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BUS AND TRAM LANES ALONG FULL LENGTH OF KING'S ROAD

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THE FULL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME ALONG KING'S ROAD WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON DECEMBER 30.

THIS COVERS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF KING'S ROAD FROM QUARRY BAY TO CAUSEWAY BAY WITH BUS AND TRAM LANES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS OVER A DISTANCE OF ABOUT FIVE KILOMETRES.

IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED IN SHAU KEI WAN. THIS STAGE, SAID ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR FRED MAY, HAD NOT BROUGHT MUCH IMPROVEMENT TO THE BUS AND TRAM JOURNEY TIMES BECAUSE THE LANES RESERVED FOR THEM WERE SHORT. BUT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FULL SCHEME THE LONGER LANES SHOULD BRING ABOUT SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN JOURNEY AND WAITING TIMES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS, HE SAID.

+WITH THE FULL SCHEME THE BUS AND TRAM EXCLUSIVE LANES WHICH AT PRESENT FINISH JUST WEST OF TAI KOO SHING WILL BE EXTENDED TO CAUSEWAY ROAD NEAR VICTORIA PARK. TRAVELLING TIMES ON BUSES AND TRAMS ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE OVER THE WHOLE LENGTH OF THE RESERVE,+ MR MAY SAID.

+THE SCHEME IS INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT JOURNEY TIMES AND TO MAKE THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF AVAILABLE ROAD SPACE. A RECENT SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE AVERAGE SPEED FOR BUSES IS ABOUT 11 KM AN HOUR. IT IS HOPED NOW THAT BUSES WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE A SPEED OF 16 KM/HR. IMPROVED JOURNEY TIME MEANS EACH BUS CAN MAKE MORE TRIPS AND PROVIDE EXTRA PASSENGER-CARRYING CAPACITY.+

REFERRING TO THE TRAMS, MR MAY SAID THAT THE EARLY PAINTING OF SOME SECTIONS OF THE TRAM RESERVE EARLIER IN THE MONTH HAD ENABLED TRAMS TO IMPROVE THEIR SERVICE TO AND FROM SHAU KEI WAN. BEFORE THE RESERVE WAS PROVIDED, ONLY 25 TRAMS AN HOUR COULD TRAVEL EACH DIRECTION. THIS NOW INCREASED TO BETWEEN 35 TO 60 TRAMS AN HOUR AND FURTHER IMPROVEMENT COULD BE EXPECTED WITH THE FULL SCHEME. THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE DAY TRAMS TRAVEL FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO CAUSEWAY BAY IN 30 MINUTES WHEREAS IN THE PAST IT TOOK ANYTHING FROM 45 TO 60 MINUTES.

MR MAY SAID THAT THE HIGH BUS AND TRAM VOLUMES ALONG KING'S ROAD JUSTIFY RESERVED LANES.

+SOME 220 BUSES AND 70 TRAMS IN THE PEAK HOUR SHOULD BENEFIT WHEN THE FULL SCHEME IS IMPLEMENTED,+ HE SAID.

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MORE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR TUEN MUN

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GOVERNMENT IS BUILDING A TEMPORARY SOCCER PITCH AT TAI HING ESTATE AND RE-SURFACING THE TEMPORARY MINI-SOCCER PITCH IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN CENTRE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR LAM WAS PRESENTING PRIZES TO WINNERS AT THE 5TH TUEN MUN DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEETING AT YUEN LONG STADIUM.

HE REGRETTED THAT THE MEETING HAD TO BE HELD AT YUEN LONG, OWING TO THE LACK OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES IN TUEN MUN.

HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT HAD STARTED BUILDING THE \$8 MILLION TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A GRASS SOCCER PITCH, A 400-METRE RUNNING TRACK AND SITES FOR TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

THIS PROJECT WOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF 1981 AND MR LAM BELIEVED THE TUEN MUN ATHLETICS MEETING NEXT YEAR WOULD BE HELD ON THE NEW GROUND.

IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE WHICH WAS NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED AND WHICH WOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF 1982.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PROJECTS INCLUDED AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, PLAYGROUNDS, SWIMMING POOLS AND FURTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO KEEP PACE WITH TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

BUILDING THE TEMPORARY SOCCER PITCH AT TAI HING ESTATE AND RE-SURFACING THE TEMPORARY MINI-SOCCER PITCH IN THE TOWN CENTRE WERE INTENDED TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS UNTIL THE NEW FACILITIES WERE READY, SAID MR LAM.

THE MEETING WAS ORGANISED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, RURAL COMMITTEE AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

MORE THAN 600 LOCAL ATHLETES TOOK PART IN TODAY'S EVENT, WINNERS OF WHICH WILL REPRESENT TUEN MUN IN THE INTER-DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEETING NEXT YEAR.

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LABOUR SURVEY ON WOMEN WORKERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, ASSISTED BY STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY THIS WEEK ON WOMEN WORKERS' ATTITUDES TOWARDS THEIR OWN EMPLOYMENT.

THE SURVEY IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND FINISH ON JANUARY 2, 1981. IT IS AIMED AT FINDING OUT THE WORKERS' OPINIONS AND EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THEIR JOBS.

IT WILL COVER SOME 1 000 WOMEN WORKERS IN A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF 200 INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS SELECTED AT RANDOM FROM ALL INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD AND INTERVIEW WOMEN EMPLOYEES RANDOMLY SELECTED ON THE SPOT.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON ALL EMPLOYERS AND WOMEN EMPLOYEES SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY TO GIVE FULL CO-OPERATION TO ASSIST THE STUDENTS IN THEIR INTERVIEWING WORK.

HE STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND INTERVIEWEES.

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SNT STARTS PAT SIN RANGE WALK

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SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING STARTED THE PAT SIN RANGE WALK, THE SECOND OF EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES COMMUNITY CHEST WALKS FOR 1980/81.

THE WALK WAS OVER A 12 KILOMETRE COURSE FROM HOK TAU WAI, FANLING, TO BRIDE'S POOL, TAI PO.

THE ENTIRE ROUTE WAS WITHIN PAT SIN COUNTRY PARK.

TAKING PART IN WHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING COMMUNITY CHEST WALKS WERE 500 PEOPLE FROM 47 PRIVATE FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS. THEY TRAVELLED ALONG NARROW FOOTPATHS AND CLAMBERED UP STEEP SLOPES OVER THE PAT SIN RANGE, WHICH IS MORE THAN 500 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL AT ITS PEAK.

ONLY EXPERIENCED HILL-WALKERS WERE PERMITTED TO JOIN THE WALK TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE WALK RAISED ITS TARGET OF \$500 000, ALL THE PARTICIPANTS HAVING SECURED THE MINIMUM \$1 000 SPONSORSHIP MONEY BEFORE STARTING.

JOINING MR AKERS-JONES AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER NEW TERRITORIES, MR M.C. ILLINGWORTH= THE DEPUTY COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, BRIGADIER T.A. BOAM= AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PAT SIN RANGE WALK PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, MR TREVOR BEDFORD.

THE OTHER SIX NEW TERRITORIES WALKS WILL BE HELD AT SAI KUNG AND LANTAU (JANUARY 4)= TAI PO AND TSUEN WAN (JANUARY 11)= AND SHA TIN AND NORTH DISTRICT (JANUARY 18).

THE FIRST NT WALK WAS HELD LAST MONTH IN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICTS, FROM WHICH MORE THAN \$450 000 WAS RAISED.

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+KWUN TONG TODAY+ ENDS WITH A FUN FAIR  
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THE +KWUN TONG TODAY+, A TWO-WEEK COMMUNITY EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT ENDED TODAY WITH A FUN FAIR AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR E.A. EASON CALLED UPON THE RESIDENTS TO BE MORE VOCAL AND SHOW MORE CONCERN TO THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY.

+IT IS UP TO THE GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO THE COMMUNITY= IT IS TRUE, TO PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS, THE SERVICES AND THE FACILITIES WHICH IT IS ITS TASK TO PROVIDE. THE QUALITY OF THE COMMUNITY, HOWEVER, DEPENDS MUCH MORE ON WHAT THE COMMUNITY ITSELF DOES, THAN ON THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

+I THEREFORE INVITE EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN KWUN TONG TO THINK ABOUT THEIR TOWN, NOT ONLY TODAY BUT TOMORROW, AND CONSIDER IDEAS ON HOW IT MIGHT BE IMPROVED. IN THE COMING MONTHS THERE WILL BE MORE AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AIRING SUCH VIEWS AND A BETTER CHANCE THAN EVER BEFORE OF THEIR BEARING FRUIT,+ HE ADDED.

AT TODAY'S FUN FAIR THE 22 GAMES STALLS ORGANISED BY SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ATTRACTED ABOUT 10 000 CHILDREN. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED A BAND PERFORMANCE, A FIRST-AID DEMONSTRATION, KUNG-FU, SINGING, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE  
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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE ON JANUARY 15, 1981, AT 2.30 PM.

THE FOUR SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES. OF THESE, TWO MEASURE ABOUT 1 447 SQUARE METRES EACH, AND THE OTHER TWO ABOUT 3 317 AND 1 422 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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EARLY PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES TO THOSE RECIPIENTS WHOSE COUPONS ARE DATED FOR PAYMENT DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY RECIPIENTS WITH COUPONS TO BE CASHED ON DECEMBER 25 AND 26 COULD NOW DO SO ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 23 AND 24 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE WITH POST OFFICES, TREASURY OFFICES AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES WHERE THE COUPONS WERE CASHED.

HE ADVISED THOSE INVOLVED TO TAKE NOTE OF THEIR OWN CASHING DATES SO THAT THEY COULD GET THEIR PAYMENTS BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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NT LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS  
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LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO AND SHEUNG SHUI BETWEEN JANUARY 29 AND FEBRUARY 5.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE SHEUNG SHUI FAIR WILL BE HELD AT SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND. ABOUT 100 STALLS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO BIDDERS IN AN AUCTION AT FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX ON JANUARY 14.

ANOTHER 100 STALLS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO TEMPORARY RECREATION GROUND IN AN AUCTION ON JANUARY 15 AT THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, PO HEUNG STREET, TAI PO.

THE UPSET PRICE OF EACH OF THE STALLS IS \$50. LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS WILL ALSO BE HELD IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS TO GIVE CONCERT  
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ABOUT 1 000 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL BE PERFORMING IN THE 1980 GALA CONCERT OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

THEY ARE MUSIC STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF ORCHESTRAS, BANDS, CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AND CHOIRS ORGANISED AND TRAINED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE EVENT IS TO ALLOW PARENTS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, MUSIC TEACHERS AND STUDENTS THEMSELVES TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF THE TRAINEES.

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THE MUSIC OFFICE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN OCTOBER 1977 NOW HAS 1 700 TRAINEES ATTENDING 360 CLASSES IN WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSIC IN ITS FOUR CENTRES IN WAN CHAI, MONG KOK, NGAU TAU KOK, TSUEN WAN AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FOR THE TRAINING OF ORCHESTRAL PLAYING, THE MUSIC OFFICE HAS FORMED TWO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS, FIVE BANDS AND FIVE CHINESE ORCHESTRAS. CHORAL ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO ORGANISED AT ITS TRAINING CENTRES.

IN THE GALA CONCERT MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE AND MRS ELIZABETH WONG, MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO OUTSTANDING TRAINEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE MUSIC OFFICE'S GALA CONCERT 1980 AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1980 IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL. PHOTOGRAPH-TAKING WILL BE ALLOWED THROUGHOUT THE CONCERT. THE PRESENTATION CELEBRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AROUND 3.30 PM.

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WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TO KWA WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 23) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LOK SHAN ROAD, TO KWA WAN ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD AND THE SEA FRONT, INCLUDING 82 - 100 TO KWA WAN ROAD.

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