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NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS REACHES ALL TIME HIGH
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THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS HAS REACHED AN ALL TIME HIGH OF 157 000 IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR FOLLOWING A DROP BETWEEN 1974 AND 1976, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

IN 1978 THERE WERE OVER 19 000 ADDITIONAL PRIVATE CAR REGISTRATIONS, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 15 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1977.

DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THE NUMBER OF CAR REGISTRATIONS INCREASED BY 12 639.

+WHILE THE GROWTH RATE THIS YEAR IS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN LAST YEAR PROBABLY DUE TO THE INCREASED COST OF FUEL AND OTHER PRICES, IT IS STILL WELL ABOVE AVERAGE,+ HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE INCREASE THE SPOKESMAN REFERRED TO TWO FORECASTS FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY.

ONE FORECAST ASSUMED THAT UNRESTRAINED GROWTH IN CAR OWNERSHIP AND USE WOULD LEAD TO NEARLY 400 000 REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS IN 1991, WHILE THE OTHER, WITH THE IMPOSITION OF SUCCESSIVE LEVELS OF RESTRAINT ON CAR OWNERSHIP AND USE, WOULD RESULT IN A TOTAL OF 283 000 REGISTERED VEHICLES BY 1991.

HE SAID THAT THIS LATTER FORECAST WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF MAINTAINING TRAFFIC FLOW AT AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL, ASSUMING THAT THE AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME OF IMPROVED AND ADDITIONAL ROADS IS IMPLEMENTED IN FULL AND ON SCHEDULE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +WHILST THE RECENT INCREASE IN REGISTRATIONS MAY REPRESENT ONLY A TEMPORARY RECOVERY. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GROWTH RATE CONTINUES, BOTH FORECASTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY COULD BE BREACHED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, AND THIS MUST BE VIEWED WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONCERN.+

QUOTING FROM THE WHITE PAPER ON INTERNAL TRANSPORT POLICY, HE ADDED: +IF UNACCEPTABLE ROAD CONGESTION IS TO BE AVOIDED, THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT SOME RESTRAINT ON ROAD USE BY MOTOR CYCLES AND PRIVATE CARS WILL BE UNAVOIDABLE.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO WISH TO IMPOSE RESTRAINTS BEFORE THEY ARE NECESSARY, BUT WILL WATCH CLOSELY HOW TRAFFIC FLOW IS MAINTAINED AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF INCREASING REGISTRATIONS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ROADS ON THE OTHER.+

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LANDSCAPING PROGRAMME TO CHANGE FACE OF HONG KONG

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO EMBARK ON AN AMBITIOUS 10-YEAR LANDSCAPING PROGRAMME THAT WILL RADICALLY CHANGE AND BRIGHTEN THE FACE OF HONG KONG.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE TASK CALLED FOR LARGE SCALE PARTICIPATION BY LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS.

+THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL TO HELP US WITH OUR PROGRAMME,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIFIC ATTENTION WERE THE NEW TOWNS RAPIDLY RISING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE FACILITIES ON WHICH THEY DEPEND, SUCH AS NEW HIGHWAYS.

THE PROJECTS, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, WOULD GENERATE A HUGE DEMAND FOR TREES, SHRUBS AND GARDEN PLANTS +FAR IN EXCESS OF PRESENT RESOURCES+.

THE SENIOR ARCHITECT (LANDSCAPING) OF THE PWD'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR. MICHAEL KIRKBRIDE, SAID: +THE GOVERNMENT HAS PLANS TO EXPAND ITS OWN PLANT NURSERIES RUN BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+IT ALSO EXPECTS TO IMPORT PLANTS EXTENSIVELY FROM CHINA, BUT IT RECOGNISES THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE A GREAT HELP.+

BROAD ESTIMATES PREPARED LAST YEAR INDICATE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AN ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF SOME 1.5 MILLION PLANTS — COMPRISING 120 000 FOUR-YEAR-OLD TREES, 710 000 SEEDLING TREES AND 770 000 SHRUBS AND OTHER SMALL PLANTS.

MR. KIRKBRIDE SAID: +THESE WILL BE REQUIRED IN LANDSCAPE SCHEMES ON A WIDE RANGE, FROM SITTING AREAS TO TOWN PARKS, ROADSIDES AND HILLSIDES AS WELL AS BORROW AREA PLANTING.

+THESE ESTIMATES HAVE TO BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGES IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, BUT THE GENERAL ORDER OF MAGNITUDE WILL BE LIKELY TO REMAIN THE SAME OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD.+

THE PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LANDSCAPE CONTRACTS WOULD RANGE IN VALUE FROM A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS TO \$20-\$30 MILLION AT CURRENT PRICES.

+THEY WOULD INVOLVE BOTH 'HARDWORK' — PAVING, STEPS, SMALL BUILDINGS AND SO ON — AND 'SOFTWORK' IN THE FORM OF TOPSOIL AND PLANTING,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS PRESENTLY PREPARING A GAZETTE NOTICE WITH A VIEW TO COMPILING A LIST OF APPROVED LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS FROM PREDOMINANTLY SOFT LANDSCAPE WORK FOR JOBS WITH A VALUE REACHING \$200 000.

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+IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESPONSE RECEIVED THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER WHETHER TO COMPILE A FURTHER LIST FOR CONTRACTORS OF GREATER VALUE,+ SAID THE PWD SPOKESMAN.

MR. KIRKBRIDE SAID THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED WERE LOOKING TO BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THIS FIELD FOR A RESPONSE TO THIS AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME.

HE SAID: +IN OTHER COUNTRIES FACED WITH COMPARABLE PROBLEMS PRIVATE PLANT GROWERS AND CONTRACTORS HAVE ORGANISED THEMSELVES TO FORM BUSINESS FEDERATIONS TO CREATE AN EASY FORM OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THEIR MAJOR CUSTOMERS SO THEIR CAPABILITIES AND THEIR PROBLEMS CAN BE DISCUSSED.

+IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF A SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT WERE TO TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG.+

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SWD PAYS OUT OVER \$4 MILLION UNDER +NO FAULT+ TAVA SCHEME

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT OVER \$4.1 MILLION AS QUICK CASH RELIEF UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION ON MAY 1.

PEOPLE ARE NOW GETTING MORE UNDER THE SCHEME FOLLOWING THE RECENT REVISION IN PAYMENT RATES FOR THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND, TO WHICH THE PAYMENT RATES FOR THE SCHEME ARE PEGGED.

MRS. DIANA LEE, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO 159 CASES INVOLVING DEATH AND 1 233 CASES INVOLVING INJURY WHICH HAD CAUSED THE VICTIM A LOSS OF AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' EARNING CAPACITY.

MRS. LEE SAID THE DEATH GRANTS AMOUNTED TO \$947 900, AND THE INJURY GRANTS TOTALLED \$3.19 MILLION.

SHE SAID THE INJURY GRANTS INCLUDED FURTHER PAYMENTS IN 363 CASES IN WHICH THE APPLICANTS WERE MEDICALLY CERTIFIED TO REQUIRE EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

IN CASES ALREADY PROCESSED, SHE SAID, THE HIGHEST PAYMENT WAS \$21 100 MADE IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$20 100.

+AT PRESENT, 358 OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN A FAIRLY SHORT TIME,+ SHE SAID.

MRS. LEE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT REVISION, THE PAYMENTS RATES FOR DEATH AND INJURY GRANTS HAD BEEN INCREASED BY ABOUT 26 PER CENT.

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FOR EXAMPLE, SHE SAID, FOR DEATH GRANTS INVOLVING THE LOSS OF A SOLE WAGE-EARNER, THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT HAS BEEN RAISED TO \$20 000, COMPRISING \$12 000 FOR ONE SURVIVING DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBER AND \$1 000 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SURVIVING DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBER.

FOR INJURY GRANTS, THE PAYMENT IS NOW \$140 UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$4 300 DEPENDING ON THE GRAVITY OF INJURY, SHE ADDED.

MRS. LEE SAID THE TAVA SCHEME WAS NON-MEANS TESTED AND AIMED AT PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

PEOPLE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON OR AFTER MAY 1 THIS YEAR COULD APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT, SHE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE AT TAVA SECTION ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG, TEL. NOS. 5-222392 AND 5-223254.

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PUBLIC INQUIRY TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS
FOR HONG KONG-LONDON AIR ROUTE

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A PUBLIC INQUIRY TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS BY THREE AIRLINES TO OPERATE SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND LONDON WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG BETWEEN NOVEMBER 12 AND 16, THE AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY, JUDGE ROSS PENLINGTON, ORDERED THE FIVE-DAY INQUIRY AFTER APPLICATIONS AND THE RELATED OBJECTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM INTERESTED PARTIES.

THE THREE AIRLINES ARE CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS, BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS, AND LAKER AIRWAYS.

PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICATIONS FROM THE THREE AIRWAYS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 14 AND SEPTEMBER 21 THIS YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM BRITISH AIRWAYS TO ALL THREE APPLICATIONS. THE THREE APPLICANTS HAVE ALSO OBJECTED TO EACH OTHER'S APPLICATION.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS SUBMITTED REPRESENTATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE APPLICATIONS.

THE INQUIRY WILL COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 12 AT 9.30 A.M. IN ROOM 13/14 ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF WING ON CENTRE AT 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

THE AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY IS AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY SET UP UNDER THE AIR TRANSPORT (LICENSING OF AIR SERVICES) REGULATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE INQUIRY. SINCE ACCOMMODATION IS LIMITED, SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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**PWD CONTRACTS WORTH \$65 MILLION AWARDED LAST MONTH

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED A TOTAL OF 27 CONTRACTS WORTH MORE THAN \$65.5 MILLION LAST MONTH.

OF THESE, 16 WERE AWARDED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND THE OTHERS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PWD TENDER BOARD.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONTRACTS WAS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN. THE CONTRACT, WORTH \$13.2 MILLION, IS FOR BRIDGEWORK TO PROVIDE ANOTHER ACCESS INTO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN.

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**REST DAYS FOR WORKERS

EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL WORKERS AND ~~NON-MANUAL WORKERS~~ EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$3 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO A REST DAY FOR EVERY PERIOD OF SEVEN DAYS OF WORK.

THE REMINDER WAS ISSUED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A KWAI CHUNG RESTAURANT OWNER WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$750 FOR FAILING TO GRANT FIVE REST DAYS TO HIS EMPLOYEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE EMPLOYER MUST APPOINT THE REST DAYS OF HIS EMPLOYEES BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH AND INFORM THEM OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

+IF THESE ARE ON A REGULAR BASIS, IT IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE THE EMPLOYER TO INFORM HIS EMPLOYEES OF THIS ARRANGEMENT. OTHERWISE, BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM ALL HIS EMPLOYEES OF THE APPOINTED REST DAYS DURING THE MONTH. HE MAY DO THIS ORALLY OR IN WRITING OR BY DISPLAYING A ROSTER SHOWING THE DATES OF THE APPOINTED REST DAYS FOR EACH EMPLOYEE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID AN EMPLOYER MAY SUBSTITUTE SOME OTHER REST DAY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE EMPLOYEE, IN WHICH CASE IT MUST BE WITHIN THE SAME MONTH AND BEFORE THE ORIGINAL REST DAY OR WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER IT.

+IN THE EVENT OF A BREAKDOWN OF MACHINERY OR PLANT OR IN ANY OTHER UNFORESEEN EMERGENCY, THE EMPLOYER MAY REQUIRE THE EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON THE ORIGINAL REST DAY BUT HE MUST, WITHIN 48 HOURS, NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE OF THE DATE OF THE SUBSTITUTED REST DAY WHICH MUST BE GIVEN WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE ORIGINAL ONE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

/+AN EMPLOYEE

+AN EMPLOYEE MAY, AT HIS OWN REQUEST AND IF HIS EMPLOYER AGREES, WORK ON A REST DAY. AN EMPLOYER MAY ASK AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON A REST DAY BUT THE EMPLOYEE IS FREE TO AGREE OR NOT AS HE WISHES,+ HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT REST DAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638- KOWLOON WEST 3-201652- KWUN TONG 3-898520- TSUEN WAN 12-422096- TUEN MUN 12-818443 EXT. 82 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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EMPLOYERS MUST INFORM IRD
PARTICULARS OF NEW EMPLOYEES
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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO FURNISH THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE IN WRITING PARTICULARS OF ANY NEW EMPLOYEE LIKELY TO BE CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF HIS EMPLOYMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT AN EMPLOYER WHO IS ABOUT TO CEASE TO EMPLOY IN HONG KONG ANY PERSON LIKELY TO BE CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX MUST ALSO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF SUCH AN EMPLOYMENT.

AN EMPLOYER IS ALSO REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING WHENEVER AN EMPLOYEE, WHO IS CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX IS ABOUT TO LEAVE HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN A MONTH BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

+THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS REQUIRED, IN THE COURSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT, TO LEAVE HONG KONG AT FREQUENT INTERVALS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WHEN AN EMPLOYER HAS INFORMED THE COMMISSIONER THAT HE IS ABOUT TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON WHO IS CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX AND ABOUT TO LEAVE HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN ONE MONTH, HE MUST NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT TO THAT EMPLOYEE WITHIN A MONTH FROM THE DATE OF GIVING SUCH NOTICE, EXCEPT WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S WRITTEN CONSENT.

+THE EMPLOYEE MAY HOWEVER, DURING THAT MONTH PAY TO THE COMMISSIONER OUT OF MONEYS DUE TO THE EMPLOYEE SUCH SUM AS THE EMPLOYEE MAY DIRECT HIM TO PAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FORMS FOR GIVING SUCH NOTICES MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICES OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF WINDSOR HOUSE AT 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

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HIRAM'S HIGHWAY COMMEMORATIVE STONE TO BE RESITED

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A STONE COMMEMORATING THE COMPLETION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BY AN ARMY UNIT AFTER THE WAR WILL BE RESITED TO A POINT CLOSE TO THE JUNCTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD AND HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AT A CEREMONY ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 30).

RESITING OF THE STONE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-LANE ROAD ALONGSIDE THE EXISTING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD FROM HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO PIK UK.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER SAI KUNG, MR. COLIN BOSHER, AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF 42 COMMANDO, ROYAL MARINES, LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY BEVERLEY. MEN FROM THIS UNIT STATIONED HERE AFTER THE WAR SUPERVISED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY UNDER MAJOR JOHN WYNNE-POTTS, WHOSE SON, AN INSPECTOR IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, WILL BE PRESENT AT TUESDAY'S CEREMONY. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE SOME OF THE SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE HIRAM'S HIGHWAY STONE RESITING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 P.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 30). PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED LEAVING KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 3 P.M.

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WORKSHOPS ON ENGLISH LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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THE ABILITY TO COMPREHEND ENGLISH CONVERSATION WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS ORGANISED FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

FOUR WORKSHOPS ON THE TEACHING OF +LISTENING COMPREHENSION+ WILL BE HELD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BETWEEN NOVEMBER 20 AND DECEMBER 15 AT ITS ENGLISH TEACHING CENTRES IN BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

EACH WORKSHOP WILL CONSIST OF THREE MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS DURING THE PERIOD.

+THESE WORKSHOPS WILL INCLUDE SHORT TALKS ON THE TEACHING OF LISTENING COMPREHENSION AND DEMONSTRATION OF VARIOUS LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXERCISES.

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+THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE LIMITED TO 20 FOR EACH WORKSHOP. THEY WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO DESIGN A LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXERCISE SUITABLE FOR USE IN THEIR CLASSES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL TEACHERS WHO HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED A WORKSHOP.

INTERESTED TEACHERS SHOULD APPLY THROUGH THEIR HEADS OF SCHOOLS. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG, ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 12.

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WATER CUT IN NORTH POINT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 30) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE NORTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD FROM TIN CHIU STREET TO MANSION STREET, JAVA ROAD FROM TIN CHIU STREET TO KING'S ROAD, MARBLE ROAD FROM TIN CHIU STREET TO HEALTHY STREET WEST AND THE EAST SIDE OF TIN CHIU STREET.

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