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INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT SOON ON
APPROVED POST SECONDARY COLLEGES COURSES
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AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE STANDARDS OF COURSES OPERATED BY THE APPROVED POST SECONDARY COLLEGES WILL SOON BE CARRIED OUT, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE SHUE YAN COLLEGE HELD AT THE CITY HALL.

APART FROM THE STANDARDS OF THE COURSES, THE ASSESSMENT WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE DIPLOMAS AWARDED BY THE COLLEGES, MR TOPLEY SAID.

THE ASSESSMENT WAS ONE OF THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, WITH THE AIM TO FORM A BASIS FOR COMPARISON WITH COURSES AND DIPLOMAS OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

+I AM SURE THERE IS NO FAIRER WAY TO REACH AN OBJECTIVE EVALUATION,+ MR TOPLEY SAID.

SPEAKING TO THE GRADUATES ABOUT THEIR FUTURE, THE DIRECTOR CAUTIONED THAT THERE WAS NO SHORT-CUT TO FAME, WEALTH OR A SUCCESSFUL AND WORTHWHILE LIFE.

+IT IS OUR RESOURCEFULNESS, INGENUITY AND INDUSTRY THAT MAKE HONG KONG WHAT IT IS TODAY AND THE ENVY OF MANY IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

+I AM CERTAIN THAT IN SHUE YAN YOU ARE WELL PREPARED BOTH INTELLECTUALLY AND SPIRITUALLY TO ANSWER WHATEVER CHALLENGES YOU HAVE TO FACE IN FUTURE- TO TAKE UP THE TASKS OUR COMMUNITY WILL REQUIRE OF YOU,+ MR TOPLEY SAID.

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THIS YEAR HAS BEEN WETTER THAN NORMAL
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THE RAINFALL BETWEEN MAY AND OCTOBER THIS YEAR AMOUNTS TO 2 242.4 MM. THIS IS 17 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL AND LIES NEAR THE MIDDLE OF THE RANGE OF 2 100-2 500 MM WHICH WAS FORECAST BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY LAST FEBRUARY.

THE MAY TO OCTOBER RAINFALL AMOUNTS OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS 1976, 77, 78 WERE SIX PER CENT ABOVE, 17 PER CENT BELOW AND NINE PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL RESPECTIVELY.

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR WERE EXCEPTIONALLY WET WITH RAINFALL 68 PER CENT AND 53 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL, BRINGING A TOTAL OF 1 213.2 MM OF RAIN.

/RAINFALL RECORDED

RAINFALL RECORDED IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR TOTAL 2 603.3 MM BEING 421 MM ABOVE THE NORMAL FIGURE FOR THE 10 MONTH PERIOD AND 356.9 MM HIGHER THAN THE NORMAL YEARLY AMOUNT.

THE WET WEATHER HAS BOOSTED HONG KONG'S RESERVOIR STORAGE, THE DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR. GORDON BELL, SAID. AT 9 A.M. ON OCTOBER 31, THE TOTAL STORAGE STOOD AT 452 MILLION CUBIC METRES, REPRESENTING 78.2 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL CAPACITY. THE COMPARABLE FIGURE LAST YEAR WAS 388 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 67.1 PER CENT OF TOTAL CAPACITY.

+RAINFALL WAS PLENTIFUL THROUGHOUT THE 70'S WHICH HAD THE HIGHEST RAINFALL OF ANY DECADE SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1853, DESPITE A SLIGHT DROP BELOW NORMAL IN THE YEARS 1971, 1976 AND 1977,+ MR. BELL SAID

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF RAINFALL FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1970 TO 1979, SO FAR, IS 24 553 MM. THE DRIEST DECADE WAS 1960 TO 1969 WITH 20 049 MM AND THE SECOND WETTEST WAS 1880 TO 1889 WITH 24 033 MM.

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ELEVATED WALKWAY ACROSS COTTON TREE DRIVE TAKING SHAPE * * * * *

AN ELEVATED WALKWAY BEING CONSTRUCTED ACROSS COTTON TREE DRIVE LINKING THE ADMIRALTY STATION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TO MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK IS GRADUALLY TAKING SHAPE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY): +THE WALKWAY FORMS PART OF A \$25 MILLION PLAN TO PROVIDE COVERED ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION ROUTES BETWEEN THE FOUR MTR ENTRANCES, VARIOUS COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THE EASTERN BUS TERMINUS AT THE MTR STATION.+

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE WALKWAY AND A SHOPPING PRECINCT WERE BEING BUILT ON TWO LEVELS ABOVE THE VEHICULAR ACCESS.

+THE FIRST LEVEL WILL HAVE SHOPS ALONGSIDE THE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ROUTES WHILE THE TOP LEVEL WILL BE LANDSCAPED WITH TREES AND SHRUBS, SEATS AND PAGODAS FOR SHADE.

+THE MAIN TRAFFIC ROUTES ON THE TOP LEVEL WILL ALSO BE COVERED,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WALK FROM THE NEW RODNEY BLOCK TO CHATER GARDEN WITHOUT HAVING TO TOUCH A ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY A MTRC CONTRACTOR FOR THE PWD.

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AMENDED WONG NAI CHUNG ZONING PLAN TO BE EXPLAINED
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A SENIOR TOWN PLANNER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR H.K. CHAN, WILL EXPLAIN TO RESIDENTS ABOUT THE AMENDED DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR THE WONG NAI CHUNG AREA PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LAST FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 2).

THE BRIEFING, ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 6) AT 3.30 P.M. AT THE HAPPY VALLEY AND CANAL ROAD DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL, 14-16 KING KWONG STREET, GROUND FLOOR, HAPPY VALLEY.

RESIDENTS OF THE AREA CONCERNED ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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INTEREST PAYMENT TO HOLDERS OF GOVERNMENT BONDS
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT INTEREST AT SIX-AND-A-HALF PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE PAID TO HOLDERS OF GOVERNMENT BONDS ON NOVEMBER 24.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE ON THE SURRENDER OF INTEREST COUPONS AT THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AT 1 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE GOVERNMENT BONDS, WHICH WERE ISSUED IN 1975, ARE DUE FOR REPAYMENT IN 1980.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SUPPLY
AND INSTALLATION OF BUILDING SERVICES
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF BUILDING SERVICES FOR STAGE 1 OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PERMANENT SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE AIR CONDITIONING, VENTILATION, IN-HOUSE COLD AND HOT WATER SYSTEMS, WASHWATER SYSTEMS, LABORATORY SERVICES FOR PLANT BUILDINGS, ACCOMMODATION BLOCKS, LABORATORIES, OFFICES AND OTHER STRUCTURES IN THE PLANT.

PART OF THE PROJECT IS BEING FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS FROM CONTRACTORS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1981, THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WILL SERVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 230 000 IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

AT THE MOMENT, SEWAGE FROM SHA TIN IS BEING TREATED AT THE TEMPORARY AND INTERIM SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY WATSON (HONG KONG) CONSULTING ENGINEERS, WHO ARE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THIS PROJECT UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WATSON (HONG KONG) ARE ALSO SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION WORK, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

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ROAD TO BRIDGE FO TAN AND KCR DEPOT AT SHA TIN
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED ROAD BETWEEN FO TAN NULLAH AND THE PODIUM OVER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT SHA TIN.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THIS CONTRACT FORMED PART OF A ROAD PROJECT WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY LINK THE RAILWAY PODIUM WITH A PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD KNOWN AS P6.

HE SAID THAT DEVELOPMENT OVER THE PODIUM WOULD PROVIDE PRIVATE HOUSING FOR 7 000 TO 10 000 PEOPLE.

+INITIALLY THIS SECTION OF ROAD WILL ONLY PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE LINK BETWEEN THE PODIUM AND CENTRAL SHA TIN,+ HE SAID.

/+HOWEVER, WHEN

+HOWEVER, WHEN THE REMAINING SECTION OF THIS ROAD BETWEEN FO TAN NULLAH AND ROAD P6 IS BUILT, IT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE PODIUM FROM ROAD P6 WHICH IS CONNECTED WITH THE TRUNK ROAD NETWORK THROUGH SHA TIN.+

WORK OF THIS CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A GROUND LEVEL ROAD WITHIN THE KCR DEPOT AND SEWER AND STORM WATER DRAINS TO SERVICE THE DEPOT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT WORK WILL START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE ROAD HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION OF IT WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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SHAM SHUI PO DUMP OPENS NEXT TUESDAY
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT A PUBLIC EARTH DUMP AT SHAM SHUI PO RECLAMATION, STAGE II OFF TUNG CHAU STREET WILL BE OPENED FROM TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

DUMPING MAY BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 6 P.M. DAILY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

DUMPING LICENCES MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, PWD AT THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 14TH FLOOR.

HOLDERS OF VALID DUMPING LICENCE FOR PUBLIC DUMPS IN KOWLOON WILL BE PERMITTED TO DISCARD APPROVED SOFT EARTH, BUILDING DEBRIS AND CERTAIN SIZE OF STONES PROVIDED THEY ARE WELL MIXED WITH EARTH.

DUMPING MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE DUMP SUPERVISORS.

THE PWD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL DUMPING LICENCES AT ANY TIME OR TO CLOSE THE DUMP WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

MEANWHILE, THE CURRENT PUBLIC EARTH DUMP AT GIN DRINKERS BAY WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 10.

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RETIREMENT OF SENIOR OFFICER OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT
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THE SENIOR ECONOMICS AND MARKETING OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR N.K. LEE HAS RETIRED AFTER 29 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS.

MR LEE JOINED THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS IN 1950 AS A TRANSLATOR AND IN 1973 BECAME HEAD OF THE ECONOMICS AND MARKETING DIVISION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR LEE AT A FAREWELL DINNER ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 2), THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR TED NICHOLS, SAID MR LEE +PLAYED A PROMINENT PART IN ADVANCING OUR PLANS TO THE PRESENT STAGE WHERE DETAILED ARCHITECTURAL WORK MAY NOW COMMENCE ON NEW MARKET COMPLEXES TO BE OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.+

+THIS WORK HAS INVOLVED THE ANALYSIS OF STATISTICS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC TRENDS, DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TRADERS CONCERNED, THE OPENING AND RUNNING OF TEMPORARY WHOLESALE MARKETS FOR CERTAIN PRODUCE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHEDULES OF ACCOMMODATION AND INITIATING THE REQUIREMENT AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION,+ SAID MR NICHOLS.

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SPEED LIMIT IMPOSED ON POK FU LAM ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 6), A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD BETWEEN POKFIELD ROAD AND QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

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