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ANOTHER WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION CONTRACT AWARDED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AWARDED AN \$821 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE RECLAMATION OF THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER AND REPROVISIONING OF WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES WHICH FORMS PART OF THE WORK ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION PROJECT.

THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO A HONG KONG, DUTCH AND ITALIAN CONSORTIUM AFTER CONSIDERING SIX BIDS WHICH RANGED FROM \$588 MILLION TO \$1,157 MILLION.

THE CONSORTIUM, UNIVERSAL DOCKYARD LTD/D. BLANKEVOORT INTERNATIONAL DREDGING COMPANY/Dragomar S.P. A. JOINT VENTURE, SUBMITTED THE SECOND LOWEST TENDER, WHICH WAS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT'S ESTIMATE.

THE LOWEST TENDER WAS NOT ACCEPTED BECAUSE IT DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE TENDERING PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS.

THE CONTRACT IS PART OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP). IT BRINGS THE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT FUNDED CONTRACTS IN THE ACP LET SO FAR TO 16, WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF \$17.13 BILLION.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, MR RAFAEL HUI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT ALL 16 CONTRACTS WERE WITHIN PROJECT ESTIMATES.

"THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT ALL ACP PROJECTS ARE BEING BUILT IN A COST-EFFECTIVE WAY," MR HUI SAID.

"THIS IS ACHIEVED BY RIGOROUS EXAMINATION OF PROJECT DESIGNS, TIGHT CONTROL OVER CHANGES IN PROJECT SCOPE, CASH LIMITATION OF PROJECT COSTS, A REGIME OF FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS AND COMPETITIVE TENDERING," HE ADDED.

WORK ON THE YAU MA TEI CONTRACT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 32 MONTHS.

IT INVOLVES THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 68 HECTARES OF LAND, CONSTRUCTION OF 180 METRES OF SEAWALL AND REPROVISIONING OF WATERFRONT FACILITIES INCLUDING A SALT WATER PUMPING STATION, A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND A MARINE OFFICE.

THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION IS ONE OF THE 10 KEY PROJECTS IN THE ACP. THE RECLAMATION ALONG THE WEST KOWLOON WATERFRONT FROM YAU MA TEI TO LAI CHI KOK WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 330 HECTARES OF LAND FOR TRANSPORT LINKS FOR THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

IN ADDITION, THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR VARIOUS COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USES AS WELL AS OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

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THE PROJECT INVOLVES TWO AREAS, NORTH AND SOUTH, EACH OF WHICH HAS BEEN SUB-DIVIDED FOR CONTRACT PURPOSES SO AS TO ALLOW THE THIRTY OR MORE EXISTING WATER-SIDE ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE IN OPERATION, UNTIL NEW WATERFRONT IS AVAILABLE FOR THEIR RELOCATION.

WORK ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION PROJECT IS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE AND ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF THE 330 HECTARES OF RECLAMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

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LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,796,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES AFTER DEDUCTION OF NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK 8368 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$390,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK XX833 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$160,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$3,000 FOR EY3329.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

\$		\$		\$		\$	
EY7133	WITHDRAWN	EY3329	3,000	EY388	50,000	EY738	23,000
EX380	20,000	*FC10	55,000	*2647	38,000	XX833	160,000
EY149	6,000	EY328	78,000	EY3220	5,000	EY366	40,000
*DW700	60,000	EJ189	28,000	CL831	16,000	*FC73	55,000
EY9778	WITHDRAWN	8368	390,000	*DM88	140,000	EY978	16,000
AA1386	31,000	EY3380	12,000	EY845	6,000	EX108	35,000
EY7821	WITHDRAWN	EY610	6,000	EY923	20,000	EY3268	23,000
*548	36,000	*FC11	78,000	*304	100,000	*AD929	30,000
EY993	15,000	EY321	20,000	EY668	80,000	EY1128	21,000
EY448	20,000	EY968	19,000	EY221	28,000	EY2823	30,000

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 180TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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ROAD CLOSURE FOR TIN SHUI WAI LRT LINK

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CLOSE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THE EXISTING ACCESS ROAD ACROSS JUNCTION T21 IN PING SHAN, YUEN LONG.

THE CLOSURE IS REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE TIN SHUI WAI LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT LINK.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL HAVE BEEN GAZETTED YESTERDAY. A NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, CAN BE SEEN ON THE NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR JUNCTION T21.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY INSPECT THE PLANS AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, NINTH FLOOR, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 24.

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WOMEN POLICE TASK FORCE TO HANDLE INTERNAL SECURITY

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE HAVE RECENTLY FORMED A COMPANY OF WOMEN POLICE TO DEAL WITH INTERNAL SECURITY AND CROWD CONTROL.

THE WOMEN'S INTERNAL SECURITY COMPANY OF 170 PERSONNEL IS PRESENTLY UNDERGOING TRAINING AT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT IN FANLING.

THE COMPANY, HEADED BY A WOMAN SUPERINTENDENT, MRS KONG CHEUNG CHI-LAN, WHO IS ASSISTED BY A WOMAN CHIEF INSPECTOR AND WOMEN STATION SERGEANT, WAS FORMED IN JULY THIS YEAR.

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EACH OF THE FOUR PLATOONS IS COMMANDED BY TWO WOMEN INSPECTORS AND HAS 41 MEMBERS, THE PLATOONS ARE IDENTICALLY STRUCTURED AS THE REGULAR INTERNAL SECURITY PLATOONS AS THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS. THEY ARE DRAWN FROM THE FOUR POLICE LAND REGIONS.

THE ROLE OF WOMEN POLICE IN INTERNAL SECURITY AND CROWD CONTROL SITUATIONS HAS RECENTLY BEEN REVIEWED AND IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT WOMEN POLICE OFFICERS HAD AN ACTIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN POLICING DEMONSTRATIONS OR PROCESSIONS, HANDLING PASSIVE RESISTORS AND RESOLVING DISTURBANCES IN VIETNAMESE DETENTION CENTRES.

"THE FORCE IDENTIFIED THAT WOMEN POLICE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DEPLOYMENT WITH, AND IN SUPPORT OF, THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS PARTICULARLY TO ARREST AND SEARCH WOMEN AND JUVENILE PRISONERS," SAID A POLICE SPOKESMAN.

EACH MEMBER OF THE COMPANY IS ISSUED THE SAME PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AS THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS. THIS INCLUDES AN INTERNAL SECURITY UNIFORM, RIOT HELMET, RESPIRATORS, JUNGLE BOOTS AND HANDCUFFS.

THE COMPANY IS NOT ISSUED WITH ANY INTERNAL SECURITY WEAPONS, BUT IS TRAINED IN THE USE OF LONG BATONS AND CS GRENADES.

THE COMPANY'S TRAINING INCLUDES TACTICS FOR WOMEN OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH PASSIVE RESISTORS, CLEARING ROUTES THROUGH CROWDS AND USE OF THE ARMADILLO SHIELD. TACTICS FOR WORK INSIDE VIETNAMESE DETENTION CENTRES ARE ALSO PRACTISED.

"ALL MEMBERS HAVE NOW UNDERGONE A TWO-DAY INTRODUCTORY TRAINING IN INTERNAL SECURITY TACTICS AND THEY WILL RECEIVE FURTHER TRAINING EACH QUARTER. IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO DEPLOY THE WHOLE COMPANY DURING A MAJOR EXERCISE LATER THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE WOMEN'S COMPANY WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO TAKE ON A RIOT ON ITS OWN, BUT WOULD RATHER BE IN A POSITION TO BACK UP THEIR MALE COLLEAGUES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN OCTOBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 23 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

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FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FIRING PRACTICE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
OCTOBER 1 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 2 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 6 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 8 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 9 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 12 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 13 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 14 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 9 PM
OCTOBER 15 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 16 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 9 PM
OCTOBER 17 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 19 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 20 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 21 (WEDNESDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 22 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 23 (FRIDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 24 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 26 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 27 (TUESDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 28 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 29 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 30 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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WATER CHARGES COLLECTION OFFICE TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY

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THE COLLECTION OFFICE OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S KWUN TONG CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) TO NOVEMBER 2 TO FACILITATE RENOVATION WORKS FOR THE SETTING UP OF AN ADDITIONAL COLLECTION COUNTER.

RESIDENTS IN KOWLOON EAST MAY PAY THEIR WATER CHARGES AND DEPOSITS AT OTHER COLLECTION OFFICES OR SUB-TREASURIES, OR MAKE THEIR PAYMENTS BY POST DURING THE PERIOD.

THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, 21 ON WAH STREET WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ENQUIRY SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,300
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,300
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-560
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,740
* LAF TO BE REVERSED ON 28/9	-800 MN
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	

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