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HOMES FOR 39,000 ON TSING YI ISLAND
INITIAL \$91.7 MILLION-BUILDING CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE ON TSING YI ISLAND TOOK ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO REALITY TODAY WITH THE SIGNING OF THE \$91.7 MILLION PHASE I GENERAL CONTRACT.

MR. DONALD P.H. LIAO, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, SIGNED THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WITH MESSRS. SHUN SHING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

THE CONTRACT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE BUILDING CONTRACT EVER LET EITHER BY GOVERNMENT OR THE AUTHORITY.

IT WILL INVOLVE THE BUILDING OF FOUR 22 TO 24 STOREY TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS AND ONE SLAB BLOCK, PROVIDING 3,100 FLATS OF VARYING SIZES, A NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND THE SITE FORMATION OF ONE 24-CLASSROOM SCHOOL.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE FIRST TENANTS MAY MOVE IN TOWARDS THE LATTER PART OF 1977,+ A HOUSING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

SITE FORMATION ON THE SECOND PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT IS EXPECTED TO START LATER THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR. BUILDING WORK, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A FURTHER THREE TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS AND SIX SLAB BLOCKS WITH A TOTAL OF 3,472 FLATS AS WELL AS THE MAIN COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND A NUMBER OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, WILL THEN FOLLOW.

ON COMPLETION IN 1980, THE ESTATE WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR 39,000 PEOPLE AT A DENSITY OF 1,070 PERSONS PER ACRE.

THE FLATS WILL BE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S USUAL TYPE - SELF-CONTAINED WITH A PRIVATE BALCONY, KITCHEN, AND TOILET WITH SHOWER. THE SIZES OF THE FLATS VARY FROM THE SINGLE-ROOM TYPE OF 360 SQUARE FEET TO THE TWO-BEDROOM TYPE OF 590 SQUARE FEET, SIMILAR TO THOSE AT OI MAN ESTATE IN HO MAN TIN.

+RESIDENTS WILL BE LIVING IN A SUPERB ENVIRONMENT WITH PLENTY OF FRESH AIR AND OPEN SPACE, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +AS THE ESTATE BLOCKS ARE BUILT ON A TERRACED SLOPE, MANY HOMES WILL HAVE A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE RAMBLER CHANNEL, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG.+

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE ISLAND THROUGH THE TSING YI BRIDGE AS THE ESTATE WAS GRADUALLY DEVELOPED, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE ESTATE WILL HAVE ITS OWN SHOPPING CENTRE. THERE WILL ALSO BE FOUR RESTAURANTS, FIVE PRIMARY AND FIVE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, EACH WITH 24 CLASSROOMS AND THREE KINDERGARTENS, ALL LOCATED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE.

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MUSIC FOR K.C.R. PASSENGERS

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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY'S TSIM SHA TSUI TERMINAL WILL SOON BECOME THE FIRST RAILWAY STATION IN THE WORLD TO HAVE A MUSIC SERVICE INTERSPERSED WITH ADVERTISEMENTS.

A CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS (H.K.) LTD. FOR INSERTING ADVERTISING INTERLUDES TOGETHER WITH RAILWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS WHEN MUSIC IS BEING BROADCAST.

K.C.R. GENERAL MANAGER, MR. REG GREGORY SAID: +THE TIMING AND TYPE OF THE ADVERTISEMENTS WILL BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED. EXPOSURE IS LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES PER HOUR, AND ON NO OCCASION WOULD IT EXCEED 60 SECONDS.+

THE TYPE OF MUSIC PLAYED IS DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT THE MOOD OF THE OCCASION. MUSIC OF A FASTER BEAT WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE MORNING AND EVENING WHEN COMMUTERS TRAVELLING BY TRAIN HURRY TO AND FROM WORK, AND A MORE TRANQUIL TYPE WILL BE PLAYED DURING MID MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS.

THE MUSIC VENTURE WAS INITIALLY LAUNCHED IN MAY ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS FOR TWO WEEKS BY K.C.R. IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE REDIFFUSION LTD., WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE MUSICAL TAPES.

PUBLIC REACTION WAS FOUND TO BE FAVOURABLE, AND THE MUSIC TRIAL WAS LATER CHANGED TO A PERMANENT OPERATION.

+WE WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM PASSENGERS AND WILL ALSO SEE TO IT THAT THE ADVERTISEMENTS INSERTED ARE NOT OBTRUSIVE, AND THE MUSIC IS ACCEPTABLE,+ MR. GREGORY SAID.

IF THE OPERATION PROVES SUCCESSFUL, IT MAY BE EXTENDED TO THE NEW RAILWAY TERMINAL AT HUNG HOM.

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CHRISTMAS SURFACE MAIL

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE LATEST POSTING DATE FOR CHRISTMAS SEA-BORNE MAIL TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAS BEEN DEFERRED FROM OCTOBER 19 TO OCTOBER 22, 1974.

THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED ARE DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, BRITAIN, ICELAND, IRISH REPUBLIC, NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

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**MAXIMUM USE OF ALL SPORTS FACILITIES IN DISTRICTS
NEW RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE BEGINS OPERATION
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ONE OF THE JOBS OF THE SIX NEWLY APPOINTED DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICERS IS TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION AND SERVICING OF DISTRICT SPORTS COUNCILS.

AT AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE MASS MEDIA TODAY, THE SIX OFFICERS SPOKE ABOUT THEIR WORK.

MR. MAK KWOK-CHING IS SERVING IN WONG TAI SIN, MR. CHAN WING-FONG IN SHAM SHUI PO, MR. CHIU YIM-SHUN IN KWUN TONG, MR. WONG KIN-FAI IN YUEN LONG, MR. WONG WOON-CHEUNG IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND MR. CHAN YEUNG-WING IN WESTERN.

THEY ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS, DISTRICT OFFICERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS AND THE DISTRICT STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SIX OFFICERS WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE NEW RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE BY TRAINING, SUPERVISING AND GUIDING NEWLY RECRUITED OFFICERS.

ALL OF THEM HAVE MORE THAN TEN YEARS SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

THEIR WORK IS BEING CO-ORDINATED BY MR. M.C. CASWELL, PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (ADMINISTRATION), WHO IS ASSISTED BY MISS E.S. HAIR, CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, AND MR. DICKEN YUNG TAK-KUN, SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER (PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING).

THE FUNCTIONS OF EACH DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER WILL BE TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF ALL SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON MEETING THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THEY WILL SUPERVISE, LEAD AND ORGANISE COURSES AND COMPETITIONS COVERING PHYSICAL RECREATION, SPORT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION IN LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

THEY WILL ALSO STIMULATE ACTIVITY IN RECREATION AND SPORT BY VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS AND WILL LIAISE WITH THE VARIOUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS AND SPORTS CLUBS.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME WILL BE PHASED OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD.

THE COST OF INTRODUCING THE SERVICE IN THE FIRST YEAR IS BEING MET FROM \$10 MILLION GIVEN BY AN ANONYMOUS DONOR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION IN HONG KONG.

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SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICERS RETIRING

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TWO OFFICERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE RETIRING SHORTLY, ONE AFTER 25 YEARS SERVICE AND THE OTHER AFTER 11 YEARS SERVICE.

THEY ARE MR. CHEUNG CHIN, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE FIELD SINCE MARCH 1949 AND MR. PAUL CHING WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE SEPTEMBER 1963.

TOMORROW (FRIDAY), THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MISS ANNIE CHAN, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO MR. CHEUNG AND MR. CHING AT THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE IN WELFARE ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG, ABERDEEN, AT 4.30 P.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION.

WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (THURSDAY) STOOD AT 33,465 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 49.7 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 64,321 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 25,648 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 49,365 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 50.8 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TOTAL OF 14.2 M.M. (0.56 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 1,388 M.M. (54.65 IN.).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,049.1 M.M. (89.67 IN.), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 32.3 PER CENT.

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CHILDREN'S DAY IN TAI PO
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TWO HUNDRED CHILDREN AND YOUTHS LIVING IN TAI PO AND LAM TSUEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ENJOY A HAPPY WEEKEND ON OCTOBER 12, AT THE LIONS CLUB LAM TSUEN YOUTH CENTRE.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES INCLUDING GROUP GAMES, SONGS, AND A RAFFLE AS WELL AS REFRESHMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICE UNIT WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP OF TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS IN THE DISTRICT.

APART FROM PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE VOLUNTEERS WITH A CHANCE TO HELP OUT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

CONDUCTING THIS TYPE OF SERVICE TO VILLAGE CHILDREN IS JUST ONE ASPECT OF THE UNIT'S WORK AS IT ALSO OPERATES THREE MOBILE LIBRARIES WHICH TOUR THE NEW TERRITORIES EACH WEEK. THE UNIT IS OPERATED BY THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOULOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C.JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.82
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.65
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.92
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.88
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	4.00	1.20	3.20
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.20	0.80	1.80
SQUID	GOOD	3.70	1.40	2.60
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.60	0.50	0.90
LIZARD FISHES	GOOD	2.45	0.60	1.50
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.50	0.50	1.20
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.20	0.80	1.60
MELON COAT	SCARCE	2.20	1.50	1.80
BREAMS	SCARCE	5.80	1.70	3.20
YELLOW BELLY	LIMITED	1.00	0.40	0.60
MACKERELS	LIMITED	5.50	1.80	3.00
RED GOAT FISH	SCARCE	1.65	0.60	1.00
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.20	0.40	0.80
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.50	1.70	3.50
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.00	0.70	1.50
POMFRETS	LIMITED	7.00	5.00	6.00
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	8.50	6.00	7.50
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	6.50	2.20	4.60

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.80	0.80	1.40
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.50	0.50	1.00
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.80
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	0.70	0.30	0.50
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.80	0.80	1.40
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.00	0.60	1.40
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	2.00	0.50	1.50
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.00	1.00	2.00
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	4.00	2.50	3.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	SCARCE	2.00	0.50	1.20
CHINESE SPINACH	LIMITED	1.00	0.40	0.70
TOMATO	SCARCE	3.00	1.50	2.20