



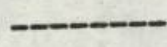
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HK JOINS INTERNATIONAL FIGHT TO PROTECT ENDANGERED WILDLIFE  
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HONG KONG TAKES A FURTHER STEP FORWARD IN JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THE FIGHTING FOR NATURE CONSERVATION WITH THE PASSAGE OF NEW LEGISLATION EXTENDING PROTECTION TO A WIDE RANGE OF ENDANGERED WILDLIFE.

THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (RESTRICTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE 1976, WHICH RECENTLY CAME INTO EFFECT, EXTENDS CONTROL TO THE TRADE IN SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION, AND BY IT, HONG KONG CONFORMS TO THE 1973 WASHINGTON CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA.

THE CONVENTION, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY MOST OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, RECOGNISED THAT +THE WILD FAUNA AND FLORA IN THEIR MANY BEAUTIFUL AND VARIED FORMS ARE AN IRREPLACEABLE PART OF THE NATURAL SYSTEMS OF THE EARTH WHICH MUST BE PROTECTED FOR THIS AND THE GENERATIONS TO COME+, AND THAT +INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA AGAINST OVER-EXPLOITATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TRADE+. ITS PROVISIONS HAVE SINCE BEEN RATIFIED BY MANY OF HONG KONG'S NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND TRADING PARTNERS.

THE NEW LAW WHICH EXTENDS HONG KONG'S PREVIOUS SUPPORT TO THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S DIMINISHING WILDLIFE, IS AIMED AT REGULATING RATHER THAN PROHIBITING THE TRADE IN THESE ENDANGERED SPECIES.

CERTAIN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF SNAKES, FISH, MOLLUSCS AND PLANTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL IN THE NEW LEGISLATION, AND THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CONTROLLING SPECIES OF BIRDS AND MAMMALS. THE RANGE NOW INCLUDES CHINESE PANGOLINS, OWLS AND OTHER BIRDS OF PREY, GREEN TURTLES, PYTHONS, AND SKINS OF LEOPARDS, OTHER +SPOTTED CATS+, BIRDS OF PARADISE, AND MANY OTHERS.

THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM OF CONTROLLING THE IMPORT AND POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES BY LICENCE WILL CONTINUE, BUT THEIR EXPORT HAS ALSO BEEN BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL AS PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THIS FIELD. IN GENERAL, LICENCES TO IMPORT WILL ONLY BE ISSUED WHEN THE EXPORTING COUNTRY ISSUES AN EXPORT LICENCE.

UNDER THE NEW ORDINANCE, NO ONE MAY IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS ANY OF THE PROTECTED SPECIES EXCEPT UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES. ANYONE CONTRAVENING THESE RESTRICTIONS IS LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$5,000 OR, IN THE CASE OF A SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE, A FINE OF \$10,000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

THE EXTENSION OF THE LIST OF PROTECTED LIVE ANIMALS IS NOT EXPECTED TO PRESENT PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES TO EXISTING TRADE. ONE ANIMAL NEWLY INCLUDED IS THE CHINESE PANGOLIN, BUT IN ANY CASE, ITS IMPORT FROM CHINA HAS DRASTICALLY FALLEN FROM SOME 3,400 IN 1974 TO ONLY 10 IN 1975.

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AS FAR AS ANIMAL PARTS ARE CONCERNED, THE INCLUSION OF FUR SKINS OF TIGERS, LEOPARDS AND SIMILAR FELINE (CAT) SPECIES IN THE PROTECTED LIST IS AGAIN UNLIKELY TO SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT LOCAL PRODUCTION AND EXPORT. SUCH FELINE FUR SKINS ARE NOT USED TO ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE AND FURTHERMORE, THE VERY LIMITED MANUFACTURE OF GARMENTS FROM THE FUR SKINS OF WILD ANIMALS HAS BEEN DWINDLING RAPIDLY BECAUSE OF THE SCARCITY OF SUPPLY AND RISING COSTS.

HONG KONG'S FUR SKIN EXPORT WENT ALMOST ENTIRELY TO JAPAN, GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES WHICH ARE ALL SIGNATORIES OF THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION AND WOULD THEREFORE NOT ACCEPT IMPORTS OF PRODUCTS MADE FROM THE FUR OF ENDANGERED SPECIES EXCEPT COVERED BY AN EXPORT LICENCE.

FUR SKINS OF ANIMALS ON THE PROTECTED LIST BROUGHT IN AS PERSONAL OR HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, SUCH AS FUR COATS AND RUGS, ARE EXEMPTED FROM CONTROL.

SKINS OF CROCODILES, SNAKES AND LIZARDS HAVE ALSO BEEN EXEMPTED FROM CONTROL FOR THE PRESENT BECAUSE THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL TRADE INVOLVED AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT THAT THESE SKINS COME FROM ENDANGERED SPECIES.

HONG KONG'S IVORY TRADE, WHICH WAS ESTIMATED AT \$64 MILLION IN EXPORTS LAST YEAR, IS ALSO UNAFFECTED BECAUSE THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT, THE MAIN SOURCE OF UNMANUFACTURED IVORY, HAS NOT YET BEEN LISTED BY THE CONVENTION AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

AS FOR ENDANGERED BIRDS, THE IMPORT OF OWLS, EAGLES AND OTHER BIRDS OF PREY, WHICH TOTALLED SOME 16,500 LAST YEAR, HAS BEEN BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. THE IMPORT OF COMMON SPECIES OF PARROTS AND PARAKEETS, POPULARLY KEPT IN HONG KONG AS PETS, WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. LAST YEAR, 4,975 RING-NECKED PARAKEETS, 153,060 BUDGERIGARS AND 41,856 WHITE-EYES WERE IMPORTED AS PETS.

AS FAR AS PLANTS ARE CONCERNED, THE LARGE VARIETY OF WILD ORCHARDS FOUND IN HONG KONG'S COUNTRYSIDE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UNDER PROTECTION AND THEIR EXPORT WILL BE SUBJECT TO LICENCE. CULTIVATED PLANTS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CONTROL.

WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE NEW LAW, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPRISING SPECIALISTS IN THIS FIELD WILL BE SET UP TO ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

A PAMPHLET IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, EXPLAINING THE LEGISLATION AND CONTAINING A LIST OF THE PROTECTED SPECIES PREVIOUSLY RECORDED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE TRADE AND THE PUBLIC.

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ENACTMENT OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE

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THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE WHICH WAS ENACTED ON AUGUST 4 AND PUBLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S GAZETTE, WILL COME INTO OPERATION PART BY PART ON DAYS TO BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR AND ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE.

THE LEGISLATION CONSISTING OF NINE PARTS IS DESIGNED TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMODITY EXCHANGE IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS TO CONTROL AND REGULATE TRADING IN COMMODITY FUTURES CONTRACT.

PART 1 SETS OUT THE PRELIMINARY MATTERS AMONGST WHICH THE TERM +FUTURES CONTRACT+ IS DEFINED TO REFER TO FUTURES CONTRACTS EXECUTED ON ANY COMMODITY EXCHANGE.

PART II PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSION AND A COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING WHO WILL BE THE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE. THEIR FUNCTIONS WILL BE ASSUMED BY THE EXISTING SECURITIES COMMISSION AND ITS COMMISSIONER.

PART III IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A BROAD REGULATORY FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE IN HONG KONG WILL OPERATE AND PART IV DEALS WITH THE REGISTRATION OF ALL COMMODITY DEALERS IN COMMODITY FUTURES CONTRACTS, COMMODITY TRADING ADVISERS AND REPRESENTATIVES. AS SOON AS PART IV OF THE ORDINANCE BECOMES OPERATIVE NO PERSON SHALL CARRY ON THE BUSINESS AS A DEALER IN COMMODITY FUTURES CONTRACTS, A COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER OR A REPRESENTATIVE UNLESS HE IS DULY REGISTERED.

PART V OF THE ORDINANCE REQUIRES REGISTERED DEALERS TO KEEP PROPER ACCOUNTS OF THEIR BUSINESSES AND TO SUBMIT ANNUALLY AN AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING WHILE PART VI DEALS WITH TRADING PRACTICES AND, INTER ALIA, PROHIBITS TRADING OF OPTIONS ON THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE.

PART VII DEALS WITH COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSION DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE WHICH IS AD-HOC IN NATURE, AND CAN BE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE ANY ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT BY THE EXCHANGE COMPANY OR ITS ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS.

PART VIII REQUIRES THE EXCHANGE COMPANY TO ESTABLISH A COMPENSATION FUND TO MEET CLAIMS OF CLIENTS IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT OF A MEMBER.

THE LAST PART OF THE ORDINANCE CONSISTS OF MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ONE OF WHICH EMPOWERS THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION TO MAKE REGULATIONS FOR FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

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FIRST SCHOOL FIELD STUDIES AND RECREATION CAMP  
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SOME 30 STUDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE FIELD STUDIES AND RECREATION CAMP, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER ORGANISED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, (THE FORMER SAI KUNG ARMY CAMP), AT TUI MIN HOI NEXT WEEK.

THE FIVE-DAY CAMP, STARTING ON MONDAY (AUGUST 9), IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. IT PROVIDED ADEQUATE AND WELL-ORGANISED FIELD WORK IN A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS PURSUING COURSES ON BIOLOGY AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

MR. A.J. REEVE, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 A.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 9).

MR. C.H. HAYE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, AND MRS. MAXINE LI KWOK, CHAIRMAN OF PO LEUNG KUK WILL BOTH ADDRESS THE GATHERING WHILE PROFESSOR L.B. THROWER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WILL GIVE A TALK ON +FIELD STUDIES CENTRES+.

DURING THE CAMP, PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN ABOUT COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION, OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY AS WELL AS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROTOTYPE NATURE TRAIL WALK AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE FORMER ARMY CAMP HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE SITE BECAUSE IT HAS A VARIETY OF HABITATS OF ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE WHICH IS IDEAL FOR FIELD STUDIES OF BIOLOGY AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE (FORMER SAI KUNG ARMY CAMP) AT TUI MIN HOI, LESS THAN A MILE FROM SAI KUNG MARKET, AT 11 A.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 9)

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SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN GAZETTE  
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THE SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1976 PUBLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S GAZETTE CONTAINS AMENDMENTS MAINLY CONCERNED WITH THE CLARIFICATION AND APPLICATION OF THE MAIN ORDINANCE. AND NONE INVOLVES A CHANGE IN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THIS LEGISLATION.

AMONG THE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS, ONE IS MADE TO EXCLUDE FROM THE DEFINITION OF +DEALING IN SECURITIES+ AGREEMENTS MADE WHEREBY SECURITIES ARE TRANSFERRED OR DEPOSITED WITH A PERSON AS COLLATERAL FOR A LOAN.

THE DEFINITION OF 'STOCKBROKING BUSINESS' UNDER PART X IS NOW AMENDED TO INCLUDE ANY BUSINESS CONNECTED WITH SECURITIES CONDUCTED BY COMPANIES OPERATED BY OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF A STOCKBROKER.

THIS WILL ENABLE RECOURSE TO BE MADE TO THE STOCK EXCHANGES COMPENSATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER PART X OF THE ORDINANCE IN THE EVENT OF A DEFAULT BY ANY SUCH COMPANY RUN BY A STOCKBROKER.

SECTION 30 AMENDS SECTION 123 OF THE MAIN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COMMISSIONER'S POWERS TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.

THE PREVIOUS SECTION 123 COVERED THE NAMES OF PERSONS FROM, OR TO, OR THROUGH WHOM, OR ON WHOSE BEHALF, SECURITIES ARE BOUGHT OR SOLD, AND TO THE NATURE OF INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN RESPECT OF A PURCHASE OR A SALE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT IS TO MAKE IT CLEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORIGINAL INTENTION OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, THAT NOMINEE COMPANIES ARE OBLIGED TO DISCLOSE SUCH INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSIONER, EVEN THOUGH THEIR INSTRUCTIONS HAVE TAKEN THE FORM OF A REQUEST TO DELIVER SHARES TO A REGISTERED DEALER, THE CLIENT HIMSELF, OR A THIRD PARTY RATHER THAN AN EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION TO SELL.

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LABORATORY TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH LEADERS  
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THE YOUTH WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE NEXT MONTH A LABORATORY TRAINING COURSE AIMED AT HELPING POTENTIAL YOUTH LEADERS TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIP.

THE LABORATORY METHOD IS A NEW APPROACH IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THROUGH EXPERIMENTING IN A SECURE ENVIRONMENT.

THE COURSE WILL LAST FROM SEPTEMBER 12 TO 26 DURING WHICH LECTURES WILL BE GIVEN EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 10 P.M. AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE AT 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE COURSE WILL END WITH A WEEKEND CAMP AT THE WESLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI HANG ROAD.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 25 WHO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST FORM V LEVEL. CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO FINISH THE WHOLE COURSE.

AS THE COURSE IS LIMITED TO 44 PARTICIPANTS, ENROLMENT WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YOUTH WORK UNIT ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICES BUILDING AT 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON UNTIL AUGUST 30. THE COST OF THE TWO-WEEK COURSE IS \$15 A PERSON.

EIGHT SIMILAR COURSES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED SINCE EARLY 1974. MORE THAN 200 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED IN EACH OF THE PAST COURSES INDICATING THAT THERE IS A DEMAND FOR THIS TYPE OF TRAINING.

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