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LAND CENSUS IN MARCH
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HONG KONG'S DECENNIAL CENSUS FOR THE LAND POPULATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT FROM MARCH 6 TO 15.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CENSUS IS TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE BENCHMARK INFORMATION ON THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG — ITS SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION, AND A BROAD RANGE OF DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS.

THIS INFORMATION IS VITAL TO ALL GOVERNMENT PLANNING, PARTICULARLY IN SUCH FIELDS AS HOUSING, EDUCATION, TRANSPORT, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

CENSUS DATA ARE USED, FOR EXAMPLE, IN PROJECTING FUTURE HOUSING DEMAND, IN EVALUATING THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES, IN DETERMINING WHERE NEW SCHOOLS ARE TO BE BUILT, AND IN BUDGETING FOR THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE SCHEME.

THE CENSUS ALSO PROVIDES DATA NEEDED BY BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS AND RESEARCH BODIES FOR PLANNING THEIR ACTIVITIES.

AS IN PREVIOUS DECENNIAL CENSUSES, THE 1981 CENSUS WILL COVER THE ENTIRE POPULATION. WITHIN THE 10-DAY PERIOD, ENUMERATORS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT AND INTERVIEW ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG.

A 'TWO-PHASE' DESIGN IS EMPLOYED FOR THE 1981 CENSUS: ALL HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ASKED SIMPLE QUESTIONS ON AGE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD FOR EVERY MEMBER— MORE DETAILED QUESTIONS ON HOUSING AND RENT, AND QUESTIONS SUCH AS MARITAL STATUS, FERTILITY, ADDRESS FIVE YEARS AGO, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, PLACE OF BIRTH AND ORIGIN, EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, INCOME AND DISABLEMENT WILL ONLY BE ASKED OF 20 PER CENT OF HOUSEHOLDS AND THEIR MEMBERS.

HOUSEHOLDS FOR THE 20 PER CENT DETAILED ENUMERATION ARE SELECTED BY A RANDOM METHOD. A LETTER FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BE SENT TO THE SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO INFORM THEM AND TO SOLICIT THEIR CO-OPERATION.

UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE, ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE CENSUS MUST BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. NEITHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NOR PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS CAN HAVE ACCESS TO INDIVIDUAL DATA.

IN ADDITION, ALL CENSUS ENUMERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN OATH NOT TO DISCLOSE ANY INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE CENSUS TO OTHER PERSONS NOT ENGAGED IN CENSUS WORK. ALL QUESTIONNAIRES CONTAINING PERSONAL PARTICULARS WILL BE DESTROYED BEFORE MARCH 1982.

A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER FOR THE OPERATION WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON JANUARY 27 TO PROVIDE THE CENSUS WITH LEGAL BACKING.

UNDER THE ORDER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE OBLIGED TO ANSWER THE CENSUS QUESTIONS CORRECTLY AND ACCURATELY TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

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HOUSEHOLDERS ARE REMINDED TO CHECK CAREFULLY THE IDENTITY OF ENUMERATORS BEFORE ADMITTING THEM INTO THEIR HOMES. EACH CENSUS ENUMERATOR WILL BE CARRYING A RED SACHEL WITH THE CENSUS LOGO AND A GREEN CENSUS OFFICER CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.

SHOULD THERE BE ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE ENUMERATOR'S IDENTITY, HOUSEHOLDERS CAN CALL THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS:

<u>FOR HOUSEHOLDERS RESIDING IN</u>	<u>DIAL</u>
HONG KONG ISLAND	5-435665
KOWLOON	5-435897
NEW KOWLOON	5-435767
TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN	5-410045
FANLING, TAI PO, SHA TIN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS	5-410032

NEW RULES ON ACCEPTANCE OF ADVANTAGES

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THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADVANTAGES REGULATIONS WHICH CAME INTO FORCE IN 1971 HAVE BEEN REPLACED IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADVANTAGES (GOVERNOR'S PERMISSION) NOTICE 1981.

THE NOTICE, WHICH COMES INTO EFFECT TODAY, INTRODUCES NO CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY BUT CLOSES LOOPHOLES FOR ABUSE, INCREASES THE MONETARY LEVEL OF PERMITTED ADVANTAGES TO A REALISTIC LEVEL, AND REMOVES SITUATIONS WHERE HONEST CROWN SERVANTS MAY UNWITTINGLY COMMIT AN OFFENCE.

IT LISTS THE ADVANTAGES WHICH CROWN SERVANTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO SOLICIT OR ACCEPT UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE NOTICE, CROWN SERVANTS MAY SOLICIT AND ACCEPT ANY ADVANTAGE FROM A RELATION. THE DEFINITION OF RELATION IN THE NOTICE DIFFERS SLIGHTLY FROM THAT IN THE REGULATIONS IT REPLACES= FOR EXAMPLE, IT EXCLUDES GOD-PARENT AND GOD-CHILD AND IT INCLUDES FIANCÉ AND FIANCÉE.

PREVIOUSLY, CROWN SERVANTS WERE RESTRICTED IN THE ADVANTAGES THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT FROM TRADESMEN, COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS. NOW THEY CAN SOLICIT AND ACCEPT THE SAME SORTS OF ADVANTAGES THAT ARE GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE COURSE OF NORMAL BUSINESS, BECAUSE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP OF AN ASSOCIATION, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMPLOYMENT OF THEIR SPOUSE OR CHILDREN.

THE MONETARY LEVELS OF ADVANTAGES THAT MAY BE ACCEPTED FROM CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDS AND OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INCREASED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>PREVIOUSLY</u>	<u>NOW</u>
<u>FROM CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDS</u>		
(A) GIFTS ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS (E.G. CHRISTMAS, BIRTHDAYS, ETC.)	\$500	\$1 000
(B) GIFTS ON OTHER OCCASIONS (E.G. TAXI-RIDES AND SMALL GIFTS)	NOT ALLOWED	\$200
(C) LOANS	\$500 OR 10% OF MONTHLY SALARY	\$1 000 (TO BE REPAID WITHIN 14 DAYS)
<u>FROM OTHER PEOPLE</u>		
(A) GIFTS ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS	\$100	\$500
(B) LOANS	\$500 OR 10% OF MONTHLY SALARY	\$500 (TO BE REPAID WITHIN 14 DAYS)

THE NOTICE GIVES NO PERMISSION IN RESPECT OF SECTION 4 OF THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE, AND CROWN SERVANTS MAY BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE IF THEY SOLICIT OR ACCEPT ANY ADVANTAGE, EVEN ONE PERMITTED UNDER THE NOTICE, THAT IS OFFERED ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES OR POSITION.

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STAMP DUTY BILL 1981 PUBLISHED
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THE STAMP DUTY BILL 1981 WHICH CONSOLIDATES AND AMENDS THE LAW RELATING TO STAMP DUTY IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE BILL IS DESIGNED TO SUBSTITUTE A SINGLE ORDINANCE FOR THE EXISTING TWO, NAMELY THE STAMP ORDINANCE AND THE STAMP DUTIES MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE. IT ALSO INCORPORATES THE SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION MADE UNDER THOSE ORDINANCES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT FOLLOWING MAJOR REFORMS AND ABOLITIONS IN THE 1978 BUDGET, THE ONLY DOCUMENTS CHARGEABLE WITH STAMP DUTY HAD BEEN THOSE RELATING TO IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OR TO STOCKS AND SHARES.

/+THE BILL'S

+THE BILL'S MAIN PURPOSE,+ HE SAID, + IS TO TIDY UP WHAT IS LEFT OF THE STAMP DUTY LEGISLATION AFTER THAT SOMEWHAT CRUDE SURGERY IN 1978.+

THERE ARE NOW TO BE ONLY FOUR HEADS OF CHARGE, WHERE ONCE THERE WERE 53. THESE ARE HONG KONG IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (CONVEYANCES AND LEASES), HONG KONG STOCK (CONTRACT NOTES AND TRANSFERS), HONG KONG BEARER INSTRUMENTS, AND DUPLICATES AND COUNTERPARTS OF CHARGEABLE INSTRUMENTS.

THE BILL ALSO REMOVES A NUMBER OF ANOMALIES AND AMBIGUITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO AFFECT THE LAW AS IT IS AT PRESENT.

FOR INSTANCE, THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE DUTY CHARGEABLE IN RESPECT OF TRANSACTIONS IN STOCK TO APPLY TO TRANSACTIONS IN THREE COMMON TYPES OF INVESTMENT WHICH AT THE MOMENT ESCAPE DUTY ALTOGETHER, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT FALL WITHIN THE EXISTING DEFINITION OF WHAT IS CHARGEABLE. THESE ARE UNIT TRUST UNITS, DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS FOR OVERSEAS SHARES, AND WARRANTS TO SUBSCRIBE FOR SHARES.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS ARE MADE TO A NUMBER OF LAWS, THE MOST IMPORTANT RELATING TO THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE.

AMENDMENTS TO THE POST OFFICE LEGISLATION ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS OF THE STAMP DUTIES MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE APPLY TO BOTH REVENUE AND POSTAGE STAMPS, WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY SPLIT BETWEEN THE COLLECTOR OF STAMP REVENUE AND THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

THE BILL SEVERS THIS HISTORICAL LINK BETWEEN THE TWO DEPARTMENTS BY MAKING SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION FOR REVENUE STAMPS AND POSTAGE STAMPS.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1981. THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JANUARY 1981 WERE 171 AND 170 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, CPI (A) INCREASED BY THREE POINTS OR 1.8 PER CENT AND CPI (B) BY TWO POINTS OR 1.2 PER CENT. WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1980, CPI (A) INCREASED BY 21 POINTS OR 14.0 PER CENT AND CPI (B) BY 20 POINTS OR 13.3 PER CENT.

THE CPI (A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI (B) FROM THOSE SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 500 AND \$2 999 A MONTH, AS DETERMINED IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY OF 1973/74.

/THE INDEXES

THE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1981 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMPONENTS OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE DISTINGUISHED IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1980 AND JANUARY 1980, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>			<u>CPI(B)</u>		
	<u>JAN 81</u>	<u>DEC 80</u>	<u>JAN 80</u>	<u>JAN 81</u>	<u>DEC 80</u>	<u>JAN 80</u>
FOODSTUFFS	162	160	142	165	163	145
HOUSING	162	161	148	159	158	148
FUEL AND LIGHT	298	278	239	283	263	226
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	190	185	168	184	178	163
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	127	128	117	126	127	115
DURABLE GOODS	139	138	131	134	133	127
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	173	173	164	171	171	162
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	214	213	167	216	216	173
SERVICES	188	183	158	194	189	162
ALL ITEMS	171	168	150	170	168	150

THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) INCREASED BY TWO POINTS. THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF EGGS, LIVE POULTRY, PORK AND RICE, AND OF MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS. HOWEVER, THE EFFECTS OF THESE INCREASES ON THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT WERE PARTLY OFFSET BY THE SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES. THE EFFECTS OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR THE HOUSING COMPONENT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THE VERY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF 20 POINTS IN THE INDEX FOR THE FUEL AND LIGHT COMPONENT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICITY, KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.

THE INDEX FOR THE ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO COMPONENT IN CPI (A) INCREASED BY FIVE POINTS AND THAT IN CPI (B) BY SIX POINTS AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR THE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR COMPONENT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) DECREASED BY ONE POINT BECAUSE OF LOWER PRICES FOR SOME OUTERCLOTHING ITEMS.

FOLLOWING HIGHER PRICES FOR FURNITURE, GLASSWARE, TELEVISION AND SOUND EQUIPMENT, THE INDEX FOR THE DURABLE GOODS COMPONENT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) INCREASED BY ONE POINT.

THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE INDEX FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS GOODS COMPONENT IN EITHER CPI (A) OR CPI (B).

AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES AND DRIVING INSTRUCTORS' FEES, THE INDEX FOR THE TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES COMPONENT IN CPI (A) INCREASED BY ONE POINT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF ROUNDING, THE INDEX FOR THIS COMPONENT IN CPI (B) REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE INDEX FOR THE SERVICES COMPONENT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) INCREASED BY FIVE POINTS DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT AND HAIRDRESSING.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR JANUARY 1981, WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

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CONTRACTS SIGNED FOR SHA TIN PROJECTS * * * * *

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED TWO MAJOR ENGINEERING CONTRACTS TOTALLING MORE THAN \$100 MILLION TO GAMMON (HK) LIMITED.

THE CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED BY MR K.K. TANG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANY.

THE FIRST CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$63 MILLION, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS NEAR TURRET HILL AND THE RACE-COURSE WHERE A LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA WILL BE DEVELOPED.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, WHICH FORMS PART OF STAGE II OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, ALSO INCLUDES FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS AND A BRIDGE ACROSS SIU LEK YUEN NULLAH.

IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE SECOND CONTRACT, VALUED AT ABOUT \$38 MILLION, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIVE-SPAN BRIDGE ACROSS SHING MUN RIVER TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED APPROACH ROADS.

THE 200-METRE-LONG BRIDGE WILL CARRY A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH A FOOTPATH AND A CYCLE TRACK.

IT WILL FORM THE MAJOR LINK OF THE PROPOSED TOWN CENTRE AND COMMERCIAL AREAS ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE RIVER, AND THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE RIVER.

WORK ON THIS CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTIONS WORK WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN FISH CULTURE INDUSTRY

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TREMENDOUS GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE FISH CULTURE INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST 26 YEARS, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THE AREA OF FISH PONDS HAD INCREASED FROM 200 HECTARES IN 1955 TO ABOUT 1 820 HECTARES LAST YEAR. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF CULTURED FISH ROSE FROM 500 TONNES TO 7 000 TONNES.

+LOCAL POND FISH PRODUCTION HAS NOW AN ANNUAL VALUE OF SOME \$97 MILLION,+ HE SAID.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN WAS ADDRESSING A GATHERING AT THE 13TH TERM INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG NEW TERRITORIES FISH CULTURE ASSOCIATION IN A YUEN LONG RESTAURANT.

+THIS ACHIEVEMENT IS ATTRIBUTABLE MAINLY TO THE HARD WORK AND EXPERTISE OF THE FISH FARMERS THEMSELVES, BUT HAND IN HAND WITH THE INDUSTRY, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED BY PROMOTING IMPROVED CULTURE TECHNOLOGY, BY PROVIDING EFFICIENT ADVISORY SERVICES AND BY ARRANGING DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL AT LOW INTEREST RATES,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE ASSOCIATION, MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID IT NOW HAD A MEMBERSHIP OF SOME 430, COMPARED WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 30 WHEN IT WAS FORMED IN 1955.

+THE ASSOCIATION HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL POND FISH CULTURE INDUSTRY, AND HAS SERVED AS A VALUABLE LINK BETWEEN THE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT,+ HE ADDED.

THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO THE INDUSTRY IN THE YEARS AHEAD WAS THE CONTINUING LOSS OF LAND SUITABLE FOR FISH CULTURE DUE TO INCREASED DEMAND FOR DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID: +TO COMPENSATE FOR THIS, FARMERS WILL NEED TO ADOPT NEW TECHNIQUES TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY.

+THESE INCLUDE THE USE OF IMPROVED CULTURE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS AERATORS AND FEEDERS, MORE INTENSIVE METHODS OF FARMING, BETTER FEEDSTUFFS, AND EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF FISH DISEASE AND FISH MORTALITY.+

GREAT ATTENTION WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE PAID TO POST-HARVEST HANDLING AND MARKETING.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WAS GIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO ALL OF THESE MATTERS AND HAD BEEN CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTAL WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY, HE SAID.

+DESPITE THE CHALLENGE POSED BY THE SHORTAGE OF LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF POND FISH CULTURE, I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE CONTINUING HARD WORK OF THE POND FISH FARMERS, COUPLED WITH THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING PROVIDED BY MY DEPARTMENT, YOUR INDUSTRY WILL HAVE A VERY SUCCESSFUL FUTURE,+ MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID.

PRISONER RE-ADMISSION RATE LOW
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ALMOST HALF OF THE DISCHARGED PRISONERS HAD NOT BEEN RE-ADMITTED IN THE THREE YEARS FOLLOWING THEIR DISCHARGE, THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONIAL PARADE OF PRESENTATION OF CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL, MR GARNER SAID THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUED TO CONCENTRATE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES CARRIED OUT IN INSTITUTIONS AND IT IS NOW IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO CALCULATE THE RE-ADMISSION RATE OF EXPRISONERS USING AS A YARDSTICK A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FOLLOWING DISCHARGE.

OF THE 6 122 PRISONERS DISCHARGED IN 1977, A TOTAL OF 2 874 OR 46.95 PER CENT WERE NOT RE-ADMITTED IN THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 1980, HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT IN MANY RESPECTS THE AIMS OF IMPRISONMENT AS A PUNISHMENT AND DETERRENT CONFLICTED WITH THE AIM OF CORRECTION, MR GARNER SAID: +THIS MAKES OUR TASK THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT BUT IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT SUCH WORK MUST BE DONE.+

+HOWEVER, WE ARE MOST CERTAINLY MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND THE MORE TOOLS WE HAVE TO DO THE JOB THE BETTER WILL BE THE RESULT,+ HE SAID.

MR GARNER EMPHASISED THAT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT MUST STRIVE TO IMPROVE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES DESPITE THE MANY PRESSURES WHICH IT MUST CONSTANTLY FACE AND THE FACT THAT FIRST PRIORITY OF THE SERVICE IS THE CARE AND SAFE CUSTODY OF THOSE WHO WERE COMMITTED TO INSTITUTIONS.

HE ALSO STRESSED THAT THE WORD 'CORRECTION' BEST DESCRIBES THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT RATHER THAN THE WORD 'REHABILITATION'.

MR GARNER ALSO SAID THAT THE OUTPUT OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIES IN 1980 TOTALLED \$29.8 MILLION - AN INCREASE OF 34 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

DURING THE CEREMONY TODAY, MR GARNER PRESENTED FIRST AND SECOND CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL TO 10 MEMBERS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT STAFF WHO HAD TOGETHER SERVED SOME 270 YEARS WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDE TWO PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, ONE OFFICER, SIX ASSISTANT OFFICERS AND ONE LABOURER.

THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL IS AWARDED FOR 18 YEARS EXEMPLARY SERVICE, WITH A FIRST CLASP FOR 25 YEARS AND THE SECOND CLASP FOR 30 YEARS.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONIAL PARADE WERE 200 PRISON OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT JOHN ASHWORTH.

AMONG THE GUESTS WERE 50 DISABLED PERSONS FROM THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE WHO WERE ENTERTAINED TO A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES ARRANGED BY PRISON OFFICERS AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE DISABLED.

EVIDENCE OF DIVERSIFICATION IN TEXTILES

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AGAINST THE DEMAND FOR DIVERSIFICATION IN THE TEXTILE AND GARMENT INDUSTRY, MR PETER TSAO, COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, TODAY QUESTIONED WHETHER WE HAVE NOT REALLY DIVERSIFIED, BECAUSE WE STILL RELY HEAVILY ON TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS.

MR TSAO THINKS THIS IS NOT SO. +WITHIN THE TEXTILE FIELD WE HAVE MOVED UP THE MARKET IN MANY WAYS. WE HAVE DIVERSIFIED FROM THE SPINNING OF YARN AND WEAVING OF FABRICS INTO THE MANUFACTURE OF GARMENTS- AND FROM GARMENTS TO HIGH-COST GARMENTS AND FASHION-GARMENTS,+ HE SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF AN AUTOMATED COMPUTER-CONTROLLED CUTTING SYSTEM AT NEIL PRYDE LTD, MR TSAO SAID THE EVENT WAS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE INDUSTRY IS CONTINUING TO MOVE UP MARKET, AND THAT DIVERSIFICATION IS TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE TEXTILE FIELD.

+OUR BATTLE CRY ON THE TRADE FRONT HAS, FOR SOME TIME, BEEN DIVERSIFICATION,+ HE SAID. +AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY BEHIND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS' ATTEMPTS TO DIVERSIFY. THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IS ENSHRINED IN THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THAT COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED,+ MR TSAO ADDED.

THE NEW CUTTING SYSTEM, FOR USE IN THE PRODUCTION OF SAILS, IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE INSTALLED IN HONG KONG. MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES BY GERBER GARMENT TECHNOLOGY INC., THE MACHINERY REPRESENTS THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE FOR THE CUTTING OF GARMENTS AND OTHER TEXTILE ITEMS.

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NT CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE LOOKS AT PROBLEMS ON THE GROUND

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THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS ADVISING HOW THE WAR ON RUBBISH SHOULD BE WAGED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES MADE AN EXTENSIVE FIELD VISIT THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED A FEW WEEKS AGO BY THE GOVERNOR TO LOOK AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ASPECTS OF THE MASSIVE ANTI-LITTER DRIVE BEGINNING IN OCTOBER THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG.

IT IS CHAIRED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHARLES YEUNG, AND COMPOSED OF OFFICIALS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND UNOFFICIALS FROM THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS.

THE COMMITTEE HAS HELD A SERIES OF LONG MEETINGS THRASHING OUT CAMPAIGN STRATEGY AND HAS ALREADY MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, BUT AS ONE MEMBER SAID TODAY: +WE FELT IT WAS TIME TO GO AND HAVE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS ON THE GROUND.+

THE COMMITTEE FIRST WENT TO SUNG WONG TOI GOVERNMENT WORKSHOP IN KOWLOON CITY, WHERE THE MOST MODERN VEHICLES AND MACHINES BEING USED TO CLEAN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE ON DISPLAY.

/THE FLEET

THE FLEET AT PRESENT CONSISTS OF MORE THAN 100 VEHICLES, INCLUDING REFUSE COLLECTION TRUCKS, MECHANICAL ROAD SWEEPERS AND STREET WASHING WAGONS.

A FURTHER 80 VEHICLES WILL BE ADDED TO THE FLEET BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED, THE COMMITTEE WAS TOLD. AMONG THE NEW VEHICLES WILL BE TWO MINI-TRUCKS DONATED BY RURAL LEADERS WHICH ARE PURPOSE BUILT FOR USE ON NARROW VILLAGE PATHS.

THE PARTY THEN VISITED A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT YEUNG UK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, WHERE THEY DISCUSSED WITH CLEANSING STAFF WAYS TO IMPROVE SERVICES AND HOW TO MAKE THE ENVIRONMENT OF COLLECTION POINTS MORE PLEASANT.

AFTER VISITING THE REFUSE TIP AT SIU LANG SUI, TUEN MUN, THEY LOOKED AT THE GREATLY IMPROVED CONDITION OF THE NEARBY HUNG SHUI KIU RIVER, WHICH COST GOVERNMENT OVER \$100 000 TO CLEAN UP DURING AN EXERCISE LASTING SIX WEEKS.

THEY SAW THAT A THICK CRUST OF ROTTEN VEGETABLE AND ANIMAL WASTE HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE RIVER BOTTOM AND BANKS, AND LEARNED THAT CLEANING STAFF WORK THERE REGULARLY TO KEEP THE RIVER FREE OF POLLUTION.

FARMERS WERE URGED TO DISPOSE OF ANIMAL WASTE BY PUTTING IT INTO BARRELS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, INSTEAD OF FLUSHING IT INTO STREAMS. EACH DAY 12 TONNES OF PIG AND CHICKEN MANURE ARE COLLECTED BY THIS METHOD, THE GROUP WAS TOLD.

THEY LATER VISITED VARIOUS +BLACK SPOTS+ INCLUDING THE YUEN LONG NULLAH AND PAT HEUNG RIVER, AND DISCUSSED WAYS TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.

THE PARTY RETURNED TO KOWLOON IN THE LATE AFTERNOON.

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RETURN OF PARKING METERS

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PARKING METERS WILL BE REINSTATED IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN SAN PO KONG AND KOWLOON CITY ON SUNDAY (MARCH 1) AND WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL FROM 8 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 2).

THE LOCATIONS INCLUDE NING YUEN STREET, YAN OI STREET, HONG KEUNG STREET, NING YUEN STREET CARPARK, KING FUK STREET, SHUNG LING STREET, YIN HING STREET, FUK LO TSUEN ROAD, LION ROCK ROAD, NAM KOK ROAD, NGA TSIN LONG ROAD AND HAU WONG ROAD.

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FOUR BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED 27-29 BONHAM STRAND WEST AND 191-193 WING LOK STREET TO BE DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR STATED THAT THIS GROUP OF FOUR THREE-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOF, HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE SINCE 1974.

CONTINUING MOVEMENT HAD RECENTLY BEEN DETECTED IN A NUMBER OF LOAD-BEARING WALLS ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERE STRUCTURAL CRACKING. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE AND IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS.

ACCORDINGLY, NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MARCH 27, 1981 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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NEW LEGAL AID DIRECTOR

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAS APPROVED THE PROMOTION OF MR B.P. CLANCY, PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBER, TO DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID.

HE WILL SUCCEED MR D.F. O'REILLY MAYNE, WHO WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE SERVICE TOMORROW AFTER NEARLY 21 YEARS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR CLANCY, 43, JOINED THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AS A CROWN COUNSEL IN 1967 AFTER SEVEN YEARS' PRACTICE AS A SOLICITOR BOTH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL IN 1972, TO ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN 1973, TO DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN 1977 AND TO PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN 1979.

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FINAL CAREERS CONVENTION
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THE FINAL OF A SERIES OF REGIONAL CAREERS CONVENTIONS ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE MR J.C.H. GILLARD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MR CHENG SING-YIP, PRINCIPAL OF THE HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE, AND MRS JESSIE AW, KOWLOON WEST REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE CONVENTIONS PROVIDED A NEW CAREERS SERVICE TO SOME 10 000 SENIOR STUDENTS FROM 62 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

EACH OF THE SIX CONVENTIONS WAS A TWO-DAY PROGRAMME MADE UP OF A CAREERS DISPLAY STAGED BY STUDENTS, A SERIES OF SELECTED SPECIALIST TALKS AS WELL AS FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS ON CAREERS.

+THE STUDENTS WHO PREPARED THE DISPLAYS SHOWED BOTH INITIATIVE AND RESOURCEFULNESS. THEY VISITED OUR CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES, TRAINING INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONCERNS TO COLLECT MATERIAL FOR THEIR PROJECTS.

+THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS IN THE LAST FIVE CONVENTIONS REVEALED THEIR AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A CAREER CHOICE AND DEVELOPMENT. HEAD OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS WERE MOST HELPFUL IN PROVIDING CONVENTION VENUES AND RELATED FACILITIES AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE CONVENTIONS,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

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SHA TIN DAB MEMBERS VISIT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL
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MEMBERS OF SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) VISITED TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TODAY (FRIDAY) WHERE THEY RECEIVED ADVICE ON ITS MANAGEMENT AND DESIGN.

SHA TIN, WHICH IS QUICKLY DEVELOPING AS A NEW TOWN FOR 750 000 PEOPLE, WILL COMMENCE BUILDING OF ITS OWN TOWN HALL AS PART OF A \$160 MILLION CULTURAL COMPLEX THIS YEAR AND DAB MEMBERS WANTED TO LEARN FROM TSUEN WAN'S EXPERIENCE. THEY ALSO WANTED TO HAVE DETAILS OF ORGANISING CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES.

THEY VISITED TSUEN WAN AT THE INVITATION OF THE TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, AND WERE LED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE. THEY ALSO TOURED THE MAGISTRACY BUILDING AT SHA TSUI ROAD.

THE TOWN HALL MANAGER, MR CHUNG LING-HOI, BRIEFED THE 21 DAB MEMBERS ON CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN THE HALL AND HOW IT WAS BEING PUT TO MAXIMUM USE BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS.

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LATER IN THE EVENING, THEY ATTENDED A CONCERT AT THE TOWN HALL BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

EARLIER DURING THE VISIT, THE DAB MEMBERS WENT TO SAM TUNG UK TO LEARN SOMETHING OF THE HISTORIC PAST OF TSUEN WAN AND THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN RESETTLING OLD VILLAGE COMMUNITIES. THE VILLAGE SITE WAS RECENTLY DECLARED A MONUMENT AND IT IS HOPED THAT IT WILL BE RESTORED FOR MUSEUM USE EVENTUALLY.

LOCATED ON A 1.5-HECTARE SITE IN THE TOWN CENTRE, SHA TIN'S CULTURAL COMPLEX WILL COMPRISE A MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM, A LIBRARY, AN EXHIBITION AREA, LECTURE ROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES. CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BEGIN IN THE SUMMER AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1984.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

VOLUNTEER WORK APPRECIATED
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TWENTY-EIGHT PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS ARE TO BE OFFICIALLY THANKED FOR THEIR VOLUNTARY EFFORTS IN ASSISTING THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION STAFF REFORMING YOUNG OFFENDERS.

THE VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING MANAGERS, WORK SUPERVISORS, SECRETARIES, TEACHERS AND GOVERNMENT SERVANTS, WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS EVELYN DOE, ON SUNDAY (MARCH 1) AT 2.45 PM AT THE MING ROOM, 4TH FLOOR, SHERATON HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE RECIPIENTS RECENTLY FINISHED A SIX-MONTH ASSIGNMENT TO HELP BOYS AND GIRLS ON PROBATION UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SEMINAR FOR PROBATION OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS. THE SEMINAR WILL START WITH A TALK BY UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HO KAM-FAI.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND THE SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTOR TO OPEN PARTY FOR THE AGED
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF A PARTY FOR 1 000 AGED PEOPLE IN HO MAN TIN ON SUNDAY (MARCH 1).

AT THE PARTY, ORGANISED BY THE SHUN TAK FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION, THE ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL EACH RECEIVE A RED PACKET OF \$30 AND A GIFT PARCEL.

THEY WILL ALSO BE ENTERTAINED TO A CHINESE OPERA SHOW AND A VARIETY OF STALL GAMES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THEM.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE PARTY AND ITS OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 1 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE SEAWARD WOO COLLEGE, 22 PERTH STREET, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

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SIX LAND LOTS FOR AUCTION
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SIX LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WILL BE IN THE MARINA ROOM OF THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL ON MARCH 27 AT 2.30 PM.

FOUR SITES OFFERED ARE ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AND ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES. THEY MEASURE ABOUT 5 832, 3 700, 4 600 AND 2 700 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE REMAINING TWO LOTS, IN CHAI WAN, MEASURE 5 809 AND 2 312 SQUARE METRES AND ARE FOR GODOWN PURPOSES.

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

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RESIDENTIAL SITE OFFERED IN KOWLOON
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A RESIDENTIAL SITE FOR JOINT VENTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE 6 228-SQUARE-METRE SITE, IS IN HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD.

UNDER THE SALE CONDITIONS, THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER MUST BUILD FOR THE GOVERNMENT, FREE OF CHARGE, TWO RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS.

THE SIZE OF THE UNITS IN THE BLOCKS MUST BE EITHER 200 OR 240 SQUARE METRES.

THE REMAINING BLOCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR DISPOSAL IN THE OPEN MARKET IN THE USUAL WAY.

CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS WILL BE NOON ON APRIL 24.

TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

TENDER PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THESE PLACES.

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LIST OF TOWN PLANS PUBLISHED
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A LIST OF PLANS PREPARED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE FOR THE GENERAL INFORMATION.

THE LIST, IN THREE CATEGORIES, INCLUDES PLANS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL, PLANS REFERRED BACK TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR AMENDMENT OR REPLACEMENT, AND DRAFT PLANS EXHIBITED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FREE OF CHARGE AT THE LAND OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING).

COPIES OF APPROVED AND DRAFT PLANS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

THE LIST OF PLANS IS PUBLISHED TWICE YEARLY IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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