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PERCENTAGE RATE CHARGES

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PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE IS THE RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FIXING THE PERCENTAGES TO BE CHARGED ON THE RATEABLE VALUES FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR STARTING ON APRIL 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THE PRECENTAGE RATE CHARGES IN THE URBAN AREAS OR IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG OR TSING YI.

THE ONLY CHANGES WILL BE IN THE NEW RATING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES — YUEN LONG, TAI PO, FAN LING-SHEUNG SHUI, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN, CLEAR WATER BAY AND SAI KUNG.

THESE INCREASES RESULT FROM THE APPROVED POLICY FOR THE EXTENSION OF RATING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES WHEREBY THE GENERAL RATE FOR NEWLY ASSESSED AREAS IS BEING PHASED IN SO THAT IN THE FIRST YEAR THE RATE APPLIED IS EQUAL TO 50 PER CENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES GENERAL RATE, IN THE SECOND YEAR 60 PER CENT, IN THE THIRD YEAR 70 PER CENT AND SO ON UP TO 100 PER CENT IN THE SIXTH YEAR.

THE TOTAL RATES OF CHARGE ON THE RATEABLE VALUES (INCLUDING URBAN COUNCIL RATES WHERE APPLICABLE) EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1 ARE:

HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON (AREAS A AND BC) { 11-1/2 PER CENT
(NO CHANGE)

TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI (AREAS D AND E) { 11 PER CENT
(NO CHANGE)

TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, FAN LING/(SHEUNG SHUI, TAI PO, SHA TIN AND CLEAR WATER BAY (AREAS F - M) { 9 PER CENT (INCREASED FROM 8 PER CENT)

SAI KUNG (AREA N) 8 PER CENT
(INCREASED FROM 7 PER CENT)

ALL ENQUIRIES REGARDING THIS MATTER SHOULD BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT EITHER BY PERSONAL CALL OR BY TELEPHONING:

* 5-281424 FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON

* 5-284047 FOR NEW KOWLOON

* 5-284037 FOR NEW TERRITORIES

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THREE MORE COUNTRY PARKS GAZETTED

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THREE MORE COUNTRY PARKS INCORPORATING A NUMBER OF ISLANDS HAVE BEEN GAZETTED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

THE PARKS IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE INCLUDE THE PLOVER COVE (EXTENSION) COUNTRY PARK, KIU TSUI (SHARP ISLAND) COUNTRY PARK AND CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK.

THESE WILL BE THE LAST COUNTRY PARKS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO BE GAZETTED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID.

OF THE 18 COUNTRY PARKS GAZETTED SINCE 1976, 11 HAVE BEEN FORMALLY DESIGNATED. THE TAI PO KAU SPECIAL AREA HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNATED UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THE PLOVER COVE (EXTENSION) COUNTRY PARK COVERS AN AREA OF 630 HECTARES AND INCLUDES SOME OF THE MOST HIGHLY SCENIC COASTLINE IN HONG KONG. ISLANDS IN THE PROPOSED PARK INCLUDE MOST OF KAT O CHAU (CROOKED ISLAND), TUI MIN CHAU, NGO MEI CHAU (CRESENT ISLAND), WONG WAN CHAU (DOUBLE ISLAND), WU YEUNG CHAU, PING CHAU AND CHEK CHAU (PORT ISLAND). EXISTING VILLAGES AND THEIR FUTURE EXPANSION AREAS HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PARK.

MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTRY PARK WILL AIM PRIMARILY AT THE PROVISION FOR BARBECUE AND CAMPING ACTIVITIES BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT BY HIKERS.

VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE ARE TO BE PROTECTED AND SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO CONSERVE THE UNSPOILT LANDSCAPE AND SCENIC VALUES OF THE AREA.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LIMITED FERRY SERVICES AND +KAI-DOS+ SERVE THE LARGER ISLANDS AND THESE WILL BE IMPROVED TO A LEVEL COMPATIBLE WITH THE CAPACITY OF THE ISLANDS FOR RECREATION.

THE KIU TSUI (SHARP ISLAND) COUNTRY PARK WILL BE THE SMALLEST IN THE PROGRAMME, COVERING ONLY 100 HECTARES. INCLUDED IN ITS PROPOSED BOUNDARIES ARE PAK SHA CHAU, CHAM TAU CHAU, KIU TAU, TUEN TAU CHAU, HAM LUN KOK, TWO SMALL UNNAMED ISLANDS AND MOST OF KIU TSUI CHAU ITSELF.

THE AREA PREDOMINANTLY COMPRISES GRASSY HILLS WITH SOME WOODLANDS ON THE LOWER SLOPES AND A ROCKY SHORELINE.

MANAGEMENT OF THE PARK WILL AIM PRIMARILY AT THE PROVISION FOR BARBECUE AND PICNIC ACTIVITIES BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TOGETHER WITH SOME USE BY HIKERS AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, CAMPERS.

THE ISLAND ARE SERVED BY +KAI-DOS+ WHILE KIU TSUI CHAU IS VISITED BY EXCURSION FERRIES FROM HONG KONG ISLAND.

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THE 660 HECTARES OF THE PROPOSED CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK EMBRACES AN AREA OF MOUNTAINS AND SCENIC COASTLINE TO THE SOUTH OF HANG HAU LYING BETWEEN JUNK BAY AND PORT SHELTER.

IT INCLUDES THE MAIN MOUNTAIN RIDGE OF HIGH JUNK PEAK AND TIN HA SHAN AND A SEPARATE AREA OF HILL COUNTRY LYING TO THE NORTHEAST OF CLEAR WATER BAY.

THE ISLANDS OF TIT CHAM CHAU, KWUN TSAI AND KEI CHAU (STEEP ISLAND) ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT MAP.

CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED MAIN RECREATION AREAS OF THE PARK AND THERE IS PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO THE EDGE OF THE PARK TO MEET THE NEEDS OF BOTH VISITORS AND VILLAGERS. ACCESS TO THE HEART OF THE PARK IS POSSIBLE FROM THE NETWORK OF FOOTPATHS IN THE AREA.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT PICNIC TABLES, BARBECUE PITS, BENCHES AND LITTER BINS WILL BE PROVIDED IN ALL THE PARKS IN ADDITION TO SHELTERS, REFRESHMENT KIOSKS AND TOILETS IN KEY LOCATIONS.

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FACTORY PROPRIETORS REMINDED TO USE MACHINE GUARDS
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FACTORY PROPRIETORS WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED THAT THEY COULD FACE PROSECUTION AND HEAVY FINES IF THEY FAILED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE GUARDS ON DANGEROUS PARTS OF THEIR MACHINERY AS REQUIRED UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS.

THE REMINDER CAME FROM A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FOLLOWING A RECENT COURT CASE AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY WHERE THE OWNER OF A CHAI WAN FACTORY WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$5,000 FOR FAILING TO GUARD DANGEROUS PARTS OF 10 PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES.

THE FINE WAS THE MAXIMUM FOR SUCH AN OFFENCE.

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ACCOMMODATION OF SMALL ORGANISATIONS AFFECTED
BY REDEVELOPMENT
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE IS TAKING A FLEXIBLE APPROACH TOWARDS THE ACCOMMODATION OF SMALL ORGANISATIONS AFFECTED BY REDEVELOPMENT, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG, MR. HAYES POINTED OUT THAT THESE ORGANISATIONS OCCUPIED SMALL AREAS OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND ON MODIFICATION OF TENANCY LICENCE OR CROWN LAND ON PERMIT.

HE SAID: +IN EITHER CASE THE LAND AND-OR EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION AVAILABLE TO THEM UPON CLEARANCE DOES NOT MEET THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OR PRIVATE REPROVISIONING IN THE NEW TOWN.

+BY ADOPTING A VARIETY OF SOLUTIONS, WE HAVE MOSTLY ENABLED SUCH BODIES TO REMAIN IN EXISTENCE WHILST WE ARE NOW TRYING TO WIDEN THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO RE-ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION.+

MR. HAYES CITED AS EXAMPLES CHURCH, GIRL GUIDES AND BOY SCOUTS GROUPS WHICH HAD RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION WHILE A CLANSMEN'S HALL AND SOME SHRINES AND TEMPLES HAD BEEN RESITED.

+AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO TELL THESE PEOPLE THAT OUR MEASURES ARE EMERGENCY AND SHORT TERM AND THAT THEY, AS WELL AS WE, MUST THINK MORE DEEPLY ABOUT THEIR FUTURE AND SOLVE IT PRIVATELY IF THEY CAN,+ HE STRESSED.

TOUCHING ON THE TSUEN WAN VILLAGE PAST WHICH EXTENDS BACK TO 300 YEARS OR MORE, MR. HAYES REVEALED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO PRESERVE SOME REMEMBRANCE OF IT, BUT IN A PRACTICAL WAY THAT WILL INCORPORATE THE BUILDINGS CONCERNED INTO THE NEW LAYOUT AND ENABLE THEM TO SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE.

+WE PLAN TO PRESERVE THE NUCLEUS OF ONE VILLAGE AND TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY TEMPLE -- A TIN HAU KUNG -- THAT HAS LONG SERVED A LARGE NUMBER OF LOCAL VILLAGES,+ HE SAID.

UNDER GOVERNMENT POLICY, PRE-1898 VILLAGES WERE ALWAYS RESITED, AND IN CONSEQUENCE THE COMMUNITIES WHICH LOOK TO THIS TEMPLE FOR GROUP IDENTITY AND RELIGIOUS SUPPORT CONTINUE TO EXIST, AND THEY HAVE VERY GREAT INTEREST IN IT.

AS FOR THE VILLAGE, ITS PRESENT OWNERS WILL BE ASKED TO MOVE TO NEW HOUSES IN 1980 AFTER WHICH THE LAND AND HOUSES WILL BE SURRENDERED AND BECOME CROWN PROPERTY.

+PROVIDED THERE ARE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS, AND ALL THE CONCERNED AUTHORITIES ARE IN AGREEMENT, WE MAY LOOK FORWARD TO ITS RENOVATION AND RETENTION WITHIN THE NEW TOWN LAYOUT.

+IT MAY BE USED TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR ELDERLY COUPLES UNDER SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH, TOO, A SMALL PERMANENT EXHIBITION ON LOCAL HISTORY AND FORMER WAYS OF LIFE,+ MR. HAYES ADDED.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME TECHNICAL TEACHERS
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YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN THE TECHNICAL COURSE AND THE HOTEL-KEEPING AND CATERING COURSE RUN BY THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THESE COURSES WILL BE ONE YEAR FULL-TIME AND WILL START IN SEPTEMBER.

THEY ARE INTENDED FOR MATURE STUDENTS WITH SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE INTERESTED IN PASSING ON THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN THEIR SPECIAL FIELDS TO STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND IN TAKING UP TEACHING AS A PROFESSION.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ON THE COURSES RANGING FROM \$1,410 TO \$2,155 PER MONTH, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS AN ORDINARY OR TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA AWARDED BY THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, THE POLYTECHNIC OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

THEY CAN APPLY FOR THE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINE OFFERED, INCLUDING CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MARINE AND FABRICATION, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, PRINTING AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

APPLICANTS TO THE HOTEL-KEEPING AND CATERING COURSE MUST HOLD AN ORDINARY NATIONAL DIPLOMA (UK) IN HOTEL AND CATERING OPERATIONS, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE RELATED FIELDS.

A GOOD STANDARD OF BOTH WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH AND CHINESE IS ESSENTIAL.

FEEES WILL BE \$620 PER ANNUM PAYABLE IN 10 MONTHLY INSTALMENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS, OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, MUST BE RETURNED BY MARCH 14.

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LAND EXECUTIVES GET CERTIFICATES
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THE DUTIES OF LAND EXECUTIVES HAVE BECOME MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC'S HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SURVEYING, MR. R.D. STRINGER, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID IT WAS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE RELEVANT SUBJECTS SO THAT THEY COULD CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES EFFICIENTLY.

MR. STRINGER WAS SPEAKING AT THE LAND ADMINISTRATION COURSE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN WHICH 17 LAND EXECUTIVES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

MR. STRINGER RECALLED THAT THE COURSE WAS INTRODUCED IN 1974 TO REPLACE THE N.T.A.'S DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION WHICH QUALIFIED THE NEWLY-APPOINTED LAND EXECUTIVES FOR CONFIRMATION TO THE PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT.

+THE COURSE WAS DESIGNED TO EQUIP THE NEWLY-APPOINTED LAND EXECUTIVES WITH THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING TO DEAL WITH THE DAY TO DAY LAND ADMINISTRATION WORK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ SAID HE.

TODAY'S GRADUATES WERE THE THIRD GROUP OF LAND EXECUTIVES TO HAVE COMPLETED THE TWO-YEAR PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE N.T.A. AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

AT PRESENT, 72 OTHER LAND EXECUTIVES ARE ATTENDING THE FOURTH AND FIFTH COURSES, WHICH INCLUDE TRAINING IN VALUATION OF LAND AND BUILDING, LAND SURVEYING, MAP INTERPRETATION AND LAWS RELATED TO LAND ADMINISTRATION.

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WATER SUPPLY TO SAI KUNG TO BE IMPROVED
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WORK WILL BEGIN SOON TO IMPROVE THE WATER SUPPLY TO SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK, INCLUDING A SERVICE RESERVOIR SOUTH OF SAI KUNG TO PROVIDE A SUPPLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT AT TUI MIN HOI, WERE INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE LAYING OF 6 KM OF WATER MAIN ALONG HIRAMS HIGHWAY NEAR SHAW STUDIO TO DUPLICATE THE EXISTING SUPPLY FROM SAU MAU PING TO SAI KUNG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THE SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 1.2 MILLION LITRE.

+A SPECIAL EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO BLEND THE RESERVOIR INTO THE SURROUNDING AREA AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND A POSITION HAS BEEN SELECTED WHICH WILL RETAIN MOST OF THE TREES,+ HE SAID.

+THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUPPLY SYSTEM ARE REQUIRED BECAUSE OF THE VARIOUS PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY AT TUI MIN HOI.+

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED ABOUT 12 MONTHS.

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FIRE OFFICERS HONOURED FOR RESCUE
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A FIRE OFFICER AND 13 FIREMEN HAVE BEEN HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THEIR COURAGE, TENACITY AND PROFESSIONAL SKILL IN A RESCUE OPERATION LAST DECEMBER.

MR. ALAN JONES, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL PRESENT THE DIRECTOR'S COMMENDATION TO ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER WONG LOK-QUAN IN A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE TSING YI FIRE STATION ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 20).

FAVOURABLE REMARKS WILL BE MADE IN THE PERSONAL FILES OF THE OTHER 13 FIREMEN IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND DEDICATED CONDUCT.

ADO WONG AND HIS MEN RESCUED TWO WOMEN HELD HOSTAGE BY A CHOPPER-WIELDING MAN IN A LOCKED ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF BLOCK 2, KWAI CHUNG ESTATE, TSUEN WAN ON DECEMBER 10 LAST YEAR.

THE MAN, BELIEVED TO BE MENTALLY-UNBALANCED, ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTED TO SET FIRE TO THE FLAT.

DETERMINED FIREMEN FORCED OPEN THE DOOR AND, WITH THE HELP OF A WELL-DIRECTED WATER JET SEPARATED THE HOSTAGES FROM THE MAN. THE WOMEN WERE PROMPTLY LED TO SAFETY, UNINJURED.

THE MAN SUBSEQUENTLY FELL OR JUMPED FROM THE THIRD FLOOR BUT WAS SAVED BY A WELL-PLACED JUMPING SHEET HELD BY FIREMEN ON THE GROUND.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE DIRECTOR'S COMMENDATION TO ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER, WONG LOK-QUAN, AT THE TSING YI FIRE STATION AT 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 20).

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NEW MARKET PIERS

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) GAZETTED TWO AREAS OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON, INTENDED FOR BUILDING NEW MARKET PIERS FOR BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE.

TO AVOID DELAY, THE AREAS WERE GAZETTED UNDER BOTH THE PUBLIC RECLAMATION AND WORKS ORDINANCE AND FORESHORE AND SEA BED ORDINANCE BEFORE DECIDING ON WHICH PIER WILL BE SITUATED IN WHICH AREA.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN NOTICES IN THE GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS OR ANY CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATIONS.

THE NOTICES (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLANS SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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MIRS BAY LIGHT BEACON

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BUILD A LIGHT BEACON ON WONG MAU CHAU (SOUTH GAU) TO IMPROVE NAVIGATION SAFETY IN MIRS BAY.

A LANDING TO FACILITATE ROUTINE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BEACON WILL ALSO BE BUILT ON AN AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED NORTH OF THE ISLAND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ABOUT 2,298 SQUARE METRES.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SUPPLY OF MOTOR BOATS
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TENDERS WERE INVITED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE FOR THE SUPPLY OF A MINIMUM OF THREE MOTOR BOATS ON HIRE TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR THE 1979-1980 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE BOATS, TO BE HIRED AT THE SAME TIME AND AT HOURLY RATES, WILL BE USED TO CONVEY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICERS FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN THE SHORE AND SHIPS AT ANCHOR IN THE HARBOUR AND FOR PATROLS WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL SAILING TIME PER MONTH WILL NOT BE LESS THAN 200 HOURS AND THE TOTAL WAITING TIME 500 HOURS.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 1020, 2 RUMSEY STREET, 10TH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

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FIGHT CRIME SINGING CONTEST
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THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE ARE HOLDING A FIGHT CRIME SINGING CONTEST TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL GROUPS. COMPETING WILL BE STUDENTS FROM 12 PRIMARY AND SEVEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

EACH PARTICIPATING TEAM WILL HAVE TO SING ON ONE OF THE FOUR SONGS PREPARED BY THE ORGANISERS.

MR. RICKY FUNG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MUSIC SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE JUDGING THE CONTEST.

THE CHAMPION, FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP OF EACH GROUP WILL BE GIVEN TROPHIES WHILE BANNERS WILL BE PRESENTED TO EACH PARTICIPATING TEAM.

MR. FUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FIGHT CRIME SINGING CONTEST AT 9.30 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CARITAS CENTRE, CAINE ROAD, HONG KONG.

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YOUTH CARNIVAL FOR 6,000 IN ABERDEEN
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SIX THOUSAND YOUNGSTERS FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL HAVE A DAY OF JOY ON SUNDAY AT A YOUTH CARNIVAL IN ABERDEEN.

THE DAY-LONG CARNIVAL IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG ISLAND WESTERN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, AND THE SUPER-INTENDENT OF LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303, MR. HO WING-KO, WILL CUT THE RIBBON TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY'S PROGRAMMES AT THE WONG CHUK HANG SPORTS GROUND.

THEY WILL ALSO PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE VARIOUS SINGING, STORY-TELLING AND ESSAY CONTESTS ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST MONTHS TO PROMOTE BETTER FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS.

PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE LION AND FOLK DANCES, MARCHING DISPLAY, DRAMA AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES, VARIETY SHOW AND MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE WILL ALSO STAGE THEIR WINNING PERFORMANCE OF LAST YEAR'S TALENT QUEST FOR THE DISABLED -- A DANCE AND MASQUERADE SHOW +THE WORLD IS SO SMALL+ -- WHILE TRAINEES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE WILL PERFORM A MIME SHOW.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE THRILLING RIDES ON A HOT-AIR BALLOON.

EIGHTEEN STALLS WILL OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF EXCITING GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DAY-LONG YOUTH CARNIVAL AND ITS OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY AT THE WONG CHUK HANG SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, ABERDEEN.

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RE-ROUTING OF CENTRE STREET
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF CENTRE STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND SECOND STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY FOLLOWING THE CLEARANCE OF HAWKERS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN HA TSUEN - CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 22 DAYS NEXT (MARCH) MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MARCH 1 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
MARCH 2 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 5 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 6 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 8 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
MARCH 9 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MARCH 12 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 13 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 14 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
MARCH 15 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
MARCH 16 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 1 P.M.
MARCH 19 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 20 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 21 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 22 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 23 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MARCH 26 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
MARCH 27 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
MARCH 28 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
MARCH 29 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
MARCH 30 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.

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