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MODERN SIGNALS TO COMPLEMENT DOUBLE TRACKING OF RAILWAY

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A MODERN ELECTRICAL SIGNALLING SYSTEM IS TO BE INSTALLED BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN STATIONS WITH THE DOUBLE TRACKING OF THE RAILWAY ALONG THAT SECTION. THE NEW SIGNALS WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING MECHANICALLY-OPERATED SYSTEM.

MR. REG GREGORY, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID THE NEW SIGNALS WOULD ENABLE THE DOUBLE TRACKING TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULTS.

HE ADDED THAT AN OVERALL PLAN OF MODERNISING THE SIGNALLING SYSTEM FROM HUNG HOM THROUGH TO TAI PO MARKET HAD BEEN DRAWN UP AND SUBMITTED, AND WAS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION.

ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW SIGNALLING SYSTEM, WILL BE A FACILITY CALLED CENTRAL TRAFFIC CONTROL. THE TOTAL SYSTEM WILL BE OPERATED FROM ONE SIGNALBOX CONNECTED TO ALL SIGNALS ALONG THE RAILWAY LINE.

IT WILL EMPLOY COLOUR LIGHT SIGNALS IN PLACE OF THE SEMAPHORE SIGNALS PRESENTLY USED TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE COSTS AND IMPROVE VISIBILITY.

+BY CO-ORDINATING THE SIGNALS AT ONE SWITCH-BOARD, TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE BETTER REGULATED AND DELAYS TO TRAINS WILL BE REDUCED,+ MR. GREGORY EXPLAINED. A PRELIMINARY COLOUR LIGHT SYSTEM ALREADY EXISTS BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND TAI PO KAU STATIONS.

IN TIME, MR. GREGORY SAID, IT WAS HOPED TO EXTEND THE NEW SYSTEM ALL THE WAY FROM THE HUNG HOM TERMINAL THROUGH TO LOWU STATION.

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SHAUKEIWAN WEST RESERVOIR COMPLETED

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THE FINAL STAGE OF THE SHAUKEIWAN WEST SERVICE RESERVOIR SITUATED ABOVE SHING ON VILLAGE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE RESERVOIR WAS BUILT IN TWO STAGES AND HAS A TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 11.5 MILLION GALLONS.

WORK ON THE FIRST HALF OF THE RESERVOIR WAS COMPLETED IN MAY 1969.

THE ROOF AND SURROUNDING AREA OF THE RECENTLY COMPLETED SECTION PROVIDES AN OPEN SPACE OF OVER ONE ACRE. IT WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A PLAYGROUND TO FORM AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING PLAYGROUND SITED ON TOP OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE RESERVOIR.

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**CONTINGENCY PLANS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY
TO LICENSED AREA RESIDENTS DURING RESTRICTIONS

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS DRAWN UP A SERIES OF EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR LICENSED AREA RESIDENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY WILL GET A FAIR SHARE OF WATER SUPPLY WHEN THE WATER RESTRICTIONS COME INTO EFFECT LATER THIS MONTH.

STAFF OF THE LICENSING UNIT HAVE COMPLETED A SURVEY OF ALL LICENSED AREAS TO SEE IF THE STAND PIPES ARE IN ORDER AND WATER PRESSURE IS SUFFICIENT.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO FAULTY PIPES HAVE ALREADY BEEN CARRIED OUT AND THE WATERWORKS OFFICE HAS BEEN INFORMED AND IS LOOKING INTO CASES WHERE THE WATER PRESSURE HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE LOW.

PLANS HAVE ALSO BEEN DRAWN UP FOR HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF TO PATROL ALL LICENSED AREAS DURING THE WATER RATIONING PERIOD TO ENSURE THAT THE WATER DRAWING POINTS WILL FUNCTION NORMALLY AND RESIDENTS GET THEIR SHARE OF SUPPLY.

IF THE NEED ARISES, ALTERATIONS TO THE STANDPIPES WILL BE MADE AND ADAPTORS WILL BE FIXED TO FIRE HYDRANTS IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THESE STEPS HAD BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED AFTER A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH THE WATER AUTHORITIES. +WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY ARE ADEQUATE AND WILL WORK OUT ALRIGHT,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE ALSO PLANNED TO ORGANISE A WATER TRANSPORT TEAM TO DELIVER WATER TO THE RESIDENTS IF THINGS COME TO THE WORST. BUT IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THIS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY,+ HE ADDED.

HE ASSURED THE RESIDENTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THE SITUATION AND PUT THE PLANS INTO FORCE IF REQUIRED.

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13,508 FIRE INSPECTIONS MADE LAST MONTH

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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU CARRIED OUT 13,508 INSPECTIONS DURING AUGUST, BRINGING THE TOTAL SO FAR THIS YEAR TO 123,594.

AS USUAL, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS RELATED TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEANS OF ESCAPE (4,112), FOLLOWED BY INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (4,098). A TOTAL OF 884 GENERAL COMPLAINTS WERE LOOKED INTO AND THERE WERE 658 INSPECTIONS CONNECTED WITH DANGEROUS GOODS. APPROXIMATELY 80 PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY WERE VISITED.

VISITS WERE MADE TO 608 SCHOOLS AND 250 RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS. INSPECTIONS OF VENTILATION SYSTEMS IN BUILDINGS AND INDUSTRY TOTALLED 936.

SIX HUNDRED FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED AND 86 PROSECUTIONS TAKEN OUT, RESULTING IN FINES AMOUNTING TO \$32,390 BEING IMPOSED. THE BUREAU EVEN FOUND TIME TO GIVE 19 LECTURES DURING THE MONTH.

DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1974, 875 PROSECUTIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BUREAU, WITH FINES TOTTALLING \$360,000 BEING IMPOSED.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (SATURDAY) STOOD AT 36,140 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 53.7 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 66,412 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 27,729 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 50,533 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 54.9 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

0.9 MM (0.04 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,366.6 MM (53.8 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 1,917.0 MM (75.47 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 28.7 PER CENT.

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LOTTERY RESULTS

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THE HOLDER OF TICKET NUMBER 563057 WON THE FIRST PRIZE OF \$776,000 IN THE NINTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY.

THE SECOND PRIZE OF \$77,600 WENT TO TICKET NUMBER 260177, WHILE THE THIRD PRIZE OF \$7,760 WAS WON BY THE HOLDER OF TICKET NUMBER 27326.

THE PRIZES WERE DRAWN AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE THIS MORNING BY FOUR COMMERCIAL RADIO ARTISTES -- MISS TING YING, MISS TSUI PIK, MISS WONG PIK-KWUN AND MR. FUNG CHIN-PING.

WINNING NUMBERS OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES OF \$1,940 EACH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

49189	135288	356041	522494	823695
51933	168259	377723	572215	825788
65524	202491	383801	631446	831930
66703	223946	404917	660977	839017
70892	277247	444649	662566	846431
71386	288382	456098	741615	883636
78101	295997	468558	746921	924511
99700	308981	472984	952534	771341
101622	314375	488369	784296	952608
111801	330637	516831	814593	953134

THERE ARE ALSO 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$1,940 EACH FOR TICKET NUMBERS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING THE WINNING NUMBERS IN THE DRAW.

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SOCIAL WORK COURSE FOR VOLUNTEERS

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A FIVE-WEEK COURSE IN SOCIAL WORK STARTS THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON FOR SOME 40 YOUNG PEOPLE DOING VOLUNTARY SERVICE AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT REHABILITATION CENTRE IN ABERDEEN.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE'S GROUP WORKER, MR. K.W. CHAN, WILL BE HELD TWICE A WEEK, ON SATURDAYS FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M. AND ON TUESDAYS FROM 7 P.M. TO 8 P.M., BEGINNING FROM TODAY UNTIL OCTOBER 26.

THE COURSE COMPRISES SEVEN TOPICS COVERING HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL WORK PRINCIPLES AND THEORIES, GENERAL CONDITIONS OF HONG KONG AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE HANDICAPPED.

SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BE LECTURING ON THESE SUBJECTS DURING THE COURSE WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE A FILM AND OPEN DISCUSSION.

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SPECIAL WATER SKIING AREAS BEING STUDIED
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF WATER SKIERS AND OTHERS WHERE WATER SKIING WILL BE PROHIBITED.

THE SCHEME IS BEING CONSIDERED IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF YACHT AND BOAT CLUBS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE WAS TO TRY AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT BOTH SWIMMERS AND WATER SKIERS COULD ENJOY THEIR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SAFETY.

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WESTERN BUILDING CONDEMNED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NO.219 HOLLYWOOD ROAD, HONG KONG, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THIS FOUR-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDING WAS INSPECTED YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) AS A RESULT OF A COMPLAINT FROM A TENANT. IT WAS FOUND THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE RECENT MOVEMENT TO THE REAR MAIN WALL GIVING RISE TO A RISK OF COLLAPSE OF THE WHOLE BUILDING.

EMERGENCY SHORING HAD BEEN ERECTED AS AN INTERIM MEASURE BUT DEMOLITION WILL BE REQUIRED, HE SAID.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 25 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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