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RESULTS OF 1982 SURVEY OF BUILDING,
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS
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THERE WERE 5 396 CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATING IN 1982, ENGAGING A TOTAL OF 106 711 PERSONS, ACCORDING TO SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS AMOUNTED TO \$38 082 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT OVER 1981.

BUSINESS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM SECONDARY ACTIVITIES WERE \$535 MILLION. THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE \$35 764 MILLION. THEY COMPRISED \$9 826 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND PAYMENT TO LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS; \$11 302 MILLION ON CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES; \$12 470 MILLION ON SUB-CONTRACT WORK RENDERED BY FEE SUB-CONTRACTORS; AND \$2 167 MILLION ON MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES.

TOTAL VALUE ADDED WAS \$13 033 MILLION WHICH WAS 8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN 1981.

ANALYSED BY TRADE ACTIVITY, OVER ONE-THIRD OF CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS WERE ENGAGED IN RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. THEY WERE MOSTLY SMALL CONCERNS ACCOUNTING FOR \$1 782 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT OF TOTAL CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE 896 GENERAL TRADE CONTRACTORS PERFORMING AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES ACCOUNTED FOR \$28 206 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT OF TOTAL CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED.

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS. AMONG THEM, THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL FITTING TRADE WAS THE MOST PROMINENT, ACCOUNTING FOR \$5 133 MILLION, OR 13 PER CENT, OF THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED.

FROM APRIL 1983 TO EARLY 1984 THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED THE SURVEY OF THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS IN RESPECT OF THEIR OPERATIONS IN 1982.

THE SURVEY COVERED THE FOLLOWING TRADES :-

- * BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION;
- * REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT;
- * ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING; AND
- * REAL ESTATE LEASING; BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT.

BESIDES STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS, THE SURVEY ALSO COLLECTED DATA ABOUT CONSTRUCTION SITES.

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ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, 2 376 SITE CONTRACTS WERE CARRIED OUT IN 1982, OF WHICH 737 CONTRACTS RELATED TO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND 1 639 RELATED TO PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION.

TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN THESE CONTRACTS WERE \$22 293 MILLION, 14 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN 1981.

ON THE EXPENDITURE SIDE, \$1 399 MILLION WERE SPENT ON WAGES TO DIRECTLY EMPLOYED OPERATIVES; \$5 351 MILLION ON BUILDING MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES; AND \$11 963 MILLION ON SUB-CONTRACT WORK RENDERED BY OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS.

IN TERMS OF GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED, THE MOST IMPORTANT CATEGORIES OF PROJECTS WERE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AND COMMERCIAL AND COMPOSITE BUILDINGS.

REGARDING THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT SECTOR, THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 1 063 ACTIVE PRIVATE REAL ESTATE PROJECTS IN 1982.

THE TOTAL VALUE ACCRUED TO THESE PROJECTS WAS \$27 911 MILLION, WITH AN INCREASE OF 7 PER CENT OVER 1981.

THE PROJECT OUTLAYS WERE \$17 639 MILLION. THIS FIGURE COMPRISED \$12 528 MILLION ON PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDING MATERIALS FOR CONSTRUCTION; \$678 MILLION ON ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY FEES; \$4 095 MILLION ON INTEREST PAYMENTS; AND \$338 MILLION ON OTHER PROJECT EXPENSES.

COMPARISON OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF PROJECTS BY THEIR VALUE ACCRUED SHOWS THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT CATEGORIES WERE MULTI-PURPOSE COMMERCIAL PREMISES AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PREMISES.

REGARDING ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES, THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT THERE WERE 518 SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATING IN 1982 ENGAGING A TOTAL OF 10 268 PERSONS.

THEIR TOTAL BUSINESS RECEIPTS WERE \$2 076 MILLION, COMPRISING \$2 027 MILLION OF SERVICE INCOME FOR PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND \$50 MILLION OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS FROM SECONDARY ACTIVITIES. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT OVER 1981.

THEIR TOTAL EXPENDITURES WERE \$1 656 MILLION, COMPRISING \$926 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES; \$70 MILLION ON CONSUMPTION OF SUNDRY SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES; \$366 MILLION ON PAYMENTS FOR COMMISSION WORK; AND \$294 MILLION ON MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES.

TOTAL VALUE ADDED WAS \$1 360 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT OVER 1981.

REGARDING REAL ESTATE LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 2 155 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE ENGAGED IN THESE TRADES IN 1982, AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS DIRECTLY ENGAGED WAS 19 800.

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THE SURVEY DID NOT COVER ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA CARRIED OUT BY SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS OR PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS.

TOTAL RENTAL INCOME AND BUSINESS RECEIPTS CAME TO \$7 374 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 60 PER CENT OVER 1981.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES WERE \$3 995 MILLION, COMPRISING \$686 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES; \$618 MILLION ON CONSUMPTION OF SUNDRY SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES; AND \$2 691 MILLION ON MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES.

TOTAL VALUE ADDED WAS \$6 031 MILLION, 66 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN 1981.

SUMMARY STATISTICS FROM THE 1982 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE JUNE 1984 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE 1982 SURVEY WILL BE GIVEN IN ITS SURVEY REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT MONTH.

IN THE MEANTIME, ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE 3-7213846.

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12TH PHASE OF NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME STARTS TOMORROW
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WOMEN BORN IN 1961 AND 1962 WERE REMINDED TODAY (MONDAY) TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BETWEEN TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND JULY 14.

THE 12TH PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME WILL LAST FOR SIX WEEKS DURING WHICH MORE THAN 110 000 WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 22 AND 23 ARE EXPECTED TO TURN UP.

AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN URGED APPLICANTS TO VISIT THE ISSUE OFFICES AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

A MAIL-IN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO WISH TO VISIT A SPECIFIC ISSUE OFFICE AT A PRE-ARRANGED TIME.

+APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE TO VISIT AN OFFICE BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5.30 PM ON ANY WORKING DAY, EXCEPT MONDAYS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE AND IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF ONE'S CHOICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE PHASE.

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SCHEME THAT TAPS DANCE TALENT
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OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS IN THE ANNUAL SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL ARE REWARDED WITH FREE DANCE TRAINING THAT FULLY TAPS THEIR LATENT TALENTS.

'A DANCE TRAINING SCHEME FOR SCHOOLS, UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR TO HELP GIFTED DANCERS DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS,' SAID MRS CHIU SHUM SHUK-HAAN, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION), OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

SHE SAID THAT 444 PARTICIPANTS IN LAST YEAR'S DANCE FESTIVAL WHO HAD DEMONSTRATED KEEN INTEREST AND POTENTIAL WERE CHOSEN FOR THIS PILOT SCHEME.

COURSES IN CHINESE DANCE, WESTERN FOLK OR NATIONAL DANCE AND CREATIVE DANCE WERE PROVIDED IN THE FIRST PHASE OF TRAINING LAST SUMMER. A TOTAL OF 190 STUDENTS WERE LATER SELECTED TO CONTINUE WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF TRAINING WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED THIS MONTH.

'THEY ALL RECEIVE SKILLS TRAINING FROM LOCAL DANCE EXPERTS AND THE 108 STUDENTS OF WESTERN AND CREATIVE DANCE RECENTLY SAT FOR THE IMPERIAL SOCIETY OF TEACHERS OF DANCING GRADE EXAMINATION,' SAID MRS CHIU.

ALL OF THEM PASSED THE EXAMINATION, COLLECTING 43 HONOURS, 43 +HIGHLY COMMENDED+ AWARDS AND 20 +COMMENDED+ AWARDS.

THE SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL IS A GOOD MEANS TO UNCOVER HIDDEN TALENT, SHE SAID.

MRS CHIU RECALLED THAT WHEN THE FESTIVAL WAS FIRST INTRODUCED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN 1965, ONLY 24 SCHOOLS WITH 240 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED, COMPARED WITH 280 SCHOOLS WITH 3 867 STUDENTS IN THIS YEAR'S EVENT.

TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE DANCE FORMS AND LARGER PARTICIPATION, THE RANGE OF DANCES OFFERED IN THE FESTIVAL HAS BEEN WIDENED TO INCLUDE WESTERN FOLK OR NATIONAL DANCE, CHINESE DANCE, WESTERN DANCE DRAMA, CHINESE DANCE DRAMA, ORIENTAL DANCE AND CREATIVE DANCE.

'BASED ON MARKS GAINED IN THE PERFORMANCES, PRIZES ARE GIVEN IN THE FORM OF HONOURS AWARDS, HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS AND COMMENDED AWARD CERTIFICATES,' MRS CHIU SAID.

OVERALL CHALLENGE AWARDS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THREE SECONDARY AND THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST OVERALL SCORES IN THE FESTIVAL.

AFTER THE COMPETITIONS, PRIZE-WINNERS WILL STAGE PUBLIC PERFORMANCES IN THE CITY HALL AND TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

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THEY ARE ALSO GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITIES TO PERFORM IN MAJOR CULTURAL EVENTS, SUCH AS THE ASIAN ARTS FESTIVAL, AND DURING THE VISITS OF MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.

OUTSTANDING DANCERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PERFORM OVERSEAS. SO FAR THEY HAVE APPEARED IN EXPO '70 IN JAPAN, THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ORCHESTRAS IN SCOTLAND IN 1976, TELEVISION FESTIVAL IN CYPRUS AND THE ISRAEL ARTS FESTIVAL IN 1980.

MR WONG CHI-KEUNG WAS ONE OF THESE STUDENTS. HIS PASSION FOR DANCING HAS SINCE BEEN MAINTAINED AND HE IS NOW WORKING FULL-TIME IN THE DANCING FIELD.

'CHI-KEUNG IS JUST ONE OF THE PROMISING DANCERS THAT HAVE COME TO OUR NOTICE IN THE SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL, AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE TALENTS IN THE YEARS TO COME,' SAID MRS CHIU.

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HELP OFFERED FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES STUDIES

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STUDENTS WISHING TO STUDY SUBJECTS RELATED TO AGRICULTURE OR THE FISHING INDUSTRY MAY APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS.

THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMES FROM THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND THE MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE AFD HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 393 CANTON ROAD IN KOWLOON.

THIS YEAR \$620 000 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE TO ASSIST STUDENTS.

THE AWARDS WILL BE TENABLE AT A UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR AN ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS INSTITUTION.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE HONG KONG RESIDENTS, PREFERABLY UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE AND STUDENTS WHO MAY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO EITHER AGRICULTURAL OR FISHERIES INDUSTRIES OR THEIR MARKETING IN HONG KONG ON QUALIFICATION.

THESE STUDENTS SHOULD NORMALLY STUDY COURSES APPROVED BY TRUSTEES OF THESE FUNDS, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY SCIENCE, FISHERY SCIENCE, MARINE BIOLOGY, NAVAL ARCHITECTURE OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCE RELEVANT TO LOCAL AGRICULTURE OR FISHERIES OR THEIR MARKETING INDUSTRIES.

APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO OPEN TO PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AS WELL AS MARKETING INDUSTRIES, THEIR FAMILIES, AND DEPENDENTS WHO WISH TO PURSUE FURTHER EDUCATION OR TRAINING IN ANY SUBJECT APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUNDS.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TERTIARY EDUCATION WILL CLOSE ON JULY 13, WHILE THOSE FROM THE SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 20.

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WAN CHAI DB MEETS TOMORROW
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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON A PUBLICITY PROGRAMME FOR NEXT YEAR'S BOARD ELECTION AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF A VIDEO DOCUMENTARY AND AN EXHIBITION ON THE WORKS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS, MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT AND MR KWAN LIM-HO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE COUNCIL'S POLICY ON THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HAWKERS.

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EQUIPMENT FOR OPERATING THEATRES IN TUEN MUN HOSPITAL
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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS WITH SPECIAL EXPERTISE TO APPLY FOR PRE-QUALIFICATIONS TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL EQUIPMENT FOR 13 OPERATING THEATRES AT TUEN MUN HOSPITAL.

THE PACKAGE OF EQUIPMENT FOR EACH THEATRE IS KNOWN AS A +FIXED SERVICE SYSTEM+ AND IS OF A HIGHLY SPECIALISED NATURE.

APPLICATIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRE-QUALIFICATION LIST SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 15TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY JUNE 29.

THEY SHOULD BE FROM COMPANIES ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG.

THE NEW 1 600-BED HOSPITAL WILL BE SITUATED NEAR CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

IT WILL COMPRISE FOUR 10-STOREY MAIN WARD BLOCKS, A 10-STOREY OPERATING THEATRE BLOCK, A THREE-STOREY PATHOLOGY BLOCK AND A FOUR-STOREY BLOCK TO HOUSE VARIOUS SPECIAL FACILITIES.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A TRAINING SCHOOL FOR 400 NURSES AND STAFF QUARTERS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL SERVE THE PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FOR KWUN TONG

KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TOUR THE DISTRICT TO INSPECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMPLETED LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NIGEL WHITNEY, THEY WILL ALSO VISIT AREAS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND SITES WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE VISIT WAS INITIATED BY THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE A STRONGER GROUNDWORK FOR BOTH COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS TO PLAN FOR FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORK.

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ALLOCATED \$1 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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NEW WATER SUPPLIES ENQUIRIES CENTRE

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN ITS FIFTH CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE CENTRE, ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, IS THE SECOND TO BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION THIS YEAR.

THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR TOM MCDONOUGH, DESCRIBED THE EXPANSION IN THE PRESENT NETWORK OF ENQUIRY CENTRES AS TIMELY BECAUSE OF THE EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF CONSUMERS, WHO NOW TOTAL 1.3 MILLION.

DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984, THE CENTRES HANDLED 79 761 ENQUIRIES, COMPARED WITH 58 911 DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 35 PER CENT.

THE NEW CENTRE WILL OPEN FROM 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM - 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS. AS WITH THE OTHER CENTRES, IT WILL DEAL WITH ENQUIRIES ON ALL ASPECTS OF WATER ACCOUNTS.

A COMPUTER VISUAL DISPLAY UNIT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT THE CENTRE TO SPEED UP HANDLING OF ENQUIRIES.

PAYMENT OF WATER ACCOUNTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE EITHER BY CHEQUE THROUGH THE POST OR AT THE KWAI HING DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SAME FLOOR OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MR MCDONOUGH SAID.

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TSUEN WAN TO HOLD TREE PLANTING DAY
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A TREE PLANTING DAY WILL BE HELD AT TSUEN WAN ON THURSDAY (JUNE 7) TO HELP BEAUTIFY THE NEW TOWN.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE CURRENT MEI FA (BEAUTIFICATION) PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG EXERCISE.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A TREE PLANTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE ROUNDABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD AND ROUTE TWISK.

COMMUNITY LEADERS AND 60 STUDENTS WILL PLANT 100 SPECIES OF YOUNG TREES AT THE ROUNDABOUT.

THE TREES WILL BECOME A GREEN BELT IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHOW SUM; THE PROJECT MANAGER OF TSUEN WAN, MR NG TECK-SHENG; AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TSUEN WAN, MR CHAN YIU-CHEUNG, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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SWIMMING COURSES FOR PRIMARY PUPILS
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MORE THAN 7 900 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN THE +LEARN-TO-SWIM+ SCHEME IN THE COMING SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

UNDER THIS SCHEME, THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE 264 SWIMMING COURSES FOR CHILDREN OVER 10 YEARS OF AGE.

THE FREE COURSES, EACH COMPRISING 12 LESSONS, WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 16 AND AUGUST 25 IN THE PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AT ABERDEEN, CHAI WAN, MORRISON HILL, VICTORIA PARK, KWUN TONG, LAI CHI KOK, LI CHENG UK, MORSE PARK, TAI WAN SHAN, FANLING, KWAI SHING, SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE SCHEME ARE INVITED TO APPLY TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 7TH FLOOR, KOWLOON, BY JUNE 13.

AS A LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ARE EXPECTED, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DRAW LOTS TO SELECT APPLICATIONS.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS WILL BE GIVEN A CLASS OF 30 PLACES EACH. PUPILS NOMINATED TO TAKE PART IN THE COURSES MUST AGREE TO ATTEND ALL TWELVE LESSONS, EACH OF ONE HOUR'S DURATION.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL ASSESS THE PARTICIPANTS' SWIMMING ABILITY FOR DISTANCE CERTIFICATES AND SWIMMING AWARDS.

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REFRESHMENT KIOSK FOR RENT

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A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTSGROUND IS BEING PUT UP FOR BIDDING.

THE SPORTSGROUND HAD PROVED TO BE POPULAR WITH THE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY START BUSINESS ON AUGUST 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

TENDER FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT 69 MAN NIN STREET, FIRST FLOOR, SAI KUNG.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE 9 AM ON JULY 6 (FRIDAY).

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 3-2813635.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 6), ANDERSON ROAD BETWEEN PIONEER QUARRY AND SUNNYSIDE CHILDREN'S HOSTEL AT MA YAU TONG WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM DAILY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF BOULDERS.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- * TRAFFIC HEADING FOR RENNIE'S MILL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO SAU MAU PING AND THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PO LAM ROAD EXTENSION.
- * BETWEEN 5 PM AND 9 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE CLOSED SECTION OF ANDERSON ROAD WILL BE REOPENED ONLY TO VEHICLES BOUND FOR RENNIE'S MILL, WHILE THE PO LAM ROAD EXTENSION WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.
- * MAXICAB ROUTE 10 AND KMB ROUTE 90 WILL OPERATE VIA ANDERSON ROAD ON JOURNEY TO RENNIE'S MILL BEFORE 9 AM AND AFTER 5 PM, BUT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE PO LAM ROAD EXTENSION BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM.

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WESTERN TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 7) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY HILL ROAD, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, CHIU KWONG STREET, SIU CHEUNG FONG AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, INCLUDING WESTERN POLICE STATION QUARTERS.

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LEAKAGE TEST IN TSUEN WAN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 7) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY TAI CHUNG ROAD, SHA TSUI ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, INCLUDING PAK TIN PAR STREET.

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LARGE PARK FOR CYCLISTS

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A LARGE, MODERN, ALL-LEVEL CYCLING PARK, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, IS BEING BUILT AT LAI KOK ESTATE.

+THE 3 500 SQUARE-METRE PARK IS DESIGNED FOR CYCLISTS OF VARYING SKILLS, FROM BEGINNERS TO ADVENTUROUS CYCLISTS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY.

HE SAID THE \$750 000 PROJECT WOULD BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR AS YET ANOTHER ADDITION TO THE ESTATE'S RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

+ADJOINING A BEAUTIFUL REST GARDEN COMPLETED ONLY IN APRIL, THE PARK WILL HAVE THREE CYCLING AREAS FOR ADVENTUROUS CYCLISTS, CHILDREN AND LEARNERS.

+THE AREA FOR HIGH-SKILL CYCLING WILL BE THE LARGEST, COVERING ALTOGETHER 2 400 SQUARE METRES.

+IT WILL PROVIDE CIRCUITS OF 3.5-METRE WIDE TRACKS WITH UNDULATING SLOPES, BRIDGES AND TRICK CHANNELS AS FEATURES TO CHALLENGE SKILLS AND GIVE MORE FUN.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PARK HAD BEEN DESIGNED WITH SPECIALIST ADVICE FROM THE HONG KONG CYCLING ASSOCIATION.

+THE PROJECT ALSO FEATURES THE USE OF SPECIAL COATING TECHNIQUE IN PLACE OF THE CONVENTIONAL PAVING METHOD.

+GOOD-QUALITY CONCRETE MATERIALS WILL BE USED TO GIVE SAFE, CLEAN AND DURABLE CYCLING GROUNDS AND TO FACILITATE MANAGEMENT.+

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TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE AND FATHER OF MORE THAN 30 CHICKS - VIRILE IF NOT YOUNG IS THE RIGHT DESCRIPTION FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL BIRD WHO ACTUALLY IS AN ARGUS PHEASANT.

CALL HIM +AP+, THE +DADDY+ WITH SUCH AN AGGRESSIVE PERSONALITY, WHO IS ONE OF THE OLDEST AND LONGEST-STAYING RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG'S ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

HE CAME IN AS A LEGAL IMMIGRANT INTO HONG KONG FROM BANGKOK IN 1964 AND AT THAT TIME, WAS ALREADY AN ADULT IN THE WORLD OF FOWLS.

TOGETHER WITH AP WAS A FEMALE COMPANION AND THEY SHARED MANY HAPPY YEARS IN THEIR GARDEN ROAD SANCTUARY. ONLY TWO YEARS AGO, AP'S LIFELONG MATE PASSED AWAY.

ACCORDING TO HIS KEEPERS, AP (WITH HIS HAREM OF FEMALE ARGUS PHEASANTS) HAS FATHERED AN AVERAGE OF TWO CHICKS A YEAR.

MORE THAN 30 SURVIVED TO MATURITY AND WERE SENT TO ZOOS OVERSEAS.

SEVERAL OF AP'S +CHILDREN+ ARE NOW RESIDING IN BEIJING'S ZOO.

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+GARDEN ROAD FIRE STATION TO BE RE-LOCATED+
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COMMENTING ON THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO RE-LOCATE THE TEMPORARY FIRE STATION TO A SITE IN VICTORIA BARRACKS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL SAID TODAY IT WAS +MOST DISAPPOINTING THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD OVER-RULED THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECENT APPEAL FOR RETENTION OF THE LAND CONCERNED.

+FROM THE TIME IT BECAME KNOWN THAT VICTORIA BARRACKS, A MAGNIFICENT SITE IN THE HEART OF CENTRAL, WAS TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS BEEN FORMULATING DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, UNFORTUNATELY DELAYED BY LACK OF FUNDS.

+NOW IT SEEMS AS IF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS DISREGARDED OUR APPEAL CONCERNING THIS SITE WITH SCANT CONSIDERATION FOR OUR ARGUMENTS, WHICH ARE BASED ON THE FACTS THAT, FIRSTLY, THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE SITE AVAILABLE NEARBY FOR THE FIRE STATION AND, SECONDLY, THAT THE EXCISION OF THIS SITE WILL HAVE A DOMINO-LIKE EFFECT ON THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR VICTORIA BARRACKS.+

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HAWKER PROBLEM - DB'S ASKED FOR VIEWS

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DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE URBAN AREAS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CURRENT POLICY ON HAWKERS.

THIS WAS DECIDED BY THE WORKING PARTY FORMED RECENTLY BY THE COUNCIL TO LOOK INTO, AND IDENTIFY CHANGES TO, THE COUNCIL'S POLICY ON THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HAWKERS.

THE WORKING PARTY IS HEADED BY URBAN COUNCILLOR MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT WITH SIX OTHER COUNCILLORS AS MEMBERS - MESSRS. KWAN LIM-HO, STEPHEN LAU, LEE CHIK-YUET, TONG KAM-BIU, LAM CHAK-PIU AND WALTER SULKE.

TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS, THE WORKING PARTY, THROUGH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HAS PRODUCED A COMPACT YET COMPREHENSIVE PAPER ON THE COUNCIL'S CURRENT POLICY ON HAWKERS.

FURTHERMORE, OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY WILL BE ATTENDING DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND DISCUSS WAYS OF DEALING WITH THE HAWKER SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM CONSULTING URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS, THE WORKING PARTY WILL SEEK THE VIEWS OF VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AT GRASSROOTS LEVEL AS WELL AS THOSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF HAWKERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

THE USD-PREPARED POLICY PAPER FOR THE DISTRICT BOARDS SETS OUT EIGHT MAJOR AIMS OF THE COUNCIL IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HAWKERS.

THESE ARE:

- * TO SEEK A GRADUAL REDUCTION IN STREET TRADING AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT;
- * TO OBTAIN SUITABLE OFF-ROAD SITES WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND TO CONSTRUCT APPROPRIATE BUILDINGS, EITHER TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT, INTO WHICH TO MOVE STREET TRADERS;
- * TO CONFINE STREET TRADING TO SPECIFIC AREAS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND WHERE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT WOULD NOT BE UNDULY IMPEDED;
- * TO REDUCE TO A MINIMUM THE NUISANCES CREATED BY STREET TRADING BY PUTTING IT UNDER PROPER CONTROL;

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- * TO REDUCE TO A MINIMUM THE NUISANCES CREATED BY STREET TRADING TO SMALL-SCALE BUSINESSES AND TO GIVE ESTABLISHED STREET TRADERS LEGITIMATE STATUS;
- * TO CONTINUE TO DISSOCIATE STREET TRADING FROM SOCIAL WELFARE;
- * TO REDUCE PROGRESSIVELY THE HEAVY SUBSIDY FOR CONTROL OF HAWKERS FROM PUBLIC FUNDS; AND
- * TO FINALISE THE RE-ORDERING OF ON-STREET HAWKING.

THE WORKING PARTY WILL BE MAKING PERIODIC REPORTS ON ITS PROGRESS TO THE MARKETS AND STREET TRADERS SELECT COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR SHUM CHOI-SANG.

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