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NEW TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER NAMED
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR PETER LEEDS WOULD SUCCEED MR ALAN ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT AS COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT ON THE LATTER'S RETIREMENT ON JUNE 7.

MR LEEDS IS AGED 51 AND IS AT PRESENT THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT. HE HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE TRANSPORT FIELD IN WHICH HE HAS SPENT VIRTUALLY HALF OF HIS 30 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT IN MARCH 1979 AND HAS ACTED AS COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

MR ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT IS RETIRING AFTER 29 YEARS' SERVICE. HE JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS AN ENGINEER IN DECEMBER 1953 AND TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN APRIL 1974. HE WAS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT IN OCTOBER 1978.

MR LEEDS WILL BE REPLACED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT BY MR JAMES SO YIU-CHO, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B. MR SO, WHO IS 42, JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1962. HIS MOST RECENT APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN AS PRIVATE SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

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VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PUT IN HAND PLANNING WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHETHER CLOSED CAMPS FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IS A PRACTICAL PROPOSITION.

THE STUDY WILL NEED TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE SITES FOR SUCH CAMPS, ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING AND THE STANDARDS AND SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN THEM. IT WILL ALSO NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE WORK INVOLVED WOULD TAKE ABOUT A MONTH AND WOULD IDENTIFY ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS AND ANY PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTING SUCH A POLICY IN FUTURE.

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MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT AWARDED

THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED ANOTHER MAJOR CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT AS PART OF AN EXTENSION TO THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN AT MA ON SHAN.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH ABOUT \$100 MILLION, WAS SIGNED THIS AFTERNOON BY MR K. AUSTIN, DEPUTY PROJECT MANAGER OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND MR LEE HA SHIN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KOREA SHIP BUILDING AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION.

IT CALLS FOR THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 60 HECTARES OF LAND AT MA ON SHAN.

MR AUSTIN SAID THAT ABOUT 26 HECTARES OF THE LAND WOULD BE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, INCLUDING THE HOME OWNERSHIP AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEMES, 15.5 HECTARES WOULD BE FOR PRIVATE HOUSING, AND 9.5 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, THERE WOULD BE ABOUT 4.5 HECTARES FOR INDUSTRIAL USES AND 4.5 HECTARES FOR OPEN SPACES.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOME 1.2 KILOMETRES OF SEAWALLS, 600 METRES OF OPEN CHANNEL AND ASSOCIATED STORMWATER DRAINS.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 42 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GASCOIGNE FLYOVER

THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGE ON GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 13) FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, NORMAL TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

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