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SHING MUN BRIDGE COMPLETED
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THE NEW RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SHING MUN RIVER AT SHA TIN HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL OPEN TO REGULAR TRAIN SERVICES ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 11).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WORKERS ARE NOW PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES TO THE BRIDGE BEFORE HANDING IT OVER TO THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

MR. VAL MANSFIELD, PROJECT ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S RAILWAY DIVISION, SAID TODAY THE ONLY WORKS REMAINING WERE THE LAYING OF THE TRACKS TO RECONNECT THE SEVERED RAIL LINE.

+THIS IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE K.C.R. AND SHOULD BE FINISHED BY SUNDAY WHEN WE WILL BE CONDUCTING A FINAL LOADING TEST BY PLACING A LOCOMOTIVE ON THE BRIDGE TO TEST ITS STABILITY,+ HE SAID.

THE COMPLETION OF THE BRIDGE CULMINATES ABOUT SIX WEEKS OF ROUND-THE-CLOCK WORK UNDER A CRASH BUILDING PROGRAMME LAUNCHED BY THE P.W.D. FOLLOWING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE OLD RAILWAY BRIDGE DURING AUGUST'S RAINSTORMS.

THE NEW BRIDGE CONSISTS OF A TWO-SPAN STRUCTURE ABOUT 58 METRES LONG AND IS PARTLY BUILT OF STEEL AND PARTLY OF CONCRETE.

MR. MANSFIELD SAID THAT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE BRIDGE WOULD HAVE BEEN BUILT ENTIRELY OF CONCRETE, BUT DUE TO THE URGENT NATURE OF THE WORK THE P.W.D. HAD HAD TO DEVISE SPECIAL MEANS TO COMPLETE THE BRIDGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+TO SAVE TIME, MOST OF THE NECESSARY BUILDING MATERIALS WERE BORROWED FROM OTHER PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH CONCRETE BEAMS READILY AVAILABLE AND THAT IS WHY WE HAD TO USE STEEL BEAMS FOR THE REST OF THE BRIDGE.

+IF WE HAD WAITED FOR MORE CONCRETE BEAMS TO BE CAST,+ HE ADDED, +THE BRIDGE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO WEEKS.+

MR. MANSFIELD SAID THAT THE P.W.D. WOULD SHORTLY BE CALLING TENDERS FOR A SECOND BRIDGE TO BE BUILT ALONGSIDE THE PRESENT ONE FOR THE PROPOSED DOUBLE-TRACKING OF THE RAILWAY.

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RESUMPTION OF TRAIN SERVICES BETWEEN KOWLOON
AND LOWU
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT NORMAL PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES BETWEEN KOWLOON AND LO WU WILL BE RESUMED ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 11).

THE TEMPORARY PASSENGER STATION AT TAI WAI WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THE LAST TRAIN ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 10).

AT THE SAME TIME, FREIGHT TRAIN SERVICES WILL ALSO RESUME.

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33 SMALL CLAIMS FILED
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THE FIRST HEARING OF CASES FILED UNDER THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL ORDINANCE, WHICH DEALS WITH LEGAL CLAIMS FOR AMOUNTS NOT EXCEEDING \$3,000, WILL BE HEARD NEXT WEEK.

SINCE THE SMALL CLAIMS CAME INTO OPERATION ON OCTOBER 1, A TOTAL OF 33 CASES HAVE BEEN FILED -- 21 AT THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AND 12 AT THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT.

HEARING OF CASES IN KOWLOON WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 12) AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM FRIDAY (OCTOBER 15).

A JUDICIARY SPOKESMAN SAID THE CLAIMS RANGED FROM SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ABOUT \$3,000.

+MANY OF THE CLAIMS INVOLVE DISHONOURED CHEQUES AND NON PAYMENTS OF GOODS SOLD AND DELIVERED,+ HE SAID.

+SINCE THE COURT CAME INTO OPERATION, WE HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THOUSANDS OF CLAIM FORMS HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN BY INDIVIDUALS, BUILDING MANagements AND FIRMS.+

THE SPOKESMAN AGAIN REMINDED CLAIMANTS THAT THEY MUST BRING ALONG WITH THEM ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIMS, SUCH AS ANY WRITTEN CONTRACT, DISHONOURED CHEQUE, HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, BUILDING MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT, RECEIPTS FOR EXPENSE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH A MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT AND BORROWING NOTE. FULL DETAILS OF THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE DEFENDANT ARE ALSO ESSENTIAL.

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OPENING OF TWO MORE METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRES
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT TWO MORE METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRES WILL BE OPENED FROM NEXT MONDAY TO PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR DRUG ADDICTS IN THE RURAL AREAS.

BOTH CENTRES ARE LOCATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ONE AT SHEK WU HUI HEALTH CENTRE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI, AND THE OTHER AT TUEN MUN HEALTH CENTRE, SUN CHING AVENUE, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN. SAME AS THE 14 OTHER DETOXIFICATION CENTRES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, THESE TWO CENTRES WILL OPERATE FROM 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M. EACH DAY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE TWO NEW CENTRES WILL COMPLEMENT THE EXISTING ONE IN TSUEN WAN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE THE POPULATION WELL EXCEEDS ONE MILLION.

COMMENTING ON THE OPENING OF THE NEW CENTRES, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. G.H. CHOA, SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT THERE HAD BEEN A STEADY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DRUG ADDICTS SEEKING DETOXIFICATION TREATMENT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TOTAL REGISTRATION FOR THE DETOXIFICATION PROGRAMME HAD INCREASED BY ALMOST 1,000 TO 5,550 DURING THE PAST MONTH.

DR. CHOA PRAISED THE ROLE PLAYED BY MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE WHO ARE HELPING OUT IN THE DETOXIFICATION CENTRES.

SOME 60 A.M.S. MEMBERS ARE MOBILISED EACH DAY TO MAN FOUR METHADONE MAINTENANCE CENTRES, TWO DAYTIME DETOXIFICATION CENTRES AND 14 EVENING DETOXIFICATION CENTRES.

THEIR DUTIES INCLUDE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND RECORD KEEPING, REGISTRATION OF ADDICTS SEEKING TREATMENT, DISPENSING OF METHADONE DOSAGES AS INSTRUCTED BY THE ATTENDING MEDICAL OFFICERS, AND OTHER CLINICAL DUTIES.

ALL A.M.S. MEMBERS TAKING PART IN THE PROGRAMME ARE GIVEN SPECIALISED TRAINING AND ARE REQUIRED TO WORK AT LEAST SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE WORK.

DR. CHOA SAID HE WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE EFFICIENT MANNER WITH WHICH A.M.S. MEMBERS HAVE PERFORMED THEIR DUTIES.

THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE METHADONE SCHEME SINCE DECEMBER 1974 WHEN FOUR METHADONE MAINTENANCE CENTRES WERE OPENED.

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FIRST N.T. TAXI TO BE EXAMINED TOMORROW

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THE FIRST OF THE 250 SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR N.T. TAXIS WILL HAVE HIS VEHICLE INSPECTED AT THE TO KWA WAN VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

TWELVE OTHER SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS HAVE MADE BOOKINGS WITH THE EXAMINATION CENTRE FOR THEIR VEHICLES TO BE INSPECTED THIS MONTH.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +IF THE VEHICLE TO BE INSPECTED TOMORROW MEETS ALL THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS, IT CAN THEN START OPERATING THE NEXT DAY.+

NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO OPERATING IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. THIS MEANS THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN THE URBAN AREAS OR IN TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE INSPECTION OF THE FIRST N.T. TAXI. THE TO KWA WAN VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE IS IN LONG YUET STREET, NEAR THE KOWLOON CITY VEHICULAR FERRY.

MR. THOMAS HAHN OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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HUNG HOM INDOOR STADIUM CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR THE HUNG HOM INDOOR STADIUM WILL BE SIGNED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH STARTS AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE PWD CONFERENCE ROOM, MURRAY BUILDING, 21ST FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD.

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TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AT AIRPORT TO BE IMPROVED
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PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL AREA FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 9).

THIS RESTRICTION IS AIMED AT IMPROVING LOCAL TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITED ZONE.

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TALKS BY LABOUR OFFICERS
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AUGUST WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WHO ON REQUEST GAVE 22 TALKS ON SUBJECTS RELATING TO LABOUR LAWS AND THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT. THIS WAS A RECORD HIGH FOR THE YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING EACH TALK RANGED FROM 20 TO 100.

SUBJECTS OF THE TALKS INCLUDED PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, HOURS OF WORK FOR YOUNG PERSONS, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTORS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, LABOUR LEGISLATION, CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING, THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, MECHANICAL DEVICES AND THEIR SAFE OPERATION, AND ELECTRICAL DEVICES AND THEIR SAFE OPERATION.

AMONG THE ORGANISATIONS WHICH REQUESTED THE TALKS AND LECTURES WERE: THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE, THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TRADES UNION COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON PROVISION, WINE AND SPIRIT DEALERS ASSOCIATION, KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE KWAI CHUNG GIRLS' HOME.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 9) TO FACILITATE A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY TEXACO ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI WO HAU ROAD INCLUDING TAI WO HAU ESTATE, BLOCK NOS. 1 AND 12 TO 20, AND ASBURY METHODIST COTTAGE AREA.

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