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REPORT ON HELICOPTER OPERATION
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THE WORKING PARTY SET UP IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR TO LOOK INTO HELICOPTER OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE HAS SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY WERE DRAWN FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ECONOMIC SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

THE WORKING PARTY CONCLUDES THE CIVIL HELICOPTER SERVICES IN THE 1980'S WILL PRODUCE NO WIDESPREAD PUBLIC BENEFIT AND THE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF SATISFYING THE DEMAND WILL NOT BE SIGNIFICANT. HOWEVER, IF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS WILLING TO PROVIDE, AT ITS OWN COST, FACILITIES FOR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS, THE WORKING PARTY SEES NO OBJECTION TO THAT, PROVIDED ALL OPERATIONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

IT RECOMMENDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PROVIDE A HELIPORT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE FOR THE OPERATION OF A SCHEDULED SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU.

A SECOND HELIPORT WILL BE REQUIRED IN 1990 TO ACCOMMODATE A SCHEDULED PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN THE CENTRAL URBAN AREA AND THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT (ASSUMING THE LATTER IS BUILT), AND THIS HELIPORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AS PART OF THE DOWN TOWN TERMINAL FOR THE NEW AIRPORT.

IT EMPHASISES THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE HELIPORTS BEING CENTRALLY LOCATED AND THE CONSEQUENT DIFFICULTY IN FINDING SUITABLE GROUND LEVEL AREAS DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF LAND. IT RECOMMENDS THAT PRIORITY SHOULD THEREFORE BE GIVEN TO INVESTIGATING THE PROVISION OF ROOFTOP HELIPORTS.

THE WORKING PARTY DID NOT CONSIDER THE LIKELY DEMAND FOR NON-SCHEDULED SERVICES, SUCH AS DOMESTIC BUSINESS AND SIGHT-SEEING FLIGHTS AND OIL EXPLORATION SUPPORT SERVICES WOULD BE SUFFICIENT IN ITSELF TO JUSTIFY PROVISION OF A HELIPORT.

THIS DEMAND WOULD BE MUCH SMALLER IN NUMBER AND OF LESS PUBLIC BENEFIT THAN THE SCHEDULED SERVICES TO MACAU AND THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

IT FORECASTS THAT THE DEMAND FOR A HONG KONG - MACAU HELICOPTER PASSENGER SERVICE COULD BE AS MUCH AS 1 000 PASSENGER SEATS PER DAY IF A CONVENIENTLY LOCATED HELIPORT WITHIN THE CENTRAL URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND OR KOWLOON WERE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE- AND THIS DEMAND IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE STEADILY TO ABOUT 1 600 PASSENGER SEATS PER DAY IN 1990.

HOWEVER, THE WORKING PARTY STRIKES A CAUTIOUS NOTE AGAINST UNDUE OPTIMISM CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL SUCCESS OF THIS SERVICE.

+WHILE THE FORECAST DEMAND CAN BE FIRMLY STATED IN THEORY+, THE REPORT SAYS, +THE VALIDITY OF THE FORECAST DEPENDS ON A NUMBER OF CRITICAL ASSUMPTIONS+.

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+ONCE THE INITIAL NOVELTY OF FLIGHT BY HELICOPTER HAS WORN OFF, PATRONAGE OF THE SERVICE WILL BE ALMOST SOLELY DEPENDENT ON ITS ABILITY TO COMPETE WITH THE NEXT FASTEST TRANSPORT MODE, I.E. THE JETFOIL. FARE STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMMING OF FLIGHTS WILL BE CRITICAL FACTORS.+

+BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL WILL BE ACCESSIBILITY, IN TERMS OF TRAVELLING TIME TO THE HELICOPTER TERMINAL, FOR THE POTENTIAL PASSENGER. IF THE AVERAGE TIME TAKEN TO REACH THE HELIPOINT IS GOING TO EXCEED THE AVERAGE TIME TAKEN TO REACH THE JETFOIL TERMINAL BY THE ORDER OF 20 MINUTES OR MORE, THEN THE FORECAST DEMAND FIGURES WILL NO LONGER BE VALID, AND THE SERVICE MAY NOT BE PROFITABLE.+

THE WORKING PARTY THEREFORE FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENCOURAGE PROVISION OF THIS SERVICE BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THIS SUPPORT SHOULD NOT EXTEND TO ANY DIRECT FINANCIAL SUBSIDY OF THE SERVICE NOR ANY SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE ON THE PROVISION OF A HELIPOINT, AT LEAST UNTIL THE VIABILITY OF THE SERVICE HAS BEEN MORE FULLY INVESTIGATED AND ESTABLISHED.

TURNING TO THE LIKELY DEMAND FOR A HELICOPTER SERVICE BETWEEN CHEK LAP KOK AND HONG KONG IF THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT AIRPORT IS BUILT AND BECOMES OPERATIONAL BY 1990, THE WORKING PARTY IN ITS REPORT STATES THAT ITS FORECASTS BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT CONSULTANTS ENGAGED IN 1979 SHOW AN INITIAL DEMAND FOR NEARLY 3 700 PASSENGER SEATS PER DAY. THE PROVISION OF A HELICOPTER SERVICE ON THIS ROUTE IS CONSIDERED TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC AND TO THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE REPORT STATES: +BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SERVICE, THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDS THAT PLANNING FOR PROVISION OF A CHEK LAP KOK HELICOPTER SERVICE SHOULD FOLLOW THE DECISION TO BUILD AN AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK+.

THE WORKING PARTY DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THE FUTURE HELICOPTER ACTIVITY WILL CAUSE ANY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION OTHER THAN NOISE POLLUTION AND RECOMMENDS THAT ANY PROPOSAL FOR A HELICOPTER SERVICE OR LOCATION OF A HELIPOINT SHOULD INCLUDE A FULL EVALUATION OF THE NOISE IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACT INVOLVED.

+THE NECESSARY REPORTS AND DETAILED STUDIES SHOULD BE PREPARED BY THE APPLICANT AND INCLUDE DATA FROM SITE INVESTIGATIONS AND MEASUREMENTS FOR EVALUATION BY THE GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE IF THE SITE IS ACCEPTABLE FOR THE PURPOSE AND, IF SO, WHAT LIMITATIONS SHOULD BE PLACED ON OPERATIONS FROM THE SITE TO ENSURE THAT NOISE POLLUTION IS CONTAINED WITHIN ACCEPTABLE LIMITS AND NOISE NUISANCE IS MINIMISED,+ ADDS THE REPORT.

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TO PERMIT THE FORECAST DEMAND FOR HELICOPTER SERVICES TO BE SATISFIED, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROVIDE THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND STAFF TO SERVICE THE RESULTANT INCREASES IN CIVIL HELICOPTER ACTIVITY IN THE TERRITORY. HOWEVER THESE INCREASES MUST BE CAREFULLY CONTROLLED AND A PRIORITY SYSTEM FOR PERMITTING NEW HELICOPTER ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE INTRODUCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHILE SERVICES OF GREATER PUBLIC BENEFIT, FOR EXAMPLE THE SCHEDULED SERVICE TO MACAU, SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY, OTHER HELICOPTER OPERATIONS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC DO NOT BENEFIT SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED NEAR THE URBAN AREAS.

FINALLY, THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDS THAT +THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD INITIATE A REVIEW OF CIVIL HELICOPTER OPERATIONS IN 1983.+

+THE REVIEW SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE DECISION MADE ON THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AND ITS ASSOCIATED DOWN TOWN TERMINAL- IT SHOULD ALSO UP-DATE THE FORECASTS CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IN THE LIGHT OF ACTUAL CIVIL HELICOPTER ACTIVITY EXPERIENCED DURING THE PERIOD 1981 TO 1983. THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW SHOULD BE USED TO CONFIRM OR AMEND THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT.+

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CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, ACCOMPANIED BY THREE SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, WILL LEAVE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO ATTEND THE SECOND ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS TO BE HELD IN BANGKOK FROM JULY 6 TO 10.

THE OFFICERS ARE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS, MR RAYMOND LAI AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF PRISONS, MESSRS JOHNNY WONG AND CHOW CHUN-CHAU.

THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY THAILAND'S DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY, WILL BE ATTENDED BY CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS FROM THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT SOME 15 COUNTRIES IN THE REGION WILL BE REPRESENTED.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN HONG KONG IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, HOSTED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

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SHA TIN SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES START TODAY
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THE ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME IN SHA TIN WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE.

A RANGE OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, ORGANISED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, WILL BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS.

OVER 20 000 LOCAL YOUNGSTERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE TRAINING CAMPS, SPORTS COMPETITIONS, CULTURAL SHOWS, GAMES, VARIOUS COURSES AND VISITS.

A FEATURE OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE A THREE-DAY TRAINING CAMP FOR ABOUT 120 VOLUNTEERS WHO, AFTER ATTENDING THE CAMP, WILL PLAY A PART IN ORGANISING PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES.

THE CAMP WILL TAKE PLACE AT YAN CHING CAMP, MA ON SHAN, FROM JULY 10 TO 12.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, DR HASE SAID PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES COULD NOT BE NEGLECTED, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE MAJORITY OF THE NEW TOWN POPULATION WAS MADE UP OF YOUNGSTERS.

+THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES, YOUNGSTERS LEARN TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND CULTIVATE A VARIETY OF INTERESTS,+ HE SAID.

+SUCH ACTIVITIES PROVIDE HEALTHY OUTLETS FOR ENERGETIC YOUNGSTERS DURING THE LONG SUMMER VACATION,+ HE SAID.

+OTHERWISE, THEY COULD EASILY BE LED ASTRAY.+

LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE DONATED ABOUT \$50 000 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE PROGRAMME, WHILE THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAVE PROVIDED A TOTAL OF \$35 000.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR LAU HON-KIT, AND THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR CHEUNG HON-LEUNG.

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CANTON RD REGISTRATION OFFICES MOVES TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST
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THE KOWLOON BRANCH OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE AT CANTON ROAD WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES IN EMPIRE CENTRE AT CHING YEE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, AS FROM MONDAY (JULY 6).

THE NEW OFFICES ARE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF EMPIRE CENTRE WHICH IS ADJACENT TO TSIM SHA TSUI CENTRE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO APPLY FOR IDENTITY CARDS AT THE KOWLOON BRANCH SHOULD CALL ON THE BRANCH'S NEW OFFICES AT EMPIRE CENTRE.

HOWEVER, FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR ID CARDS AT THE CANTON ROAD OFFICES, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THEM TO COLLECT THEIR ID CARDS FROM THE CANTON ROAD OFFICES. THIS FACILITY WILL CONTINUE UP TO JULY 25. THEREAFTER, ALL PREPARED IDENTITY CARDS WILL BE ISSUED AT THE EMPIRE CENTRE OFFICES.

APART FROM REGISTRATION OF NEW ARRIVALS FROM CHINA, THE KOWLOON BRANCH OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE PROVIDES A FULL RANGE OF IDENTITY CARD FACILITIES, INCLUDING REGISTRATION OF JUVENILE AND ADULT IDENTITY CARDS, AMENDMENTS TO REGISTERED PARTICULARS, REPLACEMENT OF LOST OR DEFACED CARDS AND THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED PARTICULARS.

THOSE WISHING TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY CALL 3-680479.

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REST GARDEN FOR HOMANTIN
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A REST GARDEN WILL BE BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN HOMANTIN TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND WYLIE ROAD, THE GARDEN WILL HAVE BENCHES, FLOWER BEDS, ORNAMENTAL RAILING AND WOODEN ARBOUR.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PWD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.

ON COMPLETION IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, THE GARDEN WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME STARTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT
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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS EVELYN DOE, TODAY (SATURDAY) CUT THE RIBBON AT A GRAND OPENING CEREMONY AT OCEAN PARK TO START OFF SOME 500 SUMMER RECREATION EVENTS FOR YOUTH IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

MRS DOE WAS AMONG THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW FOR HUNDREDS OF DISABLED AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT.

THE SHOW FEATURED PERFORMANCES OF FOLK SONGS AND DANCES, SIGN-LANGUAGE SONGS FOR THE DEAF, SINGING BY A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, MARTIAL ARTS, PARROT SHOW, AND WHEELCHAIR DANCE BY DISABLED PEOPLE.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MRS DOE UNDERLINED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES WHICH HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP SELF-CONFIDENCE, LEADERSHIP AND POTENTIALS SO AS TO BE ABLE TO ADJUST TO SOCIAL CHANGES.

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY ARE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN MEANINGFUL GROUP ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH THEY CAN OFFSET PRESSURES FROM ACADEMIC STUDIES,+ SHE SAID.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES ARE GEARED TOWARDS THIS NEED, SHE SAID, AND HAVE GAINED INCREASING SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

MRS DOE SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALSO RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES AND, TOGETHER WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, HAD BEEN MAKING INCREASING ALLOCATIONS EACH YEAR FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES.

THIS YEAR, SHE ADDED, TOTAL ALLOCATIONS AMOUNT TO \$870 000.

THE VARIOUS RECREATION EVENTS ORGANISED FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT IN THE COMING WEEKS WILL INCLUDE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMPS, VOLUNTEER GUIDANCE SERVICE, COMMUNITY STUDIES, TRANSFER SERVICE OF USED BOOKS, VARIETY SHOWS AND COMPETITIVE GAMES.

OF THE 500 EVENTS, MRS DOE SAID, OVER ONE-THIRD WILL BE OF TRAINING AND STUDY NATURE, REFLECTING A NEW TREND THAT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES ARE NOT PURELY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, BUT ARE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AS WELL.

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MORE VEGETABLES PRODUCED LAST YEAR

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PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES LAST YEAR CONTINUED TO INCREASE DESPITE THE DECREASE IN ACREAGE OF VEGETABLE LAND, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR C.T. WONG SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

DR WONG SAID LAST YEAR PROVED TO BE A GOOD YEAR FOR THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AS THE WEATHER WAS FAVOURABLE.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTION INCREASED BY 8 470 TONNES TO 192 090 TONNES COMPARED WITH 1979, DESPITE THE CONTINUED DECREASE IN ACREAGE OF LAND FROM 3 140 HECTARES IN 1979 TO 2 800 HECTARES LAST YEAR.

DR WONG WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER IN A KOWLOON RESTAURANT TO COMMEMORATE THE 59TH INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY.

+THE SLIGHT DROP OF 3.7 PER CENT IN THE VALUE OF VEGETABLES WAS DUE TO A DECREASE IN MARKET PRICES RESULTING FROM A GREAT INCREASE IN VEGETABLE PRODUCTION BECAUSE OF THE ABNORMALLY WARM WEATHER AROUND CHINESE NEW YEAR,+ DR WONG SAID.

WHILE PRODUCTION OF PIGS AND CHICKEN DROPPED SLIGHTLY, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN PIGEON AND DUCK PRODUCTION DURING THE SAME PERIOD, HE SAID.

DR WONG RECALLED THAT A GROUP OF 15 VEGETABLE FARMERS OF THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES HAD A SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN JAPAN IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

+PLANS ARE IN HAND TO SEND A DELEGATION OF YOUNG FARMERS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ATTACHMENT PROBABLY NEXT YEAR,+ DR WONG SAID.

LOANS TOTALLING MORE THAN \$12 MILLION WERE ISSUED FROM THE THREE AGRICULTURAL LOAN FUNDS TO BOTH CROP AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS.

TURNING TO FISHERIES, DR WONG SAID PRODUCTION BY THE LOCAL FISHING FLEET INCREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT EVEN UNDER DIFFICULT SITUATION AND THE ACTUAL VALUE ROSE BY EIGHT PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MORE THAN 500 NEW FISHING VESSELS WERE BUILT AND LICENSED LAST YEAR, MANY OF WHICH WERE FINANCED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FROM THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION LOAN FUND, THE WORLD REFUGEE YEAR LOAN FUND AND THE CO-OPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE LOAN FUND.

DR WONG DISCLOSED THAT WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF THE FISHERMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES HAD CEASED FISHING DUE TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND WERE NO LONGER ACTIVE IN SOCIETY MATTERS, THE ACTIVE ONES COULD SURVIVE AND GROW BY POOLING THEIR FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES WITH OTHER SOCIETIES TO PROVIDE A GREATER CAPITAL BASE AND ENHANCE ITS CREDIT-WORTHINESS.

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STAFF OF HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD ADVISE AND ASSIST IN ANY RE-ORGANISATION CONTEMPLATED BY THE FISHERMEN, HE ADDED.

DR WONG ALSO PRESENTED OUTSTANDING AWARDS TO THE FIVE RECIPIENTS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT.

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TUEN MUN TEMPORARY MINI-SOCCER PITCH OPENED

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A TEMPORARY MINI-SOCCER PITCH AT TAI HING ESTATE, TUEN MUN, WAS OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SARA WU, AND UNOFFICIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU, MR CHOW MAN-PING AND MR NG CHEUK-TAI.

MISS WU SAID TUEN MUN WAS DEVELOPING RAPIDLY AND THE POPULATION WOULD EVENTUALLY INCREASE TO 500 000 OF WHOM 70 PER CENT WOULD LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

TAI HING WAS THE SECOND ESTATE IN TUEN MUN, PROVIDING HOMES FOR MORE THAN 40 000 PEOPLE, MISS WU SAID.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES WERE INADEQUATE TO MEET THE DEMAND INITIALLY, BUT THE SITUATION HAD GREATLY IMPROVED AS A RESULT OF THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, SHE SAID.

THE COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY HALLS AND YOUTH CENTRES HAD PROVIDED VENUES FOR RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH WOULD PROVIDE YET ANOTHER RECREATIONAL GROUND FOR THE PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN, MISS WU SAID.

IT WOULD BE MANAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND WOULD BE OPEN ROUND THE CLOCK.

MISS WU URGED LOCAL PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF THE NEW FACILITY AND ORGANISE MORE ACTIVITIES.

THE PROJECT, RECOMMENDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WAS BUILT BY THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT A COST OF \$160 000.

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BUS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE MEETS
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MEMBERS OF THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME SUB-GROUP, ONE OF THE FIVE SUB-GROUPS FORMED TO REVIEW BUS OPERATIONS, ARE NOW INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SCHEME AND ITS APPLICATION TO BUS COMPANIES.

THE MEMBERS ARE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNOFFICIALS MR T.S. LO, MR LEO GOODSTADT AND THE CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT OF THE FINANCIAL MONITORING UNIT OF THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH, MR PETER WINDER.

THE SUB-GROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE (I) TO REVIEW THE BASES AND APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SCHEMES OF CONTROL CURRENTLY APPLIED TO THE TWO BUS COMPANIES- (II) TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION WITHIN THE SCHEMES OF SOURCES OF INCOME CURRENTLY OUTSIDE THE SCHEMES AND (III) TO CONSIDER THE OVERALL FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE FINDINGS OF THE OTHER SUB-GROUPS AND TO BRING TOGETHER PROJECTIONS OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND FARE LEVELS.

MEMBERS OF THE OTHER SUB-GROUPS - LOOKING INTO THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, DEPOTS, MAINTENANCE AND SPARE PARTS, ARE ALSO PROCEEDING WITH THEIR WORK. IT IS THE INTENTION THAT A FEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE TAKEN ON THE SUB-GROUPS AT A LATER STAGE TO HELP PROCESS THE FINDINGS.

THE REVIEW REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TAC IN OCTOBER AND AFTERWARDS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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QUARTERS FOR PRISON STAFF
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE BUILDING OF QUARTERS FOR PRISONS DEPARTMENT STAFF STATIONED AT SHEK PIK, LANTAU.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELEVEN BLOCKS OF STAFF QUARTERS, RANGING FROM THREE TO FOUR STOREYS, AT THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT SHEK PIK.

TEN OF THE BLOCKS WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOUT 146 MARRIED OFFICERS AND THE REMAINING BLOCK WILL PROVIDE SINGLE-ROOMS FOR 50 OFFICERS.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER, AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1983.

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EVENING COURSE FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS
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TECHNICAL TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS CAN APPLY FOR A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING IN-SERVICE COURSE IN DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH WILL COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER.

+THE COURSE AIMS AT EQUIPPING PARTICIPANTS NOW TEACHING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY TO TEACH THAT SUBJECT AT FORMS 4 AND 5 LEVELS,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND THE TECHNICAL SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

APPLICANTS MUST BE SERVING FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND BE PREDOMINANTLY TEACHING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (WOOD OR METAL BIASED).

SELECTION FOR ADMISSION WILL BE BY INTERVIEW AND TUITION FEES ARE \$175 PER ANNUM.

DURING THE TWO YEARS, TRAINEES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE TWO EVENINGS A WEEK, PLUS ONE WEEK FULL-TIME IN JULY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, TRAINEES WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE MAKING THEM ELIGIBLE TO TEACH DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY UP TO FORMS 4 AND 5 LEVELS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE VIA HEADS OF SCHOOLS ON OR BEFORE JULY 17.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE COLLEGE ON 5-745311.

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