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SIGNIFICANT STEP FOR EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING  
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THE MUCH AWAITED EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING PROJECT HAS TAKEN A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD WITH THE GAZETTING TODAY (FRIDAY) OF A BILL WHICH GIVES LEGISLATIVE EFFECT TO THE GRANT OF FRANCHISES FOR THE PROJECT.

THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING BILL 1986, IF ENACTED, WILL ENABLE THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL CO. LTD. -- A CONSORTIUM LED BY KUMAGAI GUMI LTD. AND INCLUDING PAUL Y LTD., LILLEY CONSTRUCTION LTD. AND CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRUST AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION -- TO PRIVATELY FINANCE AND BUILD A COMBINED ROAD AND RAIL TUNNEL BETWEEN QUARRY BAY AND CHA KWO LING AND TO OPERATE THE ROAD PORTION OF THE TUNNEL.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FRANCHISE THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL CO. LTD. MUST TRANSFER ITS RIGHT TO OPERATE THE RAILWAY LINE LINKING KWUN TONG STATION WITH QUARRY BAY TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION THROUGH A SEPARATE COMPANY (THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING COMPANY). THE MTRC WILL LEASE THE RAILWAY FACILITIES FROM THE COMPANY FOR AN AGREED STREAM OF PAYMENTS.

THE TOLL FOR PRIVATE CARS AND TAXIS WILL BE \$10 WHEN THE ROAD TUNNEL OPENS IN EARLY 1990 WITH HIGHER TOLLS FOR OTHER CLASSES OF VEHICLES.

THE FRANCHISE PERIOD FOR THE ROAD TUNNEL IS 30 YEARS FROM THE START OF CONSTRUCTION AFTER WHICH OWNERSHIP OF THE ROAD TUNNEL PASSES TO THE SAR GOVERNMENT. THE FRANCHISE PERIOD FOR THE RAILWAY IS 18 YEARS AND SIX MONTHS FROM THE RAIL OPERATING DATE. CONSTRUCTION OF BOTH THE ROAD AND RAILWAY WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 42 MONTHS.

WITH THE PASSING OF THE BILL, ALL STATUTORY AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROJECT WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ENABLING AN OFFICIAL START TO BE MADE ON THE PROJECT BY EARLY AUGUST OF THIS YEAR.

PREPARATORY WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED ON THE PROJECT AND MOST OF THE LAND REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE.

ON THE ROAD OPERATING DATE THE ISSUED AND FULLY PAID-UP COMBINED SHARE CAPITAL OF THE ROAD AND RAIL COMPANIES WILL NOT BE LESS THAN \$1.1 BILLION. THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE GIVEN A SMALL EQUITY HOLDING IN THE ROAD COMPANY AND THE GOVERNOR WILL HAVE THE POWER TO APPOINT TWO DIRECTORS TO THE ROAD COMPANY'S BOARD.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN GAZETTED UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE.

WORKING PARTY ON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION  
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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, HAS APPOINTED DR K.E. HALNAN, A BRITISH PHYSICIAN WITH WIDE-RANGING KNOWLEDGE OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION TO CHAIR A WORKING PARTY ON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

SET UP ON THE ADVICE OF THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE WORKING PARTY WILL EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE:

- \* TO MONITOR THE NEEDS FOR POSTGRADUATE TRAINING IN MEDICAL SPECIALTIES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN HONG KONG;
- \* TO IDENTIFY THE MEASURES THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO MEET THESE NEEDS;
- \* TO ADVISE ON THE ORGANISATION OF PROGRAMME OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION WITH REFERENCE TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITIES, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES AND GOVERNMENT;
- \* TO DETERMINE STANDARDS WITHIN EACH POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME, EXAMINE THE NEED FOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF STANDARDS;
- \* TO ADVISE ON THE NEED FOR A BODY TO ACCREDIT PROGRAMMES OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION AND IF SO TO SPECIFY ITS POWERS, FUNCTION, STRUCTURE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCING; AND
- \* TO ASSESS RESOURCE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

DR HALNAN, FRCR, FRCP, FRS(EDIN), AGED 65, WAS THE DIRECTOR OF RADIOTHERAPY AND ONCOLOGY, HAMMERSMITH HOSPITAL AND ROYAL POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL UNTIL OCTOBER 1985.

HE HAS SERVED ON THE EDUCATION BOARD, FACULTY BOARD AND COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS, AND AS A PARTS I AND II FRCR EXAMINER. HE HAS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SYSTEMS OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE U.S., SCANDINAVIA AND SINGAPORE.

THE WORKING PARTY COMPRISES 14 OTHER MEMBERS FROM THE LOCAL UNIVERSITIES, MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL BODIES, GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE.

IT WILL START WORK IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE WITHIN TWO YEARS.

BILL PROPOSES SPENT CONVICTION SCHEME  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS BILL WHICH PROPOSES A SCHEME TO ENABLE PERSONS CONVICTED OF A MINOR OFFENCE TO TREAT THAT CONVICTION AS SPENT FOLLOWING THREE YEARS WITHOUT A FURTHER CONVICTION.

THE ORIGINAL CONVICTION WOULD REVIVE IF THE CONVICTED PERSON WERE RE-CONVICTED AT ANY TIME.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL ARE THE RESULT OF WIDESPREAD CONSULTATION WHICH FOLLOWED THE PUBLICATION IN 1984 OF A DISCUSSION PAPER PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS.

THE PROPOSED SCHEME FOR SPENT CONVICTIONS FOLLOWS EARLIER LEGISLATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND AUSTRALIA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN MANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS ENCOURAGING THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SCHEME NOW PROPOSED WAS INTENDED TO OFFER SOME ENCOURAGEMENT TO A PERSON WHO, DESPITE A MINOR CONVICTION, BEHAVED HIMSELF AS A LAW ABIDING CITIZEN THEREAFTER FOR A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF YEARS.

SUCH A SCHEME WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SOCIETY AND THE INDIVIDUAL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BILL PROVIDED THAT ANY OFFENCE FOR WHICH THE OFFENDER WAS SENTENCED TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5 000 WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME SPENT.

THE EFFECT OF A CONVICTION BECOMING SPENT WOULD BE THAT ORDINARILY THE CONVICTED PERSON WOULD NOT BE OBLIGED TO REVEAL HIS CONVICTION AND NO REFERENCE COULD BE MADE TO IT BY OTHERS.

REFLECTING CONCERN THAT THOSE CONVICTED OF TRIAD OFFENCES MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE BILL ADVANCED TWO ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO THOSE CONVICTIONS.

ONE APPROACH WAS THAT ALL TRIAD OFFENCES SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SCHEME WHILE THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL WAS THAT SUCH OFFENCES SHOULD BECOME SPENT ONLY IF THE OFFENDER RENOUNCED HIS MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRIAD SOCIETY.

THE BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME WILL NOT EXTEND TO THOSE IN CERTAIN SPECIFIED PROFESSIONS AND SENSITIVE OR SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS REASONABLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO EXPECT THAT THOSE IN SUCH EMPLOYMENT SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONCEAL THEIR PAST MISDEMEANOURS FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS.

IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE IF PERSONS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION OR EMPLOYMENT IN THESE AREAS WERE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME AND FAIL TO REVIEW A CONVICTION WHICH, THOUGH MINOR, MIGHT BE OF RELEVANCE TO AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR FITNESS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

ALSO EXCLUDED FROM THE SCHEME ARE PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE GRANT OF ANY LICENCE, PERMIT OR DISPENSATION, OR REGISTRATION UNDER ANY LAW BUT THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT PERSONS AFFECTED WILL ONLY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME IN RESPECT OF THEIR APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE, AND SO ON, AND RELATED PROCEEDINGS AND THEY WILL BE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS.

IT WAS STRESSED BY THE SPOKESMAN THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WOULD NOT AFFECT IMMIGRATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES. FULL DISCLOSURE OF ALL CONVICTIONS WHETHER SPENT OR OTHERWISE COULD STILL TO BE REQUIRED BY THE COUNTRY OF INTENDED DESTINATION AND A CHANGE TO HONG KONG DOMESTIC LAW COULD NOT AFFECT THAT REQUIREMENT.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 2.

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GOVERNOR LOOKS OVER MARINE SERVICES  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG'S PORT AND SHIPPING SERVICES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, SIR EDWARD MET DIVISION AND BRANCH HEADS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW HEADQUARTERS AT HARBOUR BUILDING.

SIR EDWARD WAS TOLD THAT THE SIZE OF THE HONG KONG REGISTERED FLEET HAD GROWN FROM 530 525 GROSS REGISTERED TONS IN 1976 TO 7 852 075 GROSS REGISTERED TONS IN MARCH 1986, A 15-FOLD INCREASE.

THE FLEET UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATION NOW OCCUPIES 12TH POSITION IN THE WORLD.

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TO COPE WITH THE CONTINUING EXPANSION IN REGISTERED TONNAGE AND OTHER INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES, ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES AND STAFFING SUPPORT ARE NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT.

FROM THE NEW HEADQUARTERS, SIR EDWARD PROCEEDED TO THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL WHICH HE OFFICIALLY OPENED LAST SEPTEMBER, TO SEE THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MACAU FERRY TERMINAL BERTHING CONTROL, TERMINAL SERVICES, OPERATION AND SECURITY SUB-UNITS.

SIR EDWARD THEN WENT TO THE PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE. HE SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE CENTRE'S CONTINUOUS VHF RADIOTELEPHONE PORT OPERATIONS SERVICE, WHICH PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE MARINE COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE HARBOUR AND ITS APPROACHES.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PORT AND MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE CENTRE.

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KEY ROLE PLAYED BY 'ONE STOP UNIT'  
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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S ONE STOP UNIT HELPS INVESTORS, PARTICULARLY OVERSEAS INVESTORS, TO RESOLVE ANY PROBLEMS THEY MIGHT ENCOUNTER IN THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP A MANUFACTURING OPERATION IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, AT A DINNER RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE JAPANESE DAIDO CONCRETE (H.K.) LIMITED.

MR YEUNG SAID THESE INCLUDED PROBLEMS OVER THE AVAILABILITY AND COST OF INDUSTRIAL LAND, LABOUR, FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES- FIRE AND OTHER SAFETY REGULATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS.

THE WORK OF THE ONE STOP UNIT IS BACKED UP BY ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BY A LARGE NUMBER OF PUBLIC AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

THE UNIT IN TURN SUPPORTS THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S NETWORK OF FIVE OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICES, ONE OF WHICH WAS SET UP IN TOKYO IN 1982.

+THE HISTORY OF DAIDO CONCRETE'S PRESENCE IN HONG KONG IS, IN FACT, A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE SORT OF ASSISTANCE THE ONE STOP UNIT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE,+ MR YEUNG SAID.

+AS A MATTER OF RECORD, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S FIRST CONTACT WITH DAIDO CONCRETE WAS IN EARLY 1981 AND WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH THEIR HONG KONG OPERATIONS.+

MR YEUNG COMMENTED THAT HONG KONG HAD A BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT ARGUABLY SECOND TO NONE IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

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REPEAL OF '15 PER CENT DIVIDEND' RULE PROPOSED  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE BANKRUPTCY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE '15 PER CENT DIVIDEND' RULE.

THE BANKRUPTCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), SERVES TO REPEAL THE '15 PER CENT DIVIDEND' RULE STIPULATED UNDER SECTIONS 9(3) AND 10(1) OF THE BANKRUPTCY ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 6) AND TO AMEND SECTION 33 OF THE ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO PERMIT ONLY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER TO INVOKE THE '15 PER CENT DIVIDEND' RULE WHEN APPLYING TO RESCIND A RECEIVING ORDER OR TO ANNUL AN ADJUDICATION ORDER OF BANKRUPTCY.

UNDER THE EXISTING SECTIONS 9(3) AND 10(1) OF THE BANKRUPTCY ORDINANCE, THE COURT MAY DISMISS A BANKRUPTCY PETITION AND REFUSE TO MAKE A RECEIVING ORDER IF IT IS SATISFIED THAT THE ASSETS FOR DIVISION AMONG THE UNSECURED CREDITORS, AFTER PAYMENT OF ALL COSTS, CHARGES, EXPENSES AND PREFERENTIAL DEBTS, ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO PAY A 15 PER CENT DIVIDEND.

UNDER THE EXISTING SECTION 33(1), THE COURT MAY, ON THE SAME GROUND AND ON THE APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON INTERESTED, RESCIND A RECEIVING ORDER OR ANNUL AN ADJUDICATION ORDER IN BANKRUPTCY.

THE ORIGINAL INTENTION OF THE '15 PER CENT DIVIDEND' PROVISION AIMED AT PREVENTING UNNECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AND THE COURT, IN BANKRUPTCY CASES WHERE THERE WOULD BE NO WORTHWHILE OUTCOME.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, NUMEROUS BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS HAD BEEN OPPOSED BY DEBTORS PLEADING THE '15 PER CENT DIVIDEND' PROVISION.

+THE INCREASING NUMBER OF SUCH DEFENCES HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A SITUATION IN WHICH THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF THE PROVISION, I.E. PREVENTING UNNECESSARY EXPENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT, IS NOT BEING ACHIEVED.

+SIMILAR UNMERITORIOUS AND TIME-CONSUMING APPLICATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE BY DEBTORS AFTER ADJUDICATION UNDER SECTION 33(1),+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT A HIGH COURT JUDGMENT IN 1985 HIGHLIGHTED THE UNSATISFACTORY ASPECTS OF THE '15 PER CENT DIVIDEND' PROVISION WHICH, IN PRACTICE, TENDED TO WORK IN FAVOUR OF THOSE DEBTORS SEEKING TO AVOID THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE BANKRUPTCY LAW.

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+BY RULING A PERSON BANKRUPT, HE WOULD BE PREVENTED FROM TRADING AND CONTRACTING FURTHER DEBTS. HIS PAST BUSINESS DEALING WOULD ALSO BE EXPOSED TO INVESTIGATION,+ HE SAID.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, IF APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL REMOVE THE '15 PER CENT DIVIDEND' PROVISION FROM SECTIONS 9 AND 10 AND LIMIT THE POWER TO APPLY FOR THE RESCISON OF A RECEIVING ORDER OR ANNULMENT OF ADJUDICATION IN SECTION 33 TO THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER ONLY.

+THESE PROPOSALS HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT, THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID, THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS (INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONERS COMMITTEE),+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 2.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR TO THE UMELCO OFFICE AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF LEGCO ELECTORS PUBLISHED  
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A PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORS IS RELEASED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) UP TO JULY 1 AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PUBLICATION OF THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER SERVES TWO PURPOSES. +IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED TO REGISTER TO CHECK WHETHER THEIR PARTICULARS HAVE BEEN ACCURATELY RECORDED. IT ALSO ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO OBJECT, ON VALID GROUNDS, TO THE INCLUSION IN THE REGISTER OF THE NAME OF ANY ORGANISATION OR INDIVIDUAL.+

AN OBJECTION SHOULD BE PUT ON A SPECIFIED FORM AND LODGED WITH THE REGISTRATION OFFICER BY JULY 7.

LATE APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION FROM ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS OR PERSONS MAY ALSO BE MADE DURING THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 1. ALL SPECIFIED FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION.

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THERE ARE NOW 42 769 ELECTORS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLL, A DROP OF 4 309 FROM THE 1985 REGISTRATION FIGURE.

OF THE TOTAL OMISSIONS OF 4 690, A MAJOR PROPORTION, TOTALLING 4 416, ARE INDIVIDUAL ELECTORS WHO HAVE DECLINED TO SEEK REGISTRATION IN THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL (FOR DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS), THUS FAILING TO MEET THE PREREQUISITE QUALIFICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTOR AFTER 1985.

DURING THIS YEAR'S INITIAL REGISTRATION PERIOD FROM APRIL 15 TO MAY 6, THE NAMES OF 381 NEW ELECTORS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER. MOST OF THESE ARE ORGANISATIONS OR PERSONS WHO HAVE BECOME QUALIFIED FOR REGISTRATION SINCE LAST YEAR'S EXERCISE.

A COMPARISON OF THE 1985 AND 1986 REGISTERS IS AS FOLLOWS:

	PROVISIONAL REGISTER, 1986	FINAL REGISTER 1985
TOTAL NO. OF ELECTORS IN THE 12 ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES	435	433
TOTAL NO. OF CORPORATE ELECTORS IN FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES	5 090	5 130
TOTAL NO. OF INDIVIDUAL ELECTORS IN FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES	37 244	41 515
TOTAL	42 769	47 078

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Statistics on Registration of Legislative Council Electors 1986June 1986

Constituency	No. of electors in Final Register 1985	No. of electors for omission from Provisional register 1986	No. of new electors for inclusion in Provisional Register 1986	Total no. of electors in Provisional Register 1986	Estimated eligible electorate	Registration rate as reflected in Provisional Register 1986 (%)
<b>A. <u>All Electoral College Constituencies</u></b>	433	41	43	435	439	99.1
<b>B. <u>Functional Constituencies</u></b>						
1. Commercial I	1,244	67	18	1,195	2,300	52.0
2. Commercial II	2,652	205	14	2,461	5,200	47.3
3. Industrial I	484	17	6	473	820	57.7
4. Industrial II	1,280	2	5	1,283	2,340	54.8
5. Financial	132	0	1	133	153	86.9
6. Labour	301	0	7	308	391	78.8
7. Social Services	145	0	3	148	166	89.2
8. Medical	2,933	363	12	2,582	4,617	55.9
9. Teaching	34,182	3,776	57	30,463	49,500	61.5
10. Legal	978	97	26	907	1,500	60.5
11. Engineering, Architectural, Surveying & Planning	2,314	122	189	2,381	3,690	64.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,078</b>	<b>4,690</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>42,769</b>	<b>71,116</b>	<b>60.1</b>

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BILL TO CLOSE LOOPHOLES IN SMALL HOUSE LAWS  
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED MEASURES DESIGNED TO CLOSE LOOPHOLES IN LAWS EXEMPTING NEW TERRITORIES INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

THE NEW MEASURES, FORMING THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE (APPLICATION TO THE NEW TERRITORIES) BILL 1986, WILL NOW BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

IF PASSED, THE BILL WILL REPLACE THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE (APPLICATION TO THE NEW TERRITORIES) ORDINANCE, INTRODUCED 25 YEARS AGO, WHICH ALLOWS VILLAGERS TO BUILD, ONCE IN A LIFETIME, A SMALL HOUSE WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH SOME BUILDINGS ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS.

IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT DEFECTS AND LOOPHOLES IN THE 1961 ORDINANCE HAVE RESULTED IN SEVERAL TYPES OF BUILDINGS BEING ERECTED BY NON-INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS UNDER THE EXEMPTION.

IT HAS ALSO CAUSED CONFUSION OVER WHICH BUILDINGS ARE EXEMPT AND THIS HAS SOMETIMES LED TO LITIGATION.

THE WORDING OF THE OLD ORDINANCE ALSO MAKES SITE FORMATION AND DRAINAGE WORKS FOR SMALL HOUSES EXEMPT, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS NEVER INTENDED.

IN ADDITION, DOUBT OVER VARIOUS TERMS HAS MADE INTERPRETATION DIFFICULT.

THE NEW LEGISLATION WILL SPECIFY EXEMPTIONS FROM THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE SO THAT THEY APPLY TO INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS BUILDING HOUSES UNDER THE SMALL HOUSE POLICY.

IT WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT VILLAGERS COMPLY WITH PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

BESIDES VILLAGE HOUSES, COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, SMALL AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND SMALL DOMESTIC STRUCTURES BUILT UNDER THE TEMPORARY STRUCTURES POLICY WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY EXEMPTION.

THE NEW ORDINANCE WAS DRAWN UP AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

THE KUK SUGGESTED THE PERMITTED HEIGHT OF SMALL HOUSES BE INCREASED FROM 7.62 METRES (25 FEET) TO 8.23 METRES (27 FEET) TO ENABLE THREE-STOREY HOUSES TO BE BUILT WITH REASONABLE CEILING HEIGHT AND VENTILATION AND THIS WAS AGREED.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED BILL WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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NEW FEES FOR IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SERVICES  
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FEES CHARGED FOR A NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS AND THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE WILL BE INCREASED FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BEFORE THAT DATE WILL BE CHARGED AT THE EXISTING FEES.

THE NEW FEES ARE SET OUT IN THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986 AND THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SECOND SCHEDULE) ORDER GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ADJUSTMENT WAS AIMED AT RECOVERING A GREATER PART OF THE INCREASED OPERATING COSTS.

+THE REVISED FEES WOULD ONLY RECOVER ABOUT 73 PER CENT OF THE COST FOR PROVIDING REGISTRATION OF PERSONS SERVICES AND ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE COST FOR PROVIDING BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGE SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

THE FEES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS WERE LAST REVISED IN JULY 1983. THE FEES FOR BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGE SERVICES WERE LAST ADJUSTED IN JULY 1984.

THE EXISTING AND THE REVISED FEES FOR IDENTITY CARD AND MARRIAGE SERVICES ARE:

	EXISTING FEE	REVISED FEE
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	\$	\$
* REPLACEMENT OF LOST OR DESTROYED IDENTITY CARD	75	100
* REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED OR DEFACED IDENTITY CARD	30	35
* REPLACEMENT OF IDENTITY CARD WHICH REQUIRES ALTERATION	85	100
* CERTIFICATE AND CERTIFIED COPIES	85	100
* FILING AND EXHIBITION OF NOTICE OF MARRIAGE	20	30
* CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE WHEN ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIO TO SECTION 9	500	550

/\* SEARCH .....

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* SEARCH MADE DURING ANY NUMBER OF SUCCESSIVE HOURS NOT EXCEEDING SIX	60	70
* SEARCH FOR A SPECIFIED ENTRY	10	12
* CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY IN A MARRIAGE REGISTER	20	25
* CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY IN A MARRIAGE REGISTER TO BE SENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG	30*	35*
	(* EXCLUDING AIRMAIL POSTAGE CHARGE)	
* CERTIFIED OF ABSENCE OF MARRIAGE RECORD	60	70
* CERTIFICATE OF ABSENCE OF MARRIAGE RECORD TO BE SENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG	70*	80*
	(*EXCLUDING AIRMAIL POSTAGE CHARGE)	
* SPECIAL LICENCE GRANTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A MARRIAGE TO TAKE PLACE AT A PARTICULAR TIME AND PLACE	1 000	1 100
* MARRIAGE AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR	80	90
* MARRIAGE AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR (OUTSIDE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS)	80	200
* CELEBRATION BY THE REGISTRAR, ELSEWHERE THAN IN HIS OFFICE, OF MARRIAGE BY SPECIAL LICENCE OR OF PERSON IN ARTICULO MORTIS	400	450
* CELEBRATION BY THE REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF THE PROVISO TO SECTION 21(3), PER MARRIAGE AND IN ADDITION \$330 OR \$45 PER MARRIAGE, WHICHEVER IS THE GREATER (TO BE PAID PROPORTIONATELY BY THE PARTIES BEING MARRIED)	200	220

OTHER PROPOSALS TO INCREASE FEES CHARGED UNDER THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, THE FOREIGN MARRIAGE ORDINANCE AND THE LEGITIMACY ORDINANCE ARE CONTAINED IN AMENDMENT BILLS TO BE GAZETTED NEXT FRIDAY (JUNE 27).

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IF THE BILLS ARE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE FEES FOR POST-REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, THE SEARCH OF RECORDS, THE ALTERATION OF ENTRIES IN REGISTERS OR THE ISSUE OF CERTIFIED COPIES OF SUCH ENTRIES WILL BE INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT TO 25 PER CENT. THE FEE FOR THE ISSUE OF A GOVERNOR'S LICENCE OF FOREIGN MARRIAGE UNDER THE FOREIGN MARRIAGE ORDINANCE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$60 TO \$70.

IN ADDITION, THE FEES FOR RE-REGISTRATION OF BIRTH AND THE ISSUE OF CERTIFIED COPIES OF ENTRIES OF THE BIRTH OF LEGITIMATED PERSONS UNDER THE LEGITIMACY ORDINANCE WOULD BE INCREASED IN ORDER TO BRING THEM MORE OR LESS IN LINE WITH THE LEVEL OF FEES CHARGED FOR SIMILAR SERVICES UNDER THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

THESE PROPOSED NEW FEES ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED LATER THIS YEAR.

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ZONING PLAN INCLUDES THIRD CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL  
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PROVISION FOR A POSSIBLE THIRD CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL, A HUGE WATERFRONT WHOLESALE MARKET AND A LARGE PARK HAS BEEN MADE IN AN AMENDED OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG'S WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSALS WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PLANS FOR THE WESTERN RECLAMATION WHICH STRETCHES FROM THE NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL TO KENNEDY TOWN.

THEY INCLUDE AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, A DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, A NEW FERRY PIER, BUS TERMINI, TRAM DEPOT AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.

THE LARGEST AREAS AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS ARE ON THE RECLAMATION WEST OF THE HILL ROAD FLYOVER TO MORRISON STREET IN CENTRAL.

ON THE WEST OF THE RECLAIMED AREA PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR A CARGO HANDLING BASIN AND CARGO HANDLING AREA. THIS WILL BE SEPARATED FROM THE EXISTING BUILDINGS BY AN OPEN SPACE.

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A 6.2-HECTARE SITE ALONG THE WATERFRONT FROM THE HILL ROAD TLYOVER TO A POINT BETWEEN CHIU KWONG AND WESTERN STREETS HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR A TWO-STOREY WHOLESALE MARKET.

BETWEEN THE MARKET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST A 1.37-HECTARE SITE HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR A TRAM DEPOT AND ANOTHER AREA FOR GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY USE.

AN AREA TO THE EAST OF THE MARKET HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNATED FOR COMMERCIAL USE.

TO THE EAST OF THIS, STRETCHING FROM WESTERN STREET TO A POINT BETWEEN CENTRE STREET AND EASTERN STREET, A 3.24-HECTARE SITE HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR A PARK.

FROM EAST OF THE PROPOSED PARK TO A POINT OPPOSITE WHERE BONHAM STRAND WEST JOINS DES VOEUX ROAD WEST THREE SITES TOTALLING 5.21 HECTARES HAVE BEEN ZONED FOR UNDETERMINED USE.

THIS LAND HAS BEEN RESERVED IN THE LONGER TERM FOR A FUTURE POSSIBLE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL LANDFALL.

IN THE MEANTIME IT MAY BE USED AS A LORRY PARK OR URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT DEPOT.

EAST OF THIS, UP TO A POINT OPPOSITE MORRISON STREET, LARGE AREAS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR A DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION, AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, A DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, A BUS TERMINUS AND A MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES COMPLEX.

THREE OF THE SITES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR JOINT VENTURE DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

A SITE BOUNDED BY HOLLYWOOD ROAD, SHING WONG STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND HILLIER STREET, WHICH HAD PROVED DIFFICULT TO DEVELOP FOR GEOTECHNICAL REASONS, HAS BEEN REZONED TO +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+ ANNOTATED +COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT AREA+.

IN SUTHERLAND STREET, A PROPOSED OPEN SPACE AREA HAS BEEN INCREASED IN SIZE BY REZONING AN ADDITIONAL AREA FROM +COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL+ TO +OPEN SPACE+.

FIVE SITES, TWO TO THE NORTH OF CAINE ROAD, ONE AT THE JUNCTION OF LADDER AND WING LEE STREETS, ONE AT THE JUNCTION OF ROSE LANE AND POKFULAM ROAD AND ANOTHER NEAR THE JUNCTION OF UPPER STATION STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD, HAVE BEEN REZONED FROM +RESIDENTIAL+ TO +OPEN SPACE+.

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THE SITE AT 7 TO 13 GILMAN'S BAZAAR, HAS BEEN REZONED FROM +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY+ TO +COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL+.

THE NEARBY CORNER SITE BETWEEN TIT HONG LANE, WAI SAN LANE AND HING LUNG STREET HAS BEEN REZONED FROM +OPEN SPACE+ TO +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY+, WHILE THE SITE AT 1 AND 1A SUTHERLAND STREET, IS REZONED FROM +COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL+ TO +OPEN SPACE+.

A PART OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHEME AT FIRST AND SECOND STREETS IS REZONED FROM +OPEN SPACE+ TO +RESIDENTIAL+ (GROUP A).

THE SITE AT CHUN SING STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST IS REZONED FROM +OPEN SPACE+ TO +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY+.

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PLANNING FOR FUTURE RAIL LINKS WITH SHA TIN  
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FUTURE DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD GIVE SHA TIN RAIL LINKS WITH KWAI CHUNG, MA ON SHAN AND EAST KOWLOON HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR IN AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT SHA TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENTS ALSO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME OF 1 800 FLATS TO HOUSE 6 300 PEOPLE, A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND A SITE FOR A +FLOATING+ RESTAURANT NEAR CITY ONE.

THE AMENDED PLAN RESERVES 7.2 HECTARES OF LAND NEXT TO TAI WAI RAILWAY STATION FOR A POSSIBLE RAIL SYSTEM CONNECTING SHA TIN WITH MA ON SHAN, A KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRANCH LINE TO KWAI CHUNG AND THE POSSIBLE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (EAST KOWLOON LINE) EXPANSION AS WELL AS A RAILWAY DEPOT.

COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT MAY TAKE PLACE ABOVE THE DEPOT.

A SITE NEXT TO TIN SAM VILLAGE HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME. ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE 7.1-HECTARE STRETCH OF LAND BETWEEN CHE KUNG MIU ROAD AND THE RAILWAY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON THE PSPS SITE, AND ALSO PARTLY FOR DISTRICT OPEN SPACE.

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DUE TO ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION AND THE TOWN CENTRE, 5.5 HECTARES OF LAND NEAR SHEUNG WO CHE HAS BEEN REZONED FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AS AN EXTENSION OF THE TOWN CENTRE. THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TOWN CENTRE AND THE TOWN PARK HAS ALSO BEEN READJUSTED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID ONE AMENDMENT WAS THE REZONING OF AN AREA TO THE NORTH-EAST OF CITY ONE FROM +OPEN SPACE+ TO +COMMERCIAL+.

HE SAID THIS WAS TO ALLOW THE BUILDING OF A PERMANENT CONCRETE +FLOATING+ RESTAURANT BY THE SEAWALL OF SHING MUN RIVER CHANNEL JUST OFF SHA TIN CITY ONE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS EXPECTED TO MAKE ITS MARK ON THE NEW TOWN.

OTHER AMENDMENTS ARE RELATED TO THE REZONING OR REANNOTATION OF CERTAIN SITES TO REFLECT THEIR EXISTING OR PLANNED USES. THESE INCLUDE THE TOWN CENTRE, THE EXISTING TAI CHE VILLAGE AND ITS ENVIRONS, AND THE EXISTING KCR HO TUNG LAU DEPOT AND THE JUBILEE GARDENS DEVELOPMENT ABOVE IT.

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#### APRIL ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES OUT \* \* \* \* \*

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED IN APRIL 1986 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ORDERS-ON-HAND WAS REPORTED BY THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. INCREASES IN ORDERS WERE ALSO REPORTED BY THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. BUT THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY REPORTED A DECLINE IN THE ORDERS POSITION.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS STABLE. SLIGHT INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE RECORDED FOR THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES DECLINED SLIGHTLY.

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THERE WAS A GENERAL INCREASE IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS MANY MANUFACTURERS ADJUSTED THEIR WORKERS' SALARIES IN APRIL. HOWEVER, THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES REPORTED DECREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS BECAUSE OF LESS OVERTIME WORK PERFORMED.

THE NUMBER OF OPERATIVES ENGAGED IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, INCREASED AS SOME NEW PROJECTS STARTED, WHILE A STABLE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION WAS REPORTED BY THE SERVICES SECTORS. INCREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE REPORTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND MOST SERVICES SECTORS. THE HOTEL SECTOR RECORDED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE AS SOME HOTELS ISSUED SPECIAL BONUSES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR APRIL 1986 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212854.

(A) ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR APRIL 1986
	FEB. 1986	MAR. 1986	APR. 1986	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	1	3	3	4.74

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TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	1	-1	2.45
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	*	4	1	4.07
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	6	4	4	3.62
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	4	3	2	5.30
OTHERS	*	*	-1	4.37
<u>ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4.45</u>

(B) EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR APRIL 1986 HK\$
	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			PRECEDING MONTH)			
	FEB. 1986	MAR. 1986	APR. 1986	FEB. 1986	MAR. 1986	APR. 1986	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>-28</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3 209</u>
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	*	-1	-42	2	6	3 851
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-2	-2	-1	-28	1	1	2 671
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-1	*	*	-34	-2	-3	3 241
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-3	2	*	-29	-7	-2	3 029
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-3	1	1	-7	-23	1	2 785

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ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-1	*	1	-32	-4	3	3 004
OTHERS	-1	*	-1	-20	-9	5	4 506
CONSTRUCTION**	-2	-1	1	2	-18	4	4 685
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SERVICES	*	*	*	-34	-2	4	5 904
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BANKS	*	*	*	-35	*	3	5 267
HOTELS	-2	*	-1	-58	-7	17	4 559
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	-38	-1	8	5 915
OTHERS	*	*	1	-16	-3	-3	7 198

\* CHANGES WITHIN +0.5%

\*\* PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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#### NEW ID CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN IN 1921-1925

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WOMEN BORN IN 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 AND 1925 WILL HAVE TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM JUNE 30 TO AUGUST 2.

DURING THE FIVE-WEEK PERIOD, APPLICANTS CAN BRING ALONG THEIR OLD CARDS AND CALL AT ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES WHICH ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE ADDRESSES OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

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- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.
- SHA TIN : SHA TIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AS ALL THE APPLICANTS IN THE COMING PHASE ARE IN THEIR SIXTIES, SOME OF THEM MIGHT BE IN POOR HEALTH, AND IT COULD CAUSE THEM HARDSHIP AND INCONVENIENCE TO GO TO THE ISSUE OFFICES.

HE THEREFORE REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS, PERSONS WHO ARE AGED, BLIND OR INFIRM, AND WHO CAN SATISFY THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION THAT THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE FOR REGISTRATION WILL INJURE THEIR HEALTH OR THE HEALTH OF OTHERS, ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER OR APPLY FOR THE ISSUE OF AN IDENTITY CARD.

+IN THESE CASES THEY MAY APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION TO BE ISSUED TO THEM,+ HE SAID.

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE AT 3-7333111.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED APPLICANTS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR YEARS OF BIRTH BEFORE VISITING AN ISSUE OFFICE.

+IF IN DOUBT, THEY ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PASSPORTS OR CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY,+ HE SAID.

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SPECIAL STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE EXPO  
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A SET OF FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS TO MARK HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 1986 WORLD EXPOSITION IN VANCOUVER WILL BE ISSUED ON JULY 18.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE VARIOUS THEMES FEATURED AT THE HONG KONG PAVILION ARE DEPICTED ON THE STAMPS, WHICH ARE DESIGNED BY MR AGAY NG.

THE NEW STAMPS ARE:

- \* TRANSPORT -- 50 CENTS -- HONG KONG ENJOYS AN EFFICIENT INTERNAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT TO SUSTAIN ITS ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. A MTR TRAIN IS DEPICTED ON THE STAMP.
- \* FINANCE -- \$1.30 -- HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S PREDOMINANT INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRES. FINANCE HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE CENTRAL BANKING AREA IS FEATURED ON THE STAMP.
- \* TRADE -- \$1.70 -- DESPITE ITS SMALL AREA, HONG KONG HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE TRADING CENTRES OF THE WORLD. HONG KONG HAS BUILT ITS WEALTH THROUGH TRADING AND MANUFACTURING. THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL IS DEPICTED ON THE STAMP TO PROJECT THE BUSY IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE OF HONG KONG.
- \* COMMUNICATIONS -- \$5 -- HONG KONG DEPENDS ON EFFECTIVE AND RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS BOTH WITHIN THE TERRITORY AND INTERNATIONALLY. A DISH ANTENNA AT THE SATELLITE EARTH STATION IS DEPICTED ON THE STAMP.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON JULY 4, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE DAY OF ISSUE, HE ADDED.

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POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION TO PROMOTE WATER SAFETY  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL TODAY CALLED ON TALENTED YOUNG ARTISTS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY BY TAKING PART IN THE WATER SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION 1986.

+ALL DESIGNS MUST PROMOTE THE THEME OF WATER SAFETY.+

+JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SENIOR SECTION FOR THE AGE GROUP OF 14 TO 20, AND JUNIOR SECTION FOR CHILDREN AGED UNDER 14.

+PARTICIPANTS ARE REMINDED THAT AS THE WINNING DESIGN WILL BE REPRODUCED AS A POSTER, THE SIZE OF THEIR WORKS SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 20 CM X 30 CM.

+WINNERS OF THE SENIOR SECTION WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES OF \$300 TO \$ 1 000. THERE ARE ALSO FOUR CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$200 EACH.

+JUNIOR SECTION WINNERS WILL GET CASH PRIZES RANGING FROM \$300 TO \$500 OR CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$200 EACH.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BEST DESIGN WOULD BE USED AS NEXT YEAR'S WATER SAFETY POSTER AND BE DISPLAYED ALL OVER THE TERRITORY.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE JULY 26 TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 12/F, ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL. RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT OUT  
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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 1986 IS AVAILABLE AND CONTAINS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER.

IT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

COPIES OF THE REPORT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$8.50 PER COPY.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED  
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THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON A BUILDING IN WESTERN IS BEING SOUGHT TO ENABLE DEMOLITION.

THE STRUCTURES ARE AT FLAT A AND THE ADJACENT FLAT ROOF ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF TAK FUNG BUILDING, 79-81, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FIRST ISSUED AN ORDER FOR THEIR DEMOLITION UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OVER TWO YEARS AGO, BUT THIS WAS NOT COMPLIED WITH.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 23 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE STRUCTURES MUST BE CLOSED IN ADVANCE SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO OCCUPIERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY THE CLOSURE ORDER HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

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FARE RISES ON FIVE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED FARE RISES FOR FIVE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, EFFECTIVE FROM SUNDAY (JUNE 22).

THE ROUTES ARE 1, 2, 3, 3A AND 28 OPERATING IN CENTRAL, THE PEAK, MID-LEVELS, CAUSEWAY BAY AND POK FU LAM. THE NEW FARES FOR ROUTES 2, 3, 3A WILL BE \$2 WHILE TRIPS ON ROUTES 1 AND 28 WILL COST \$3.5 AND \$4 RESPECTIVELY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REVISED FARES INVOLVE AN INCREASE OF 50 CENTS.

+APPROVAL FOR THE RISE WAS GIVEN AFTER CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE OPERATING DETAILS AND FINANCIAL RETURNS SUBMITTED BY OPERATORS,+ HE SAID.

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ANOTHER NT GREEN MINIBUS FARE TO GO UP  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED FARE INCREASE FOR ANOTHER NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY (JUNE 22).

THE FARE FOR ROUTE 85, WHICH OPERATES BETWEEN TSUEN WAN (SHIU WO STREET) AND FU YUNG SHAN (CHUK LAM SIM YUEN), WILL INCREASE FROM THE EXISTING \$1.20 TO \$1.50.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FARE RISE APPROVAL WAS GIVEN AFTER CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE OPERATING DETAILS AND FINANCIAL RETURNS SUBMITTED BY THE OPERATOR.

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CARTER TO RETURN ON SUNDAY  
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A BRITISH TEAM LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, WILL RETURN FROM PEKING ON SUNDAY (JUNE 22) AFTER HAVING DISCUSSIONS ON TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION AND RELATED ISSUES WITH CHINESE EXPERTS.

MR CARTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS REGINA IP; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR STEPHEN KUO; AND CROWN SOLICITOR OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, MR JEREMY MATHEWS.

THE TEAM WILL TRAVEL ON FLIGHT CA 109, ETA 2.45 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO COVER THE TEAM'S RETURN. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BY 1.55 PM ON SUNDAY.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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FAREWELL PARTY FOR OUTGOING COMMISSIONER  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR R.G.B. BRIDGE, IS GOING ON TWO-MONTH OVERSEAS LEAVE BEFORE TAKING UP HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER IN MID-AUGUST THIS YEAR.

AT A FAREWELL TEA PARTY GIVEN BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT STAFF CLUB TODAY (FRIDAY), THE CLUB CHAIRMAN, MR PETER LO, PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO MR BRIDGE FOR THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION AND ADVICE WHICH HE GAVE THE CLUB IN THE PAST YEARS.

MR BRIDGE IS SUCCEEDED BY MR J.C.A. HAMMOND WHO HAS HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WHERE HE SERVED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FROM 1978 TO 1982.

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DB MEMBERS TOUR LAM TIN DEVELOPMENTS  
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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TOURED LAM TIN TODAY (FRIDAY) TO SEE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE AREA.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, THEY SAW THE PROGRESS OF A LARGE-SCALE EXTENSION PROJECT AT LAM TIN ESTATE WHICH WILL PROVIDE RENTAL UNITS AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS FOR MORE THAN 30 000 PEOPLE.

THE PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THREE PHASES WITH THE FIRST DUE FOR COMPLETION TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

ANOTHER ESTATE THAT IS PLANNED WILL HOUSE 36 000 PEOPLE. THIS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE HILLSIDE EAST OF LAM TIN ESTATE.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT LAM TIN AT PRESENT HAS A POPULATION OF AROUND 89 000 WITH THE MAJORITY LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

MEMBERS ALSO VISITED THE SITE OF A TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE FOR A MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY LINE RUNNING THROUGH LAM TIN AS PART OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING PROJECT.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT ANOTHER TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE WOULD BE BUILT AROUND LAM TIN FOR A TUNNEL PROJECT BETWEEN JUNK BAY AND SAU MAU PING.

DURING THEIR VISIT, MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE CRIME SITUATION IN THE AREA AND ILLEGAL HAWKING ACTIVITIES. LIVING CONDITIONS IN SQUATTER AREAS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

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NORTH DISTRICT BOOSTS CIVIC EDUCATION  
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A YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AND TO INSTIL A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AMONG RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CAMPAIGN, WITH THE THEME +TO KNOW AND CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY+, WILL INCLUDE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SEMINARS, VISITS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS, ESSAY COMPETITIONS, A VARIETY SHOW AND AN ELECTION OF OUTSTANDING YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT.

A STEERING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, AND COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IS BEING FORMED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPOBSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING AND OVERSEEING THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE PROGRAMMES.

TO LAUNCH THE CAMPAIGN, A SEMINAR ON +POLITICAL REVIEW 1987+ JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT JAYCEES, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JUNE 22) AFTERNOON IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG= EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS MARIA TAM= LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR ANDREW WONG, AND NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON +POLITICAL REVIEW 1987+ TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY FROM 3.30 PM TO 5.30 PM IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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SAI WAN HO TRAFFIC CHANGES  
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 23), THE ACCESS ROAD TO SAI WAN HO FERRY PIER FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HONG CHEUNG STREET AND TAI HONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 220 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE SAME ACCESS ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HONG CHEUNG STREET AND TAI HONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 300 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE LIFTED.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, A NEW ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM THE JUNCTION OF HONG CHEUNG STREET AND TAI ON STREET TO SAI WAN HO FERRY PIER WILL BE OPENED.

THE SECTION OF THE NEW ACCESS ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HONG CHEUNG STREET AND TAI ON STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A PEAK-HOUR (7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

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

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF KAI FUK ROAD  
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TO FACILITATE THE ERECTION OF TWO SIGN GANTRIES ACROSS KAI FUK ROAD IN KOWLOON BAY, KAI FUK ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN THE EASTERN EXIT OF AIRPORT TUNNEL AND WANG KWONG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 24) AND JUNE 25.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON KAI CHEUNG ROAD HEADING FOR KAI FUK ROAD EASTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO USE WANG KWONG ROAD. TRAFFIC EMERGING FROM THE EASTERN EXIT OF AIRPORT TUNNEL TO KAI FUK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KAI CHEUNG ROAD AND WANG KWONG ROAD.

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