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LAND GRANTS FOR CHARITABLE AND WELFARE PURPOSES

During the past two years, the Government has granted almost two million square feet of land for charitable and welfare purposes.

Last year alone, a total of 1,145,000 square feet was granted to 19 different organisations.

These grants are made by private treaty, and the premium charged varies from nil to full market value according to the purposes for which the land is to be used.

Grants have included land for schools, homes for the aged, pre-vocational training, workers housing schemes, churches and temples.

Charitable organisations have been granted land since the earliest days of Hong Kong.

Although most records were destroyed during the war, some of the oldest recipients are known to have been St. John's Cathedral, the Po Leung Kuk and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals.

The largest single grant recently was of 519,000 square feet to the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries for an extension to the cemetery at Cape Collinson.

Other large areas granted have included 276,000 square feet at Shuen Wan near Tai Po to the Hong Kong Sea School for a new school, and 123,600 square feet to the Junk Bay Medical Relief Council for a preventorium.

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Most grants of this type have to be submitted to the Executive Council for approval.

Commenting on the grants, a Government spokesman said that except for recreational leases, the urban zone Crown rent or the standard New Territories Crown rent was payable for the land.

He added that conditions were imposed to ensure adequate development of the land and that there was provision to re-enter the land if it was not properly used.

The scale of charges varies from nil premium for projects such as hospitals and homes for the aged, to one-third of market value for housing schemes and two-thirds of market value for churches and temples.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO LAY FOUNDATION STONE

For New Family Planning Centre

Note to Editors: Lady MacLehose will be officiating at the foundation-stone-laying ceremony of the new Yuen Long Family Planning Centre at 11 a.m. on Monday (April 2).

You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the ceremony. A 14-seater van of the Family Planning Association will be waiting at 9.20 a.m. on Monday at the entrance to the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station at Tsim Sha Tsui to take Press representatives to Yuen Long.

Staff from the Family Planning Association and Government Information Services will be on hand to assist the Press.

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MORE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS BEING RECRUITED

More simultaneous interpreters are being recruited by the Government.

People who hold recognised university degrees or equivalent qualifications and who have very high standards of English and Cantonese are invited to apply for the posts.

Successful applicants will be engaged in the first instance, on a part-time basis, with the possibility of full-time employment later.

The work will chiefly involve simultaneous interpretation at public meetings of the Legislative and Urban Councils and meetings of Select Committees of the Urban Council.

Perhaps, in the future, they will also interpret for Government appointed Boards and Committees.

Remuneration for one sitting when working in a team of three and two is \$350 and \$560 respectively.

Applications should be sent to the Establishment Secretary, Colonial Secretariat, not later than April 10, 1973.

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WALKATHON FOR TSZ WAN SHAN CHILDREN

Four hundred children living at Tsz Wan Shan resettlement estate will be taking part in a walkathon over a course about a mile long tomorrow (Sunday).

The event has been organised for children aged from nine to 14 by the Tsz Wan Shan Estate Community Work Office of the Social Welfare Department and a number of local voluntary organisations.

Participants will set off at 2:30 p.m. from the Tsz Wan Shan Estate Welfare Building car park, and return to this point after circling the estate over a course which is expected to take about 30 minutes to complete.

There will be a prize-giving ceremony in the assembly hall of the estate welfare building at 3:30 p.m.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and photographer to cover the walkathon.

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SUNDAY D.I.B.

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday). Copies will be available for collection from the G.I.S. press room at 1 p.m.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

Temporary traffic arrangements will be introduced in Robinson Road and Prince Edward Road from 10 a.m. on Monday (April 2) to permit drainage work to be carried out.

All motor vehicles with an unladen weight exceeding two tons will not be allowed to use the section of Robinson Road between Park Road and Oaklands Avenue.

Drivers of heavy vehicles going to Kotewall Road should use Lyttelton Road and Oaklands Avenue.

This arrangement will last for about three weeks.

In Kowloon, the section of Prince Edward Road between Knight Street and Waterloo Road will be closed for about two months to eastbound traffic except for vehicles requiring access to premises in this section of the road.

Through traffic should use the temporary flyover, and left-turning traffic will be routed via Knight Street and Boundary Street.

In Kwun Tong, the access road parallel to Kwun Tong Road from Hong Ning Road to Tung Yan Street will be closed to all traffic for about two weeks from Tuesday (April 3) for road repairs.

The public light bus terminus will be temporarily resited to the north side of Yue Man Square between Fu Yan Street and Tung Yan Street.

The bus stop for KMB route No. 1A and the metered parking spaces on the north side of Yue Man Square will be temporarily cancelled. Route No. 1A buses will go via the bus terminus off Yue Man Square.

The section of Yue Man Square between Tung Yan Street and Fu Yan Street will be made one way westbound.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up to guide motorists.

Release Time: 2.30 p.m.

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