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BIG CUTS IN GOVT ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION
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REPORTS FROM 32 HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS REVEAL AN AVERAGE SAVING OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT IN UNITS OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMED IN JUNE COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1978, IT WAS REVEALED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE TREASURY TOPS THE SAVINGS LIST WITH A HUGE 43.7 PER CENT CUTBACK AT ITS KOWLOON CITY SUB-OFFICE.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT RUNS A CLOSE SECOND WITH OVERALL SAVINGS OF 31.5 PER CENT, CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WHICH NOTCHED UP SAVINGS OF NEARLY 30 PER CENT.

DEPARTMENTS WHICH RECORDED SAVINGS AT AROUND THE 20 PER CENT MARK INCLUDED THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, THE REGISTRAR'S CHAMBERS AT THE SUPREME COURT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE SAVINGS HAVE BEEN MADE IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ENERGY CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN.

+EVEN IN DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WHICH IS USING MORE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT THIS YEAR THAN IN 1978, SAVINGS OF NEARLY 20 PER CENT WERE ACHIEVED,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE GREATER PART OF THE SAVING HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY SWITCHING OFF UNNECESSARY LIGHTING AND REDUCING THE INTENSITY AND USE OF AIR CONDITIONING,+ HE SAID.

DEPARTMENTAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION IS CLOSELY MONITORED BY SPECIALLY APPOINTED ENERGY WARDENS.

+IN VIEW OF CONTINUING UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT OIL SUPPLIES WE HOPE GOVERNMENT STAFF WILL MAINTAIN THEIR VIGILANCE IN LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SAVE FUEL AND THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE PUBLIC WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THEIR LEAD,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NEW KAI TAK CAR PARK OPENS ON WEDNESDAY

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PARKING SPACES AT KAI TAK AIRPORT WILL BE MORE THAN DOUBLED WITH THE OPENING OF ITS NEW MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK ON WEDNESDAY.

THE NEW CAR PARK, ADJACENT TO THE PASSENGER TERMINAL EXTENSION, CAN ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 450 CARS. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE 350 PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE AT THE OPEN-AIR CAR PARK.

ENTRY TO THE MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK WILL BE VIA THE GROUND FLOOR FRONTAGE OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL, AND EXIT WILL BE VIA THE PODIUM ON THE FIRST FLOOR LEVEL.

EACH FLOOR HAS A SPECIAL BAY FOR MOTORISTS TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS. THESE BAYS ARE LINKED BY COVERED WALKWAYS TO THE LIFT LOBBY WHERE TWO LARGE LIFTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PASSENGERS AND THEIR BAGGAGE. THE LIFTS STOP AT THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AREAS.

THE NEW CAR PARK WILL REMAIN OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY. BUT THE OPEN-AIR FACILITY WILL ONLY BE OPEN DURING THE PEAK HOURS FROM NOON TO 8 P.M. TO HANDLE THE USUALLY HEAVY DEMAND.

PARKING CHARGES, SAME AS THOSE FOR THE OPEN-AIR CAR PARK, ARE ON A SLIDING SCALE - FROM $1.50 AN HOUR FOR THE FIRST TWO HOURS, $3 AN HOUR FROM THE THIRD TO EIGHTH HOUR AND $4 AN HOUR THEREAFTER.

THE PURPOSE IS TO MAKE AVAILABLE MORE SPACES FOR SHORT-TERM PARKING AND DISCOURAGE LONG-TERM PARKING.

THE PAYMENT OFFICE IS ON THE SECOND FLOOR LIFT LOBBY.

THE MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK HAS BEEN DESIGNED SO THAT IT CAN BE BUILT AND OPERATED IN TWO STAGES.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND STAGE, INVOLVING THE BUILDING OF AN EXTENSION, IS ALREADY IN HAND AND SHOULD BE READY LATE NEXT YEAR OR IN EARLY 1981. IT WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER 450 PARKING SPACES.

WHEN THIS NEW EXTENSION IS OPEN, THE OPEN-AIR CAR PARK WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A BUS CONCOURSE AND COACH PARKING AREA.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT STARTS RECRUITMENT DRIVE

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN A SERIES OF RECRUITMENT DRIVES TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE SERVICE.

A MOBILE RECRUITMENT CENTRE, WITH PRISONS DEPARTMENT STAFF ON HAND TO ANSWER QUERIES, WILL BE SET UP AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS.

A SMALL-SCALE DISPLAY ON THE PENAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG, THE MODERN PRISON SERVICE AND THE VARIED CAREER OF A PRISON OFFICER WILL ALSO BE SET UP AT THE KWAI FONG YOUTH CENTRE AT BLOCK 6, KWAI FONG ESTATE, TOMORROW.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE PRISON SERVICE OFFERED YOUNG PEOPLE A CHALLENGING CAREER WITH EXCELLENT PROMOTION PROSPECTS.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE AND PREFERABLY BE UNDER 35 YEARS OF AGE.

THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AN APPLICANT MUST POSSESS IS COMPLETION OF PRIMARY EDUCATION.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR AN ASSISTANT OFFICER II VARIES FROM $1,450 TO $1,575 DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATION AND RISES TO A MAXIMUM OF $2,100.

A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT HAS TO UNDERGO A 12-MONTH TRAINING PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDES FIELD TRAINING.

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JOBS FOUND FOR REDUNDANT TEACHERS

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ALL OF THE 506 REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHO REGISTERED WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLACEMENT SERVICE IN MAY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY), THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE PLACEMENT SERVICE, MR. HO NGA-YEN, SAID OF THE TOTAL 533 REDUNDANT TEACHERS 15 FAILED TO REGISTER WHILE SIX DECLINED PLACEMENT, FIVE RESIGNED AND ONE WAS OVER-AGED.

LAST YEAR THE NUMBER OF REDUNDANT TEACHERS WAS 372.

COMMENTING ON THE HIGH FIGURE THIS YEAR, MR. HO SAID THAT THIS WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE UNEXPECTED CLOSURE OF A FEW SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

+I AM DELIGHTED THAT NOT A SINGLE REDUNDANT TEACHER WHO REGISTERED WITH THE SERVICE HAS GONE WITHOUT A JOB.

+I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE MANY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION TO MAKE THIS COME ABOUT,+ HE SAID.

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE HAS HELPED A TOTAL OF 1,630 REDUNDANT TEACHERS FIND ALTERNATIVE TEACHING JOBS SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN 1975.

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FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN THE NT

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A FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FROM AUGUST 20 TO SEPTEMGER 14 TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER STORAGE METHODS FOR FOOD AMONG FOOD HANDLERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A SERIES OF FOOD HYGIENE SEMINARS TO BE CONDUCTED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT OPERATORS OF LICENSED FOOD PREMISES AND CANTEENS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND LECTURES ON THE PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE GIVEN BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

+THE LECTURES, WHICH AIM TO RAISE THE AWARENESS OF FOOD HANDLERS ON THE EFFECT OF IMPROPER FOOD STORAGE AND TO BRING HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER STORAGE METHODS FOR FOOD, WILL BE HELD AT EIGHT DIFFERENT CENTRES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE SAID.

+FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS AND DISCUSSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY OUR STAFF AFTER THE TALKS, AND HANDOUTS WILL BE PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PARTICIPANTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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BUILDING IN DANGEROUS CONDITION

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED NO. 208 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, HONG KONG, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THE FOUR-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING, UNDER OBSERVATION FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS, IS CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS SUPPORTING REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOORS AND ROOF.

+RECENT INSPECTIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT SERIOUS OUTWARD MOVEMENT OF THE EXPOSED WALL FACING NO. 210 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST IS OCCURRING. AS IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 10 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHEUNG SHUI TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT A SECTION OF LUNG SUM AVENUE NEAR SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI, WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS AT THE OTHER END OF THE AVENUE.

THE TEMPORARY RE-ROUTING WILL LAST FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT TRAFFIC CONGESTION WILL OCCUR ALONG LUNG SUM AVENUE AND MOTORISTS WANTING TO GAIN ACCESS TO THIS AREA ARE ADVISED TO USE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND SAN FUNG AVENUE.

AS PART OF THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, A SECTION OF SAN HONG STREET BETWEEN LUNG SUM ROAD AND SAN CHEUNG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY NORTHWEST BOUND FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT AND WONG TAI SIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON WEDNESDAY.

IN WESTERN DISTRICT, SUPPLY WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO CARRY OUT FRESH WATER MAIN CONNECTION WORK AT HILL ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE AT PO TUCK STREET, CLARENCE TERRACE, HILL VIEW GARDEN AND YUE ON TERRACE, INCLUDING 61-104, 65-97 HILL ROAD.

IN WONG TAI SIN, SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, FUNG MO STREET AND CHING TAK STREET, INCLUDING BLOCK NOS. 11-14 AND 28-33, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

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