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TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXPANDED

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN EXPANDED FROM 10 TO 13 MEMBERS.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE TAC UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE MEMBERS ARE THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE- THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE- THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE- THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE- THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT- MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT- MRS GRACE HO- MR STEPHEN WONG- THE HON LYDIA DUNN- THE HON T.S. LO- MR H.M.G. FORSGATE- MR CHAN PAK-KEUNG- AND MISS ANNIE WU.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INCREASED MEMBERSHIP RESULTED FROM A CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE, AS ALL THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WERE UNOFFICIALS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED : +BECAUSE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS ARE BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT A WIDER SPECTRUM OF UNOFFICIAL EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE CALLED ON FOR ADVICE.+

HE ADDED, +THE COMMITTEE IS CONSULTED ON ALL TRANSPORT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.+

+IN THE PAST YEAR, THE WORKLOAD ON THE COMMITTEE HAS GROWN CONSIDERABLY, AND THIS GROWTH IS UNLIKELY TO BE REVERSED IN FUTURE.+

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE REFLECTS BOTH THE WIDE SCOPE OF INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, AND THE CONTINUING LINKS MAINTAINED BETWEEN THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OTHER IMPORTANT HONG KONG BODIES, SUCH AS THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

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APPOINTMENTS TO CONSUMER COUNCIL

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MR K.S. LO, WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL EXPIRED ON APRIL 7, 1980, HAS BEEN SUCCEEDED BY MR GALLANT Y.T. HO.

MR HO, WHO JOINED THE CONSUMER COUNCIL IN 1975, THE SAME YEAR WHEN MR LO TOOK UP HIS CHAIRMANSHIP, WILL SERVE ON THE COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

NINE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE ALSO ENDED ON APRIL 7, 1980, HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS.

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THEY ARE MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, MRS MAXINE KWOK, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, MR ALFRED C.Y. AU-YEUNG, MR MARVIN K.T. CHEUNG, MRS MABEL CHOW, MR KAN MING-YA, MR LEUNG SIK-WAH AND MR WONG KONG-HA.

IN ADDITION, FIVE NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THEY ARE MR SELWYN MAR, MR NG KAI-KONG, MR TANG KWAI-NANG, MR KENNETH TING AND MRS TONG CHOW YEUK-FUN.

THESE APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS WILL BE FORMALLY GAZETTED ON APRIL 18, 1980.

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HK REPRESENTED AT AIR TALKS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CANADA

MR NORMAN LATHAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, LEFT HONG KONG THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING TO REPRESENT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AT AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD IN LONDON NEXT WEEK BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CANADIAN AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE TALKS WILL BE TO SECURE TRAFFIC RIGHTS TO ENABLE A UK DESIGNATED AIRLINE TO OPERATE A COMPETITIVE SERVICE TO CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES ON THE TRANS-PACIFIC ROUTE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND VANCOUVER. CANADIAN PACIFIC HAVE ENJOYED SOLE RIGHTS ON THE ROUTE SINCE 1949 AND CURRENTLY OPERATE A THREE TIMES WEEKLY B747 SERVICE VIA TOKYO.

CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND LAKER AIRWAYS HAVE BOTH MADE APPLICATIONS TO THE HONG KONG AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY (ATLA) FOR A LICENCE TO OPERATE TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES CALLING AT VANCOUVER AS WELL AS USA POINTS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ATLA WILL CONSIDER THESE APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES IN MAY OR JUNE. LAKER AIRWAYS BUT NOT CPA, WOULD ALSO NEED A LICENCE FROM THE UK CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY TO FLY FROM HONG KONG TO VANCOUVER.

AFTER A ROUTE BECOMES AVAILABLE FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE ATLA TO EXERCISE ITS DISCRETION TO GRANT OR TO REFUSE A LICENCE TO THE APPLICANTS AND FOR THE UK GOVERNMENT TO DESIGNATE THE AIRLINE OR AIRLINES TO WHOM A LICENCE IS SO GRANTED.

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WORK HOURS FOR YOUNG PERSONS IN INDUSTRY
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IN LINE WITH STANDARDS SET BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, THE HOURS DURING WHICH YOUNG INDUSTRIAL WORKERS MAY BE EMPLOYED ARE TO BE ADJUSTED.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE YOUNG WORKERS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 17 MAY BE EMPLOYED ONLY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.

UNDER THE EXISTING FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT TIME-LIMITS FOR THOSE AGED 14 AND 15 ARE FROM 6 AM TO 7 PM AND FOR THOSE AGED 16 AND 17 FROM 6 AM TO 8 PM.

DURING THESE PERIODS A YOUNG PERSON IS ALLOWED TO WORK FOR A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT HOURS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE ADJUSTMENT WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS 1980 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LAST WEEK.

THE REGULATIONS WERE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL FOLLOWING A LEGISLATIVE EXERCISE TO TRANSFER THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS FROM THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS TO THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE. THEY WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN ABOUT TWO TO THREE MONTHS' TIME ON A DATE TO BE NOTIFIED IN THE GAZETTE.

THE REGULATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, CONTAINED PROVISIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN PART II OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS, AND THE ADJUSTMENT OF PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT WAS THE ONLY MAIN CHANGE IN THE NEW REGULATIONS TO THOSE IN FORCE.

ALL PERMISSIONS UNDER AND EXEMPTIONS FROM THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS GRANTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WOULD REMAIN VALID UNTIL THEY WERE CANCELLED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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APPRENTICES COMPLETE PWD COURSES

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FORTY-ONE APPRENTICES WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED COURSES RUN BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHEN SHOU-LUM WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO THEM AT A CEREMONY IN THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

MR CHEN WILL ALSO PRESENT THE +BROWN CUP+ TO THE BEST TECHNICAL APPRENTICE AND THE +LAISHLEY CUP+ TO THE BEST CRAFT APPRENTICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PWD APPRENTICE GRADUATION CEREMONY IN THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT OI KWAN ROAD AT 5.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY). OFFICERS OF PWD'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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FOOTBRIDGES FOR SHA TIN

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TWO FOOTBRIDGES WILL BE BUILT SHORTLY IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN TO PROVIDE SAFE CROSSING FOR PEDESTRIANS.

A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT, WORTH JUST OVER \$5 MILLION, WAS SIGNED THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING BETWEEN MR KWEI SEE-KAN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PWD'S SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CHUN WO CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING COMPANY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR PWD SAID THAT ONE OF THE FOOTBRIDGES WOULD BE OVER THE RAILWAY TRACK AT TIN LIU AND THE OTHER OVER THE RAILWAY AND A TRUNK ROAD AT WO CHE.

THE FOOTBRIDGES WITH CONCRETE ROOF WILL BE 2.8-METRE WIDE.

HE SAID THAT THE PROJECT FORMED PART OF A PROGRAMME TO SEPARATE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC FROM THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CHAI WAN
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RESIDENTS IN CHAI WAN WILL HAVE A NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR TO SUPPLY FRESH WATER TO THEM.

A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WHICH COSTS NEARLY \$16 MILLION WAS SIGNED THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING BETWEEN THE CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION), MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG, OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY LTD.

LOCATED AT CHAI WAN HILL, THE NEW RESERVOIR WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 22 000 CUBIC METRES.

IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN MASS CONCRETE AND WILL HAVE A REINFORCED CONCRETE DECKING.

UPON COMPLETION IT WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH DEMAND FOR WATER FROM NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THE PROJECTS WILL START NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER
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THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 14) FOR RE-PAINTING OF ROAD MARKINGS.

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE, ALTERNATIVE GROUND LEVEL ROUTES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DIVERTED TRAFFIC AND APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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