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SUBMISSIONS TO ASSESSMENT OFFICE DESTROYED
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FORTY-FOUR SEALED CARTONS CONTAINING SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE WERE DESTROYED AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE, SET UP LAST YEAR TO ASSESS AND COLLATE PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE DRAFT SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT, PUBLISHED ITS REPORT TOGETHER WITH AN ANNEX CONTAINING SUBMISSIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAD NOT REQUESTED THEIR SUBMISSIONS TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, ON NOVEMBER 29 LAST YEAR.

THE REMAINING DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN HELD IN 44 SEALED CARTONS INSIDE A STRONG-ROOM IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, THE GOVERNMENT ARCHIVIST, DR Y.W. LAU, UNLOCKED THE STRONG-ROOM AND SUPERVISED THE REMOVAL OF THE 44 CARTONS ONTO A VAN FOR DELIVERY TO THE INCINERATOR.

MR JUSTICE SIMON LI, ONE OF THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT TEAM SET UP TO MONITOR THE WORK OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE, AND THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, WITNESSED THE REMOVAL AND DESTRUCTION OF THE DOCUMENTS AT THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE AND AT THE INCINERATOR.

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UNOFFICIALS TO ASK 13 QUESTIONS
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THIRTEEN QUESTIONS, EIGHT BILLS AND TWO MOTIONS WILL BE AMONG MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE QUESTIONS WILL DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS THE PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE CONS REPORT ON CORONERS' POWER AND PROCEDURES, WATER QUALITY IN HONG KONG WATERS, DECISION ON THE SECOND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL AND GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER SERVICES.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED ARE THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 AND THE BILLS OF SALE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985.

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DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS PRIOR TO FINAL READING:

- * CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * BANKRUPTCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * TRUSTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * CONSUMER COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985; AND
- * PILOTAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985.

TWO MOTIONS -- ONE DEALING WITH DUTY ON NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND COSMETICS AND ON AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION PASSED ON APRIL 27, 1983 TO FACILITATE DUTY INCREASES -- WILL BE MOVED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE.

A STATEMENT WILL ALSO BE MADE BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON WONG PO-YAN, ON THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT 1983-84.

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\$223M SOUGHT FOR FINAL HOSPITAL WORK

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A PROPOSED CAPITAL GRANT OF \$223.7 MILLION TO ENABLE THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL IN TSUEN WAN TO COMPLETE ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE GRANT, IF APPROVED, WILL ENABLE THE SUBVENTED HOSPITAL TO PROCEED WITH PHASE IV OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WHICH INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 21-STORY BLOCK TO ACCOMMODATE AN EXTRA 512 BEDS.

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS LAST PHASE OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE HOSPITAL WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 697 BEDS, TOGETHER WITH AN ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND A FULL RANGE OF CLINICAL AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

PHASE I AND II OF THE HOSPITAL'S EXTENSION PROGRAMME HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WHILE PHASE III, WHICH INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 16-STORY NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL, IS TO COMMENCE SHORTLY. FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD EARLIER APPROVED A GRANT OF SOME \$34.85 MILLION FOR THIS PHASE.

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UNDER EXISTING PRACTICE, SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS ARE GENERALLY REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF 20 PER CENT OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF MEDICAL PROJECTS AND GOVERNMENT CAPITAL SUBVENTIONS DO NOT NORMALLY EXCEED 80 PER CENT OF THE COST.

TWENTY PER CENT OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THIS PROJECT AMOUNTS TO SOME \$51.5 MILLION. THE HOSPITAL HAS SO FAR RAISED \$22 MILLION, AND IS CONFIDENT OF RAISING AT LEAST \$12 MILLION MORE.

FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW TO CONSIDER MAKING AN EXCEPTION TO THE 20 PER CENT TO 80 PER CENT RULE, AND TO APPROVE A CAPITAL GRANT OF \$223.7 MILLION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- * THAT THE HOSPITAL WILL TRY ITS BEST TO RAISE ADDITIONAL SUMS WITH THE AIM OF REDUCING THE CAPITAL SUBVENTION REQUIRED, AND
- * THAT THE HOSPITAL EXTENSION SHOULD BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE ECONOMICAL AND EFFECTIVE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL IS THE CONDITION THAT NO GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION WILL BECOME PAYABLE UNTIL THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL HAS SPENT \$34 MILLION ON THE PROJECT.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT TOMORROW'S MEETING INCLUDE:

- * ADJUSTMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR THE AUXILIARY POLICE FOLLOWING THE PAY RISE FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE,
- * RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL FOR TWO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN SHAM SHUI PO AND KOWLOON CITY WHERE COSTS HAVE EXCEEDED THE APPROVED LIMIT, AND AN INCREASE IN THE FINANCIAL LIMIT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS,
- * EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS FOR TWO RETIRED CIVIL SERVANTS,

- * ADVANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS FROM 1986 AND 1987, TO 1985 AND 1986,
- * ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS OF POWER IN RESPECT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, THE DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND AND THE HOME OWNERSHIP FUND, AND
- * A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE DEEDS OF GUARANTEE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTICIPATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF MORTGAGE RATES FOR THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME, TO ENABLE RATES LOWER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED TO BE CHARGED.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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LAW TO COVER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROPOSED
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ADVISED TODAY THAT IN PRINCIPLE LEGISLATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO EXTEND THE PROTECTION OF THE LAW TO SPOUSES AND CO-HABITEES SUBJECT TO VIOLENCE AT HOME.

THIS DECISION IS THE RESULT OF REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY, THE LEGAL, ACADEMIC, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE PROFESSIONS, WOMEN'S GROUPS AND THE PRESS. THESE GROUPS HAVE REPORTED THAT THERE IS A GROWING NUMBER OF CASES PARTICULARLY OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN BEING SUBJECT TO VIOLENCE AT HOME. THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT A TRIAL SCHEME FOR REPORTING AND RECORDING SUCH CASES IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR. DURING THAT TIME 306 CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WERE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PROPOSAL IS THAT THE NEW LEGISLATION WOULD PROVIDE FOR SPOUSES OR CO-HABITEES TO APPLY TO A COURT FOR AN INJUNCTION CONTAINING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS.

/* A PROVISION

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- * A PROVISION REQUIRING THE OTHER PARTY TO ALLOW A SPOUSE OR CO-HABITEE TO ENTER AND REMAIN IN THE HOME. THIS PROVISION WILL BE APPLICABLE WHEN THE VIOLENT ACT TAKES THE FORM OF KEEPING THE SPOUSE OR CO-HABITEE AWAY FROM THE HOME ;
- * A PROVISION TO EXCLUDE THE OTHER PARTY FROM THE HOME. THIS PROVISION WILL BE DESIGNED TO KEEP THE VIOLENT MEMBER OF THE FAMILY AWAY FROM THE HOME;
- * A PROVISION RESTRAINING THE OTHER PARTY FROM MOLESTING THE SPOUSE OR CO-HABITEE OR ANY OF THEIR CHILDREN.

THE PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO PROVIDE THE POLICE WITH A POWER TO ARREST SOMEONE WHO FAILS TO OBEY THE INJUNCTION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THESE PROVISIONS WOULD BE TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF FOR SPOUSES, CO-HABITEES AND THEIR CHILDREN WHO ARE BEING SUBJECT TO SERIOUS VIOLENCE AT HOME. THIS TEMPORARY RELIEF WOULD BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE COURT WAS SATISFIED THAT FURTHER VIOLENCE WAS UNLIKELY BECAUSE, FOR EXAMPLE, EITHER THE FAMILY WAS ONCE AGAIN RECONCILED OR THE HUSBAND AND WIFE HAD AGREED TO SEPARATE PERMANENTLY.

HE SAID THAT CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO WHETHER THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO BEFORE TWO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THEIR INJUNCTIONS RATHER THAN GOING THROUGH MORE FORMAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE COURTS. VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MIGHT BE LESS RELUCTANT TO GO TO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR AN INJUNCTION RATHER THAN TO THE COURTS.

SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND TO THE REACTION OF THE PUBLIC TO THE PROPOSALS, THE INTENTION IS TO SEEK EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S ADVICE ON THE DETAILED LEGISLATION IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS' TIME. THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSALS SHOULD WRITE TO HIS DISTRICT OFFICE.

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HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN RE-ELECTED
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MR LAU WONG-FAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN FOR THE 26TH TERM OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

MR LIU CHING-LEONG OF THE TAI PO ELECTORAL DISTRICT, AND MR TSANG LIN OF THE SOUTH ELECTORAL DISTRICT WERE RE-ELECTED FIRST AND SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO ELECTED TODAY WERE 15 ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE KUK'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THEY ARE:

MR LAU TIN-FUK	(102 VOTES)
MR TANG KWOK-YUNG	(102 VOTES)
MR CHEUNG HON-KAU	(101 VOTES)
MR LAI KWOK-YIU	(95 VOTES)
MR TANG PAK-YUI	(93 VOTES)
MR HAU YIU-CHUEN	(91 VOTES)
MR TSO SHIU-WAI	(91 VOTES)
MR TANG KWONG-WING	(90 VOTES)
MR CHEN SUEN	(86 VOTES)
MR LEE WAI-KWONG	(86 VOTES)
MR MAN PING-NAM	(85 VOTES)
MR TANG TIN-YAN	(82 VOTES)
MR NG CHUNG-WAN	(81 VOTES)
MR LEE KANG-CHING	(80 VOTES)
MR CHOY KWAI-SANG	(68 VOTES)

THE NEW TERM OF OFFICE, LASTING FOR THREE YEARS, WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY (JUNE 1).

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WAS THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE ELECTIONS WHICH WAS HELD BY SECRET BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK ORDINANCE.

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VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CONTINUE ON WAY

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A GROUP OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, WHO ENTERED HONG KONG WATERS ON MAY 23, VOLUNTARILY DECIDED TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY ON MAY 27, A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY.

THE GROUP ORIGINALLY CONSISTED OF 61 PEOPLE - 28 MEN, 25 WOMEN AND EIGHT CHILDREN.

THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE LEFT GUANGNING, NORTH VIETNAM, ON APRIL 22 AND TO HAVE STOPPED OVER IN CHINA BEFORE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG.

FOUR MEN IN THE GROUP WERE FOUND TO BE CHINESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND WERE REPATRIATED TO CHINA ON MAY 25.

THE REMAINING 57 VIETNAMESE CHOSE TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY EASTWARDS.

THEY WERE PROVIDED WITH FOOD, WATER AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS. MINOR REPAIRS WERE MADE TO THEIR BOAT AND ITS ENGINE.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS WAS THE NINTH BOAT TO LEAVE HONG KONG SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CLOSED CENTRE POLICY IN JULY 1982 AND THE SIXTH BOAT TO LEAVE THIS YEAR.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN NEW CHINA FLEET CLUB

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW CHINA FLEET CLUB PREMISES IN WAN CHAI ON THURSDAY EVENING (MAY 30).

HE WILL ARRIVE AT THE CLUB AT 6.10 PM AND WILL BE GREETED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CLUB, CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER GOTTO, RN, AND THE GENERAL MANAGER, MR PHIL BALDWIN.

THE GOVERNOR WILL THEN DOT THE EYES OF A LION, AND CUT THE RIBBON AT THE CLUB'S MAIN ENTRANCE, BEFORE UNVEILING A PLAQUE.

AFTER BEING GREETED IN THE LOBBY BY THE CLUB'S TRUSTEES, MR MARTIN BARROW AND MR MICHAEL SANDBERG, SIR EDWARD WILL BE ESCORTED INTO THE RECEPTION HALL TO OFFER A TOAST AND CUT A CAKE.

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POSITIVE REPORT BY TAC WORKING GROUP
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THE SECOND PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON CMB MAINTENANCE REVEALS THAT THE BUS COMPANY, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE HAVE TAKEN POSITIVE STEPS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS.

THE PROGRESS REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO TAC MEMBERS FOR DISCUSSION AT THEIR MEETING TODAY.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, IN A BID TO STEP UP MONITORING OF MAINTENANCE WORK BY FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES, IN PARTICULAR THAT OF CMB, HAD SET UP A SEPARATE BUS MAINTENANCE DIVISION UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF A SENIOR ENGINEER.

STAFF SECONDMENT FROM THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND INTERNAL REDEPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS WITHIN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD ENABLED THE NEW DIVISION TO BECOME OPERATIVE FROM MAY 20, ALTHOUGH SOME POSTS HAD YET TO BE FILLED AND A RECRUITMENT EXERCISE WAS IN PROGRESS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT WAS SETTING UP A PROSECUTION UNIT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAC WORKING GROUP REPORT.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ARRANGE FOR ITS MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINERS TO BE LICENSED AND INSURED TO TAKE CMB BUSES OUT ON ROAD TESTS, TAC MEMBERS FELT THAT THERE WOULD BE MAJOR LEGAL PROBLEMS.

THEY ENDORSED AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT SHOULD THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINERS DEEM IT NECESSARY TO CONDUCT ROAD TESTS ON BUSES, TESTING COULD BE DONE BY CMB DRIVERS UNDER THE EXAMINERS' OBSERVATION.

MEMBERS ACCEPTED THAT MUCH OF THE BUS TESTING COULD BE EFFECTIVELY CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE BUS DEPOT WITH THE AID OF SUITABLE EQUIPMENT.

MEMBERS ALSO NOTED THAT THE CMB HAD MADE IMPROVEMENTS IN AREAS NOT COVERED IN THE FIRST PROGRESS REPORT, SUCH AS IN PUTTING STRAIGHT ITS MAINTENANCE RECORDS AND FAULT RECORDING SYSTEM. EFFORTS WERE ALSO MADE TO STEP UP ITS MONTHLY INSPECTION SERVICING PROGRAMME FOR BUSES AND TO PROVIDE REFRESHER TRAINING FOR ITS DRIVERS.

/THE TRANSPORT

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WAS GENERALLY SATISFIED THAT CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT HAD BEEN MADE BY THE BUS COMPANY IN AREAS OF IMPROVING WORKSHOP FACILITIES AND CONDITIONS SUCH AS PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AT DEPOTS AND PROPER INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF ON MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.

CMB'S QUALITY CONTROL SECTION, SET UP IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, WAS APPARENTLY ACHIEVING RESULTS AS THE NUMBER OF DEFECTS FOUND ON CMB BUSES DURING SPOT CHECKS HAD SHOWN A DECLINE FROM AN AVERAGE OF THREE SAFETY DEFECTS PER BUS IN JANUARY TO AN AVERAGE OF 1.4 DEFECTS PER BUS IN APRIL.

TAC MEMBERS, HOWEVER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CMB HAD MADE LITTLE PROGRESS ON THOSE RECOMMENDATION THAT HAD AN EFFECT ON ITS ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED A ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY PAPER AND NOTED PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN REMOVING PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS IN A REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE ROAD SAFETY DIVISION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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SURVEY OF TRANSPORT, RELATED SERVICES BEGINS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 1984. THE ANNUAL SURVEY COVERS LAND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS PUBLIC BUSES, TRAMWAYS, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TRUCKS, FERRIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES AND AIRLINES.

IT ALSO COVERS SERVICES RELATED TO TRANSPORT, SUCH AS CAR PARKS, TRAVEL AGENTS AND CARGO FORWARDING AGENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO A SAMPLE OF ABOUT 3 600 ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF A TOTAL OF SOME 40 000 ESTABLISHMENTS FALLING UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE SURVEY.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COSTS, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

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SUCH ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR AND ARE NEEDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT. THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FORMULATION OF DECISIONS AND POLICIES.

RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT. A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF THIS SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 11 IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31. OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS STRESSES THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE RELEASED.

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EDUCATION GROUP VISITS NOISE-POLLUTED SCHOOLS * * * * *

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VISITED TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KOWLOON TODAY (TUESDAY) TO EXPERIENCE NOISE POLLUTION IN THESE SCHOOLS.

THE GROUP, COMPRISING LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR CHAN YING-LUN, PROFESSOR B.L. COOKE, MR ALBERT LI, MR TAM MAN-KWAN, MR TIMOTHY HA AND MR M. PAGLIARI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (KOWLOON REGION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS ALICE CHENG, AND THE SECRETARY OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, MRS REBELLA HO.

THEY FIRST VISITED THE RHENISH CHURCH COLLEGE AT KOWLOON CITY WHERE THEY OBSERVED THE DISRUPTION OF CLASSES FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE NOISE OF LOW-FLYING PLANES.

THE VISITORS THEN TOURED THE PHC WING KWONG COLLEGE WHICH IS AFFECTED BY THE NOISE OF HEAVY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ALONG LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FUNG MO STREET.

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SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS
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A FOUR-SESSION WORKSHOP ON THE TEACHING OF SCREEN PRINTING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ART TEACHERS HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ART SECTION ON JULY 15 AND 16.

THE WORKSHOP, AIMED AT INTRODUCING THE BASIC TECHNIQUES OF SCREEN PRINTING, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND WILL BE HELD AT THE CULTURAL CRAFT CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS FOR THE WORKSHOP ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE INSPECTOR (ART), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, FIFTH FLOOR, NORTH POINT, BEFORE JUNE 24.

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MORE SPORTS FACILITIES ON WAY
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PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED IN A FEW YEARS, AFTER REDEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON PARK AND TWO URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEXES, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE REDEVELOPED PARK WILL INCLUDE THE FIRST PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE UC COMPLEXES IN KWUN CHUNG AND NEAR WATERLOO ROAD WILL PROVIDE MORE INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES AND GAMES ROOMS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST PUBLIC TENNIS COURTS EVER BUILT IN YAU MA TEI.

THE HAMILTON STREET TENNIS COURTS PROJECT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, IN MAKING THE SITE AVAILABLE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, IN CONTRIBUTING \$150 000, AND THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN RAISING \$160 000.

YAU MA TEI, HE SAID, WAS ONE OF THE SMALLEST AND YET MOST DENSELY DEVELOPED DISTRICTS IN THE URBAN AREA.

+WHEN ONE TALKS ABOUT THE DISTRICT, ONE'S ATTENTION TENDS TO FOCUS ON ITS BUSY TOURISM TRADE AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

+NEVERTHELESS WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT MORE THAN 160 000 PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN THE DISTRICT, WITH MORE THAN HALF OF THEM BELOW THE AGE OF 30.

/+UNFORTUNATELY,

+UNFORTUNATELY, AS A RESULT OF THE DENSELY BUILT-UP NATURE OF THE DISTRICT, THE PROVISION OF MORE RECREATIONAL AND ACTIVE SPORTS FACILITIES IS SOMETIMES SEEN AS A FORM OF LUXURY, OR THAT SITES ARE SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE.+

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS TAKEN NOTE OF THE PROBLEM AND UTILISED ITS OWN RESOURCES TO PROVIDE SOME SMALLER SCALE FACILITIES.

+OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, WITH THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AS A DISTINGUISHED EXAMPLE, HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED VERY SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ORGANISATION AND PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE ADDED.

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TSUEN WAN NULLAH CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$91.5 MILLION CONTRACT TO PROVIDE VITAL ACCESS BETWEEN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN AND THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS.

THE CONTRACT, FOR THE DECKING OF THE CHUNG HANG NULLAH, WAS SIGNED BY THE DEPUTY PROJECT MANAGER FOR TSUEN WAN, MR BOSCO KEOWN, AND MR GEORGE C. TSO, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONTRACTORS, PAUL Y. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SAID WORK ON DECKING THE 500-METRE-LONG, 30-METRE-WIDE NULLAH WOULD START AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

ONCE THE DECKING WAS IN PLACE, A ROAD WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED OVER THE NULLAH. THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE ROAD WILL LINK UP WITH STAGE TWO OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS FROM TEXACO ROAD TO TUEN MUN ROAD.

+IT WILL ENABLE TRAFFIC USING THE BYPASS TO ENTER TSUEN WAN CENTRAL THROUGH A CONNECTION AT SHA TSUI ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROJECT HAD A NUMBER OF BUILT-IN DIFFICULTIES. ONE OF THESE WOULD BE THE DISMANTLING OF THE BRIDGE CARRYING THE SHA TSUI ROAD ACROSS THE NULLAH AND BUILDING ANOTHER BRIDGE ON THE SAME SITE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME KEEPING TRAFFIC FLOWING ACROSS THE NULLAH.

THIS WILL BE DONE BY BUILDING ONE DECK OF THE NEW BRIDGE FIRST, OPENING IT TO TRAFFIC AND THEN DISMANTLING THE OLD BRIDGE.

THE CONTRACT IS THE LATEST IN THE \$800 MILLION TSUEN WAN BYPASS PROJECT.

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NEW CHAI WAN TRAFFIC PLAN STARTS FRIDAY

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE IN CHAI WAN FROM 10.30 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 31) TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE AND PART OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

THE DETAILS ARE:

CLOSURE AND OPENING OF ROADS

- * LEE CHUNG STREET BETWEEN KUT SHING STREET AND CHAI WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED.
- * THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN CHAI WAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES NORTH OF THE ROUNDABOUT WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LINKING ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WITH NING FOO STREET WILL BE OPENED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.
- * KUT SHING STREET EXTENSION, LEADING TO CHAI WAN ROAD, WILL BE OPENED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

TRAFFIC REROUTING

- * NING FOO STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * LEE CHUNG STREET SOUTH OF NING FOO STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND. THE SAME STREET NORTH OF NING FOO STREET WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * KUT SHING STREET BETWEEN LEE CHUNG STREET AND CHAI WAN ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

- * ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR NORTH OF CHAI WAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

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THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY, DURING WHICH NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS:

- * NING FOO STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LEE CHUNG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF LEE CHUNG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH NING FOO STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF LEE CHUNG STREET FROM 25 TO 40 METRES SOUTH OF NING FOO STREET.
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KUT SHING STREET BETWEEN LEE CHUNG STREET AND CHAI WAN ROAD.
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KUT SHING STREET FROM CHAI WAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF CHEUNG LEE STREET.

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR ALL VEHICLES:

- * CHAI WAN ROAD FROM 55 METRES EAST TO 40 METRES WEST OF CHAI WAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT.
- * WAN TSUI ROAD FROM CHAI WAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES SOUTHWARD.
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR FROM CHAI WAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO A POINT ABOUT 95 METRES NORTH OF THE ROUNDABOUT.
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR FROM CHAI WAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO NING FOO STREET.
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF NING FOO STREET FROM 65 METRES TO 80 METRES EAST OF LEE CHUNG STREET.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LINKING ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WITH NING FOO STREET.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF TUNNEL

THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR TWO HOURS FROM 2 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 30) TO FACILITATE TESTING OF EQUIPMENT.

MOTORISTS ARE REQUESTED TO USE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES DURING THE CLOSURE.

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TWO-DAY BOWEN DRIVE CLOSURE

BOWEN DRIVE IN MID-LEVELS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR TWO DAYS FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 30) TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON KENNEDY ROAD HEADING FOR BOWEN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GARDEN ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE AND MAGAZINE GAP ROAD.

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NO LEFT TURN HERE

TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, THE LEFT TURN FROM CHUN WAH ROAD WESTBOUND INTO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD SOUTHBOUND, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 31).

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SPEED LIMIT

THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN CHING CHEUNG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 240 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CALDECOTT ROAD WILL BE 50 KILOMETRES AN HOUR FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 31).

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHENG SHUN-TIT ON MAY 14, 1982 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

CHENG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF LAM KAI-YUEN ON OCTOBER 6, 1981.

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