



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVT ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 1978 SHOW A DEFICIT OF \$4.9 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$23 MILLION IN DECEMBER 1977.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS OF \$857.6 MILLION FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$213 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE, AT \$942.7 MILLION, WAS \$197.6 MILLION MORE THAN IN DECEMBER 1977.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS, AT \$937.8 MILLION, WERE \$169.7 MILLION MORE THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH IN 1977.

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PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ACCOMMODATE NEARLY TWO MILLION PEOPLE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON THAT NEARLY TWO MILLION PEOPLE -- ALMOST HALF OF THE POPULATION -- ARE LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW SHUN LEE ESTATE IN EAST KOWLOON, SIR MURRAY SAID THIS YEAR MARKED THE SILVER JUBILEE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG -- A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH, BY ANY YARDSTICK, HAVE BEEN REMARKABLE.

HE POINTED OUT THE QUALITIES OF PUBLIC HOUSING HAD BEEN VASTLY IMPROVED SINCE THE 1950'S.

+FROM THE EMERGENCY HOUSING OF THE 1950'S, WE HAVE PROGRESSED THROUGH A RANGE OF DIFFERENT DESIGNS= FROM THE MOST BASIC, BARE ESSENTIALS TO THE CONCEPT OF FULLY-INTEGRATED, SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITIES IN NEW ESTATES PROVIDED WITH A FULL RANGE OF COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL FACILITIES -- SUCH AS WE SEE AROUND US HERE AT SHUN LEE-- AND AS WE CAN SEE IN OTHER PARTS OF HONG KONG WHERE ESTATES ARE BEING BUILT ON 12 OTHER SITES,+ SIR MURRAY ADDED.

ON THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME LAUNCHED LAST YEAR, SIR MURRAY SAID IT HAD BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED, AND THAT GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE FIRST SIX ESTATES, INCLUDING ONE AT SHUN CHI COURT ADJACENT TO THE NEW SHUN LEE ESTATE.

+ALTHOUGH THIS IS A NEW VENTURE, I AM SURE THAT THE SCHEME WILL PROVE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE RENTED HOUSING PROGRAMME AND MAY WELL MAKE A CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO SOLVING OUR HOUSING PROBLEMS,+ SIR MURRAY ADDED.

/THE FOLLOWING .....

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH:

+THIS YEAR MARKS THE SILVER JUBILLE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG -- A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH, BY ANY YARDSTICK, HAVE BEEN REMARKABLE.

+STATISTICS CAN SPEAK FOR THE SCALE AND SPEED OF DEVELOPMENT -- THE HOUSING AUTHORITY NOW MANAGES 69 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WITH NEARLY TWO MILLION RESIDENTS -- ALMOST HALF OUR POPULATION.

+FROM THE EMERGENCY HOUSING OF THE 1950'S, WE HAVE PROGRESSED THROUGH A RANGE OF DIFFERENT DESIGNS= FROM THE MOST BASIC, BARE ESSENTIALS TO THE CONCEPT OF FULLY-INTEGRATED, SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITIES IN NEW ESTATES PROVIDED WITH A FULL RANGE OF COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL FACILITIES -- SUCH AS WE SEE AROUND US HERE AT SHUN LEE= AND AS WE CAN SEE IN OTHER PARTS OF HONG KONG WHERE ESTATES ARE BEING BUILT ON 12 OTHER SITES.

+STEADILY IMPROVING STANDARDS MEAN THAT THE OLD ESTATES BECOME LESS ATTRACTIVE THAN MODERN DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS SHUN LEE= HOWEVER, THE TENANTS OF THE OLD ESTATES ARE NOT BEING NEGLECTED AND THE PROGRAMME OF REDEVELOPMENT IS WELL UNDERWAY.

+INDEED, SOME OF THE NEW RESIDENTS HERE HAVE COME FROM WONG TAI SIN, WHERE DEMOLITION IS TAKING PLACE TO ENABLE REDEVELOPMENT.

+THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, LAUNCHED IN 1978, HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED. GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE FIRST SIX ESTATES, INCLUDING ONE AT SHUN CHI COURT ADJACENT TO THIS ESTATE.

+ALTHOUGH THIS IS A NEW VENTURE, I AM SURE THAT THE SCHEME WILL PROVE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE RENTED HOUSING PROGRAMME AND MAY WELL MAKE A CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO SOLVING OUR HOUSING PROBLEMS.

+OUR OBJECTIVE IS THE PROVISION OF DECENT SELF-CONTAINED ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN HONG KONG= BUT, AS RECENT IMMIGRATION TRENDS EMPHASISE, THE ROAD IS LONG AND DIFFICULT AND WILL REQUIRE UNCEASING EFFORT AND PLANNING AND A SUSTAINED HIGH LEVEL OF HOUSING PRODUCTION.

+IN FORMALLY DECLARING OPEN THIS NEW ESTATE, I WOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND TO THE STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HARD AND DEDICATED WORK, AND WISH THEM SUCCESS IN THEIR IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE CREATION OF NEW COMMUNITIES IN BETTER ENVIRONMENTS THAN HONG KONG HAS EVER KNOWN. AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF SHUN LEE ESTATE, I WISH GOOD FORTUNE AND HAPPINESS IN YOUR NEW HOMES.

+OF COURSE ENTERING A NEW HOME IS JUST THE BEGINNING= TO LEAD A FULL LIFE THEY MUST GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, PLAN TO HELP EACH OTHER, AND TO BUILD UP THEIR COMMUNITY INTO A UNIT THAT CAN BE SECURE, AND INTERESTING AND A PLACE OF HAPPINESS.

+IN ALL THIS THEIR GOVERNMENT STANDS READY TO HELP AND I WISH THEM ALL SUCCESS.+

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GOVT RESTRICTS LIVESTOCK IMPORTS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ADVISED IMPORTERS THAT THE IMPORT OF CATTLE AND PIGS FROM OVERSEAS WILL BE RESTRICTED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THE ORDER WAS MADE AS THE BUTCHERS' GO-SLOW ACTION ENTERED ITS SECOND DAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ALL IMPORTERS OF OVERSEAS CATTLE AND PIGS AND SHIPPING COMPANIES WERE ADVISED BY LETTER NOT TO PREPARE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK UNLESS THEY HAD A SPECIAL PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PERMIT, IF ISSUED, WOULD RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK WHICH COULD BE IMPORTED.

THE PERMITS WOULD BE ISSUED ON AN INDIVIDUAL AND DAY-BY-DAY BASIS DEPENDING ON THE HOLDING CAPACITY AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED CAPACITY FOR CATTLE IS 7,177 HEAD AND PIGS, 24,120.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AN INSPECTION OF THE ABATTOIRS AND DEPOTS TODAY REVEALED THAT HOLDING CAPACITY+ WAS ABOUT FULL.+

PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO IMPORTERS OF OVERSEAS LIVESTOCK FOR THE IMPORTATION OF 4,100 HEAD OF CATTLE AND 600 PIGS BETWEEN MARCH 19 AND 31.

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INCREASES IN COMPENSATION FOR RESUMED LAND IN N.T.

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED INCREASES IN ITS COMPENSATION RATES FOR LAND RESUMED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AS FROM APRIL 1, 1979, OWNERS OF RESUMED AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WILL BE COMPENSATED AT THE NEW FULL RATE OF \$53 PER SQUARE FOOT INSTEAD OF \$39 PER SQUARE FOOT -- AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 36 PER CENT.

THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OFFERED TO OWNERS OF RESUMED BUILDING LAND WITHIN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WILL BE AT THE NEW FULL RATE OF \$113 PER SQUARE FOOT INSTEAD OF \$79 PER SQUARE FOOT -- A 43 PER CENT INCREASE.

GIVING DETAILS OF THE NEW RATES TODAY, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. F.D. ROOME, SAID THEY HAD BEEN DRAWN UP IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF CONDUCTING HALF-YEARLY REVIEWS OF COMPENSATION RATES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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THE POLICY WAS ADOPTED EARLY LAST YEAR ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON NEW TERRITORIES URBAN LAND ACQUISITION HEADED BY SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

MR. ROOME SAID THE NEW RATES WOULD BE EFFECTIVE UP TO SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR, WHEN A FURTHER REVIEW WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE REVISED GOVERNMENT LAND RESUMPTION POLICY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, OWNERS OF RESUMED LAND OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WOULD BE COMPENSATED AT A PROPORTIONATE PERCENTAGE OF THE NEW FULL RATES DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF THE LAND RESUMED, AND MORE PARTICULARLY AS DEFINED ON A ZONAL PLAN AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT EACH OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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S.W.D. TO BECOME FULLY REGIONALISED IN APRIL  
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THE OPERATIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL ENTER A NEW ERA NEXT MONTH AS PREPARATIONS ARE NOW IN TOP GEAR TO FULLY REGIONALISE ITS SERVICES TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TSUEN WAN.

MR. LEE SAID THAT WITH FULL REGIONALISATION IN APRIL, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO MORE EFFECTIVELY DELIVER AND BETTER CO-ORDINATE ITS WELFARE SERVICES ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

HE SAID THE NEW SET-UP WOULD SEE THE DEPARTMENT'S DAY-TO-DAY WELFARE ACTIVITIES DECENTRALISED INTO FOUR REGIONS AND 11 DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE A MORE RATIONAL AND CO-ORDINATED SERVICE AT A LOCAL LEVEL.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENTAL HEADQUARTERS WILL RETAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION OF SUBVENTIONS AND TRAINING.

IN CHARGE OF EACH OF THE FOUR REGIONS --- HONG KONG ISLAND, EAST KOWLOON, WEST KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES --- WILL BE A REGIONAL OFFICER ACTING AS THE DEPARTMENT'S OVERALL ADMINISTRATOR IN SOCIAL WELFARE MATTERS, HE SAID.

MR. LEE SAID EACH REGIONAL OFFICER WOULD CO-ORDINATE ALL WELFARE SERVICES IN HIS REGION TO SERVE THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, IMPLEMENT DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES, LIAISE WITH LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND TO REFLECT CHANGING NEEDS IN THE AREA.

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HE SAID THE FOUR REGIONAL OFFICERS, WHO ARE OF DIRECTORATE LEVEL, WERE APPOINTED AND POSTED LATE LAST YEAR TO LAY THE GROUND-WORK FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL OVERHAUL.

ON THE DISTRICT LEVEL, HE SAID, 11 DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICERS HAVE JUST BEEN APPOINTED AND THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY A TEAM OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS SPECIALISING IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF SERVICE.

+THIS WILL PERMIT A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH TO SOCIAL WORK, SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED ACROSS THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF WELFARE SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE SAID THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME, APART FROM PRESENTING A FOCAL POINT IN REGIONS AND DISTRICTS FOR THE PUBLIC TO TURN TO ON WELFARE MATTERS, ALSO AIMS AT INCREASING ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY BY PROVIDING GREATER AUTONOMY ON A REGIONAL LEVEL.

+MOST DECISIONS ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS WILL IN FUTURE BE TAKEN AT DISTRICT OR REGIONAL LEVEL RATHER THAN IN THE DEPARTMENTAL HEADQUARTERS,+ HE SAID.

WITH REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHED PARTNERSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE SECTOR, MR. LEE SAID THIS WOULD BE IMPROVED BY CHANGES INVOLVED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONAL SIDE AS A RESULT OF REGIONALISATION.

+THROUGH CLOSER LIAISON WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES OPERATING IN THEIR REGIONS, THE REGIONAL OFFICERS WILL ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO UNNECESSARY OVERLAP IN THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR,+ HE SAID.

EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR REGIONALISATION, MR. LEE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS IN RECENT YEARS EXPERIENCED DRAMATIC INCREASE IN BOTH STAFF AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE EXPANDING SERVICES IT PROVIDES.

PLANS ARE WELL IN HAND FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS SUCH AS FAMILY SERVICES, REHABILITATION FOR THE DISABLED, SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND YOUTH, PROBATION AND CORRECTION WORK, AND SOCIAL SECURITY, HE SAID.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT HAS EARMARKED \$630 MILLION FOR SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR, WHICH REPRESENTS A THREE-FOLD INCREASE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

ON SOCIAL SECURITY ALONE, THE DRAFT ESTIMATES PROVIDE AN EXPENDITURE OF \$405 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 500 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE OF \$72 MILLION FIVE YEARS AGO, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MR. LEE SAID A COMPREHENSIVE WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE WOULD BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY AND THE PROPOSALS IN THE PAPER WOULD ENTAIL AN ADDITIONAL \$235 MILLION IN RECURRENT EXPENDITURE BY 1982-83.

+TO COPE WITH SUCH A RAPID DEVELOPMENT, AND IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO BE RE-ORGANISED BY DECENTRALISING ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF WELFARE SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

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TAG SYSTEM FOR RE-ENTRY PERMIT APPLICANTS

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IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HAS INTRODUCED A TAG SYSTEM ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ADVISED LOCAL RESIDENTS APPLYING FOR THESE PERMITS TO TRAVEL TO CHINA AND MACAU DURING THE CHING MING AND EASTER HOLIDAYS TO CALL EARLY AT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICES AS THE TAGS ARE NORMALLY DISTRIBUTED AT 9 A.M.

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SPECIAL CHING MING TRAINS

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE SPECIAL TRAINS TO WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY AND SANDY RIDGE ON THREE DAYS DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL --- APRIL 1, 5 AND 8.

A KCR SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID ADDITIONAL TRAINS MAY RUN IN THE LATE EVENINGS DEPENDING ON DEMAND. STATIONMASTERS WILL ADVISE ON THE TIMING OF THESE TRAINS.

THE FARE OF AN ORDINARY CLASS RETURN TICKET FOR THE JOURNEY FROM KOWLOON TO WO HOP SHEK IS \$2.60 FOR ADULTS AND \$1.30 FOR CHILDREN, WHILE THAT FOR THE JOURNEY FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU (SANDY RIDGE) IS \$3.20 FOR ADULTS AND \$1.60 FOR CHILDREN.

THE TICKETS WILL BE VALID FOR THE DATE OF ISSUE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT KOWLOON STATION (HUNG HOM) ON APRIL 1, 5 AND 8. THERE WILL BE NO ADVANCE BOOKING OF TICKETS.

THE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL NOT STOP AT MONG KOK STATION TO PICK UP PASSENGERS, NOR WILL THE REGULAR NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND TRAINS BEFORE 2 P.M. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID TICKETS FOR TRAINS TO KOWLOON WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT MONG KOK STATION DURING THESE THREE DAYS.

PASSENGERS ARE REQUESTED TO GO TO KOWLOON STATION (HUNG HOM) WHERE MONTHLY TICKET HOLDERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BOARD THE TRAINS WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TRAINS FROM KOWLOON TO THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL PROBABLY BE FULL BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 2 P.M. AND THE TRAINS BACK TO KOWLOON BETWEEN 3 P.M. AND 9 P.M.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM INSTALLED OUTSIDE THE STATION WILL INFORM THE PASSENGERS ABOUT THE TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

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## THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SCHEDULES FOR THE SPECIAL TRAINS :

ON APRIL 1 (SUNDAY), TRAINS TO WO HOP SHEK WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 6 A.M., 6.50 A.M., 8.07 A.M., 9.13 A.M., 10.46 A.M., 11.43 A.M., 12.34 P.M., 1.40 P.M., 2.35 P.M., 3.44 P.M. AND 5 P.M., ARRIVING THERE AT 6.48 A.M., 7.43 A.M., 8.56 A.M., 10 A.M., 11.43 A.M., 12.46 P.M., 1.36 P.M., 2.35 P.M., 3.46 P.M., 4.46 P.M. AND 5.52 P.M.

KOWLOON-BOUND TRAINS WILL LEAVE WO HOP SHEK AT 7.01 A.M., 8.01 A.M., 9.30 A.M., 10.46 A.M., 12.24 P.M., 1.14 P.M., 2.13 P.M., 3.24 P.M., 4.24 P.M., 5.30 P.M. AND 6.04 P.M., ARRIVING AT KOWLOON STATION AT 8.03 A.M., 9.03 A.M., 10.23 A.M., 11.54 A.M., 1.26 P.M., 2.20 P.M., 3.15 P.M., 4.35 P.M., 5.17 P.M., 6.50 P.M. AND 7.14 P.M.

ON APRIL 5 (THURSDAY) AND 8 (SUNDAY), TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 6 A.M., 6.50 A.M., 8.07 A.M., 9.33 A.M., 10.48 A.M., 11.44 A.M., 12.35 P.M., 1.51 P.M., 2.43 P.M., 3.44 P.M. AND 5 P.M., ARRIVING AT WO HOP SHEK AT 6.48 A.M., 7.43 A.M., 9.04 A.M., 10.26 A.M., 11.51 A.M., 12.46 P.M., 1.31 P.M., 2.44 P.M., 3.43 P.M., 4.41 P.M. AND 5.52 P.M.

TRAINS WILL LEAVE WO HOP SHEK AT 7.01 A.M., 8.01 A.M., 9.30 A.M., 11.29 A.M., 12.24 P.M., 1.09 P.M., 2.22 P.M., 3.21 P.M., 4.19 P.M., 5.30 P.M. AND 6.04 P.M., ARRIVING AT KOWLOON STATION AT 8.03 A.M., 9.04 A.M., 10.32 A.M., 12.48 P.M., 1.40 P.M., 2.27 P.M., 3.37 P.M., 4.35 P.M., 5.17 P.M., 6.50 P.M. AND 7.14 P.M.

THESE SCHEDULES, HOWEVER, ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AND CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

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## THREE LAND LOTS, FLAT AUCTIONED

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A 3,289-SQUARE METRE SITE AT 15-21 LA SALLE ROAD, KOWLOON, WAS SOLD FOR \$35 MILLION AT AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SITE, WHICH IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, WAS BOUGHT BY SEAVIEW LAND DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD. AT \$10,641.53 PER SQUARE METRE.

ANOTHER LOT, OFF SUN SING STREET, SHAU KEI WAN, WAS SOLD TO XYLOID DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD. FOR \$28.9 MILLION OR \$14,515.32 PER SQUARE METRE. IT IS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE LAST LOT AT SZE SHAN STREET, YAU TONG, KOWLOON, WAS SOLD FOR \$20 MILLION TO MEERING DEVELOPMENT LTD. THE 3,587-SQUARE METRE SITE IS FOR CARGO CONSOLIDATION FOR CONTAINERS AND ANCILLARY GODOWN PURPOSES.

AT THE SAME AUCTION, A FLAT IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, MEASURING 66.27 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD TO YEUNG WIN CO. LTD. FOR \$320,000.

THE PREMISES, INCLUDING ONE CAR PARK SPACE, IS AT 9 GLEE PATH, FLAT D, 17TH FLOOR, MEI FOO SUN CHUEN.

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TWO CROWN LAND LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED

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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON APRIL 26 AT 2.30 P.M.

ONE SITE, MEASURING 2,329 SQUARE METRES AT CHO YUEN STREET, SAM KA TSUEN, KOWLOON, IS INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE OTHER LOT AT 460 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. IT COVERS AN AREA OF 87.4 SQUARE METRES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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JAPANESE DELEGATION BRIEFED ON HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY

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A GROUP OF 42 LEADING JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS ARE IN HONG KONG TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE STRIDES MADE IN THE FIELD OF WATER SUPPLY.

THE VISITORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE KYUSHU YAMAGUCHI ECONOMIC FEDERATION.

DURING THEIR BRIEF STAY IN HONG KONG LEARNING HONG KONG'S RESOURCES AND MANAGEMENT, THE DELEGATION ALSO VISITED THE MAMMOTH HIGH ISLAND PROJECT.

TODAY (THURSDAY) THE DIRECTOR OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR. WILLIAM TUCKER, BRIEFED THE VISITORS ON HONG KONG'S POLICIES AND EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD, AND DESCRIBED THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF HIS DEPARTMENT'S WORK.

AFTER THE BRIEFING HE ANSWERED MANY INTERESTING QUERIES FROM THE DELEGATION MEMBERS.

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COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO PRESENT CERTIFICATES  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. J.N. HENDERSON, WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO 79 GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 5.30 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

HE WILL ALSO PRESENT THE +LAISHLEY CUP+ TO THE BEST APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR.

OF THE 79 WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING AT THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 55 ARE CRAFT APPRENTICES AND 24 TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF 79 GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 5.30 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY). THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. J.N. HENDERSON, WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO THE APPRENTICES.

AN OFFICER FROM PWD'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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NEW PUBLIC DUMP OPENED  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) OPENED A NEW PUBLIC DUMP AT CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION STAGE 1 OFF THE GOVERNMENT SAND DEPOT.

DUMPING LICENCES MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, PWD, AT THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 14TH FLOOR.

HOLDERS OF VALID DUMPING LICENCES FOR PUBLIC DUMPS IN KOWLOON WILL BE PERMITTED TO DUMP MATERIALS SUCH AS APPROVED SOFT EARTH, BUILDING DEBRIS AND CERTAIN SIZE OF STONES PROVIDING THEY ARE WELL MIXED WITH EARTH.

DUMPING MAY BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 6 P.M. DAILY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ALL DUMPING MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE DUMP SUPERVISORS.

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LAUNCH PICNIC FOR MAC MEMBERS IN TAI PO  
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MORE THAN 430 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN TAI PO WILL BE GIVEN A SPECIAL +OUTDOOR+ TREAT THIS SATURDAY WHEN THEY WILL BE TAKEN ON A LAUNCH PICNIC TO CHEUNG CHAU.

THE LAUNCH PICNIC - THE FIRST EVER ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SINCE THE SETTING UP OF THE FIRST MAC'S IN THE DISTRICT FIVE YEARS AGO - HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS TIES BETWEEN THEM AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEIR MEMBERS TO MEET NEW ACQUAINTANCES.

IT IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED \$3,600 TO HELP MEET THE EXPENSES.

THE OUTING WILL START AT 10 A.M. AT THE SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIER, FROM WHERE A HONG KONG AND YAU MA TEI FERRY COMPANY TREBLE DECKER WILL TAKE THEM TO SCENIC CHEUNG CHAU.

THE RURAL SERVICES GROUP OF THE HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL ENTERTAIN THE PARTICIPANTS WITH SONGS, DANCES AND COMEDIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LAUNCH PICNIC FOR 430 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN TAI PO WHICH WILL START AT THE SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIER AT 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (MARCH 24).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE LIAISON OFFICER, TAI PO, MR. LEE SHI-HEI ON ARRIVAL.

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PWD OFFICER RETIRING AFTER 32 YEARS' SERVICE  
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MR. KWOK KAM-TONG, WORK SUPERVISOR I OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, WILL SOON PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

HE FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1947 AS A TIMEKEEPER IN THE THEN ROAD OFFICE OF PWD.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO FOREMAN II IN NOVEMBER 1949 AND TO FOREMAN I IN JULY 1958. THIS POST WAS REGRADED TO SUPERVISOR I IN AUGUST 1977.

MR. HO KWOK-YU, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS (HK) DIVISION, WILL PRESENT HIM WITH A RETIREMENT GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN THE JUNCTIONS OF PEDDER STREET AND ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON SUNDAY (MARCH 25), AND FROM 1 A.M. TO 4 A.M. ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (MARCH 26, 27 AND 28).

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE BETWEEN GLOUCESTER TOWER AND ALEXANDRA HOUSE ACROSS DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

DURING THE CLOSURES, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ENFORCED:

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TRAM SERVICES WEST OF WANCHAI WILL BE SUSPENDED SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY. THE LAST TRAMS WILL DEPART FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE TERMINI AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

WESTBOUND SERVICES:

SHAU KEI WAN TO WESTERN MARKET	10.58 P.M.
NORTH POINT TO WHITTY STREET	11.00 P.M.
NORTH POINT TO WESTERN MARKET	11.12 P.M.
HAPPY VALLEY TO KENNEDY TOWN	10.53 P.M.
HAPPY VALLEY TO WHITTY STREET	11.05 P.M.
HAPPY VALLEY TO WESTERN MARKET	11.17 P.M.

EASTBOUND SERVICES:

KENNEDY TOWN TO HAPPY VALLEY	11.27 P.M.
WHITTY STREET TO NORTH POINT	11.35 P.M.
WHITTY STREET TO HAPPY VALLEY	11.32 P.M.
WESTERN MARKET TO SHAU KEI WAN	11.40 P.M.
WESTERN MARKET TO NORTH POINT	11.43 P.M.
WESTERN MARKET TO HAPPY VALLEY	11.40 P.M.

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THE TRAM SERVICE BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL CONTINUE AND BE AUGMENTED TO OPERATE EVERY FOUR MINUTES AFTER 11 P.M. FROM SHAU KEI WAN. A SPECIAL TRAM SERVICE WILL ALSO BE OPERATING AFTER 11 P.M. BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND WAN CHAI (JOHNSTON ROAD) EVERY FIVE MINUTES.

NORMAL TRAM SERVICES WILL RESUME AFTER 6 A.M. ON SUNDAY.

BUS

- (I) BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 A.M. ON SUNDAY AND BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 4 A.M. ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, CMB ROUTES 5B, 10 AND CMB/KMB ROUTES 101, 104, 105, 111, 113 AND 121 TRAVELLING ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO TURN RIGHT ONTO PEDDER STREET, TO TURN LEFT ONTO DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND THEN TO PROCEED TO ORIGINAL ROUTINGS.
- (II) CMB ROUTES 5, 5B, 10, CMB/KMB ROUTES 101, 104, 105, 111, 113 AND 121 TRAVELLING ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TURN LEFT ONTO PEDDER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, QUEENSWAY AND THEN TO PROCEED TO ORIGINAL ROUTINGS.

BUS COMPANY INSPECTORS AND ADVANCE NOTICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ADVISE PASSENGERS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO INDICATE THE CLOSURE.

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NEW HAWKER PERMITTED AREA  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE PAVEMENT OUTSIDE NOS. 43-46C KWEILIN STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, HAS BEEN DECLARED A HAWKER PERMITTED AREA FROM MONDAY (MARCH 26).

THIS IS TO ENABLE SEVEN LICENSED FIXED PITCH HAWKERS RESITED FROM FUK WING STREET TO TRADE IN THE NEW SITE.

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CAUSEWAY BAY TRAFFIC CHANGES  
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FURTHER TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, A NUMBER OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT DURING WHICH STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WILL BE PROHIBITED.

THE ROADS AFFECTED ARE :

- \* THE SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NUMBERS 231 AND 295=
- \* THE SECTION OF JOHNSTON ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NUMBER 226 AND ITS JUNCTION WITH HENNESSY ROAD=
- \* THE SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NUMBERS 353 AND 391=
- \* THE SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NUMBERS 417 AND 499= AND
- \* THE SECTION OF PERCIVAL STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NUMBERS 24 AND 48.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) ADVISED MOTORISTS THAT THE BOUNDARIES OF THESE RESTRICTED ZONES WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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BROADWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT  
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APPROVAL TO WIDEN BROADWOOD ROAD FROM THE PRESENT 12 FEET TO 24 FEET WITH FOOT-PATHS ON BOTH SIDES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER SECTION 6(1)(A) OF THE STREETS (ALTERATION) ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 130).

THE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY HOPEWELL HOLDINGS LIMITED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR REDEVELOPMENT FOR THEIR PROPERTIES ALONG THIS ROAD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE ROAD WIDENING WILL ENABLE THE PROVISION OF MORE AND BETTER HOUSING OF A TYPE OF WHICH THERE IS A SERIOUS SHORTAGE.

MANY OF THE EXISTING PROPERTIES ALONG BROADWOOD ROAD ARE PRE-WAR AND ARE GENERALLY OF A FAIRLY LOW DENSITY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT EMPLOYED BY HOPEWELL HOLDINGS LIMITED HAS HAD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH STAFF OF RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO WORK OUT A CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR THE COMBINED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN TO BE PRODUCED BY THE CONSULTANT WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR FORMAL APPROVAL.

THIS MASTER LANDSCAPE PLAN, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, WILL DEFINE THE DETAILED LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS AREA TO ENSURE THAT ITS PRESENT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT IS PRESERVED.

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