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HISTORICAL GAS LAMPS IN DUDELL STREET RELIT  
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THE FLIGHT OF STEPS AT THE SOUTHERN END OF DUDELL STREET, AND THE FOUR GAS LAMPS MOUNTED ON THE BALUSTRADES ON EITHER SIDE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RESTORED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY WHEN THESE STONE STEPS WERE BUILT BUT SERIAL MAPS OF HONG KONG INDICATED THAT IT WAS SOMETIME BETWEEN 1875 AND 1889.

+IT IS ALSO UNCERTAIN WHEN THE GAS LAMPS WERE INSTALLED BUT IT WAS PROBABLY EARLY THIS CENTURY,+ HE NOTED.

RECORDS SHOW THAT THE LAMPS WERE RELIT AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN FEBRUARY 1948 AND IN THE ENSUING 20 YEARS ALL OTHER GAS LAMPS WERE GRADUALLY REPLACED BY ELECTRIC ONES.

+THE FOUR DUDELL STREET LAMPS HAVE SINCE 1967 BEEN THE ONLY GAS PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING IN THE TERRITORY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WITH THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY SUPPLYING TOWN GAS, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE, THE GAS LAMPS HAVE NOW BEEN RELIT AS OBJECTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST.

THE STONE STEPS AND GAS LAMPS ARE GAZETTED AS MONUMENTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE.

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FOCUS ON GDP STATISTICS  
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A SPECIAL REVIEW, ENTITLED +A GUIDE TO BASIC CONCEPTS AND STATISTICS OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) OF HONG KONG+, IS INCLUDED IN THE MARCH 1985 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THE ARTICLE INTRODUCES SOME IMPORTANT CONCEPTS OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE DATA AVAILABILITY AND MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN STATISTICS ON THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG OVER THE PAST YEARS. SOME ANALYSES OF THE PAST DATA SERIES ON THE EXPENDITURE AND PRODUCTION-BASED GDP ESTIMATES ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE ARTICLE IS INTENDED AS AN INTRODUCTION TO READERS WHO WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE BASIC CONCEPTS OF GDP AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH STATISTICS IN HONG KONG.

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READERS WHO WISH TO PURSUE THE SUBJECT IN GREATER DEPTH MAY REFER TO THE LATEST PUBLICATION +ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, 1966 TO 1984+.

THE MARCH 1985 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$25 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE. IT IS ALSO OBTAINABLE FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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#### FLYOVER PLANNED FOR HUNG HOM

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A 40-METRE-LONG FLYOVER AT DYER AVENUE TO THE EAST OF HUNG HOM ESTATE.

THE PROPOSED FLYOVER WILL SPAN THE FUTURE NORTH-SOUTH DUAL CARRIAGEWAY, WHICH WILL FORM PART OF THE ROAD NETWORK SERVING TO KWA WAN, HUNG HOM AND THE FUTURE WHAMPOA DOCKYARD REDEVELOPMENT.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CARRIAGEWAYS CONNECTING THE FLYOVER. RAMPS AND STAIRWAYS WILL BE PROVIDED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FLYOVER TO GIVE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO AND FROM THE FUTURE NORTH-SOUTH DUAL CARRIAGEWAY.

TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC ALONG DYER AVENUE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, A TEMPORARY DIVERSION TO THE NORTH OF THE FLYOVER WILL BE BUILT PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A RELATED PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- \* KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORK MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JULY 23.

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### HISTORIC PAINTINGS OFFER NOSTALGIC JOURNEY

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LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN NOW TAKE A NOSTALGIC JOURNEY INTO THE 19TH CENTURY THROUGH REPRODUCTIONS OF PAINTINGS DEPICTING HONG KONG, MACAU AND GUANGZHOU WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN RE-PUBLISHED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+THESE REPRODUCTIONS ARE VERY EDUCATIONAL BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE VALUABLE VISUAL RECORDS OF HONG KONG'S HISTORY, AND MANY OF THEM COMPLEMENT THE WRITTEN RECORDS THAT HAVE SURVIVED,+ SAID THE ASSISTANT CURATOR OF THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF ART, MR JOSEPH TING.

MR TING SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD RECENTLY DECIDED TO REPRINT A TOTAL OF 2 000 REPRODUCTIONS OF EACH OF THE 26 PICTURES IN VIEW OF POPULAR PUBLIC DEMAND. THE FIRST PRINTINGS OF THE REPRODUCTIONS HAD BEEN SOLD OUT SOON AFTER THEY WERE PUT ON SALE SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

+THE PAINTINGS, WHICH WERE SELECTED FROM THE COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL PICTURES IN THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF ART, SHOW THE CHANGES MADE TO HONG KONG AFTER THE BRITISH ARRIVED IN 1841. THEY ARE THE ONLY MEANS AVAILABLE FOR CAPTURING THE SIGHTS AND SCENES OF HONG KONG AND ITS PEOPLE IN THE EARLY AND MID-19TH CENTURY WHEN THE CAMERA WAS NOT YET INTRODUCED TO THE FAR EAST.

+AMONG THE COLLECTION ARE THREE DRAWINGS DEPICTING HONG KONG IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY BY A YOUNG FRENCH ARTIST, AUGUSTE BORGET, WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON BOARD THE SHIP 'PSYCHE' IN 1838. HIS DRAWINGS DEPICT LOCAL RURAL LIFE AND VILLAGE SCENES DURING HIS ONE-YEAR SOJOURN IN HONG KONG, GUANGZHOU AND MACAU,+ SAID MR TING.

THE THREE REPRODUCED PICTURES WERE SELECTED FROM THE 32 SCENES USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH EDITIONS OF BORGET'S BOOK, +SKETCHES OF CHINA AND THE CHINESE+, WHICH WAS ALSO REGARDED AS A VALUABLE RECORD OF HONG KONG.

+THE HONG KONG DEPICTED BY BORGET IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE HONG KONG DEPICTED BY MURDOCH BRUCE, WHO WAS AN ARCHITECT, AN INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND AN OVERSEER OF ROADS FOR THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION IN THE 1840S,+ SAID MR TING.

+A COMPARISON OF BRUCE'S AND BORGET'S LITHOGRAPHS GIVES US SOME IDEA OF HOW MUCH HONG KONG CHANGED WITHIN THE SPAN OF A DECADE.

/+BRUCE IS .....

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+BRUCE IS NOW REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS ARTISTS WHO SOUGHT TO REFLECT IN THEIR WORKS THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AFTER IT WAS SETTLED. THE 10 REPRODUCED PAINTINGS, WHICH ARE SELECTED FROM HIS SET OF 12 PRINTS, SHOW THE VIEWS OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED SETTLEMENT INCLUDING THE CITY OF VICTORIA, SPRING GARDENS (NOW KNOWN AS WAN CHAI), EAST POINT (CAUSEWAY BAY), SAI WAN (CHAI WAN), AND ABERDEEN,+ SAID MR TING.

BRUCE'S PROFESSION AS AN ARCHITECT OBVIOUSLY INFLUENCED HIS PAINTING STYLE. WESTERN-STYLE BUILDINGS COULD BE SEEN THROUGHOUT HIS PICTURES. AMONG THE MANY LANDMARKS DEPICTED BY HIM WERE THE RESIDENCE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND COMMANDANT OF THE GARRISON, MAJOR-GENERAL GEORGE D'AGUILAR, WHICH WAS LATER KNOWN AS FLAGSTAFF HOUSE AND WAS CONVERTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN JANUARY 1984 INTO THE MUSEUM OF TEA WARE.

OTHER IMPORTANT LANDMARKS IN THE SERIES INCLUDE MURRAY HOUSE, HEADQUARTERS HOUSE, THE OLD HONG KONG CLUB, THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES, ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, THE BISHOP'S HOUSE, AND THE FORMER GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN SPRING GARDENS.

THE SHAPE AND LOCATION OF THESE LANDMARKS ARE ALSO ACCURATELY AND FAITHFULLY DEPICTED BY AN ANONYMOUS ARTIST, WHO, IN 1854, PAINTED THE VIEW OF THE VICTORIA CITY AND THE HARBOUR IN GREAT DETAIL. THE PICTURE ALSO CONVEYS THE MESSAGE THAT BY THIS TIME HONG KONG WAS ALREADY A BUSY SEAPORT AND THRIVING CITY.

+THIS PICTURE IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PAINTINGS DEPICTING THE VICTORIA CITY AND THE HARBOUR IN THE 19TH CENTURY BECAUSE OF ITS ACCURATE DETAILS AND THE SKILFUL APPLICATION OF OIL PAINTS,+ SAID MR TING.

TURNING TO BORGET'S PAINTINGS DEPICTING GUANGZHOU AND MACAU, MR TING SAID THESE PICTURES SERVED AS USEFUL VISUAL RECORDS ON HONG KONG'S NEIGHBOURING CITIES DURING THE 19TH CENTURY.

COPIES OF THE REPRODUCED PAINTINGS, AT \$3.20 EACH, ARE ON SALE AT THE MUSEUM OF ART ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE CITY HALL HIGH BLOCK, THE URBAN COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS CENTRES IN ICE HOUSE STREET AND AT THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK, AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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IMPROVEMENT WORK AT LIDO BEACH

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO SPEND SOME \$140 000 ON IMPROVING LIDO BEACH IN TSUEN WAN THIS YEAR.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORK, ALREADY IN PROGRESS, AIMS TO PROVIDE BETTER SWIMMING FACILITIES TO THE COMMUNITY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

LIDO BEACH, LOCATED AT 11-1/2 MILESTONE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, IS THE MOST POPULAR PUBLIC BATHING BEACH IN THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES. IT WAS FREQUENTED BY MORE THAN 1.7 MILLION BATHERS LAST YEAR.

WORK WILL INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONERS AT THE FIRST-AID ROOM, PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SHOWER FACILITIES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ARBOURS.

ON THE INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONERS AT THE FIRST-AID ROOM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD PROVIDE PATIENTS WITH A COOLER AND MORE PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT, THUS LESSENING THEIR SUFFERING FROM SUN STROKE OR PAINS.

AT PRESENT THE BEACH HAS AN OPEN SHOWER FACILITY WITH SIX SHOWER HEADS. UNDER THE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME, 10 MORE WILL BE INSTALLED TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FOUR NEW ARBOURS AT THE BEACH HINTERLAND SHOULD PROVE POPULAR WITH BEACH GOERS WHO WANT TO ESCAPE FROM THE HEAT OF THE SUN.

WORK FOR THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE APRIL NEXT YEAR.

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REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATE REMINDER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED VEHICLE OWNERS TO FIT REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES TO THEIR VEHICLES BEFORE THIS SATURDAY (JUNE 1).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, ALL VEHICLES MUST BE FITTED WITH A FRONT WHITE REFLECTIVE AND A REAR YELLOW REFLECTIVE PLATE BY THAT DATE.

/+CAR OWNERS .....

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+CAR OWNERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES ARE OF AN APPROVED TYPE, WHICH BEARS THE SPECIFICATION NUMBER BSAU 145 (A) AND THE NAME OR TRADEMARK OF THE MANUFACTURER. THEY SHOULD CHECK WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-259494 OR 5-8933111 WHEN IN DOUBT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IS A FINE OF \$2 000.+

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#### SEMINAR ON LABORATORY MANAGEMENT \* \* \* \*

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE TWO SEMINARS ON LABORATORY MANAGEMENT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHERS ON JUNE 29 AND JULY 6.

THE SEMINARS WILL FOCUS ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LABORATORY MANAGEMENT AND WILL MAKE PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE HEAVY USE OF THE LABORATORY. IT WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE USE OF COMMON MICROCOMPUTER DATABASE PROGRAMMES IN SETTING UP A STOCK RECORD SYSTEM.

THE SEMINARS, ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE SKH TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL AT 9, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO NOMINATE THEIR SCIENCE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICS), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG BEFORE JUNE 18.

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#### MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR KOWLOON BAY \* \* \* \* \*

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS STADIUM AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AT KAI LOK ROAD, KOWLOON BAY.

THERE WILL BE A SPECTATOR STAND FOR 1 500 PERSONS IN THE SPORTS STADIUM, WHILE THE INDOOR GAMES HALL, MEASURING ABOUT 3 760 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE FOR SPORTING FACILITIES RANGING FROM TABLE TENNIS AND BADMINTON TO JUDO AND GYMNASTICS.

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OTHER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED ARE A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, TWO BASKETBALL-CUM-VOLLEYBALL COURTS, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND A REST GARDEN.

COVERING ABOUT 5.7 HECTARES, THE SITE AREA WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND WILL TAKE 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN CAUSEWAY BAY  
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NEW TRAFFIC MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 28) AS PART OF THE PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

DETAILS ARE :

TRAFFIC REROUTING

- \* CANNON STREET WILL BECOME TWO WAYS.
- \* JAFFE ROAD BETWEEN CANNON STREET AND PERCIVAL STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

URBAN CLEARWAYS

- \* CANNON STREET, EAST POINT ROAD, AND THE SECTION OF LOCKHART ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION WITH EAST POINT ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES WESTWARDS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAYS, WITHIN WHICH NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES

- \* THE TERMINAL POINT OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 10 WILL BE RELOCATED TO JAFFE ROAD, WHILE THAT OF ROUTE 31 WILL BE RELOCATED TO LOCKHART ROAD NEAR THE MTR ENTRANCE.

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YAU MA TEI TENNIS COURT OPENS

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THE YAU MA TEI HAMILTON STREET TENNIS COURT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM TUESDAY (MAY 28).

ITS TWO COURTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS FROM 6 AM TO 7 PM DAILY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS CONTRIBUTED HALF OF THE \$300 000 BUILDING COST, AND THE BALANCE WAS MET BY PRIVATE DONATIONS. IT WILL BE UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO DECLARE THE TENNIS COURT OPEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TENNIS COURT OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE JUNCTION OF HAMILTON STREET AND NATHAN ROAD AT 3.30 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 28).

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ROAD CLOSURE

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THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT SHAM TSENG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1.30 AM TO 4 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 29), TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL HOWEVER BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT INTERVALS.

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