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UK AVIATION MINISTER DEPARTS FOR TALKS IN CHINA
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THE U.K. MINISTER FOR AVIATION, MR MICHAEL SPICER, LEFT HONG KONG FOR PEKING THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON TO HAVE TALKS WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS.

DURING HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT IN HONG KONG, HE HAD MET WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIFFERENT AIRLINES.

BEFORE DEPARTURE, HE TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THAT HE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND PARTICULARLY MATTERS ABOUT HONG KONG.

HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE STRUCTURAL CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED IN CHINESE AVIATION MATTERS WHICH MIGHT HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMING DISCUSSIONS.

MR SPICER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CAAC HAD MANY MORE FLIGHTS THAN CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND PEKING AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE LESS OF AN UNBALANCED RELATIONSHIP IN THAT AIR SERVICE LINK.

+I THINK SOME PEOPLE WHO FLY THE ROUTE CURRENTLY ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO GET SEATS, AND THERE MAY WELL BE A CASE I WOULD ARGUE CERTAINLY FOR EXTRA CAPACITY ON THAT ROUTE,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MR SPICER SAID HE WOULD ARGUE THE CASE FOR REGIONAL ROUTES.

+AS YOU KNOW, DRAGONAIR HAVE GOT APPLICATIONS FOR VARIOUS ROUTES INTO MAINLAND CHINA AND I SHALL BE PUTTING THE CASE FOR THOSE ROUTES, TOO,+ HE CONTINUED.

FINALLY, HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE COMING DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE FRIENDLY AND POSITIVE; AND HE WOULD KNOW MORE WHEN HE RETURN TO HONG KONG NEXT SATURDAY.

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CENTRAL-KWUN TONG FERRY SERVICE WITHDRAWN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND KWUN TONG OPERATED BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (HYF) WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM MONDAY (MAY 4).

THE SERVICE HAS BEEN OPERATING ONLY DURING THE MORNING AND EVENING PEAK HOURS FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND DURING THE MORNING PEAK HOURS ON SATURDAYS.

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TO COPE WITH ANTICIPATED PASSENGER DEMAND FOLLOWING THE CANCELLATION OF THE FERRY SERVICE, EXTRA CROSS-HARBOUR BUSES WILL BE PUT INTO SERVICE, AND MTR FREQUENCIES BETWEEN THE TWO POINTS WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE SAME DAY.

KMB AND CMB HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO CLOSELY MONITOR PASSENGER DEMAND IN KWUN TONG AND CENTRAL AND TO DEPLOY ADDITIONAL BUSES ON THE EXISTING CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 101 FROM KWUN TONG TO KENNEDY TOWN IF NECESSARY.

FROM THE SAME DAY, MTR SERVICES WILL OPERATE AT A TWO-MINUTE FREQUENCY, STARTING HALF-AN-HOUR EARLY FROM 8 AM TO COPE WITH PASSENGER DEMAND.

THE IMPROVEMENT TO MTR SERVICES AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES WILL MEET THE DEMAND OF ABOUT 600 PASSENGERS AFFECTED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FERRY SERVICE.

MEANWHILE, NEGOTIATION WITH THE TWO BUS COMPANIES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW CROSS-HARBOUR BUS SERVICE BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND CENTRAL VIA THE AIRPORT TUNNEL IS PROGRESSING.

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HARMONISED SYSTEM FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADING PREPARED
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HONG KONG IS PREPARED TO ADOPT A NEW COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL +HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM+ OR +HARMONISED SYSTEM+ (HS) FOR SHORT.

WHEN THE NEW SYSTEM IS IMPLEMENTED, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS WILL BE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO USE IT IN MAKING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS, IN PLACE OF THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) REVISION 2 BASED SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN USE.

THE NEW IMPORT AND EXPORT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OR THE HONG KONG HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (HK HS), WILL COMPRISE SOME 5 500 EIGHT-DIGIT CODES.

THE HS IS DESIGNED BY THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL TO SERVE AS A MULTI-PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM SUITABLE FOR USE BY CUSTOMS AND STATISTICAL AUTHORITIES, TRADERS, CARRIERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

BY HARMONISING THE MAJOR NOMENCLATURES CURRENTLY IN USE IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES FOR CUSTOMS AND STATISTICAL PURPOSES, THE HS WILL FACILITATE THE COMPARISON OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE STATISTICS AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AMONG COUNTRIES USING THE SYSTEM AND WILL REDUCE THE COST INVOLVED IN RE-CLASSIFYING AND RE-DESCRIBING GOODS UNDER VARIOUS CLASSIFICATIONS WHEN THEY ARE TRANSPORTED FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER.

THE TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE HS IS JANUARY 1, 1988. MOST OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND THE EEC, ARE LIKELY TO IMPLEMENT THE HS AS FROM THAT DATE. HONG KONG PLANS TO SYNCHRONISE WITH ITS MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS.

ONCE THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE HS IS CONFIRMED, A NEW HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST CONTAINING ALL THE EIGHT-DIGIT HK HS COMMODITY CODES AND DESCRIPTIONS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPREHENSIVE HANDBOOK ON THE SUBJECT, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO PREPARE THE PUBLIC FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW SYSTEM.

A SERIES OF TRAINING SEMINARS WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED NEAR THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE TO ASSIST IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS IN UNDERSTANDING HOW TO APPLY THE NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST FOR REPORTING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS IN HK HS CODES.

IN THE MEANTIME, ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 17TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, ON 5-8234919.

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**SUMMARY TABLES ON TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT PUBLISHED
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FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF THE TWO REPORTS ON THE 1986 BY-CENSUS IN FEBRUARY 1987, GIVING SUMMARY TABLES OF THE DATA AT DISTRICT AND CONSTITUENCY AREA LEVELS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) THREE OTHER REPORTS, GIVING THE SUMMARY TABLES AT THE TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT LEVEL.

THESE REPORTS, ENTITLED '+HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS - TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT SUMMARY TABLES+', DESCRIBE THE BROAD RANGE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON-NEW KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TABLES CONTAINED IN EACH OF THE REPORTS COVER DETAILED INFORMATION ON HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION SUCH AS HOUSEHOLD SIZE, HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION, HOUSEHOLD INCOME, TENURE, HOUSEHOLD RENT, AGE AND SEX, MARITAL STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITY STATUS. MAPS SHOWING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TERTIARY PLANNING UNITS ARE ALSO ATTACHED TO EACH OF THE REPORTS.

+THE TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT SUMMARY TABLES ARE DESIGNED TO SHOW THE DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION BY SMALL GEOGRAPHICAL UNIT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

/+MORE DETAILED

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+MORE DETAILED CROSS-TABULATIONS OF THE BY-CENSUS DATA AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A SET OF 19 REPORTS TO BE RELEASED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.+

THE THREE REPORTS ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

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MONG KOK TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY
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MONG KOK RESIDENTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED TO A NIGHT OF DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCES PRESENTED BY LOCAL FAMILIES ON THE EVE OF MOTHER'S DAY (MAY 9).

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED TO HONOUR MOTHERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND TO REMIND CHILDREN ABOUT THE NEED TO LOVE AND RESPECT THEM.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE FAMILY FUNCTION CAN HELP PROMOTE HARMONY AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A FILM SHOW, GROUP GAMES, A LUCKY DRAW AND LIGHT SNACKS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT TAI KOK TSUI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR ABOUT 200 PEOPLE. ADMISSION IS AT \$3 PER PERSON.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK BRANCH OF YIN NGAI SOCIETY, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG YOUTH SERVICES CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICES AND SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AT 157, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE AT 85, IVY STREET.

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CELLO MASTER CLASS ORGANISED
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A CELLO MASTER CLASS CONDUCTED BY MISS CELIA POND WILL BE HELD ON MAY 10 FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM AT THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

MISS POND BEGAN HER CELLO STUDIES AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC IN LONDON AND WAS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY IN WEST GERMANY.

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AT THE MASTER CLASS, MISS POND WILL COACH THREE CELLO STUDENTS TO PLAY THE INSTRUMENT BEFORE THE AUDIENCE.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE AT 3-7226240.

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NORTH DD TO DISCUSS FILM CENSORSHIP BILL

MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY (MAY 4) TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT FILM CENSORSHIP BILL.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BOARDS AND ENTERTAINMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, MISS JULINA CHAN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE BILL WHICH SEEKS TO ENACT A NEW FILM CENSORSHIP ORDINANCE AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A FILM CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS WHAT EFFECTS THE CANCELLATION OF THE RATES RELIEF SCHEME WILL HAVE IN THE DISTRICT.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DEAL WITH OTHER OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM THE LAST MONTH'S MEETING. THESE INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL, THE PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES AND A STUDY REPORT ON THE PRESENT AND FUTURE RECREATION AND CULTURE FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING ON MONDAY AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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CLOSURE OF STREET IN WANG TAU HOM

FU MEI STREET BETWEEN FU YUE STREET AND WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD IN WANG TAU HOM WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO MAY 5 FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

TRAFFIC ON FU MEI STREET EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FU YUE STREET, WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD AND WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD.

MEANWHILE, TRAFFIC ON FU MEI STREET WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD, WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD AND FU KEUNG STREET.

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RESTRICTED ZONES SET UP IN HUNG HOM

FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 5), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN HUNG HOM WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY:

- * MA TAU WAI ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN FAT KWONG STREET AND PAK KUNG STREET;
- * MAN YUE STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MA TAU WAI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF HOK YUEN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MA TAU WAI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE NORTHERN SIDE OF HOK YUEN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MA TAU WAI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 38 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN JUNK BAY

THE UNNAMED ROAD LINKING PO LAM ROAD AND THE EXISTING JUNK BAY INDUSTRIAL SITES IN JUNK BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 5) TO 4 PM ON MAY 22 FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE AFFECTED SECTION IS ADJACENT TO THE HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS CAN OPERATE ON THE NEW ROADS C AND D FOR ACCESS TO AND FROM THE INDUSTRIAL SITES.

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