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\$2,000 MILLION HOLIDAY RESORT  
FOR LANTAU ISLAND

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT TO ENABLE A PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY TO BUILD A \$2,000 MILLION HOLIDAY RESORT COMPLEX AT DISCOVERY BAY ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SEALED AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TODAY WHEN THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG RESORT CO. LTD., MR. EDWARD WONG, SIGNED CONDITIONS OF EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS.

THE SIGNATURES MEAN THAT WORK WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON WHAT MR. AKERS-JONES LATER DESCRIBED AS +ONE OF THE MOST IMAGINATIVE AND EXCITING PROJECTS EVER UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG.+

THE DISCOVERY BAY PROJECT WOULD OPEN UP A TOTALLY NEW RECREATIONAL OUTLET FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, PROVIDE WIDE-RANGING BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND GIVE A SIGNIFICANT BOOST TO THE TOURIST INDUSTRY, HE ADDED.

THE COMPLEX, DESCRIBED BY ITS DEVELOPERS AS UNIQUE IN ASIA, WILL HAVE THREE HOTELS, THREE GOLF COURSES, SWIMMING AND TENNIS COMPLEXES, COMMERCIAL CENTRES, RESTAURANTS, APARTMENT HOUSES, VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT, VILLAS, HIKING AND HORSE-RIDING TRAILS, BICYCLE PATHS, INDOOR SPORTING CENTRES, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND MANY OTHER FACILITIES.

+THERE IS CERTAINLY NOTHING LIKE IT IN HONG KONG,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+IT IS A TOTAL RECREATIONAL AREA WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY - MUM, DAD AND THE KIDS.+

THE TOTAL AREA COVERED BY THE PROJECT IS 1,520 ACRES, ALTHOUGH ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THIS WILL BE USED FOR OPEN SPACE AND CATCHMENT AREAS.

THE COMPANY WILL PAY THE GOVERNMENT A \$61.5 MILLION PREMIUM FOR THE LAND IT HAS ACQUIRED. MR. AKERS-JONES ADDED THAT THIS WOULD BE PAID IN 10 ANNUAL INSTALMENTS OF JUST OVER \$9 MILLION EACH.

ADDITIONALLY, THE GOVERNMENT IS TO GET 6.6 MILLION SQUARE FEET IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM THE COMPANY AS PART OF THE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.

+A GREAT DEAL OF THIS LAND IS HIGHLY VALUABLE AND IS BADLY NEEDED,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID. +DEVELOPMENT PLANS ARE ALREADY IN HAND FOR MUCH OF IT.

+ONE OF THE MAJOR AREAS OF EXCHANGE IS AT YUEN LONG, WHERE THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACQUIRED FROM THE COMPANY NEARLY FOUR-MILLION SQUARE FEET ON THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ESTATE THERE.

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+THIS COMPRISES THE WHOLE OF STAGE II OF THE ESTATE AND IF THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO ACQUIRE THE LAND ITSELF THROUGH THE NORMAL CHANNELS, WE ESTIMATE THAT IT WOULD HAVE COST US \$21 MILLION.+

THE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT SIGNED TODAY ALSO CARRIES A \$600 MILLION BUILDING COVENANT. MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE COMPANY WOULD HAVE TO SPEND \$120 MILLION WITHIN FOUR YEARS, ANOTHER \$180 MILLION WITHIN SIX YEARS, AND ADDITIONAL \$150 MILLION WITHIN EIGHT YEARS AND THE BALANCE OF \$150 MILLION WITHIN THE 10-YEAR PERIOD.

THE AGREEMENT ALSO RESTRICTS THE COMPANY TO DEVELOPING THE SITE AS A HOLIDAY RESORT, WITH LIMITED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

THE AGREEMENT LAYS DOWN A SERIES OF MINIMUM DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS, HE ADDED.

THESE INCLUDED THE BUILDING OF A HOTEL, A PUBLIC GOLF COURSE, A CABLE-CAR SYSTEM, A FERRY PIER, A FRESH-WATER RESERVOIR, SALT AND FRESH WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT AREAS, A SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANT.

+THE DEVELOPERS HAVE ALREADY SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY AND HAVE CARRIED OUT THE MOST EXTENSIVE STUDIES ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT,+ HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE PROJECT IN ITS BUILDING STAGE IN THAT THE DEVELOPERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A MASTER LAYOUT PLAN AND ASSOCIATED SCHEDULES BEFORE COMMENCING ANY WORK.

+THESE MUST SHOW THE ROADS TO BE PROVIDED, THE GENERAL LOCATION AND NATURE OF BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED, ALL THE PIERS, BREAKWATERS AND OTHER STRUCTURES AND THE STAGES AND PHASES BY WHICH IT IS INTENDED TO DEVELOP.

+WHERE THE COMPANY IS LANDSCAPING AND PLANTING GRASS, SHRUBS AND THE LIKE, THIS WILL BE DONE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL ALSO OVERSEE THE PLANS FOR SUCH THINGS AS THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUSH WALKS AND RIDING TRAILS.

+THE COMPANY WILL ALSO BE BUILDING A POLICE POST AND A FIRE STATION WHICH WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT WHEN COMPLETED.+

MR. AKERS-JONES ADDED: +THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THIS DEVELOPMENT AND THE INITIATIVE SHOWN BY THE COMPANY IN FORMULATING THE PLAN AND GOING AHEAD WITH IT.+

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IMPLEMENTATION OF CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE PROGRESSING  
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STAFF OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN BUSY IMPLEMENTING THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 1 THIS YEAR.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY MISS NANCY CHOW, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, IN A TALK GIVEN AT THE 7TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FAMILY SERVICE AND CHILD CARE DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

BESIDES THE SETTING UP OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MISS CHOW SAID, OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS HAD BEEN INSPECTING THE CENTRES TO FIND OUT THEIR HEALTH AND SANITATION CONDITIONS AND TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT ALTERATIONS ARE NECESSARY BEFORE THEY ARE REGISTERED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO MADE APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO HELP SUBVENTED CHILD CARE CENTRES, SHE SAID.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE LOTTERIES FUND OR FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SUBVENTION COULD BE MADE, SHE SAID, IF THESE CENTRES FOUND THAT THEY WERE IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES WHILE IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF THEIR SERVICE.

MISS CHOW SAID THAT THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING COURSES FOR CHILD CARE WORKERS.

+THE COURSES ARE ORGANISED SO THAT THE WORKERS CAN BE QUALIFIED FOR REGISTRATION ON THE ONE HAND, AND BE MORE READY FOR THEIR WORK ON THE OTHER,+ SHE SAID.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE IS TO CONTROL THE CENTRES WITH THE INTENTION OF IMPROVING THEIR SAFETY AND THE STANDARD OF THEIR SERVICES- AND ALSO TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN UNDER THEIR CARE WILL BE PROPERLY LOOKED AFTER BY TRAINED CHILD CARE WORKERS.

+IN SHORT, IT IS TO PROMOTE THE QUALITY OF THE CHILD CARE SERVICE SO THAT THE CHILDREN IN CARE WILL COME TO ENJOY SOCIAL LIFE AND BE GIVEN A CHANCE FOR BETTER PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT,+ SHE ADDED.

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SPEEDPOST TO AUSTRALIA BACK TO NORMAL  
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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN POST OFFICE THAT NORMAL SPEEDPOST SERVICES TO AUSTRALIA HAVE BEEN RESUMED.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE AUSTRALIAN POST OFFICE HAD SAID THAT DUE TO AN INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS IN AUSTRALIA IT COULD NOT GUARANTEE SCHEDULED DELIVERY OF SPEEDPOST ITEMS.

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OPENING OF HARBOUR ROAD CAR PARK  
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WORK ON THE BUILDING OF A SPORTS GROUND OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN WAN CHAI IS TO START SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

THE 25-ACRE SPORTS GROUND, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A TURFED FOOTBALL PITCH, AN ALL-WEATHER ATHLETIC TRACK, COVERED SEATING ACCOMMODATION FOR 3,500 SPECTATORS, CHANGING ROOMS AND A RESTAURANT, WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

COSTING ABOUT \$11 MILLION, THE PROJECT IS THE FIRST STAGE OF THE WANCHAI RECREATION CENTRE PLANNED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE GROUND, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AND READY FOR USE BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR, IS LOCATED AT THE WATERFRONT AND IS BOUNDED BY GLOUCESTER ROAD, TONNOCHY ROAD AND MARSH ROAD.

TO FACILITATE THE WORK, A NUMBER OF LORRY DRIVERS WHO ARE USING THE SITE AS A TEMPORARY PARKING PLACE FOR THEIR VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO MOVE TO OTHER PLACES.

TO MEET THEIR NEEDS AS WELL AS THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR LORRY PARKING SPACE, A NEW LORRY CAR PARK WILL BE OPENED IN THE VICINITY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

THE OPENING OF THE CAR PARK IS ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CAR PARK, THE SECOND OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, IS SITUATED ON WANCHAI RECLAMATION ON THE WEST SIDE OF FLEMING ROAD BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD.

KNOWN AS THE HARBOUR ROAD VEHICLE PARK, IT WILL HAVE OVER 350 SPACES FOR UNLADEN GOODS VEHICLES, PRIVATE OMNIBUSES AND PUBLIC OMNIBUSES.

THE PARKING CHARGE ON WEEK DAYS WILL BE \$5 FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M. AND \$5 FROM 1 P.M. TO 7 P.M. THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR PARKING FROM 7 P.M. TO 8 A.M. AND ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE WANCHAI RECREATION CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO START AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND A SWIMMING POOL, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS.

THE INDOOR GAMES HALL IS DESIGNED FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, TENNIS, PING PONG, FENCING, BOXING AMONG OTHER SPORTS ACTIVITIES. IT WILL ALSO HAVE SIX SQUASH COURTS. THE PLANS ALSO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR A SMALL STAGE FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

THE SWIMMING POOL IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO PROMOTE LIFE-SAVING AND OTHER TRAINING.

WHEN THE WHOLE SCHEME IS COMPLETED, IT WILL BE THE FIRST RECREATIONAL CENTRE OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, PROVIDING OUTDOOR AND INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE SAME PLACE.

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FAIRER SYSTEM TO CHARGE WATER CONSUMERS

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THE AVERAGE HONG KONG WATER CONSUMERS NEED HAVE NO WORRY THAT ANY FUTURE INCREASE IN DESALTING WOULD HAVE A DRAMATIC EFFECT ON HIS WATER BILL, THE RETIRING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT, SAID TODAY.

MR. KNIGHT, WHO LEAVES LATER THIS MONTH AFTER 25 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH THAT EVEN IF HONG KONG OPTED FOR NEW DESALTERS, ONLY ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF THE DEMAND MIGHT HAVE TO BE SUPPLIED BY DESALTING IN 1985.

+AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH CONSUMERS HAVE TO USE THIS MORE EXPENSIVE WATER COULD BECOME LARGELY A MATTER OF PERSONAL CHOICE,+ HE SAID.

ILLUSTRATING THIS, MR. KNIGHT EXPLAINED THAT THE COST OF PRODUCING WATER VARIED CONSIDERABLY FROM ONE SUPPLY SYSTEM TO ANOTHER. CORRESPONDINGLY A RANGE OF PRICES COULD BE CHARGED SO THAT THE CONSUMER COULD TO A VERY GREAT EXTENT DECIDE FOR HIMSELF HOW MUCH HE WOULD SPEND ON HIS WATER BILL.

+THE AIM WOULD BE TO PRODUCE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE AMOUNT OF WATER USED BY AN INDIVIDUAL BECOMES HIS OWN ECONOMIC CHOICE,+ HE SAID.

THIS COULD BE ARRANGED BECAUSE HONG KONG HAD A UNIVERSAL METERING SYSTEM WHEREBY EACH CONSUMER PAID FOR THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF WATER HE USED.

IN FACT, HE SAID, STEPS HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN ALONG THE LINES HE WAS SUGGESTING WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A MULTIPLE DOMESTIC RATE WHICH, ON AVERAGE, PROVIDED A FREE ALLOWANCE OF ABOUT FOUR GALLONS PER PERSON PER DAY -- THE AMOUNT CALCULATED TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE AVERAGE CONSUMER. THE NEXT 16 GALLONS PER HEAD PER DAY WAS CHARGED AT \$3 PER THOUSAND GALLONS, AND CONSUMPTION OVER THIS WAS AT THE RATE OF \$6 PER THOUSAND GALLONS.

MR. KNIGHT PREDICTED THAT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, WHEN THE WATERWORKS ACCOUNTS WERE COMPUTERISED, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SUBDIVIDE THE TOP \$6 BRACKET SO THAT THE ECONOMIC CHOICE TO INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE EVEN CLEARER, AND MAKE IT EVIDENT WHEN THEY WERE APPROACHING A SCALE OF USAGE WHICH REQUIRED THE PAYMENT FOR WATER AT THE MORE EXPENSIVE RATE ARISING FROM THE HIGHER COSTS OF DESALTING WATER.

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT A MULTIPLE DOMESTIC RATE SYSTEM WAS MUCH FAIRER THAN CHARGING A FLAT RATE WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD MEAN THAT THE AVERAGE PERSON WHO NEITHER WANTED NOR COULD AFFORD TO USE A GREAT DEAL OF WATER WOULD BE FORCED TO HELP PAY THE BILLS OF THOSE WHO USED A GREAT DEAL MORE, AT THE EXPENSIVE END OF THE SCALE.

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MR. KNIGHT ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY FELT THAT A SIMILAR DIFFERENTIAL PRICING SYSTEM SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED FOR NON-DOMESTIC USERS, AS HE BELIEVED THAT INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL USERS SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED WITH A HIDDEN SUBSIDY BY THE DOMESTIC USER.

+HOWEVER, THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TASK, AND ONE NEEDING A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH AND EXAMINATION,+ HE SAID.

MR. KNIGHT DESCRIBED HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY AS A CONTINUING 'WAR', AND WARNED THAT HONG KONG COULD NOT AFFORD TO BE COMPLACENT DESPITE THE PROJECTED SLOWER SIX PER CENT GROWTH IN DEMAND IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

+WE MUST CONTINUE WITH ALL OUR EFFORTS TO CONTAIN UNNECESSARY GROWTH IN CONSUMPTION,+ HE STRESSED.

HE REJECTED THE ASSUMPTION THAT HONG KONG COULD AFFORD TO BE EASY-GOING ABOUT VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES WHEN SUPPLIES SEEMED PLENTIFUL, AND SAID THAT LENIENCY AND THE RESULTANT INCREASE IN DEMAND WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF BRINGING FORWARD THE NEED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, THUS LEADING TO EXPENDITURE HAVING TO BE STEPPED UP SOONER THAN NECESSARY.

HE SAID THAT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINOR CATCHMENTS AND THE EXTRA SUPPLIES FROM CHINA, DEMAND COULD BE MET UP TO ABOUT 1983 ON PRESENT PROJECTIONS.

BUT WITH CONVENTIONAL RESOURCES DEVELOPED TO CAPACITY, IT LOOKED VERY MUCH AS THOUGH WE MUST BE SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT NEW DESALTERS.

THIS HAD, IN FACT, ALREADY BEEN FORESEEN WHEN THE LOK ON PAI DESALTER WAS BEING BUILT, AND ALLOWANCE HAD BEEN MADE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE EXTENSION BY MAKING THE MAJOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS LARGER THAN NECESSARY FOR A 40-MILLION-GALLONS-A-DAY PLANT.

THESE MAJOR PARTS, HE SAID, WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE OR HORRIBLY EXPENSIVE TO ENLARGE LATER ON. +THE EXTENSION OF THIS DESALTING PLANT, ALTHOUGH EXPENSIVE, IS THEREFORE A LESS COSTLY OPERATION THAN TO PROVIDE ANOTHER MAJOR DESALTER FROM SCRATCH.+

NEVERTHELESS, MR. KNIGHT SAID, HONG KONG STILL HAD ANOTHER YEAR OR SO BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO GO IN FOR MORE DESALTERS, ALTHOUGH IN THE MEANTIME THERE WAS LOTS TO BE DONE, INCLUDING LOCATING SITES, PRELIMINARY PLANNING AND KEEPING ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DESALTING FIELD.

+DESALTED WATER IS EXPENSIVE, SO IT IS WISE NOT TO COMMIT OURSELVES TOO SOON,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE TO TRY TO GET THE TIMING RIGHT SO THAT WE ARE NOT SPENDING MONEY EARLIER THAN WE HAVE TO -- MONEY BADLY NEEDED FOR OTHER PURPOSES -- NOR DO WE WANT TO LEAVE IT SO LATE THAT WATER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE WHEN WE NEED IT.+

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LOOKING BACK, MR. KNIGHT NOTED THAT HONG KONG'S STORAGE CAPACITY HAD MULTIPLIED BY ABOUT 2,000 TIMES WITHIN THE LAST 100 YEARS -- FROM ABOUT 66 MILLION GALLONS IN THE 1860'S TO 67,000 MILLION GALLONS IN 1973, AND BY THE END OF THE DECADE SHOULD REACH 128,000 MILLION GALLONS WHEN HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR WAS COMPLETED.

MR. KNIGHT SAID THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD FACED HONG KONG IN PRODUCING THIS MASSIVE GROWTH WERE BOTH UNIQUE AND CHALLENGING.

+I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN BE SAID TO CAST US IN THE ROLE OF A WORLD LEADER IN THE WAY WE HAVE OVERCOME THEM, AND I DON'T THINK WE WOULD WANT IT IN ANY OTHER WAY,+ HE SAID.

+I WOULD LIKE TODAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR UNRELENTING EFFORTS TO ENSURE AND MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY SUPPLY TO HONG KONG+.

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#### PRE-WAR BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NO. 16 AMOY STREET, HONG KONG TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND ORDERED THAT THE BUILDING BE DEMOLISHED.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THIS THREE-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDING, PARTIALLY RECONSTRUCTED IN 1947, WAS CONSTRUCTED WITH TIMBER FLOORS ON LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS. THE BUILDING HAS BEEN UNDER GENERAL OBSERVATION SINCE AN ADJACENT BUILDING WAS DEMOLISHED AS DANGEROUS IN 1967.

THERE ARE FRACTURES IN MOST LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND INDICATIONS OF A GENERAL BUILDING MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE VACANT SITE AT NO. 18 AMOY STREET. THE SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY RECENTLY AND IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS NOW A DANGER OF COLLAPSE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 17 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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RESIDENTIAL LAND TO BE SOLD AT LANTAU  
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THE FIRST AUCTION IN A PLANNED SERIES OF SALES OF PRIME RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS ON LANTAU WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28.

DETAILS OF THE AUCTION OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND OVERLOOKING CHEUNG SHA BEACH WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

BOTH BLOCKS - ONE OF 10,700 SQUARE FEET AND THE OTHER OF 16,700 SQUARE FEET - CARRY A TWO-STOREY BUILDING LIMITATION.

THE SMALLER PARCEL HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$220,000 TO BE SPENT BEFORE JUNE, 1979, WHILE THE PURCHASER OF THE OTHER BLOCK WILL BE REQUIRED TO SPEND \$340,000 BEFORE THAT DATE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY THAT THE TOTAL GROSS PERMITTED FLOOR AREA ON THE SMALLER PARCEL WAS 4,280 SQUARE FEET WHILE THE SECOND BLOCK WAS 6,680 SQUARE FEET.

HE ADDED : +THE N.T.A. IS PLANNING A SERIES OF AUCTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL SITES IN SOUTH LANTAU.

+FROM MANY INQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS, IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THERE IS A VERY STRONG DEMAND FOR THIS TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON SOUTH LANTAU, SIMILAR TO THE DEMAND WE EXPERIENCED IN SAI KUNG IN RECENT YEARS.

+WE EXPECT TO ANNOUNCE FURTHER AUCTIONS OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN THE SOUTH LANTAU AREA IN THE COMING MONTHS.+

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 4TH FLOOR, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG, AT 10.30 A.M.

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THIRD IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE FOR TEACHERS  
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THE LAST OF THE THREE IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF SCIENCE SYLLABUS AT JUNIOR SECONDARY LEVEL IS TO BE HELD ON SIX CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS BEGINNING SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 11).

THE REFRESHER COURSE, TO BE ATTENDED BY 100 FORM THREE TEACHERS, WILL BE HELD AT THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

THE FIRST COURSE FOR SOME 200 TEACHERS FROM SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTING OR INTENDING TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SCIENCE AT FORM ONE LEVEL WAS HELD IN JULY.

THE SECOND COURSE FOR 200 FORM TWO TEACHERS ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 1.

THE AIM OF THE THREE COURSES IS TO ACQUAINT THE PARTICIPATING TEACHERS WITH APPROACHES TO AND METHODS OF TEACHING THE SCIENCE SYLLABUS AT THE JUNIOR SECONDARY LEVEL.

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