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CONSTRUCTION OF METRO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL

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WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL SECTION OF THE METRO.

THE TUNNEL, WHICH IS ABOUT 1,400 METRES LONG, WILL CROSS THE HARBOUR BETWEEN THE EXISTING SEA WALL AT WAN CHAI AND A NEW SEA WALL AT TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE TUNNEL WILL BE BUILT BY SINKING AND JOINING TOGETHER 14 PRE-FABRICATED TUNNEL SEGMENTS, IN A SIMILAR METHOD TO THAT USED ON THE CROSS HARBOUR ROAD TUNNEL.

AN AREA FOR FABRICATING THE UNITS HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AT CHAI WAN, FROM WHERE THE TUNNEL UNITS WILL BE TOWED THROUGH THE HARBOUR READY FOR SINKING ONTO A SPECIALLY PREPARED BASE ON THE BED OF THE HARBOUR.

TWO VENTILATION BUILDINGS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ABOVE THE ENDS OF THE TUNNEL SITED DIRECTLY BEHIND THE SEA WALLS AT WAN CHAI AND TSIM SHA TSUI.

IT IS PROPOSED TO LAY THE FIRST TUNNEL UNIT AT THE WAN CHAI END OF THE TUNNEL WITH CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDING ACROSS THE HARBOUR TO JOIN UP WITH OTHER METRO WORKS AT TSIM SHA TSUI.

DREDGING AND TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONFINED TO A WORKS AREA OF ABOUT 700 METRES LONG AND 200 METRES WIDE REFERRED TO AS THE 'OCCUPIED PART', THE OUTER LIMITS OF WHICH WILL BE MARKED BY MARINE BUOYS.

NO SHIPPING WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS AREA DURING CONSTRUCTION, AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY SHIPPING OF THE LOCATION AND SUBSEQUENT CHANGES IN POSITION OF THE WORKING AREA AS CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMMERSED TUBE TUNNEL PROGRESSES ACROSS THE HARBOUR.

IN ADDITION, A FIXED WORKS AREA APPROXIMATELY 150 METRES LONG AND 300 METRES WIDE MARKED BY PILE BEACONS WILL BE SITED ADJACENT TO THE WAN CHAI SEA WALL.

RESTRICTIONS WILL BE PLACED ON SHIPPING AT PRESENT USING THE HUNG HOM FAIRWAY, AND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO THE HARBOUR, THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS WIDENING AND DEEPENING THE CENTRAL FAIRWAY.

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WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED IN JULY THIS YEAR, THIS WILL PERMIT SHIPPING UNRESTRICTED ENTRY TO THE HARBOUR FROM THE WESTERN APPROACHES, THEREBY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE PASS CLOSE TO TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE, DURING WHICH TIME THE SECTION OF HARBOUR OCCUPIED BY THE CONTRACTORS' WORKS AREA WILL BE CLOSED TO MARINE TRAFFIC.

GAZETTE NOTIFICATIONS DESCRIBING THESE WORKS AND CLAIMS PROCEDURE APPEAR IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 1975

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1975 SHOW A SURPLUS OF $72 MILLION COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF $133 MILLION IN DECEMBER 1974.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF $285 MILLION (EXCLUDING LOANS) FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF $673 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1974.

TOTAL REVENUE FOR THE MONTH AT $545 MILLION WAS $101 MILLION LESS THAN IN DECEMBER 1974 DUE MAINLY TO DECREASED RECEIPTS IN INTERNAL REVENUE ARISING FROM THE INTRODUCTION IN 1975-76 OF THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND PROFITS TAX BY TWO INSTALMENTS, WITH THE SECOND INSTALMENT OF 25 PER CENT FALLING DUE TOWARDS THE END OF 1975-76 OR THE BEGINNING OF 1976-77.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE AT $473 MILLION WAS $40 MILLION LESS THAN THE SAME MONTH IN 1974, MAINLY BECAUSE OF DECREASED SPENDING ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS DUE LARGELY TO THE SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN CONTRACT PRICES AND ALSO TO THE EXCEPTIONALLY RAINY SUMMER IN 1975.

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LEGAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY FOR THERAPEUTIC REASONS

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO MAKE A SECTION OF THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEGAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY FOR THERAPEUTIC REASONS A PERMANENT PART OF THE LAW.

A BILL TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE. ENTITLED THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, IT IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING WHETHER FURTHER CHANGES TO THE EXISTING LEGISLATION AND PROCEDURES ARE REQUIRED.

THE SECTION IN QUESTION WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1972 TO GIVE BETTER PROTECTION TO A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WHO MAY BE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM A THERAPEUTIC ABORTION.

WHEN THE DRAFT BILL WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SOME MISGIVINGS WERE EXPRESSED THAT THE BILL MIGHT LEAD TO RAMPANT ABUSE.

AS A RESULT, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE WORKING OF THE BILL WOULD BE REVIEWED AT THE END OF A TRIAL PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, THAT IS IN MARCH 1974.

AS THE NUMBER OF PREGNANCIES TERMINATED UNDER THIS PROVISION DURING THE TRIAL PERIOD PROVED TO BE INSUFFICIENT FOR MAKING ADEQUATE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OR FOR DRAWING FIRM CONCLUSIONS, THE TRIAL PERIOD WAS EXTENDED FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, UP TO THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT BETWEEN THE ENACTMENT OF THE NECESSARY REGULATIONS IN JANUARY 1973 AND DECEMBER 31, 1975, A TOTAL OF 1,771 CASES OF PREGNANCY HAD BEEN TERMINATED BY REGISTERED PRACTITIONERS.

OF THESE, 1,738 CASES OF PREGNANCY WERE TERMINATED ON THE GROUND THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF THE PREGNANCY WOULD HAVE INVOLVED GREATER RISK OF INJURY TO THE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF THE PREGNANT WOMEN THAN IF THE PREGNANCY WERE TERMINATED.

A FURTHER 30 CASES WERE TERMINATED ON THE GROUND THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF THE PREGNANCY WOULD HAVE INVOLVED GREATER RISK TO THE LIFE OF THE PREGNANT WOMEN THAN IF THE PREGNANCY WERE TERMINATED.

IN THE REMAINING THREE CASES, TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY WAS CARRIED OUT UNDER EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +WHILE THE NUMBER OF CASES MAY BE CONSIDERED SMALL OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, IT WOULD APPEAR REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO ABUSE OF THE LEGISLATION.+

THEREFORE, HE SAID, IT APPEARED THAT THE RIGHT COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO INCORPORATE THE SECTION PERMANENTLY INTO THE ORDINANCE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BIG WALK
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE +WALK FOR A MILLION+ IN KOWLOON ON SUNDAY (MARCH 7).

THE ROAD CLOSURES INCLUDE THE SECTION OF JUNCTION ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND FU MEI STREET, WHICH WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES FROM 7.45 A.M. UNTIL ABOUT 10.45 A.M., APART FROM THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES IN THE BROADCAST DRIVE AREA.

FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL ABOUT 2 P.M. THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC : RENFREW ROAD= THE UNNAMED ROAD IN FRONT OF LUNG CHEUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL= SHA TIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN LUNG FUNG STREET AND JET'S INCLINE= JET'S INCLINE= AND FEI NGOR SHAN ROAD FROM THE START OF THE +ONE WAY+ SECTION TO JET'S INCLINE.

OTHER ROADS THAT WILL BE CLOSED ARE WAN WAH STREET FROM THE JUNCTION WITH TSZ WAN SHAN PLAYGROUND TO TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD= ON FU ROAD FROM THE ON FU CENTRE TO THE JUNCTION WITH CHUK YUEN ROAD= AND CHUK YUEN ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION WITH ON FU ROAD TO ITS JUNCTION WITH AN UNNAMED ROAD NEAR SHA TIN PASS ROAD.

ALL PARKING SPACES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M. IN BROADCAST DRIVE BETWEEN JUNCTION ROAD AND THE HK-TVB STUDIOS= AND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE UNNAMED STREET BETWEEN BLOCKS 7 AND 15 OF UPPER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

MOTORISTS ARE WARNED THAT THE POLICE WILL TOW AWAY ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES.

A NUMBER OF BUS SERVICES WILL BE RE-ROUTED BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 11 A.M.

KMB ROUTE 2F TO TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE RE-ROUTED AFTER NAM CHEONG STREET TO GO VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND SHA TIN PASS ROAD. TO CHEUNG SHA WAN IT WILL BE RE-ROUTED AFTER PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD TO GO VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND NAM CHEONG STREET.

ROUTE 3C TO TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE RE-ROUTED AFTER TUNG CHOI STREET TO GO BY WAY OF ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, LA SALLE ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, JUNCTION ROAD AND FU MEI STREET. TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY IT WILL BE RE-ROUTED AFTER FU MEI STREET, LEFT ON TO JUNCTION ROAD AND THEN TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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ROUTE 7A WILL TERMINATE AT THE ROUTE 7 TERMINUS IN DORSET CRESCENT: ROUTE 70 TO SHA TIN WILL OPERATE BY WAY OF WATERLOO ROAD DIRECT TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL- ROUTE 204 TO AND FROM NAM CHEONG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD- AND ROUTES 3A AND 15A TO TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM WAN WAH STREET TO GO BY WAY OF WAI WAH STREET AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH UTMOST CARE IN THE VICINITY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD. TRAFFIC POLICE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AND TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED.

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SALES OF 'HONG KONG 1976' HEADING FOR NEW RECORD

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ALWAYS A BEST SELLER, THIS YEAR'S GOVERNMENT YEARBOOK — 'HONG KONG 1976' — LOOKS LIKE SETTING ANOTHER NEW RECORD. MORE THAN 5,000 COPIES IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE HAVE BEEN SOLD SINCE THE BOOK WENT ON SALE ON MONDAY.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS, MR. HANDRICK NG, SAID TODAY: +INITIAL SALES HAVE NEVER BEEN SO GOOD. IF THIS CONTINUES WE SHALL HAVE TO REPRINT AGAIN THIS YEAR. WE HAVE ALREADY PRINTED MORE THAN 31,000 COPIES OF THIS EDITION — WHICH IS 30 TIMES AS MANY AS WERE PRINTED OF THE YEARBOOK'S FIRST EDITION, 30 YEARS AGO.+

MR. NG SAID THE CONSISTENTLY HIGH SALES FIGURES WERE DUE TO THE FACT THAT READERS WERE GETTING NOT ONLY A WORK OF REFERENCE BUT ALSO A HIGH-QUALITY BOOK — A HARDBACK WITH MORE THAN 70 FULL-PAGE COLOUR PICTURES — AT AN ATTRACTIVE PRICE OF $15. HE FELT THAT THE SPECIAL RESPONSE TO THIS YEAR'S EDITION HAD RESULTED FROM THE INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER BEING WRITTEN BY THE WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST, RICHARD HUGHES, AND ALSO FROM EFFORTS TO MAKE THE WHOLE BOOK GENERALLY READABLE.

+HONG KONG 1976+ IS THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF ALL ITS DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT 1975, BUT IT ALSO COVERS VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE IN HONG KONG. THIS YEAR THE BOOK IS BEING SOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME THROUGH THE 19 CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AS WELL AS AT ALL LEADING BOOKSTORES AND AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

+WE HOPE THAT WE SHALL SOON HAVE SIMILAR OUTLETS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ SAID MR. NG. +THE IDEA IS TO MAKE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS MORE EASILY AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE IN ALL AREAS, AND THE WAY THE YEARBOOK IS SELLING AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES SHOWS THAT THIS WOULD BE WELCOME.+

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USE CAREERS INFORMATION TO YOUR ADVANTAGE, STUDENTS TOLD

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YOUNG PEOPLE FACED WITH THE NEED TO PLAN THEIR FUTURE COURSE IN LIFE SHOULD KNOW HOW TO USE CAREERS INFORMATION TO THEIR ADVANTAGE, SAID DR. Y.K. CHING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC TODAY (FRIDAY).

OPENING A CAREERS SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT THE HO LAP COLLEGE, SAN PO KONG, HE TOLD MORE THAN 1,000 SENIOR STUDENTS THAT IF JOBS WERE TAKEN UP AS THEY CAME BY, ONLY A LUCKY FEW WOULD BE HAPPY WITH THE JOBS THEY LANDED.

THE MAJORITY, HE SAID, WOULD EITHER FIND THAT THEY WERE SQUANDERING THEIR TIME OR FEEL FRUSTRATED.

DR. CHING DISCLOSED THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE POLYTECHNIC TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WITH THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND TO SUPPLY THE TRADES AND INDUSTRY WITH SKILLED MANPOWER WOULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY SEPTEMBER 1978 WHEN PLACES FOR FULL-TIME DAY COURSES, PART-TIME-DAY-RELEASE-COURSES AND EVENING CLASSES WOULD BE INCREASED TO 6,800, 3,000 AND 20,000 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH FEATURES TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS ON CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES IN HOTELS, JOURNALISM, THE POLICE FORCE, SOCIAL WORK, CIVIL SERVICE AND APPRENTICE TRAINING, WILL BE REPEATED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR ANOTHER 1,000 STUDENTS WHO COULD NOT BE ACCOMMODATED THE FIRST DAY.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SEMINAR, A MINI CAREERS EXHIBITION IS ALSO BEING STAGED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AT THE SCHOOL.

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SIX PRE-WAR BUILDINGS CONDEMNED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FOR SIX PRE-WAR BUILDINGS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WHICH ARE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION OR LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

AFFECTED ARE NOS. 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 AND 28 NEW MARKET STREET, HONG KONG. THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS DECLARED NO. 26 TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND THE OTHER FIVE LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DPEARTMENT SAID THIS GROUP OF ISOLATED THREE-STOREY BUILDINGS WAS ALMOST ALL THAT REMAINED OF AN ORIGINAL BLOCK OF 34 BUILDINGS, OF WHICH 17 HAD BEEN CLOSED AS DANGEROUS AND DEMOLISHED WITHIN THE PAST TEN YEARS. MOST OF THE OTHER PROPERTIES, HE ADDED, HAD BEEN DEMOLISHED VOLUNTARILY TO MAKE WAY FOR REDEVELOPMENT.

ALL SIX BUILDINGS, HE SAID, SHOWED INDICATIONS OF SERIOUS STRUCTURAL WEAKNESS IN LOAD-BEARING BRICK EXTERNAL AND PARTY WALLS. +IN ADDITION, THE MAIN TIMBER ROOF AND THE REINFORCED CONCRETE KITCHEN BLOCK ROOF OF NO. 26 IS CLOSE TO FAILURE AND COLLAPSE.+

ALTHOUGH THE MOST CRITICAL SITUATION EXISTED AT NO. 26, HE SAID, ALL SIX BUILDINGS WERE MUTUALLY DEPENDENT ON EACH OTHER FOR SUPPORT AND STABILITY AND PROGRESSIVE COLLAPSE COULD OCCUR AS A RESULT OF PARTIAL DEMOLITION.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS INTENDED TO CLOSE ALL SIX BUILDINGS AND SUBSEQUENTLY DEMOLISH THEM.

APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF NO. 26 NEW MARKET STREET WILL BE HEARD AT 9.30 A.M. ON APRIL 2, 1976, IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT. FOR THE GROUND FLOOR OF NO. 26 AND THE WHOLE OF NOS. 18, 20, 22, 24 AND 28, THE HEARING WILL BE AT 9.30 A.M. ON JUNE 4, 1976.

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VALUATION LISTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

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THE VALUATION LISTS FOR 1976/77 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON AND THE ASSESSED PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THIS IS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE LISTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS FOR A PERIOD OF 21 DAYS ENDING MARCH 26, 1976 AT THE OFFICES OF THE COLLECTOR OF RATES IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, SECOND FLOOR, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

COMMENTING ON THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DURING THIS PERIOD OF 21 DAYS, ANY PERSON WHO DISAGREES WITH THE ENTRY OR OMISSION OF A TENEMENT IN OR FROM A LIST, OR THE RATEABLE VALUE ASSESSED, MAY SERVE ON THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LIST.

FORMS FOR THIS PURPOSE ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES AT 1 GARDEN ROAD (TEL. NO. 5-249021) AND NEW MERCURY HOUSE, 17TH FLOOR, 22 FENWICK STREET, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-281424).

THERE IS A FURTHER RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL SHOULD THE COMMISSIONER NOT AGREE TO A PROPOSAL SERVED ON HIM.

HE ADDED THAT PERSONS DISSATISFIED WITH THEIR ASSESSMENTS AND INTENDING TO LODGE A PROPOSAL ARE INVITED TO GET IN TOUCH FIRST WITH THE VALUER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AREA IN WHICH THE PREMISES ARE SITUATED. ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE WILL GLADLY BE GIVEN.

GENERALLY, ENQUIRIES IN THIS RESPECT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NEW MERCURY HOUSE BUT THOSE IN RESPECT OF PREMISES SITUATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD BE MADE AT 1 GARDEN ROAD.

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GOV'T TO RESUME TWO BUILDINGS IN YAU MA TEI
REQUIRED FOR METRO CONSTRUCTION

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THE TENANTS OF 221 D AND E NATHAN ROAD ARE BEING ADVISED TODAY THAT GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY BE INSTITUTING STATUTORY RESUMPTION PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE THE LAND ON WHICH THEIR BUILDINGS STAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE METRO.

STAFF OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, YAU MA TEI, ARE NOW VISITING THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDINGS TO PERSONALLY HAND OVER THE ADVISORY NOTICES TO THEM.

THE ADVISORY NOTICE WARNS THAT STATUTORY RESUMPTION NOTICES, SIGNIFYING THE BEGINNING OF RESUMPTION PROCEEDINGS, WILL BE POSTED ON THE BUILDINGS ON APRIL 2, 1976, AND THAT ON JUNE 1, 1976, THAT IS, TWO MONTHS AFTER THE POSTING OF THESE NOTICES, THE PROPERTIES WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE OCCUPANTS ARE BEING ADVISED THAT UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE, ANYONE WHO HAS ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION CAN FILE THIS CLAIM DIRECT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, WHO MAY SETTLE IT ADMINISTRATIVELY WITHOUT RECOURSE TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL.

HOWEVER, IF AT THE END OF FOUR MONTHS FROM THE RECEIPT OF A CLAIM BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO SETTLE THE CLAIM, THE CLAIMANT CAN SEEK SETTLEMENT THROUGH PROCEEDINGS WITH THE LANDS TRIBUNAL.

THE TENANTS ARE ALSO BEING ADVISED THAT IN ORDER TO ASSIST ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, MEETINGS WILL BE ARRANGED BY STAFF OF THE MASS TRANSIT STUDIES OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO EXPLAIN TO THEM CLAIMS PROCEDURES AND THEIR STATUTORY RIGHTS. THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD SHORTLY.

DOMESTIC TENANTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT IF THEY ARE HOMELESS AT THE TIME OF CLEARANCE THEY WILL BE OFFERED REHOUSING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AFTER REVERSION.

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