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STAR FERRY GRANTED FRANCHISE  
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THE STAR FERRY COMPANY HAS BEEN GRANTED A FRANCHISE FOR A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS FROM APRIL 1, 1983.

THE GRANTING OF A FRANCHISE IS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE FERRY SERVICES ORDINANCE, ENACTED IN JUNE 1982, WHICH ALLOWS FOR GREATER GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER THE OPERATION OF FERRY SERVICES.

THE FRANCHISE GIVES THE STAR FERRY COMPANY THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO OPERATE FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT AND BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND HUNG HOM.

THE COMPANY WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT A FORWARD PLAN INCLUDING THE LEVEL OF SERVICES, NUMBER OF VESSELS AND THE PIER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE COMMISSIONER WILL COMMENT ON THE PROPOSALS AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH THE COMPANY. IF THE PLAN CANNOT BE AGREED BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL ARBITRATE.

THE FRANCHISE, WHICH IS AN EXTENSION OF THE ORDINANCE, SETS OUT THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE COMPANY MUST OPERATE ITS SERVICES, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE RUN PROPERLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

ONE OF THE CONDITIONS IS THAT IF THE WHOLE OR ANY PART OF A PIER IS NOT REQUIRED BY THE COMPANY, ITS RIGHT OF USE CAN BE SUSPENDED, CANCELLED OR TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER FERRY OPERATOR.

THE OTHER TERMS OF THE FRANCHISE GOVERN MATTERS SUCH AS THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY, THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT PIERS, THE PAYMENT OF RENT, THE PROVISION OF PASSENGER FACILITIES AND THE GRANTING OF COMMERCIAL CONCESSIONS.

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HONG KONG/NORWAY TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS  
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NEGOTIATIONS FOR A BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 21 IN HONG KONG. THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR HAMISH MACLEOD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WHEN THE PREVIOUS BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NORWAY EXPIRED AT THE END OF 1977, THE TWO SIDES FAILED TO CONCLUDE A NEW AGREEMENT. SINCE 1978 HONG KONG'S TEXTILES PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO NORWAY HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO GLOBAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OPERATED BY THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES.

NORWAY IS NOT AT PRESENT A MEMBER OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT. THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WILL HOWEVER BE HELD WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ARRANGEMENT.

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LABOUR MP TO VISIT HONG KONG  
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MR ROLAND MOYLE, LABOUR MP FOR LEWISHAM EAST, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FOR ABOUT A WEEK AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR MOYLE, WHO IS THE LABOUR PARTY'S DEPUTY SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, IS ARRIVING TOMORROW (APRIL 1) FOLLOWING A VISIT TO CHINA.

DURING HIS STAY HERE, MR MOYLE WILL MEET THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, URBAN COUNCILLORS AND JOURNALISTS.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BIOGRAPHY OF MR MOYLE:

MR ROLAND MOYLE, LABOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR LEWISHAM EAST, IS THE LABOUR PARTY'S DEPUTY FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN.

MR MOYLE, SON OF THE LATE LORD MOYLE OF LLANIDLOES (FORMER MP), WAS BORN IN 1928 AND EDUCATED AT LLANIDLOES COUNTY SCHOOL; UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES; TRINITY HALL CAMBRIDGE (WHERE HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY'S LABOUR CLUB IN 1953); AND GRAY'S INN. HE CARRIED OUT HIS NATIONAL SERVICE AS OFFICER OF THE ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS. HE WAS LEGAL ASSISTANT OF THE WALES GAS BOARD FROM 1953 TO 1956.

MR MOYLE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN 1954 AND WAS THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS EXECUTIVE OF THE GAS COUNCIL FROM 1956 TO 1962; AND THE ELECTRICITY COUNCIL FROM 1962 TO 1966.

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HE BECAME COUNCILLOR, LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH FROM 1964 TO 1966. BETWEEN 1968 AND 1972, HE WAS THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOUR PARTY DEFENCE GROUP AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS AND IMMIGRATION. HE WAS APPOINTED PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY FROM 1966 TO 1969; AND TO THE HOME SECRETARY FROM 1969 TO 1970.

MR MOYLE WAS THE HON SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH-AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FROM 1971 TO 1974 AND THE OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENCE FROM 1972 TO 1974.

HE WAS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD FROM MARCH TO JUNE, 1974 AND WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF STATE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EDUCATION; ENVIRONMENT; HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES; AND COMMERCE AND MANPOWER SERVICES FROM 1974 TO 1976. HE WAS MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH FROM 1976 TO 1979 AND BECAME THE OPPOSITION FRONT BENCH SPOKESMAN ON HEALTH FROM 1979 TO 1980. IN 1978 HE WAS MADE A PRIVY COUNCILLOR.

MR MOYLE WAS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR LEWISHAM NORTH FROM 1966 TO 1974, AND FOR LEWISHAM EAST FROM 1974.

MR MOYLE IS MARRIED.

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#### POINTS SYSTEM FOR DRIVERS PROPOSED

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY BY REMOVING IRRESPONSIBLE DRIVERS FROM THE ROAD TEMPORARILY IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING OFFENCE POINTS) BILL 1983 PROVIDES FOR THE RECORDING OF POINTS IN RELATION TO CONVICTIONS FOR VARIOUS ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES CONNECTED WITH ROAD SAFETY, AND FOR A DRIVER TO BE LIABLE FOR DISQUALIFICATION ON THE ACCUMULATION OF 15 OR MORE POINTS FOR OFFENCES COMMITTED WITHIN THREE YEARS OF EACH OTHER.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION THAT THE BILL, IF ENACTED, SHOULD COME INTO OPERATION ON THE SAME DAY AS, OR SHORTLY AFTER, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE IN APRIL 1984.

EXPLAINING THE NEED TO INTRODUCE THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID RESEARCH HAD INDICATED THAT A MAJORITY OF ROAD ACCIDENTS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE DRIVER RATHER THAN TO DEFECTS IN THE VEHICLE OR IN HIGHWAY ENGINEERING.

+A DRIVING OFFENCE POINTS SCHEME PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF DIRECTLY DISCOURAGING BAD DRIVING BEHAVIOUR AND, AS A LAST RESORT, REMOVING UNSAFE DRIVERS FROM THE ROAD FOR TEMPORARY PERIODS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSED POINTS SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE A CAUSE FOR CONCERN FOR CAREFUL DRIVERS, PROFESSIONAL OR OTHERWISE.

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+OVER A THREE-YEAR ACCUMULATION PERIOD, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF THE DRIVERS MAY COLLECT SOME POINTS, BUT LESS THAN TWO PER CENT OF THE MOTORISTS ARE EXPECTED TO REACH THE 15 POINT LEVEL AT WHICH THEY WOULD BE LIABLE FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

+THIS UNDERLINES THE TWIN OBJECTIVES OF TACKLING THE PERSISTENT OFFENDERS WHO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR THE MAJORITY OF RESPONSIBLE MOTORISTS, AND OF ENCOURAGING IMPROVEMENTS IN DRIVING STANDARDS MORE GENERALLY,+ HE SAID.

FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS, SUCH AS THOSE OF TAXIS, BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, THEIR SKILL AND EXPERIENCE SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NO MORE PRONE TO COLLECTING PENALTY POINTS THAN PRIVATE MOTORISTS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A WIDE RANGE OF POSSIBLE OFFENCES HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED, BUT ONLY 16 TRAFFIC OFFENCES HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE BILL ON THE BASIS OF THEIR DIRECT BEARING ON ROAD SAFETY. +THE BILL DOES NOT INTRODUCE ANY NEW OFFENCES, AND ALL THE OFFENCES HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 1982,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

+MOTORISTS ARE FAMILIAR WITH MOST OF THESE SINCE IN A SIMILAR FORMAT THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE STATUTE BOOK FOR YEARS.

+IN ADDITION, A MAGISTRATE ALREADY HAS DISCRETIONARY POWER TO SUSPEND THE DRIVER'S LICENCE ON CONVICTION FOR A NUMBER OF THESE OFFENCES,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE BILL REQUIRES THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO ISSUE A WARNING NOTICE TO DRIVERS WHO HAVE INCURRED 10 OR MORE, BUT LESS THAN 15 POINTS, INFORMING THEM OF THE NUMBER OF POINTS INVOLVED AND WARNING THAT THEY ARE GETTING CLOSE TO THE DISQUALIFICATION LEVEL.

+THE EMPHASIS IS ON PROMOTING SAFE DRIVING RATHER THAN ACHIEVING WIDESPREAD DISQUALIFICATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHEN A DRIVER HAS INCURRED 15 OR MORE POINTS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL APPLY TO A MAGISTRATE FOR THE ISSUE OF A SUMMONS.

ON HEARING THE SUMMONS, A MAGISTRATE IS OBLIGED TO DISQUALIFY THE DRIVER, ON THE FIRST OCCASION, FOR THREE MONTHS AND, ON ANY SUBSEQUENT OCCASION WHEN 15 POINTS OR MORE HAVE BEEN ACCUMULATED, FOR SIX MONTHS UNLESS THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL GROUNDS FOR ORDERING A SHORTER PERIOD OR NO DISQUALIFICATION.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT ON DISQUALIFICATION EITHER UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OR UNDER THE BILL, THE MOTORIST'S +POINTS SLATE+ WOULD BE WIPED CLEAN.

ANY DISQUALIFIED DRIVER WHO APPLIES FOR OR OBTAINS A DRIVING LICENCE OR DRIVES A MOTOR VEHICLE WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE AND BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE 16 PROPOSED TRAFFIC OFFENCES WHICH WILL ATTRACT PENALTY POINTS AND THE NUMBER OF POINTS ACCORDED TO THEM:

- \* CAUSING DEATH BY RECKLESS DRIVING (10)
- \* RECKLESS DRIVING (10)
- \* CARELESS DRIVING (5)
- \* DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRINK OR DRUGS (10)
- \* DRIVING IN EXCESS OF SPEED LIMIT BY MORE THAN 15 KILOMETRES AN HOUR (5)
- \* DRIVING IN A MOTOR RACE OR SPEED TRIAL ON A ROAD (10)
- \* FAILING TO STOP AFTER AN ACCIDENT (5)
- \* FAILING TO GIVE PARTICULARS AFTER AN ACCIDENT (5)
- \* FAILING TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT (5)
- \* FAILING TO STOP WHEN REQUIRED BY POLICE OFFICER OR TRAFFIC WARDEN (3)
- \* FAILING TO OBEY DIRECTIONS OF POLICE OFFICER OR TRAFFIC WARDEN (3)
- \* CROSSING DOUBLE WHITE LINES (3)
- \* FAILING TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC SIGNALS (3)
- \* FAILING TO GIVE PRECEDENCE TO PEDESTRIANS ON ZEBRA CROSSING (3)
- \* FAILING TO STOP FOR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL (3)
- \* FAILING TO GIVE WAY TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES (3)

## BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL

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THE BILLS OF EXCHANGE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION GOVERNING THE LIABILITY OF PERSONS SIGNING CHEQUES FOR THEIR COMPANIES, IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 13.

THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION REVEALED IN ITS REPORT ON COMMERCIAL LAW GOVERNING BILLS OF EXCHANGE THAT MANY BUSINESSMEN IN HONG KONG SIGN CHEQUES ON BEHALF OF THEIR COMPANIES BELIEVING THAT ONLY THE COMPANY, AND NOT THEY THEMSELVES PERSONALLY, ARE LIABLE ON THE CHEQUE.

BUT THE REPORT SAID IF THE COMPANY FAILS TO MEET THE CHEQUE BECAUSE IT IS OUT OF FUNDS, THEN UNLESS THE PROPER WORDS ARE WRITTEN ON THE CHEQUE BY THE BUSINESSMAN, HE IN FACT BECOMES PERSONALLY LIABLE.

THE REPORT SAID THE COMMISSION HAD DISCOVERED THAT THERE WERE SOME FOUR MILLION CHEQUES A YEAR IN HONG KONG WHERE THE SIGNERS MIGHT BECOME LIABLE IF THE COMPANIES FAILED TO PAY.

TO SOLVE THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM FOR BUSINESSMEN, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED:

- (1) THAT AS A MATTER OF PRUDENT BANKING PRACTICE, BANKERS SHOULD CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF ADVISING COMPANIES WHO ARE THEIR CLIENTS THAT, AS THE LAW STANDS AT THE MOMENT, IT IS ONLY THE USE OF THE WORDS +FOR+ OR +ON BEHALF OF+ OR +FOR AND ON BEHALF OF+ AND THEIR COMPANY'S NAME THAT WILL ASSUREDLY AVOID PERSONAL LIABILITY UNDER THE BILLS OF EXCHANGE ORDINANCE OF SIGNATORIES ON A DISHONOURED COMPANY CHEQUE;
- (2) THAT THE BILLS OF EXCHANGE ORDINANCE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WHERE A PERSON'S SIGNATURE APPEARS ON A CHEQUE ONLY AS A COMPOSITE PART OF HIS COMPANY'S SIGNATURE, THAT PERSON SHOULD NOT BE PERSONALLY LIABLE; AND
- (3) THAT NO AMENDMENT NEED BE MADE IN RESPECT OF THE TIME WITHIN WHICH NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN THAT A CHEQUE HAS BEEN DISHONOURED.

THE COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT BANKERS SHOULD CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF INVITING THE ATTENTION OF THEIR CORPORATE CLIENTS TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 93 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE. THE EFFECT OF THESE PROVISIONS IS THAT FAILURE TO SET OUT THE COMPANY'S NAME FULLY OR ACCURATELY, OR IF IN CHINESE CHARACTERS WITHOUT THE CHINESE CHARACTERS, COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL LIABILITY ON THE CHEQUE FOR THE SIGNATORY.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS AT AUXILIARY AIR FORCE  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, WING COMMANDER BOSS PENLINGTON, HAS BEEN APPOINTED HONORARY AIR COMMODORE OF RHKAAF FROM TOMORROW (APRIL 1).

HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED AS COMMANDING OFFICER BY SQUADRON LEADER ALISTAIR ASPREY, WHO WILL BE PROMOTED TO WING COMMANDER WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DATE.

WING COMMANDER PENLINGTON JOINED THE RHKAAF IN 1965 AS A PILOT AND WAS APPOINTED COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE FORCE IN JUNE 1975.

DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE, A NEW RHKAAF HEADQUARTERS WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT, AND WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR IN MARCH 1979.

MORE AIRCRAFT WERE ADDED TO THE FLEET, INCLUDING TWO BRITISH-MADE BULLDOG TRAINING AIRCRAFT IN 1977, A TWIN-ENGINE FIXED-WING CESSNA 404 TITAN AIRCRAFT IN 1979 AND THREE TWIN-ENGINE DAUPHIN HELICOPTERS IN 1980.

THE RHKAAF PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN STEMMING THE FLOW OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN 1979-80 BY SUPPORTING ANTI-II OPERATIONS AND PROVIDING REGULAR LONG-RANGE FLIGHTS OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA FOR CRAFT SUSPECTED TO BE CARRYING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

WING COMMANDER PENLINGTON WAS AWARDED THE AIR EFFICIENCY AWARD IN 1971, THE FIRST CLASP IN 1978, THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL IN 1977 AND OBE IN 1980.

APART FROM HIS APPOINTMENT AS HONORARY AIR COMMODORE OF THE RHKAAF, WING COMMANDER PENLINGTON WILL CONTINUE HIS PUBLIC SERVICE AS A HIGH COURT JUDGE AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY.

THE NEW COMMANDING OFFICER, SQUADRON LEADER ASPREY, WAS ENROLLED IN 1967, AWARDED THE AIR EFFICIENCY AWARD IN 1974 AND THE FIRST CLASP IN 1981.

SQUADRON LEADER ASPREY, WHO IS A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, IS CONFIDENT THAT THE UNIT WILL CONTINUE TO ADAPT TO HONG KONG'S CHANGING AND EXPANDING NEEDS FOR FLYING SERVICES WITH DETERMINATION AND PROFESSIONALISM.

MEANWHILE, FLIGHT LIEUTENANT DICKY YIP, WHO IS ALSO A HOLDER OF THE AIR EFFICIENCY AWARD, HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO SQUADRON LEADER. HE WILL BE THE NEW OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE FLYING SQUADRON WHICH COMPRISES HELICOPTERS AND FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT YIP, WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, HAS CHALKED UP MORE THAN 2 000 HOURS OF FLYING IN HIS 16 YEARS OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AT CHAI WAN

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AN EMERGENCY SERVICE WILL BEGIN OPERATION AT THE CHAI WAN HEALTH CENTRE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL TREATMENT FOR EMERGENCY CASES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

FROM APRIL 11, THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SECTION WILL BE OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9.30 PM, AND WILL SERVE AS THE DISTRICT'S CASUALTY STATION UNTIL THE EASTERN HOSPITAL IS COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS DECADE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THE CLINIC WILL BE MANNED BY SIX DOCTORS AND 11 NURSES WORKING ON SHIFT DUTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN BOTH THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SECTION AND THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.

FOUR OBSERVATION BEDS AS WELL AS LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS, COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF OTHER ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN THE CLINIC.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WHILE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE ENTIRE HONG KONG REGION ARE MADE AVAILABLE AT QUEEN MARY AND TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITALS, THE CONGESTED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT HAVE CAUSED PROBLEMS IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF CASUALTY CASES TO THE HOSPITALS.

+THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SECTION AT THE CHAI WAN HEALTH CENTRE IS INTENDED AS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION DURING THE PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ACCIDENT VICTIMS TAKEN TO THE CHAI WAN CLINIC WILL BE GIVEN PRIMARY TREATMENT AND THEIR CONDITIONS WILL BE STABILISED BEFORE SENDING THEM TO EITHER TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL OR QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND TREATMENT.

WHETHER THE EMERGENCY SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED BEYOND 9.30 PM WILL DEPEND ON THE NEED AND RESPONSE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WHEN AN ASSESSMENT WILL BE MADE IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A FULL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE 1 400-BED EASTERN HOSPITAL AT CHAI WAN WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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GREATER CONTROL OF NT PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES  
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NEW REGULATIONS ARE TO BE INTRODUCED TO STRENGTHEN CONTROL OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND IMPROVE THE HYGIENE STANDARDS OF VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT MEAT FROM THE ABATTOIRS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE SLAUGHTERHOUSES (NEW TERRITORIES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983 UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THESE WILL COME INTO FORCE ON MAY 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE NEW REGULATIONS ENABLE THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO EXERCISE GREATER CONTROL OVER PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES OPERATING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH.

UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION, THE LICENSEES OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IN KEEPING THEIR PREMISES IN A SANITARY CONDITION.

THE LICENSEES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A SECURITY CONTROL SYSTEM TO STRICTLY PROHIBIT UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF PERSONS INTO THEIR SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE NEW REGULATION ALSO PROVIDES THAT ONLY AUTHORISED VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED TO REMOVE MEAT AND OFFAL FROM LICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO APPROVED AN INCREASE OF LICENCE FEE FOR PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE ANNUAL LICENCE FEE FOR OPERATING EACH PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$500 TO \$2 500 WHILE THE LICENCE FEE FOR ERECTING A SLAUGHTERHOUSE INCREASES FROM \$10 TO \$1 200.

THE EXISTING FEES HAD NOT BEEN REVISED SINCE 1971, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A RANGE OF NEW OFFENCES IS CONTAINED IN THE REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES ARE RAISED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. THE MAXIMUM BEING A FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

ADDITIONAL PENALTY IS ALSO IMPOSED ON CONTINUING OFFENCE AT A MAXIMUM DAILY FINE OF \$250.

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THREE LAND LOTS SOLD  
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THREE LOTS OF INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN LAND AND THREE FLATS WERE SOLD AT AN AUCTION HELD IN THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE FIRST SITE, OF ABOUT 911.6 SQUARE METRES IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA, WAS SOLD TO TAI YUEN CO. LTD. FOR \$1.5 MILLION, OR \$1 645.46 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SECOND LOT IS IN KOWLOON BAY AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 6 009 SQUARE METRES.

IT WAS SOLD TO CITY-SPACE INVESTMENT LTD. FOR \$15.5 MILLION, OR \$2 579.46 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE REMAINING LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 2 300 SQUARE METRES, IS ON TIN WAN PRAYA ROAD IN ABERDEEN.

IT WAS SOLD TO WELL TAI CO. LTD. FOR \$16.2 MILLION, OR \$7 043.48 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE THREE FLATS SOLD ARE ALL IN PINE STREET, KOWLOON.

MEASURING ABOUT 42.1 SQUARE METRES, THE FIRST FLAT ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF 20 PINE STREET WAS SOLD TO LUNG TIN WAN FOR \$80 000.

THE SECOND FLAT OF ABOUT 41.18 SQUARE METRES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF 30 PINE STREET WAS SOLD TO SHU FONG INVESTMENT CO. LTD. FOR \$81 000.

THE LAST FLAT OF ABOUT 52.2 SQUARE METRES ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF 30 PINE STREET WAS ALSO SOLD TO LUNG TIN WAN FOR \$90 000.

A 2 382 SQUARE-METRE NON-INDUSTRIAL SITE IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA WAS WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THERE WAS NO BIDDER.

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BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED FOR MTR PROJECT  
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SIX PRE-WAR BUILDINGS AT 129-139 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI WILL BE RESUMED UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF MTR ISLAND LINE.

DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDINGS, WHICH ARE ALL FOUR-STOREY HIGH, WILL BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MTR WORKS IN THE ADJACENT CONCOURSE.

ALTOGETHER 118 PEOPLE FROM 40 FAMILIES WILL BE AFFECTED. THEY WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S POLICY. THESE TENANTS TOGETHER WITH NON-DOMESTIC OCCUPIERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES.

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NEW VISIOMATIC AID TO HELP SPREAD MESSAGES  
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THREE VISIOMATIC MACHINES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS IN TSUEN WAN TO HELP SPREAD MESSAGES TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLICISE LOCAL ACTIVITIES.

LOCATED OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT FOU WAH CENTRE, IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND THE TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER, THE MACHINES ARE FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT A TOTAL COST OF \$9 000.

THE NEW TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, AFTER INSPECTING ONE OF THE MACHINES, SAID THEY WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION AND PROMOTING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+ALTHOUGH VISIOMATIC MACHINES ARE QUITE COMMON IN THE URBAN AREAS, THEY ARE RELATIVELY NEW IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ MR HSU SAID.

+ONE ADVANTAGE IS THAT THE MACHINE SAVES SPACE.

+IT CAN STORE SOME 20 POSTERS AND SHOW THEM IN TURN. THUS, ALL WE NEED TO DO IS TO INSTALL ONE SUCH MACHINE INSTEAD OF 20 BOXES EACH SHOWING A DIFFERENT POSTER.+

HE ADDED THAT AS THE VISIOMATIC MACHINES COULD CHANGE THE POSTER AUTOMATICALLY, THIS WOULD BE A NEW ATTRACTION TO LOCAL PEOPLE.

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MORE BURIAL AND URN SITES FOR WO HOP SHEK  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SPEND MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PROVIDE MORE BURIAL AND URN SITES AS PART OF ANOTHER LARGE SCALE EXTENSION OF WO HOP SHEK PUBLIC CEMETERY. IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF MODERN CREMATORIA ARE BEING PLANNED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND.

AT WO HOP SHEK, TWO EXTENSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THESE COMPRISE A \$6.7 MILLION EXTENSION FOR 6 700 COFFIN BURIAL SITES AND A \$8 MILLION PROJECT FOR THE PROVISION OF 12 000 URN SPACES. PLANS FOR PROVIDING MORE NEW BURIAL SITES ARE AT AN ADVANCED STAGE.

THERE ARE NOW 53 871 COFFIN BURIALS AND 99 020 URN BURIALS AT WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY. LAST YEAR, COFFIN BURIALS TOOK UP 7 128 SITES WHILE URN BURIALS OCCUPIED 4 027 SPACES IN THE CEMETERY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ON CREMATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$26.5 MILLION SHA TIN CREMATORIUM WOULD BE STARTED NEXT MONTH, WHILE PLANS FOR BUILDING MODERN CREMATORIA AT WO HOP SHEK, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG, CHEUNG CHAU AND LANTAU ISLAND WERE ALSO IN HAND.

A TOTAL OF 7 967 CREMATIONS OF EXHUMED SKELETAL REMAINS WERE RECORDED AT WO HOP SHEK CREMATORIUM LAST YEAR.

THE KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM ALSO CARRIED OUT 5 789 BODY CREMATIONS IN 1982, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE REVISION OF FEES FOR BURIAL, CREMATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO THE DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INCREASING WORKS IN PROVIDING THE SERVICES.

WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (THURSDAY), THE FEE FOR A BURIAL SITE AT A PUBLIC CEMETERY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE \$800 FOR AN ADULT AND \$400 FOR THE INTERMENT OF A CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE, COMPARED WITH THE OLD FEES OF \$250 AND \$125 RESPECTIVELY.

ALL HUMAN REMAINS INTERRED IN PUBLIC CEMETERIES ARE REQUIRED TO BE EXHUMED AFTER SIX YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS FOR THE PERMANENT URN GRAVE SPACES IN THE PUBLIC CEMETERIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW CHARGE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$430 TO \$1 100.

IN THE CASE OF CREMATION OF AN ADULT AND A CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE, THE FEES WILL BE \$250 AND \$125 RESPECTIVELY. THE OLD FEES WERE \$120 AND \$60 RESPECTIVELY. THIS WILL BRING THEM IN LINE WITH THE FEES FOR CREMATION IN THE URBAN AREA STARTING APRIL 1.

FOR THE PERMANENT PLACING OF CREMATED ASHES IN A COLUMBARIUM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, A SUM OF \$1 300 WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH STANDARD NICHE AND \$5 200 FOR EACH FAMILY NICHE CAPABLE OF HOLDING FOUR URNS. THIS COMPARED WITH THE OLD FEES OF \$1 000 AND \$4 000 RESPECTIVELY.

CHARGES FOR THE PLACING OF A MEMORIAL TABLET ON THE WALL OF A COLUMBARIUM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OR A TREE PLANTED IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE OF A CREMATORIUM IS REMAINED UNCHANGED AT \$50, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR THE CREMATION OF THE SKELETAL REMAINS OF AN ADULT OR CHILD, A CHARGE OF \$90 HAS BEEN INTRODUCED.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE REVISION OF FEES FOR BURIAL AND CREMATIONS IS TO REFLECT MORE REALISTICALLY GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON THESE SERVICES AS OPERATIONAL COSTS HAD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, A 20 PER CENT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY ON BURIAL FEES IS RETAINED. THERE IS ALSO A 50 PER CENT SUBSIDY ON CREMATION FEES IN ORDER TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE USE OF CREMATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO BURIAL, HE ADDED.

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NORTH DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN  
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A LARGE SCALE POP CONCERT PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 10 (SUNDAY) AT 3 PM AT THE FANLING PLAYGROUND TO KICK OFF THE NORTH DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN FOR THIS YEAR.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

DETAILS OF THE CONCERT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE RECEPTION HALL OF RTHK, BROADCASTING HOUSE, BROADCAST DRIVE.

MR CHEUNG KUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL CHAIR THE CONFERENCE TOGETHER WITH MR FRANCIS CHOI, INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND MR RAYMOND NG, HEAD OF RADIO 2, RTHK.

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HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA EASTER CONCERT  
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (A) OF THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT AN EASTER CONCERT ON SATURDAY (APRIL 2) AT 3 PM AT THE CONCERT HALL, CITY HALL.

FAMOUS WORKS LIKE JOHANNES BRAHMS' ACADEMIC FESTIVAL OVERTURE, OP. 80; VARIATIONS ON A THEME BY HAYDN, OP. 56A; PETER ILYITCH TCHAIKOVSKY'S 'ROMEO AND JULIET' FANTASY OVERTURE AND CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS' PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2 IN G MINOR, OP. 22 WILL BE PERFORMED AT THIS CONCERT WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MR THOMAS WANG, ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (PROFESSIONAL) OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WITH MISS SUM WAI-CHUNG AS SOLOIST.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (A) HAS AT PRESENT ABOUT 80 MEMBERS WHO ARE MAINLY STUDENTS FROM 13 TO 23 YEARS OF AGE. IN AUGUST 1978, THE ORCHESTRA GAVE ITS FIRST LOCAL PERFORMANCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VISITING COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA. LATER IN THE SAME MONTH, IT GAVE ITS INAUGURAL CONCERT.

SINCE THEN THE ORCHESTRA HAS BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM ON VARIOUS MAJOR OCCASIONS INCLUDING THE FESTIVAL OF ASIAN ARTS, HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL AND THE CELEBRITY CONCERT OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

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DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE ORCHESTRA HAS ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO PERFORM WITH WORLD RENOWNED MUSICIANS LIKE FOU TS'ONG, SHALOM RONLY-RIKLIS, SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS, AND EDEN AND TAMIR.

UNDER THE MUSIC OFFICE'S CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, THE ORCHESTRA HAS GIVEN JOINT PERFORMANCES WITH VISITING YOUTH ORCHESTRAS SUCH AS THE PHILIPPINES YOUTH ORCHESTRA, THE LONG ISLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA, AND THE SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

APART FROM LOCAL CONCERTS, A LARGE NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA HAS EXTENSIVE OVERSEAS PERFORMING EXPERIENCE INCLUDING CONCERT TOURS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, CYPRUS, ISRAEL AND AUSTRALIA.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE FORTHCOMING CONCERT ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 3-7226240-3.

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CHILDREN'S DAY FUN CONCERT  
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A CHILDREN'S DAY FUN CONCERT WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (APRIL 2) AT 2.30 PM AT THE OPEN-AIR THEATRE IN MORSE PARK.

TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, PO LEUNG KUK NO. 1 COLLEGE BAND AND YAU MA TEI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL DANCE TEAM WILL TAKE PART IN THE CONCERT.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE POPULAR CHINESE MELODIES, POPULAR BAND MUSIC, MEXICAN AND DUTCH DANCE AND PIPA AND ER-HU ENSEMBLE PLAYING.

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN. FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. FOR ENQUIRIES, CALL 3-7561328.

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