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WORK ON EASTERN APPROACHES OF
AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD TO BEGIN SOON
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN APPROACHES OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD.

THE WORK INVOLVES CONNECTING THE EASTERN PORTAL OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL WITH AN ALREADY CONSTRUCTED SECTION OF ROAD ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 260 METRES DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND A THREE-LANE THREE SPAN OVERBRIDGE TOGETHER WITH APPROACH AND SLIP ROADS REQUIRED FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON BAY.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. IAN MILLER, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE'S CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, SAID THE PROJECT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MAIN TRAFFIC ROUTE BETWEEN THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND KWUN TONG VIA THE WESTERN APPROACHES AND THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD.

+THE WESTERN APPROACHES, WHICH ARE AT PRESENT UNDER CONSTRUCTION, CONSIST OF AN INTERCHANGE AT WUHU STREET/CHATHAM ROAD, AN ELEVATED ROADWAY ALONG CHATHAM ROAD AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD TOGETHER WITH AN INTERCHANGE AT SAN SHAN ROAD TO ENABLE EAST KOWLOON TRAFFIC TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT TUNNEL,+ HE SAID.

+THE AIRPORT TUNNEL, WHICH IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED WITH ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT YET TO BE INSTALLED, RUNS FROM KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND EXTENDS UNDER PART OF KOWLOON CITY ROAD, MAIN AIRPORT RUNWAY AND THE AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON, TO SURFACE ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.+

MR. MILLER SAID THAT KWUN TONG WOULD BE LINKED TO THE TUNNEL ROUTE VIA THE PROPOSED EASTERN APPROACHES AND ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS.

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NEW PENAL INSTITUTIONS TO REPLACE VICTORIA AND MA HANG PRISONS
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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEWIS DAVIES SAID TODAY THREE NEW PENAL INSTITUTIONS WILL BE OPENED IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO REPLACE THE VICTORIA AND MA HANG PRISONS WHICH HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR USEFULNESS.

SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 17 PRISON OFFICERS AND 83 ASSISTANT OFFICERS AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, MR. DAVIES SAID THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE THE TRAINING CENTRE AT LAI KING WITH A CAPACITY FOR 260, THE SHEK PIK MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONS FOR 480 AND AN ANNEX AT STANLEY PRISON FOR 250.

THE LAI KING CENTRE WILL OPEN SHORTLY WHILE THE OTHER TWO NEW PENAL INSTITUTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1980.

MR. DAVIES ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HAS ACHIEVED ITS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE -- THE SECURE CUSTODY OF OFFENDERS -- THROUGH STAFF EXPANSION, CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN INSTITUTIONS, DEVELOPMENT OF PRISON INDUSTRIES, AND IMPROVEMENT OF DRUG TREATMENT, AFTER-CARE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES DURING RECENT YEARS.

HE SAID THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE EASED THE OVER-CROWDING PROBLEMS AND IMPROVED THE RATIO OF STAFF TO PRISONERS, THEREBY ALLOWING FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN METHODS.

+FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS THERE IS ROOM TO BREATH AND TO RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN POPULATION WITHOUT IMMEDIATE OVER-CROWDING,+ HE ADDED.

MR. DAVIES ALSO STRESSED THAT WELL ORGANISED AND PRODUCTIVE PRISON INDUSTRIES ARE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE SECONDARY OBJECTIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE PRISONERS FOR THEIR RETURN TO SOCIETY BY ENCOURAGING RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER, AND PROMOTING A HEALTHY WORK HABIT.

POINTING OUT THAT THE AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION IN ALL INSTITUTIONS HAS DROPPED BY 2,000 SINCE 1976, HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN A DECREASE IN DRUG ADDICTION AMONG NEW ADMISSIONS, AND THAT THE NUMBER OF YOUNG OFFENDERS UNDER 21 HAS FALLEN SINCE 1974.

HOWEVER HE WARNED THAT THE BUILD-UP OF LIFE AND LONG SENTENCE PRISONERS WILL POSE PROBLEMS FOR THE STAFF IN CHARGE OF THEM.

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FLYOVER IN CLEARWATER BAY ROAD PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A FLYOVER AND SLIP ROADS TO CONNECT THE EXISTING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD NEAR GOOD HOPE SCHOOL AT NGAU CHI WAN AND THE NEW CLEARWATER BAY ROAD NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE PROPOSED WORK WILL INVOLVE CHANGES IN LEVEL AND ALIGNMENT OF THE EXISTING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD IN THIS AREA.

AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE EXISTING ROAD WILL BE CUT OFF FROM THE WESTERN SECTION BELOW JATS INCLINE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLYOVER, TRAFFIC WOULD CONTINUE TO USE THE EXISTING ROAD.

+HOWEVER, WHEN THE ROAD IS CUT OFF AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, TRAFFIC TRAVELLING BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SAI KUNG WILL USE THE NEW CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WITH THE EXISTING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD SERVING ONLY AS A LOCAL ROAD.+

THE NEW FLYOVER, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, WOULD PROVIDE A CONVENIENT LINK FOR TRAFFIC FROM THE NEW CLEARWATER BAY ROAD INTO THE NEW NGAU CHI WAN HOUSING ESTATE.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ALTERATION APPEARED IN YESTERDAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SO AS TO REACH HIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 7, 1978.

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REMOVAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPREME COURT

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THE REGISTRAR OF SUPREME COURT, MR. SIMON MAYO TODAY REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE SUPREME COURT WILL START OPERATING AT VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT BATTERY PATH ON MONDAY (JULY 10).

THE REMOVAL OF THE SUPREME COURT IS NOW TAKING PLACE AND WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW. FROM NEXT MONDAY THE PRESENT VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT WILL BE KNOWN AS THE SUPREME COURT AT BATTERY PATH.

DURING THIS WEEKEND THE OFFICES OF THE REGISTRARS OF THE SUPREME COURT EXCLUDING MR. MAYO, THE SUPREME COURT REGISTRY, THE PROBATE REGISTRY, THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE AND THE LIBRARY WILL REMOVE TO FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING IN CENTRAL. MR. MAYO'S OFFICE WILL REMOVE TO VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT BATTERY PATH.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR NOTIFYING PARTIES CONCERNED OF THE CHANGE. IN ADDITION PROMINENT NOTICES ARE DISPLAYED AT THE PRESENT SUPREME COURT BUILDING TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT INSTRUCTIONS AND DIRECTIONS ARE PROVIDED TO PERSONS HAVING RECOURSE TO THE COURTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY KNOW WHERE TO ATTEND.

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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO FULLY
UTILISE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN NT
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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO FULLY UTILISE EXISTING AND PLANNED SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SPEAKING AT THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY, MR. TODD SAID THE ABSENCE OF SUITABLE VENUES FOR STAGING EVENTS HAD BEEN A CONSIDERABLE PROBLEM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE PAST.

+I AM HOWEVER PLEASED TO SAY THAT THIS PROBLEM WILL NOT BE WITH US FOR LONG FOR A WHOLE RANGE OF SPORTING FACILITIES IS BEING PROVIDED FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+MORE SPORTING STADIA, RUNNING TRACKS, FULL SIZE AND MINI SIZE SOCCER PITCHES, SQUASH AND TENNIS COURTS, BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS, INDOOR GAMES HALLS, SWIMMING POOLS AND A LOT MORE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

+THESE ADDITIONAL OUTLETS FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION SHOULD BE PROPERLY UTILISED,+ SAID MR. TODD.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY SHOULD RECEIVE A BALANCED EDUCATION IN THE WIDEST SENSE, INCLUDING HOW TO USE THEIR LEISURE TIME IN SPORTS AND OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

MR. TODD PRAISED MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION INVOLVED IN ORGANISING REGULAR INTER-DISTRICT COMPETITIONS IN VARIOUS SPORTS AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING AND SPORTSMANSHIP IN LARGE-SCALE ANNUAL EVENTS WHICH BRING TOGETHER YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL THE DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+IT IS THEREFORE MOST PLEASING TO SEE A REMARKABLE GROWTH IN THE STRENGTH AND STATURE OF YOUR ASSOCIATION FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS 25 YEARS AGO INTO AN ORGANISATION WITH NINE DISTRICT BRANCHES AND MORE THAN 400 MEMBER SCHOOLS TODAY,+ MR. TODD SAID.

THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT, MR. LAU WONG-FAT, IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, SAID MORE THAN 20,000 STUDENTS HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE ASSOCIATION'S DIVERSIFIED SPORTS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

THESE EVENTS INCLUDED FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, TABLE TENNIS, BADMINTON, ATHLETICS AND GYMNASTICS MEETINGS, SWIMMING AND CROSS-COUNTRY RACES.

MR. TODD LATER PRESENTED TROPHIES AND PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

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CALL FOR NEW WAYS OF DEVELOPING SCHOOL CURRICULA

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) MR. ARTHUR BROWN, TODAY CALLED FOR NEW METHODS OF DEVELOPING SCHOOL CURRICULA IN VIEW OF SO MANY CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN THE STRUCTURE OF EDUCATION.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION , MR. BROWN SAID THERE WERE A NUMBER OF WAYS OF DEVELOPING A CURRICULUM, AND THE METHODS CHOSEN FOR HONG KONG HAD BEEN LARGELY DICTATED BY CIRCUMSTANCES.

HE OUTLINED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN MATHEMATICS, THE INTRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND THE INTEGRATED SCIENCE PROJECT.

HE EXPLAINED HOW IN A BIG STEP FORWARD SHORTLY AFTER ITS FORMATION, THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE DEVISED A COMPLETELY NEW CURRICUMLUM FOR FORMS I TO III.

MR. BROWN ALSO DISCUSSED CURRENT PRIORITIES IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND FELT THAT THE GREATEST NEEDS WERE IN LANGUAGE TEACHING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND IN JUNIOR SECONDARY CURRICULA SPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR LESS ABLE CHILDREN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE AIDED SECTOR HAD LIMITED EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING LESS ABLE CHILDREN. THE NEXT PRIORITY WAS FOR BROADENING THE FORM IV-VI CURRICULUM.

MR. BROWN LOOKED AT A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE WAYS OF IMPROVING CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT. HE SUGGESTED THAT SUBJECT COMMITTEES MADE UP OF GROUPS OF TEACHERS FROM SCHOOLS COMMITTED TO CHANGE SHOULD WORK OUT A NEW CURRICULUM AMONG THEMSELVES AND APPLY IT TO THEIR OWN SCHOOLS ON A PILOT BASIS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MEMBERS FROM COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ACTING PRIMARILY IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY.

MR. BROWN ALSO DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN SOME AREAS, BUT POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE MANY DEMANDS FOR FUNDS AND MUCH COULD BE DONE WITH RELATIVELY LIMITED RESOURCES.

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VACANCIES FOR CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES

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MORE THAN 2,000 VACANCIES FOR CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES NOW EXIST IN HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR INDUSTRIES AND ALL YOUNGSTERS INTERESTED IN THE JOBS WERE TODAY INVITED TO APPLY TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE INDUSTRIES NEEDING APPRENTICES WERE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, PRINTING, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS, AND TEXTILES.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION RUNS AN APPRENTICE PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN INDUSTRY THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP.

THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP IS COMPLETION OF FORM 3 SCHOOLING AND FOR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP IT IS COMPLETION OF FORM 5 WITH PASSES IN FOUR RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE DURATION OF AN APPRENTICESHIP IS USUALLY FOUR YEARS AND IN THIS PERIOD THE APPRENTICE IS GIVEN PLANNED PRACTICAL ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND, AT THE SAME TIME, AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION ON A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE BASIS AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTION.

+ON COMPLETION OF THE APPRENTICESHIP, THE APPRENTICE IS AWARDED A CERTIFICATE WHICH SERVES AS A YARDSTICK OF HIS COMPETENCE IN THE TRADE OR OCCUPATION HE IS ENGAGED IN,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ANY SUITABLY QUALIFIED YOUNGSTER INTERESTED IN BEING TRAINED THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP AND PLACED INTO A PROPER SCHEME SHOULD ENQUIRE AT THE TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 12TH FLOOR, ASIAN HOUSE, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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ENGINEERS VISIT KWAI CHUNG INCINERATOR
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ABOUT 30 MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS SPENT THIS AFTERNOON VISITING THE $150 MILLION KWAI CHUNG INCINERATOR NOW NEAR COMPLETION.

THEY WERE CONDUCTED ON A TOUR OF THE PLANT BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, MR. GRAHAM OSBORNE= MR. MICHAEL HUTTON, GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER AND SEVERAL ENGINEERS FROM THE P.W.D.'S ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE.

MR. OSBORNE SAID THAT THE INCINERATOR, THE LARGEST MODERN REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANT IN HONG KONG WOULD BEGIN OPERATION IN OCTOBER.

THE PLANT HAD A 150-METRE TALL CHIMNEY - THE TALLEST IN HONG KONG AND MR. OSBORNE SAID THE REASON FOR BUILDING THIS TALL CHIMNEY WAS TO ACHIEVE BETTER DISPERSION OF FUMES SO AS TO MINIMISE POLLUTION.

+ALSO, THE INCINERATOR PLANT ITSELF IS EQUIPPED WITH EFFICIENT DUST EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT TO REDUCE DUST EMISSION,+ HE SAID.

MR. OSBORNE EMPHASISED THAT DISPOSAL OF REFUSE BY THE PROCESS OF INCINERATION HAD TWO MAJOR BENEFITS.

+ONE OF THEM IS THE REDUCTION OF THE VOLUME OF THE ORIGINAL WASTE BY 15 TIMES AFTER INCINERATION,+ HE SAID.

+THE OTHER BENEFIT IS THAT THE HEAT PRODUCED BY COMBUSTION OF THE REFUSE CAN BE USED TO PRODUCE STEAM FOR THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY WHICH WILL BE USED TO OPERATE THE INCINERATION PLANT.+

MR. OSBORNE POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW INCINERATOR WOULD BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING SOME 900 TONNES OF REFUSE A DAY.

IT WOULD NORMALLY OPERATE 24 HOURS A DAY AND WOULD PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL MEANS OF COPING WITH THE GROWING AMOUNT OF REFUSE COLLECTED EACH DAY.

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CHUNG HOM KOK FIRE STATION OFFICIALLY OPENED

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THE NEW CHUNG HOM KOK FIRE STATION WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANLEY/SHEK O AREA COMMITTEE, MR. CHAN PING-KWAN.

THE STATION, BUILT AT A COST OF $1.8 MILLION AND HOUSED IN A VILLA-TYPE BUILDING ON A 1,400 SQUARE METRES SITE IN CHUNG HOM KOK ROAD CAME INTO OPERATION IN MAY.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR. R. HOLMES, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF HONG KONG, MARINE AND OFF-SHORE ISLANDS COMMAND, SAID THAT THE STATION WAS PARTICULARLY DESIGNED TO BLEND WITH THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

HE SAID THAT THE CALL-OUT SYSTEM AT THE STATION WILL BE BY MEANS OF MUSICAL CHIMES AND LOUDSPEAK SYSTEM WHICH IS NORMALLY ACTUATED FROM THE FIRE CONTROL IN CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON WHERE IT IS PLANNED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE TO HAVE A SINGLE FIRE CONTROL FOR THE ENTIRE AREA OF HONG KONG.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AT PRESENT SOME 40 CALLS FOR EMERGENCIES AND 560 CALLS FOR AMBULANCES WERE RECEIVED DAILY.

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DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT TO INSPECT P.W.D. SITES

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MR. DAVID STEAD, P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, WILL INSPECT A NUMBER OF SITES IN KOWLOON ON MONDAY (JULY 10) TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS P.W.D. PROJECTS.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY CHIEF ENGINEERS OF VARIOUS OFFICES CONCERNED. AMONG THE SITES TO BE VISITED WILL BE THE BEACON HILL TUNNEL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER MR. STEAD'S VISIT. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE OPEN CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AT 3.10 P.M. A NINE-SEATER VAN WILL LEAVE MURRAY BUILDING AT 3.15 P.M. SHARP.

OFFICERS OF THE P.W.D.'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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OPERATING HOURS OF CMB ROUTE 82 EXTENDED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM MONDAY (JULY 10) A 22-HOUR SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED BY CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY ON ROUTE 82 BETWEEN CHAI WAN (ON YIP STREET) AND NORTH POINT FERRY FROM 4.30 A.M. UNTIL 2.30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FREQUENCY ON THIS ROUTE WILL BE INCREASED FROM SIX TO FIVE MINUTES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THIS IS A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NO. 82 BUS ROUTE IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXTENSION IN THE OPERATING HOURS OF ROUTE 82 IS AIMED AT MEETING THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THOSE RESIDENTS AND WORKERS WHO EITHER TRAVEL HOME LATE OR WORK LATE IN FACTORIES IN THE ON YIP STREET AREA.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PLB PROHIBITION IN THE SECTION OF CHAI WAN ROAD EAST OF WAN TSUI ROAD IN APRIL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM RESIDENTS AND FACTORY OWNERS TO EXTEND HOURS OF BUS SERVICES.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TWO ALL-NIGHT CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES 121 AND 122, ROUTE 82 OPERATING ON A 22-HOUR BASIS WILL HAVE THE LONGEST OPERATING HOURS OF ALL CMB SERVICES.

THIS EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE WILL LATER BE ASSESSED TO SEE IF IT IS OFFERING A USEFUL FACILITY TO THE COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE NOW EIGHT BUS SERVICES OPERATING DAILY IN THE CHAI WAN AREA LINKING WITH OTHER DISTRICTS. IN THE PEAK HOURS, 74 BUS DEPARTURES PER HOUR ARE OPERATED CARRYING A MINIMUM OF 8,640 PASSENGERS IN EACH DIRECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE NEED FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN CHAI WAN AND, IN FACT, IN ALL OTHER HOUSING ESTATES, IS REGULARLY REVIEWED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SO THAT ANY FUTURE DEMAND GENERATED BY NEW DEVELOPMENTS CAN BE ADEQUATELY MET.

SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED FROM THE SECTION OF CHAI WAN ROAD EAST OF WAN TSUI ROAD. THE PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN ACTIVITIES ARE NOW CONTAINED IN A PROPER OFF-STREET PLB TERMINUS IN LEE CHUNG STREET WHERE THEY CAN CONVENIENTLY SERVE PASSENGERS WITHOUT CAUSING ANY UNNECESSARY CONGESTION.

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WATER CHARGE COLLECTION CENTRES IN N.T.

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SET UP TEMPORARY COLLECTION CENTRES AT SHEUNG SHUI AND FAN LING NEXT WEEK TO FACILITATE PAYMENTS OF WATER CHARGES FOR THE FIRST PERIOD OF THIS YEAR BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE TWO TEMPORARY COLLECTION CENTRES WILL BE LOCATED AT THE SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CNETRE AT SHEK WU HUI AND AT THE FAN LING RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AT LUEN WO HUI.

+THE SHEUNG SHUI COLLECTION CENTRE WILL OPERATE ON JULY 11 AND 12 WHILE THE FAN LING CENTRE WILL RECEIVE WATER CHARGES PAYMENTS ON JULY 13 AND 14,+ HE SAID.

+DURING THESE PERIODS, PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT THE TWO CENTRES FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.+

APART FROM THE TWO TEMPORARY COLLECTION OFFICES, THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT TAI PO MARKET ALSO RECEIVES PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT INCLUDING WATER CHARGES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TRAINING COURSE FOR WONG TAI SIN VOLUNTEERS

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A TRAINING COURSE FOR VOLUNTEERS OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT TO HELP RUN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, IS GEARED TO DEVELOP THE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL OF THE 60 PARTICIPANTS.

THE WARDEN OF THE CENTRE, MRS. MABLE O, SAID TODAY THE COURSE WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY PEOPLE EXPERIENCED IN YOUTH WORK.

+STARTING WITH AN INTRODUCTORY LECTURE ON THE GENERAL PATTERN OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS, THE PROGRAMME WILL PROVIDE AN INSIGHT INTO CHILD PSYCHOLOGY, GROUP PROCESS, PROGRAMME PLANNING AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS+, SHE SAID.

IN ADDITION, SHE ADDED, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE TRAINED IN BASIC KNOWLEDGE IN SILK-SCREEN PRINTING HANDICRAFT AS WELL AS WAYS TO LEAD SONGS AND GAMES WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL FOR PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION.

THE COURSE IS OPEN TO PERSONS AGED 15 OR ABOVE WITH A MINIMUM OF FORM III STANDARD. APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE GROUP WORK UNIT OF THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 104, CHING TAK STREET, KOWLOON.

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FOUNDATION STONE LAYING FOR AGED WOMEN'S HOME

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FOUNDATION-STONE-LAYING CEREMONY OF A $3 MILLION HOME FOR AGED WOMEN IN CLEARWATER BAY ON MONDAY (JULY 10).

THE HO KING HOME FOR THE AGED, TO BE BUILT WITH A $1 MILLION GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND, IS A COMMUNITY PROJECT BY THE SIK SIK YUEN, A BUDDHIST WELFARE ORGANISATION.

THE HOME WILL OCCUPY A GOVERNMENT-ALLOCATED SITE OF OVER 54,000 SQ. FT. AND WILL CATER FOR A CAPACITY OF 100 AGED WOMEN.

THE FOUNDATION-STONE-LAYING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 3.30 P.M. ON MONDAY IN TAI AU MUN, CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, NEAR THE TAI AU MUN BUS TERMINUS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY AND TO MAKE USE OF THE SPECIAL TRANSPORT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISERS OF THE CEREMONY. COACHES WILL LEAVE AT 2.30 P.M. FROM THE PLAYGROUND OF HO LAP COLLEGE AT 15, TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN KOWLOON TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM EDE ROAD TO WATERLOO ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (JULY 10) FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CORNWALL STREET/WATERLOO ROAD/JUNCTION ROAD GRADE SEPARATED INTERSECTION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY (JULY 10) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS IN THE AREA.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, FU NING STREET, FUK CHEUNG STREET AND MA TAU KOK ROAD. SHING TAK STREET, MA TAU WEI ESTATE AND CHUN SEEN MEI ESTATE WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

DATE	HOURS
JULY 10 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 6 P.M.
JULY 11 (TUESDAY).	8.30 A.M. - 10.30 P.M.
JULY 12 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 6 P.M.
JULY 13 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 10.30 P.M.
JULY 14 (FRIDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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