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SIR PETER MEETS LEADING HK BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS
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THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF BRITAIN'S DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SIR PETER CAREY, TODAY HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN.

THE MEETING, CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, WAS HELD IN THE C AND I DEPARTMENT. MEMBERS OF BOTH THE TEXTILES AND THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARDS ATTENDED.

THE TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION, DESCRIBED BY SIR PETER AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRANK, FOCUSED MAINLY ON TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG. VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED ON BOTH PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANSION.

SUBJECTS INCLUDED PRESENT AND FUTURE TEXTILE ARRANGEMENTS, IMPROVED SALES PROSPECTS IN HONG KONG FOR U.K. MANUFACTURERS, BALANCE OF TRADE - THE VISIBLE AS WELL AS THE INVISIBLE ASPECT OF IT - AND THE POSSIBILITY FOR A +MACHINERY+ WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY FOR EXCHANGING INFORMATION AND IDEAS ON FURTHERING TWO-WAY TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

SIR PETER IS ON A BRIEF OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG, AND MUCH OF HIS TIME WILL BE SPENT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN. HE WILL ALSO BE VISITING SOME OF HONG KONG'S FACTORIES, AND WAS ACCOMPANIED ON ONE SUCH VISIT THIS AFTERNOON BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. ROY PORTER.

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EXPLANATORY PAMPHLET ON 1977-78 RATES
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THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION HAS ISSUED A SIMPLE PAMPHLET EXPLAINING GENERALLY RATES AND RATEABLE VALUES.

THE PAMPHLET ALSO GIVES DETAILS OF WHAT THE LIKELY RATES PAYMENTS WOULD BE SHOULD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DETERMINE THE RATE PERCENTAGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1977-78 AS PROPOSED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

IT ALSO SETS OUT THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN OBJECTING TO RATEABLE VALUES.

COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET, PRODUCED BOTH IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH ARE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TO OPEN LIBRARY AT HK POLYTECHNIC

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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO OFFICIALLY OPEN ONE OF THE LARGEST SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND BUSINESS LIBRARIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH DURING HER VISIT TO HONG KONG NEXT MONTH.

IT IS THE LIBRARY AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IN HUNG HOM, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY HOLD MORE THAN 400,000 VOLUMES WITH SEATS FOR 3,000 READERS.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL VISIT THE LIBRARY AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE TEACHING STAFF AND STUDENTS.

AT A TOTAL BUILDING COST OF \$90 MILLION, THE LIBRARY TOGETHER WITH A MULTI-PURPOSE TEACHING BLOCK AND PODIUM WAS COMPLETED LAST OCTOBER AS PHASE I OF THE POLYTECHNIC'S EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

OF THE 45,000 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR SPACE MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME, THE LIBRARY OCCUPIES SOME 15,000 SQUARE METRES. IT IS HOUSED IN A FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED FIVE-STOREY BUILDING, THREE STOREYS ABOVE AND TWO BELOW THE PODIUM LEVEL. THE MULTI-PURPOSE BLOCK HAS A TOTAL AREA OF 22,100 SQUARE METRES AND THE PODIUM OCCUPIES 7,400 SQUARE METRES.

UNDER THE PODIUM THERE ARE 23 LABORATORIES, A THREE-LEVEL CARPARK AND A PLANT ROOM. ABOVE THE PODIUM ARE FIVE WINGS OF MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE WHICH PROVIDE 90 CLASSROOMS AND TUTORIAL ROOMS, FOUR LECTURE THEATRES, 30 LABORATORIES, AND OFFICE SPACE FOR ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN AUGUST, 1972. IN FIVE YEARS, TEACHING DEPARTMENTS HAVE DOUBLED FROM 8 TO 16 WHILE THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME PLACES HAS INCREASED FROM 1,700 TO 5,000.

FURTHER SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IS THE NUMBER OF PART-TIME DAY RELEASE STUDENTS, WHICH HAS INCREASED FROM ABOUT 740 TO OVER 2,200 AND OF PART-TIME EVENING STUDENTS, FROM ABOUT 9,300 TO 13,400.

BY 1980, IT IS EXPECTED, TOTAL ENROLMENT WILL REACH MORE THAN 30,000, COMPRISING SOME 7,600 FULL TIME STUDENTS, 3,300 PART-TIME DAY RELEASE STUDENTS AND 21,600 EVENING STUDENTS.

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BETTER TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS AT KWAI SHING ESTATE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES AT THE KWAI SHING ESTATE AND IMPROVE LOCAL TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

THIS FOLLOWS THE GRADUAL COMPLETION OF THE SECOND AND THIRD STAGES OF KWAI SHING ESTATE AND THE INTAKE OF POPULATION.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FROM SUNDAY (JANUARY 30) KMB ROUTE NO. 37 WILL BE EXTENDED TO START FROM THE KWAI SHING (CENTRAL) BUS TERMINUS WHICH HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED.

THIS SERVICE PROVIDES A LINK TO TAI KOK TSUI FERRY IN URBAN KOWLOON BY WAY OF LAI CHI KOK AT A BASIC FIVE-MINUTE FREQUENCY.

ALSO FROM THAT DAY, KMB ROUTE NO. 34 WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO START FROM KWAI SHING (CENTRAL) BUS TERMINUS. THE TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS OUTSIDE BLOCK 10 WILL BE CLOSED.

THIS SERVICE OPERATES AT A BASIC 10-MINUTE FREQUENCY AND PROVIDES A LINK TO TSUEN WAN WEST VIA TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A NEW SERVICE, ROUTE NO. 37A, WOULD BE INTRODUCED SHORTLY BETWEEN KWAI SHING (EAST) BUS TERMINUS AND SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIER.

THIS SERVICE WILL LIKELY OPERATE VIA HING SHING ROAD AND KWAI SHING CIRCUIT.

TO ENSURE SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THE CENTRAL ACCESS ROAD THROUGH KWAI SHING ESTATE BETWEEN BLOCK 6 AND BLOCK 15, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE WHOLE SECTION OF THIS ROAD FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (JANUARY 31).

ALTERNATIVE STOPPING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES OPERATING ALONG KWAI SHING CIRCUIT, IN BOTH THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SECTION.

THE EXISTING KWAI SHING (SOUTH) BUS TERMINUS SITUATED OUTSIDE BLOCK 13 WILL BE CONVERTED TO A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY). ON THE NORTH SECTION, THERE IS A NEW PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS NEAR BLOCK 1.

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FLYOVER TO LINK POK FU LAM AND WESTERN WATERFRONT

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A TWO-LANE FLYOVER TO PROVIDE A NEW ROUTE FROM POK FU LAM TO CENTRAL.

THE FLYOVER, WHICH STARTS FROM NO. 79B POK FU LAM ROAD, WILL RUN ALONG HILL ROAD TO CONNECT WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WATER STREET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR P.W.D. SAID THAT WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN ABERDEEN AND POK FU LAM AREAS, THERE HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS ON THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORK BETWEEN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT AND ABERDEEN AND POK FU LAM AREAS.

+IN VIEW OF THIS, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS CARRIED OUT IMPROVEMENTS WORKS TO THE MAJOR TRAFFIC ROUTES IN THE AREA SUCH AS SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AND POK FU LAM ROAD,+ HE SAID.

+A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERSECTION HAS ALSO BEEN BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD AND BONHAM ROAD.+

+THE PROPOSED FLYOVER,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, +AIMS TO AVOID CHANNELLING MORE TRAFFIC ON TO THE ALREADY CONGESTED CARRIAGEWAYS IN THE MID-LEVELS.+

THE PROPOSED WORKS WILL INVOLVE ALTERATIONS TO THE ALIGNMENT, WIDTH AND LEVELS OF A SECTION OF HILL ROAD AND THE STEPS ADJACENT TO BUILDING NO. 79B POK FU LAM ROAD. NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EARLIER THIS MONTH.

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HARBOUR TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FOUR CONICAL BUOYS HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE HARBOUR OFF THE FORMER HOLT'S WHARF IN TSIM SHA TSUI TO FACILITATE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TUNNELLING WORKS.

ALL VESSELS ARE URGED TO KEEP CLEAR OF THE AREA AND TO KEEP SOUTH OF THE SOUTHERNMOST BUOY.

THIS ARRANGEMENT IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS.

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DSW VISITS VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, CONTINUING HIS SERIES OF VISITS TO VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, SPENT MORE THAN TWO HOURS YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) EVENING TOURING THE HOLLAND HOSTEL AND THE TAI KOK TSUI YOUTH CENTRE IN KOWLOON.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. EVELYN DOE, HEAD OF THE FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION AND MR. HENRY AU, HEAD OF THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE HOLLAND HOSTEL FOR BOYS, MR. LEE WAS MET BY MR. JAN W. KLEINJN, DIRECTOR OF THE RENNIE'S MILL STUDENT AID PROJECT WHICH OPERATES THE HOME.

THE HOLLAND HOSTEL PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR 115 BOYS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 18 WHO ARE WITHOUT PROPER CARE AND SUPERVISION. SOME OF THEM ARE ORPHANS OR FROM BROKEN FAMILIES WHILE OTHERS MIGHT HAVE BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS.

THE RENNIE'S MILL STUDENT AID PROJECT ALSO LOOKS AFTER TWO OTHER HOSTELS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - THE MARK MEMORIAL HOSTEL IN RENNIE'S MILL AND THE ISLAND HOSTEL ON LANTAO ISLAND.

MR. LEE LATER PROCEEDED TO THE TAI KOK TSUI YOUTH CENTRE WHERE HE WAS MET BY MR. AU PAK-LING, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS.

THE CENTRE PROVIDES SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA.

IT BEGAN OPERATION IN MAY LAST YEAR AND THERE ARE ALREADY OVER 600 REGISTERED MEMBERS WITH DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF ABOUT 100. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 14 YOUTH GROUPS IN THE CENTRE OFFERING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING GUITAR, PHOTOGRAPHY, JUDO, FIRST-AID, AND SERVICE PROGRAMMES.

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BOX JUNCTION FOR KOWLOON TONG

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A BOX JUNCTION WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE JUNCTION OF CORNWALL STREET AND EDE ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 29).

THIS AIMS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE JUNCTION.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HUNG HOM AND CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 29) TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN HUNG HOM, THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LOK SHAN ROAD, TO KWA WAN ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD, KING WAN STREET, SHUN FUNG STREET AND YUK YAT STREET, INCLUDING MEI KING STREET, MEI KWONG STREET, KWEI CHOW STREET, LONG YUET STREET, SAN MA TAU STREET, MING LUN STREET, CHUNG SUN STREET, HING YAN STREET AND HING YIN STREET.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY, THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY YEE WO STREET, SUGAR STREET, GREAT GEORGE STREET, PATERSON STREET, KINGSTON STREET AND CLEVELAND STREET.

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