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VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA TO KEEP PEOPLE UP-TO-DATE: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA IS TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA ARE KEPT UP-TO-DATE AND WELL-INFORMED ON THE DETAILS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR LONDON, TONIGHT (FRIDAY), SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD GO TO NEW YORK FIRST WHERE HE WOULD BE TALKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE ASIA SOCIETY, WHICH IS A VERY LARGE ORGANISATION IN THE UNITED STATES WITH AN INTEREST IN ASIA.

"THEY ARE DEVOTING THEIR ANNUAL DINNER THIS YEAR, AND THE WHOLE DAY ON MONDAY, TO HONG KONG WITH A SEMINAR THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE AND AFTER 1997," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID WILL ALSO BE MEETING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

THE GOVERNOR WILL THEN GO TO CANADA FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO OTTAWA AND TORONTO.

"IT WILL BE THE FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO OTTAWA BY A GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

"IT'S A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO TRY TO BUILD UP THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH CANADA WHICH HAS BEEN INCREASING OVER THE YEARS. TRADE HAS BEEN INCREASING, THERE ARE OF COURSE A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG NOW LIVING IN CANADA, PARTICULARLY IN TORONTO," HE ADDED.

"SO IT WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACROSS TO THOSE PEOPLE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HONG KONG SO THAT THEY ARE BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THERE ARE FOR TRADE AND OTHER INVOLVEMENT FROM CANADA IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT CHINA'S MOST FAVOURED NATION STATUS IN TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS SOMETHING HE WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO GET ACROSS IN THE UNITED STATES: "THAT THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A QUESTION OF UNITED STATES RELATIONS WITH CHINA, WHICH MUST BE A MATTER FOR THE UNITED STATES, NOT US, BUT IT IS SOMETHING WHICH WILL HAVE A VERY MARKED EFFECT ON HONG KONG.

"AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT AS THEY COME TO MAKING THOSE DECISIONS, THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG, OF THE DECISIONS THAT THEY WILL TAKE ON MFN STATUS," HE SAID.

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IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE CALLING ON U.S. OFFICIALS WHILE IN NEW YORK.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT HE WOULD BE SPEAKING IN PUBLIC AND MEETING A WIDE SELECTION OF THE MEDIA IN THE UNITED STATES TO PUT ACROSS THE POINTS ON CHINA'S MFN STATUS.

HE SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE TALKING ABOUT THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PLANS FOR THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AND THE FACT THAT OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT WAS WELCOME.

SEEING THE GOVERNOR OFF AT THE AIRPORT WERE THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DAME LYDIA DUNN; AND THE ACTING SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN CHEONG.

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MARCH ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED
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IN MARCH 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1990, BUT DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MARCH 1990 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE ORDERS POSITION IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED.

COMPARING MARCH 1990 WITH MARCH 1989, THE ORDERS POSITION DROPPED MODERATELY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN MOST OF THE OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN ORDERS WAS RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

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ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN MARCH 1990 DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1990 AND MARCH 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1990 DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN ALMOST ALL THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, EXCEPT FOR THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WHICH SHOWED A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT.

COMPARING MARCH 1990 WITH MARCH 1989, DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE RECORDED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASES RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, A MODERATE INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

IN MARCH 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1990.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED SHOWED SOME INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

THESE INCREASES WERE DUE PARTLY TO MORE WORKING DAYS IN MARCH 1990 THAN IN FEBRUARY 1990, PARTICULARLY SINCE QUITE A NUMBER OF THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED STILL HAD THEIR CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS IN THE EARLY PART OF FEBRUARY 1990.

COMPARING MARCH 1990 WITH MARCH 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS.

INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1990 WAS ALMOST THE SAME AS IN FEBRUARY 1990, BUT DECREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MARCH 1990 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER FEBRUARY 1990, MAINLY DUE TO MORE WORKING DAYS IN MARCH THAN IN FEBRUARY, PARTICULARLY SINCE SOME OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED STILL HAD THEIR CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS IN THE EARLY PART OF FEBRUARY.

COMPARING MARCH 1990 WITH MARCH 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1990 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1990, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MARCH 1990 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1990, BUT INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER MARCH 1989 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MARCH 1990 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 4820.

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TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| INDUSTRY | ORDERS-ON-HAND | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | AS AT THE END OF MARCH 1990 (MONTHS) | CHANGE WHEN FEB. 90 (%) | COMPARED WITH MAR. 89 (%) |
| ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES | 4.35 | * | -2 |
| WEARING APPAREL | 4.69 | * | -2 |
| TEXTILES | 2.45 | -2 | -4 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | 3.39 | +1 | -3 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | 4.32 | * | -8 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | 5.28 | +1 | +2 |
| OTHERS | 4.17 | * | -2 |

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%.

TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF MARCH 1990

| INDUSTRY/SERVICES | CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | FEB. 90 (%) | MAR. 89 (%) |
| ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES | -1 | -9 |
| FOOD AND DRINKS | -1 | +4 |
| WEARING APPAREL | -1 | -10 |
| TEXTILES | * | -6 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | +9 | -2 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | -3 | -14 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | -2 | -17 |
| OTHERS | -1 | * |
| CONSTRUCTION# | * | -4 |
| SERVICES | * | +3 |
| BANKS | * | +1 |
| HOTELS | -1 | -2 |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | * | +2 |
| OTHERS | +1 | +6 |

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* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%.

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

TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

| INDUSTRY/SERVICES | PER CAPITA EARNINGS | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----|
| | AVERAGE AS IN MARCH 1990 (HK\$) | CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH FEB. 90 MAR. 89 (%) (%) | |
| ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES | 5,645 | +7 | +18 |
| FOOD AND DRINKS | 6,200 | +3 | +18 |
| WEARING APPAREL | 4,432 | +8 | +11 |
| TEXTILES | 5,049 | +11 | +12 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | 5,075 | +2 | +7 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | 6,601 | +15 | +23 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | 5,554 | +6 | +23 |
| OTHERS | 7,551 | +5 | +18 |
| CONSTRUCTION# | 7,984 | +13 | +17 |
| SERVICES | 9,425 | -1 | +19 |
| BANKS | 8,816 | -2 | +17 |
| HOTELS | 6,416 | * | +15 |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | 9,232 | +3 | +22 |
| OTHERS | 10,967 | -3 | +17 |

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3:

UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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NEW SYSTEM FOR REGISTERING COMPANY NAMES PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO INTRODUCE A STREAMLINED SYSTEM FOR THE REGISTRATION AND APPROVAL OF COMPANY NAMES WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE TIME TAKEN TO INCORPORATE NEW COMPANIES.

THE PROPOSED SYSTEM IS CONTAINED IN THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) BILL 1990, WHICH WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"BASED ON THE UNITED KINGDOM APPROACH, THE NEW SYSTEM IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE SIMPLER AND QUICKER, AND ITS INTRODUCTION SHOULD GREATLY REDUCE THE TIME TAKEN TO REGISTER NEW COMPANIES," THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID.

"AT PRESENT, OWING TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE, THE OVERALL TIME TAKEN TO INCORPORATE COMPANIES, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL OF THE NAME, IS BETWEEN TWO AND THREE MONTHS WHICH IS CONSIDERED UNSATISFACTORY.

"UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, A COMPANY NAME IS REGISTRABLE IF IT IS NOT THE SAME AS A NAME ALREADY IN THE COMPANY NAME INDEX IN THE COMPANIES REGISTRY.

"HOWEVER, WHERE A NAME REGISTERED IS, IN THE OPINION OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, TOO LIKE A NAME PREVIOUSLY ENTERED IN THE INDEX, THE REGISTRAR MAY, WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF REGISTRATION, DIRECT THE COMPANY TO CHANGE ITS NAME WITHIN SUCH PERIOD AS HE MAY SPECIFY," MR GLEESON SAID.

"THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM WILL RESULT IN THE NAME RESERVATION SYSTEM BEING ABOLISHED, THEREBY CUTTING DOWN THE TIME TAKEN TO INCORPORATE COMPANIES TO A PERIOD OF ABOUT 10 WORKING DAYS.

"ONE OF THE RESULTS OF THE NEW APPROACH WILL BE TO RELIEVE STAFF OF THE COMPANIES REGISTRY FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DECIDING WHETHER A NAME IS 'TOO LIKE' AN EXISTING COMPANY NAME AND TO PLACE THIS RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PARTY REGISTERING THE NEW COMPANY.

"TO THIS END, MANUAL (FOR 'SAME NAME' AND 'TOO LIKE NAME' SEARCHES) AND COMPUTERISED (FOR 'SAME NAME' SEARCHES ONLY) SEARCH FACILITIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE AT THE PUBLIC SEARCH AREA OF THE COMPANIES REGISTRY," HE SAID.

"MORE DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENT FOR SEARCHES WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE THE NEW SYSTEM COMES INTO OPERATION," HE ADDED.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT THERE SHOULD BE A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE NEW "SAME NAME" SYSTEM COMES INTO FORCE.

/MR GLEESON

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MR GLEESON SAID THE EFFECT OF THIS WOULD BE THAT NAMES WHICH ARE ON RESERVED LIST AT THE START OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD CAN CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR INCORPORATING NEW COMPANIES DURING THAT PERIOD UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

"IT WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE TO INCORPORATE A COMPANY DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, EVEN IF THE NAME FOR THAT COMPANY HAS NOT BEEN RESERVED, BUT AFTER THE END OF THAT PERIOD ALL NAME RESERVATIONS WILL LAPSE," HE SAID.

"THE OTHER MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IS TO ENABLE THE COMPANIES REGISTRY TO CLEAR THE BACKLOG OF COMPANY INCORPORATIONS SO THAT IT CAN START WITH A CLEAN SLATE ON THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW SYSTEM," MR GLEESON ADDED.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 30.

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CHANGES TO WINDING-UP PROCEDURES PROPOSED

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A BILL GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR CONVERSION FROM A COMPULSORY WINDING-UP OF A COMPANY TO A CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY WINDING-UP AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO.4) BILL 1990 PROPOSES THAT ANY APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION HAS TO BE MADE WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE DATE OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CREDITORS, OR ANY ADJOURNMENT OF THAT MEETING.

"THE EXISTING SECTION 209A OF THE ORDINANCE ALLOWS CREDITORS TO APPLY FOR CONVERSION AT ANY TIME DURING THE COURSE OF A COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) RULES, THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER (OR), WHO ACTED AS LIQUIDATOR IN MOST COMPULSORY WINDING-UP CASES, OPERATED A SCHEME OF PAYMENT BY RESULTS AND CHARGED FEES PROPORTIONAL TO THE AMOUNT OF ASSETS REALISED TO RECOVER COSTS OF WORK DONE.

"SECTION 209A PROVIDES THAT THE COURT MAY, UPON APPLICATION BY THE LIQUIDATOR OR ANY CREDITOR, ALLOW A COMPULSORY WINDING-UP TO BE CONVERTED AND CONDUCTED AS IF IT WERE A CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY WINDING-UP," HE SAID.

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"WHILE THIS IS A LEGITIMATE COURSE FOR CREDITORS AND ONE WHICH OF ITSELF SHOULD NOT RULE OUT CONVERSION, THE OPERATION OF SECTION 209A IS DEEMED TO BE UNSATISFACTORY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT MAINLY STEMS FROM THE CREDITORS' KNOWLEDGE THAT IF CONVERSION TAKES PLACE, ANY FEES PAYABLE TO A PRIVATE SECTOR LIQUIDATOR, WHO CHARGES FEES ON A TIME-COST BASIS, WILL BE LESS THAN THE FEES PAYABLE TO THE OR AS THE TIME CONSUMING WORK OF IDENTIFYING ASSETS HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE BY THE OR.

"THIS SECTION IN EFFECT PROVIDES CREDITORS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK CONVERSION JUST BEFORE THE REALISATION OF ASSETS SO AS TO AVOID FEES PAYABLE TO THE OR FOR INVESTIGATORY WORK DONE EARLIER.

"THE BILL THEREFORE PROPOSES TO REMEDY THIS WEAKNESS BY REQUIRING ANY APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION TO BE MADE WITHIN A SET PERIOD," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE BELIEVE THE THREE-MONTH PROPOSED PERIOD WILL GIVE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR CREDITORS TO REACH A DECISION ON THE BEST WAY FORWARD AND TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS," HE ADDED.

THE BILL ALSO REQUIRES THE COURT TO HAVE REGARD TO VARIOUS MATTERS RELATING TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN DECIDING WHETHER AN APPLICATION SHOULD BE ACCEPTED, FOR EXAMPLE, WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAS BEEN AN INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION OR CONVICTION OF OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY FOR FRAUD.

"AT PRESENT, THE COURT IS ONLY REQUIRED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE WISHES OF CREDITORS AND CONTRIBUTORIES IN DECIDING APPLICATIONS," HE SAID.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES CREDITORS OF COMPANIES WHICH WENT INTO LIQUIDATION AFTER AUGUST 30, 1984, THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SECTION 209A, WITH A FURTHER THREE-MONTH GRACE PERIOD FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PRESENT BILL TO APPLY FOR CONVERSION UNDER THE PRESENT PROCEDURE.

"NO GRACE PERIOD WILL HOWEVER BE GIVEN TO CREDITORS OF COMPANIES WHICH WENT INTO LIQUIDATION BEFORE AUGUST 30, 1984," HE ADDED.

"FOR THESE CASES THE RIGHT FOR CONVERSION AS GRANTED BY SECTION 209A COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ENVISAGED AT THE TIME OF MAKING THE PETITION TO WIND UP THE COMPANY; AND MORE THAN FIVE YEARS HAVE PASSED IN WHICH THEY COULD HAVE EXERCISED THE RIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY GRANTED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CASH AID SCHEME FOR STUDENTS SIMPLIFIED

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) APPROVED A SIMPLIFIED METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AT THE TWO LOCAL UNIVERSITIES, THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE SIMPLIFIED METHOD HAD BEEN WARMLY WELCOMED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND THE STUDENTS' UNIONS.

THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES HAD EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT REPRESENTED A GREAT IMPROVEMENT WHICH WOULD CONSIDERABLY HELP SIMPLIFY THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE REVISED METHOD, A "SIMPLE FAMILY APPROACH" WOULD BE ADOPTED SO THAT ONLY THE "CORE MEMBERS" OF THE FAMILY WOULD BE COUNTED IN CALCULATING THE STUDENT'S ANNUAL DISPOSAL INCOME (ADI), WHICH WAS THE BASIS FOR ASSESSING THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE STUDENT.

"'CORE MEMBERS' MEANS THE APPLICANT'S PARENTS AND SIBLINGS WHO ARE SINGLE AND LIVING WITH THE FAMILY. IN THE CASE OF A MARRIED APPLICANT, ONLY HIS SPOUSE AND CHILDREN WOULD BE COUNTED," HE SAID.

"UNDER THE EXISTING SYSTEM, THE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE COUNTED IN CALCULATING THE STUDENT'S ADI INCLUDE THE APPLICANT'S PARENTS, SPOUSE, CHILDREN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER RELATIVES LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD. THEY ALSO INCLUDE THE APPLICANT'S SIBLINGS WHO ARE SINGLE BUT LIVING AWAY FROM THE HOUSEHOLD.

"ANOTHER CHANGE IN THE REVISED SYSTEM IS THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID CAUSING HARDSHIP TO CERTAIN FAMILIES, AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYABLE TO SINGLE PERSONS SHOULD BE DEDUCTED FOR EACH DEPENDENT GRANDPARENT LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AN APPLICANT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WAS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION ON HIS FAMILY MEMBERS.

"THE APPLICANT IS ALSO REQUIRED TO SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY THE FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS FAMILY MEMBERS," HE SAID.

"THERE HAVE BEEN GROWING COMPLAINTS FROM STUDENTS THAT THE EXISTING APPLICATION FORM IS TOO COMPLICATED AND THAT THEY HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

"THE PROCESS HAS ALSO CAUSED INCONVENIENCE TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND SOMETIMES LED TO DISPUTES."

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IT IS HOPED THAT THE NEW APPROACH WOULD ENSURE THAT NO NEEDY STUDENT WOULD BE DETERRED FROM APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BECAUSE OF COMPLICATED APPLICATION PROCEDURE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LOCAL STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY STUDENTS IN THE FORM OF BOTH GRANTS AND LOANS.

IT AIMS AT ENSURING THAT NO ELIGIBLE STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN OFFERED A PLACE IN ONE OF THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED SHOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT IT BECAUSE OF LACK OF MEANS.

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BOARDS PAY OUT \$5.7M IN INJURIES COMPENSATION
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THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION (CLEIC) BOARDS PAID OUT \$5.7 MILLION IN COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS IN 1988-89, COMPARED WITH ABOUT \$4.9 MILLION IN THE PRECEDING YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE BOARDS' LATEST ANNUAL REPORT.

THESE PAYMENTS WERE AWARDED TO 1,190 CRIMINAL INJURIES CASES AND ONE LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES CASE.

THEY ALSO BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE CLEIC SCHEME IN 1973 TO \$43.47 MILLION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS, MR ROBERT C. TANG, NOTED THAT IN TOTAL 1,138 APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION WERE RECEIVED IN THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, REPRESENTING 14.5 PER CENT OF THE 7,841 REPORTED CASES OF CRIMINAL INJURIES DURING THE PERIOD.

VICTIMS OF ASSAULT AND WOUNDING AS WELL AS ROBBERY, THEFT AND BURGLARY MADE UP THE MAJORITY - ABOUT 93 PER CENT - OF THE APPLICATIONS.

THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS ARISING FROM CASES OF ARSON WITH 12 APPLICATIONS, COMPARED WITH FIVE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

APPLICATIONS RELATED TO CASES OF HOMICIDE, MURDER AND MANSLAUGHTER INCREASED FROM 34 TO 38. APPLICATIONS RELATED TO ROBBERY, THEFT AND BURGLARY DROPPED BY ABOUT 26.5 PER CENT, TOTALLING 188 AS AGAINST 256.

OF THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR, 777 WERE REFERRED BY THE POLICE, 350 SUBMITTED BY THE VICTIMS THEMSELVES OR THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE REST REFERRED BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

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DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, THE HIGHEST SINGLE PAYMENT OF \$56,500 WAS AWARDED TO THREE SURVIVING DEPENDANTS OF A MURDER CASE VICTIM. THE LOWEST AWARD WAS \$80.

THE ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICANT'S ENTITLEMENT TO VARIOUS TYPES OF GRANTS UNDER THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE OF THE SCHEME DEPENDED ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING THE VICTIM'S MEDICAL CONDITION, EMPLOYMENT RECORDS, AND DEGREE OF DISABILITY.

IN SOME CASES, IT WOULD TAKE A CONSIDERABLE TIME BEFORE THE ENTITLEMENT COULD BE FULLY COMPUTED.

IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE APPLICANTS, IT WAS THE USUAL PRACTICE TO APPROVE INTERIM AWARDS AS SOON AS THE APPLICANTS' ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF GRANTS COULD BE ESTABLISHED.

IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE WORKING OF THE CLEIC SCHEME, THE BOARDS HAD PROPOSED TO EXTEND THE MAXIMUM PAYMENT PERIOD OF INJURY GRANT AND INTERIM MAINTENANCE GRANT TO VICTIMS OF SERIOUS INJURIES FROM THREE MONTHS TO SIX MONTHS, MR TANG SAID.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL WAS TO GIVE THE BOARDS DISCRETIONARY POWER TO INCREASE THE AWARDS TO RAPE VICTIMS, AND TO VICTIMS WHO HAD DEMONSTRATED EXEMPLARY EFFORTS IN ASSISTING THE POLICE IN THE IDENTIFICATION AND ARREST OF CRIMINALS, IN SPITE OF PERSONAL EMBARRASSMENT, INCONVENIENCE OR FEAR.

MR TANG SAID THE PROPOSALS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THEY WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

SPORTS EVENTS TO CELEBRATE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

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THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR WILL BE CELEBRATED ON JUNE 16 (SATURDAY) WITH SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS.

THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN IN THE FUN OF ABOUT 70 DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT VARIOUS SPORTS AND RECREATION GROUNDS, SWIMMING POOLS AND PARKS.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WILL ATTEND THE ACTIVITIES AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA.

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EVENTS WILL INCLUDE A BASKETBALL COMPETITION, POTTED SPORTS FOR CHILDREN, GAMES FOR THE ELDERLY, AEROBIC DANCE, TAI CHI AND GATEBALL PLAY-IN.

THE GOVERNOR WILL THEN GO TO THE NEARBY SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE WHERE ROLLER SKATING AND KARAOKE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A WATER SPORTS CARNIVAL, TENT-CAMPING, ARCHERY FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND OTHER SPORTS EVENTS INCLUDING TENNIS, SQUASH, TRAMPOLINING, BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG, AND LADY YANG WILL ATTEND THE ACTIVITIES AT THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG TANG SHIU KIN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, THE WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND AND THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN KWAI CHUNG IN THE MORNING.

THEY WILL SEE VARIOUS SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDING VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, SQUASH, DIVING, FITNESS EXERCISE, AEROBIC DANCE, MAGIC SHOW, A WATER SPORTS CARNIVAL AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE GURKHA PIPE BAND.

IN KOWLOON, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL G.D. JOHNSON, WILL VISIT THE LAI CHI KOK PARK WHERE THE PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN WITH A BAND PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS.

OTHER EVENTS SUCH AS MINI-TRAIN FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN POTTED SPORTS, FUN KART, CREATIVE PAINTING, JUDO, AN AQUATIC FUN DAY AND VARIOUS SPORTS MATCHES WILL ALSO BE HELD.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN LAU, WILL SPEND THE MORNING WATCHING VARIOUS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AT VICTORIA PARK.

THERE WILL BE A BAND PERFORMANCE BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT, A "SUPER BOUNCE" FOR CHILDREN, A BASKETBALL MATCH AND SEVEN-A-SIDE MINI-SOCCER AND HANDBALL COMPETITIONS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE FUN KART, CYCLING, GAMES FOR FAMILIES, PONY RIDING AND MODEL BOAT FOR CHILDREN, AND FISHING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO TAKE PART IN ANY OF THE FREE EVENTS MAY CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS IN THEIR AREAS.

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FURTHER PITCHING-IN TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN

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THIS YEAR, THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE TO APPEAL TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY FOR FURTHER PITCHING-IN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR TONG KAM-BIU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE CAMPAIGN IN 1990-91, MR TONG SAID, "THE TWO COUNCILS HAVE SPECIALLY ENGAGED A PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM AND ADVERTISING AGENCY TO PROVIDE NEW IDEAS FOR THE CAMPAIGN'S STRATEGY, TO ARRANGE TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES AND TO INVITE CELEBRITIES TO PITCH-IN."

AS PART OF THE CONTINUED EFFORT TO REVITALISE THE 18-YEAR-OLD CAMPAIGN, NEWLY DESIGNED POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S) WOULD BE PRODUCED TO REINFORCE THE SLOGAN OF "BE A SPORT ... PITCH IN".

"THIS YEAR, THE CAMPAIGN WILL STILL FOCUS ON PUBLICITY, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT," HE SAID.

BUT THE PUBLICITY STRATEGY WOULD STRESS THAT LITTERING WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED AND WOULD BE PUNISHED. EQUAL EMPHASIS WOULD BE PLACED ON ENFORCEMENT AGAINST LITTERING.

"DURING EACH PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN, LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE STEPPED UP WITH PUBLICITY ON PENALTIES THROUGH POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND API'S", HE SAID.

SPEAKING ON COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT, MR TONG SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD ENCOURAGE DISTRICT BOARDS TO ORGANISE DISTRICT CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS OR OTHER PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN.

HE SAID VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WOULD ALSO JOIN IN TO CARRY OUT THE PHASE-BY-PHASE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

"IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CAMPAIGN IN THE PAST YEARS, THE STEERING COMMITTEE HAS APPOINTED A PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH COMPANY TO CONDUCT A SURVEY AND ANALYSIS," MR TONG SAID.

HE SAID THE AIM OF THE SURVEY WAS TO PROVIDE A MEASUREMENT OF CHANGES IN LEVELS OF AWARENESS, RECALL, PERCEPTION, ATTITUDE, AND STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF RELEVANT PUBLICITY EFFORTS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

THE RESULTS WOULD BE USED TO FORMULATE FUTURE CAMPAIGN STRATEGY.

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ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD ORGANISE VARIOUS PROMOTION AND CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES IN PHASES THIS YEAR TO DISSEMINATE THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGE.

DR PANG ELABORATED ON THE COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN WHICH INCLUDED THE "CLEAN ROAD AND WORKSITE" PHASE FROM APRIL TO JUNE THIS YEAR, BLITZ OPERATIONS AGAINST ROAD LITTERING FROM VEHICLES AND PROSECUTION ACTION AGAINST LITTER OFFENDERS.

THE COMMUNITY WAS CALLED UPON TO SUPPORT THE MAJOR LAUNCH OF THE CAMPAIGN, THE ACTION-PACKED "CLEAN HONG KONG DAY" ON JULY 8, INVOLVING PARTICIPATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM DISTRICT BOARDS, YOUTH GROUPS, AND COMMUNITY BODIES TO PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT IN KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS WOULD ORGANISE CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICTS TO SUPPORT THE EVENT, DR PANG SAID.

IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, PUBLICITY WOULD BE DIRECTED AT KEEPING BEACHES CLEAN AND THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME, INVOLVING STUDENTS WHO ADVISE BEACH-GOERS AGAINST LITTERING, WOULD BE IN ACTION AT BEACHES IN BOTH THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AS FAR AS TERRITORY-WIDE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS WERE CONCERNED, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WOULD FOCUS THEIR CONCERTED EFFORTS FROM SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR ON NEIGHBOURHOOD CLEANLINESS, WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

THERE WOULD BE ALSO A CLEAN ESTATE AWARD SCHEME AND INTER-SCHOOL CLEANSING COMPETITIONS.

CLEAN COUNTRYSIDE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER TO REMIND PICNICKERS AND BIKERS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IN KEEPING THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN.

EXTENSIVE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES WOULD ALSO BE MOUNTED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

"A KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SPECTACULAR PROMOTION PROJECT COINCIDING WITH THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP IS BEING NEGOTIATED WITH A TV STATION," DR PANG ADDED.

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IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING HEALTHY ATTITUDES ON SEXUALITY STRESSED

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) WARNED THAT A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF SEXUALITY COULD, AND DID, LEAD TO MARITAL DISCORD OR BREAKDOWN, TO SEX ABUSE AND EVEN TO CHILD ABUSE, IN CASES WHERE CHILDREN HAD BECOME THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF UNHAPPY RELATIONSHIPS.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SEXUALITY IN ASIA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT A KNOWLEDGE OF SEXUALITY WOULD INCULCATE A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AND EMOTIONAL AWARENESS.

"IT IS MOST IMPORTANT, THEREFORE, THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECEIVE PROPER FACTUAL INFORMATION AND TO DEVELOP HEALTHY ATTITUDES ABOUT SEXUALITY, AND ITS PLACE IN A RELATIONSHIP," SHE SAID.

"IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS TO BE ABLE TO SEEK ADVICE AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS ON THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS HOW TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT DEVIATE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL'S ROLE IN SOCIETY."

MRS WONG ALSO GAVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE VARIOUS APPROACHES USED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN PROMOTING SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

SHE SAID THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WERE ADVISED TO SET ASIDE TEACHING TIME AND ORGANISE EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES FOR SEX EDUCATION.

"ALL STUDENTS AT OUR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION RECEIVE SOME TRAINING IN THIS SUBJECT, AND SINCE 1986 SEVERAL THOUSAND TEACHERS HAVE ATTENDED IN-SERVICE SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE 10-WEEK COURSE ON SEX EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS RUN BY THE HONG KONG FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION, OR EXTRAMURAL COURSES RUN BY THE TWO UNIVERSITIES," SHE SAID.

"OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, YOUNG PEOPLE, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR MARITAL STATUS, CAN OBTAIN MEDICAL AND COUNSELLING SERVICES AT THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRES RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT."

MRS WONG SAID THAT TO PROMOTE INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, HONG KONG HAD FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE, AND ENHANCED FAMILY FUNCTIONING AND PREVENTED FAMILY BREAKDOWNS.

"TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, WE ORGANISE TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS WITH SPECIFIC THEMES, MASS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SEMINARS AND CAMPS, AND PRODUCE POSTERS, BOOKLETS AND LEAFLETS," SHE SAID.

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"TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE IS OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

"BOTH SOFTWARE, SUCH AS FILMS, VIDEO, TAPES, SLIDES AND REFERENCE MATERIAL, AND HARDWARE ARE AVAILABLE TO SOCIAL WORKERS AND TEACHERS TO HELP THEM ORGANISE PROGRAMMES."

MRS WONG SAID FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION HAD FOUR MAIN PROGRAMME AREAS -- HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND BEHAVIOUR, SEX EDUCATION, HUMAN ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS AND HOME MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH EDUCATION.

"ON THE SUBJECT OF SEX EDUCATION, DURING 1988-89, 186 PROGRAMMES ON SEX EDUCATION WERE ORGANISED, REPRESENTING SEVEN PER CENT OF THE TOTAL FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES FOR THAT YEAR," SHE SAID.

"IT IS CLEAR THEREFORE THAT THROUGH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS THEIR PARENTS CAN ACQUIRE AN APPROPRIATE SET OF VALUES.

"WITH THE INCLUSION OF SEX EDUCATION IN SUBJECTS SUCH AS HEALTH EDUCATION, SOCIAL STUDIES AND HUMAN BIOLOGY IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM, AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AS WELL IN GIVING ADVICE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT, WE CAN ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SEXUALITY AND, THEREFORE, OF OURSELVES AS HUMAN BEINGS."

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CHANGE IN FORMAT OF PASSPORTS NEXT MONTH

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THE FORMAT OF THE HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORY CITIZEN (HKBDTC) AND BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) BN(O) PASSPORTS WILL BE CHANGED NEXT MONTH WHEN PASSPORTS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMON FORMAT WILL BEGIN TO BE ISSUED, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID FROM JUNE 1, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC APPLYING FOR PASSPORTS WILL RECEIVE THE NEW FORMAT DOCUMENT WHICH IS MACHINE READABLE.

THE NEW PASSPORT CONTAINS 32 PAGES. IT HAS A BURGUNDY SOFT COVER AND IS SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN THE CURRENT BLUE HARD-COVER PASSPORT.

THE MACHINE READABLE PASSPORT HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING ALL THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE HOLDER ON ONE PAGE INSTEAD OF SEVERAL PAGES AS DOES THE CURRENT PASSPORT. THIS WILL REDUCE CONSIDERABLY THE TIME TAKEN FOR VISUAL INSPECTION.

THE MACHINE READABLE FEATURES WILL FURTHER EXPEDITE CLEARANCE AT THE IMMIGRATION CHECKPOINTS OVERSEAS WHERE PASSPORT READERS ARE IN OPERATION.

"ONLY THE PASSPORT FORMAT WILL CHANGE. THE HOLDER'S RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED," THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

THE PRESENT HARD-COVER 94-PAGE "JUMBO" PASSPORTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

THIS PASSPORT WILL BE REPLACED IN DUE COURSE BY A "JUMBO" VERSION OF THE COMMON FORMAT PASSPORT WHICH WILL HAVE 48 PAGES.

THE PLAN IS THAT HONG KONG WILL ISSUE THE "JUMBO" COMMON FORMAT PASSPORT AFTER IT IS INTRODUCED IN THE UK, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

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HK TO HOST SESSION OF TEXTILES, CLOTHING BUREAU

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HONG KONG WILL HOST THE 12TH COUNCIL SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILES AND CLOTHING BUREAU (ITCB) NEXT WEEK WHICH WILL TAKE STOCK OF THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

DELEGATES WILL ALSO AIM AT FORMULATING A DETAILED PROPOSAL ON THE MODALITY FOR INTEGRATING THE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING SECTOR INTO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) WHEN THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) EXPIRES IN JULY 1991.

THE ITCB, WHOSE MEMBERS ACCOUNT FOR THE BULK OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WAS SET UP IN 1985 TO CO-ORDINATE AND PROMOTE ACTIVITIES LEADING TO THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTIONISM DIRECTED AGAINST MEMBERS' EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, AND TO ASSIST MEMBERS IN ENSURING THAT THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE MFA ARE EFFECTIVELY PRESERVED.

IT IS ITCB'S VIEW THAT ANY MEANS OF INTEGRATING THE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING SECTOR INTO THE GATT MUST PROVIDE CERTAINTY AND PREDICTABILITY, AND CAUSE MINIMUM DISRUPTION TO TRADE.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, WILL OPEN THE MEETING AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE ON TUESDAY (MAY 22).

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THE MEETING WILL BE ATTENDED BY SOME 50 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 19 MEMBERS OF THE ITCB, INCLUDING HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE 12TH COUNCIL SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILES AND CLOTHING BUREAU (ITCB) AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE ON TUESDAY (MAY 22).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER AT THE LEVEL 4 FOYER AT 9 AM.

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WAN CHAI POST OFFICE GAZETTED AS MONUMENT
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THE WAN CHAI POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND WAS TODAY (FRIDAY) GAZETTED AS A HISTORICAL BUILDING UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE.

LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND WAN CHAI GAP ROAD, THE WAN CHAI POST OFFICE IS THE OLDEST SURVIVING POST OFFICE IN HONG KONG.

THE L-SHAPED BUILDING WHICH HOUSED THE PRESENT WAN CHAI POST OFFICE WAS BUILT BETWEEN 1912 AND 1913.

IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE BUILDING WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT AND DESIGNED AS A POST OFFICE. ACCORDING TO THE RECORD OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, IT WAS OPENED ON MARCH 1, 1915 AS THE WAN CHAI POST OFFICE.

THE HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE BUILDING LIES IN THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY SERVING WAN CHAI RESIDENTS FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS AND IN THE LINKS WHICH IT PROVIDES WITH THE TERRITORY'S EARLY DEVELOPMENT.

THE SMALL AND SIMPLE TWO-STOREY PITCHED-ROOF STRUCTURE, WHICH IS IN GENERALLY SOUND CONDITION, HAS BEEN MAINTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR MANY YEARS.

IT HAS CHARM AND POSSESSES SOME ATTRACTIVE CHARACTERISTICS SUCH AS THE STRIKING GABLED ENDS, AND THE NAME PLAQUES AND MOULDINGS.

THE POST OFFICE WAS FEATURED IN A COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE ON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN 1985. IT HAS ALSO BEEN WELL PUBLICISED AS A BUILDING OF PARTICULAR HISTORICAL INTEREST.

TO TIE IN WITH THE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WIDENING PROJECT, A MINOR ALTERATION INVOLVING THE REPOSITIONING OF THE FRONT STEPS TO ONE SIDE OF THE BUILDING WILL SOON BE CARRIED OUT.

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WORK OF AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE PRAISED

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THE LOW CRIME RATE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WAS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SUSTAINED EFFORTS BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE IN COMBATING CRIME, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON BAY, MR HUI POINTED OUT THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MIGHT HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD THE MEANING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOULD SOMETIMES REFUSE TO CO-OPERATE AND EVEN INSULT POLICE OFFICERS.

"HOWEVER, OUR CRIME FIGHTERS MANAGE TO STAY CALM EVEN IN THESE ADVERSE SITUATIONS AND WILL NEVER ABUSE THEIR POWERS BY TAKING REVENGE," MR HUI ADDED.

NOTING THAT MANY PROFESSIONS WERE AFFECTED BY THE BRAIN DRAIN PROBLEM, MR HUI PAID TRIBUTE TO THE AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS WHO NOT ONLY REMAINED STEADFAST IN THEIR OWN JOBS BUT ALSO SACRIFICED THEIR LEISURE TIME TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 147 AUXILIARY OFFICERS, RANGING FROM POLICE CONSTABLES TO SUPERINTENDENTS, WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING COURSE.

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TUEN NG A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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TUEN NG FESTIVAL FALLS ON MAY 28 (MONDAY) THIS YEAR AND IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FOR WORKERS.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL WORKERS, AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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KING'S ROAD POST OFFICE TO REOPEN

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT RENOVATION WORK IN THE KING'S ROAD POST OFFICE AT 275-283 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT THE BRANCH POST OFFICE WILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY, MAY 29.

ALL POSTAL FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED AT THIS OFFICE WILL BE RESUMED.

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THREE FOOTBRIDGES TO BE BUILT IN TSING YI

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD THREE FOOTBRIDGES IN TSING YI TOWN CENTRE.

OF THE THREE PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGES, ONE WILL BE BUILT ACROSS TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD NEAR THE TSING YI POLICE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS TO LINK WITH THE ELEVATED WALKWAY SYSTEM OF GREENFIELD GARDEN.

THE SECOND ONE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS FUNG SHUE WO ROAD TO LINK WITH THE ELEVATED WALKWAY SYSTEMS OF GREENFIELD GARDEN AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

THE THIRD ONE WILL BE BUILT ACROSS FUNG SHUE WO ROAD NEAR TSING YI ESTATE PHASE II.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START LATE THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH-11TH FLOORS, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JULY 10 THIS YEAR.

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WORK TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING IN YUEN LONG

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT A FLOODWAY AND A CONCRETE NULLAH AT KAM TIN RIVER TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING IN YUEN LONG AREA.

THE PROPOSED WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 5.9 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT KAM TIN RIVER.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JULY 17 THIS YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHOULD DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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ACTION ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN TSUEN WAN

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN TSUEN WAN SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IS ERECTED ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT A, FIRST FLOOR, 61 CHUEN LUNG STREET, TSUEN WAN.

THE CLOSURE FORMS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 2 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER A CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR MEN BORN BETWEEN 1918-22

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MEN BORN IN 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 AND 1922 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM MAY 29 TO JUNE 30 THIS YEAR.

"MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE HONG KONG AND WEST KOWLOON NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS. OTHER ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

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| HONG KONG | : | BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI TEL. NO. 574 7070 |
| EAST KOWLOON | : | AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK TEL. NO. 755 3669 |
| WEST KOWLOON | : | CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI TEL. NO. 723 2424 |
| TSUEN WAN | : | EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET TEL. NO. 498 0117 |
| SHA TIN | : | SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, 11-17, SHATIN CENTRE STREET TEL. NO. 605 9108 |
| YUEN LONG | : | HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD TEL. NO. 477 1543 |
| TUEN MUN | : | CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN TEL. NO. 458 0646 |
| SHEUNG SHUI | : | TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI TEL. NO. 672 7191 |

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APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 824 0303 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

"AS THE APPLICANTS IN THE COMING PHASE ARE OVER 65 YEARS OLD, SOME MAY, DUE TO HEALTH REASONS, FIND IT INCONVENIENT TO GO TO THE ISSUE OFFICES AND WISH TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REGISTRATION OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

"THEY MAY APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN 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 ON 824 6111.

AGED APPLICANTS LIVING ON HONG KONG SIDE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN USING ESCALATORS AT THE HONG KONG NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE AT BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, MAY TELEPHONE 574 7070 TO ARRANGE TO HAVE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS REPLACED AT THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE - HONG KONG OFFICE ON EIGHTH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, WHERE LIFT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENT, THEY NEEDED TO GIVE THEIR NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER AND YEAR OF BIRTH TO IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT STAFF.

HE REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 AND 1927 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON MAY 26.

FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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WITHDRAWAL OF GMB ROUTE NT 10

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM SUNDAY (MAY 20), GMB ROUTE NT 10 (TIU KENG LENG TO KWUN TONG VIA ANDERSON ROAD AND SHUN LEE) WILL BE CANCELLED.

PASSENGERS WISHING TO TRAVEL BETWEEN TIU KENG LENG AND KWUN TONG CAN USE GMB NT 10A (TIU KENG LENG TO KWUN TONG VIA PO LAM ROAD).

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PASSENGERS WISHING TO TRAVEL BETWEEN TIU KENG LENG AND ANDERSON ROAD/SHUN LEE ESTATE CAN USE KMB ROUTES 90 (TIU KENG LENG TO CHOI HUNG VIA ANDERSON ROAD) OR 290 (TIU KENG LENG TO CHOI HUNG VIA SHUN LEE ESTATE).

SHUN LEE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN USING GMB ROUTE 10 TO TRAVEL BETWEEN SHUN LEE AND KWUN TONG ARE ADVISED TO USE KMB ROUTES 23 (SHUN LEE TO KWUN TONG FERRY), 23M (LOK WAH - SHUN LEE), OR 26M (KWUN TONG - CHOI HUNG MTR STATION VIA SHUN LEE ESTATE) INSTEAD.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE TAI LIN PAI INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN KWAI CHUNG TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (MAY 20), THE SECTION OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD BETWEEN KWAI TING ROAD AND KWAI WING ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

ACCORDINGLY, SOME TURNING MOVEMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATED ROADS, INCLUDING THE LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM KUNG YIP STREET WESTBOUND ONTO TAI LIN PAI ROAD WILL BE BANNED.

AT THE SAME TIME, SECTIONS OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD AND ITS ASSOCIATED ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO INDICATE THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (MAY 20), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD AND ITS ASSOCIATED ROADS IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS.

THE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD BETWEEN ITS NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI WING ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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THE SECTION OF THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WING YIP STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN UBRAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ALSO, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

- * THE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI SAU ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI WING ROAD;
- * THE SECTION OF THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KWAI WING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI LIN PAI ROAD TO A POINT OUTSIDE 34 KWAI WING ROAD;
- * THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KWAI WING ROAD FROM A POINT OUTSIDE 37 KWAI WING ROAD TO ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI CHUNG ROAD;
- * THE SECTION OF WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD FROM ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO A POINT OUTSIDE 190-192 TAI LIN PAI ROAD;
- * THE SECTION OF THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WING YIP STREET TO A POINT NORTH OF SAN KWAI STREET; AND
- * THE SECTION OF THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WING YIP STREET TO ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI ON ROAD.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TSING YI BRIDGE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE STRUCTURAL MONITORING WORK, TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON SUNDAY (MAY 20).

THE PERIOD OF CLOSURE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS, EACH LASTING FOR TWO HOURS, FROM 12.01 AM TO 2 AM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE PERIODS OF CLOSURE, THE BRIDGE WILL BE REOPENED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC AT 10-MINUTE INTERVALS AND IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED AND POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON SITE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE IN NT
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS, THE SECTION OF SHUN LUNG STREET BETWEEN SHUN HING STREET AND BUS TERMINUS, ADJACENT TO SHA TAU KOK ROAD - SHEK CHUNG AU, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (MAY 20) FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, VEHICLES HEADING FOR SHUN HING STREET MAY USE THE NEW SECTION OF ROAD L1 EAST OF ROAD L4 INSTEAD OF ROAD L4 AND SHUNG LUNG STREET.

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