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DOUBLE TRACKING OF RAIL TO BE EXTENDED TO UNIVERSITY
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WORK WILL BEGIN SHORTLY ON THE DOUBLE TRACKING OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY FROM SHA TIN TO A POINT NEAR THE UNIVERSITY STATION AT MA LIU SHUI.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE INVITED BY THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

THE WORK WILL CONSIST OF THE LAYING OF A SINGLE TRACK OF THREE AND A QUARTER KILOMETRES, THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AN EXISTING K.C.R. BRIDGE OVER THE FO TAN NULLAH, THE WIDENING OF TWO EXISTING BRIDGES WITHIN THE FO TAN AREA, THE CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS AND ANCILLARY WORKS.

MR. LEUNG MIN-SUN, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE RAILWAY DIVISION, SAID THAT THE WORK FORMED THE FIRST PHASE OF TRACK WIDENING BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO MARKET.

WORK WOULD BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

HE SAID THAT THE DOUBLE TRACKING WORK BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN WAS NOW VIRTUALLY COMPLETE.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE TRACK WIDENING WORK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO MARKET, PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAIN SERVICES WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR NEW SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION HAS BEGUN.

THE STATION, WHICH WILL RIVAL THE HUNG HOM TERMINUS IN DESIGN AND FACILITIES, FORMS THE FIRST STAGE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT. IT AIMS TO COPE WITH THE EXTRA RAIL TRAFFIC RESULTING FROM THE GROWTH OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

MR. LEUNG SAID THAT IN THE FIRST STAGE THE NUMBER OF TRACKS PASSING THROUGH THE STATION WOULD BE INCREASED FROM THREE TO FOUR.

HE SAID THAT TWO MORE COVERED ISLAND PLATFORMS WOULD ALSO BE BUILT TO PERMIT MORE CONVENIENT ACCESS TO TRAINS, AND IMPROVE PASSENGER SAFETY BY SEGREGATING THEM FROM THE TRACKS.

IN THE NEXT STAGE, A NEW STATION WILL BE BUILT ON A REINFORCED CONCRETE PODIUM EXTENDING OVER THE PLATFORMS AND RAILWAY TRACKS.

MR. LEUNG SAID THAT THE STATION CONCOURSE WOULD BE LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE 2,600 PASSENGERS AND WOULD PROVIDE FACILITIES TO RIVAL THOSE AVAILABLE AT HUNG HOM.

IT WOULD INCORPORATE BOOKING AND STATION-MASTER OFFICES, A PUBLIC RESTAURANT AND BAR, A BOOKSTALL, A MINI-BANK AND A CANTEEN AND CHANGING ROOMS FOR K.C.R. STAFF.

THE NEW STATION COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO BE COMMISSIONED TOWARDS THE END OF 1979.

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LION ROCK TUNNEL TO BE REFURBISHED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE REFURBISHING OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

THE WORK COMPRISES MAINLY THE SEALING OF TUNNEL LEAKAGES, CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS SHAFTS, REPROVISION OF SECONDARY LINING AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TWO APPROACH ROADS.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT WORKS, THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE P.W.D. WILL CARRY OUT ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING VENTILATION AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS.

MR. ROBIN SAUNDERS, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION, SAID TODAY THAT THE WORK WOULD BEGIN SOME TIME BETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, THE STANDARDS OF THE EXISTING TUNNEL WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED.

MR. SAUNDERS POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF RENOVATION, TRAFFIC WOULD BE DIVERTED TO THE NEW SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (N.T.) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE ON BEHALF OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE P.W.D.

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POST OFFICE GEARS UP FOR CHRISTMAS MAIL
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THE POST OFFICE IS MUSTERING EXTRA MANPOWER AND FACILITY TO COPE WITH THE RUSH OF CHRISTMAS MAIL.

ABOUT 130 TEMPORARY WORKERS AND 25 TEMPORARY POSTAL OFFICERS ARE BEING DEPLOYED IN VARIOUS SECTIONS AND COUNTERS OF THE POST OFFICE TO MEET THE SEASONAL PRESSURE, AND NINE ADDITIONAL VEHICLES WILL BE USED TO CONVEY CHRISTMAS MAIL.

FROM EARLY THIS MONTH TO THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS, STAFF OF THE POST OFFICE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE LEAVE EXCEPT ON VERY URGENT CASES, SO THAT THE SEASONAL GOODWILL GREETINGS CAN BE DELIVERED IN TIME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID : +OUR BURDEN CAN BE MADE A LITTLE LIGHTER IF ONLY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD REMEMBER NOT TO LEAVE THEIR CHRISTMAS POSTING TO THE LAST MINUTE.

+THEY WILL HELP NOT ONLY THE POSTMEN BUT ALSO THEMSELVES, BY ENSURING THAT THEIR LETTERS ARE PROPERLY STAMPED AND ADDRESSED AND THAT PARCELS ARE PROPERLY PACKED,+ HE ADDED.

EACH YEAR SOME THREE MILLION LETTERS ARE UNDELIVERABLE BECAUSE THE ADDRESSES ARE INSUFFICIENT OR INCORRECT.

AS IN PAST YEARS, THE LATEST POSTING DATES FOR OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS MAIL ARE PUBLICISED WELL IN ADVANCE IN POST OFFICES, IN THE PRESS AND BROADCAST OVER THE RADIO.

MEANWHILE, THE POST OFFICE HAS BEEN KEPT BUSY HANDLING THE UPSURGE IN LETTERS AND PARCELS DESTINED FOR OVERSEAS.

LAST DECEMBER, ABOUT 35.5 MILLION ITEMS OF MAIL WERE HANDLED BY THE POST OFFICE -- AN INCREASE OF OVER 11 MILLION ITEMS AS COMPARED WITH THE AVERAGE MONTHLY VOLUME.

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BRANCH OFFICE FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IN
SAI KUNG
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS EXTENDING ITS LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE TO RESIDENTS IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH THE OPENING OF A BRANCH OFFICE THERE ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 5).

THE NEW OFFICE IN THE BRANCH OFFICE OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, IN MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG NEW TOWN WILL OPERATE EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY.

IT WILL HELP JOB-SEEKERS TO FIND SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT AS WELL AS EMPLOYERS IN THEIR STAFF RECRUITMENT.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE OFFICE WAS BEING SET UP AS A RESULT OF THE GROWING NEED FOR THE SERVICE IN SAI KUNG.

HE REMINDED THOSE REGISTERING FOR EMPLOYMENT TO BRING THEIR IDENTITY CARD AND A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH.

+AS FOR EMPLOYERS WHO WISH TO USE THIS SERVICE,+ HE SAID, +ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS TO TELEPHONE THE SAI KUNG OFFICE AT 3-2813793 ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS. ON OTHER DAYS THEY CAN TELEPHONE THE SAN PO KONG OFFICE IN KOWLOON AT 3-265121-4.+

THE NEW BRANCH OFFICE WILL OPERATE ON THIS TEMPORARY BASIS FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER WHICH CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF WORK, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ROLES OF A PRISON OFFICER

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PRISON OFFICERS HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION TO FULFIL -- ONE THAT REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE, TACT AND SOMETIMES SYMPATHY, AND OF COURSE DISCIPLINE.

DR. J.H. YAP, CONSULTANT DENTAL SURGEON IN-CHARGE OF THE DENTAL SERVICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SAID THIS IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE PRISON OFFICERS TAKING PART IN THE PASSING-OUT PARADE TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE NOTED THAT HIGH WALLS, BARS AND LOCKS ALONE WILL NOT TURN CONVICTS INTO LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS.

+YOUR EXAMPLE AND LEADERSHIP ARE QUALITIES REQUIRED TO HELP GUIDE THEM TO BE GOOD CITIZENS. YOU HAVE TO HAVE PATIENCE AS WELL AS FIRMNESS,+ HE SAID, STRESSING THAT THEY ARE NOT ONLY CUSTODIANS BUT ALSO CONSULTANTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EVERY INMATE THAT LEAVES A PRISON IS SUPPOSED TO BE A PERSON +REBORN+ -- WITH HIS BAD TRAITS ELIMINATED OR SUPPRESSED -- AND WITH A DESIRE TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN AND A GOOD NEIGHBOUR IN HIS OWN COMMUNITY.

+IF YOU SUCCEED IN RECREATING SOME SUCH CITIZENS YOU WILL HAVE DONE WELL AND ALL PEACE-LOVING CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY WILL BE PROUD OF YOU,+ HE ADDED.

THREE PRISON OFFICERS AND 100 ASSISTANT OFFICERS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S PASSING OUT PARADE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWUN TONG FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 5) UPON THE COMPLETION OF DRAINAGE WORKS IN KWUN TONG ROAD.

STARTING FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY, TRAFFIC IN SHING SHUN ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE REVERTED TO TWO-WAY.

HOWEVER, TRAFFIC IN THE SECTION OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND SHING SHUN ROAD WILL REMAIN ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, KMB ROUTES 2A, 6D, 13A, 89, 209 AND 211 TRAVELLING SOUTHBOUND ALONG KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM KWUN TONG ROAD, TURNING LEFT INTO SHING SHUN ROAD TO GAIN ACCESS TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF SOCIAL AVENUE BETWEEN CHOI HUNG ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES FROM 9 A.M. ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 5) FOR 10 DAYS TO FACILITATE CABLE LAYING WORKS BY CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO TAKE PART IN SILVER JUBILEE CONCERT

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MUSIC TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND LOCAL SCHOOLS WILL JOIN MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND YOUTH CHOIR IN A SPECIAL SILVER JUBILEE CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT PRESENTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON DECEMBER 13 AT 8 P.M.

THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE THE FIRST LOCAL PERFORMANCE OF BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S '+WELCOME ODE+', WHICH WAS SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND COMPLETED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR, JUST A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE COMPOSER'S DEATH.

MISS AMY WONG, A MUSIC STUDENT FROM CHUNG CHI COLLEGE, WILL BE THE SOLOIST WITH THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA IN MOZART'S '+CORONATION+' CONCERTO AND TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WILL COMBINE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAMME WITH A PERFORMANCE OF HAYDN'S '+NELSON+' MASS.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON
FOUR DAYS THIS MONTH.

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:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
DECEMBER 6 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
DECEMBER 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
DECEMBER 15 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
DECEMBER 16 (FRIDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.

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