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MAJOR EXPANSION FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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PUBLIC DEMAND FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES CONTINUED TO INCREASE LAST YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

TO MEET GROWING NEEDS, A NUMBER OF MAJOR PROJECTS, INCLUDING EXTENSIONS OR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, WAS COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S VIGOROUS MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF THE DECADE.

DESPITE THIS PROGRESS, A HEAVY STRAIN WAS PLACED ON EXISTING SERVICES.

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS ALONE, MORE THAN 309 400 IN-PATIENTS WERE TREATED IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND 170 400 PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED INSTITUTIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, SOME 11.1 MILLION ATTENDANCES WERE RECORDED IN THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL AND SPECIALIST OUT-PATIENT CLINICS. PRESSURE ON SERVICES WAS HEAVIEST AT THE THREE GOVERNMENT REGIONAL HOSPITALS -- QUEEN MARY, QUEEN ELIZABETH AND PRINCESS MARGARET.

DURING THE YEAR, THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT CONTINUED TO PLAY A ROLE IN PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY AND CARRIED OUT A NUMBER OF CAMPAIGNS TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASES.

HIGHER CURE RATES WERE ALSO REPORTED IN THE YEAR FOR TWO OF THE MOST PREVALENT CANCERS IN HONG KONG -- UTERINE CERVICAL AND NASOPHARYNGEAL CARCINOMA.

THE DEPARTMENT NOW CARRIES OUT TESTS FOR DETECTING THE TWO DISEASES IN THEIR VERY EARLY STAGES, THUS PROMISING EVEN HIGHER CURE RATES.

THE YEAR ALSO SAW THE START OF CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE FIRST PHASE OF THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT, THE LARGEST EXTENSION PROGRAMME EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT. WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 675 BEDS IN THE HOSPITAL.

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NAM LONG HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT WAS COMPLETED LAST YEAR, ADDING THREE STOREYS TO THE EXISTING TOWER BLOCK OF THIS GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING MORE LABORATORY FACILITIES AND DOCTORS' QUARTERS.

AN ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SECTION WAS OPENED AT THE CHAI WAN HEALTH CENTRE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL TREATMENT FOR EMERGENCY CASES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

A FULL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHAU KI WAN HOSPITAL WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION IN 1990.

THE GOVERNMENT NOW OPERATES 57 GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND WHERE NECESSARY, CASES ARE REFERRED TO POLYCLINICS OR SPECIALIST CLINICS FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT.

THE SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE, INTRODUCED IN 1980, CONTINUED TO PROVIDE REGULAR DENTAL EXAMINATION AND SIMPLE DENTAL TREATMENT TO PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THERE ARE TWO SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS AND SIX MORE HAVE BEEN PLANNED. ULTIMATELY, THE DENTAL SCHEME WILL PROVIDE COVER FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

TWO IMPORTANT MEDICAL CONGRESSES WERE HELD IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR: THE 9TH CONGRESS OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ACADEMY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY ATTENDED BY ABOUT 500 DELEGATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, AND THE ASIAN-AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS ATTENDED BY SOME 400 DELEGATES.

BY THE END OF LAST YEAR SOPHISTICATED WHOLE-BODY CAT SCANNERS HAD BEEN INSTALLED IN ALL THE THREE REGIONAL HOSPITALS.

A FOURTH SCANNER WILL BE IN OPERATION IN THE NEW PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL IN MAY.

THE DEPARTMENT'S METHADONE PROGRAMME FOR DRUG ADDICTS CONTINUED TO PLAY ITS PART IN THE OVERALL NARCOTICS TREATMENT PROGRAMME.

LAST YEAR A NEW EVENING METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CLINIC WAS OPENED AT THE NGAU TAU KOK JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, RAISING THE NUMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S METHADONE CLINICS TO 24.

THE DEPARTMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DECADE INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE MAJOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, WITH THE AIM OF COMPLETING ONE HOSPITAL EVERY TWO YEARS.

IN ADDITION TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, A 1 600-BED HOSPITAL FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND THREE OTHER HOSPITALS IN EAST KOWLOON, CHAI WAN AND TAI PO, EACH ACCOMMODATING 1 400 BEDS, ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR BEING PLANNED.

AT THE SAME TIME EXTENSION BLOCKS WILL BE BUILT AT THE THREE EXISTING REGIONAL HOSPITALS.

UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, ABOUT 20 GENERAL CLINICS AND POLYCLINICS ARE DUE FOR COMPLETION DURING THE DECADE.

SUBVENTED AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT COMPLEMENTARY ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDE FURTHER EXTENSION TO YAN CHAI HOSPITAL AND POK OI HOSPITAL, AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM INTO A 430-BED GENERAL HOSPITAL. THREE NEW PRIVATE HOSPITALS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGE, WITH A CAPACITY OF 200 TO 600 BEDS EACH.

TO SUPPORT THE AMBITIOUS MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, ADDITIONAL FACILITIES ARE BEING DEVELOPED FOR THE TRAINING OF DOCTORS, NURSES AND PARA-MEDICAL STAFF.

APART FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WHICH PRODUCES ABOUT 150 DOCTORS A YEAR, THE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG STARTED ITS FIRST INTAKE OF 60 STUDENTS IN SEPTEMBER 1981.

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OPPORTUNITIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR DOCTORS TO SIT FOR HIGHER PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS IN HONG KONG BY ARRANGEMENT WITH VARIOUS EXAMINATION BODIES IN BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA. IN ADDITION DOCTORS ARE SENT OVERSEAS FOR POST-GRADUATE TRAINING.

AN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC PROVIDES TRAINING FOR PARA-MEDICAL STAFF INCLUDING RADIOGRAPHERS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS. IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND POST-QUALIFICATION COURSES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PARA-MEDICAL STAFF WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

TRAINING FOR GENERAL REGISTERED NURSES IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

IN 1983, EIGHT SUCH TRAINING SCHOOLS STARTED OPERATION, WITH AN AVERAGE ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 1 235 TRAINEES.

THREE NEW NURSE TRAINING SCHOOLS AND THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING ONES, PROVIDING A TOTAL OF OVER 400 ADDITIONAL TRAINING POSTS, ARE PLANNED FOR THE COMING DECADE.

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NEED FOR COMMUNITY EFFORT STRESSED

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MEMBERS OF A COMMUNITY SHOULD ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN HELPING TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS AND NEEDS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+AS WE ARE ALL MEMBERS OF THE SAME COMMUNITY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THAT WE BECOME INVOLVED IN THEM,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEIR COMMITTEES, AND THE MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICTS SHOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT BASIS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

MR WIGGHAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE COUNCIL, ASIDE FROM ORGANISING VARIOUS JOINT ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES, WAS CONSIDERING THE WIDENING OF THE SCOPE OF THESE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

+IN AN AGE OF RAMPANT MATERIALISM AND INDIVIDUALISM, ONE IS OFTEN TEMPTED TO FORGET THE VIRTUES OF OBEDIENCE, REVERENCE, DISCIPLINE AND SELF-RESPECT.

+I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT IN OUR SOCIETY, WE HAVE A GROUP OF DEDICATED PEOPLE WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY COME TOGETHER IN AN ORGANISATION WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS TO PROMOTE THESE VIRTUES,+ HE SAID.

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MORE SPORTS FACILITIES

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A NUMBER OF SPORTS FACILITIES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE NORTH DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ITS INCREASING POPULATION, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF NORTH, MR MA IU-KI, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW YEAR DISCO ROLLER SKATING FUN DAY AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND, MR MA SAID THE FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE TWO TEMPORARY TENNIS COURTS AND A MINI-SOCCER PITCH AT FANLING AND A TURFED SOCCER PITCH AT DILLS CORNER.

OTHER RECREATIONAL PROJECTS UNDER PLANNING IN NORTH DISTRICT ARE A STANDARD-SIZE SPORTS GROUND, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, BASKETBALL COURTS, TENNIS COURTS, SQUASH COURTS, A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, A ROLLER SKATING RINK AND A RECREATION CENTRE AT SHA TAU KOK, MR MA SAID.

ON THE ROLLER SKATING FUN DAY JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE NTSD, MR MA SAID THE EVENT WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT AS WELL AS PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE COACHES OF THE HONG KONG SWAN SKATING GROUP WHO DEMONSTRATED THEIR SKATING TECHNIQUES AND GAVE TRAINING TO PARTICIPANTS.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF VARIOUS RURAL COMMITTEES, THE NTSD WOULD ORGANISE MORE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC, MR MA SAID.

JOINING MR MA AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER OF NORTH, MR CHENG CHEUK-PING; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHEUNG SHUI RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE, MR YIP SHING; THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE FANLING RURAL COMMITTEE, MR TANG KWOK-YUNG; AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TA KWU LING RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WAH-CHUN.

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GALA DAY FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WHICH HAS TURNED 75, CELEBRATED TODAY (SUNDAY) WITH A GALA DAY HELD AT ITS TAI LAM CHUNG TRAINING SCHOOL ATTENDED BY OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TOTALLING SOME 3 000.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, SAID THAT THE SERVICE WOULD BE HOLDING VARIOUS EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO MARK ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

+HOW FITTING THAT OUR FIRST CELEBRATION SHOULD BE ONE TOGETHER WITH OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ON THIS VERY SPECIAL GALA DAY. WITHIN THE SERVICE WE ALWAYS REGARD OURSELVES AS ONE FAMILY AND TODAY IS TRULY ONE BIG FAMILY OCCASION,+ HE SAID.

/MR JORDAN

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MR JORDAN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE 26 OFFICERS WHO FOUNDED THE SERVICE 75 YEARS AGO.

+TODAY THE SERVICE IS 2 600 STRONG. I WONDER WHAT THAT HANDFUL OF OFFICERS OF 1 909 WOULD THINK IF THEY COULD SEE THEIR SUCCESSORS WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ENJOYING THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN 1984 IN THEIR THOUSANDS,+ HE SAID.

HE THANKED ALL OFFICERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE DISTURBANCE WHICH SERVICE LIFE OFTEN IMPOSE ON OFFICERS' PRIVATE LIFE.

THE GALA DAY WAS ORGANISED BY THE SERVICE'S SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE. A MARCHING DISPLAY BY THE QUEEN'S GURKHA PIPE AND DRUM BAND RAISED THE CURTAIN FOR THE DAY'S PROGRAMME.

A LIVELY LION DANCE WAS PERFORMED AFTER THE COMMISSIONER HAD BROUGHT THE LION TO LIFE BY DOTTING ITS EYES.

ONE OF THE MANY ATTRACTIONS TO THE CHILDREN WAS THE RIDES ON TWO PONIES FROM THE HONG KONG SERVICES SADDLE CLUB AND THE CAMEL ADOPTED BY THE 1ST BATTALION 7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES. AN ARMY MOTORCYCLE TEAM DISPLAY, MAGIC SHOW, ACROBATIC DISPLAY AND TELE-MATCH FORMED PART OF THE DAY'S HIGHLIGHTS.

THIRTEEN GAME STALLS MOUNTED BY VARIOUS DIVISIONS VIED FOR THE BEST GAME STALL AWARD WHICH WAS WON BY THE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AND CUSTOMS TECHNICAL BUREAU DIVISION.

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BRITISH SUMMER SCHOOLS

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TEACHERS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO WISH TO SPEND PART OF THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN BRITAIN MAY ATTEND A WIDE RANGE OF SUMMER SCHOOLS ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL.

THESE RESIDENTIAL SUMMER SCHOOLS USUALLY LAST TWO TO THREE WEEKS AND ARE HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST.

THEY ARE OF A PRACTICAL NATURE AND PROVIDE A VARIED AND STIMULATING WORK SCHEDULE AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT PLACES OF INTEREST NEARBY AND TO MEET LOCAL PEOPLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BRITISH COUNCIL HOWEVER NOTED THAT IT IS UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO OFFER ANY BURSARIES THIS YEAR AND APPLICANTS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FINANCE THEMSELVES.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EDUCATIONAL ENQUIRIES OFFICE OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL AT EASEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 1/F, 255 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MARCH 9.

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TEACHING ROAD SAFETY THROUGH COMICS
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LARGE QUANTITIES OF ATTRACTIVELY DESIGNED PUBLICITY MATERIAL HAVE BEEN PRODUCED TO EDUCATE CHILDREN ABOUT ROAD SAFETY.

THESE INCLUDE 40 000 SETS OF CAPTAIN SAFETY STICKERS AND 120 000 COPIES OF A BILINGUAL CAPTAIN SAFETY COMIC BOOK.

EACH SET OF THE CAPTAIN SAFETY STICKERS CONSISTS OF EIGHT DIFFERENT DESIGNS, DEPICTING CAPTAIN SAFETY AND HIS ROBOT, AND FEATURING THE SIX POINTS IN THE ROAD CROSSING CODE.

A LARGE NUMBER OF COPIES HAS BEEN ALLOTTED TO SCHOOLS, LEAVING ABOUT 15 000 COPIES FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

REPORT TO BE MADE KNOWN
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DETAILS OF A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON 'ACCESS TO WAN CHAI RECLAMATION' WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS BRIEFING AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 14) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

ATTENDING THE BRIEFING WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LOLLY CHIU, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRANCIS HO.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE BRIEFING.

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AIRPORT FIRE SUB-STATION BEING EXTENDED
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ONE OF THE TWO FIRE SUB-STATIONS AT KAI TAK AIRPORT IS TO BE EXTENDED.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK WILL INVOLVE EXTENDING THE FOAM APPLIANCE HOUSE AND ADDING A LOCKER AND CHANGING ROOM FOR THE FIRE SUB-STATION AT THE END OF THE RUNWAY.

FACILITIES CURRENTLY PROVIDED INCLUDE AN APPLIANCE ROOM FOR THREE FIRE ENGINES, A WATCHROOM, A KITCHEN, A CANTEEN, A RECREATIONAL ROOM, OFFICES AND A STOREROOM.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN APRIL AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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MORE COOKED FOOD MARKETS FOR KWAI CHUNG
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TWO MORE NEW COOKED FOOD MARKETS WILL BE READY IN KWAI CHUNG SOON.

THE MARKETS, LOCATED AT WO YI HOP ROAD AND TAI YUEN STREET, WILL EASE THE SHORTAGE OF EATING FACILITIES FOR FACTORY WORKERS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE \$3.7-MILLION PAVILION-TYPE MARKET AT WO YI HOP ROAD WILL ACCOMMODATE 14 COOKED FOOD AND FOUR FRUIT STALLS, WITH A SITTING OUT AREA ON ITS ROOFTOP.

THE MARKET AT TAI YUEN STREET, BEING BUILT AT A COST OF \$2.6 MILLION, WILL HOUSE 18 COOKED FOOD STALLS AND TWO FRUIT STALLS.

IT WILL ALSO HAVE A SITTING-OUT AREA AS WELL AS PUBLIC TOILETS AND A REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITY.

BOTH MARKETS WILL HAVE A COMMUNAL MECHANICAL EXHAUST SYSTEM WITH GREASE FILTERS.

THEIR PARTITION WALLS AND FLOORS ARE PAVED WITH MOSAIC TILES TO FACILITATE CLEANSING.

EACH STALL HAS ITS OWN WORKING AREA WITH A WATER TAP, SINK AND BASIN.

ALL THE STALLS WILL BE PUT UP FOR BIDDING AT A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PLAYGROUND AT TSUEN WAN ROAD INTERCHANGE
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A 9 000-SQUARE METRE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IS BEING BUILT ON THE SPACE UNDER THE NEWLY-COMPLETED TEXACO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD INTERCHANGE IN TSUEN WAN.

THE PLAYGROUND, NAMED CIRCLE PARK, WILL FORM PART OF A DISTRICT LANDSCAPING PROGRAMME BY THE LANDSCAPE UNIT OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE SPLASH POOLS, ARTIFICIAL HILLS AND STREAMS, PLAY EQUIPMENT AND A CHILDREN'S TOILET.

OTHER FACILITIES BEING PROVIDED INCLUDE SEATING, PLANTS AND TABLE TENNIS PLAYING AREAS, AS WELL AS A ROCK GARDEN.

THE PARK, BEING BUILT AT A COST OF \$3 MILLION, WILL OPEN IN APRIL AND EVENTUALLY LINK WITH TAI WO HAU PARK, CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH IS TO START SOON.

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BUSY TIME FOR CNTA ENQUIRY SERVICE
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THE 63 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OPERATED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAD A BUSY TIME HANDLING MORE THAN FOUR MILLION ENQUIRIES LAST YEAR - AS PART OF THEIR ROUTINE WORK.

ENQUIRIES WERE ABOUT SUCH MATTERS AS GOVERNMENT JOB VACANCIES, APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, STATUTORY DECLARATIONS OR OATHS, AND EDUCATION, A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY.

THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO SUCH OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED AS DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT FORMS, REFERRAL OF CASES UNDER THE FREE LEGAL AID SCHEME, ADMINISTERING OF STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, AND DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS.

DURING THE YEAR, SEVEN NEW CENTRES WERE SET UP -- FIVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TWO IN URBAN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

STAFF AT THE CENTRES ALSO HELPED DISTRIBUTE MORE THAN SIX MILLION FORMS, LEAFLETS AND PUBLICITY MATERIAL DURING THE YEAR.

ALSO, RENT OFFICERS FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, STATIONED AT 10 URBAN DISTRICT OFFICES AND TWO CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, DEALT WITH 13 927 CASES CONCERNING TENANCY PROBLEMS DURING THE YEAR.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE HEADQUARTERS ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI OR TELEPHONE 3-692255.

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MORE KWUN TONG PARKING METERS
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A TOTAL OF 39 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT HUNG TO ROAD, TING YIP STREET AND TING ON STREET IN KWUN TONG TO REGULATE THE USE OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES THERE FOR PRIVATE CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES.

THE NEW PARKING METERS WILL OPERATE FROM 9 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 14).

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VEGETARIAN FEAST FOR OLD FOLK

MORE THAN 600 OLD PEOPLE IN TUEN MUN WILL BE GIVEN A VEGETARIAN FEAST AT THE CHING CHUNG KOON AT NOON TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE FEAST IS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT RESPECT FOR THE AGED ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR LAU CHI-YUEN.

GOLD RINGS DONATED BY THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE TWO OLDEST PEOPLE PRESENT, AND EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A RED PACKET -- 'LA! SEE'.

ABOUT 50 VOLUNTEER WORKERS FROM FIVE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL BE PRESENT TO TAKE CARE OF THE OLD PEOPLE.

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HARBOUR ROAD TO BE CLOSED AT NIGHT

HARBOUR ROAD BETWEEN FLEMING ROAD AND THE ENTRANCE TO EAGLE HARBOUR PUBLIC CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (MONDAY) UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS AND WILL BE REPEATED ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 14) NIGHT.

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WATER LEAKAGE TEST

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAI YING PUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 15) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MORRISON STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, SUTHERLAND STREET, KO SHING STREET, BONHAM STRAND WEST, AND BONHAM STRAND.

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