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IMPROVED SERVICES FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS  
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IMPROVED HOSPITAL PROCEDURES AND AFTER-CARE SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH A MORE HEALTHY PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS MENTAL ILLNESS, ARE NOW HELPING THE GOVERNMENT TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE PROBLEM OF EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WHO ARE ASSESSED TO BE DISPOSED TO VIOLENCE.

THIS IS THE RESULT OF CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC INCIDENT AT UN CHAU ESTATE ON JUNE 3, 1982 WHEN AN EX-MENTAL PATIENT FATALLY WOUNDED SEVERAL PEOPLE, INCLUDING SOME KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN.

THE WORKING GROUP SET UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS LAST JUNE WHICH WERE GENERALLY SUPPORTED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT SEVERAL OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN TRANSLATED INTO PRACTICE AND PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN THOSE AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT WHICH REQUIRED A LONGER LEAD TIME TO IMPLEMENT.

ONE OF THE FOREMOST RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP WAS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONFIDENTIAL CENTRAL REGISTER WHICH WOULD HAVE RECORDS OF ALL EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WHO HAVE A HISTORY OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE OR ARE ASSESSED TO BE DISPOSED TO VIOLENCE.

THE REGISTER WAS SET UP IN OCTOBER 1982 AND NOW CONTAINS ABOUT 600 RECORDS OF PATIENTS IN THIS TARGET GROUP.

+ACCESS TO THE REGISTER IS POSSIBLE 24 HOURS A DAY, BUT FOR REASONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY IS RESTRICTED TO ESSENTIAL PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS OR FOR OPERATIONAL USE BY CONCERNED PARTIES, SUCH AS THE POLICE. THE RECORDS HAVE BEEN USEFUL FOR MONITORING AFTER-CARE TREATMENT AND PROVIDING PROMPT INFORMATION IN EMERGENCIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT PATIENTS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL SHOULD BE CAREFULLY ASSESSED TO IDENTIFY THOSE WITH A DISPOSITION TO VIOLENCE, AND THAT BEFORE DECIDING TO DISCHARGE A PATIENT IN THE TARGET GROUP, REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE DISCIPLINES IN CONTACT WITH HIM SHOULD MEET IN CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THEIR ASSESSMENTS OF THE PATIENTS' PROGRESS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS.

THESE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CASE CONFERENCES ARE BEING HELD AT KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL AND ARE BEING INTRODUCED AT CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, ALTHOUGH SHORTAGES OF STAFF THERE HAVE IN SOME INSTANCES DELAYED THE PREPARATION OF CASE REPORTS AND MADE FULL CONFERENCES IMPRACTICABLE.

FOLLOWING THEIR DISCHARGE, PATIENTS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE AFTER-CARE SERVICES AND THESE HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING STRENGTHENED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS.

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ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT IS THE GREATER USE OF HALF-WAY HOUSES WHICH WOULD PREPARE DISCHARGED PATIENTS FOR FULL RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 250 PLACES IN HALF-WAY HOUSES, OF WHICH 30 PLACES ARE SPECIFICALLY FOR DISCHARGED PRISONERS WITH A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS.

HOWEVER NONE OF THESE FACILITIES IS DESIGNED OR STAFFED TO THE STANDARDS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE AFTER-CARE OF CONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED PATIENTS.

STAFF STANDARDS ARE NOW BEING DEVELOPED FOR SPECIAL HALF-WAY HOUSES AS WELL AS FOR THE EXISTING TYPE OF HALF-WAY HOUSES TO ENABLE MORE WIDESPREAD INTEGRATION OF TARGET GROUP PATIENTS IN THEM.

+PLANS HAVE BEEN PREPARED, IN CONSULTATION WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, FOR 19 NEW PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 1 200 ADDITIONAL PLACES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, INCLUDING 160 PLACES SUITABLE FOR CONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED PATIENTS. THE FIRST OF THESE SPECIAL PROJECTS WILL BE READY SHORTLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHERMORE, ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO EXPAND THE COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSING SERVICE ON A REGIONAL BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATION.

THE FIRST STEP HAS BEEN TO DEVELOP LOCAL TRAINING FACILITIES FOR COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSES.

THE FIRST SUCH COURSE, ON AN IN-SERVICE AND DAY-RELEASE BASIS, STARTED LAST MONTH IN KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL.

A LIMITED REGIONAL SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME.

COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSES FROM KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, WHICH SET UP ITS COMMUNITY NURSING UNIT IN APRIL 1982, HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH DISCHARGED PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THEY HAVE PROVIDED HELP IN ASSESSING THE MENTAL STATES OF PATIENTS AND ADMINISTERED TREATMENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PSYCHIATRISTS.

IN ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, HELP IS AVAILABLE TO DISCHARGED PATIENTS WHO MAY HAVE HOUSING OR EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS.

A COMMUNITY WORK AND AFTER-CARE UNIT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE AT CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL SINCE 1978 AND SIMILAR UNITS HAVE BEEN SET UP AT KWAI CHUNG, KOWLOON, AND LAI CHI KOK HOSPITALS.

STAFF FROM THESE UNITS ALSO VISIT DISCHARGED PATIENTS AND MONITOR THEIR RECOVERY.

IN THEIR REPORT, THE WORKING GROUP RECOGNISED THE KEY ROLE PLAYED BY MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND RECOMMENDED A REDUCTION IN THEIR CASELOAD IF THEY WERE TO SUPERVISE TARGET GROUP PATIENTS.

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW TO DEVELOP A MORE REALISTIC MANNING RATIO, AND PRIORITY IS BEING GIVEN TO PROVIDING MORE MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE.

THE WORKING GROUP ALSO RECOMMENDED A 24-HOUR HOTLINE SERVICE TO OFFER ADVICE TO MENTAL PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY SQUAD THAT WOULD OFFER ON-THE-SPOT ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCIES.

THE HOTLINE SERVICE HAS NOW COME INTO OPERATION FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND INFORMATION ON THE OPERATION OF EMERGENCY SQUADS IN BRITAIN HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND IS BEING STUDIED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE MEASURES, THE GOVERNMENT IS UNDERTAKING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE IMPROVED ADMISSION PROCEDURES, GREATER POWERS TO ADMIT AND RECALL PATIENTS TO HOSPITAL, AND NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPEAL AS A SAFEGUARD AGAINST THESE GREATER POWERS.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE READY LATER THIS YEAR FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE WORKING GROUP HAVE ALSO RECEIVED ATTENTION.

EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PERSUADE PATIENTS WHO ARE DISCHARGED ABSOLUTELY, AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO AGREE IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT.

A PAMPHLET DESIGNED TO ASSIST FAMILIES IN THE CARE AND UNDERSTANDING OF FORMER PATIENTS HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY REVISED AND COPIES ARE NOW BEING GIVEN TO THE RELATIVES OF MENTAL PATIENTS AND ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS DISCHARGED PATIENTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THEIR REHABILITATION.

FOR THIS REASON, THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN REHABILITATION (COMPÈRE) HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A SEMINAR ON MENTAL HEALTH FOR TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMES ON TELEVISION, TO PROMOTE PUBLIC EDUCATION ON MENTAL HEALTH.

+THE THEME OF COMPÈRE THIS YEAR IS 'EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED'. ACTIVITIES WILL PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE MENTALLY-RETARDED,+ HE SAID.

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IMPORTANCE OF RESIDENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN DISTRICT WORK STRESSED  
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THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WORK IS A TWO-WAY PROCESS WITH THE GOVERNMENT EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AND THE LATTER TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO PARTICIPATE, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+I AGREE GOVERNMENT SHOULD STRENGTHEN ITS PUBLICITY TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ON THE SPIRIT AND FUNCTIONING OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS. BUT RESIDENTS SHOULD ALSO, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, GET THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN DISTRICT WORK+, HE SAID.

MR MAK WAS SPEAKING AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE SIXTH-TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS.

HE SAID RESIDENTS SHOULD REGISTER THEMSELVES AS VOTERS WHEN THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE BEGINS IN MID-AUGUST AND VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S BOARD ELECTIONS.

MR MAK ALSO DESCRIBED THE DISTRICT BOARD AS +A BODY THAT BELONGS TO THE PUBLIC+.

+THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THE LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE ALSO THE PROBLEMS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD+, HE SAID.

FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID, THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, JUST LIKE MOST PARENTS IN THE DISTRICT, HAD SHOWN GREAT CONCERN TOWARDS THE INADEQUATE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN KWUN TONG.

+A WORKING GROUP WAS THEREFORE SET UP IN APRIL LAST YEAR TO STUDY THE ISSUE AND A REPORT WILL SOON BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD+, HE SAID.

ON THE PROBLEM OF YOUTHS, MR MAK SAID IT WAS EVERY LOCAL RESIDENT'S CONCERN.

HE ADDED THAT A WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN SET UP UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND RECOMMEND MEASURES TO SOLVE IT.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISERS OF THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING A BALANCED AND HARMONIOUS COMMUNITY IN KWUN TONG.

+THE THEME OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM IS PRECISELY TO PROMOTE THIS SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT+, HE SAID.

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SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS TO  
RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE  
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, WILL GO BACK TO HIS OLD UNIVERSITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN JULY TO RECEIVE AN HONORARY DOCTORATE.

MR CHAN HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AT LOUGHBOROUGH, WHERE HE STUDIED CIVIL ENGINEERING FROM 1948 TO 1952, TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF TECHNOLOGY.

THE INVITATION WAS ISSUED IN MARCH ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY'S COUNCIL AND SENATE BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, SIR CLIFFORD BUTLER.

ACCEPTING THE INVITATION, MR CHAN SAID HE CONSIDERED IT AN HONOUR AND A PRIVILEGE.

THE DEGREE WILL BE CONFERRED ON JULY 12.

MR CHAN JOINED THE THEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS A PUPIL ENGINEER IMMEDIATELY AFTER GRADUATING FROM LOUGHBOROUGH.

HE SPENT A YEAR AT YALE FROM 1960 TO 1961, STUDYING TRAFFIC ENGINEERING.

HE BECAME A CHIEF ENGINEER IN 1969 AND GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN 1973.

FOR FIVE YEARS, FROM 1973 TO 1978, MR CHAN WAS THE PROJECT MANAGER TUEN MUN, AFTER WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED TO HEAD THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

IN MAY, 1980, HE WAS APPOINTED HEAD OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AND IN OCTOBER OF THE SAME YEAR BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, OVERSEEING THE WORK OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

IN APRIL, 1981, MR CHAN WAS MADE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. HE BECAME THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS IN 1982 WHEN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REORGANISED.

IN JULY LAST YEAR HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

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CONTRACTS FOR BORDER PROJECTS  
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TWO CONTRACTS, VALUED AT \$1.85 MILLION, HAVE BEEN AWARDED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND FIRE SERVICES EQUIPMENT AT THE BORDER CONTROL POINT NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT SHA TAU KOK.

THE CONTRACT FOR INSTALLING AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WAS AWARDED TO TUNG YUEN HONG ELECTRICAL COMPANY LTD.

THE ONE FOR INSTALLING FIRE HYDRANTS AND A FIRE HOSE REEL WENT TO RYODEN FIRE ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED.

BOTH WERE AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THEM STARTED EARLIER THIS WEEK AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR TO COINCIDE WITH COMPLETION OF THE BORDER CONTROL POINT.

THE CONTROL POINT WILL OCCUPY A 12 500-SQUARE-METRE SITE BETWEEN LIN MA HANG ROAD AND SHA TAU KOK ROAD.

IT WILL CONSIST OF A ONE-STOREY MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING FOR THE POLICE AND IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ARRIVAL AND A DEPARTURE HALL, A CARGO EXAMINATION PLATFORM, A VEHICLE INSPECTION PIT AND A TRANSFORMER ROOM.

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SLOPES TO BE STABILISED  
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WORK WILL START IN JULY ON RECONSTRUCTING SEVEN SLOPES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON.

IT IS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE TO IMPROVE SLOPES TO ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS.

IN THE PAST FEW YEARS THE OFFICE HAS SPENT OVER \$500 MILLION ON THIS WORK AND IS ALSO SPENDING \$30 MILLION EACH YEAR ON SLOPE MAINTENANCE.

THE SEVEN SLOPES TO BE IMPROVED UNDER THE PRESENT PHASE OF THE PROGRAMME ARE AT WATFORD ROAD, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD AND HOSPITAL ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND AT WATERLOO ROAD AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD IN KOWLOON.

THE WORK WILL TAKE SIX TO 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS TO CARRY IT OUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 25.

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VTC DELEGATION VISITS SINGAPORE  
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A DELEGATION OF THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) TO START A SIX-DAY STUDY TOUR ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN SINGAPORE.

HEADED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, DR HENRY T. YU, THE THREE-MEMBER DELEGATION WILL VISIT THE VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING BOARD (VITB) OF SINGAPORE, A VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE, TWO GOVERNMENT TRAINING CENTRES, A MACHINE TOOL MANUFACTURING PLANT AND A SHIPBUILDING YARD.

+THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES WITH THE SINGAPORE AUTHORITIES ON MANPOWER TRAINING IN THE KEY ENGINEERING TRADES,+ DR YU SAID.

+INDUSTRIAL SET-UP AND MANPOWER SITUATION IN SINGAPORE ARE SIMILAR TO HONG KONG IN MANY RESPECTS. THEIR EXPERIENCES MAY SERVE AS USEFUL REFERENCES OR GUIDELINES IN ESTABLISHING OUR TRAINING CENTRE AT THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX,+ HE ADDED.

THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE WILL OFFER FULL-TIME BASIC TRAINING IN MECHANICS, FITTING, SHEET-METAL WORKING, AND TOOL AND DIE MAKING, STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

AT THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX, FOUR OTHER TRAINING CENTRES -- COVERING ELECTRONICS, HOTEL, PLASTICS AND PRINTING INDUSTRIES -- WILL OFFER VARIOUS LEVELS OF FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME TRAINING TO FORM FIVE AND FORM THREE SCHOOL LEAVERS FROM AUTUMN THIS YEAR.

THE VISIT IS ARRANGED BY THE VITB OF SINGAPORE.

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GEOTECHNICAL INFORMATION UNIT FOR THE PUBLIC OPENED  
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THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE HAS OPENED AN INFORMATION UNIT FOR USE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS WANTING INFORMATION ON GEOTECHNICAL MATTERS.

THERE ARE ABOUT 12 000 SEPARATE VOLUMES OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE, INCLUDING GEOTECHNICAL AND GEOLOGICAL TEXT BOOKS, JOURNALS AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES; SITE INVESTIGATION AND LABORATORY TEST REPORTS; A CATALOGUE OF CUT SLOPES, RETAINING WALLS AND FILL SLOPES IN HONG KONG; OLD MAPS AND PLANS; LANDSLIDE RECORDS AND RAINFALL AND WATER LEVEL DATA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE SAID FOR THE FIRST TIME ALL THE VOLUMES HAD BEEN GATHERED TOGETHER WITHIN A SINGLE UNIT WHICH WOULD BE MUCH MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE PUBLIC.

PUBLICATIONS ARE MAINLY CLASSIFIED UNDER A GENERAL REFERENCING SYSTEM AND A SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REFERENCING SYSTEM.

THE GENERAL REFERENCING SYSTEM IS USED FOR TEXT BOOKS, JOURNALS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS WHICH ARE OF A GENERAL NATURE AND DO NOT REFER TO SPECIFIC SITES WITHIN HONG KONG.

THE SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REFERENCING SYSTEM IS USED TO REFERENCE ALL SITE INVESTIGATIONS AND LABORATORY TEST REPORTS.

THERE IS A READING AREA WHERE USERS CAN CONSULT REPORTS AND BOOKS. NONE CAN BE BORROWED, BUT A PHOTOCOPIER CAN BE USED AT A REASONABLE CHARGE.

THE GEOTECHNICAL INFORMATION UNIT IS AT EMPIRE CENTRE, 6TH FLOOR, MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

IT IS OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 12.30 PM AND 1.30 PM TO 4 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS).

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-7225009.

VIDEO VIEWING FACILITIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH A 24-HOUR ADVANCED BOOKING ARRANGEMENT.

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SHA TIN TO HOLD TREE PLANTING DAY  
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COMMUNITY LEADERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SHA TIN WILL JOINTLY HOLD A DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING DAY ON FRIDAY (MAY 11) TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS YEAR'S NEW TOWN BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMME.

THE SHA TIN TREE PLANTING DAY IS ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CURRENT MEI FA (BEAUTIFICATION) PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE.

IT WAS AIMED AT ENLISTING THE COMMUNITY TO HELP BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A TREE PLANTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN CYCLE PARK IN TIN SUM TSUEN ON FRIDAY (MAY 11) AT 2.30 PM.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF 150 STUDENTS, SOME 40 EVERGREENS WILL BE PLANTED AT THE CYCLE PARK.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR DAVID WEEKS, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MR DONALD TSANG, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AND PLANT A SEEDLING.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE, MR NG CHAN-LAM; THE CHAIRMAN OF ITS HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAU HON-KIT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN TREE PLANTING DAY TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN CYCLE PARK IN TIN SUM TSUEN ON FRIDAY (MAY 11) AT 2.30 PM.

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LIFE GUARDS NEEDED FOR BEACHES AND POOLS  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING LIFE GUARDS FOR THE CITY SERVICES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE LIFE GUARDS, WHO MUST BE AGED 35 OR UNDER, WILL BE REQUIRED FOR DUTY AT GAZETTED BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST PRIMARY 6 EDUCATION AND HOLD A BRONZE MEDALLION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE ROYAL LIFE GUARD SOCIETY AND A VALID FIRST AID CERTIFICATE.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR THE POST IS \$109 PER DAY OR \$2 755 A MONTH.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE POST MAY APPROACH ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 3-666615, 3-265123, 5-270276 OR 0-429154.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR HO MAN TIN  
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD HAS SPENT \$150 000 ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CYCLING TRACK AND A SITTING-OUT AREA IN HO MAN TIN WHICH WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM TUESDAY (MAY 8).

SITUATED AT THE JUNCTION OF FAT KWONG STREET AND GOOD SHEPHERD STREET, THE TWO PROJECTS OCCUPY AN AREA OF 5 000 SQUARE METRES.

THE CYCLING TRACK IS 160 METRES LONG AND THREE METRES WIDE.

THIS IS A TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, PROVIDING ANOTHER RECREATIONAL GROUND FOR CHILDREN IN THE AREA.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TANG TAI-CHUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 8).

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SOLAR SYSTEM FOR TENNIS AND SQUASH COURTS  
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A SOLAR HOT WATER HEATING SYSTEM IS TO BE INSTALLED AT THE TENNIS AND SQUASH COURTS AT MORSE PARK, WONG TAI SIN.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE SUPPLYING AND INSTALLING THE SOLAR COLLECTOR PANELS, A HOT WATER STORAGE TANK, PIPEWORK, CIRCULATING WATER PUMPS, VALVES, CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ACCESSORIES.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

ONLY CONTRACTORS WITH PERMANENT OFFICE AND WORKSHOP ACCOMMODATION AND TRAINED STAFF AND PERSONNEL WITH EXPERIENCE ON SIMILAR INSTALLATIONS WILL BE PERMITTED TO TENDER.

THEY SHOULD SUBMIT DETAILS OF THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THIS TYPE OF WORK IN RESPECT OF PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR.

TENDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOX IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, MAY 25.

TENDER FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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FREE HORTICULTURAL CLASS IN TSUEN WAN  
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ANOTHER FREE HORTICULTURAL CLASS WILL BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF SIMILAR CLASSES LAST YEAR.

THE CLASS, ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND ON SEVEN CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 9.15 AM AND 11.15 AM, STARTING ON MAY 26, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE CLASS WILL FOCUS ON COMPOST MIXING, DETECTION AND CONTROL OF PLANT PEST AND DISEASE, FERTILIZING, PROPAGATION AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT.

A FIELD VISIT TO AN NTSD NURSERY WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED DURING THE COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND, THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND AND THE TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, 135-143 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR FITTING OUT WORKSHOP

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR FITTING OUT A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SHELTERED WORKSHOP AT BUTTERFLY ESTATE, TUEN MUN.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT INCLUDES BUILDING THREE WORK AREAS, A DINING ROOM, A COMMON ROOM, A KITCHEN, A STOREROOM AND OFFICES.

THE SHELTERED WORKSHOP, COVERING AN AREA OF 1 300 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF TIP YEE HOUSE, BUTTERFLY ESTATE, AND PROVIDES JOBS FOR ABOUT 140 MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 25 SO THAT WORK CAN COMMENCE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF CANTON ROAD

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THE SECTION OF CANTON ROAD BETWEEN HAIPHONG ROAD AND PEKING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM FROM MAY 7 TO 11 (MONDAY TO FRIDAY) AND FROM MAY 14 TO 18, TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE SECTION OF PEKING ROAD BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND KOWLOON PARK DRIVE WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON CANTON ROAD SOUTHBOUND, WHO WISH TO PROCEED TO THE SOUTHERN END OF CANTON ROAD, SHOULD USE HAIPHONG ROAD, LOCK ROAD, PEKING ROAD AND CANTON ROAD.

TRAFFIC ON KOWLOON PARK DRIVE NORTHBOUND, HEADING FOR THE SOUTHERN END OF CANTON ROAD, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PEKING ROAD AND CANTON ROAD.

LIMITED ACCESS TO MARCO POLO HOTEL, HARBOUR CITY, OCEAN CENTRE AND OCEAN TERMINAL WILL BE PERMITTED VIA PEKING ROAD.

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MAIN STREET EAST CLOSED FOR FESTIVAL

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SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST BETWEEN KAM WAH STREET AND A KUNG NGAM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 8) TO ALLOW FOR CELEBRATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAM KUNG FESTIVAL.

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