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CYCLE PATH NETWORK FOR THE +NEW+ NEW TERRITORIES

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING A SERIES OF CYCLE PATHS IN THE DEVELOPING AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH WILL +ADD AN ENTIRELY NEW DIMENSION TO SAFE TRAVEL+, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY.

HE DESCRIBED THE DEVELOPMENT AS ONE WHICH WILL +DELIGHT THE YOUNG AND ALL THOSE WHO ENJOY AND USE BICYCLES.+

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE KOWLOON ZONTA CLUB TODAY, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID: +ALTHOUGH PLANNED TO MAKE THE ROADS SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT IN CARRYING THEIR TRANSPORT LOAD, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE CYCLE TRACKS WILL ADD AN ENTIRELY NEW DIMENSION TO SAFE TRAVEL AND, INCIDENTALLY, TO RECREATION.+

SHA TIN, HE SAID, WILL HAVE CYCLE PATHS THAT WILL LOOP AROUND THE TOWN AND OVER AND UNDER ROAD JUNCTIONS AND ALLOW RESIDENTS TO CYCLE BETWEEN THEIR HOMES AND OFFICES, FACTORIES AND SCHOOLS.

CYCLISTS WILL HAVE THEIR SEPARATE TRACKS ON THE COASTAL ROAD CONNECTING SHA TIN AND TAI PO, HE ADDED. +AND ALREADY STRETCHING OUT FROM TAI PO ALONG THE NEW ROAD BEING BUILT TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE YOU CAN SEE A CYCLE TRACK TAKING SHAPE.+

MR. AKERS-JONES DISCLOSED THE GOVERNMENT'S CYCLE PATH PROGRAMME IN A DETAILED REVIEW OF IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS IN THE +NEW+ NEW TERRITORIES.

AMONG THE MAJOR PLANS FOR A NEW TRANSPORT NETWORK TO SERVE THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS ARE:

- * TUEN MUN HIGHWAY -- THE SECOND STAGE, COMPLETING THE SIX-LANE HIGHWAY, WILL BE COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS' TIME=
- * SHA TIN/TAI PO COASTAL ROAD -- THE FIRST PHASE OF FOUR LANES IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1981, AND, LIKE THE TUEN MUN ROAD, IT WILL LEAVE THE OLD TAI PO ROAD FREE TO CARRY LOCAL TRAFFIC. THE NEW ROAD WILL BEND AROUND TAI PO TO THE SOUTH AND TO THE NORTH AND FROM THERE ON THE REST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WILL BE STEADILY IMPROVED=
- * NEW DIRECT LINKS BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED AND ARE PLANNED=
- * TSUEN WAN BY-PASS CUTTING ACROSS TSUEN WAN BAY, IS TO BE BUILT IN TWO STAGES AND COMPLETED BY MID-1983. THIS WILL PROVIDE AN AREA OF RECLAIMED LAND TO ENABLE SOME ESSENTIAL REPLANNING OF TSUEN WAN=

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- * RAIL TRANSPORT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IS ASSUMING GROWING IMPORTANCE. A NEW TWIN TRACK TUNNEL AND ELECTRIFICATION, RESIGNALLING AND REALIGNMENT WILL ALL BE FINISHED BY THE END OF 1981. SERVICES WILL BE RESCHEDULED AND GREATLY INCREASED TO PROVIDE AN INNER SUBURBAN SERVICE TO SHA TIN (FO TAN) AND AN OUTER SUBURBAN SERVICE TO TAI PO AND SHEUNG SHUI=
- * EXTENSION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TO TSUEN WAN WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF 1982 WITH FIVE STATIONS IN THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN AREAS= AND
- * TUEN MUN'S +EPTROW+ - EXCLUSIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT RIGHT OF WAY. WHETHER IT IS TRACKED OR TRACKLESS, LIGHT TRAINS OR BUSES, THE PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE MORE FREELY AND THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS BE FREE FROM THE NOISE, BUSTLE AND SMOG OF STREAMS OF TRAFFIC.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE BUILDING OF A COMPREHENSIVE NEW NETWORK OF COMMUNICATIONS - BY ROAD AND RAIL - WAS ONE ASPECT OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THAT DESERVED MORE ATTENTION.

THIS ASPECT, HE POINTED OUT, ALSO FORMED AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE NEW TOWN CONCEPT +SO THAT ALL THE DEVELOPING TOWNS HAVE FREE-FLOWING TRAFFIC ARTERIES+.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE FABRIC IS NOW TAKING SHAPE OF THE NEW COMMUNITIES THE GOVERNMENT IS CREATING FOR THE 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE WHO WILL BE LIVING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BY THE MID-EIGHTIES.

+WHAT IS NOT REALISED IS THAT A FOREST OF STEEL PILES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DRIVEN INTO THE RED EARTH OF RECLAMATION UPON WHICH THE HOUSING ESTATES WILL BEGIN TO GROW DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

+THERE WILL BE VAST AREAS OF SCAFFOLDING, STEEL AND CONCRETE, HOMES FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE AT TSUEN WAN, TSING YI, SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, TAI PO, YUEN LONG, FAN LING, SAI KUNG, CHEUNG CHAU, MUI WO AND TAI O.

+YES, ALL THESE PLACES, ALL AT ONCE,+ HE ADDED.

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TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST RAISED

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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 4-1/2 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

HE SAID THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ONE PERCENTAGE POINT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT AND FOLLOWS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION ON TUESDAY THAT THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE SIMILARLY RAISED TO 4-1/2 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

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ABERDEEN INDOOR GAMES HALL NEARING COMPLETION
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THE \$5 MILLION ABERDEEN INDOOR GAMES HALL, WHICH IS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND EXTENSION, IS NEARING COMPLETION.

WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE HAS VIRTUALLY BEEN COMPLETED AND CONTRACTORS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ARE NOW PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES.

THE PROJECT, JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SIR YUE-KONG PAO, IS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD AND OCEAN PARK ROAD.

IT HAS A CENTRAL GAMES AREA CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING TWO BASKETBALL COURTS OR EIGHT BADMINTON COURTS OR THREE VOLLEYBALL COURTS AND A PERMANENT GRANDSTAND FOR 300 SPECTATORS.

THERE ARE STAGE AND DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES AT ONE END SO THAT THE HALL CAN ALSO BE USED AS A THEATRE OR MEETING PLACE.

MR. JOHN LAINE, PROJECT ARCHITECT, SAID THAT ONE FEATURE OF THE GAMES HALL WAS THAT IT HAD A +SPACE FRAME+ TYPE ROOF STRUCTURE.

THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TYPE OF ROOF, HE ADDED, WAS THAT IT WAS LIGHTER THAN AN ORDINARY ROOF AND LARGE CLEAR SPANS COULD BE FORMED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WITHOUT INTERMEDIATE COLUMNS.

MR. LAINE SAID THAT THE GAMES HALL WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL AT THE END OF THE YEAR. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED IN JANUARY.

THE ADJACENT FULL SIZE FOOTBALL PITCH, WHICH IS THE SECOND STAGE OF THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND EXTENSION, WILL BE COMPLETED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE-COURSE

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE FOUR SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE-COURSE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 11).

THESE SPECIAL NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 12.15 P.M., 12.31 P.M., 12.57 P.M. AND 1.10 P.M. RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, THERE WILL BE FOUR SPECIAL TRAINS TO CARRY PASSENGERS BACK FROM THE RACE-COURSE STATION TO KOWLOON STATION.

IN ADDITION, K.C.R. WILL RE-ROUTE TWO OF ITS SCHEDULED TRAINS VIA THE RACE-COURSE STATION AT 4.31 P.M. AND 6.16 P.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS.

THE TIME-TABLE OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS AND THE JOCKEY CLUB'S OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

A K.C.R. SPOKESMAN REMINDED RACE-GOERS THAT THEY SHOULD BOOK THEIR TICKETS FOR THESE SPECIAL TRAINS AT THE VARIOUS OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE TIME SCHEDULES OF NORMAL TRAINS OPERATING BETWEEN KOWLOON AND LO WU STATIONS BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 11 P.M. ON SATURDAY HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY ADJUSTED. THE REVISED TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAINS FOR THIS PERIOD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM KOWLOON STATION: 11.09 A.M., 12 NOON, 1.31 P.M.,
2.19 P.M., 2.50 P.M., 3.54 P.M.,
5.10 P.M., 6.28 P.M., 7.14 P.M.,
8.13 P.M., 8.56 P.M., 9.31 P.M.,
AND 11.03 P.M.

FROM LO WU: 10.52 A.M., 11.51 A.M., 12.51 P.M., 1.43 P.M.,
3 P.M., 3.38 P.M., 4.14 P.M., 5.17 P.M.,
6.38 P.M., 7.53 P.M., 8.33 P.M. AND 9.49 P.M.

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AIRPORT +OPEN DAYS+ FOR KOWLOON CITY COMMUNITY LEADERS
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A SERIES OF VISITS TO KAI TAK AIRPORT BY KOWLOON CITY COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH THE OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT.

TOMORROW'S VISIT IS THE FIRST OF A SEVEN-DAY PROGRAMME ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY) FOR KAIFONG MEMBERS, SCHOOL HEADMASTERS AS WELL AS YOUTH AND SOCIAL WORK LEADERS OF THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW THE AIRPORT FUNCTIONS AND HOW THE MANAGEMENT TACKLES THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS BY TAKING STRICT MEASURES TO MINIMISE NOISE POLLUTION.

THE VISITORS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON BASIC RULES FOR SAFETY OPERATIONS OF AIRCRAFT AND ON REGULATIONS GOVERNING KITE FLYING IN HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THEIR COMMUNITY LEADERS, RESIDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY WOULD UNDERSTAND THE AIRPORT OPERATION BETTER AND APPRECIATE THAT ALL PRACTICAL STEPS ARE TAKEN TO MINIMISE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.

+FURTHERMORE, WE HOPE THAT PARENTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL REALISE THE DANGERS OF KITE FLYING TO AIRCRAFT SAFETY AND RESTRICT THEIR CHILDREN FROM THIS ACTIVITY IN THE AIRPORT VICINITY,+ HE SAID.

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CROWN LAND SALE TO BE HELD IN THE MORNINGS
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CROWN LAND AUCTIONS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH NEXT YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING INSTEAD OF AFTERNOON AS AT PRESENT.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, SAID TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND -- ONE AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND THE OTHER AT KUNG LOK ROAD IN KWUN TONG -- WOULD BE OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE NEXT AUCTION ON MONDAY.

THE AUCTION, TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, WILL BEGIN AT 11 A.M.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AUCTION TIME HAD TO BE CHANGED AS THE CITY HALL THEATRE HAD BEEN HEAVILY BOOKED FOR THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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CHINESE CULTURAL SHOWS

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A SERIES OF 21 CHINESE CULTURAL SHOWS WILL BE PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION AT EDINBURGH PLACE EVERY SATURDAY BETWEEN 2.30 P.M. AND 3.30 P.M. STARTING FROM NOVEMBER 11 TO MARCH 31 NEXT YEAR.

THIS NEW JOINT VENTURE WILL BE STAGED ON THE G.I.S. MOBILE STREET THEATRE AND WILL FEATURE SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN CHINESE CULTURAL GROUPS COMPRISING THE FUKIEN STILTS OPERA, THE FUKIEN GLOVE PUPPETS, THE CANTONESE ROD PUPPETS, THE FUKIEN STRING PUPPETS AS WELL AS CHINESE FOLK SONGS AND DANCES.

THE FUKIEN STILTS OPERA WILL PERFORM AT THE OPENING SHOW THIS SATURDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE CHINESE CULTURAL SHOW TO BE HELD AT EDINBURGH PLACE AT 2.30 P.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 11).

COPIES OF THE PROGRAMME SHOWING THE DATES AND THE PERFORMING GROUPS OF THE CHINESE CULTURAL SHOWS ARE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE PRESS BOXES FOR YOUR REFERENCE.

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SECURITY GUARDS FOR WHOLESALE MARKETS

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES AND MARKETING) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR. A.K. MURRAY, WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF SECURITY GUARDS OF THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS AT CHEUNG SHA WAN VEGETABLE MARKET.

THE TWO ORGANISATIONS RECENTLY LAUNCHED A RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR SECURITY GUARDS IN VIEW OF THE GROWTH OF THE WHOLESALE MARKETS. PREVIOUSLY THE MARKETS WERE PATROLLED BY WATCHMEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF SECURITY GUARDS OF THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS AT 2.30 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT CHEUNG SHA WAN VEGETABLE MARKET. TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1.45 P.M. FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN.

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