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COMMITTEE SET UP TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR METRICATION IN
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INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS SECTOR

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, PROFESSOR S.Y. KING HAS APPOINTED AN 11-MAN COMMITTEE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENCOURAGING METRICATION IN THE MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AND IN THE INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS SECTOR.

THE SECTOR COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR. CECIL S.O. CHAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, WITH MR. PAUL T.S. YIN, WHO REPRESENTS THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. BOTH ARE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE.

THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE MR. ROLAND CHAN= MR. CHAN TSAN-KAN= MR. ANTHONY J. ENG= MR. PETER H.H. HUNG= MR. PHILIP LAI= DR. M.W. LUI= MR. A.C. MCDONALD= MR. K.Y. TONGSON AND MR. WARNER YEH.

EACH WILL FORM AND CHAIR A WORKING GROUP TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR METRICATION IN A SPECIFIC TRADE OR INDUSTRY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AND THE INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS SECTOR WERE REGARDED AS AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS BEING INFLUENCED BY THE WORLD-WIDE MOVE TOWARDS THE USE OF METRIC (SI) UNITS.

HE SAID THE SECTOR COMMITTEE WOULD MAKE AN EARLY START ON DETERMINING A UNIFORM APPROACH FOR EACH INDUSTRY TO FOLLOW IN ITS METRICATION PROGRAMME.

THE SECTOR COMMITTEE'S TERM OF REFERENCE ARE:

- * TO MAKE A PLAN TO INTRODUCE AND IMPLEMENT AN ORDERLY CHANGEOVER TO THE USE OF SI UNITS IN MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AND INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS.
- * TO SET UP WORKING PARTIES IN THE VARIOUS RELATED AREAS TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN IN THESE AREAS AND TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS TO BE ENCOUNTERED.
- * BASED ON (1) AND (2), TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIVIDUAL AND OVERALL METRICATION PROGRAMMES WITH TARGET DATES IN THIS SECTOR, INCLUDING THE NEEDS FOR PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL.
- * TO CO-ORDINATE AND REVIEW REGULARLY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRICATION PROGRAMMES ENDORSED BY THE COMMITTEE IN THIS SECTOR.
- * TO RECEIVE AND EXAMINE COMPLAINTS AND TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF METRICATION ENCOUNTERED IN THIS SECTOR AND TO DEAL WITH THEM DIRECTLY OR TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR SOLUTION.
- * TO ADVISE THE COMMITTEE ON ANY OTHER MATTER CONNECTED WITH THIS SECTOR AS DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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PRINCE CHARLES TO BRING DRAGON TO LIFE
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EIGHTY PAINSTAKING WORKING HOURS AND CRAFTSMANSHIP PASSED ON THROUGH GENERATIONS HAVE GONE INTO THE CREATION OF A SPECTACULAR 145-FOOT-LONG DRAGON FOR THE VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES TO YUEN LONG NEXT MONDAY (MARCH 5).

THE DRAGON -- IT IS SILVER, THE TRADITIONAL MARK OF THE NOBILITY -- IS THE MASTERPIECE OF A LOCAL FLORIST, MR. LEUNG LAM WHO REGARDS IT AS THE FINEST HE HAS MADE SINCE HIS FIRST EFFORT IN CHINA MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO.

+CERTAINLY, IT IS BY FAR THE LONGEST DRAGON I HAVE EVER MADE AND THE EQUAL OF ANY SEEN BEFORE IN HONG KONG,+ A PROUD MR. LEUNG SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR. LEUNG, NOTED FOR HIS SKILLS IN THE ART OF DRAGON-MAKING, WAS RECRUITED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE FOR HIS LATEST TASK WHEN PLANS FOR THE ROYAL VISIT WERE FINALISED A FEW WEEKS AGO.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID MR. LEUNG WAS A LOGICAL CHOICE SINCE HE HAD MADE A DRAGON FOR A PREVIOUS ROYAL VISIT TO YUEN LONG, THAT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS MARGARET IN 1966.

PRINCE CHARLES WILL BRING THE DRAGON TO LIFE BY DOTTING ITS EYES AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, THUS STARTING A COLOURFUL YOUTH DISPLAY THAT WILL INVOLVE ALMOST 1,000 STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER HONG KONG.

MR. LEUNG WAS ON HAND AT THE STADIUM YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) TO SEE THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL CARTLAND, GIVE THE DRAGON ITS +FIRST FLUSH OF LIFE+ DURING A CENTURIES-OLD TAOIST BLESSING CEREMONY TO PREPARE THE DRAGON FOR THE EYE-DOTTING BY PRINCE CHARLES.

ON THE BIG DAY ITSELF, THE DRAGON WILL BE PROPELLED BY 160 SUPER-FIT YOUNG MEN FROM WANG CHAU VILLAGE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE DRAGON THROUGH ITS RITUALS OF +ROLLING ON ITS BACK+, +GOING OVER THE BRIDGE+ AND +FLUTTERING LIKE TWO BUTTERFLIES+.

MR. LEUNG WAS IN CHARGE OF FIVE SKILLED WORKMEN WHO WORKED NON-STOP TO GET THE DRAGON READY ON TIME. THE CREATURE IS DIVIDED INTO 25 SECTIONS, INCLUDING THE 1.5-METRE HEAD.

SAYS MR. LEUNG : +THE HEAD WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT PART BECAUSE IT MUST BE JUST RIGHT.+

/THE DRAGON'S

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THE DRAGON'S SKELETON IS MADE OF BAMBOO WHILE THE BODY IS LAYERED WITH GAUZE AND SILVER-COLOURED SCALES. BESIDES THE DRAGON, MR. LEUNG AND HIS DRAGON-MAKING TEAM ALSO PRODUCED THE EMBLEMS OF THE PEARL, MOON AND SUN WHICH MUST ACCOMPANY THE DRAGON ON ITS DANCE.

PRINCE CHARLES WILL BE OFFICIATING AT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHINESE TRADITIONS WHEN HE DOTS THE EYES NEXT MONDAY.

THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY GOES BACK 1,400 YEARS TO THE REIGN OF EMPEROR LIANG WU TI (AD 502-549) WHO ORDERED ONE OF HIS MASTER PAINTERS, CHEUNG TSANG YAU, TO PAINT FOUR DRAGONS ON THE WALLS OF A TEMPLE IN NANKING.

LEGEND HAS IT THAT WHEN CHEUNG FINISHED THE PAINTINGS, HE LEFT ALL THE EYES BLANK, EXPLAINING THAT IF THE EYES WERE DOTTED, THE DRAGONS WOULD +COME TO LIFE.+ WHEN A DISBELIEVER CHALLENGED THE PAINTER'S PROPHECY BY DOTTING THE EYES OF TWO OF THE DRAGONS, THUNDER AND LIGHTNING FILLED THE AIR, AND THE DRAGONS INDEED FLEW AWAY.

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WET SUMMER PREDICTED

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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY PREDICTED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE COMING SUMMER WILL BE VERY WET.

THE MAY TO OCTOBER RAINFALL THIS YEAR (1979) IS FORECAST TO LIE BETWEEN 2,100 AND 2,500 MILLIMETRES COMPARED WITH THE 30-YEAR AVERAGE OF 1,924 MILLIMETRES.

THE RAINFALL FOR THE YEAR 1979 AS A WHOLE IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE RANGE 2,500-2,900 MILLIMETRES COMPARED WITH THE 30-YEAR AVERAGE OF 2,246 MILLIMETRES. IF NECESSARY THIS PRELIMINARY FORECAST WILL BE UPDATED IN MAY WHEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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HUGE INVESTMENT NEEDED FOR NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT
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THE SCOPE AND SPEED OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL INVOLVE A HUGE INVESTMENT BY THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN LAND, WATER AND POWER SUPPLIES, ROADS, BUILDINGS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MR. DEREK JONES SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE 1979 ASIAN REGIONAL MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYING AND LAND ECONOMY.

AND MR. JONES TOLD DELEGATES AT THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL CONVENTION CENTRE THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM OF LINKING NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH OLDER URBAN AREAS WAS +ENORMOUS+.

HE ADDED: +IT HAS TO BE TACKLED AT THE SAME TIME AS EFFORTS ARE MADE TO OVERCOME THE GROWING THREAT OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE OLD URBAN AREAS THROUGH NEW URBAN MOTORWAYS, ELEVATED ROADS, FLYOVERS, TUNNELS AND, ABOVE ALL, THROUGH THE BUILDING OF AN UNDERGROUND RAILWAY.+

OUTLINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEW TOWNSHIPS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH, BY THE LATE 1980S, ARE EXPECTED TO CATER FOR A POPULATION OF OVER TWO MILLION PEOPLE AND THE CENTRAL URBAN REGION AROUND THE HARBOUR, MR. JONES WENT ON:

+THE NEW TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS WILL BE LINKED TO THE CENTRAL URBAN REGION BY TWO MAJOR CORRIDORS, ONE ON THE WEST COMPRISING AN EXTENSION OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY, LINKED AT ITS TERMINUS WITH EXPRESS BUS SERVICES DOWN A MAJOR MOTOR ROAD.

+ON THE EAST THE OLD SURFACE RAILWAY IS BEING MODERNISED AND ELECTRIFIED TO TAKE A GREAT DEAL MORE TRAFFIC.

+FINALLY ALL THE NEW TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS WILL BE JOINED TOGETHER BY A CIRCULAR HIGH STANDARD ROAD.+

MR. JONES SAID DEVELOPMENTS OF THIS MAGNITUDE WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING AIR AND WATER POLLUTION FROM NEW INDUSTRIES AND ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS, PROBLEMS OF SEWAGE AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, NOISE AND TRAFFIC.

BUT, HE SAID: +MEASURES ARE ALREADY BEING TAKEN TO MONITOR ENVIRONMENTAL EMISSIONS AND TO LAY DOWN STANDARDS.

+ALL LARGE NEW DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY MEET REASONABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS.+

MR. JONES SAID HONG KONG WAS A FASCINATING PLACE FOR THE SURVEYOR AT THE PRESENT TIME. HE SAID IT PRESENTED A WIDE SPECTRUM OF THE PROBLEMS FACED BY +YOUR PROFESSION+ ACROSS THE WHOLE RANGE OF ITS DISCIPLINES AND IN A CONCENTRATED FORM AND IN A RELATIVELY SMALL COMPASS.

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HE SAID: +FOR INSTANCE, THE BRINGING OF LAND INTO USE AND, IN SOME CASES, ITS CREATION, AS WELL AS ITS ACCURATE DEMARCATION HAVE REQUIRED THE SERVICES OF MORE AND MORE PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS AS WELL AS THOSE CONCERNED WITH LAND ECONOMY AND VALUATION.

+THE STAFF OF THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS STEADILY INCREASED TO MEET THIS NEED.

+THE EXPANSION OF NEW BUILDING ACTIVITY, WITH MORE COMPLEX AND HIGHER AND HIGHER STRUCTURES, AS WELL AS OTHER CONSTRUCTION, HAD PLACED GROWING DEMANDS ON BUILDING SURVEYORS AND QUANTITY SURVEYORS, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

+THE EVER INCREASING NUMBERS OF BUILDINGS AND THE PROBLEMS OF MAINTAINING THEM AND KEEPING THEM IN GOOD STRUCTURAL REPAIR, THE CONTROL OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND SO ON WERE EXPANDING THE WORK REQUIRED OF THE SURVEYORS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE AND, OF COURSE, THE VALUERS IN THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT ALSO HAD A CONTINUALLY GROWING TASK.

+AND OVERALL THE GREATER SIZE AND COMPLEXITY OF MODERN DEVELOPMENTS ARE TAXING THE SKILLS OF ALL THE PROFESSIONS REPRESENTED HERE TODAY.+

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REORGANISATION OF URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN NEW TERRITORIES * * * * *

THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO BE RENAMED THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS FROM APRIL 1.

IN ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON, SAID THE NEW DEPARTMENT WILL REMAIN WITHIN THE AMBIT OF THE USD UNDER THE OVERALL CONTROL OF THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES.

+THE DECISION TO CREATE THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECOGNISES THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF SERVICES IN THE NT- TO IDENTIFY MORE CLOSELY THE PROVISION OF SERVICES IN AND FOR THE AREA AND TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE LARGE INCREASES IN RESOURCES WHICH ARE AND WILL BE NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPANDING REQUIREMENTS THERE,+ HE EXPLAINED.

ON REORGANISATION, MR. H.S. GREWAL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES (NEW TERRITORIES), WILL ASSUME THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES.

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79 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JANUARY

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 79 NEW BUILDING PLANS LAST (JANUARY) MONTH COMPARED WITH 77 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THOSE APPROVED, 33 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 24 FOR KOWLOON AND 22 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR TWO HOTEL BUILDINGS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, A SPECIAL SCHOOL IN KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TWO POLICE AND FIRE/AMBULANCE STATIONS AND A COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN DISCOVERY BAY, LANTAU ISLAND AND A CHURCH AND YOUTH CENTRE IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$198.03 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$322.57 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING LAST MONTH AMOUNTED TO 231,822.1 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 179,451.4 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 52,370.7 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 45 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING TWO SCHOOL BUILDINGS AT THE JUNCTION OF LA SALLÉ ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET AND SHA TIN, A COLD STORAGE BUILDING AND A CARGO CONSOLIDATION COMPLEX IN KWAI CHUNG, AND A CINEMA/APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN TAI PO.

FIFTY NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING A DENTAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IN CHEONG WAN ROAD, A SOCIAL CENTRE IN FUK TSUN STREET, A SPORTS CENTRE (STAGE I) AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND A NUMBER OF FACTORY OR WORKSHOP BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO CONSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 61 BUILDINGS.

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SIGNING OF MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PWD CONTRACT
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL AWARD A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR PART OF A MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME IN FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE FIRST FOR THE AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME TO BE CARRIED OUT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

IT WILL BE SIGNED AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI ROAD AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, AT 10.15 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE OPEN CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, NOT LATER THAN 9.30 A.M.

OFFICERS OF PWD'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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TAI PO GOVT OFFICE BUILDING READY SOON
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A NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING WILL SOON BE READY IN TAI PO TO KEEP PACE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING COMMUNITY.

THE BUILDING, AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI PO ROAD AND TING KOK ROAD, WILL SERVE TAI PO AND THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. PAUL YIU, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR ARCHITECT FOR THE PROJECT, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) WORK ON THE BUILDING WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL.

+THE COMPLEX CONSISTS OF A SIX-STOREY HIGH BLOCK PROVIDING 9,000 SQUARE METRES OF OFFICE SPACE AND A SINGLE-STOREY ANNEX,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL PROVIDE OFFICES FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE POST OFFICE, MARRIAGE REGISTRY, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE (MAINTENANCE DEPOT), REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE AS WELL AS THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE,+ MR. YIU ADDED.

THE SINGLE-STOREY ANNEX WILL HOUSE ALL THE NECESSARY ANCILLARY SERVICES, SUCH AS AN AIR-CONDITIONING PLANT, STORES AND CARETAKER QUARTERS.

THE OFFICE COMPOUND HAS PARKING SPACES FOR 57 CARS AND ALSO FOR SEVERAL BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS.

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45 AND 47 SQUARE STREET DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED NOS. 45 AND 47 SQUARE STREET, HONG KONG, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THESE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS ARE CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND TIMBER FLOORS.

IN VIEW OF THEIR GENERALLY DILAPIDATED CONDITION THESE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN UNDER REGULAR OBSERVATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE B.O.O. SAID.

DURING A RECENT INSPECTION IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CONDITION OF THESE BUILDINGS HAD DETERIORATED CONSIDERABLY AND IN PARTICULAR NEW MOVEMENT OF THE REAR MAIN WALL WAS DETECTED.

+AS THERE IS NOW A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE THE CLOSURE AND DEMOLITION OF THESE BUILDINGS IS NECESSARY,+ HE ADDED.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON MARCH 26 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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HK STUDENT WINS MUSIC AWARD

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FOR THE 19TH SUCCESSIVE YEAR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED ANNUALLY BY THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC JOINTLY TO INDIA AND HONG KONG HAS BEEN WON BY A HONG KONG STUDENT.

THE 1978 WINNER, JUST ANNOUNCED BY THE ASSOCIATED BOARD, IS MISS CYNTHIA CHAN BIC-AN, A FORM SIX STUDENT AT DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

EVERY YEAR SEVEN SCHOLARSHIPS ARE PROVIDED BY THE ASSOCIATED BOARD FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE BRITAIN. EACH SCHOLARSHIP IS TENABLE FOR THREE YEARS AT ONE OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC IN LONDON.

EACH AWARD AMOUNTS IN ALL TO ABOUT 4,000 POUNDS STERLING WHICH INCLUDES TUITION FEES, A GRANT OF 600 POUNDS STERLING A YEAR TOWARDS LIVING EXPENSES AND A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COST OF A PASSAGE BACK HOME AT THE END OF THE COURSE.

MISS CHAN WAS AWARDED A DISTINCTION IN THE 1975 GRADE 8 PIANO EXAMINATION AND A PASS IN THE 1978 L.R.S.M. PERFORMING EXAMINATION AND IT WAS ON THE BASIS OF THESE RESULTS THAT SHE WAS TWICE SELECTED BY THE VISITING PANELS OF EXAMINERS FROM LONDON FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION BY THE ASSOCIATED BOARD.

MISS CHAN FIRST TOOK PIANO LESSONS AT THE AGE OF FIVE AND HER TEACHER IS MISS KATHERINE HUANG.

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PRINTING DEPARTMENT GRADUATES RECEIVE AWARDS

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NINE GRADUATES OF THE KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE'S PRINTING DEPARTMENT RECENTLY RECEIVED PRIZES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCES.

THE AWARDS, IN THE FORM OF CHEQUES AMOUNTING TO \$200 AND \$300, WERE DONATED BY THE HONG KONG PRINTERS' ASSOCIATION. MR. HO WAI-CHUEN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OFFICIATED AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

MR. ROBERT HARPER, HEAD OF THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT COMMENDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION AND SAID IT HAD BEEN OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY PROVIDING A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

+THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SERVING STUDENTS AND PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATES PROVIDED BY THE ASSOCIATION HAVE PROVED TO BE A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO APPRENTICES IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY,+ HE ADDED.

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THE AWARDS ARE WONG YUEN-CHEUNG, CHU SEK-LEUNG AND CHUNG KWOK-HANG OF THE GRAPHIC REPRODUCTION SECTION- LIN CHI-HO AND TAM TAI-HO OF THE OFFSET PRINTING SECTION- CHAN JAN-VAY AND YIM SHEK-WAH OF THE LETTERPRESS PRINTING SECTION- HO SIU-KI OF THE GENERAL PRINTING SECTION- AND TSANG KEE-BUN OF THE GRAPHIC DESIGN SECTION.

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PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER CLOSED TEMPORARILY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 A.M. TO 5.30 A.M. ON MARCH 1 AND 2 FOR ROAD INVESTIGATORY WORKS.

BOTH NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD TO WATERLOO ROAD AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM WATERLOO ROAD TO PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO CROSS ARGYLE STREET AT GROUND LEVEL DURING THE CLOSURE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE STOPPED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY WATERLOO ROAD, LANCASHIRE ROAD, LA SALLE ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, INCLUDING EARL STREET, BOUNDARY STREET, HO TUNG ROAD, OXFORD ROAD, CHESTER ROAD, DERBY ROAD, MORAY ROAD, AND SELKIRK ROAD.

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