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REVIEW OF REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ORDINANCE

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BEGIN A TWO-MONTH PERIOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION TOMORROW (MONDAY) ON A REVIEW OF THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ORDINANCE.

"A CONSULTATION PAPER SETTING OUT THE BACKGROUND TO THE ORDINANCE, AND COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE WHICH HAVE SO FAR BEEN CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"APART FROM THE REHABILITATION SCHEME, THE CONSULTATION PAPER COVERS TWO RELATED ISSUES, NAMELY MAGISTRATES' DISCRETION NOT TO RECORD CONVICTIONS, AND CERTIFICATES OF NO CRIMINAL CONVICTION.

"ON THE REHABILITATION SCHEME, THE PAPER SETS OUT THE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF THE SCHEME.

"THE PROPOSALS CALL FOR REDUCTION OF THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR REHABILITATION, EXTENSION OF THE RANGE OF PENALTIES COVERED BY THE SCHEME, PROVISION FOR CONVICTIONS TO BE 'ONCE SPENT, ALWAYS SPENT' AND PROVISION FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS TO BE SPENT."

ON THE RELATED ISSUES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONSULTATION PAPER EXAMINED WHETHER MAGISTRATES' DISCRETION TO ORDER THAT CONVICTIONS NOT BE RECORDED FOR MINOR OFFENCES SHOULD BE RE-INSTATED, AS WAS THE CASE PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ORDINANCE IN 1986.

"THE PAPER ALSO EXAMINES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE POLICE SHOULD ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF NO CRIMINAL CONVICTION TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN REHABILITATED UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE PRESENT PRACTICE IS THAT THE POLICE DO NOT ISSUE THESE CERTIFICATES TO SUCH PEOPLE," HE SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT INVITES THE VIEWS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION, DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES, SOCIAL WORK AGENCIES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES ON THE ISSUES SET OUT IN THE CONSULTATION PAPER. THE VIEWS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THESE ISSUES ARE ALSO WELCOME.

"FOLLOWING PUBLIC CONSULTATION, A REPORT ON THE VIEWS EXPRESSED, TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REHABILITATION SCHEME AND THE RELATED ISSUES, WILL BE PUT TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THEN TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL."

PERSONS WISHING TO COMMENT ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE CONSULTATION PAPER ARE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING BEFORE JULY 8 TO THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

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UPDATING THE ELECTORAL REGISTER

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AN EXERCISE IS BEING MOUNTED TO UPDATE THE RECORDS, MAINLY THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, OF SOME 35,000 REGISTERED ELECTORS WHOSE POLL CARDS HAD BEEN RETURNED UNDELIVERED TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AT THE RECENT URBAN/REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

ABOUT 19,600 OF THESE ELECTORS ARE RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

"THEIR ENTRIES IN THE ELECTORAL REGISTER WILL BE UPDATED ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT RECORDS," THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, SAID.

"FOR THE OTHER 15,400 ELECTORS LIVING IN PRIVATE DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATION, AN INQUIRY LETTER WILL BE SENT TO THEM BY MAY 8, REQUIRING A REPLY WITHIN ONE MONTH.

"THEIR NAMES WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE ELECTORAL REGISTER IF THEY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST," MR LAI ADDED.

ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS ARE URGED TO REPORT CHANGES OF THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BY WRITING TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, GIVING THEIR NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER AND THE NEW ADDRESS.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THEY MAY ALSO USE A NOTIFICATION FORM OBTAINABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND POST OFFICES.

"WITH THE FAIRLY FREQUENT CHANGES OF RESIDENCE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH CHANGES ARE REPORTED PROMPTLY. THE ELECTORAL REGISTER CANNOT BE MAINTAINED PROPERLY WITHOUT THE CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF ALL ELECTORS," MR LAI SAID.

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LEAFLET ON GOOD FISH FARMING PRACTICES

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FISH FARMERS IN HONG KONG'S 28 FISH CULTURE ZONES CAN NOW OBTAIN PRINTED ADVICE ON THE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO MAINTAIN A GOOD ENVIRONMENT FOR CULTURING FISH.

THE ADVICE IS IN THE FORM OF A LEAFLET PUBLISHED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION AT ITS FISHERIES OFFICES.

INTRODUCING THE LEAFLET TODAY (SUNDAY), THE DEPARTMENT'S FISHERIES OFFICER (AQUACULTURE ENVIRONMENT), DR PATSY WONG, SAID THE LEAFLET AIMED AT PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES AND ADVICE TO ASSIST THE MARICULTURE INDUSTRY IN UPGRADING ITS TECHNOLOGY AND IN ADOPTING MORE ADVANCED AND EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND HUSBANDRY PRACTICES.

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SHE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN HOLDING SEMINARS AND TRAINING COURSES ON MARICULTURE TECHNIQUES AND MANAGEMENT AND THESE TRAINING FACILITIES WERE WELCOMED BY FISH FARMERS.

THE LEAFLET JUST PRODUCED WAS MEANT TO COMPLEMENT THE ADVISORY SERVICES AND TO MAKE THE INFORMATION MORE HANDY AND READILY AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED.

"CULTURISTS SHOULD TRY THEIR BEST TO KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN BY DISPOSING RUBBISH PROPERLY AT THE LITTER COLLECTION POINTS NEAREST TO THEIR FISH CULTURE ZONES," DR WONG SAID.

"THEY SHOULD ENSURE THAT ANY DEAD FISH FOUND IN THE WATERS BE REMOVED TO PREVENT BACTERIAL GROWTH AND THE SPREADING OF FISH DISEASE."

SHE SAID NETS AND CAGES SHOULD BE CLEANED FREQUENTLY BECAUSE ACCUMULATION OF FOULERS ON THEM WOULD AFFECT WATER CIRCULATION AND MIGHT CAUSE OXYGEN DEPLETION AND DAMAGES TO THE FISH.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT CLEANING IS CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE FISH CULTURE ZONE AT PLACES WHERE WATER IS DEEP AND WITH FAST CURRENTS," SHE ADDED.

DR WONG ALSO ADVISED CULTURISTS TO AVOID OVERFEEDING THEIR FISH BECAUSE EXCESSIVE FEED DEPOSITED AT THE SEA BOTTOM WOULD CAUSE BACTERIAL BLOOM.

CULTURISTS WERE ALSO ADVISED TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENTS AND SYSTEM TO PREDICT AND COPE WITH SUCH ADVERSE CONDITIONS AS OXYGEN DEPLETION AND RED TIDES.

DR WONG SAID OXYGEN DEPLETION OFTEN OCCURRED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES: HOT, STUFFY WEATHER; CLOUDY AND OVERCAST BEFORE THUNDERSTORM; STAGNANT TIDE AND WHEN WATER APPEARED WHITISH WITH THE SURFACING OF A LOT OF THE BENTHIC FAUNA.

SHE SAID CULTURISTS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY STOP FEEDING THE FISH AND MONITOR THE OXYGEN LEVEL IN THE WATER WITHIN CAGES AND THEY SHOULD AERATE THE WATER IN THE CAGES WHENEVER NECESSARY.

DR WONG SAID IN THE EVENT OF A RED TIDE, THE WATER WOULD TURN PINKISH OR BROWNISH. FISH FARMERS SHOULD REPORT SUCH OCCURRENCES IMMEDIATELY TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE AND ALERT THEIR FELLOW CULTURISTS IN THEIR FISH CULTURE ZONES SO THAT THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES COULD BE MADE TO PREVENT ANY FISH KILL.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S AQUACULTURE ENVIRONMENT SECTION TO WHICH SUCH REPORTS SHOULD BE MADE IS 5-520171 EXT. 46.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY TO OFFICIATE AT BUN FESTIVAL

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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO FLOCK TO CHEUNG CHAU ON THURSDAY (MAY 11) WHEN THE ISLANDERS HOLD A GRAND PROCESSION TO CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL BUN FESTIVAL.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FUNCTION WHICH IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE CHEUNG CHAU "TA CHIU" (1989) COMMITTEE.

THE TWO-HOUR PROCESSION, INVOLVING ABOUT 2,000 PEOPLE AND SEVERAL HUNDRED SCHOOL CHILDREN, WILL START AT 2 PM FROM THE PAK TEI TEMPLE AND MAKE ITS WAY THROUGH THE BUSTLING ALLEYS TO FUNG SHUI LANE IN FRONT OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAI SHEK HAU.

AFTER PERFORMING AT FUNG SHUI LANE, THE PROCESSION WILL MAKE A CIRCUIT OF CHEUNG CHAU TOWN AND RETURN TO THE PAK TEI TEMPLE.

THERE WILL BE 11 FLOATS, NUMEROUS LION AND UNICORN DANCES, FLAG PARADES, CHINESE FOLK DANCES AND FESTIVAL MUSIC FEATURING DRUMS AND GONGS.

SHRINES OF DEITIES AND THE FAMED SWORD OF THE GOD, PAK TEI, WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED DURING THE PROCESSION.

THE BUN FESTIVAL, HELD TO APPEASE THE WANDERING SPIRITS OF PEOPLE KILLED BY THE PIRATES ON THE ISLAND IN THE PAST, HAS BEEN ORGANISED ANNUALLY WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR A CENTURY.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL, FEATURING DAILY CANTONESE OPERA SHOWS, AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR LIONS AND UNICORNS, A GHOST-WORSHIPPING CEREMONY, A SMALLER SCALE PROCESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BUNS, WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY) WITH THE GRAND PROCESSION ON THURSDAY BEING THE CLIMAX.

AS AN ACT OF SINCERITY AND HUMILITY, THE ISLANDERS WILL ABSTAIN FROM MEAT FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS FROM TUESDAY AND NO ANIMAL WILL BE SLAUGHTERED DURING THIS PERIOD.

TO COMMEMORATE THE FESTIVAL, THE POST OFFICE HAS ISSUED A SET OF FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS AND SOUVENIR COVERS WHICH WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT THE CHEUNG CHAU POST OFFICE FROM TOMORROW TO MAY 15, EXCEPT SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 11).

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PRESS BADGES FOR THE EVENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISION OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 12TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI.

PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH ORGANISATION IS ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE BADGE.

A SPECIAL LAUNCH TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS TO CHEUNG CHAU WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL HARBOUR SERVICES PIER AT 12.30 PM ON THURSDAY.

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'SPORTS VARIETY' FOR WORKING PEOPLE

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PEOPLE WORKING IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A "SPORTS VARIETY" WHICH WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE INTER-HONG SPORTS PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDES TELEMATCHES, MINI-SOCCER, SQUASH, BASKETBALL, BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A HEALTHIER MODE OF LIVING AMONG WORKING PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROGRAMME, NOW IN ITS SEVENTH YEAR, HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR WITH WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS.

"IT HAS ALSO GAINED THE SUPPORT OF EMPLOYERS IN THE DISTRICT AND WE HOPE MORE PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT TRADES CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES," HE ADDED.

THE COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JUNE 4 AND JULY 16.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL AND ITS SUB-OFFICE IN KENNEDY TOWN; AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN ROOM 1001 OF THE UC SHEUNG WAN COMPLEX.

ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8532566.

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PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES AT A RECENT SEMINAR.

THE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE REQUESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO LIGHTING ALONG VICTORIA ROAD NEAR TELEGRAPH BAY VILLAGE, CLEAN-UPS TO THE WONG CHUK HANG NULLAH AND THE PROVISION OF A SECOND ACCESS ROAD TO LEI TUNG ESTATE IN AP LEI CHAU.

THEY ALSO WANTED INFORMATION ON THE REDEVELOPMENT OF TIN WAN ESTATE AND WHETHER THE CLEARANCE PROGRAMME FOR PHASE I OF MA HANG REDEVELOPMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON SCHEDULE.

IN ADDITION TO A PAPER DETAILING THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSES TO THESE ISSUES, OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO ANSWER MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE DISTRICT'S LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HIGHWAYS, ENGINEERING, PUBLIC HOUSING AND URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT DISTRICT'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, IN 7 - 11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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SAI KUNG DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS
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THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (MAY 9) TO DISCUSS A CONSULTATION PAPER ON ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH.

AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, MR TANG WAI-CHUNG, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, DR JUDITH MACKAY, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THE ACTING REGIONAL OFFICER (KOWLOON EAST AND SAI KUNG) OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, MRS SO CHEUNG LAI-YING, WILL ALSO BRIEF MEMBERS ON HER OFFICE'S ANTI-CORRUPTION SERVICES AND LIAISON WORK IN DISTRICT.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT, APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS, PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR 1989-90 AND REPORTS ON OTHER ACTIVITIES.

PRIOR TO THE MEETING, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL VISIT THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE NEED FOR IMPROVING PRIMARY SCHOOL FACILITIES IN SAI KUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (MAY 9) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 11 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR ANNUAL REPORT

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE 1988-89 DISTRICT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

IF THE \$15,000 APPLICATION IS APPROVED, ABOUT 8,000 TO 10,000 COPIES OF THE REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED BY NEXT MONTH FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CONCERNED ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER ANOTHER APPLICATION FOR \$25,000 FOR PUTTING UP DISTRICT BOARD NOTICE BOARDS WITHIN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE SETTING UP OF WORKING GROUPS AND NOMINATION OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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TAI PO DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT ON ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (MAY 9).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT FOR MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS.

THEY WILL REVIEW THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL PLACES IN TAI PO AND CONSIDER THE PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MAY 9) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUNDS FOR PUBLICITY PROJECTS

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (MAY 9) THE PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR PUBLICITY PROJECTS IN 1989-90.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER AND THE WORKING GROUP ON THE "WELCOME TO TAI PO" SIGNBOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MAY 9) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

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POLICE DOG TRAINER COMPLETES OVERSEAS ATTACHMENT

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SERGEANT CHAN MAN-WING, CHIEF INSTRUCTOR AT THE FORCE DOG UNIT, HAS JUST FINISHED AN INSTRUCTIONAL ATTACHMENT AT THE POLICE DOG TRAINING SCHOOL OF SOUTH WALES CONSTABULARY AT BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

HIS FIRST OVERSEAS TRAINING COURSE GAVE SERGEANT CHAN VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE TO BE USED IN THE FUTURE TRAINING OF FORCE DOGS.

"THE COURSE WAS PRACTICAL MORE THAN THEORETICAL," SERGEANT CHAN SAID. "I WAS ACTUALLY ATTACHED TO A DOG SECTION AND GAINED A GOOD INSIGHT INTO HOW DOGS ARE TRAINED AND WORKED.

"FOR TWO WEEKS I JOINED LOCAL DOG HANDLERS ON A REFRESHER COURSE, TRAINING DOGS IN OBEDIENCE, PATROL WORK, SEARCHING AND ATTACK.

"I ALSO LEARNED HOW TO TRAIN DOGS IN DETECTING EXPLOSIVES, WHICH WAS NEW TO ME.

"DOGS ARE TAUGHT HOW TO SMELL DYNAMITE AND DOG HANDLERS ARE TRAINED HOW TO CONTROL DOGS IN AVOIDING DANGER ONCE EXPLOSIVES HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED.

"ANOTHER DIFFERENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IS THAT DOGS GO TO WORK IN PATROL CARS WHILE IN HONG KONG THEY ACCOMPANY THEIR HANDLERS ON FOOT.

"FOR EXPLOSIVES SEARCHING EXERCISES WE WENT TO THE AIRPORT, BOARDED PLANES, PATROLLED FACTORIES, CAR PARKS AND OTHER VENUES WHERE LARGE CROWDS CONVERGED."

SERGEANT CHAN WORKED WITH A DOG SECTION ON CAR PATROL TO PERFORM CROWD CONTROL DUTIES IN RUGBY MATCHES AND OTHER SPORTS EVENTS.

BESIDES LEARNING, HE ALSO HAD TO TAKE UP INSTRUCTION WORK.

UNDER THE OBSERVATION AND ASSISTANCE OF A CHIEF INSTRUCTOR, SERGEANT CHAN TOOK OVER THE RUNNING OF A BASIC COURSE FOR DOG HANDLERS IN PRISONS.

"SIX DOG HANDLERS WERE UNDER MY INSTRUCTION, SOME OF THEM WERE NEW. I MADE USE OF THE EXPERIENCE I GAINED IN HONG KONG TO TEACH THEM. THEY ALL LISTENED HAPPILY AND WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT MY INSTRUCTIONS.

"DOGS ATTACHED TO PRISONS NEED NOT PERFORM TRACKING, SO THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING WAS LAID ON OBEDIENCE, SEARCH OF PROPERTIES, CRIMINAL WORK AND TRACE ATTACK."

BY COMPARISON, SERGEANT CHAN SAID ENGLAND HAD A BETTER CLIMATE, FACILITIES AND TRAINING GROUNDS THAN HONG KONG FOR DOG TRAINING.

"THEY CAN TRAIN DOGS ALL THROUGH THE YEAR, WHILE IN HONG KONG WE HAVE TO STOP TRAINING FOR CERTAIN PERIODS BECAUSE THE WEATHER IS TOO HOT.

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"ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT IN BRITAIN, WE CAN STILL MAKE USE OF KNOWLEDGE LEARNED FROM THE ATTACHMENT TO BENEFIT OUR TRAINING IN HONG KONG."

MR CLIFF LAMBURN, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE POLICE DOG UNIT SAID: "WE INTEND TO TRAIN MORE DOG HANDLERS TO BUILD UP AN EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS' CADRE FOR THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE UNIT."

"SERGEANT CHAN WAS THE SECOND OFFICER TRAINED IN BRITAIN, FOLLOWING STATION SERGEANT SITO PING-YUK IN 1987."

"THEIR EXPERIENCE WILL GIVE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE STANDARDISATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF OUR DOG TRAINING PROGRAMME," MR LAMBURN SAID.

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NEW ID CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN IN 1951-53
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WOMEN BORN IN 1951, 1952 OR 1953 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM TOMORROW (MAY 8) TO JULY 1.

WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

"THE NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO.: 5-747070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
TEL. NO.: 3-7553679

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. NO.: 3-7232424

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TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.
TEL. NO.: 0-4981259

SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING
CENTRE, 11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN.
TEL. NO.: 0-6059108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK
ROAD.
TEL. NO.: 0-4771543

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
CHI LOK FA YUEN.
TEL. NO.: 0-4580862

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN
FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.
TEL. NO.: 0-6727191

"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING
IDENTITY CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN
SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE *** SYMBOL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CARD WAS FIRST
REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE *** SYMBOL,
SHE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN ORDER TO
FACILITATE THE ASSESSMENT OF HER RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG AND
SUBSEQUENTLY HER ELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD.

"THE DOCUMENT MAY TAKE THE FORM OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT, HONG KONG
BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, AND SO ON," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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NEW SPEED LIMIT ON TOLO HIGHWAY TAKES EFFECT TOMORROW

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED DRIVERS OF MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLES, HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AND BUSES THAT THE SPEED LIMIT FOR THEIR VEHICLES ON TOLO HIGHWAY WOULD REMAIN AT 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT STRESSED THAT, FOR THE SAFETY OF THE DRIVERS AND OTHER ROAD USERS, THE NEW SPEED LIMIT OF 100 KILOMETRES PER HOUR ON TOLO HIGHWAY, WHICH WOULD COME INTO EFFECT FROM 10 AM TOMORROW, WOULD NOT APPLY TO MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLES, HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AND BUSES.

HE ALSO URGED MOTORISTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE DRIVING SLOW VEHICLES LIKE GOODS VEHICLES AND BUSES, TO KEEP TO THE LEFT LANE EXCEPT WHEN OVERTAKING.

THE STRETCH OF ROAD WHERE THE NEW SPEED LIMIT APPLIES IS BETWEEN MA LIU SHUI IN SHA TIN AND KAI LENG INTERCHANGE IN SHEUNG SHUI, COVERING A TOTAL LENGTH OF ABOUT 15 KILOMETRES.

THERE WILL BE APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS TO INDICATE EXACTLY WHERE THE NEW SPEED LIMIT STARTS AND ENDS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW SPEED LIMIT WAS NOT AN INDICATION OF THE SPEED THAT MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE AT.

"IT IS THE SPEED THAT VEHICLES MUST NOT EXCEED AT ANY TIME," HE ADDED.

"MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND MAKE NECESSARY ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF THEIR VEHICLES, THEIR ABILITY, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, WEATHER AND ANY CONSTRAINTS SUCH AS BENDS AND SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROAD."

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