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JOINT EFFORT URGED AGAINST JENKINS BILL  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL TELL THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNREASONABLE ASPECTS OF THE JENKINS BILL BEFORE THE BILL IS PUT FORWARD FOR DEBATE, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON HONG KONG'S TRADE AND INDUSTRY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR HO SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD ALREADY POINTED OUT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) AND ITS TEXTILES COMMITTEE THAT THE BILL VIOLATED GATT PROVISIONS.

HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE CONCERTED EFFORTS WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CREATE STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE BILL, HE ADDED.

THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HAD RECENTLY APPOINTED A LOBBYIST IN THE U.S. TO LOBBY CONGRESSMEN IN A BID TO SAFEGUARD AND PROMOTE TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE TERRITORY.

+WE WILL LIAISE CLOSELY WITH THE LOBBYIST SO THAT HE CAN CONVINCE CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS TO OPPOSE THE BILL,+ HE SAID.

MR HO SAID HE HOPED THAT THE LOCAL TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS WOULD RECOGNISE THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE BILL AND WOULD ENDEAVOUR TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION OF THE U.S. CONGRESS THROUGH EVERY MEANS.

HE CALLED ON LOCAL EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS TO EXPLAIN TO THEIR U.S. TRADING PARTNERS THE DAMAGE THE JENKINS BILL WOULD CAUSE TO THE TRADE OF THE U.S. AND HONG KONG.

HE CRITICISED THE U.S. TEXTILE INDUSTRY FOR BEING UNREASONABLE IN BACKING THE BILL.

MR HO SAID IT WAS A VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND HE HOPED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE JOINT EFFORTS, THE U.S. CONGRESS WOULD MAKE A WISE DECISION TO RULE OUT THE BILL.

MR HO HOPED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS SHOULD WORK CLOSELY TO RESIST EXTERNAL PRESSURE SO AS TO ACHIEVE GREATER SUCCESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DIVERSIFICATION AND THE PROMOTION OF OVERSEAS MARKETS.

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LIMITS SET FOR LEGCO ELECTION EXPENSES  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) GAZETTED AN ORDER SETTING CEILINGS FOR EXPENSES THAT MAY BE INCURRED BY CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION EXPENSES ORDER 1985 SETS AN ELECTION EXPENSE LIMIT OF \$10 000 FOR A CANDIDATE NOMINATED IN AN ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY.

IN THE CASE OF A CANDIDATE NOMINATED IN A FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY, THE LIMIT IS \$30 000.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE LIMIT WHICH APPLIED TO A FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY WAS \$10 000 HIGHER THAN THE CEILING FOR DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES.

HE EXPLAINED: +THIS IS IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES COVER A VERY MUCH LARGER GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, WITH SOME CASES A WIDELY DISPERSED ELECTORATE.

+CONSEQUENTLY, THEY CAN BE EXPECTED TO CALL FOR EXTENSIVE TRAVELLING BY CANDIDATES TO ADDRESS SMALL SCATTERED POCKETS OF CONSTITUENTS.+

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CEILING OF \$10 000 IN THE CASE OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES HAD BEEN SET FOR PRECISELY THE OPPOSITE REASONS.

+THE ELECTORATE IN THESE CONSTITUENCIES,+ EXPLAINED THE SPOKESMAN, +IS VERY LIMITED IN NUMBERS AND IS ALSO HIGHLY CONCENTRATED.+

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STOPOVER BY SHULTZ  
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THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MR GEORGE SHULTZ, WILL STOP OVER IN HONG KONG BETWEEN JULY 6 AND 8.

MR SHULTZ IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG BY A SPECIAL FLIGHT ABOUT 4.30 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 6). HE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON MONDAY (JULY 8) MORNING.

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BETTER COMPENSATION FOR BUS ACCIDENT VICTIMS SOUGHT  
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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO ENSURE THAT THE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES ALWAYS CARRY ADEQUATE INSURANCE COVER FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VICTIMS IN BUS ACCIDENTS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) ORDINANCE, AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR A FLEET OF VEHICLES CAN OPT TO MAKE A DEPOSIT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES INSTEAD OF OBTAINING A MOTOR INSURANCE POLICY AGAINST THIRD PARTY RISKS.

AT PRESENT, ONLY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY LIMITED AND THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY LIMITED HAVE TAKEN UP THIS OPTION BY LODGING A DEPOSIT OF \$400 000.

+THIS DEPOSIT LIMIT, SET IN 1968, WILL BE RAISED UNDER THE BILL TO \$2 MILLION TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INFLATION OVER THE YEARS,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TWO BUS COMPANIES HAVE OTHER FINANCIAL PROVISION TO MEET CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION BY VICTIMS OF BUS ACCIDENTS, INCLUDING AN ACCIDENT RESERVE FUND AND AN EXCESS OF LOSS INSURANCE POLICY.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TO DISALLOW SPECIFIED PERSONS TO MAKE A DEPOSIT INSTEAD OF OBTAINING A MOTOR INSURANCE POLICY. THIS PROVISION IS WRITTEN INTO THE BILL TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO MONITOR THE INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BUS COMPANIES.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE BILL BORE NO REFLECTION ON THE SAFETY STANDARDS OF THE TWO COMPANIES, BUT WAS INTRODUCED TO ENSURE THAT IN ALL EVENTUALITY, THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD BE SAFEGUARDED.

IF THE BILL IS ACCEPTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) REGULATIONS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NEW LEGISLATION WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 WILL RECEIVE ITS FIRST READING ON JULY 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO UMELCO AT 12TH FLOOR, SWIRE HOUSE, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT ST JOHN'S BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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FACTORY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM PROPOSED  
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THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, WHICH SEEKS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE BY A SYSTEM OF NOTIFICATION, IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE PRESENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INTRODUCED IN 1955 AND MODIFIED IN 1963, CERTAIN WORKPLACES ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

THIS REQUIREMENT IS TO ENSURE THAT THE WORKPLACE IS INSPECTED AND THAT ADEQUATE HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED.

HOWEVER, WITH THE ENACTMENT OF 21 SETS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS IN THE LAST 20 YEARS, THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS NO LONGER NECESSARY AS A MEANS OF ENSURING THE MAINTENANCE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS IN WORKPLACES.

THE BILL PROPOSES A SET OF NEW NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES WHICH IS SIMPLER AND MORE EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY PROPRIETORS OF WORKPLACE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES WOULD ALSO PROVE MORE EFFICIENT IN THE USE OF MANPOWER, AS THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WOULD BE ABLE TO DEPLOY MORE RESOURCES ON PRIORITY TASKS SUCH AS ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY REGULATIONS.

THE BILL PROVIDES THAT THE PROPRIETORS OF CERTAIN WORKPLACES SHOULD NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR OF AN INTENTION TO COMMENCE AN INDUSTRIAL PROCESS OR CARRY ON AN INDUSTRIAL OPERATION ON THE PREMISES.

ANY CHANGE IN THE LOCATION OR NAME OF THE WORKPLACE, IN THE NATURE OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROCESS OR OPERATION OR IN THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON HAVING MANAGEMENT OR CONTROL OF THE WORKPLACE IS ALSO TO BE NOTIFIED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IS EMPOWERED TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF ANY NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE IF HE CONSIDERS THAT IT IS NOT SUITABLE IN RESPECT OF THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED OR, IN CERTAIN CASES, OF PERSONS GENERALLY.

THE COMMISSIONER MAY CANCEL A PROHIBITION NOTICE, BUT IN DOING SO MAY GIVE DIRECTIONS AS TO THE OPERATION OF THE WORKPLACE.

PROVISION IS MADE FOR A PROPRIETOR TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR FOR THE LIFTING OF A PROHIBITION NOTICE AND TO APPEAL TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AGAINST SUCH A NOTICE.

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THE BILL MAKES IT AN OFFENCE TO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO GIVE THE PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS OF A NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE OR OF A RELEVANT CHANGE IN THE PARTICULARS OR TO OPERATE A NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE IN BREACH OF A PROHIBITION NOTICE.

WORKPLACES WHICH WERE REGISTERED UNDER THE REPEALED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE NOTIFICATION. NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACES WHICH WERE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, BUT WHOSE EXISTENCE WAS KNOWN TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF NOTIFICATION.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING AND COMMENCEMENT OF SECOND READING ON JULY 10, 1985.

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PROPOSALS FOR SAFE WIRING READY SOON  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAD PRACTICALLY FINALISED ITS INITIAL PROPOSALS ON THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR WIRING INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS AND PREMISES, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION, MR OSBORNE SAID HE HOPED THAT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, ALL THE DETAILS IN THE DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE WOULD BE AGREED BY ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

+IN FACT I SEE NO REASON WHY THE INDUSTRY SHOULD NOT FOLLOW THE CODE EVEN WELL BEFORE THE ENACTMENT OF THE BILL,+ HE SAID.

HE ASSERTED THAT THE CODE, IN PRACTICE, WOULD BE AS GOOD AS THE LAW ITSELF, AND ACHIEVE THE SAME RESULT IF NOT EVEN BETTER.

THE EMSD DIRECTOR SAID HE FELT THAT ALL WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE ELECTRICAL TRADE HAD A PART TO PLAY, AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS AN ENHANCEMENT ON THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY.

+IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY, NOT ONLY JUST TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC BUT TO OURSELVES AS WELL,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

+IT IS, THEREFORE, A LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS MORAL RESPONSIBILITY.

/+LEGALLY, ALL .....

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+LEGALLY, ALL I NEED IS TO REASSURE YOU PROVISIONS WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE PLACED RIGHTLY AND SQUARELY ONTO THOSE WHO ASSUME SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW; BUT MORALLY, I SHALL HAVE TO RELY ON YOUR INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONALISM,+ HE SAID.

MR OSBORNE ADDED THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MORE FREQUENT CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION, THE POWER COMPANIES AND THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL CONCERNED.

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#### RE-OCCUPATION RIGHTS PROPOSED

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A BILL SEEKING TO REINFORCE THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF RE-OCCUPATION BY TENANTS TEMPORARILY DISPLACED BY A CLOSURE ORDER HAS BEEN GAZETTED TODAY.

KNOWN AS THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, IT WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ON WEDNESDAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THE CURRENT LEGISLATION DID NOT PROVIDE ANY PENALTY IF THE OWNER FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND THE BILL NOW PROPOSES A PENALTY OF \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

THE REQUIREMENTS, ALREADY PROVIDED IN THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, ARE:

- \* THE OWNER OF A PROPERTY, AFTER RECEIVING A COPY OF A NOTICE OF THE LIFTING OF A CLOSURE ORDER, MUST SEND COPIES OF THE NOTICE TO ALL THE FORMER OCCUPIERS WHO HAVE TEMPORARILY VACATED THE PREMISES BECAUSE OF THE CLOSURE ORDER, AND
- \* THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY MUST ALSO PROVIDE THE BUILDING AUTHORITY A CERTIFICATE SETTING OUT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE FORMER OCCUPIERS WHO HAVE NOTIFIED HIM-HER OF THEIR ADDRESSES, AND THE DATE UPON WHICH EACH OF THE PREVIOUS OCCUPIERS WAS SERVED WITH A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF THE LIFTING OF A CLOSURE ORDER.

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PROVISIONAL RC MEMBERS VISIT YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD  
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MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED FOR THE PROVISION OF A CULTURAL COMPLEX AND A TOWN PARK IN THE NEW TOWN TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS.

THE CALL WAS MADE TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL DURING A VISIT TO THE BOARD THIS AFTERNOON BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND MEMBERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR TAI KUEN, SAID THAT THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC CENTRE, THE LUT SAU HALL, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COPE THE DISTRICT'S NEEDS AS THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN IS TO SOAR TO 300 000 IN THE NINETIES.

DURING THE VISIT, THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD SET UP THREE SELECT COMMITTEES TO DEAL WITH POLICY ISSUES OF THE COUNCIL.

THE WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE, WHICH DEALS WITH MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND CAPITAL WORKS, WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING LATER THIS MONTH. THE OTHER TWO SELECT COMMITTEES -- THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN SEPTEMBER.

THE BOARD WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD ALSO SET UP A DISTRICT COMMITTEE IN EACH OF THE NINE NON-URBAN AREA DISTRICTS TO DEAL WITH THE MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS ON DISTRICT LEVEL.

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STUDENTS REMINDED TO APPLY FOR LOANS, GRANTS  
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS EARLY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDIES IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS WILL CLOSE ON JULY 19 AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

/APPLICATION FORMS .....

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AND FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES LIAISON OFFICES.

THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AIM TO HELP PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SERVE THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIES OR THEIR RELATED TRADES ON COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES, AND THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRIES, AS WELL AS DEPENDANTS OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES WHO WISH TO PURSUE FURTHER EDUCATION OR TRAINING.

THE AWARDS WILL BE TENABLE AT ANY UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, CITY POLYTECHNIC, ANY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, OR ANY ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS INSTITUTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED A STANDARD OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

+GRANTS TO COVER TUITION FEES AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS, AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS LIVING EXPENSES MAY BE AWARDED TO DESERVING CANDIDATES ON A FINANCIAL NEED BASIS,+ HE SAID.

STUDENTS APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR GRANTS AND-OR INTEREST-FREE LOANS, HE ADDED.

CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDIES SHOULD BE HONG KONG RESIDENTS, PREFERABLY AGED UNDER 30, THEY SHOULD STUDY COURSES ON AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY SCIENCE, FISHERY SCIENCE, MARINE BIOLOGY OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCE RELEVANT TO THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL OR FISHERIES INDUSTRIES OR THEIR RELATED TRADES.

MEANWHILE, APPLICANTS ARE ALSO OPEN TO STUDENTS IN FORM 4 TO 7 WHO ARE CHILDREN OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO COMPLETE THEIR SCHOOLING AS A PREREQUISITE FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION.

+APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 16,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT 3-688111 EXT. 510.

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SCOUTS HAVE GOOD INFLUENCE ON YOUTHS  
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SCOUTING ACTIVITIES HAVE A LONG-LASTING INFLUENCE ON GOOD MORAL ATTITUDES OF YOUNG PEOPLE, WHICH HELP STRENGTHEN FAMILY TIES AND CREATE A STABLE SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE, THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID TONIGHT.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE NINTH INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF OFFICE BEARERS OF THE REGIONAL SCOUTS COUNCIL, EAST KOWLOON REGION, SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

SCOUTING IN HONG KONG STARTED ABOUT 70 YEARS AGO, AND TODAY THERE ARE MORE THAN 100 000 YOUNGSTERS PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS KINDS OF DISCIPLINARY AND CHALLENGING ACTIVITIES AND TRAININGS, MR LAM SAID.

THE REGIONAL SCOUTS COUNCIL OF EAST KOWLOON HAS BEEN PROVIDING A SERIES OF TRAINING FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN AND SAI KUNG.

+IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL TRIES TO COMPLY WITH THE MAIN THEME OF THE 80'S TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES,+ MR LAM SAID.

+AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 140 SCOUT GROUPS WITH 6 800 MEMBERS IN THE EAST KOWLOON REGION,+ HE ADDED.

+AND THE SCOUT RECRUITING EXERCISE WILL BE EXTENDED TO TEMPORARY HOUSING AND SQUATTER AREAS,+ HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO EXPAND ITS SERVICE NETWORK, THE REGIONAL SCOUTS COUNCIL OF EAST KOWLOON IS PLANNING TO RENOVATE THE REGIONAL HEAD OFFICE, AND TO DEVELOP A REGIONAL CENTRE SO THAT RESOURCES COULD BE USED EFFICIENTLY.

AN ACTIVITY CENTRE AT PAK SHA WAN IS ALSO BEING PLANNED TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A VENUE OF WATER SPORTS.

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TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS IN SPEECH SCIENCES OFFERED  
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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO READ A FOUR-YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE COURSE IN SPEECH SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIA STARTING FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1986.

THERE WILL BE FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS AIMED AT ENABLING SCHOLARS TO OBTAIN A QUALIFICATION THAT WILL MAKE THEM ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS SPEECH THERAPIST IN AIDED SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

THE PRESENT SALARY SCALE OF A SPEECH THERAPIST IN AN AIDED SPECIAL SCHOOL IS FROM \$6 165 TO \$13 565 PER MONTH.

THE DUTIES OF A SPEECH THERAPIST INCLUDE ASSESSMENT DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT TO SPEECH-IMPAIRED CHILDREN WITH THE PROBLEMS OF DISORDERS OF VOICING, LANGUAGE, ARTICULATION, RHYTHM OR TONE.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE BORN IN HONG KONG OR HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AND PREFERABLY BE NOT MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF AGE BY THE TIME THEY COMPLETE THE COURSE.

THEY SHOULD BE FLUENT IN SPOKEN AND WRITTEN ENGLISH, BE ABLE TO SPEAK CANTONESE FLUENTLY AND BE PROFICIENT IN THE CHINESE LANGUAGE. KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER CHINESE DIALECTS WILL BE AN ADVANTAGE.

ACADEMICALLY, APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED THREE GCE A-LEVEL SUBJECTS WITH GRADE B, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE BIOLOGY OR PHYSICS WHILE THE OTHER TWO SHOULD PREFERABLY BE CHEMISTRY AND MATHEMATICS. CANDIDATES WITH SLIGHTLY LOWER GRADES MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

IN ADDITION, CANDIDATES SHOULD POSSESS PASSES IN TWO GCE O-LEVEL SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL INCLUDE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND EXAMINATION FEES, BOOK ALLOWANCE, A MONTHLY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE FOR BOARD AND LODGING, AND RETURN AIR PASSAGE.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A WRITTEN UNDERTAKING TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE AND TO SERVE IN AN AIDED SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE YEARS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE, 17TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE BEFORE JULY 27.

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AMBULANCE CALLERS SHOULD GIVE MORE DETAILS

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PEOPLE SHOULD GIVE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE WHEN CALLING FOR AN AMBULANCE, A CHIEF FIRE OFFICER SAID.

WHILE THE AMBULANCE FLEET WAS ALWAYS READY TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED OF THE SERVICE, AS MUCH DETAILED INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN, SAID MR CHEUNG SHU-SHING, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND.

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TSING YI AMBULANCE DEPOT -- THE 13TH AMBULANCE DEPOTS SO FAR -- MR CHEUNG SAID THERE WAS A NEED FOR A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE INJURY OR ILLNESS, CLEAR AND CORRECT LOCATION AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON WHO REQUIRED EMERGENCY TREATMENT, TO BE GIVEN IN MAKING THE CALL.

THE QUICKEST MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WAS BY CALLING +999+, WHICH WOULD ENABLE A PROMPT RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST AND WITH THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT, MR CHEUNG ADDED.

REFERRING TO TSING YI ISLAND, MR CHEUNG SAID THE DEPOT WAS PUT INTO OPERATION LATE LAST YEAR, THE AMBULANCE DEPOT HAD RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 9 000 CALLS AND CARRIED OVER 15 000 PATIENTS.

+I AM SURE ALL OF YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME THAT THE AMBULANCE WORK IS VERY ARDUOUS AND DEMANDING BUT MEANINGFUL AND REWARDING. OUR AMBULANCE PERSONNEL HAVE GAINED THE TRUST AND RESPECT OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THE STANDARD OF THE LOCAL AMBULANCE PERSONNEL WAS EQUAL TO THAT OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE NEW DEPOT HAS A FLEET OF EIGHT AMBULANCE, AND 76 AMBULANCE PERSONNEL AND WAS BUILT AT A COST OF \$5.25 MILLION.

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DB MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT HALFWAY HOUSE  
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE TUEN MUN HOSTEL, A HALFWAY HOUSE RUN BY THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, TO LEARN ABOUT THE OPERATION AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF AN INSTITUTION FOR FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS.

THEY WERE BRIEFED BY STAFF OF THE HOSTEL ON THE OBJECTIVES AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION. THE HOSTEL IS SITUATED IN A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND CAN ACCOMMODATE 35 MALE FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS.

THE HALFWAY HOUSE RESIDENTS ARE TAUGHT ABOUT SELF-RELIANCE SO THAT THEY CAN COPE WITH THE PRESSURES OF DAILY LIFE.

THE VISIT IS PART OF A FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME PREPARED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE TO HELP DB MEMBERS OBTAIN A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE SERVICES RENDERED BY VARIOUS LOCAL INSTITUTIONS.

SINCE APRIL, MEMBERS HAD VISITED SEVERAL SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTIONS, THE AP LEI CHAU POWER STATION, THE MA HANG AND STANLEY PRISONS AND A NUMBER OF PROJECT SITES.

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CHOI PO COURT FULLY COMPLETED FOR OCCUPATION  
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ALL FLAT OWNERS OF HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME CHOI PO COURT WILL SOON BE ABLE TO MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOMES FOLLOWING THE RECENT COMPLETION OF THE LAST DOMESTIC BLOCK ON THE ESTATE IN SHEUNG SHUI.

+COMPLETION CERTIFICATE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED FOR THE 528 FLATS ON BLOCK D IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE ESTATE WHICH PROVIDES A TOTAL OF 2 112 ONE-BEDROOM AND TWO-BEDROOM FLATS IN FOUR DOMESTIC BLOCKS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID LETTERS HAD BEEN SENT TO THE FLAT-BUYERS ASKING THEM TO COMPLETE THE LEGAL FORMALITIES AND FINALISE PAYMENTS WITHIN 14 DAYS.

+THEY WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED WHEN TO COLLECT THE KEYS TO THEIR FLATS ONCE THEY HAVE PAID UP THE BALANCE OF THE PURCHASE PRICE,+ HE ADDED.

BEING THE SECOND HOS ESTATE IN THE UPCOMING SHEUNG SHUI-FANLING NEW TOWN, CHOI PO COURT WAS PUT ON SALE UNDER PHASES VIA AND VIIA OF THE SCHEME AND HAD PROVED POPULAR AMONG HOME-BUYERS.

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CASTLE PEAK BAY RECLAMATION PROPOSED

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GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A 525-METRE SEAWALL AND TO RECLAIM 6.2 HECTARES OF LAND IN CASTLE PEAK BAY, SOUTH OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SAID THE LAND, WHEN FORMED BEHIND THE PROPOSED SEAWALL, WOULD BE USED FOR PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AND INDUSTRIAL GODOWN PURPOSES AND ASSOCIATED ROADS.

THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTIFICATION PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE AND PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE; AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BY SEPTEMBER 5.

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MODIFICATION TO PUI TO ROAD PLANNED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CARRY OUT MODIFICATION WORK TO PUI TO ROAD AS PART OF THE PHASE I WORKS PROGRAMME OF THE PROPOSED LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SYSTEM IN TUEN MUN.

THE WORK INCLUDES THE REMOVAL OF SECTIONS OF FOOTPATH, VERGE AND CENTRAL DIVIDER ON THE SECTION OF PUI TO ROAD BETWEEN KIN FAT STREET AND TUEN MUN NULLAH SO AS TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CARRIAGEWAY.

RECONSTRUCTION OF KIN FAT STREET WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICES, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY SEPTEMBER 3.

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NEW HOLIDAY BUS ROUTES FOR LANTAU  
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TWO NEW BUS ROUTES WHICH WILL BE IN OPERATION ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON LANTAU ISLAND FROM THIS SUNDAY (JULY 7).

NLB ROUTE 1R WILL OPERATE EVERY 30 MINUTES BETWEEN MUI WO AND TAI O TO SUPPLEMENT THE SERVICES OF THE EXISTING ROUTE 1.

THE FIRST DEPARTURE FROM MUI WO WILL BE AT 8.30 AM AND THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM TAI O WILL BE AT 7.55 PM.

A ONE-WAY SECTIONAL FARE SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE NEW SERVICE, WHICH WILL BE ONE-MAN OPERATED. THE FULL FARE WILL BE \$6.

THE SECOND ROUTE, NLB ROUTE 4R, WILL RUN ONE-WAY FROM CHEUNG SHA VILLAGE TO MUI WO ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM JULY 7 UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

IT WILL OPERATE FROM 12.45 PM TO 4.45 PM AT ONE-HOUR INTERVALS FOR A FARE OF \$2. A SECTIONAL FARE OF \$1.7 IS CHARGED FOR THE SECTION BETWEEN TAI O AND MUI WO.

THE SERVICE WILL ALSO BE ONE-MAN OPERATED.

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CARNIVAL FUN FOR WAN CHAI YOUTHS  
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WAN CHAI YOUTHS WILL SHARE AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AT A CARNIVAL TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT THE LOCKHART ROAD PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CARNIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION, WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF GAMES STALLS AND QUIZZES SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT.

PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING ALONG T-SHIRTS AS THEY CAN RECEIVE FREE IRON-ON BADGES OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME LOGO.

THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR TERENCE TENG, AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION, MRS JUSTINA LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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TIPS FOR AN ENJOYABLE DIP IN SWIMMING POOLS  
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SWIMMING AT ANY OF THE 11 URBAN COUNCIL PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES CAN BE VERY REFRESHING AND ENJOYABLE DURING THE CURRENT HOT SPELL. HOWEVER, EVEN IN A SWIMMING POOL WELL GUARDED BY HIGHLY-QUALIFIED AND PROFESSIONAL LIFEGUARDS, ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN IF CARE AND CAUTION ARE NOT EXERCISED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY URGED THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING BASIC RULES OF SAFETY WHILE ENJOYING THEMSELVES IN A SWIMMING POOL:

- + DON'T SWIM AFTER A HEAVY MEAL NOR WITH AN EMPTY STOMACH. ALLOW AT LEAST AN HOUR AFTER A MEAL BEFORE GOING INTO WATER.
- + DON'T TAKE ALCOHOL AND DON'T CHEW GUM WHILE SWIMMING.
- + DON'T SWIM BELOW DIVING BOARDS BECAUSE SOMEONE MAY LAND ON YOUR HEAD.
- + DON'T USE A MASK OR FINS IN THE POOL SAVE THEM FOR THE BEACH.
- + DON'T RUN NEAR THE EDGE OF THE POOL FOR YOU MAY SLIP AND FALL.
- + IF YOU ARE A LEARNER, STAY IN SHALLOW WATER AND DON'T GO FARTHER THAN WAIST-DEEP. CHECK AREAS WHERE THE DEPTH OF THE POOL CHANGES SUDDENLY.
- + IF YOUR CHILDREN CANNOT SWIM, STAY WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES IN OR NEAR WATER.
- + DON'T RELY ENTIRELY ON SWIMMING AIDS AND WHENEVER YOU ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY IN THE WATER, SHOUT FOR HELP AND KEEP CALM, AS PANIC IS YOUR WORST ENEMY.

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