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UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS

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RESIDENTS OR FORMER RESIDENTS IN VIETNAM AND MACAU, OR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN MACAU EVEN IN TRANSIT, HAVE BEEN DECLARED TO BE UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS TO HONG KONG, UNLESS THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO LAND IN HONG KONG OR HAVE VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OR HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO LAND BY AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER.

THIS MEANS THAT IF A SHIP ENTERS HONG KONG WITH ANY UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS ON BOARD, HER MASTER, EACH MEMBER OF THE CREW, THE OWNER AND HIS AGENT AND ANY PERSON WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VOYAGE WILL COMMIT AN OFFENCE AND ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF UP TO \$5 MILLION AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

THE DECLARATION WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL IN AN ORDER PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (TUESDAY) UNDER THE RECENTLY ENACTED IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) ORDINANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW MEASURE IS DESIGNED TO ENABLE THE AUTHORITIES TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THOSE WHO ORGANISE THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF PEOPLE INTO HONG KONG.

HE EMPHASISED: +IT IS NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO BAN THE ENTRY INTO HONG KONG WATERS BY SMALL BOATS WITH REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM OR BY LARGER VESSELS CARRYING UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS WHERE HONG KONG IS THE FIRST PORT OF CALL AS DEFINED BY THE GOVERNMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR OR A PORT OF REFUGE. HOWEVER INCREASED POWERS ARE NEEDED TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO ORGANISE AND ASSIST IN UNLAWFUL IMMIGRATION, OFTEN IN RETURN FOR SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY.+

THE NEW LEGISLATION ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE FORFEITURE OF VESSELS OR OTHER PROPERTY, INCLUDING MONEY, USED TO FACILITATE THE ENTRY OF UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS.

+THE CASE OF EACH UNAUTHORISED ENTRANT WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS. THE AMENDING LEGISLATION DOES NOT AFFECT THIS POSITION,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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GRANTING OF BANKING LICENCES SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THE GRANTING OF BANKING LICENCES IS BEING SUSPENDED FROM TODAY (TUESDAY) FOR A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF MR. HADDON-CAVE'S STATEMENT:

+ON MARCH 15, 1978 I ANNOUNCED THAT AFTER LENGTHY CONSIDERATION THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO EASE THE LONG-STANDING MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUE OF NEW BANKING LICENCES UNDER THE BANKING ORDINANCE- I SAID THAT FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO APPLICATIONS FOR BANKING LICENCES RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN BANKS WHICH MET THREE CRITERIA.

+IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NEW POLICY, 41 BANKS HAVE BEEN GRANTED A LICENCE TO OPEN A BRANCH IN HONG KONG; THIS NUMBER INCLUDES SEVEN BANKS TO WHOM LICENCES WERE GRANTED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY). OF THE NEWLY LICENSED BANKS 29 HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO OPERATE IN HONG KONG, WHILE THE REMAINDER ARE EXPECTED TO START FUNCTIONING IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OR SO.

+THESE 41 NEWLY LICENSED BANKS COME FROM 12 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES; THIS WIDE GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD, ADDED TO THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY BANKS ALREADY IN HONG KONG, CONTRIBUTES SUBSTANTIALLY TO HONG KONG'S GROWING STATUS AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE. BANKS FROM 20 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, FROM ALL ROUND THE WORLD, NOW HAVE BRANCHES IN HONG KONG.

+THE NUMBER OF NEWLY LICENSED BANKS IS CLOSE TO THE NUMBER OF BANKS WHICH WERE THOUGHT TO BE POTENTIAL APPLICANTS AT THE TIME THE NEW POLICY WAS BEING DISCUSSED. FURTHERMORE, WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME AND THE RAPID INCREASE IN THE GROWTH OF BANKS' BALANCE SHEETS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, AN INCREASING NUMBER OF BANKS ARE BECOMING ABLE TO MEET ALL THE CRITERIA LAID DOWN LAST YEAR.

+AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE A TEMPORARY BREATHING SPACE BEFORE LICENSING ANY FURTHER BANKS, SO THAT THE CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED TO FUTURE APPLICATIONS CAN BE REVIEWED. THE GRANT OF BANKING LICENCES IS, THEREFORE, SUSPENDED WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY, FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS. THIS SUSPENSION IS, HOWEVER, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, SUCH AS THOSE BANKS WHOSE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT, BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL. FURTHER APPLICATIONS FOR BANKING LICENCES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL AFTER THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION.+

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO
PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN HONG KONG IN THE YEARS TO COME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION BY A FACTORY PROPRIETOR THAT MORE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EXHIBITIONS SHOULD BE STAGED IN FUTURE.

+THE EXHIBITION IS ONLY ONE OF OUR MEASURES TO REDUCE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND WE WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN THE YEARS TO COME,+ HE STRESSED.

THE PROPRIETOR, AFTER VISITING THE EXHIBITION YESTERDAY (MONDAY) — THE EXHIBITION'S CLOSING DAY, SAID: +EXHIBITIONS OF THIS NATURE AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.+

SHARING THIS VIEW, A FACTORY MANAGER SAID IT WAS MUCH EASIER TO UNDERSTAND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY BY VISITING THE EXHIBITION THAN BY READING THE TEXTS OF VARIOUS SETS OF REGULATIONS.

THE 11-DAY EXHIBITION WHICH CLOSED YESTERDAY HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY A TROPICAL STORM AND A TYPHOON.

FOR AT LEAST FOUR DAYS, THE 11-DAY EXHIBITION WAS AFFECTED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER BROUGHT ABOUT BY TROPICAL STORM GORDON AND TYPHOON HOPE.

THE EXHIBITION WAS FORCED TO CLOSE LAST THURSDAY WHEN TYPHOON HOPE BATTERED HONG KONG WITH HURRICANE WINDS.

DESPITE THIS, THE EXHIBITION STILL ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF FACTORY MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, WORKERS AND TECHNICAL STUDENTS.

AND THEY HAVE FAVOURABLY COMMENTED ON THE OBJECTIVES AND CONTENTS OF THE EXHIBITION.

A WORKER SAID THAT AFTER SEEING VARIOUS EXHIBITS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES IN THE EXHIBITION, HE REALISED INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WAS IMPORTANT.

+I AM NOW ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF THE MACHINES I HAVE BEEN WORKING AT,+ HE ADDED.

A STUDENT FROM A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SAID: +BY VISITING THE EXHIBITION, I HAVE A CLEAR CONCEPT OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH. I FIND IT MOST BENEFICIAL FOR US TO HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEANING OF SAFE WORKING PLACES AND WHAT GOOD WORKING CONDITIONS ARE BEFORE WE ENTER INTO INDUSTRY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.+

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THE NTSD RECEIVES KEY TO FIRST CREMATORIUM IN THE NT

THE KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM, THE FIRST CREMATORIUM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR OF THE CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA SECTION OF THE NTSD, MR. LEE SHEUNG-YEE, TODAY RECEIVED THE KEY TO THE NEW CREMATORIUM FROM SENIOR ARCHITECT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR. T.T. SIU.

THE \$8.3 MILLION CREMATORIUM, THE FIRST OF THE THREE CREMATORIA TO BE BUILT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR CREMATION, WILL COME INTO OPERATION NEXT MONTH. THE OTHER TWO CREMATORIA, WHICH WILL BE BUILT IN SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN RESPECTIVELY, ARE NOW AT AN ADVANCED STAGE OF PLANNING.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE TWO PUBLIC CREMATORIA IN THE URBAN AREA: ONE AT DIAMOND HILL IN KOWLOON, AND THE OTHER AT CAPE COLLINSON ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

MR. LEE POINTED OUT THE NEW CREMATORIUM, WHICH OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 1.7 HECTARES OFF WING LAP ROAD, CONSISTS MAINLY OF THREE FUNCTIONAL BLOCKS- NAMELY A CREMATORIUM, A COLUMBARIUM AND STAFF QUARTERS, WITH CAR PARKS, OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, A GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE, SERVICE HALLS, MORTUARY AND OTHER RELATED FACILITIES.

+THE WHOLE CREMATORIUM BUILDING AND THE STAFF QUARTERS HAVE BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE NTSD TODAY WHILE THE COLUMBARIUM, WHICH WILL INITIALLY PROVIDE 3,000 NICHES, WILL TAKE A FEW MORE MONTHS TO COMPLETE,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM, MR. LEE HOPED THE WAITING PERIOD FOR CREMATION WILL BE SHORTENED.

BOOKING, WHICH IS STRICTLY ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, CAN BE MADE AT THE HUNG HOM PUBLIC FUNERAL PARLOUR IN WINSLOW STREET, HUNG HOM.

CREMATION CHARGES ARE \$60 FOR AN ADULT AND \$30 FOR A CHILD UNDER 12.

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NEW TYPHOON SHELTER ARRANGEMENT

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THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HAS NOW ARRANGED FOR 11 TYPHOON SHELTERS CAPABLE OF HOUSING OVER 1,200 PEOPLE TO BE OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHEN SIGNAL NO. 3 IS HOISTED.

THESE ARE AMONG THE 130 TYPHOON SHELTERS THAT ARE OPENED FOR PEOPLE SEEKING SAFER ACCOMMODATION ONLY WHEN THE SIGNAL NO. 8 IS HOISTED.

THE SHELTERS ARE AT EASTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND AT YAU MA TEI IN KOWLOON.

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VIOLIN WORKSHOP BY RONALD WOODCOCK

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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL PRESENT A VIOLIN WORKSHOP BY THE WELL-KNOWN AUSTRALIAN VIOLINIST, MR. RONALD WOODCOCK, ON THURSDAY AT THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

MR. WOODCOCK IS THE SENIOR LECTURER IN VIOLIN IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE. HE STUDIED AT THE NEW SOUTH WALES CONSERVATORIUM FROM 1948 TO 1950 WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS TEACHERS' AND PERFORMERS' DIPLOMA, IN LONDON WITH JACK KESSLER IN 1953 AND IN BELGIUM WITH AUTHUR GRUMIAUX.

MR. WOODCOCK WON THE SONATA SECTION OF THE 1953 MUNICH INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND HAS TOURED EXTENSIVELY, GIVING SOLO RECITALS AND SCHOOL CONCERTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THE VIOLIN WORKSHOP WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 5 P.M. TO 7 P.M. FREE OF CHARGE. MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL BE GIVING A PERFORMANCE AT THE WORKSHOP.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON POON SHING-WAH, 23, ON FEBRUARY 6, 1978.

POON, A FERRY EMPLOYEE, WAS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING HIS FORMER GIRLFRIEND MOK YUEN-WAH, 20, AT A FLAT IN LAI CHI KOK ROAD, MONG KOK, ON APRIL 22, 1977.

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WATER CUT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HOI YUEN ROAD, HUNG TO ROAD, KING YIP STREET AND HING YIP STREET.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY 2-62A BELCHER'S STREET, 1E-1M AND 32-34 SANDS STREET, 16-30 AND 29-39 NORTH STREET, 12A-12G AND 41A-43 SMITHFIELD AND 1A-1C AND 1-3 ROCK HILL STREET, INCLUDING COLLINSON STREET.

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