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MORE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS BUT FEWER FATALITIES IN 1987

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THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS REPORTED LAST YEAR SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT WHILE THE NUMBER OF FATALITIES REGISTERED A DECREASE OF 12 PER CENT.

DURING 1987, THERE WERE 57,403 ACCIDENTS WITH 80 FATALITIES IN ALL INDUSTRIES COMPARED WITH 54,138 ACCIDENTS AND 91 FATALITIES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

OF THE TOTAL, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ACCOUNTED FOR 23,846 ACCIDENTS-WITH 55 FATALITIES AS AGAINST 20,970 ACCIDENTS WITH 60 FATALITIES IN 1986.

COMMENTING ON THE ACCIDENT STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY), THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR WAS MAINLY DUE TO A SIGNIFICANT RISE IN MINOR INJURIES.

THESE INCLUDED 17,759 CASES INVOLVING WORKERS STEPPING ON OR STRIKING AGAINST OBJECTS AND 7,547 CASES RELATING TO HANDLING WITHOUT MACHINERY. THEY REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 57 PER CENT AND 31 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S STATISTICS.

SOME OTHER TYPES OF ACCIDENTS, ALTHOUGH THEY REGISTERED A DECREASE AS AGAINST THE 1986 FIGURES, CONTINUED TO BE THE SOURCE OF THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES.

THESE WERE THE 9,851 CASES (WITH 20 FATALITIES) INVOLVING MACHINERY, 6,531 CASES (WITH 30 FATALITIES) RELATING TO FALL OF PERSONS, 4,091 CASES (WITH FOUR FATALITIES) CONCERNING FALLING OBJECTS, 3,020 CASES DUE TO USE OF HAND TOOLS, 1,680 CASES INVOLVING HOT OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES, AND 1,346 CASES (WITH FOUR FATALITIES) CONCERNING TRANSPORT.

"A STUDY OF THE ACCIDENTS SHOWED THAT IF THE BASIC SAFETY RULES WERE SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED BY BOTH THE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, THE ACCIDENT RATE COULD BE CUT DRAMATICALLY," MR YIP SAID.

"OBVIOUSLY THERE IS EVERY NEED FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND OF SAFETY-MINDEDNESS AMONG EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES," HE ADDED.

MR YIP REVEALED THAT TO SHOW THE REAL OVERALL ACCIDENT TREND, THE DEPARTMENT WAS COMPILING A NEW SET OF STATISTICS WHEREBY MAJOR AND MINOR ACCIDENTS WERE IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY.

A MAJOR ACCIDENT IS DEFINED BY REFERENCE TO THE LENGTH OF ABSENCE FROM WORK OR DEGREE OF INCAPACITY SUFFERED BY AN INJURED WORKER.

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ALTHOUGH THE EXACT PERCENTAGE OF MAJOR ACCIDENTS IN 1987 HAS YET TO BE WORKED OUT, MR YIP BELIEVED IT WOULD BE ABOUT THE SAME AS FOR 1985 (12.4 PER CENT) AND 1986 (12.6 PER CENT).

"I THINK ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND SIGNIFICANT INDICATORS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE'S WORK IS THE NUMBER OF MAJOR ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCUR.

"THESE NEW STATISTICS ON MAJOR ACCIDENTS SHOULD BE A GREAT HELP IN IMPROVING OUR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EFFORTS."

TURNING TO PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, MR YIP SAID THE NUMBER INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT LAST YEAR.

DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD, THERE WERE 2,026 CONVICTIONS IN THE COURTS WITH TOTAL FINES OF MORE THAN \$6.5 MILLION BEING IMPOSED ON THEM. THESE FIGURES COMPARED WITH 1,617 CONVICTIONS AND \$4.5 MILLION IN FINES DURING 1986.

THE AVERAGE FINES FOR 1986 AND 1987 WERE \$2,800 AND \$3,200 RESPECTIVELY.

MR YIP EXPLAINED THAT IN RECENT YEARS THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN CONCENTRATING ON THE MORE SERIOUS OFFENCES.

"IN THE PAST, PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT IN A LOT OF FAIRLY MINOR CASES," HE SAID.

"BUT WE FEEL IT IS MORE MEANINGFUL IN MINOR CASES TO EDUCATE AND ADVISE THE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AND CONCENTRATE OUR PROSECUTION EFFORTS ON BLATANT OFFENDERS AND WORK SITES WITH BAD ACCIDENT RECORDS."

HE DISCLOSED THAT PROSECUTIONS WERE LEVELLED MAINLY AT EMPLOYERS, BUT IN SOME CASES, OPERATIVES WERE ALSO CHARGED FOR BREACHES OF THE SAFETY REGULATIONS.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS AT PRESENT DRAFTING SOME AMENDMENTS TO THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE WHICH WILL SPELL OUT MORE CLEARLY THE GENERAL DUTIES OF BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AS REGARDS SAFETY AND HEALTH AND WILL INTRODUCE CUSTODIAL SENTENCES FOR VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES.

HOWEVER, HE REITERATED THAT ALTHOUGH ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEGISLATION BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS FUNDAMENTAL, IT WAS NOT BY ITSELF SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

"IN SHORT, THERE MUST BE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE TO FOSTER AN ATTITUDE OF MIND FAVOURABLE TO SAFE PRACTICES IN THE WORKPLACE.

"OUR WHOLE APPROACH HAS BEEN BASED UPON A COMBINATION OF ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION AND PERSUASION WHICH I THINK IS THE CORRECT AND MOST PRACTICABLE APPROACH," MR YIP STRESSED.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED FOR REGISTERING OF ELECTORS

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE RELEVANT PROFESSIONS TO BE REGISTERED AS ELECTORS IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE 1988 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

DRAFT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IN ANNOUNCING THIS INTENTION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT, UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ENTITLED TO BE REGISTERED AS AN ELECTOR FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS UNLESS HE IS ALREADY REGISTERED AS AN ELECTOR IN THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL (GER).

ENTRIES IN THE CURRENT GER WERE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 20, 1987 AND NEW ENTRIES WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1989.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE, SO THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED AS ELECTORS ON THE GER MAY STILL BE REGISTERED ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLL IF THEY MEET THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

THESE REQUESTS HAVE COME FROM ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTING PROFESSIONAL BODIES TO BE INCLUDED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE EXPANDED MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE INTENDED TO APPLY TO POTENTIAL ELECTORS IN ALL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

THEY WERE AIMED AT ENABLING AS MANY AS POSSIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1988 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ARE AS BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES AS POSSIBLE.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND WOULD BE MADE ON A ONE-OFF BASIS.

INDIVIDUALS WHO BENEFITTED WOULD HAVE TO BE PROPERLY REGISTERED ON THE GER AT THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY IF THEY WISHED TO REMAIN ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLL AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 1988 ELECTIONS.

"WE HOPE THAT THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION CAN BE PASSED BEFORE THE FINAL REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, WHICH RUNS FROM JUNE 17 TO JULY 1," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 GAZETTED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE TO PERMIT GREATER DISCRETION FOR THE SECURITIES COMMISSION AND COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES IN THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IN SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES.

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID SECTION 19 OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE CONTAINED A GENERAL SECRECY PROVISION PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OFFICIALS UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

"HOWEVER, THE SECTION IS RESTRICTIVE AND HAS IN THE PAST PROHIBITED, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TRANSFER OF INFORMATION FROM THE SECURITIES COMMISSION AND COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS TO SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITIES OVERSEAS," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT WITH THE INCREASING INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE SECURITIES MARKETS, IT WAS ALSO BECOMING ESSENTIAL FOR REGULATORY AUTHORITIES IN DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS TO BE ABLE TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH EACH OTHER IN THE GENERAL INTEREST OF INVESTORS.

"IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO CLARIFY THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSION AND THE COMMISSIONER WITH RESPECT TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR STATUTORY DUTIES," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION OF SECRECY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES MIGHT BE PERMITTED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION IN SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF A SUMMARY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANY INVESTIGATION OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN HONG KONG, AND CIVIL PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE.

HE ADDED THAT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/BODIES: THE INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL; THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY; THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS; THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OR OTHER AUTHORISED PUBLIC OFFICER; THE COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSION; THE FUTURES EXCHANGE; OVERSEAS REGULATORY BODIES WHICH EXERCISE FUNCTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSION; AND SPECIFIED PROFESSIONAL AND SEMI-PROFESSIONAL BODIES.

"PROVISION IS ALSO MADE TO ALLOW THE DISCLOSURE OF NOTES AND INFORMATION OBTAINED BY INSPECTORS IN THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATION TO SPECIFIED PUBLIC OFFICERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE SPOKEMAN SAID THAT GIVEN THE CLOSE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SECURITIES AND OTHER FINANCIAL MARKETS, THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF INFORMATION OBTAINED BY PUBLIC OFFICERS IN THE COURSE OF CARRYING OUT THEIR STATUTORY DUTIES UNDER THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE TO OTHER BODIES FOR BETTER REGULATION OF THE FINANCIAL MARKETS.

"THE PROPOSALS TO PASS INFORMATION TO OVERSEAS REGULATORY AUTHORITIES AND ORGANISATIONS WOULD ALSO BENEFIT HONG KONG THROUGH ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION WITHOUT WHICH MALPRACTICES COULD GO UNDETECTED MORE EASILY."

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE AMENDMENT BILL WOULD NOT ERODE THE SECRECY PROVISIONS.

"WHERE INFORMATION IS DISCLOSED TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR OTHER BODIES, EITHER THE COMMISSION OR COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE SATISFIED THAT IT IS DESIRABLE OR EXPEDIENT THAT THE INFORMATION SHOULD BE SO DISCLOSED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE SECURITIES COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER WILL EXAMINE CAREFULLY THE REASONS BEHIND EVERY APPLICATION FOR INFORMATION," HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT PERSONS RECEIVING THE INFORMATION WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO DISCLOSE IT TO A THIRD PARTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE COMMISSION OR THE COMMISSIONER, AND UNAUTHORISED DISCLOSURE WOULD BE AN OFFENCE WITH LIABILITY ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$10,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 27 THIS YEAR.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS AT ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER 11, 18 HARCOURT ROAD, OR THE OMEICO OFFICE AT JACKSON ROAD.

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CONTINUED ROLE SEEN FOR BOARD OF REVIEW

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A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP HAS CONCLUDED IN A REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT THERE REMAIN JUSTIFICATIONS FOR THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW ON LONG TERM PRISON SENTENCES DESPITE OTHER PLANNED AVENUES OF REVIEW OF PRISONERS.

THIS INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT THE END OF FEBRUARY LAST YEAR TO CARRY OUT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

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THE GROUP WAS CHAIRED BY THE SOLICITOR GENERAL AND COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECURITY BRANCH, CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, SOCIAL WELFARE AND LEGAL DEPARTMENTS.

OTHER MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROUP INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. TEN YEAR SENTENCES SHOULD BE ADOPTED AS THE THRESHOLD FOR THE REVIEW OF DETERMINATE SENTENCES BY THE BOARD AND THAT SENTENCES OF 10 YEARS OR MORE SHOULD BE REVIEWED AFTER FIVE YEARS, AND EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER.

2. THE CASES OF YOUNG PRISONERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE REVIEWED AFTER ONE YEAR AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL THE AGE OF 21 AND THEREAFTER EVERY TWO YEARS.

3. WHEN THE MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL IS ESTABLISHED, THE BOARD SHOULD CEASE TO REVIEW CASES OF PRISONERS WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY BUT INSANE AND DETAINED UNTIL HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE BE KNOWN.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW ON LONG TERM PRISON SENTENCES WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1959 TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR THE REVIEW OF THE SENTENCES OF ALL LONG TERM PRISONERS, INCLUDING PRISONERS DETAINED UNDER HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE.

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INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 GAZETTED
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CLARIFY THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY ON THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO OTHER OFFICIAL BODIES AND OVERSEAS REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE CONTAINED IN THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDING LEGISLATION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UNLIKE THE BANKING ORDINANCE AND SECURITIES ORDINANCE THERE WERE AT PRESENT NO PROVISIONS IN THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE ON OFFICIAL SECRECY.

"THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IS UNCERTAIN, AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE WILL ENABLE THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES TO SPECIFIED OFFICIALS AND AUTHORITIES IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS," HE SAID.

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ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH INFORMATION COULD BE DISCLOSED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS PROPOSED THAT INFORMATION COULD BE GENERALLY MADE PUBLIC WHEN THIS INFORMATION TOOK THE FORM OF A SUMMARY OF DATA, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES, BUT SUBJECT TO THE PARTICULARS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL INSURER NOT BEING DISCLOSED.

OTHERWISE, HE ADDED, INFORMATION COULD ONLY BE DISCLOSED IN CERTAIN COURT PROCEEDINGS AND TO SPECIFIED OFFICIALS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OFFICIALS TO WHICH INFORMATION COULD BE DISCLOSED WOULD BE CONFINED TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, OTHER AUTHORISED PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND CERTAIN OVERSEAS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES.

"WHERE INFORMATION IS DISCLOSED TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND OVERSEAS BODIES, THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY MUST BE SATISFIED THAT IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF EXISTING OR POTENTIAL POLICY HOLDERS THAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE DISCLOSED," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL ALSO CONTAINED PROVISIONS TO AMEND SECTION 12(1) OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE PRESENT LEGISLATION, HE SAID, THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY IN AUTHORISING A COMPANY TO CARRY ON ANY CLASS OF BUSINESS COULD IMPOSE CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON THE INSURER AND SECTION 12(1) PROVIDED THAT SUCH CONDITIONS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY CEASE TO HAVE EFFECT FIVE YEARS AFTER THE AUTHORISATION.

"THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY DOES AT TIMES, FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF POLICY HOLDERS, IMPOSE CONDITIONS WHICH ARE OF A CONTINUING NATURE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL GIVE THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY DISCRETION AS TO WHEN THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED SHOULD BE REVOKED.

"THIS WILL ALLOW A DISTINCTION TO BE DRAWN BETWEEN CONDITIONS IMPOSED FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD AND THOSE INTENDED TO BE OF A CONTINUING NATURE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANOTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS IN RESPECT OF SECTION 40 WHICH EMPOWERED THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW AUTHORISATION FOR ANY CLASS OF INSURANCE BUSINESS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

"THE REFERENCE TO A CLASS OF BUSINESS IS RESTRICTIVE; FOR EXAMPLE, A PARTICULAR CLASS OF BUSINESS MIGHT INCLUDE, AS PART OF THAT CLASS, TYPES OF INSURANCE POLICIES THAT THE INSURED IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO EFFECT," HE SAID.

"THE OPPORTUNITY IS TAKEN TO AMEND SECTION 40 TO EMPOWER THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW AUTHORISATION FOR A PART OF A CLASS OF INSURANCE BUSINESS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES," HE ADDED.

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THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE INSURANCE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG AND THE LIFE INSURANCE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND SUPPORT THE BILL WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 27 THIS YEAR.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS AT ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER II, 18 HARCOURT ROAD, OR THE OMELCO OFFICE AT JACKSON ROAD.

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STRACHAN TO BE MARINE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT MR IAN STRACHAN IS TO TAKE UP THE POST OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE.

MR STRACHAN, WHO IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B, WILL JOIN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IN MAY UPON COMPLETION OF A CURRENT ASSIGNMENT.

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SPECIAL STAMPS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHEST

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THE POST OFFICE IS TO ISSUE A SPECIAL SET OF CHARITY POSTAGE STAMPS LATER THIS YEAR TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG.

THE CHARITY STAMP ISSUE WILL BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND PRODUCED BY THE POST OFFICE.

THE SET WILL BE ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 30 AND EACH OF THE FOUR DENOMINATIONS WILL BEAR, IN ADDITION TO THE POSTAGE, A DONATION TO BE GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

APPROVAL FOR THE POSTMASTER GENERAL TO ISSUE THIS SPECIAL SET WAS GIVEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RECENTLY, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

CHARITY STAMPS ARE ISSUED BY A NUMBER OF POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS SUCH AS THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, NEW ZEALAND AND SWITZERLAND.

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A DONATION ELEMENT IS ADDED TO THE NORMAL POSTAGE VALUE AND BOTH AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN CLEARLY ON THE STAMPS.

PURCHASE OF THE CHARITY STAMPS WILL BE VOLUNTARY AND NORMAL POSTAGE STAMPS WILL REMAIN ON SALE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT WISH TO MAKE A DONATION.

THE AMOUNT OF DONATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

POSTAGE -----	DONATION -----	CHARITY STAMPS SOLD AT -----
60 CENTS	10 CENTS	70 CENTS
\$1.40	20 CENTS	\$1.60
\$1.80	30 CENTS	\$2.10
\$5	\$1	\$6

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL WILL ADD A 50 CENTS DONATION TO THE NORMAL 50 CENTS CHARGE FOR AN OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER AND INDICATE THIS ON THE COVER.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE COMMUNITY CHEST WILL RECEIVE \$1 MILLION FROM SALES OF THE CHARITY STAMPS ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE.

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR MICHAEL TUCKER. MR TUCKER CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1977 AND WORKED WITH THE SCHOOL OF DESIGN AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC. IN 1985 HE FORMED HIS OWN DESIGN COMPANY.

A BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN LATE APRIL SEEKING AN AMENDMENT TO THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE TO EMPOWER THE POSTMASTER GENERAL TO ISSUE CHARITY POSTAGE STAMPS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

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ANTI-MOSQUITO EDUCATION CAMPAIGN STARTS TOMORROW

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THE ANNUAL TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-MOSQUITO EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

WITH THE APPROACH OF THE HOT AND HUMID WEATHER, A 24-HOUR HOTLINE 5-8916443 WILL START OPERATION TOMORROW TO GIVE ADVICE ON MOSQUITO PREVENTION.

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EMPHASISING THE MESSAGE OF "NO STAGNANT WATER, NO MOSQUITO BREEDING", THE UNIT'S SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR, MR CHEUNG KAI-CHUEN, SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO MINIMISE THE CHANCE OF MOSQUITO BREEDING:

- * TO KEEP ALL TINS, BOTTLES, RECEPTACLES AND OUTER TYRES AWAY FROM OPEN SPACES SUCH AS ROOFS, YARDS AND CANOPIES, AND TO TURN UPSIDE DOWN ALL LARGE RECEPTACLES WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED READILY;
- * TO COVER WATER STORAGE TANKS AND SEE THAT THEY ARE IN GOOD REPAIR;
- * TO ENSURE THAT DRAINAGE IS IN ORDER; AND
- * TO RENEW WATER IN VASES AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY AND TO MAKE SURE THAT NO WATER ACCUMULATES IN TRAYS OF FLOWER POTS FOR MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS.

MR CHEUNG ALSO URGED BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO FREQUENTLY INSPECT THEIR SITES AND TO REMOVE ALL STAGNANT WATER, OR TO SPRAY AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY A LAYER OF LIGHT DIESEL ON THE SURFACE OF WATER WHICH COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED.

"DISTRICT HEALTH STAFF OF BOTH THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO OFFER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE," HE ADDED.

STAFF OF THE UNIT WILL ALSO SEND LETTERS WITH SUPPORTING PUBLICITY MATERIALS TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND MANAGEMENT OFFICES OF LARGE PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES TO APPEAL FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION.

"TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ANTI-MOSQUITO MESSAGE, POSTERS AND LEAFLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT OFFICES FOR DISPLAY," MR CHEUNG SAID.

"BROADCASTING VANS WILL ALSO TOUR THE DISTRICTS TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE," HE SAID.

UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE, ANYONE WHO ALLOWS MOSQUITO BREEDING IN HIS PREMISES IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

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CLEAN PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS CAMPAIGN COMMENCES

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PUBLIC SUPPORT IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONCERTED EFFORT AIMED AT KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

THIS WAS EMPHASISED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY AN URBAN COUNCILLOR AND MEMBER OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR TONG KAM-BIU.

MR TONG WAS SPEAKING AT A DEMONSTRATIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATION HELD AT THE YAU MA TEI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA.

HE SAID THE STEERING COMMITTEE RECOGNISED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF UNDERTAKING A MASS EFFORT FOR THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

IN THIS CONNECTION IT DECIDED TO APPEAL FOR MORE DETERMINED SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

JOINING MR TONG IN TODAY'S OPERATION WERE A SENIOR MARINE OFFICER, MR R.A KENT, AND FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OPERATORS OF CARGO VESSELS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND VEGETABLE MERCHANTS, WHO ARE FREQUENT USERS OF PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS.

THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION WAS PRECEDED BY A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY, WHICH MARKED THE START OF A CAMPAIGN TO URGE USERS OF PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN KEEPING THESE AREAS CLEAN.

A POSTER, CARRYING A RELEVANT APPEAL MESSAGE, IS NOW DISPLAYED AT PROMINENT LOCATIONS IN THESE AREAS.

A SERIES OF CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT BY OPERATORS ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE.

THE MINI CAMPAIGN IS AMONG PROGRAMMES BEING UNDERTAKEN AS PART OF THE WIDER KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN.

THESE HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO FOSTER A SENSE OF PARTICIPATION AMONG THE PUBLIC.

THEY HAVE ATTRACTED FAVOURABLE SUPPORT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, INCLUDING PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMERCIAL CONCERNS.

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1986 BY-CENSUS MAIN REPORT PUBLISHED

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MAIN FINDINGS OF THE 1986 BY-CENSUS, IN THE FORM OF DETAILED STATISTICAL TABLES, WERE RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) IN A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT ENTITLED "HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS MAIN REPORT: VOLUME 2" IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF PUBLISHED REPORTS ON THE 1986 BY-CENSUS.

"THE REPORT CONTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF DETAILED TABLES COVERING THE BROAD RANGE OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION, SUCH AS THEIR SEX AND AGE, MARITAL STATUS, PLACE OF BIRTH, EDUCATION, LABOUR FORCE STATUS, EARNINGS AND INTERNAL MOVEMENT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"IT ALSO CONTAINS INFORMATION ON HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING AND THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWNS.

"DETAILED ANALYSES AND INTERPRETATION OF THE BY-CENSUS RESULTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THEY WILL BE PRESENTED IN VOLUME 1 OF THE 1986 BY-CENSUS MAIN REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT MONTH."

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AND THE PUBLICATION OFFICE OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT \$200 PER COPY.

TREE PLANTING SCHEME GETS GOOD SUPPORT

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THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME ORGANISED FOR THE 31ST CONSECUTIVE YEAR BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS MET WITH ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY FROM SCHOOL CHILDREN AND MEMBERS OF ORGANISED GROUPS.

SINCE ITS LAUNCHING ON MARCH 19, MORE THAN 4,500 PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROJECT TO PLANT ABOUT 5,000 TREES. AND ANOTHER 6,500 FROM 130 SCHOOLS AND ORGANISED GROUPS HAVE MADE BOOKINGS FOR THEIR TURNS TO PLANT TREES IN THE COMING WEEKS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU, TODAY (THURSDAY) DESCRIBED THE GOOD TURNOUT AS A REFLECTION OF THE GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN FOR THE CONSERVATION OF TREES AND THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT.

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HE EXPECTED THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD TAKE PART IN TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS WHICH START TOMORROW.

"INTERESTED RESIDENTS SHOULD GO TO THE EIGHT DESIGNATED PLANTING SITES AT TAI MO SHAN, TAI TONG, BRIDE'S POOL, CLEARWATER BAY, PAK TAM CHUNG, QUARRY BAY, POK FU LAM AND MUI WO," MR IU SAID.

"AFD STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM TO PROVIDE FREE TREE SEEDLINGS, TOOLS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE."

THE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME IS A GOVERNMENT CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC CARE FOR THE TREES AND THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT IN PLANTING TREES TO RESTOCK THOSE DAMAGED BY HILL FIRES.

THIS YEAR, TREE PLANTING DAYS FOR THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR ALL SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM MARCH 20 TO THE END OF APRIL.

WHILE SERVING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, INTERESTED GROUPS CAN MAKE ADVANCE BOOKINGS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME BY CONTACTING THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON 3-7332121 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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YOUTH LEISURE ACTIVITIES SURVEYED

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A SURVEY IN EASTERN DISTRICT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEISURE ACTIVITIES INDICATED THAT WATCHING TELEVISION IS THE MOST COMMON LEISURE ACTIVITY FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 17.

THE SURVEY WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE PLANNING GROUP OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CENTRE FOR HONG KONG STUDIES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE OF CARITAS.

RELEASING THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SURVEY'S WORKING GROUP, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG, SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE SURVEY WAS TO IDENTIFY THE BASIC PATTERN OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEISURE ACTIVITIES AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

A TOTAL OF 252 INTERVIEWS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 25 WERE CARRIED OUT IN EASTERN DISTRICT BY CHINESE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS BETWEEN DECEMBER AND FEBRUARY.

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THE FINDING SHOWED THAT THOSE AGED BETWEEN 18-25 AND 12-17 HAD BASICALLY THE SAME AVERAGE AMOUNT OF LEISURE TIME - ABOUT THREE HOURS ON WEEKDAYS AND EIGHT HOURS ON SUNDAYS.

OVER HALF OF THOSE IN BOTH GROUPS FELT THAT THEIR LEISURE TIME WAS "JUST RIGHT", ALTHOUGH SOME RESPONDENTS IN THE OLDER GROUP EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THEY HAD TOO LITTLE LEISURE TIME.

THE FINDING ALSO SHOWED THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION WERE HIGHEST IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, IN COMPARISON WITH PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

AMONG THE YOUNGER GROUP IN THE DISTRICT, THE MOST POPULAR LEISURE ACTIVITIES WERE WATCHING MOVIES, GOING OUT, AND CAMPING; WHILE THE OLDER GROUP PREFERRED TRAVELLING OUTSIDE HONG KONG, CAMPING AND RESTING.

THE SURVEY REPORT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING AND FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR LOOKS FOR NEW MEMBERS

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YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WHO ARE 18 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR.

THE CHOIR, WHICH HAS JUST CELEBRATED ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, IS MANAGED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

"THE CHOIR IS OPEN TO ALL YOUNGSTERS LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT.

"IT IS, IN PARTICULAR, LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BASIC KNOWLEDGE IN MUSIC THEORY, VOCALISM OR CAN PLAY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS," A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT HOLDS WEEKLY PRACTICE SESSIONS ON SUNDAYS FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM, AT EITHER THE URBAN COUNCIL ABERDEEN CIVIC CENTRE OR THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL.

APART FROM GIVING CONCERTS IN THE CITY HALL AND PERFORMING IN DISTRICT FUNCTIONS, THE CHOIR ALSO PARTICIPATES ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY SERVICES SUCH AS SINGING IN HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED.

APPLICATIONS TO JOIN THE CHOIR CAN BE MADE TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF LEI CHAK HOUSE, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-550187.

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NEW DEVICE FOR FEEDING FISH FRY

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) INTRODUCED TO MARICULTURISTS A NEW DEVICE FOR THE MORE EFFICIENT FEEDING OF FISH FRY UNDER CULTURE IN FISH CULTURE ZONES TO ENHANCE GROWTH AND SURVIVAL RATES.

THE NEW DEVICE, A FISH FRY FEEDER DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT SECTION, REPRESENTS A BIG IMPROVEMENT ON THE CONVENTIONAL FEEDING TECHNIQUE.

IT HAS THE ADVANTAGES OF SAVING LABOUR AND REDUCING THE CHANCES OF INFECTION, THEREBY MINIMISING FISH MORTALITY.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DEVICE WAS EXPLAINED TO AROUND 20 MARICULTURISTS ATTENDING A SEMINAR ON MARICULTURE TECHNIQUES AND MANAGEMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT'S FISHERIES OFFICER (MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT), MR RICKY LUK, TOLD THE MARICULTURISTS THE FEEDER BASICALLY CONSISTED OF A FINE MESH NYLON NETTING MOUNTED ON A CYLINDRICAL SKELETON MADE OF GALVANISED WIRE NETTING.

"THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FEEDER IS RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE AND ITS OPERATION IS SIMPLE," HE SAID.

"AFTER SMEARING A PASTE OF MINCED FISH EVENLY AND FIRMLY ON TO ITS SURFACE, THE FEEDER CAN BE LOWERED INTO THE FISH CAGE BY MEANS OF A POLYETHYLENE ROPE. AND THE FISH FRY CAN FEED ON THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE FEEDING CYLINDER."

MR LUK SAID THAT UNDER THE CONVENTIONAL METHOD MOST MARICULTURISTS FED THEIR YOUNG FISH STOCK BY SCATTERING SMALL BITS OF MINCED FISH INTO THE FISH CAGE BY HAND WHILE SOME USED A PERFORATED PLASTIC TRAY FOR HOLDING THE MINCED FISH AS FEED.

"THESE PRACTICES HAVE PROVED NOT VERY EFFICIENT AS THE MINCED FISH TISSUES ARE EASILY SCATTERED ON TO THE SEA BOTTOM. THE DETERIORATION OF THESE PIECES MAY IMPAIR THE WATER QUALITY AND LEAD TO OXYGEN DEPLETION, SUBSEQUENTLY CAUSING FISH KILL," HE SAID.

MR LUK ALSO SAID THE NEW DESIGN NOT ONLY SOLVED THE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY THE CONVENTIONAL METHOD BUT ALSO ACHIEVED THE EFFECT OF MINIMISING FEED WASTAGE AND ENSURING EVEN FEED DISTRIBUTION, THEREBY REDUCING THE PRODUCTION COST CONSIDERABLY.

TODAY'S SEMINAR ALSO INCLUDED TALKS ON THE CHOICE OF AERATION DEVICES AND ON THE OXYGEN DETECTION KIT DESIGNED TO PREVENT FISH MORTALITY CAUSED BY OXYGEN DEPLETION.

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TRANSFER OF DTC LICENCE

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS GRANTED UNDER SECTION 42 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE THE TRANSFER OF THE LICENCE AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY FROM BARING BROTHERS ASIA LIMITED TO BARING BROTHERS & CO., LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER OF LICENCE HAS BEEN EFFECTED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (MARCH 31).

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NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR HK AND ISLANDS REGION OF WSD

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THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE HONG KONG AND ISLANDS REGION OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN BULLOCK LANE, WAN CHAI, WILL BE CHANGED FROM 5-726311 TO 5-8323600 AS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

HOWEVER, THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE TECHNICAL COMPLAINT CENTRE FOR THE REGION REMAINS 5-757789.

FOR WATER ACCOUNTS ENQUIRIES, CONSUMERS MAY CONTINUE TO DIAL 5-8900222 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON 1987 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PUBLISHED

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AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR 1987, GIVING A COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE MOVEMENTS OF THE CPI'S DURING THE YEAR, WAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IT INCLUDES FOUR CHARTS AND FIVE TABLES SHOWING MOVEMENTS OF THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BY SECTION AND GROUP OF COMMODITY/SERVICE AS WELL AS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OVERALL CHANGE IN THE INDICES.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE, AT \$15 A COPY, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE REPORT CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

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TWO NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT MR LEUNG SAU-CHI AND MR JUSTIN C WONG HAD BEEN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE. THE APPOINTMENTS WILL TAKE EFFECT ON APRIL 1.

MR LEUNG, A HEADMASTER, AND MR WONG, A COMPUTER SALES AND MARKETING MANAGER, HAVE WIDE COMMUNITY INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY IN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME MATTERS.

SINCE APRIL 1986 MR LEUNG HAS SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND MR WONG HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE FOUR EXISTING NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE - MR PETER C WONG, DR HO KAM-FAI, MRS ROSANNA TAM AND MR MARTIN LEE - HAVE ALSO BEEN RE-APPOINTED TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1.

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MANUAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES PUBLISHED
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THE PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS COMPILED A MANUAL OF JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRINCIPAL JOBS AT TECHNICIAN AND CRAFTSMAN LEVELS IN THE INDUSTRY.

THE MANUAL CONTAINS DETAILED TRADE SKILLS AND THEORIES AS WELL AS TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR 18 PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY SUCH AS PRINTER'S ESTIMATOR, QUALITY CONTROLLER, PROCESSOR CAMERA OPERATOR AND OFFSET LITHOGRAPHIC PLATEMAKER.

IT IS DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH NECESSARY STANDARDS OF SKILL FOR THE PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY AND TO ASSIST PRINTERS TO DRAW UP SYSTEMATIC ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THEIR APPRENTICES, TRAINEES AS WELL AS TO ASSESS THE COMPETENCE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

THE MANUAL ENTITLED "JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY" IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$12.50 A COPY.

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NEW RANK INSIGNIA FOR CUSTOMS SERVICE

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THE TRADITIONAL NAVAL RANK INSIGNIA USED BY MOST RANKS IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WILL BE REPLACED FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BY A NEW SET BASED ON THE MILITARY, SIMILAR TO THOSE NOW USED BY OTHER DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

THE NEW RANK INSIGNIA, IN GOLD COLOUR ANODISED METAL AND WITHOUT EPAULETTES, WILL BE USED BY ALL OFFICERS OF THE INSPECTORATE AND ABOVE, WHILE THOSE CURRENTLY USED BY OTHER JUNIOR RANKS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

IN ADDITION, A NEW SERVICE CAP BADGE AND COLLAR BADGE FOR ALL RANKS, MODELLED ON A NEW DEPARTMENTAL LOGO, WILL ALSO COME INTO USE TOMORROW.

COMPLEMENTARY TO THE CHANGES, THE SERVICE WILL ADOPT A MILITARY-STYLE SALUTING TO REPLACE THE EXISTING NAVAL ONE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR AIRPORT CONCESSION

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TENANCY OF THE WEST GENERAL MERCHANDISE CONCESSION IN THE AIRSIDE DEPARTURES HALL OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE TENANCY WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS COMMENCING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1988.

THE NATURE OF BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE SHOP PREMISES SHOULD BE THE SALE OF GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 46TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY (TELEPHONE NO. 5-8624299) OR THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (TELEPHONE NO. 3-7698482).

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 29 (FRIDAY).

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE FACES DEMOLITION

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK A CLOSURE ORDER AGAINST AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OF A BUILDING IN TAI PO MARKET.

THE STRUCTURE IS ON THE ROOF OF A FLAT ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF 13-15 SUI ON STREET.

A CLOSURE ORDER WILL ALLOW DEMOLITION TO PROCEED WITHOUT ENDANGERING ANYONE.

THE ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JANUARY LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 2 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO BE WIDENED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN AND IMPROVE CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM SAM SHING ESTATE TO SO KWUN WAT TO SERVE THE EXISTING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

BECAUSE OF THE PROPOSED ROADWORKS, PORTIONS OF THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CONNECTING ROAD JUNCTIONS AND PARTS THEREOF WILL BE CLOSED.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO RESUME THE FOLLOWING PIECES OF PRIVATE LAND.

* DD 376/LOT 60 (PORTION)	240 SQUARE METRES
* DD 374/LOT 599RP	1942 SQUARE METRES
* TMTL 238 (PORTION)	864 SQUARE METRES

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* PSIL 5 (PORTION)	584 SQUARE METRES
* TMTL 317 (PORTION)	1603 SQUARE METRES

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY). A NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOWING THE AREAS OF THE EXISTING ROADS AND FOOTPATHS TO BE AFFECTED CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

THEY MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN, ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AS WELL AS THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE MAY 30 THIS YEAR.

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