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Safety arrangements for parade

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In response to press enquiries in relation to the accident during the Lunar New Year Day parade organised by the Hong Kong Tourist Association, a spokesman for the Transport Department said:

"At a meeting with the Transport Branch this (Monday) morning, it was decided that the following measures should be taken to strengthen the safety arrangements for similar activities:

- \* To draw up a set of guidelines for parade organisers in relation to floats and vehicles on parade in consultation with other government departments. To make the guidelines as comprehensive as possible, reference will be drawn from overseas experience.
- \* To consider dispatching an inspection team to check on floats and vehicles taking part in a parade.

As there may be similar activities over the next few months, details of the new arrangements would be announced as soon as possible."

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No plan to change policy on foreign domestic workers

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In response to media enquiries on an English press report yesterday (Sunday) saying that the work door may open to maids from the mainland, a Government spokesman said today (Monday) that the Administration had no plans to change its existing policy on foreign domestic workers and allow mainland maids to work in Hong Kong.

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**Applications invited for cross-border coach services**

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The Transport Department is inviting applications from suitable operators to provide cross-border coach services between Hong Kong and China through Lok Ma Chau and Sha Tau Kok Border Control Points.

A spokesman for the department said: "Applications should be submitted to both the Transport Department and the Country Port of People's Government of Shenzhen Port Office.

"All applications are subject to approval at the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Sub-Working Group Meeting on Cross Border Transport Services."

Applications should be made in writing giving the following information:

- \* Applicants' personal particulars, including name, identity document, address and contact telephone number. In case of a company, the name of the contact person and information on the company registration should be included;
- \* Description of the nature of the service, the number and type of vehicles used, the seating capacity and position of the steering wheel of each vehicle;
- \* The proposed daily number of crossings between Hong Kong and China, the name of the control point, crossing time at the control point, detailed routeings and the terminal facilities on Hong Kong side;
- \* Relevant experiences in operating similar transport services;
- \* Details of the partnership arrangements i.e. names and addresses of both partners in Hong Kong and China; and
- \* Approval-in-principle documents issued by accredited Chinese authorities for providing cross-border coach services.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday, February 26, 1997. All applications are free of charge.

Those who are interested may submit their applications in person or by post to both the Public Vehicles Section, Licensing Division of the Transport Department, Hong Kong at 3rd Floor, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong and the Country Port of People's Government of Shenzhen Port Office at Room 505, No.3 Fu Tian South Road, Shenzhen.

Unsuccessful applicants in response to the Transport Department Notice of April 1 last year should re-apply.

Members of the public can contact Ms Choi Hau-yea at Tel: 2804 2578 for further information.

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#### Seminar to promote effective building management

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Flat owners, office-bearers of owners' corporations and mutual aid committees, building management professionals as well as other interested people are invited to take part in a building management seminar on March 15 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai.

Jointly organised by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the Housing Department, the Building Management Seminar '97 is aimed at promoting good building management among residents, flat owners, and office-bearers of building management organisations to achieve a better living environment.

An HAD spokesman said today (Monday) that the seminar will give participants an opportunity to acquire a good working knowledge and proper concepts of effective building management, and to share their experiences with other participants.

Topics to be covered include the formation of owners' corporations in Home Ownership estates, building electricity maintenance, building repair and maintenance, the Building Safety Inspection Scheme, and legal aspects of building management.

Speakers will include a representative of the China Light and Power Company Ltd, an estate surveyor of the Housing Department, a chartered surveyor, a building surveyor and a structural engineer of the Buildings Department, and a solicitor.

An open discussion will follow each session to give participants the opportunity to raise questions and exchange views on various issues relating to building management with the speakers.

An exhibition on building management will also be held at the venue.

Admission on a first-come-first-served basis is free. Application forms are now available at district offices.

Completed forms should be returned to the HAD headquarters, 30/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai before February 25.

Enquiries can be made at 2835 1496.

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#### Water storage figure

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Storage in Hong Kong's reservoirs at 9 a.m. today (Monday) stood at 78.7 per cent of capacity or 460.987 million cubic metres.

This time last year the reservoirs contained 466.628 million cubic metres of water, representing 79.6 per cent of capacity.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority tender results

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Tender date	:	10 February 1997
Paper on offer	:	EF Notes
Issue number	:	2902
Issue date	:	11 February 1997
Maturity date	:	11 February 1999
Coupon	:	5.66%
Amount applied	:	HK\$2,870 MN
Amount allotted	:	HK\$500 MN
Average price accepted (yield)	:	100.29 (5.58 PCT)
Lowest price accepted (yield)	:	100.28 (5.59 PCT)
Pro rata ratio	:	About 20 PCT
Average tender price (yield)	:	100.21 (5.62 PCT)

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