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AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CANADA SIGNED

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AN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT (ASA) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WAS SIGNED IN HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG UNDER THE AUTHORISATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE TREASURY BOARD, THE HONOURABLE MISS PATRICIA CARNEY, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

SIGNATURE OF THE ASA FOLLOWS DISCUSSION LAST YEAR BETWEEN UK AND CANADIAN DELEGATIONS AT WHICH PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE TEXT. HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES WERE INCLUDED IN THE UK DELEGATION AT THOSE TALKS.

FOLLOWING SIGNATURE OF THE HONG KONG/NETHERLANDS ASA IN THE HAGUE ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1986 AND SIGNATURE OF THE HONG KONG/SWITZERLAND ASA IN HONG KONG ON JANUARY 26, 1988, THE HONG KONG/CANADA ASA IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES INTENDED TO PROVIDE SEPARATE HONG KONG ASA'S DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION IN MIND.

THE ASA, WHICH PROVIDES FOR SCHEDULED SERVICES BY THE DESIGNATED AIRLINES OF THE TWO SIDES, ENTERS INTO FORCE UPON SIGNATURE.

IN THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 1987 UP TO NOW, SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA BY THE AIRLINES OF EITHER SIDE HAVE BEEN OPERATED UNDER TEMPORARY INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS. BEFORE THEN, THEY WERE OPERATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE UK/CANADA ASA IN FORCE AT THE TIME.

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REVISION OF FEES FOR SENIOR SECONDARY, COLLEGES OF EDUCATION
AND ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

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FEES FOR FORMS FOUR TO SEVEN IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS AND FOR TEACHER TRAINING AND ADULT EDUCATION COURSES OPERATED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE 1988-89 AND 1989-90 SCHOOL YEARS WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW FEES ARE FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF A FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME TO PHASE IN FEE INCREASES TO RESTORE THE REAL VALUE OF THE FEES ANNOUNCED IN THE 1978 WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION.

THIS PLAN WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED IN JULY 1986 AND THE PHASING IN ON THE INCREASES OVER FIVE YEARS IS TO AVOID ANY UNDUE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON PARENTS.

FOR FORMS FOUR TO FIVE, THE FEE PAYABLE IN 10 MONTHLY INSTALMENTS IN A YEAR WILL GO UP BY \$20 TO \$105 A MONTH NEXT SEPTEMBER. IT WILL RISE FURTHER BY \$25 TO \$130 A MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER 1989.

FOR FORMS SIX TO SEVEN AND FULL-TIME DAY COURSES IN THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE HK TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, THE FEE WILL GO UP BY \$25 TO \$140 A MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER 1988 AND THEN BY \$30 TO \$170 A MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER 1989.

THE FEE ASSISTANCE FOR SECONDARY FOUR TO SEVEN BOUGHT PLACES IN NON-PROFIT MAKING PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND LINGNAN COLLEGE WILL BE REVISED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REVISED STANDARD FEES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID NEEDY STUDENTS COULD CONTINUE TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FEE REMISSION SCHEME.

UNDER THE SCHEME, UP TO 45 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL FEE INCOME FROM SECONDARIES FOUR TO FIVE AND 50 PER CENT FROM SECONDARIES SIX TO SEVEN MAY BE REMITTED.

AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT MAY RECEIVE EITHER HALF, THREE-QUARTER, OR FULL FEE REMISSION DEPENDING ON HIS FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF INTEREST-FREE LOANS AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND HK TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

NEW FEES FOR ADULT EDUCATION COURSES AND OTHER COURSES OPERATED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE SCHOOL YEARS 1988-89 AND 1989-90 WERE ALSO ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL FEES FOR THE 1990-91 SCHOOL YEAR WOULD BE ANNOUNCED NEARER THE TIME.

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FEEES IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS

Fees for the 1988-89 and 1989-90 school years will be charged in the following Government Schools, Institutions and Courses as follows:—

<i>Type of Institution</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>1988-89 Tuition Fees Amount</i>	<i>1989-90 Tuition Fees Amount</i>
Secondary Grammar and Technical Schools	Secondary 1-3	Nil	Nil
	Secondary 4-5	\$1,050.00	\$1,300.00
	Secondary 6-7	per annum	per annum
		\$1,400.00	\$1,700.00
		per annum	per annum
<i>Name of Institution</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>1988-89 Tuition Fees Amount</i>	<i>1989-90 Tuition Fees Amount</i>
Colleges of Education	<i>Full-time</i>		
	2-year Course	\$1,400.00	\$1,700.00
	3-year Course	per annum	per annum
		\$1,400.00	\$1,700.00
		per annum	per annum
Hong Kong Technical Teachers' College	<i>Full-time</i>		
	3-year and 1-year courses for technical teachers	\$1,400.00	\$1,700.00
		per annum	per annum
	<i>Part-time Evening</i>		
	Basic Course in Instructional Techniques	\$170.00 per course	\$210.00 per course
	Advanced Course in Instructional Techniques	—	\$210.00 per course
	One-year course for part- time lecturers	\$310.00 per course	\$380.00 per course
	Basic Teaching Techniques for Part-time Lecturers in Technical Institutes	\$170.00 per course	\$210.00 per course
	<i>Part-time Day Release</i>		
	Basic Course in Instructional Techniques	\$170.00 per course	\$210.00 per course
	Advanced Course in Instructional Techniques	—	\$210.00 per course
	Certificate Course in Training and Development	\$170.00 per course	\$210.00 per course
	<i>Block Release</i>		
	Basic Course in Instructional Techniques	\$170.00 per course	\$210.00 per course
	Advanced Course in Instructional Techniques	—	\$210.00 per course

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<i>Name of Course</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>1988-89 Tuition Fees Amount</i>	<i>1989-90 Tuition Fees Amount</i>
Adult Education Section Evening Courses:			
English Courses	Primary	\$170.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$85.00 each)	\$210.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$105.00 each)
	Secondary	\$270.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$135.00 each)	\$320.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$160.00 each)
	General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level)	\$350.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$175.00 each)	\$430.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$215.00 each)
Adult Education Course (General Background)	Lower, Middle & Upper	Nil	Nil
Adult Education Courses (Practical Background)	Woodwork	\$120.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$60.00 each)	\$150.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$75.00 each)
	Sewing and Knitting	\$60.00 per course	\$80.00 per course
	Cookery	\$230.00 per course	\$290.00 per course
Government Evening Secondary School Courses	Secondary 1-3	Nil	Nil
	Secondary 4-5	\$550.00 per annum (By 10 monthly instalments of \$55.00 each)	\$670.00 per annum (By 10 monthly instalments of \$67.00 each)
Teachers' Courses	All courses	\$370.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$185.00 each)	\$450.00 per annum (By 2 termly instalments of \$225.00 each)
Evening School of Higher Chinese Studies	Short Courses	\$170.00 per course	\$210.00 per course
Adult Education and Recreation Centres:			
Hobby Groups	Short Courses	\$100.00 per course	\$130.00 per course
Microcomputer Courses	Short Evening Courses	\$100.00 per course	\$130.00 per course

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WORK STARTS SOON ON TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORISED THE CONSTRUCTION OF TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL ON WHICH WORK IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE EARLY NEXT MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, SUBJECT TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL BILL, THE GAMMON-NISHIMATSU CONSORTIUM WOULD BUILD THE 3.9 KM-LONG TWIN-TUBE TUNNELS BETWEEN DIAMOND HILL IN KOWLOON AND SIU LEK YUEN IN SHA TIN. EACH TUBE WOULD ACCOMMODATE TWO TRAFFIC LANES.

THE CONSORTIUM WOULD ALSO CONSTRUCT A TOLL PLAZA AT SIU LEK YUEN AND THE TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS IN BOTH SHA TIN AND KOWLOON.

AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSTRUCT THE ROAD AND FLYOVER SYSTEM CONNECTING THE TUNNEL APPROACH ROAD INCLUDING PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INTERCHANGE, KWUN TONG BY-PASS PHASES II AND III IN EAST KOWLOON AND TRUNK ROADS T5 AND T6 IN SHA TIN.

THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS IN NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES TOGETHER WITH GROWTH OF CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS AT MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK HAD GENERATED CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC THROUGH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

WITH THE PLANNED OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IN AUGUST 1991, THE CONGESTION AT LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE GREATLY RELIEVED.

TO ABATE TRAFFIC NOISE THAT MAY AFFECT RESIDENTS IN BUILDINGS CLOSE TO THE APPROACH ROADS, THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT ARE INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING COVERS TO SECTIONS OF THE ELEVATED APPROACH ROAD NEAREST TO RICHLAND GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY AND CHOI HUNG ESTATE IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE ROAD COVERS, IF IMPLEMENTED, WILL ENCLOSE ABOUT 115 METRES AND 120 METRES OF THE ELEVATED ROAD AT CHOI HUNG ESTATE AND RICHLAND GARDENS RESPECTIVELY.

"THE PROPOSAL CAN BRING ABOUT A REDUCTION OF NOISE LEVEL FOR THE AFFECTED FLATS AT CHOI HUNG ESTATE AND AT RICHLAND GARDENS.

"THE EXTRA COST IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$20 MILLION."

HE ADDED THAT OTHER POSSIBLE NOISE REDUCTION MEASURES INCLUDING THE USE OF SPECIAL ROAD SURFACING MATERIALS WOULD ALSO BE ADOPTED AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS.

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TRAINING PROGRAMMES DEMONSTRATE EMPHASIS ON REFORM

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THE WORK OF THE MODERN CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICER IS FAR REMOVED FROM THE DAYS WHEN PRISONS WERE MERELY PLACES OF PUNISHMENT AND THERE IS NOW A GREAT DEAL OF EMPHASIS ON REFORM AND REHABILITATION, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT STANLEY, MR BARNES SAID THIS POINT WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE WIDE VARIETY OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF OFFENDERS IN DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS.

"FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE REHABILITATION OF PRISONERS WILL BE MADE POSSIBLE SHORTLY WITH THE INTRODUCTION ON JULY 1 OF THE RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION SCHEME AND THE PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME," HE ADDED.

UNDER THESE SCHEMES, THE RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION BOARD, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A SERVING JUDGE, WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, WHILE THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL UNDERTAKE THE CHALLENGING JOB OF SUPERVISING THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS AND ASSISTING THEM TO BECOME USEFUL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

MR BARNES ALSO SAID THAT APART FROM THE CUSTODIAL AND REFORMATIVE FUNCTIONS, THERE WOULD BE OCCASIONS WHEN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED UPON TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN OTHER DUTIES.

"A NOTABLE AND CURRENT EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN RUNNING THE CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, NOW EXTENDED TO COVER ALSO THE NEW DETENTION CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"THE ADDITIONAL WORK AND THE STRAIN ON STAFF RESOURCES WHICH THESE DUTIES IMPOSE ARE VERY CONSIDERABLE," HE SAID.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF FOR THE CO-OPERATION, EFFICIENCY AND FOREBEARANCE THEY DISPLAYED IN PERFORMING THESE ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

"I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, AND STILL AM, GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE ADMIRABLE STANDARDS ACHIEVED IN THE INSTITUTIONS AND BY THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE STAFF," HE ADDED.

TODAY, 32 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE DEPARTMENT'S BASIC TRAINING WERE ON PARADE. THE TWO BEST RECRUITS, MR LAM CHOR-SHING AND MISS LEUNG WAI-CHUN, WERE PRESENTED SILVER WHISTLES BY MR BARNES.

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LEGISLATION IN HAND TO CLOSE UNLICENSED RESTAURANTS

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A BILL SEEKING TO ENABLE STAFF OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS TO PHYSICALLY CLOSE PERSISTENTLY OFFENDING UNLICENSED FOOD PREMISES OR VESSELS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND TO DISCOURAGE OPERATION OF UNLICENSED FOOD BUSINESSES, OPERATORS OF SUCH BUSINESSES WERE CURRENTLY PROSECUTED UNDER THE FOOD BUSINESS (URBAN COUNCIL)/(REGIONAL COUNCIL) BY-LAWS.

"IF THE LICENCE HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED UPON THE SECOND CONVICTION, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WOULD APPLY TO THE COURT FOR A PROHIBITION ORDER UNDER SECTION 128 OF THE ORDINANCE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, PROHIBITION ORDERS HAVE NOT PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN DETERRING THE ILLEGAL FOOD OPERATORS FROM CONTINUING WITH THE UNLICENSED FOOD BUSINESSES.

"SECTION 128 OF THE ORDINANCE EMPOWERS A MAGISTRATE, UPON APPLICATION BY THE URBAN COUNCIL OR REGIONAL COUNCIL, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE PREMISES OR VESSEL FOR ALL OR ANY PURPOSES (A PROHIBITION ORDER), OR TO MAKE AN ORDER TO CLOSE UNLICENSED PREMISES OR VESSELS EITHER WHOLLY OR IN PART (A CLOSURE ORDER).

"AS THIS SECTION CONTAINS NO PROVISION ENABLING THE DEPARTMENTS TO CARRY OUT THE CLOSURE ORDERS BY PHYSICALLY CLOSING PREMISES OR VESSELS, THE LAW HAS TO BE AMENDED TO THIS EFFECT."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURE A CLOSURE ORDER COULD ONLY BE MADE CONSEQUENTIAL TO THE BREACH OF A PROHIBITION ORDER.

HE SAID THE BILL WOULD ALSO INCLUDE A PROVISION REQUIRING THE COURT TO MAKE A PROHIBITION OR CLOSURE ORDER ONLY WHEN IT WAS SATISFIED THAT AT LEAST 14 DAYS' NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE ORDER HAD BEEN GIVEN.

"MOREOVER, THE COURT WOULD PROVIDE ANY INTERESTED PARTY WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD UPON THE MAKING OF A PROHIBITION OR CLOSURE ORDER AND THE OCCUPIER OF THE PREMISES OR VESSEL WOULD THEN HAVE SEVEN DAYS TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER," HE SAID.

"TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENTS IN CARRYING OUT THE CLOSURE ORDERS, AUTHORISED PUBLIC OFFICERS WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO ARREST PERSONS WHO UNLAWFULLY ENTER OR REMAIN ON CLOSED PREMISES OR VESSEL, WITH POLICE ASSISTANCE WHERE NECESSARY."

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FOR THE OFFENCE OF ENTERING OR REMAINING ON ANY PREMISES OR VESSEL UNDER A CLOSURE ORDER, PENALTIES OF A FINE OF \$60,000 AND 12 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT WITH A DAILY FINE OF \$1,000 ARE PROPOSED, IN LINE WITH THE EXISTING MAXIMUM PENALTIES UNDER SECTION 128(3) FOR BREACHING A PROHIBITION OR CLOSURE ORDER.

"IT WOULD ALSO BE AN OFFENCE TO UNLAWFULLY INTERFERE WITH OR REMOVE ANY DEVICE USED FOR CLOSING THE PREMISES OR VESSEL, OR TO REMOVE ANY CLOSURE NOTICE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"PENALTIES OF A FINE OF \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, WHICH ARE THE EXISTING MAXIMUM PENALTY UNDER SECTION 139 FOR OBSTRUCTING OFFICERS IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR DUTY, ARE PROPOSED FOR THESE OFFENCES."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS INTENDED THAT THE LEGISLATION, IF ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WOULD COME INTO OPERATION ON OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

"THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE COURTS AND THE TRADE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE NEW PROVISIONS. IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRE-ENFORCEMENT ACTION," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE SUPPORTED BY BOTH MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 29.

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AMENDMENT SOUGHT TO JUSTICE BILL

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1988 AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE OF THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL IN NEXT WEDNESDAY'S (JUNE 29) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

THE AMENDMENT SEEKS TO AMEND, INSTEAD OF REPEAL TOTALLY AS WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED, SECTION 46 OF THE DISTRICT COURT ORDINANCE WHICH AT PRESENT PREVENTS PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 21 FROM RELYING ON THE COMMON LAW DEFENCES AVAILABLE TO MINORS WHEN THEY ARE SUED FOR DEBT OR OTHER LIABILITIES.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) EXPLAINED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1988 WAS MAINLY AIMED AT INCREASING THE LIMITS OF JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT COURT IN CIVIL MATTERS FROM \$60,000 TO \$120,000 AND OF THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL FROM \$8,000 TO \$15,000.

THE BILL IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM ALSO SEEKS TO REPEAL SECTION 46 OF THE DISTRICT COURT ORDINANCE SO AS TO RESTORE THE COMMON LAW POSITION IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT ON YOUNG PERSONS-EFFECTS OF AGE IN CIVIL LAW PUBLISHED BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION (LRC) IN 1986.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THE REPEAL OF SECTION 46 SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION IN THE REPORT REGARDING THE LOWERING OF THE AGE OF MAJORITY FROM 21 TO 18 YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTUAL LIABILITIES.

AS THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LRC REPORT ARE LIKELY TO BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, IT IS PREFERRABLE TO AMEND SECTION 46 SO AS TO HOLD ITS SCOPE AT THE PRESENT LEVEL, I.E. WHERE THE AMOUNT CLAIMED IS \$60,000 OR LESS, INSTEAD OF REPEALING IT RIGHT AWAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF SECTION 46 WAS NEITHER REPEALED NOR AMENDED, ITS SCOPE WOULD INCREASE WITH THE INCREASE IN THE DISTRICT COURT'S JURISDICTION TO \$120,000 AS EFFECTED BY THE BILL, WHICH WOULD BE A MOVE IN A DIRECTION CONTRARY TO THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

THIS AMENDMENT IS INTENDED AS AN INTERIM MEASURE UNTIL LEGISLATION IS BROUGHT FORWARD TO IMPLEMENT THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S REPORT ON A BROADER BASIS, INCLUDING THE REPEAL OF SECTION 46.

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LEGISLATION ALONE INSUFFICIENT TO ENSURE SAFETY

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THE GOVERNMENT'S ON-GOING PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN RECENT YEARS HAVE NOT ONLY HELPED PROMOTE AMONG EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES A SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND SAFETY-MINDEDNESS IN THE WORKPLACE BUT ALSO FOSTER A GENERAL SAFETY AWARENESS AMONG THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF A DISCUSSION SESSION WITH SOME 50 INDUSTRIALISTS AND TRADE UNIONISTS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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THE EVENT, ENTITLED CONSTRUCTION SAFETY LEGISLATION IN PERSPECTIVE, PROVIDES A FORUM FOR BOTH THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND THOSE WORKING IN THE TRADE TO HAVE AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON SAFETY MATTERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

IN PARTICULAR, SIX SETS OF CONSTRUCTION-RELATED REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE WERE LOOKED INTO IN DEPTH DURING THE SESSION.

THESE WERE:

- * CONSTRUCTION SITES SAFETY REGULATIONS
- * CONFINED SPACES REGULATIONS
- * WORK IN COMPRESSED AIR REGULATIONS
- * CARTRIDGE-OPERATED FIXING TOOLS REGULATIONS
- * SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS REGULATIONS
- * WOODWORKING AND MACHINERY REGULATIONS

MR YIP POINTED OUT THAT WHENEVER A SERIES INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD QUERY ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF THE EXISTING SAFETY REGULATIONS.

AND AT THE SAME TIME THEY WOULD ASK TO STRENGTHEN THE LEGISLATION SO AS TO PROVIDE A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR WORKERS.

"HOWEVER, INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CAUSE OF SUCH ACCIDENTS OFTEN REVEALED THAT THEY WERE LARGELY RESULTED FROM EITHER NON-COMPLIANCE WITH OR NEGLIGENCE OF THE SAFETY REGULATIONS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE," MR YIP SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT WHILE ENFORCEMENT OR ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS FUNDAMENTAL, IT WAS NOT BY ITSELF SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

"IN SHORT, THERE MUST BE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT' EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE TO FOSTER AN ATTITUDE OF MIND FAVOURABLE TO SAFE PRACTICE IN THE WORKPLACE."

MR YIP ASSURED THE GATHERING THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD REVIEW THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LEGISLATION REGULARLY TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS.

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TODAY'S SESSION, THE FIRST OF A SERIES ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

USEFUL VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED ON A VARIETY OF SAFETY MATTERS.

THE NEXT SESSION DEALING WITH HEALTH RELATED LEGISLATION IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

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WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES STATED

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WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR WATERCOURSES IN THE SUBZONES OF THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SUBZONES INCLUDE THE SHING MUN RIVER, TAI PO RIVER, LAM TSUEN RIVER AND ALL OTHER WATERCOURSES IN THE TOLO WATER CONTROL ZONE.

THE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR THESE SUBZONES WERE DECLARED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

THE NOTICE CONTAINS THREE SCHEDULES: THE FIRST ONE STATES THE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES, WHILE THE SECOND AND THIRD DEFINE AND DELINEATE THE SUBZONES.

THE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES ARE INTENDED TO SAFEGUARD THE BENEFICIAL USES OF THE WATERCOURSES. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING DISCHARGES SO THAT THE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES ARE ATTAINED AS SOON AS IS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE.

WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR THE MARINE RECEIVING WATERS OF THE TOLO WATER CONTROL ZONE WERE DECLARED IN JUNE 1982. DECLARATION OF THE NEW WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES AND SUBZONES WILL HELP IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE TOLO WATER CONTROL ZONE.

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\$350M CONTRACT AWARDED FOR NT TRUNK ROAD-6

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WORK ON THE SHA TIN CONNECTION OF TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IS TO START EARLY NEXT MONTH WITH THE AWARD OF A \$350 MILLION CONTRACT TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSTRUCTING TRUNK ROAD T6 AND INTERCHANGES.

THE NEW WORKS WILL SPEED UP TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON AS WELL AS WITHIN THE SHA TIN AREA. CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

THE TRUNK ROAD T6 WILL START FROM TOLO HIGHWAY NEAR THE KCR UNIVERSITY STATION AND SPAN THE SHING MUN RIVER NORTH OF THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TO JOIN MA ON SHAN ROAD NEAR TAI SHUI HANG.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES A 2.2-KILOMETRE DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, 1.4 KILOMETRES OF WHICH WILL BE ELEVATED.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE TWO GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGES AT MA LIU SHUI AND TAI SHUI HANG.

THIS CONTRACT, TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR CONSTRUCTING TRUNK ROAD T5, WILL FORM THE MAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE SHA TIN CONNECTION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

THE CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD TO AREA 73, FOOTPATH, CYCLE-TRACK, A CYCLE SUBWAY, CYCLE PARKS AND A TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE ADJACENT TO THE UNIVERSITY RAILWAY STATION.

IN ADDITION, STANDARD FEATURES SUCH AS EMERGENCY TELEPHONES AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS FOR SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES WILL BE INSTALLED.

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POWER TO HOLD MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS SOUGHT

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AN AMENDMENT BILL WHICH AIMS AT STREAMLINING THE WORKING OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 SEEKS TO PROVIDE POWER TO THE FIVE PROFESSIONAL BOARDS OF THE PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS SET UP UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, TO HOLD EXAMINATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGISTRATION.

THESE EXAMINATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO TEST THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARD OF THOSE APPLICANTS WHO HAVE NO RECOGNISED QUALIFICATION.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT BILL, THE PROFESSIONAL BOARDS OF THE FIVE PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS - PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS, RADIOGRAPHERS AND OPTOMETRISTS - WILL BE EMPOWERED TO DRAW UP THEIR CODES OF PRACTICE TO REGULATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROFESSIONAL PERSONS CONCERNED.

HOWEVER, THE PROFESSIONAL BOARDS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS COUNCIL INFORMED OF SUCH CODES AND SUBSEQUENT REVISIONS.

THE COUNCIL IS SET UP UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE TO CO-ORDINATE AND SUPERVISE THE WORK OF THE FIVE PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONAL BOARDS.

THE BILL WILL ALSO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR APPLICANTS OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION FROM BEING PROSECUTED FOR PRACTISING WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED WHILE THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING PROCESSED.

UNDER THE BILL, PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION STATUS WILL BE GRANTED TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PRACTISING IN THAT PROFESSION FOR MANY YEARS BUT DO NOT HAVE ANY FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS OR TRAINING FOR FULL REGISTRATION.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS TO LAY DOWN RESTRICTIONS ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE WITHOUT SUPERVISION TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC FROM BEING TREATED BY INEXPERIENCED PERSONS.

IT ALSO SEEKS TO EXTEND THE CONTROL TO COVER PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS AND TEACHING INSTITUTES.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 6.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE BILL SHOULD WRITE TO OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, SEVENTH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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FUNCTIONS OF NEW PLACEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE DISABLED UNDERLINED

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THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED CO-ORDINATED REFERRAL SYSTEM FOR DISABLED ADULTS ENABLES THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO PLAN AND OPERATE REHABILITATION FACILITIES EFFICIENTLY AND ACCURATELY, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT SCHOOL SPEECH DAY OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, MR LAW SAID THE NEW SYSTEM, WHICH HAD BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE APRIL, HELPED MONITOR THE ADMISSION OF THE DISABLED INTO REHABILITATION FACILITIES SUCH AS SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES AND HOSTELS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN THE PAST, REFERRALS AND PLACEMENTS FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES WERE CO-ORDINATED AT DISTRICT LEVEL BY THE SWD'S REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY PEOPLE OFFICES WHILE APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WERE HANDLED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

THE SITUATION WAS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY SOME AGENCIES KEEPING THEIR OWN WAITING LISTS AND THE DIFFERENT ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES.

"WITH THE NEW SYSTEM, ALL DISABLED PEOPLE WHO REQUIRE PLACEMENTS IN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES OR HOSTELS NOW NEED ONLY TO FILL IN ONE COMPUTERISED APPLICATION FORM AND THEN BE PROVIDED WITH THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS," MR LAW SAID.

"UNDER THIS SYSTEM, A SIMILAR ADMISSION CRITERION IS ADOPTED BY FACILITIES RENDERING THE SAME KIND OF SERVICE SO THAT ALL APPLICANTS HAVE AN EQUAL CHANCE OF BEING SERVED.

"THIS SYSTEM, WHICH KEEPS INFORMATION ON ALL THE VACANCIES, WILL ALSO ENSURE MAXIMUM UTILISATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND HELP MINIMISE WAITING TIME AS THE WAITING LIST IS CO-ORDINATED CENTRALLY," HE SAID.

"THE SETTING UP OF THIS SYSTEM FULLY DEMONSTRATES THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PLAN AND DEVELOP ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED AND I HOPE ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WILL CONTINUE TO CO-OPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO FURTHER IMPROVE AND PROMOTE SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED," HE ADDED.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR URBAN RENEWAL AND REPLANNING

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THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PROVIDES AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO FACILITATE THE RENEWAL AND REPLANNING OF LARGE TRACTS OF CONGESTED URBAN HONG KONG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON VALUE ENGINEERING ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS, SIR DAVID SAID THE REDEVELOPMENT OF ABOUT 500 BLOCKS IN 40 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES INVOLVING 0.8 MILLION PEOPLE WOULD BE A POWERFUL FORCE FOR CHANGE AND THEIR VALUE WENT FAR BEYOND JUST THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTUAL ESTATES.

"WE ARE WELL ON THE WAY WITH REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF ALL OUR OLDER WORN OUT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THESE ESTATES ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY EXPENSIVE TO MAINTAIN AND OCCUPY LAND IN THE HEART OF URBAN HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THEIR INTRINSIC VALUE TO SOCIETY WILL BE MUCH INCREASED IF THEY CAN BE REDEVELOPED TO PROVIDE MODERN AND UP-TO-DATE LIVING," HE ADDED.

BUT SIR DAVID WARNED THAT IN ACHIEVING ECONOMIES OF DESIGN, SAFETY AND DURABILITY MUST NOT BE SACRIFICED AS THERE HAD BEEN TOO MANY EXAMPLES IN HONG KONG OF POOR DESIGN AND BAD CONSTRUCTION WHICH PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE IN THE LONG RUN.

"THE EXERCISE OF SOUND PLANNING, VALUE ENGINEERING AND VALUE MANAGEMENT, COUPLED WITH PRUDENT COST ANALYSIS IS THEREFORE CRITICAL TO OUR OPERATION AND OUR SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING OUR GOALS," HE SAID.

ON THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY, SIR DAVID SAID ONE KEY OBJECTIVE IS TO PROMOTE AN EQUITABLE AND EFFICIENT USE OF SCARCE RESOURCES.

THIS, HE SAID, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SOCIAL STABILITY AND SENSE OF BELONGING BY SECURING BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE NEEDY AND MAXIMISING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HOME PURCHASE.

"IN OTHER WORDS WE HAVE SET OURSELVES THE TASK OF MEETING SOCIALLY DESIRABLE OBJECTIVES IN THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE MANNER.

"THIS IS A DIFFICULT BALANCE TO ACHIEVE AND REQUIRES US TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC SUBSIDY IS DIRECTED TO THOSE MOST IN NEED, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TAKING STEPS TO KEEP A TIGHT REIN ON EXPENDITURE," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN RELEASING SCARCE RESOURCES TO DIVERT TO THOSE MORE IN NEED, THERE IS VALUE IN PROVIDING HOUSING SO THAT ALL WHO WISH TO PURCHASE A FLAT CAN DO SO.

HE EXPLAINED THAT EVERY FLAT THAT IS PURCHASED, EITHER IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, OR UNDER THE ASSISTED HOME PURCHASE SCHEMES, RELEASES RESOURCES FOR THE PROVISION OF RENTAL HOUSING TO THOSE WHO GENUINELY CANNOT AFFORD TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN LIVING ACCOMMODATION.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MAY PUBLISHED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MAY 1988.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR MAY 1988 WERE 116.1 AND 116.4 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 7.1 PER CENT AND 7.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER MAY 1987.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE CPI(A) SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE AND THE CPI(B) INCREASED BY 0.2 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MAY 1988, AT 112.5 AND 112.6 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 6.5 PER CENT AND 6.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MAY 1987.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED MAY 1988, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.7 PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

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CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR MAY 1988 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988 AND MAY 1987, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)
CPI(A) CPI(B)

SECTION	INDEX FOR MAY 88	PER CENT CHANGE OVER APR. 88	PER CENT CHANGE OVER MAY 87	INDEX FOR MAY 88	PER CENT CHANGE OVER APR. 88	PER CENT CHANGE OVER MAY 87
FOOTSTUFFS	113.9	-0.8	+9.3	114.8	-0.5	+9.4
HOUSING	112.9	+0.1	+3.1	110.3	+0.2	+2.8
FUEL AND LIGHT	93.4	+0.4	+0.9	93.9	+0.5	+0.7
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	124.1	+0.3	+6.5	124.8	+0.4	+7.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	125.6	+1.8	+8.8	128.0	+1.7	+9.3
DURABLE GOODS	118.3	+1.6	+6.3	117.5	+1.5	+6.4
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	121.5	+0.2	+5.1	121.7	+0.3	+5.7
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	120.2	+1.0	+4.3	119.4	+1.0	+4.8
SERVICES	125.1	+0.3	+8.7	124.8	+0.3	+9.1
ALL ITEMS	116.1	-0.0*	+7.1	116.4	+0.2	+7.0

* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

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THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH, SHRIMPS, CRABS AND FRESH-WATER FISH, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE INCREASE IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.7 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER MTR FARES.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR MAY 1988, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HNG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 121.2 IN MAY 1988, UP BY 0.9 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1988 AND UP BY 8.5 PER CENT OVER MAY 1987.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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TAI PO DFCC MEMBERS VISIT POLICE STATION

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE VISITED THE NEW TAI PO DISTRICT POLICE STATION THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE VISIT WAS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE MEMBERS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT POLICE STATION IN ON PO LANE.

LED BY THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LIM SAK-YEUNG, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, THE MEMBERS TOURED THE 16-STOREY COMPLEX WHICH IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE TAI PO POLICE DISTRICT THAT WAS CREATED EARLY THIS YEAR.

THEY SAW THE REPORT ROOM, ARMOURY STORE, DATANET ROOM, BRIEFING ROOM AND IDENTIFICATION PARADE ROOM.

THE NEW BUILDING PROVIDES IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR THE 370 POLICE AND CIVILIAN STAFF EMPLOYED TO SERVE THE PUBLIC IN THE DISTRICT.

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WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW TERM ON MONDAY (JUNE 27).

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE RESUMPTION COMPENSATION FOR NEW KOWLOON INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS, AND WILL BE BRIEFED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH, ON THE BACKGROUND AND THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE ISSUE.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND APPROACHES, AND THE PHASE IV CLEARANCE WHICH WILL MAKE WAY FOR THE ROADWORK SCHEME CONNECTING THE TUNNEL PORTAL AT THE JUNCTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND HAMMER HILL ROAD.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION AT THE MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND SQUATTER COMMERCIAL OPERATORS AFFECTED BY THE TUNNEL PROJECT.

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A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL CLEARANCE WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (JUNE 27) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, KOWLOON.

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DTC REGISTRATION SUSPENDED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE HAD SUSPENDED THE REGISTRATION OF HOARESTOTT FINANCE LTD AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF MIDLAND MONTAGU (ASIA) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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PUBLICITY BUS TO PROMOTE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

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A SPECIALLY DECORATED PUBLICITY BUS WILL TOUR THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO AROUSE LOCAL RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND TO PUBLICISE THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988.

THE BUS WILL STOP AT BUSY SPOTS TO BROADCAST THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988 THEME SONG, AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC TO REINFORCE THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY MESSAGE.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN, BEFORE THE TOUR BEGINS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, MR S.L. WAN; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; AND ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA.

ALSO TAKING PART WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHI-KEUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988, MR MAK KING-LUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN, AND THEN TO JOIN THE PUBLICITY TOUR.

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HEALTHY SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KWUN TONG YOUTH

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG WILL BE ABLE TO SPEND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY SUMMER HOLIDAY BY PARTICIPATING IN THE EIGHT-WEEK KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME 1988 WHICH WILL START ON JULY 3 (SUNDAY).

AROUND 400 EVENTS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WITH SPONSORSHIP OF \$485,000 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE EVENTS INCLUDE SPORTS ACTIVITIES, YOUTH CAMPS, TRAINING COURSES, COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND COMPETITIONS.

THESE EVENTS, CARRYING THE CENTRAL THEME OF "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

THE COLOURFUL PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN WITH A WATER CARNIVAL ON JULY 3 WHEN 600 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO SHARE THE FUN AT THE KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE OPENING EVENT, WHICH WILL FEATURE SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING DEMONSTRATIONS AND VARIOUS COMPETITIONS, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO SAUDI ARABIA EXTENDED

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO SAUDI ARABIA WHICH IS AT PRESENT AVAILABLE TO 27 CITIES WILL BE EXTENDED TO TWO MORE CITIES, NAMELY KHAFJI AND QATEEF, FROM MONDAY (JUNE 27), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE 29 CITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA TO WHICH SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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JUBAIL SINAIYA

AHSSA

KHAFJI

AL BIKEIRIYA

KHAMIS - MUSHAYT

AL KHARJ

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AL MEDHNAB	MAKKAH
ALBAHA	MEDINA
ARRAS	QATEEF
BALGURASHI	RIYADH
BUREIDA	SAKAKA
DAMMAM	TABOUK
DHAHRAN	TAIF
GIZAN	UNIEZA
HAIL	YANBU
JEDDAH	YANBU SINAIYA
JUBAIL	

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8683868.

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DRAFT MID-LEVELS WEST OZP AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT MID-LEVELS WEST OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD EXPLAINED THAT THE PLAN WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE "PUBLIC CAR PARK" USE IN THE SECOND COLUMN OF THE NOTES OF THE "COMMERCIAL" ZONE.

THIS IS TO ALLOW FOR PROVISION OF CAR-PARKING FACILITIES IN THE "COMMERCIAL" ZONE THROUGH PLANNING APPLICATION TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

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THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT:

- * TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG
- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG
- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY JULY 7 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE MAP SALES COUNTER, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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RECLAMATION OF LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL USE PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 5.15 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT JUNK BAY.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES WHICH IS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

THE WORK WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE. THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT:

- * THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 23 THIS YEAR.

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ACCESS TO YUEN LONG VILLAGES TO BE IMPROVED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD NEW ROADS, BRIDGES, FOOTBRIDGES AND FOOTPATHS IN TWO AREAS IN YUEN LONG TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE DRAINAGE CHANNELS FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES AND TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE NEARBY VILLAGES.

OF THE TWO AREAS, ONE IS NEAR FUI SHA WAI, HUNG UK TSUEN AND TAI TO TSUEN; AND THE OTHER IS NEAR TIN SAM, SIK KONG WAI AND TSEUNG KONG WAI.

THE PROPOSED PROJECTS ARE ANCILLARY TO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE STREAM COURSES NEAR THE TWO AREAS.

SOME EXISTING MINOR BRIDGES AND STRETCHES OF EXISTING FOOTPATHS AND TRACKS WILL BE CLOSED AND REPLACED. HOWEVER, PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION.

DETAILS OF THE WORKS IN THE TWO AREAS ARE PUBLISHED IN TWO NOTICES RESPECTIVELY IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). NOTICES IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE CAN BE SEEN ON THE NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITES OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLANS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, NINTH TO 11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 23, 1988.

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LAND IN SHA TAU KOK TO BE RESUMED

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TWELVE LOTS OF LAND, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 544 SQUARE METRES, IN SHA TAU KOK WILL BE RESUMED FOR DEVELOPMENT.

THE LAND, COMPRISING 10 VILLAGE HOUSE LOTS OF 422.6 SQUARE METRES AND TWO AGRICULTURAL LOTS OF 121.4 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE III OF THE SHA TAU KOK DEVELOPMENT.

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THE ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR C.M. MO, SAID THE DEVELOPMENT INVOLVED THE FORMATION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINS AND SEWERS.

IT ALSO INVOLVED PROVISION OF A COMPOSITE MARKET AND FISH MARKET, SEA WALL AND WATER FRONT PROMENADE, CARPARKS, BUS STATIONS AND PERMANENT SHELTER ANCHORAGE.

"THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND WILL PROVIDE INCREASED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WITHIN THE SHA TAU KOK AREA AND THE WORKS WILL IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

THE WORKS WILL TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON

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MOTORISTS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC CHANGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN HO MAN TIN, TSIM SHA TSUI AND WONG TAI SIN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 27), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

IN HO MAN TIN, TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS, SHEUNG FOO STREET WILL BE CONVERTED FROM TWO-WAY OPERATION INTO ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FROM FAT KWONG STREET TOWARDS SHEUNG SHING STREET.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL BE AFFECTED AT THE SAME TIME. KMB ROUTES NO. 7B, 8 AND 18 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO HUNG HOM FERRY, STAR FERRY AND OI MAN RESPECTIVELY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FAT KWONG STREET DIRECT, WHILE ROUTE NO. 17 ON ITS JOURNEY TO OI MAN WILL HAVE TO OPERATE VIA SHEUNG SHING STREET AND FAT KWONG STREET.

A BUS STOP FOR THESE FOUR ROUTES WILL BE PROVIDED ON FAT KWONG STREET EASTBOUND TO THE EAST OF SHEUNG SHING STREET.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 8 AND 28M ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO TSIM SHA TSUI AND MONG KOK RESPECTIVELY WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA SHEUNG SHING STREET AND FAT KWONG STREET.

IN ADDITION, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND FOR RED MINIBUSES LOCATED NEAR BLOCK 5 OF HO MAN TIN ESTATE WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO SHEUNG FOO STREET NEAR BLOCK 6 FOR ABOUT ONE-AND-A-HALF MONTHS.

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IN TSIM SHA TSUI, THE SECTION OF PEKING ROAD BETWEEN HANKOW ROAD AND KOWLOON PARK DRIVE WILL BE MADE A DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY (7 AM TO 7 PM) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

IN WONG TAI SIN, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AT FUNG TAK ROAD AND SHATIN PASS ROAD:

- * YING FUNG LANE WILL BE CONVERTED FROM TWO-WAY WORKING INTO ONE-WAY ANTICLOCKWISE WITH ITS ENTRANCE AT THE WESTERN END AND THE EXIT AT THE EASTERN END.
- * VEHICLES AT THE EASTERN END OF YING FUNG LANE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ONLY ONTO FUNG TAK ROAD WESTBOUND.
- * VEHICLES ON SOUTHBOUND SHATIN PASS ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH FUNG TAK ROAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ONTO FUNG TAK ROAD EASTBOUND ONLY, WHILE THOSE ON EASTBOUND SHATIN PASS ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH FUNG TAK ROAD WILL BE ABLE TO TURN LEFT ONLY ONTO SHATIN PASS ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 27) FOR FOUR WEEKS TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN-LAYING WORKS.

ALL VEHICLES OVER SEVEN METRES LONG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM EASTBOUND JOHNSTON ROAD TO NORTHBOUND FLEMING ROAD.

THOSE LONG VEHICLES ON EASTBOUND JOHNSTON ROAD CAN JOIN HENNESSY ROAD VIA THE ROAD JUNCTION NEAR STEWART ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF FLEMING ROAD BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND THOMSON ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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WATER CUT IN TAI PO

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JUNE 27) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT TAI YUEN ESTATE, ON CHEUNG ROAD, ON CHEE ROAD, ON TAI ROAD, ON PONG ROAD AND TAI PO CENTRE.

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