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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES STRESSED
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GENERALLY SPEAKING, SCHOOL SCIENCE LABORATORIES ARE RELATIVELY SAFE PLACES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MR. ALEC REEVE SAID THIS MORNING.

ADDRESSING ABOUT 450 SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS ATTENDING A SEMINAR ON LABORATORY SAFETY AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MR. REEVE POINTED OUT THAT VERY FEW ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN THE COURSE OF ONE ACADEMIC YEAR.

+HOWEVER, PUPILS NOWADAYS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE MORE PRACTICAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR THEMSELVES- SOMETIMES THEY ARE ASKED TO WORK WITH HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS, HIGH VOLTAGES, RADIOACTIVE SOURCES AND BACTERIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

+IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT AS A RESULT OF ENCOURAGING PUPILS TO MAKE MORE PRACTICAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR THEMSELVES MORE ACCIDENTS IN THE LABORATORY ARE LIKELY TO HAPPEN.

+AT THE SAME TIME IT IS THOUGHT THAT EVEN THE FEW ACCIDENTS THAT DO OCCUR CAN BE PREVENTED BY BEING ON ONE'S GUARD, BY MAKING ONESELF MORE INFORMED AND BY PLANNING EXPERIMENTS MORE CAREFULLY,+ HE SAID.

THIS WAS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR -- +TO MAKE US ALL BETTER INFORMED ON ALL ASPECTS OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN LABORATORY WORK.+

THE SEMINAR, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION AND THE HONG KONG LABORATORY TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION.

MR. REEVE HOPED THAT THIS JOINT VENTURE WOULD BE THE BEGINNING OF CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION WHICH HAD PLAYED AN EXTREMELY ACTIVE PART IN PROMOTING SCIENCE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS SAID THAT NOT ONLY HAD SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS SHOWN A VERY KEEN RESPONSE, BUT ALSO HIGHER INSTITUTIONS OF EDUCATION AND NON-EDUCATIONAL BODIES LIKE THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG STANDARDS AND TESTING CENTRE HAD EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST AND HAD SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

HE THANKED GUEST SPEAKERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE RADIATION BOARD, ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE, HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

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SIXTY-EIGHT LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY WILL RECEIVE THEIR INSIGNIA FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT A CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE INSIGNIA TO BE PRESENTED INCLUDE ONE CMG, THREE CBE'S, FOUR OBE'S, THREE ISO'S, FIVE MBE'S AND THREE MBE'S (H).

MOST OF THE RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS.

SPECIAL PARKING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR GUESTS ATTENDING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

ALL CARS CARRYING GUESTS MAY ENTER GOVERNMENT HOUSE BY THE MAIN GATE.

HOWEVER, ONLY VEHICLES BEARING GH LABELS MAY PARK IN THE FORECOURT OR TENNIS COURTS AS DIRECTED, OR, IF CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN, RETURN AT 6.50 P.M.

VEHICLES BEARING BLUE LABELS MUST LEAVE BY THE EAST GATE AND MAY THEN PARK AT UPPER ALBERT ROAD, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, THE SLIP ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE BUILDING, THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD, AND THE CAR PARK AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

PARKING FACILITIES IN METERED SPACES IN UPPER AND LOWER ALBERT ROADS AND THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 3 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M. TOMORROW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A LIST OF THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE PRESS ROOM, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR, AT 6 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ONLY PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WITH SPECIAL PASSES WILL BE ADMITTED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THEY SHOULD MEET GIS OFFICERS IN THE GUARD ROOM OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOT LATER THAN 5.30 P.M.

NEWSPAPERS NOT RECEIVING PASSES WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PRINTS IN THE ORDINARY WAY WITH CAMBRIDGE WONG'S STUDIO AT ROOM 506, MANNING HOUSE, 38-48 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, TELEPHONE NO. 5-237808.

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SAI KUNG (TUI MIN HOI) RURAL TOWNSHIP

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN WORK IN A FEW DAYS ON A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR THE TUI MIN HOI AREA OF SAI KUNG AS PART OF A MASSIVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS FOR SOME 350,000 PEOPLE.

THE PROJECT WILL BE THE FIRST STEP IN BRINGING SAI KUNG AND TUI MIN HOI TOGETHER AS ONE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY WITH NEW HOUSING, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL SITES, IMPROVED ROAD ACCESS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND A VILLAGE HALL TO SERVE THE AREA'S EVENTUAL POPULATION OF 25,000.

THE SAI KUNG-TUI MIN HOI TOWNSHIP IS ONE OF EIGHT PLANNED BY THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (N.T.D.D.) IN RURAL AREAS OUTSIDE THE THREE NEW TOWNS OF SHA TIN, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN.

OTHERS ARE PLANNED AT MUI WO AND TAI O ON LANTAU ISLAND, CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU, LAU FAU SHAN, TAN KWAI TSUEN AND SHAM TSENG.

THE FIRST CONTRACT, WORTH ABOUT \$6.5 MILLION, FOR THE STAGE ONE DEVELOPMENT OF TUI MIN HOI WAS SIGNED THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING IN THE P.W.D.'S SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WITH THE SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR, LINGKING BROTHERS AND CO. LTD.

MR. KENNETH KWOK, GOVERNMENT ENGINEER (NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE N.T.D.D. WHO SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, SAID THE WORKS WOULD BEGIN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

WORK UNDER THE FIRST STAGE WOULD INVOLVE SITE FORMATION, RECLAMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE. ALMOST 10 HECTARES OF LAND WOULD BE FORMED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AS WELL AS HOMES FOR FISHERMEN, HE SAID.

LAND WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND GOVERNMENT USE AND 1.6 KM OF A NEW TWO-LANE ROAD CONNECTING HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO THE EXISTING FISHERMEN'S HOUSING AND CARITAS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IN THE EASTERN HALF OF TUI MIN HOI.

IN ADDITION, SOME SEVEN KILOMETRES OF STORMWATER AND FOUL WATER DRAINS AND 260 METRES OF SEAWALL WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED.

WHEN THE FULL PROGRAMME WAS COMPLETED MUCH OF SAI KUNG TUK, THE INLET NOW SERVING AS A SHELTERED ANCHORAGE FOR SAI KUNG TOWN, WOULD HAVE BEEN RECLAIMED TO FORM SITES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND GOVERNMENT USE AND OPEN SPACE.

/+BOATYARDS

+BOATYARDS AND OTHER FACILITIES DISPLACED BY THE RECLAMATION WILL BE RELOCATED ALONG THE SHORE TO THE EAST OF TUI MIN HOI AND PLANS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR A NEW TYPHOON SHELTER OFF THIS EASTERN SHORELINE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ANCHORAGE,+ SAID MR. KWOK.

MR. KWOK EMPHASIZED SAI KUNG'S SIGNIFICANCE AS A RURAL SERVICE CENTRE HAD INCREASED IN RECENT YEARS, AND THIS TREND WAS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

+THE INTEGRATED GROWTH OF SAI KUNG TOWN AND TUI MIN HOI IS CONSIDERED TO BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THIS ASPECT OF THE PROPOSALS,+ HE SAID.

APART FROM THE CARITAS HOUSING PROJECT, ONE COMPLEX OF FISHERMEN'S HOMES WAS COMPLETED AS FAR BACK AS 1975 AND NOW HOUSES ABOUT 250 PEOPLE. THE NEXT STAGE OF THIS WORK WILL SEE ANOTHER 200 HOMES BUILT FOR 1,700 PEOPLE, AS WELL AS 120 PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS FOR 1,100 PEOPLE. THE ENTIRE SITE WILL ADJOIN A SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SERVICE AREA AND CARPARK.

IN ADDITION, NEW PRIVATE VILLAGE HOUSING FOR ANOTHER 1,550 PEOPLE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF TUI MIN HOI.

IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR TUI MIN HOI, SITES HAVE ALSO BEEN SET ASIDE FOR A PROPOSED MARKET, A MARINE DEPARTMENT LICENSING STATION OVERLOOKING THE PROPOSED TYPHOON SHELTER, A MARINE FUELLING STATION, A SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS SOUTH OF THE NEW BOATYARD AREA ON TUI MIN HOI'S EASTERN SHORES, A SAND DEPOT NEAR THE SEWAGE PLANT AND NEXT TO IT A PROPOSED SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

ON THE EDUCATION SIDE, TUI MIN HOI PRIMARY SCHOOL IS TO BE RETAINED AND ADDITIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE PLANNING AREA WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF TUI MIN HOI.

A RESERVE AREA WEST OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE FISHERMEN'S HOUSING PROJECT HAS ALSO BEEN EARMARKED AS A POSSIBLE KINDERGARTEN SITE.

FOR RECREATION, FIVE AREAS OF LOCAL OPEN SPACE HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED, INCLUDING ONE OFF THE FUTURE COASTAL ROAD, WHICH IS INTENDED FOR A MINI-SOCCER PITCH.

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING WOODED AREA BETWEEN SAI KUNG TUK AND SAI KUNG CAMP WILL BE RETAINED AS A NATURAL OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATION.

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WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY

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LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO ENTHUSIASTS WILL AGAIN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN A WORLD-WIDE COMPETITION FOR THE 'INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU) TROPHY' NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITION COMMEMORATES WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY ON MAY 17, WHICH IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE ITU IN 1865.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE BRAZILIAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BRAZILIAN RADIO AMATEUR ORGANISATION, LIGA DE AMADORES BRASILEIROS DE RADIOEMISSAO (LABRE).

FOR TELEPHONY THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 14 (SATURDAY) FROM 0000H GMT TO 2400H GMT. THE TELEGRAPHY PERIOD WILL BE ON MAY 21 (SATURDAY) FROM 0000H GMT TO 2400H GMT.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, IN ADDITION TO THE 'ITU TROPHY', THERE WILL BE GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS FOR THE FIRST THREE IN BOTH THE TELEGRAPHY AND TELEPHONY CLASSES.

THE THREE HIGHEST SCORING AMATEURS FOR EACH MODE OF EMISSION IN EACH COUNTRY WILL BE AWARDED DIPLOMAS.

COPIES OF THE RULES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR RADIO TRANSMITTING SOCIETY AT G.P.O. BOX 541.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE WORLD COMPETITION WILL BE THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S STATION AT ITU HEADQUARTERS WHICH WILL BE ON THE AIR FROM MAY 14 TO 22 USING THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION DAY CALL SIGN 4U9 ITU.

THE ITU, WHICH HAS 152 MEMBER COUNTRIES, IS THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCY FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND IS THE OLDEST INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION BELONGING TO THE U.N. SYSTEM. ITS HEADQUARTERS ARE IN GENEVA.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE IN LIN SHING ROAD AND WAN TSUI ROAD, INCLUDING BLOCKS 16-27 CHAI WAN ESTATE.

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