



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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REPORT ON SOCIAL CAUSES OF CRIME
SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT
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FAMILY CONDITIONS, LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND CERTAIN ASPECT OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM HAVE BEEN LISTED AS AMONG THE LONG-TERM FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY IN HONG KONG.

AT THE SAME TIME, DROPPING OUT FROM SCHOOL AND INVOLVEMENT WITH TRIAD SOCIETIES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE IMPORTANT IMMEDIATE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO CRIME AND DELIQUENCY.

THESE ARE AMONG THE FINDINGS OF A RESEARCH PROJECT INTO THE SOCIAL BACKGROUND OF YOUNG OFFENDERS IN HONG KONG. THE PROJECT WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE SOCIAL RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SOCIAL CAUSES OF CRIME IN DECEMBER 1973.

THE STUDY HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED AND ITS FINDINGS JUST SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE NOW BEING RELEASED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMENT.

ALTHOUGH THE FINDINGS ILLUSTRATE THAT CERTAIN FACTORS ARE OF MORE SIGNIFICANCE IN INDICATING A PREDILECTION TO CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR, IT HAS NOT BEEN PROVED CONCLUSIVELY THAT ANY ONE SINGLE FACTOR IS OF OVERWHELMING IMPORTANCE.

IN FACT, THE REPORT STATES THAT BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THIS RESEARCH, +THE CAUSES OF CRIME AND DELIQUENCY ARE MULTIFACTORIAL+.

THE AUTHOR OF THE REPORT SAYS IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO SINGLE OUT ANY ONE FACTOR FROM ITS PROPER CONTEXT AND ATTACH UNDUE SIGNIFICANCE TO IT, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE RECENT PRESS COVERAGE ON THE CONNECTION BETWEEN YOUNG OFFENDERS AND +KUNG FU+ CLUBS.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT, 479 YOUNG OFFENDERS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 20 AND 491 NON-OFFENDERS OF THE SAME AGE WHO SERVED AS THE CONTROL GROUP, WERE INTERVIEWED BY THE RESEARCH TEAM.

THEY WERE ASKED QUESTIONS ON THEIR FAMILY BACKGROUND, LIVING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT, SCHOOLING, EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, ATTACHMENT TO FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES, FREE TIME ACTIVITIES, EXPOSURE TO MASS MEDIA AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ATTITUDES.

DEALING WITH FAMILY CONDITIONS, THE REPORT NOTES THAT THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF WEAKER FAMILY BONDS BETWEEN OFFENDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

MOST OF THEM WERE REPORTED TO HAVE COME FROM BROKEN HOMES OR UNHAPPY FAMILIES WITH UNFAVOURABLE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS AND WITH A RELATIVELY LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT AT THE MOST, FAMILY CONDITION COULD JUST BE CONSIDERED A LONG TERM FACTOR LEADING TO CRIME.

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REFERRING TO TRIAD INVOLVEMENT AS AN IMMEDIATE FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENT ACTS, IT SAYS THAT OUT OF 479 OFFENDERS, 246 HAD CONNECTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF TRIAD SOCIETIES AND 181 WERE ACTUALLY TRIAD MEMBERS. THIS LEAVES ONLY 52 OFFENDERS +UNSCATHED BY TRIADS.+

AS GANG FIGHTING IS ONE OF THE COMMON ACTIVITIES AMONG TRIAD SOCIETIES, THE REPORT ADDS THAT INVOLVEMENT IN TRIADS +CAN BE SAFELY CONSIDERED A FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENT ACTIVITIES PARTICULARLY WHEN THIS INVOLVEMENT WAS REPORTED BEFORE THE OFFENCES WERE COMMITTED.+

THE REPORT SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO THE DATA GATHERED, ASPECTS OF THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM +SEEM TO HAVE PRODUCED SOME NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE YOUNGSTERS+.

MOST OF THE OFFENDERS REPORTED THAT THEY DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY FOUND SCHOOL LIFE DULL AND UNINTERESTING, OR BECAUSE THEY WERE UNABLE TO CATCH UP AND HAD NO MOTIVATION TO STUDY.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT BEING POORLY EQUIPPED WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL, THEY WERE LIKELY TO TAKE UP EARLY EMPLOYMENT, RECEIVING LOW WAGES AND WORKING UNDER POOR CONDITIONS.

+BEING FRUSTRATED BY THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, THEY TENDED TO DRIFT FROM JOB TO JOB OR REMAINED IDLE. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THEY WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER THE TRIAD ELEMENTS WHO THEY WOULD VIEW AS DARING AND EXCITING AND THUS BECOME DELIQUENTS,+ IT SAID.

ON THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT, THE REPORT SAID IT HAS OFTEN BEEN ASSUMED THAT A POOR LIVING ENVIRONMENT IS THE BREEDING GROUND FOR JUVENILE DELIQUENTS, AND IS TREATED AS AN IMPORTANT INTERVENING VARIABLE IN THE LINKING UP OF FAMILY CONDITIONS, EDUCATIONAL CONTROL, PEER GROUP ASSOCIATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

IT CONTINUES: +WE FIND THE OFFENDERS WERE MORE SATISFIED THAN THE NON-OFFENDERS TOWARDS THE SPACE OUTSIDE THE HOUSE AND THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BECAUSE THEY WERE REPORTED TO MAKE USE OF THESE FACILITIES MORE THAN THE NON-OFFENDERS.

+BEING MORE OUTGOING AND ADVENTUROUS THE OFFENDERS INDICATED THEIR INTEREST IN PLAYING BALL IN THE PLAYGROUND IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THUS ENCOUNTERED THEIR TRIAD FRIENDS AND LATER BECAME INVOLVED IN TRIADS THEMSELVES.+

HAVING IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF FACTORS AS POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTORS TO CRIME, THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT SEVERAL PREVENTIVE MEASURES BE ADOPTED.

AS FAMILY CONDITION MAY BECOME ONE OF THE LONG TERM CAUSATIVE FACTORS OF DELIQUENCY, THE REPORT SUGGESTS THAT FAMILY SERVICE AGENCIES SHOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING +FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION+ TO PARENTS SO THAT THEY MAY BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN.

BY DOING THIS, PARENTS MAY ACQUIRE MORE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN SUPERVISING THEIR CHILDREN, IT ADDS.

THE REPORT ALSO SAYS IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO BE INFORMED ON THE ESSENTIAL AND CHANGING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FAMILY IN MODERN SOCIETY. IT RECOMMENDS THAT THE +FAMILY IN A CHANGING WORLD+ COULD WELL BE INTRODUCED AS A COMPULSORY SUBJECT IN SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULA.

MORE NURSERIES AND PLAY CENTRES SHOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED IN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY CARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 OF WORKING MOTHERS.

ON THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT, THE REPORT NOTES THAT AS OVERCROWDEDNESS OF SOME OF THE PRIVATE HOUSING PREMISES ARE LIKELY BREEDING GROUNDS OF DELINQUENCY, THE RESTRUCTURING OF SUCH HOUSING CONDITIONS OR RELOCATION OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN CROWDED SPACES IS RECOMMENDED AS A MEASURE TO MINIMISE THE DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIAL DELIQUENTS.

WITH REGARD TO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM THE REPORT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SUGGESTS THAT THE +DIRECT+ PROMOTION SCHEME IN PRIMARY SCHOOL BE ABOLISHED AND REPLACED BY A BETTER +EVALUATIVE SYSTEM+ ON PUPILS' PERFORMANCES.

IT ADDS THAT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO MINIMISE SCHOOL DROP OUTS, BUT FOR THOSE WHO DO, A MECHANISM OF CLOSER CHECKING IS RECOMMENDED. IN THIS WAY IT IS HOPED THAT DROP OUTS WOULD BE CHANNELLED INTO VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SO THEY COULD BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO GET JOBS AT FAIR WAGES.

ON YOUTH WORK, THE REPORT RECOMMENDS A THOROUGH EVALUATION AND REORIENTATION OF THE EXISTING YOUTH SERVICES, AND THAT AN OVERALL YOUTH POLICY BE FORMULATED BY THE GOVERNMENT SO THAT THERE IS BETTER CO-ORDINATION AND COOPERATION IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE YOUNG IN HONG KONG.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, IT SUGGESTED THAT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON YOUTH SERVICES BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS AN +OUT-REACH YOUTH PROGRAMME+ IS ALSO RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT FOR BOTH PRE-DELINQUENT AND DELINQUENT YOUTHS AS AN ALTERNATIVE SERVICE TO YOUTH CENTRES. HOWEVER, IT NOTES THAT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND PLANNING IS NECESSARY BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS NEW SCHEME ON A LARGE SCALE.

THE REPORT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TAKE MORE ACTIVE STEPS TO CONTROL ALL UNDESIRABLE TRIAD GANGS, AND THAT FURTHER RESEARCH SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO STUDIES ON FREE TIME ACTIVITIES AND THE MASS MEDIA.

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COMMENTING ON THE REPORT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SOCIAL CAUSES OF CRIME, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, HOPED ITS PUBLICATION WOULD STIMULATE DISCUSSION ON THE FACTORS WHICH LED YOUNG PEOPLE TO TURN TO CRIME AND DELIQUENT ACTIVITY.

+GENERALLY SPEAKING THE FINDINGS DEMONSTRATED BY SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS THE VALIDITY OF WHAT HAD PREVIOUSLY ONLY BEEN SUBJECTIVE PRECONCEPTIONS ON THE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO DELIQUENCY,+ HE SAID.

AS THE REPORT WAS STILL BEING STUDIED, MR. SWEETMAN THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO MAKE DETAILED COMMENTS, BUT TWO POINTS WERE WORTH NOTHING: THE INDICATION THAT YOUNG OFFENDERS SEEMED TO BE MORE SATISFIED WITH THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT= AND THE RELATIVE SATISFACTION WITH THEIR HOME AND EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT EXPRESSED BY BOTH OFFENDERS AND NON-OFFENDERS WHO LIVED IN PUBLIC LOW COST HOUSING ESTATES COMPARED WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS, NOT ONLY THOSE IN SQUATTER AND EX-RESETTLEMENT HOUSING BUT ALSO THOSE LIVING IN PRIVATE HOUSING.

HE ADDED THAT THE HEADS OF ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS WERE NOW STUDYING THE REPORT AND WOULD ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION PUBLIC COMMENTS.

+THEY WILL REVIEW THEIR POLICIES TO SEE WHETHER ANY CHANGE IN DIRECTION OR EMPHASIS MAY BE EFFECTIVE NOT ONLY IN REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF CRIME AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT AS A MORE POSITIVE MEASURES IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE STYLES OF THOSE WHO LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY.+

MR. SWEETMAN SAID THAT A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT HAD ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INVOLVED EITHER BEFORE OR DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO AIRPORT COACH SERVICES
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A SERIES OF NEW INNOVATIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE TWO AIRPORT COACH SERVICES TO TSIM SHA TSUI AND CENTRAL ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) TO MAKE THEM MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR AIR TRAVELLERS, WELL-WISHERS AND AIRPORT STAFF.

THE CHANGES WILL FEATURE THE PROVISION OF FREE LUGGAGE SPACE AND LARGE IDENTIFICATION BOARDS ON THE COACHES, REVISED ROUTING, DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AND A TICKET-INFORMATION KIOSK AT THE AIRPORT, BILINGUAL INFORMATION SIGNS AT EACH BUS STOP, A STANDARD TERM AND SYMBOL FOR THE SERVICES, AND LEAFLETS.

THESE HAVE BEEN PLANNED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY AND HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE AIRPORT COACH SERVICES, ROUTES 200 AND 201, WHICH WERE INTRODUCED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT, HAD NOT BEEN FULLY UTILISED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SUCCESS IN THE TWO EXPERIMENTAL SERVICES WOULD NOT ONLY MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO GET AIRPORT TRANSPORT BUT ALSO GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS ELIMINATING COMPLAINTS ABOUT OVERCHARGING BY TAXIS AT THE AIRPORT AND MAINTAINING THE GOOD IMAGE OF HONG KONG AS A TOURIST CENTRE.

THE PROMOTIONAL MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, WOULD ENABLE INTENDING PASSENGERS TO READILY IDENTIFY THE COACH SERVICES BOTH AT THE AIRPORT AND ALONG THEIR ROUTES.

+WITH THE KIOSK AT THE AIRPORT, IT WILL NO LONGER BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE INFORMATION ON THE SERVICES, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT KMB HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE LUGGAGE SPACE ON THE COACHES WHICH SHOULD PROVE MOST CONVENIENT FOR THE PASSENGERS,+ HE SAID.

THE AIRPORT COACHES WILL HAVE A LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT NEAR THE ENTRANCE. THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE BY REMOVING TWO FRONT SEATS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE DRIVER'S SEAT. THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR LUGGAGE.

THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WILL PUT UP DIRECTIONAL SIGNS INSIDE THE ARRIVAL HALL SHOWING WHERE THE COACH TERMINUS IS LOCATED.

THE INFORMATION KIOSK, WHICH WILL BE SET UP IN THE ARRIVAL HALL OPPOSITE THE CUSTOMS EXIT AND MANNED BY A KMB STAFF, WILL ALSO PRE-SELL TICKETS.

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EACH AIRPORT COACH STOP WILL HAVE A LARGE SIGN GIVING INFORMATION, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, ON FARES, FREQUENCY AND TIME OF THE FIRST AND LAST RUNS. THIS, TOGETHER WITH A WAISTBAND-LENGTH BOARD MOUNTED ON EACH COACH, WILL PROVIDE EASY IDENTIFICATION.

AN ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION MEASURE IS THAT ALL PUBLICITY MATERIAL WILL CARRY A STANDARD TERM AIRPORT COACH SERVICE AND A SYMBOL WHICH FEATURES AN AEROPLANE.

KMB HAS ALSO PREPARED COPIES OF AN INFORMATION AND ROUTE LEAFLET FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE AIRPORT KIOSK AND HOTELS.

ROUTES WILL BE REVISED TO OPERATE VIA BETTER PICK-UP POINTS MORE CONVENIENT TO INTENDING PASSENGERS.

ROUTE 200 RUNNING BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL TRAVEL AIRPORT-BOUND VIA ICE HOUSE STREET, CHATER ROAD, MURRAY ROAD, QUEENSWAY, HENNESSY ROAD, GREAT GEORGE STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND HONG CHONG ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD AND OLYMPIC AVENUE IN KOWLOON. JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL WILL ALSO OPERATE VIA ARGYLE STREET AND HENNESSY ROAD. THE FARE IS \$3.

ROUTE 201 TRAVELLING BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI AND THE AIRPORT WILL OPERATE AIRPORT-BOUND VIA SALISBURY ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, WUHU STREET, MA TAU WEI ROAD, TO KWA WAN ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, AND OLYMPIC AVENUE.

ON RETURN JOURNEYS, COACHES WILL TRAVEL VIA MA TAU WEI ROAD, WUHU STREET, CHATHAM ROAD, CARNARVON ROAD, KIMBERLEY ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD. THE FARE IS \$1.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE COACH STOP INFORMATION SIGN, A KMB STAFF WHO WILL MAN THE AIRPORT KIOSK, AND THE AIRPORT COACH WITH THE WAISTBAND BOARD, ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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FRANCIS TIEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF H.K. TRAINING COUNCIL
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR. FRANCIS Y.H. TIEN, WILL BE THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 12 THIS YEAR.

HE WILL SUCCEED MR. ANN TSE-KAI WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

MR. TIEN, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MANHATTAN GARMENTS LTD., HAS BEEN A LEADER OF HONG KONG'S CLOTHING INDUSTRY FOR SOME 20 YEARS. HE JOINED THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS A FOUNDER MEMBER -- THE PREDECESSOR OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL -- IN 1965.

HE IS A FELLOW OF THE CLOTHING INSTITUTE, A MEMBER OF THE TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD, HAS BEEN VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SINCE 1970, AND IS ONE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

HE HAS BEEN THE LEADING PIONEER IN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY. HE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE OF THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND IS NOW THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL.

AS SUCH, HE PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE SPECIAL MANPOWER SURVEYS OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY CARRIED OUT BY THE TRAINING COUNCIL TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

HE HAS BEEN THE ARCHITECT OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTORY TRAINING SCHEME WHICH GREW OUT OF THE RESULTS OF THOSE SURVEYS, AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY.

THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING A LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE TRAINING SCHEME AND ITS FINANCING THROUGH A LEVY ON EXPORT CLOTHING WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RECENTLY, AND THE STATUTORY BODY TO SUCCEED THE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY AND IMPLEMENT THE SCHEME WILL BE ESTABLISHED SOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF MR. TIEN'S PHOTOGRAPH ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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PROPOSED RECLAMATION OFF TO KWA WAN

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PLANS ARE IN HAND TO RECLAIM ABOUT 12.44 ACRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED ALONG TO KWA WAN IN KOWLOON FOR COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT PART OF THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE LEASED TO THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LTD. IN EXCHANGE FOR A NEARBY PIECE OF LAND NOW OCCUPIED BY THE COMPANY TO THE WEST OF THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE COMPANY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECLAMATION WORK WITHIN THE AREA AS WELL AS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FULL LENGTH OF SEAWALL REQUIRED FOR THE RECLAMATION PROJECT.

AS THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE WILL REDUCE THE SEAFRONT NOW HELD BY THE COMPANY BY MORE THAN HALF, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO LEASE TO THE COMPANY ANOTHER AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED ADJACENT TO THE RECLAMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PIER TO BE USED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NEW LOT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THE EXCHANGE WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO COMPLETE THE FULL RECLAMATION FASTER THAN PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED AND THUS MAKE LAND AVAILABLE EARLIER FOR OPEN SPACE AND FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY PURPOSES TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN SEPARATE NOTICES PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

ANYONE WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS OR CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

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GOVERNOR RECEIVES TELEPHONE INQUIRY REPORT

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THE REPORT OF THE TELEPHONE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON BY THE COMMISSION'S CHAIRMAN, SIR ALASTAIR BLAIR-KERR.

THE REPORT, IN TWO VOLUMES TOTALLING ALMOST 1,000 PAGES, IS A RESULT OF SIX MONTHS EXHAUSTIVE INQUIRIES INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY.

THE COMMISSION WAS APPOINTED ON FEBRUARY 21 AND HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON MARCH 3. DURING THE COURSE OF THE INQUIRY A NUMBER OF PUBLIC MEETINGS WERE HELD AT WHICH REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY PEOPLE FROM MANY WALKS OF LIFE.

AS EARLIER ANNOUNCED, IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PUBLISH THE REPORT IN DUE COURSE. IT WILL BE FOR THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON THE DATE OF PUBLICATION.

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SECTION OF WELLINGTON STR. TO BE CLOSED
FOR ABOUT A MONTH
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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE SECTION OF WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN ABERDEEN STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FROM NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE THE EXISTING SKYLIGHTS OF AN UNDERGROUND LATRINE BELOW WELLINGTON STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE REMOVED AND THE OPENING REPLACED BY CONCRETE SLABS.

AT THE SAME TIME THE SECTION OF WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN COCHRANE STREET AND ABERDEEN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, WHILE THE SECTION OF COCHRANE STREET BETWEEN WELLINGTON STREET AND STANLEY STREET WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

THE EXISTING MINIBUS STAND ON WELLINGTON STREET WEST OF PEEL STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE AND APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO CAUSE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN WELLINGTON STREET AND COCHRANE STREET. MOTORISTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO AVOID USING THESE AREAS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

MEANWHILE, MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE SLIP ROAD OF HARCOURT ROAD BETWEEN THE WESTERN END OF THE POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS AND COTTON TREE DRIVE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT CONTRACTOR VEHICLES FROM 8 A.M. NEXT MONDAY.

THE CLOSURE -- FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS -- IS TO FACILITATE PRE-CONTRACT UTILITY DIVERSION WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

THE EX-NAVAL DOCKYARD OPEN-AIR CARPARK AND THE METERED OMNIBUS PARKING SPACES NEARBY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DURING THE SAME PERIOD. ALTERNATIVE PARKING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE NEW RODNEY BLOCK SHOULD ENTER AND EXIT FROM QUEENSWAY.

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JUNE G.C.E. RESULTS AVAILABLE
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THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND THE ASSOCIATED EXAMINING BOARD
G.C.E. JUNE 1975 'O' AND 'A' LEVEL RESULTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

STUDENTS WHO ENTERED AS SCHOOL CANDIDATES SHOULD CONTACT THEIR
SCHOOLS FOR THEIR RESULTS. PRIVATE CANDIDATES ARE BEING NOTIFIED
INDIVIDUALLY BY POST.

PRIVATE CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THEIR RESULTS BY FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5, MAY TELEPHONE THE EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS SECTION,
EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 3-686864 OR 3-688704.

THE ATTENTION OF CANDIDATES IS DRAWN TO THE NEW GRADING
SYSTEM FOR ORDINARY LEVEL RESULTS ADOPTED BY BOTH THE LONDON AND
ASSOCIATED EXAMINING BOARDS FOR THE 1975 AND SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS.

ATTAINMENT IN AN ORDINARY LEVEL SUBJECT IS INDICATED BY A
GRADE A, B, C, D OR E, OF WHICH GRADE A IS THE HIGHEST AND GRADE E
THE LOWEST. CANDIDATES AWARDED GRADE A, B OR C HAVE REACHED THE
STANDARD OF THE FORMER PASS AT ORDINARY LEVEL. GRADE D INDICATES
A LOWER LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT AND GRADE E IS THE LOWEST LEVEL OF
ATTAINMENT JUDGED BY THE BOARDS TO BE OF SUFFICIENT STANDARD TO BE
RECORDED. PERFORMANCE BELOW THE STANDARD OF GRADE E IS NOT GRADED.

THE GRADINGS FOR ADVANCED LEVEL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

STUDENTS WHO INTEND REPEATING THE SAME SUBJECTS IN THE COMING
ASSOCIATED EXAMINING BOARD'S EXAMINATION IN NOVEMBER, OR UNIVERSITY
OF LONDON JANUARY G.C.E. EXAMINATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER
DURING MID-SEPTEMBER. THE DATES AND PLACES FOR REGISTRATION WILL
BE ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 9.

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SEVENTH LOTTERY DRAW TOMORROW
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SOMEONE WILL BE RICHER BY \$456,000 TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN THE FIRST PRIZE OF THE SEVENTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY IS DRAWN.

A TOTAL OF 570,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD UP TO 9 P.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN SALES CLOSED. THE TOTAL PROCEEDS REACHED \$1,140,000.

THE SECOND PRIZE IS WORTH \$45,600 AND THE THIRD PRIZE \$4,560. EACH OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES IS WORTH \$1,140, AND EACH OF THE 212 CONSOLATION PRIZES IS WORTH \$570.

THE FIRST THREE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FOUR COMMERCIAL RADIO ARTISTES -- MISS YAN WAI-YEE, MISS WONG KAR-MAN, MISS CHAN MO-YIN AND MISS MOK PUI-MAN.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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TENANCY INQUIRY BUREAU MOVES
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THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON OFFICES OF THE TENANCY INQUIRY BUREAU WILL SHORTLY COME TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF AS A RESULT OF A RE-ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) THE KOWLOON OFFICE OF THE BUREAU WILL MOVE FROM CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING TO THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT'S BRANCH OFFICE AT NEW MERCURY HOUSE, 22 FENWICK STREET, WANCHAI,. THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-281424, EXTENSION 234.

THE REMOVAL OF THE HONG KONG OFFICE TO NEW MERCURY HOUSE WILL FOLLOW WHEN THE NECESSARY ALTERATION WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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PRESS CONFERENCE
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROBLEM OF UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

MR. P.B. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL CHAIR THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED. TELEVISION CREWS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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