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FIRST FLYOVER TO BE INSTALLED WITH EMERGENCY TELEPHONES
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THE NEW GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER, WHICH WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 22), IS THE FIRST ELEVATED ROAD IN HONG KONG EQUIPPED WITH EMERGENCY TELEPHONES.

MR. TONY THOMPSON, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE P.W.D.'S TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT, SAID TODAY THAT A TOTAL OF NINE TELEPHONES HAD BEEN INSTALLED ALONG THE ROAD WHICH FORMS THE FIRST STAGE OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

THE TELEPHONES WERE SET UP ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CARRIAGEWAY AND SO THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THE USERS TO CROSS THE ROAD.

THE TELEPHONES, HE SAID, WERE CONNECTED TO THE POLICE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS CONSOLE IN THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE IN ARGYLE STREET.

THEY WOULD ENABLE MOTORISTS TO MAKE A REPORT AT THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME IN CASE OF A BREAKDOWN OR ACCIDENT. POLICE WOULD THEN TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

+AT PRESENT, MOTORISTS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS ON FLYOVERS HAVE TO WALK FOR A COMPARATIVELY LONG DISTANCE TO REACH A TELEPHONE,+ SAID MR. THOMPSON.

+THIS OFTEN CAUSES TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON THE FLYOVERS AND RESULTS IN THE LATE ARRIVAL OF AMBULANCES OR TOW CARS.+

APART FROM THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONES INSTALLED IN THE CROSS HARBOUR AND LION ROCK TUNNELS, THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR IS THE FIRST ROAD IN HONG KONG TO HAVE SUCH EQUIPMENT.

IT WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 37 EMERGENCY TELEPHONES ON COMPLETION OF THE WHOLE PROJECT.

THE NEXT ROAD TO BE EQUIPPED WITH EMERGENCY TELEPHONES WILL BE THE \$300 MILLION TUEN MUN ROAD, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC EARLY NEXT YEAR. IT WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 72 TELEPHONES.

EXPLAINING THE PROCEDURES OF USING THE TELEPHONES, MR. K.H. LOMAS, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE OF THE POLICE KOWLOON TRAFFIC DIVISION, SAID THAT WHEN THE POLICE TRAFFIC OPERATOR RECEIVED A CALL HE WOULD ASK THE CALLER ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY BEFORE TAKING THE NECESSARY ACTION.

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO BASIC RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY USERS OF THE TELEPHONES.

+FIRSTLY, THE DRIVER SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, PULL HIS VEHICLE AS CLOSE TO THE CURB AS POSSIBLE WITH THE EMERGENCY FLASHERS SWITCHED ON.

+SECONDLY, GREAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN OPENING THE CAR DOOR AND WALKING TO THE TELEPHONE AS THE TRAFFIC ON THE FLYOVER IS EXPECTED TO BE HEAVY,+ MR. LOMAS SAID.

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PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK
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ANOTHER LARGE TRACT OF SCENIC COUNTRYSIDE PROPOSED FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMENT HAS BEEN GAZETTED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

KNOWN AS PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK, IT IS THE EIGHTH COUNTRY PARK GAZETTED, FOLLOWING SHING MUN, KAM SHAN, LION ROCK, TAI TAM, ABERDEEN, AND SAI KUNG EAST AND WEST COUNTRY PARKS.

SITUATED IN THE NORTH EASTERN SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE PARK IS ABOUT HALF AN HOUR AWAY FROM TAI PO BY CAR AND ITS BOUNDARIES GENERALLY FOLLOW THE ROAD FROM TAI MEI TUK TO LUK KENG AND THE COASTLINE. IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,594 HECTARES (11,352 ACRES), INCLUDING THE WATER SURFACE OF PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR.

THE TAI MEI TUK-LUK KENG ROAD SKIRTS THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE PARK AND PROVIDES AN EASY ACCESS TO THE MAIN RECREATIONAL AREAS. THE BRANCH ROAD TO WU KAU TANG WILL SOON BE EXTENDED TOWARDS THE COAST AND WILL MAKE THE HEART OF THE PARK MUCH MORE ACCESSIBLE.

THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK IS CHARACTERIZED BY RUGGED HILLS WITH EXTENSIVE COASTLINE THAT CONSTITUTE A VERY SCENIC AND UNSPOILT LANDSCAPE, INTEGRATING HARMONIOUSLY WITH THE RESERVOIR, THE NATURAL WOODLANDS, FOOTPATHS, TRAILS AND STREAMS.

THE MOST POPULAR AREA OF THE PARK IS AT BRIDE'S POOL WHICH IS ABOUT MIDWAY UP THE TAI MEI TUK-LUK KENG ROAD ON THE WESTERN BOUNDARY.

IT LIES AT THE FOOT OF A BROAD ROCK FACE WITH A PICTURESQUE WATERFALL AND TOGETHER WITH MIRROR POOL, WHICH IS DIAGONALLY OPPOSITE AND ABOUT 50 YARDS AWAY UP THE HILL, MAKES AN IDEAL PLACE FOR PICNICKERS AND CAMPERS.

BRIDE'S POOL HAS ACQUIRED ITS NAME SOME 100 YEARS AGO. ACCORDING TO LEGEND A BRIDE, WHO WAS ON HER WAY IN A SEDAN CHAIR FROM WU KAU TANG VILLAGE TO LUK KENG VILLAGE TO MEET HER GROOM, WAS SWEEP AWAY INTO THE POOL DURING HEAVY RAIN AND DROWNED. A NARROW SECTION OF THE PATH, WHICH WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY ROAD IN THOSE DAYS THAT LINKED THE VILLAGES, IS STILL THERE WINDING ACROSS THE HILLS SURROUNDING BRIDE'S POOL. MOST OF THE PATH, HOWEVER, HAVE GIVEN WAY TO A NEW ROAD BUILT IN 1969.

+BRIDE'S POOL IS ESPECIALLY POPULAR WITH CYCLISTS WHO COME BY THE THOUSANDS ON WEEKENDS,+ AN OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WHO MANAGES THE PARK SAID.

+IN FACT, ON ANY DAY OF THE WEEK THERE ARE PICNICKERS ENJOYING THEMSELVES, UNLIKE MANY OTHER PLACES WHERE THEY GO ONLY ON WEEKENDS.+

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THE MAIN REASON FOR THIS IS THAT BRIDE'S POOL AND OTHER AREAS OF THE PARK ARE ACCESSIBLE BY COACHES AND PRIVATE CARS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PARKING SPACES, THE OFFICER EXPLAINED.

ACCORDING TO THE VISITOR RECORD, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 561,000 PEOPLE, 50,000 BICYCLES AND 41,000 CARS HAVE VISITED BRIDE'S POOL IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

IN VIEW OF SUCH HEAVY TRAFFIC AND VISITOR DEMANDS FOR THE FACILITIES OF BRIDE'S POOL, A MOBILE POLICE POST IS SET UP ABOUT 1-1/2 MILES FROM THE POOL NEAR THE MAIN ROAD ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO ASSIST PICNICKERS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

THIS AREA OF THE PARK NEAR AND ALONG THE WESTERN SHORES OF THE RESERVOIR, INCLUDING BARBECUE AND PICNIC AREAS, CHILDREN'S +ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS+ AND OBSERVATION POINTS, COMPRISE THE MAIN PART OF THE +RECREATION ZONES+. ASSOCIATED FACILITIES SUCH AS BARBECUE PITS, TABLES AND BENCHES, LITTER BINS, AND SHELTERS ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

THE MORE HILLY AND LESS ACCESSIBLE AREAS FORM AN ESSENTIAL SCENIC BACKGROUND TO THE RECREATION ZONES AND PROVIDE ROUTES FOR HIKERS AND RAMBLERS ALONG A FOOTPATH SYSTEM MARKED WITH COLOURED POLES TO GUIDE WALKERS.

TO COMPLETE THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK DESIGN, NATURE TRAILS, INFORMATION BOARDS AND OTHER FACILITIES, WILL BE ADDED IN DUE COURSE.

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TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT
MOVING TO OCEAN CENTRE
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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT BEGINS A PHASED MOVE TO NEW OFFICES ON SEVERAL FLOORS OF THE OCEAN CENTRE IN KOWLOON STARTING THIS WEEKEND.

THE MAIN PUBLIC OFFICES INCLUDING THE TRADE CONTROLS DIVISION, TRADE LICENSING BRANCH AND ACCOUNTS WILL MOVE TO THE OCEAN CENTRE DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND. THESE OFFICES WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS AT NOON ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, AND REOPEN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, WHEN THE MOVE WILL BE COMPLETE.

THE TRADE INVESTIGATION BRANCH OFFICE IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL ALSO MOVE TO THE OCEAN CENTRE AND REOPEN ON NOVEMBER 28.

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WILL, HOWEVER, REMAIN AT 2, RUMSEY STREET ON THE CENTRAL DISTRICT WATERFRONT AND WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S MOVE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S OLD PREMISES AT 46, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC ON THE ISLAND AS SUB-OFFICES WHICH WILL OPEN FROM NOVEMBER 28.

THESE SERVICES WILL INCLUDE: COLLECTION COUNTERS FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS AND SALE OF TIC FORMS= RECEIPT AND ISSUE COUNTERS FOR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCE AND GENERALISED PREFERENCE CERTIFICATES= IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENCES= AND TEXTILE EXPORT LICENCES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE MOVE WAS LONG OVERDUE. +WE HAVE FROM 5,000 TO 6,000 CUSTOMERS A DAY COLLECTING OR APPLYING FOR VARIOUS CERTIFICATES, LICENCES, DECLARATIONS, FORMS AND SO ON. THIS OLD BUILDING JUST CANNOT COPE WITH THESE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE.+

IN THE OCEAN CENTRE THERE WILL BE MODERN COUNTERS AND RECEPTION DESKS. OFFICES ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS ARE CONNECTED BY ESCALATORS WHILE HIGH-SPEED LIFTS SERVE THE HIGHER FLOORS.

BESIDES THE OFFICES ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL OCCUPY THE ENTIRE 14TH AND 15TH FLOORS. THESE WILL PROVIDE, IN CONTRAST TO ITS PRESENT ACCOMMODATION, PREMISES SUITED TO ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR DEPARTMENTS WHICH, BESIDES THE THOUSANDS OF DAILY CUSTOMERS, ALSO RECEIVES MANY EMINENT VISITORS FROM ABROAD. THESE INCLUDE POLITICIANS, WOULD-BE INVESTORS, BUSINESSMEN AND NEGOTIATING TEAMS.

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DISTRICT OPEN SPACE FOR SHA TIN

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO DEVELOP A LARGE AREA OF LAND IN SHA TIN AS DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AMENITY FACILITIES FOR THE FAST-GROWING NEW TOWN.

THE AREA TO BE DEVELOPED IS AT TSANG TAI UK TO THE NORTH-EAST OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

SITE FORMATION FOR THE PROJECT WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR. WHEN DEVELOPED, THE DISTRICT OPEN SPACE WILL COVER FOUR HECTARES OF LAND PRIMARILY TO SERVE THE ADJOINING HOUSING ESTATES.

IT WILL ALSO CREATE A BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN THE ESTATES AND THE VILLAGE OF TSANG TAI UK WHICH IS TO BE RESERVED UNDER THE NEW TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

AT THE SAME TIME, A BUS TERMINUS WILL BE BUILT AT SHEK WU HUI AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHEUNG SHUI DISTRICT.

THE PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE PROPER TERMINAL FACILITIES FOR BUS ROUTES TERMINATING AT SHEUNG SHUI, AND TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THE BUS TERMINUS WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND SHOULD BE READY BY EARLY 1979.

BOTH THE SHA TIN AND THE SHEUNG SHUI PROJECTS WILL INVOLVE LAND RESUMPTION.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT IN SHA TIN, ABOUT 27,518 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND WOULD BE RESUMED.

TEN DOMESTIC TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND 24 OTHER ANCILLARY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED, HE ADDED.

THE BUS TERMINUS PROJECT AT SHEK WU HUI WILL INVOLVE THE RESUMPTION OF 2,273 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND AND THE CLEARANCE OF 68 DOMESTIC TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND 47 OTHER ANCILLARY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES.

IN BOTH CASES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY COMPENSATION FOR CROPS, TREES AND OTHER ITEMS, AS WELL AS EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE FOR CULTIVATORS AND POULTRY FARMERS.

DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY, DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING OR A SPACE IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, HE SAID.

LANDOWNERS WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVE OF CASH COMPENSATION OR LAND EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS, HE ADDED.

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NEW RECEPTION CENTRE TO BE HANDED OVER TO
PRISONS DEPARTMENT

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, WILL OFFICIALLY HAND OVER THE NEW LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. T.G. GARNER, ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21) AFTERNOON.

THE CENTRE, A MAXIMUM SECURITY INSTITUTION IN BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, LAI CHI KOK COMPRISES TWO 9-STOREY CELLULAR BLOCKS AND AN ADJOINING DORMITORY.

IT WILL BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL ON DECEMBER 1 AND WILL FEATURE SOME OF THE LATEST EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION, AN INTERNAL RADIO COMMUNICATION NETWORK AND AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED MAIN GATE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE NEW LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE NEW INSTITUTION.

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MORE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES PLANNED FOR TSUEN WAN
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE PLANS TO SET UP THREE MORE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT TO CATER FOR AN INCREASING NEED FOR SUCH SERVICES.

THE PLANS WERE REVEALED BY THE TSUEN WAN TOWN OFFICER, MR. BENJAMIN TANG THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING WHEN HE SPOKE AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST ENQUIRY CENTRE ON TSING YI ISLAND - THE SIXTH IN THE DISTRICT.

MR. TANG SAID THAT AS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, ANOTHER CENTRE FOR LAI KING WAS NOW IN THE PIPELINE, AND A FURTHER TWO WERE BEING PLANNED FOR KWAI SHING AND LEI MUK SHUE.

THESE WILL BRING TO NINE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT. THE FIRST WAS OPENED IN KWAI CHUNG IN 1971.

+THESE CENTRES WILL BE MANNED BY LIAISON AND CLERICAL STAFF WITH THE AIM TO PROVIDE SERVICE AT PLACES EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

+THEY ACT AS THE FRONTLINE CONTACT OF THE TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICES WITH THE PUBLIC, AND RENDER A SERVICE THAT WILL ASSIST NEW RESIDENTS TO ADAPT TO THE NEW COMMUNITY.+

APART FROM ENQUIRY SERVICE, MR. TANG SAID, THE CENTRES DEAL WITH STATUTORY DECLARATIONS AND DISTRIBUTE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS AND FORMS.

THE TSING YI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER (TOWN MANAGEMENT), MR. DAVID TSUI= THE TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR. TANG YUEN-PUI= AND THE HOUSING MANAGER OF CHEUNG TSING ESTATE, MR. CHOY KI-WONG.

THE NEW ENQUIRY CENTRE IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 113-114, CHING WAI HOUSE OF CHEUNG CHING ESTATE ON TSING YI.

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SPORTS MEET FOR YOUTH IN MONG KOK

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MORE THAN 800 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WILL PIT THEIR ATHLETIC SKILLS AGAINST EACH OTHER IN A SPORTS MEET AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM IN PLAYING FIELD ROAD, MONG KOK, TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SPORTS MEET, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES, MARKS THE END OF A FIVE-WEEK ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ATHLETIC MEET, LIKE OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN, IS TO AROUSE THE INTEREST OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES AS ALTERNATIVES TO DRUG ABUSE.

MR. E. I. LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE SPORTS MEET AT 9.10 A.M. TOMORROW.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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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:

DATE	HOURS
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NOVEMBER 22 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
NOVEMBER 28 (MONDAY)	11 A.M. -- 4.30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 29 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
NOVEMBER 30 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. -- 5 P.M.

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