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'MEI LAM DAY' TO WELCOME NEW TENANTS
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DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES SERVE TO FOSTER COMMUNITY SPIRIT AT DISTRICT LEVEL AND GIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES, THE ASSISTANT SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER (ADMINISTRATION), MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE +MEI LAM DAY+ AT MEI LAM ESTATE.

HE URGED PEOPLE TO MAKE FULL USE OF THESE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

WELL-ORGANISED COMMUNITY BODIES WERE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO A FAST-GROWING NEW TOWN LIKE SHA TIN, HE SAID.

+WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FIRST MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE IN MEI LAM ESTATE WAS SET UP YESTERDAY (FRIDAY). TWO MORE MACS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FORMED SHORTLY.+

+MEI LAM DAY+ WAS THE FIRST JOINT VENTURE ORGANISED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND TO WELCOME NEW TENANTS MOVING INTO THE ESTATE.

THE PROGRAMME FEATURED A VARIETY SHOW, GAME STALLS AND A COMMUNITY SERVICES EXHIBITION.

MEI LAM IS THE FIFTH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN SHA TIN WHICH WAS OPENED SIX MONTHS AGO AND IS NOW OCCUPIED BY MORE THAN 10 000 PEOPLE.

WHEN COMPLETED IN MID-1984, THE ESTATE WILL ACCOMMODATE SOME 30 100 PEOPLE IN ABOUT 5 100 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS.

MR CHENG SAID A LARGE NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS WOULD BE REQUIRED IN SHA TIN TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED POPULATION GROWTH WHICH BY 1990 WOULD REACHED 750 000.

TO THIS END, HE SAID A LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME WAS UNDERWAY, AND MORE ESTATES WOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

HE WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE HIGH STANDARD OF FACILITIES PROVIDED IN NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND MEI LAM WAS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE.

AMONG THE GUESTS AT THE MEI LAM DAY WERE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR WAI HON-LEUNG, MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR K.C. LAU.

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NTSD HEALTH INSPECTORS START HOUSE VISITS

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STARTING FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 1), HEALTH INSPECTORS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CALL ON HOUSEHOLDS IN THE NEW TOWNS TO OFFER ADVICE ON HOW TO IMPROVE THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

THE CALLS ARE AIMED AT PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND NOT FOR FAULT-FINDING, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD, POINTING OUT THAT SIMILAR VISITS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE URBAN AREAS FOR A LONG TIME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VISITS WILL GIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO LODGE ANY COMPLAINTS THEY MAY HAVE ABOUT POOR ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE VISITING HEALTH INSPECTORS WILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SANITARY, PESTS AND OTHER NUISANCES AND WILL ADVISE THE PUBLIC AND WILL TAKE ACTION TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DRIVE WILL BE INITIALLY CONFINED TO BUILT-UP AREAS OF THE NEW TOWNS.

HOUSEHOLDS ARE BEING INFORMED OF THE SCHEDULED VISITS TWO WEEKS BEFOREHAND BY A NOTICE GIVING THE DATE AND THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

NEW TOWN RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE HEALTH INSPECTORS. THEY SHOULD, HOWEVER, CHECK THE IDENTITY OF THE VISITING OFFICERS BEFORE LETTING THEM INTO THEIR HOMES.

MEANWHILE, RESIDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO OBSERVE THE PROVISIONS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE TO REMOVE ALL REFUSE AND GARBAGE FROM THEIR CANOPIES AND THOSE ACCUMULATED WITHIN SIX METERS OF THEIR PREMISES.

APART FROM PROVIDING A PROPER DUSTBIN IN THEIR PREMISES, RESIDENTS ARE ALSO ADVISED TO WRAP UP THEIR RUBBISH WITH PLASTIC BAGS AND TIE THEM UP BEFORE DISPOSAL TO HELP REDUCE SMELL AND DISCOURAGE RATS OR OTHER VERMIN.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF BROADWOOD ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY

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THE SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD TO NO. 12 AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 31) FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR ANOTHER SECTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR

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WORK WILL START LATER THIS YEAR ON ANOTHER SECTION OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, A CAPACITY RELIEF ROUTE BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN.

TENDERS FOR THE SECOND CONTRACT FOR PHASE I OF STAGE II OF THE CORRIDOR ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THIS CONTRACT, WORK ON WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1984, COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 700 METRE-LONG DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY ON THE NEW QUARRY BAY RECLAMATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE SAID THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD WOULD CONNECT THE TAIKOO SHING SECTION AND THE FUTURE SHAU KEI WAN.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WOULD BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ELEVATED AND TWO GROUND LEVEL SLIP ROADS, THUS FORMING AN INTERCHANGE TO LINK THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WITH THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORKS AT TAIKOO SHING, HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE WORK IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY ON STAGE I AND PART OF PHASE I OF STAGE II OF THE CORRIDOR, WHICH WILL RUN FOUR KILOMETRES FROM VICTORIA PARK TO TAIKOO SHING.

THESE WORKS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1984.

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TENDERS FOR LAYING WATER MAINS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 1 800 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 150 MM TO 600 MM NEAR ON LOK CHUEN IN FANLING.

THE PROJECT, WHICH FORMS STAGE I OF SHEUNG SHUI/FANLING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, AIMS AT IMPROVING THE WATER SUPPLY SITUATION AT THE NEW TOWNS IN SHA TAU KOK AND PING CHE.

WORK WILL START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
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THE SAU MAU PING (SOUTH) ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL CELEBRATE ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WITH AN OPEN DAY AND A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT.

A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON), MR ALEXANDER FUNG, AND THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG SHEK-HON.

WINNERS OF COMPETITIONS SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR THE OCCASION WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES.

THE SIX-STOREY COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOCATED BETWEEN BLOCKS 24 AND 25 OF THE ESTATE, PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING FAMILY AND HEALTH SERVICES, A NURSERY, AND COMMUNITY AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES, WHICH WILL START AT 2 PM.

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FULL WATER SUPPLY FOR WEEKEND
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HONG KONG WILL HAVE FULL WATER SUPPLY OVER THE WEEKEND, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE TEMPORARY LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS FOLLOWS THE HEAVY RAIN DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS, WHEN NEARLY 400 MM OF RAIN WAS RECORDED.

MR TOMLINSON SAID THAT THE DELUGE HAS IMPROVED THE WATER STORAGE POSITION CONSIDERABLY.

HE ADDED THAT AN ASSESSMENT WOULD BE MADE EARLY NEXT WEEK ON THE FULL EFFECT OF THE YIELD FROM THE RAINSTORMS.

AFTER THAT, RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON WHETHER A FULL SUPPLY COULD BE MAINTAINED.

AT 9 AM TODAY, THE TOTAL STORAGE IN THE RESERVOIRS WAS 264.645 MILLION CUBIC METRES, REPRESENTING 45.9 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY.

AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR, THE STORAGE WAS 225.502 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 39 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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THIRTY-FIVE SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF $558 000 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, COMMITTEE ROOM, WAN CHAI, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 118 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF $200 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER HK 101 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF $70 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS $1 000 FOR CT 831, CS 9383, CT 7730, CS 6686, CT 172, CT 316, CT 732.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

CT 1698	$ 7 000	CV 323	$ 6 000	AA 5	$50 000
CT 738	2 000	CT 118	18 000	AC 222	50 000
CV 747	3 000	CT 331	3 000	AE 838	22 000
CT 229	2 000	CU 88	30 000	CT 213	5 000
CF 23	17 000	CT 908	3 000	CT 833	6 000
CT 1113	3 000	CT 3218	7 000	CT 312	3 000
CT 812	6 000	8836	35 000	CT 8968	3 000

NUMBERS CS 7463, CT 7896, CT 6869, CS 7896, CS 1822, WERE WITHDRAWN FROM SALE.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 75TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO $25 132 532.

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONE IN TSUEN WAN

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ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO MEI WAN STREET IN TSUEN WAN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 31), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

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MAINS BURSTS CAUSE WATER SUPPLY DISRUPTION

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THE BURSTING OF TWO WATER MAINS HAS CAUSED TEMPORARY DISRUPTION OF FRESH WATER SUPPLIES TO TWO AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AROUND 17 MILESTONE IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND IN TAI PO, OPPOSITE WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL.

AFFECTED AREAS IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD INCLUDE THE DESALTER, SIU LAM SAN TSUEN, SIU LAM, TAI LAM CHUNG PRISON, AND TAI LAM CHUNG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE.

IN TAI PO, AFFECTED AREAS ARE BETWEEN THE POLICE STATION AND LOOKOUT BUNGALOWS.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

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