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BRIDGES PROPOSED TO LINK KOWLOON AND LANTAU
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THE CONSULTANTS APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE A PROPOSED FIXED CROSSING FROM THE KOWLOON MAINLAND TO LANTAU ISLAND HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR REPORT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) IT WAS HOPED A DECISION ON THE REPORT WOULD BE REACHED IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

+IT IS A VERY DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, AND GOVERNMENT WILL WANT TO EXAMINE IT VERY CLOSELY,+ HE SAID.

THE REPORT RECOMMENDS:

- * A MAIN SPAN CONCRETE PRESTRESSED CANTILEVER BRIDGE ACROSS RAMBLER CHANNEL.
- * A HIGHWAY ACROSS THE NORTH SIDE OF TSING YI ISLAND.
- * A 1,350-METRE MAIN SPAN SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER THE MAIN CROSSING FROM TSING YI TO MA WAN.
- * A HIGHWAY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MA WAN WITH APPROACH VIADUCTS FOR THE KAP SHUI MUN CROSSING.
- * A 480-METRE MAIN SPAN SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER KAP SHUI MUN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CONSULTANTS SAID NUMEROUS ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS HAD BEEN EXAMINED AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS MADE.

+THE RESULTS OF OUR INVESTIGATIONS HAVE ENABLED US TO RECOMMEND A SINGLE SCHEME AS BEING CLEARLY SUPERIOR TO ALL THE ALTERNATIVES,+ HE SAID.

+WHILE THE SCHEME IS PROFESSIONALLY CHALLENGING, ALL THE RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS FALL WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY.+

+THE RESULTING STRUCTURES IN THEIR DRAMATIC SETTING WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RANK ALONG SIDE OTHERS, SUCH AS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, IN WORLD-WIDE RENOWN,+ HE ADDED.

THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER THE MAIN CROSSING WOULD HAVE A CLEARANCE OF 62 METRES FOR SHIPPING. THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE ACROSS KAP SHUI MUN WOULD PROVIDE A 50-METRE CLEARANCE.

THE REPORT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT WHILE THE CROSSING WOULD INITIALLY CATER FOR FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC, THE KAP SHUI MUN AND MAIN CROSSING BRIDGE SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED WITH SUFFICIENT CAPACITY IN CABLES, TOWERS AND ANCHORAGES TO ACCOMMODATE EIGHT LANES.

THE RAMBLER CHANNEL CROSSING WOULD BE BUILT TO CARRY FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC ONLY.

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THE REPORT SUGGESTS THAT A FURTHER BRIDGE COULD BE BUILT AT YAU KOM TAU. THIS WOULD BE A 390-METRE SPAN CABLE-STAYED BRIDGE, ALSO WITH FOUR LANES CAPACITY.

AS WITH THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER THE MAIN CROSSING THE YAU KOM TAU BRIDGE WOULD HAVE A CLEARANCE OF 62 METRES FOR SHIPPING.

THE REPORT ADDS THAT IF DESIGN WORK BEGAN PROMPTLY THE PROJECT COULD BE COMPLETED BY 1984.

THE MAIN CROSSING AND KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGES, AS SUGGESTED IN THE REPORT, ARE PARTICULARLY STRIKING IN THAT THEY PROVIDE FOR ALL-WEATHER LOWER DECKS.

THE SUSPENDED STRUCTURE WHICH CARRIES THE DOUBLE-DECK HIGHWAY, HAS A STREAMLINE AEROFOIL SHAPE TO REDUCE WIND DRAG, AND INCORPORATES SLOTTED EDGE STABILISERS AND A CENTRAL AIR VENT TO GIVE AERODYNAMIC STABILITY IN TYPHOON WINDS.

THE MAIN CROSSING BRIDGE WOULD ALSO BE ONE OF THE LONGEST OF ITS TYPE IN THE WORLD.

THE REPORT INCLUDES DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ON LAND-SCAPING, TREE PLANTING AND OTHER MEASURES TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND THE PROJECT.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A STUDY OF CROSSINGS IN 1973 CONCLUDED THAT A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE AND FINANCIALLY VIABLE.

TRAFFIC STUDIES WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE PWD AND IN JULY 1978 THE DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONED THE ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS GROUP OF HONG KONG -- COMPRISING MOTT, HAY AND ANDERSON FAR EAST, PER HALL CONSULTANTS LIMITED, L.G. MOUCHEL AND PARTNERS (ASIA) AND HARRIS AND SUTHERLAND FAR EAST -- TO EXAMINE A FIXED CROSSING TO LANTAU ISLAND.

+THIS REPORT BY THE CONSULTANTS IS THE CULMINATION OF THOSE STUDIES TO DATE. CAREFUL CONSIDERATION MUST NOW BE GIVEN TO THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS,+ THE PWD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OTHER ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AS WELL.

THESE INVOLVED A SUBMERGED TUBE TUNNEL OR A BORED TUNNEL.

THE SUBMERGED TUNNEL WOULD EXTEND FROM TSING YI TO MA WAN. THE BORED TUNNEL, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD RUN FROM TSING YI THROUGH TO LANTAU ISLAND.

+COST WILL, OF COURSE, BE A FACTOR TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, AS WELL AS ANY POTENTIAL NEED FOR INCREASING CAPACITY IN THE FUTURE TO EIGHT LANES OF TRAFFIC,+ HE SAID.

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SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER TO BE
TABLED AT LEGCO TOMORROW
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THE BLUEPRINT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1980'S WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A WHITE PAPER AND TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, THE HON. THOMAS LEE WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE WHITE PAPER.

ALSO IN TOMORROW'S SESSION OF THE COUNCIL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, WILL PRESENT A REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET FOR 1979-80. LATER, THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1979 WILL GO INTO COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE READ THE THIRD TIME.

DURING THE MEETING, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON. WONG LAM WILL ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THE CONGESTION AT IMMIGRATION OFFICES, AND THE HON. ANDREW SO WILL ASK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF BOAT DWELLERS IN HONG KONG AND HOW MANY ARE ON THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S WAITING LIST FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SEVEN BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE CRIMES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1979 WHICH DEALS WITH THUGS AND OTHER CRIMINAL ELEMENTS WHO UNLAWFULLY LOITER IN PUBLIC PLACES.

AT COMMITTEE STAGE, 11 BILLS INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1979, WILL BE READ THE THIRD TIME.

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WORKSHOP ON SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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ABOUT 200 REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOLUNTARY WELFARE ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE MEETING ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS WAYS OF PROVIDING AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER FOR THE HONG KONG YOUTH.

THEY WILL BE HOLDING A +WORKSHOP ON THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME,+ UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JAMES SO, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, AT THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE HALF-DAY WORKSHOP, ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION, AIMS TO REVIEW THE SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ORGANISERS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMES.

IT WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY ON THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. LI FOOK-KOW, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

MR. CHAN FU-SAI OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND MR. DANIEL CHAN OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE WORKSHOP.

FOLLOWING THE SPEECHES, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO EIGHT GROUPS FOR PANEL DISCUSSIONS. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OPEN FORUM.

+IT IS HOPED THE WORKSHOP WILL HELP ORGANISERS OF THE PROGRAMME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS OF YOUTHS SO AS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH MORE SUITABLE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN FUTURE YEARS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

APART FROM PROVIDING BOTH STUDENTS AND YOUNG WORKERS WITH FUN AND GAMES, THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES DEMANDING AND CHALLENGING SCHEMES AIMED AT WIDENING THE PARTICIPANTS' KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOPING THEIR POTENTIAL, SELF CONFIDENCE, SKILLS AND INTERESTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A +WORKSHOP ON THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME+ FOR ABOUT 200 REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOLUNTARY WELFARE ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE LADY TRENCH AUDITORIUM OF THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING IN HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 9.30 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. LI FOOK-KOW, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE HALF-DAY WORKSHOP IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

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FIRE OFFICERS VISIT 8 TAI KOK TSUI BUILDINGS

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OFFICERS TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED EIGHT TAI KOK TSUI RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS CHOSEN AT RANDOM TO LOOK FOR POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS.

DIVISIONAL OFFICER, MR. LAM LOK-BUN, WHO HEADED THE OPERATION SAID THE VISIT WAS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DANGER OF FIRE IN CROWDED MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

DURING THE FOUR-HOUR OPERATION, SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE MEANS OF ESCAPE, ERECTION OF METAL GATES, FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS AND ROOF-TOP EXITS.

AS A RESULT, 569 HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WILL BE SERVED ON THE OCCUPANTS, MR. LAM SAID. MOST OF THE NOTICES RELATE TO SWING-TYPE METAL GATES CAUSING OBSTRUCTION TO THE COMMON CORRIDORS.

THE OCCUPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO REMOVE THE GATES IN A STIPULATED PERIOD AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICES. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN SUMMONSES BEING ISSUED AGAINST THEM.

FIRE OFFICERS ALSO FOUND THE CONDITION OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION IN SOME BUILDINGS UNSATISFACTORY. OWNERS OF THE BUILDINGS -- ALL 15 STOREYS HIGH -- WILL BE WARNED TO MAINTAIN THE INSTALLATIONS IN EFFICIENT WORKING ORDER.

A TOTAL OF 126 FACTORIES WERE DISCOVERED IN FOUR OF THE DOMESTIC BUILDINGS. THE BUREAU WILL MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES TO SEE WHETHER THESE FACTORIES HAVE COMPLIED WITH FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS.

ANOTHER VISIT WILL BE PAID TO OTHER BUILDINGS TO CHECK ON MORE FACTORIES, MR. LAM SAID.

SIX ILLEGAL ROOF-TOP STRUCTURES WERE ALSO FOUND AND DETAILS WOULD BE PASSED TO THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE FOR ACTION.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY TENDERS

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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 6,150 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES, INCLUDING VEHICLES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AND THEREAFTER QUARTERLY.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 11.

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TIPS ON HOME-MADE TEACHING AIDS FOR MATHS TEACHERS
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A SERIES OF COURSES AND WORKSHOPS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS IN CONNECTION WITH HOME-MADE MATHEMATICS TEACHING AIDS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND ON FRIDAY.

FOR TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD ON THE MAKING AND USE OF SIMPLE TEACHING AIDS SUCH AS BEAM BALANCES, ABACUS, THREE-DIMENSIONAL SHAPES AND CLINOMETERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SESSIONS FOR PRACTICAL WORK AND DISCUSSIONS, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRE, TANNER ROAD POLICE PRIMARY SCHOOL, PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE ATTENDING A SERIES OF COURSES ON THE INTERESTING APPLICATIONS OF THE PINBOARD AND PEGBOARD, TOGETHER WITH SESSIONS FOR PRACTICAL WORK AND DISCUSSIONS.

THE COURSES WILL BE HELD AT THE MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRE AT THE WONG TAI SIN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHING TAK STREET, KOWLOON, BETWEEN FRIDAY AND MAY 22.

THESE COURSES AND WORKSHOPS ARE ORGANISED BY THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

SIMILAR COURSES FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS WERE HELD IN MARCH AND EARLY APRIL ON THE MAKING OF ACCESSORIES FOR THE MAGNETIC GRAPH BOARD IN RELATION TO THE VARIOUS TEACHING TOPICS IN JUNIOR FORM MATHEMATICS.

A FOLLOW-UP SURVEY CONDUCTED AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS INDICATED THAT THE COURSES WERE POPULAR. THERE WERE ALSO REQUESTS FOR MORE COURSES AND WORKSHOPS IN FUTURE.

+THE MODERN TEACHING TREND OPTS FOR THE USE OF HOME-MADE TEACHING AIDS, AND THE SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND COURSES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED WITH THIS POINT IN MIND,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MATHEMATICS SECTION SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THESE ACTIVITIES RESULT IN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AMONG PARTICIPANTS OF THE HOME-MADE TEACHING AIDS IN RELATION TO THE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS.+

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EDUCATOR EMPHASISES ON BALANCED EDUCATION

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A BALANCED EDUCATION WAS STRONGLY EMPHASISED BY MR. ARTHUR BROWN, SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN HE OPENED AN ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION AT ISLAND SCHOOL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR. BROWN SAID THERE WAS A TIME WHEN IT WAS FELT THAT THE SO-CALLED NON-ACADEMIC SUBJECTS COULD BE RESERVED FOR LESS-ABLE STUDENTS AND THAT BRIGHT CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BOTHER WITH SUCH SUBJECTS BUT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON MORE ACADEMIC MATTERS.

+THINGS ARE NOW DIFFERENT AND WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CURRICULA IN THE FIELD OF ART AND DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, THIS AREA HAS GREAT ATTRACTION FOR ABLE AS WELL AS LESS-ABLE STUDENTS,+ HE SAID.

WHILE THESE SUBJECTS WERE STILL ENTIRELY PRACTICAL IN NATURE, MR. BROWN POINTED OUT, THEY WERE NO LONGER BASED ON REPETITIVE WORK BUT ENCOURAGED ORIGINAL THINKING AND EXERCISE IN PROBLEM SOLVING.

+I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT ISLAND SCHOOL HAS BEEN A PIONEER IN THIS FIELD AND NOW THESE SUBJECTS ARE BEING TAKEN UP IN MANY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG. YOUR SCHOOL IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON BEING SO FAR SIGHTED AND ON THE EXCELLENT PROGRESS YOUR STUDENTS HAVE MADE,+ MR. BROWN SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE SCHOOL'S INTEREST IN MICRO-COMPUTERS, HE SAID: +AGAIN YOU ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF PROGRESS IN MODERN EDUCATIONAL IDEAS AND IT IS HOPED THAT BEFORE LONG EVERY SCHOOL WILL BECOME INTERESTED IN THEM.+

THE MICRO-COMPUTER, APART FROM ITS USE IN SOLVING PROBLEMS IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, CAN BE USED TO ILLUSTRATE COMPUTER PRINCIPLES AND GIVE STUDENTS AN INSIGHT INTO THE ROLE OF COMPUTERS IN THE MODERN WORLD.

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COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION DELEGATE
LEAVES FOR BRITAIN

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MR. FRANCIS TIEN, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH, COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION, LEAVES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR A THREE-WEEK VISIT TO BRITAIN.

THE VISIT IS ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

MR. TIEN, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, WILL JOIN REPRESENTATIVES OF 19 OTHER COMMONWEALTH BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND LEGISLATURES WHO WILL ALSO BE TRAVELLING TO BRITAIN.

IN ADDITION TO RENEWING LINKS WITH THE BRITISH BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE VISITORS WILL MEET MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AT WESTMINSTER AND THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND INFORMAL CONTACTS GAIN A WIDER EXPERIENCE OF THE OUTLOOK OF OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

DELEGATES WILL ALSO SEE SOMETHING OF MODERN BRITAIN WITH TRIPS SCHEDULED TO THE MIDLANDS, EDINBURGH AND THE ISLE OF MAN.

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CIVIL AID SERVICES PASSING OUT PARADE

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A PASSING OUT PARADE OF 150 CIVIL AID SERVICES RECRUITS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS COMPOUND ON FRIDAY.

MR. HO TSE-KIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE CAS, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE.

HE WILL ALSO PRESENT SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING RECRUITS AND CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO SEVEN MEMBERS.

THE CIVIL AID SERVICES BAND WILL PROVIDE MUSIC AT THE CEREMONY.

THE RECRUITS HAVE COMPLETED CAS BASIC COURSES IN FOOTDRILL, FIRST AID AND CIVIL DEFENCE, AND WILL BE POSTED TO VARIOUS UNITS FOR FURTHER OPERATIONAL TRAINING AND DUTIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PASSING OUT PARADE OF 150 RECRUITS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 8 P.M. ON FRIDAY. MR. HO TSE-KIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CAS, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT CERTIFICATES AND CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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TWO BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (TUESDAY) DECLARED NOS. 43 AND 45 MOSQUE JUNCTION, HONG KONG, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THE FOUR-STORY BUILDINGS WERE CONSTRUCTED WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOORS AND BEAMS SUPPORTED ON LOAD-BEARING WALLS.

RECENT INSPECTIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT THE MASONRY WALLS IN THE BASEMENT ARE IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DETERIORATION AND ARE BADLY DISPLACED. +AS THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ACCORDINGLY, NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON MAY 8 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED
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THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON A 45-YEAR-OLD FOOD HAWKER, CHU WO-SHING ON MAY 5, 1978, FOR MURDER WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMUTED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

CHU WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF ANOTHER FOOD HAWKER, CHUNG PO-WING, 56, IN A LANE BEHIND THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND, KOWLOON, ON OCTOBER 7, 1977.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WESTERN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHEUNG WAN FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORKS:

- * ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WITH UNLADEN WEIGHT EXCEEDING TWO TONS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF CLEVERLY STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL= AND
- * ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TRAVELLING EASTBOUND ALONG DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN MORRISON STREET AND CLEVERLY STREET.

DURING THE PERIOD, EASTBOUND BUS SERVICES ON ROUTES 1, 2, 3, 111 AND 121 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA HILLIER STREET INSTEAD OF CLEVERLY STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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