

IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE GOODS AND MATERIALS, VEHICLES AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, BUT EXCLUDING THE REPAIR OF VEHICLES OR ITS RELATED WORKS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

TENDERS FOR THE TWO SITES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 5.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND PLANS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION, AT:

* LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, NINTH TO 11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE YUEN LONG SITE; AND

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE TUEN MUN SITE.

- - - - o - - - -

/12 .....

EARLY DRAGON BOAT RACE AT LAMMA

* * * *

THE FESTIVITIES LEADING UP TO THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY (JUNE 22) HAVE ALREADY BEGUN IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, WITH A RECENT DRAGON BOAT RACE AT SOUTH LAMMA.

MORE THAN A DOZEN BOATS TOOK PART IN THE RACE HELD AT LUK CHAU BEACH ON TUESDAY (JUNE 18).

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE LAMMA ISLAND (SOUTH) RURAL COMMITTEE, AND SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED ABOUT $43 000 TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S DRAGON BOAT RACES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

- - - - o - - - -

SAI KUNG SEMINAR FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY

* * * *

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED A SPECIAL SEMINAR FOR THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY IN THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THEM TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT.

THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN A PROPOSAL TO BUILD AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG, THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL, THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SPEAKERS WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS CARRIE LAM; THE SECRETARY OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION, MR D.B. JONES; THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR T.D. ARMOUR, AND CHIEF TOWN PLANNER, MISS ANNE CHENG, OF THE JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE; SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER, MS ELLY TSE, AND SENIOR ENGINEER NT/SE, MR K.S. HUNJAN, OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE SEMINAR ON FRIDAY (JUNE 21) WILL START AT 7.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

- - - - o - - - -

/13 .....

TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR DRAGON BOAT RACES
*****

WITH DRAGON BOAT RACES BEING HELD IN TAI PO, SHA TIN AND YAU MA TEI ON SATURDAY (JUNE 22), SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THESE AREAS.

IN TAI PO, WHERE RACES WILL BE HELD NEAR THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE INTRODUCED BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 2 PM:

* DAI SHING STREET AND THE SHORT SECTION OF DAI FAT STREET SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH DAI CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

* KMB ROUTE 72K RUNNING BETWEEN TAI PO KCR STATION AND TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, AND KCR SERVICE WILL BE ENHANCED.

* CYCLISTS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

IN SHA TIN, DRAGON BOAT RACES WILL BE HELD ON THE SHING MUN RIVER AND SAND MARTIN BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO 2 PM.

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO BANYAN BRIDGE OR LION BRIDGE WHILE KMB ROUTES 48, 69, 70, 72A, 81K AND GREEN MINIBUS 65K WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

AS BOAT RACES WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER ON THE SAME DAY, MAN CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.10 AM TO 6 PM.

TRAFFIC ON FERRY STREET HEADING FOR JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER WILL BE DIVERTED TO CANTON ROAD AND JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE.

METERED PARKING SPACES ON MAN CHEONG STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED. AS PARKING SPACES ARE LIMITED, SPECTATORS ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

----0----

/14 .....

MINIBUS SERVICE EXTENDED

* * *

NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 66K, PLYING BETWEEN KAU TO AND FO TAN KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATION WILL BE EXTENDED FROM SATURDAY (JUNE 22), TO TERMINATE AT THE SHA TIN KCR STATION INSTEAD OF FO TAN.

FARE WILL BE $2 PER JOURNEY.

----o----