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PIG FARMERS WARNED AGAINST POLLUTING RIVER
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STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY), LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE STEPPED UP AGAINST PIG FARMERS OPERATING AT THE BANK OF KAM TIN RIVER IN YUEN LONG, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF A \$4-MILLION 'SCRUB-UP' OPERATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, FARM WASTE COLLECTION POINTS SPECIALLY ERECTED AT PAT HEUNG AREA WILL BE OPENED TO THE FARMERS TO FACILITATE THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF THE WASTE, AND THERE WILL BE A FREE COLLECTION SERVICE.

WARNING IS TO BE ISSUED TO MORE THAN 150 PIG FARMERS WHO HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND LOANS TOTALLING \$500 000 TO MEET THE COST OF BUILDING WASTE-TREATMENT FACILITIES IN THEIR FARMS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT A LARGE QUANTITY OF POLLUTANTS HAD EARLIER BEEN CLEARED FROM THE RIVER AND ITS CATCHMENT AREA.

DREDGING OPERATIONS BY THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION BROUGHT OUT 6 500 CUBIC METRES OF SOLID WASTE FROM FIVE HEAVILY-POLLUTED SITES ALONG KAM TIN RIVER, INCLUDING PAT HEUNG OFF FAN KAM ROAD AND HUNG MO BRIDGE.

MOST OF THE IRRIGATION WEIRS AT PAT HEUNG AND KAM TIN AREAS WERE ALSO TIDIED UP BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

SOME 200 TONNES OF ACCUMULATED FARM WASTE AND DOMESTIC REFUSE WERE CLEARED AWAY BY THE NTSD FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE RIVER.

EXTENSIVE CLEARANCE WORK IS STILL BEING CARRIED OUT BY CLEANSING STAFF OF THE NTSD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HOWEVER, THE SUCCESS OF THE CLEAN UP IN THE AREA WOULD DEPEND ON THE PIG FARMERS MAKING FULL USE OF THE FARM WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE BEING PROVIDED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN WET SEASON, THE WASTE IS GENERALLY FLUSHED AWAY AFTER HEAVY RAIN AND DEPOSITED IN THE ESTUARY, AND IN THE DRY SEASON IT BECOMES STAGNANT AND A SCUM FORMS ON THE SURFACE, ULTIMATELY DISCHARGING AN OFFENSIVE SMELL, AND CREATING SANITATION AND HEALTH HAZARDS.

HOWEVER, DESPITE THE REPEATED CLEAN UP EFFORTS CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE STREAM HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY POLLUTED BY FARMERS DISCHARGING THEIR WASTE INTO IT.

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HENCEFORTH, PIG FARMERS CAUGHT DUMPING AND HOSING WASTE INTO THE RIVER WILL BE BROUGHT TO COURT, THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE FOR SUCH AN OFFENCE IS A \$5 000 FINE AND A POSSIBLE SIX-MONTH JAIL SENTENCE.

A NUMBER OF PIG FARMERS HAVE BEEN FINED FOR THE OFFENCE AT HUNG SHUI KIU RIVER AREA DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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WORK ON CORRIDOR GETTING ON
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WORK IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY ON STAGE I OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, WHICH WILL RUN 2.3 KILOMETRES FROM VICTORIA PARK TO HEALTHY STREET WEST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID: +MUCH OF THE WORK DONE TO DATE HAS BEEN UNDER GROUND OR UNDERWATER, AND IS NOT VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

+HOWEVER, SOME OF THE PIERS WHICH WILL CARRY THE ROADWAY CAN NOW BE SEEN.+

THE \$485 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THIS STAGE WAS AWARDED IN NOVEMBER 1980.

MEANWHILE, PRELIMINARY SITE WORK HAS ALSO BEGUN ON PART OF STAGE II, UNDER A \$196 MILLION CONTRACT AWARDED IN NOVEMBER 1981.

THIS WORK WILL INCLUDE 850 METRES OF ELEVATED DUAL THREE-LANE HIGHWAY, 600 METRES OF WHICH WILL BE OVER THE SEA.

FURTHER WORK, UNDER A CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED IN 1982, WILL EXTEND THE CORRIDOR TO TAIKOO SHING AT GROUND LEVEL ACROSS QUARRY BAY ON LAND NOW BEING RECLAIMED.

COMPLETION OF BOTH STAGES WILL PROVIDE A FOUR-KILOMETRE DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND TAIKOO SHING WITH A POTENTIAL CARRYING CAPACITY OF 10 000 VEHICLES AN HOUR - NEARLY TREBLE THAT OF KING'S ROAD.

STAGES I AND II ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1984.

PLANNING IS PROCEEDING ON WORK WHICH WILL EXTEND THE HIGHWAY TO SHAU KEI WAN.

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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR SHA TIN RACES

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL CONTINUE TO RUN SPECIAL TRAINS TO THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE ON RACE DAYS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN 1982.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID FOR NIGHT RACING ON WEDNESDAYS, TWO SPECIAL TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 6.27 PM AND 6.56 PM AND ARRIVE AT THE RACECOURSE STATION AT 6.47 PM AND 7.19 PM.

AFTER THE RACES, THREE-TRAINS WILL TAKE PEOPLE BACK TO KOWLOON LEAVING THE RACECOURSE STATION AT 10.01 PM, 10.40 PM AND 10.55 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FOR RACING ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THERE WILL BE TWO SPECIAL TRAINS DEPARTING KOWLOON STATION AT 12.38 PM AND 1.08 PM.

FOR THE RETURN JOURNEY, HE ADDED, FOUR ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL LEAVE RACECOURSE STATION AT 4.52 PM, 5.18 PM, 5.40 PM AND 5.52 PM ON SATURDAYS BUT ONLY TWO SPECIAL DOWN-TRAINS WILL OPERATE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS LEAVING THE SAME STATION AT 5.18 PM AND 5.40 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED RACE-GOERS THAT THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO THE RACECOURSE ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 3) BECAUSE MORE TRAINS WILL BE NEEDED FOR PEOPLE RETURNING FROM CHINA AFTER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN

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THIS YEAR'S ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 3) AT CHI YAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, PENG CHAU, AT 11 AM.

OFFICIATING WILL BE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, AND THE DIVISIONAL POLICE SUPERINTENDENT, MR MARK PELLY.

PERFORMANCES BY THE POLICE DOG UNIT AND LOCAL SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RIBBON-CUTTING.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCH +CLEMENTI+ WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER, CENTRAL, AT 10 AM TO TAKE THE PRESS TO PENG CHAU.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF HENNESSY ROAD

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A SECTION OF THE KERBSIDE LANE IN WESTBOUND HENNESSY ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN LEE GARDEN ROAD AND PERCIVAL STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 3) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HOWEVER, NORMAL TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED AT THE JUNCTION OF HENNESSY ROAD AND PERCIVAL STREET.

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TUEN MUN ESTATES TO BE CLEANED UP

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A CLEAN UP OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN TUEN MUN WILL START ON MONDAY (JANUARY 4).

THE OPERATION, WHICH IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, WILL LAST TWO WEEKS AND INVOLVE ALL FIVE ESTATES.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK THE 11 BLOCKS OF TAI HING AND SAN FAT ESTATES, WHICH HOUSE A TOTAL OF 48 300 PEOPLE, WILL UNDERGO A THOROUGH CLEAN UP.

DURING THE SECOND WEEK IT WILL BE THE TURN OF SAM SHING, ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES WHICH HAVE 10 BLOCKS HOUSING 38 300 PEOPLE.

THE OPERATION HAS BEEN PLANNED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, WHOSE CHAIRMAN IS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR NG CHEUK-TAI.

IT WILL INCLUDE A COMPETITION TO FIND THE CLEANEST FLATS IN THE VARIOUS BLOCKS TO BE SELECTED BY ESTATE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MACS).

THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE HAS ALSO ORGANISED STREET CLEANING BY STUDENTS, VOLUNTARY WORKERS AND LOCAL LEADERS.

THE NEW TOWN'S 10 000 PRIVATE HOUSING RESIDENTS WILL NOT BE OVERLOOKED. LETTERS ENCOURAGING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CLEAN UP HAVE BEEN SENT TO MACS AND OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS.

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OPERA TROUPE FOR TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL

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THE CHOR FUNG MING OPERA TROUPE WILL GIVE SEVEN PERFORMANCES AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM FROM FEBRUARY 8 TO 13.

THERE WILL BE SIX EVENING PERFORMANCES AND ONE MATINEE ON FEBRUARY 13 (SATURDAY). THE EVENING PERFORMANCES WILL START AT 7.30 PM AND THE MATINEE AT 2.30 PM.

THE TROUPE RECENTLY WENT ON AN EXTENSIVE TOUR OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN CITIES AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE FESTIVAL ITEMS WILL INCLUDE +LU YI, THE MESSAGE DELIVERER+, +THE DREAM OF PEONY PAVILION+, +EMPEROR HAN WU'S DREAM WITH LADY WEI+, +THE STORY OF THE PURPLE HAIRPIN+, +THE GODDESS OF RIVER LUO+, +THREE SMILES THAT MAKE A MARRIAGE+ AND +THE STORY OF PRINCESS CHEUNG PING+.

+THREE SMILES THAT MAKE A MARRIAGE+ WILL BE STAGED ON FEBRUARY 13 (SATURDAY) AT 2.30 PM AND THE OTHERS WILL BE PERFORMED IN THE EVENINGS.

THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 22 AND FEBRUARY 13.

TICKETS AT \$5 (STUDENTS), \$15, \$25, \$35, \$45 AND \$60 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE, SPACE MUSEUM ASTRONOMY BOOKSHOP AND FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY.

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