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LAW CHANGES TO IMPROVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992, AFTER ENACTMENT, WILL PROVIDE A PRACTICAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR BUILDING MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS A BASIS ON WHICH PROBLEMS RELATING TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT CAN BE RESOLVED.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR PAUL WONG, AT A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH TO SEEK IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING ORDINANCE AND TO CHANGE ITS SHORT TITLE TO "BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE" TO REFLECT MORE APPROPRIATELY ITS PURPOSE.

OUTLINING THE MAIN POINTS OF THE BILL, MR WONG SAID SECTION 2A OF THE EXISTING ORDINANCE WOULD BE REPEALED.

"FLAT OWNERS WHO WERE PRECLUDED FROM FORMING OWNERS' CORPORATIONS UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO IN FUTURE, FREE FROM THE RESTRICTION OF THE DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT (DMCs) OF THE BUILDING," HE SAID.

"FURTHERMORE, THE BILL PROPOSES THAT TENANTS REPRESENTATIVES MAY SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITH THE RIGHT TO SPEAK AND VOTE AT MEETINGS. SUCH A PROPOSAL AIMS AT ENCOURAGING TENANTS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN AND SUPERVISION OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT WORK.

"ANOTHER PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN THE BILL SERVES TO EMPOWER OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO DISMISS THEIR MANAGERS AND PROVIDES THAT THIS POWER SHALL EXTEND TO ALL DMCs SO AS TO AVOID ANY CONFLICTS CONCERNING MANAGEMENT POWER," MR WONG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN SOME SPECIAL CASES, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR DEVELOPERS TO TAKE UP THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANAGING COMPLEX DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE WIDE-RANGING FACILITIES.

THE BILL THEREFORE PROPOSES THAT THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS BE GIVEN THE DISCRETION TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPERS CONCERNED TO CONTINUE WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF SUCH BUILDINGS FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME AND SUBJECT TO ANY CONDITIONS WHICH HE MAY SPECIFY, HE SAID.

AS REGARDS THE SUGGESTION THAT A BUILDING MANAGEMENT TRIBUNAL SHOULD BE SET UP TO ARBITRATE DISPUTES OVER BUILDING MANAGEMENT MATTERS, MR WONG SAID AS THE ISSUES INVOLVED WERE FAR FROM BEING SIMPLE, THOROUGH STUDIES WERE REQUIRED BEFORE ANY DECISION COULD BE MADE.

NOTING THAT THE BILL WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HE STRESSED THAT WHETHER IT COULD ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RESULTS WOULD DEPEND ON THE SINCERE CO-OPERATION, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FULL PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS, OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL.

/TODAY'S SEMINAR .....

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TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PROMOTE PROPER BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

SPEAKERS INCLUDED A LEGAL PROFESSIONAL, MR TONY KAN; A COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF HOUSING, MR MINGO KWAN; A PROFESSIONAL IN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, MR BENNY CHAN; A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF AN OWNERS CORPORATION, MR WONG MAN-LEUNG; AND A CHIEF HOUSING MANAGER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR SIU CHE-WING.

THEIR TALKS COVERED THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS, FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SECURITY CONTROL IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION.

OTHER GUESTS INCLUDED THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR LIM YEW-GUAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, DR RAYMOND HO.

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#### AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RETURNING EMIGRANTS

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HONG KONG IS BEGINNING TO WITNESS THE RETURN OF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS AND WILL BENEFIT FROM THEIR BROADENED HORIZON, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, MR WONG SAID THE TERRITORY'S BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND JOB MARKET WERE SO DIVERSIFIED AND SUBSTANTIAL THAT FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS HAD SO FAR NOT BEEN DISAPPOINTED.

TURNING TO STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD, HE SAID IN TERMS OF EDUCATION, AUSTRALIA CONTINUED TO OCCUPY A PROMINENT POSITION IN THE HEARTS OF MANY YOUNG HONG KONG PEOPLE.

"THERE ARE ABOUT 3,600 HONG KONG STUDENTS STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA, REPRESENTING ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF OUR OVERSEAS STUDENT POPULATION," MR WONG SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE NUMBER OF HONG KONG STUDENTS PURSUING EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA AT VARIOUS LEVELS HAD INCREASED FIVE-FOLD IN RECENT YEARS.

THE FACT THAT SO MANY PARENTS HAD CHOSEN TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO AUSTRALIA CLEARLY INDICATED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE STRENGTH OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM THERE, HE SAID.

"BECAUSE OF THE RECOGNITION OF AUSTRALIAN ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS, OUR OVERSEAS GRADUATES CAN USEFULLY FILL THE GAP BETWEEN LOCAL MANPOWER AVAILABLE AND OUR ACTUAL MANPOWER REQUIREMENT," MR WONG SAID.

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HE SAID THESE QUALIFICATIONS HAD THE FURTHER ATTRACTION OF BEING NORMALLY RECOGNISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT.

HONG KONG HAD ALSO ADOPTED SOME AUSTRALIAN CONCEPTS ON EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME AND THE TARGETS AND TARGET RELATED ASSESSMENT PROJECT, HE SAID.

HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY AUSTRALIAN EDUCATIONISTS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF TERTIARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

MR WONG SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD DECIDED TO INTRODUCE THE SUBJECT OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM IN SENIOR SECONDARY CLASSES AND THAT A PILOT SCHEME INVOLVING 26 SCHOOLS WOULD BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 1993.

"THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT WILL HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BECOME AWARE OF AND ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM IN THE MODERN WORLD," HE ADDED.

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MRS PATTEN SENDS REGARDS TO CANADIAN CHILDREN

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MRS PATTEN TODAY (SATURDAY) JOINED THOUSANDS OF HONG KONG CHILDREN TO SEND GREETINGS TO CANADIAN CHILDREN BY FILLING IN A FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 POSTCARD WITH THE PERSONAL MESSAGE: "ENJOY THE FESTIVAL, BEST WISHES FROM HONG KONG".

ON THE SAME CARD, THE GOVERNOR'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, ALICE, PAINTED A HEART SHAPE AND EXTENDED WELCOME TO THE CANADIANS.

THE POSTCARD AND A BATCH OF 25,000 CARDS WRITTEN BY STUDENTS WILL BE SENT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO YOUTHS IN TORONTO, MONTREAL, CALGARY, OTTAWA AND VANCOUVER WHERE FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 WILL BE HELD BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

THE POSTCARDS SERVE TO PUBLICISE THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL - "HONG KONG AND CANADA: BRIDGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC".

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE POSTCARD DISPLAY, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL STEERING COMMITTEE, MR JAMES SO, SAID IN SELECTING POSTCARDS FOR DISPLAY, HE HAD COME ACROSS MESSAGES WHICH WERE MOST TOUCHING AND SINCERE AS WELL AS BEAUTIFULLY DRAWN PICTURES.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS MESSAGE OF FRIENDSHIP WILL BE VERY WARMLY RECEIVED AND WILL HELP TO BUILD A LASTING BRIDGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG AND CANADA," MR SO SAID.

MRS PATTEN AND MR SO WERE JOINED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, DR RONALD LEUNG AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA, MR JOHN HIGGINBOTHAM IN THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE THREE-DAY DISPLAY HELD AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE.

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AFTER THE CEREMONY, MRS PATTEN, ACCOMPANIED BY MR SO, TOURED THE DISPLAY VENUE. SHE WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE CREATIVITY AND THOUGHTFULNESS OF HONG KONG STUDENTS.

THE DISPLAY IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB.

THE HUNDREDS OF POSTCARDS ON SHOW REPRESENT THE BEST SELECTION OF THE ENTRIES OF THE "OPERATION POSTCARD" PROJECT LAUNCHED IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

THE PROJECT WAS DESIGNED TO INVOLVE THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN THE FESTIVAL AND TO HELP THEM DEVELOP FRIENDSHIP WITH CANADIAN YOUNG PEOPLE.

YOUTHS VISITING THE DISPLAY BETWEEN 11 AM AND 5 PM WILL BE OFFERED WITH POSTCARDS TO FILL IN.

COMPLETED POSTCARDS COULD BE DROPPED INTO A COLLECTION BOX IN THE VENUE. THESE POSTCARDS WILL ALSO BE SENT TO CANADA FOR DISTRIBUTION TO YOUNG PEOPLE THERE.

THE DISPLAY WILL CLOSE AT 5 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 24).

FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92, THE BIGGEST OVERSEAS PROMOTION HONG KONG HAS EVER STAGED, WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 26 IN TORONTO.

THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 100 EVENTS FEATURING A MULTI-FACETED PROGRAMME BY HONG KONG PERFORMING GROUPS, INCLUDING THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, HONG KONG BALLET, HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY, CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY, CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY, FESTIVAL HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

IN ADDITION TO CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, BUSINESS SEMINARS, A LANTERN FESTIVAL AND A DRAGON BOAT RACE WILL BE HELD IN THE FIVE CITIES.

THE FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE WITH A GALA DINNER ON OCTOBER 21 IN VANCOUVER.

A 12-METRE LONG DRAGON BOAT PRESENTED TO THE MUSEUM OF CIVILISATION IN OTTAWA WILL PERMANENTLY REMIND CANADIANS OF HONG KONG'S SPECTACULAR SHOWCASE THEY WOULD HAVE ENJOYED DURING THE FESTIVAL.

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## FORUM FOR LEGCO BY-ELECTION CANDIDATES

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CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEW TERRITORIES WEST CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION WILL INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO VOTERS AND ELABORATE ON THEIR PLATFORMS IN A FORUM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE FORUM WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM BESIDE THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN IN TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA.

IT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RTHK. A VIDEO FILM ON THE EVENT WILL ALSO BE PRODUCED AND SHOWN ON TVB JADE CHANNEL AT 7.30 PM ON THE SAME DAY. THE FILM WILL ALSO BE SHOWN AT SOME VENUES IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

AS PART OF THE DRIVE TO PUBLICISE THE BY-ELECTION, A BROADCASTING BUS WILL PARADE THE STREETS OF TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG TOMORROW.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG, AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBIN IP, WILL PARTICIPATE TO PERSUADE VOTERS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 30).

A TEAM OF GIRL GUIDES AND AN ELDERLY ROAD SAFETY SQUAD IN TUEN MUN, AS WELL AS SEVEN TVB ARTISTES WILL JOIN IN THE PARADE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM.

THE BUS WILL SET OUT FROM THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK AND WILL STOP AT 15 LOCATIONS. THESE INCLUDE:

VENUE -----	TIME -----
ON TING ESTATE, TUEN MUN	10.05 AM - 10.15 AM
YAU OI ESTATE, TUEN MUN	10.20 AM - 10.30 AM
BUTTERFLY ESTATE, TUEN MUN	10.40 AM - 10.50 AM
WU KING ESTATE, TUEN MUN	10.55 AM - 11.05 AM
YAN CHING STREET, TUEN MUN SAN HUI, TUEN MUN	11.15 AM - 11.30 AM
YU KING SQUARE, YUEN LONG	NOON - 12.20 PM
YUEN LONG PLAZA, YUEN LONG	12.30 PM - 12.50 PM
TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA, TUEN MUN	1.05 PM - 1.20 PM
TAI HING ESTATE, TUEN MUN	2.15 PM - 2.25 PM
SHAN KING ESTATE, TUEN MUN	2.30 PM - 2.40 PM
LEUNG KING ESTATE/SIU KWAI COURT, TUEN MUN	2.50 PM - 3 PM

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SIU HONG COURT, TUEN MUN	3.10 PM - 3.20 PM
KING FUNG PATH, TUEN MUN	3.30 PM - 3.40 PM
CHI LOK FA YUEN, TUEN MUN	3.50 PM - 4 PM
SAM SHING ESTATE, TUEN MUN	4.10 PM - 4.20 PM

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THESE EVENTS.

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NEW AIR-CONDITIONED BUS SERVICE FOR SHA TIN RESIDENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A NEW AIR-CONDITIONED BUS ROUTE 280P RUNNING FROM SUI WO COURT IN SHA TIN TO STAR FERRY IN TSIM SHA TSUI WOULD COME INTO SERVICE DURING THE MORNING PEAK HOURS FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 24).

THE BUS WILL TRAVEL VIA SUI WO COURT ACCESS ROAD, SUI WO ROAD, SHAN MEI STREET, FO TAN ROAD, YUEN WO ROAD, TAM KON PO STREET, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, PAK HOK TING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL, WATERLOO ROAD, NATHAN ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD.

IT WILL DEPART SUI WO COURT AT 7.30 AM AND 8 AM DAILY FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE FARE WILL BE \$6 PER SINGLE JOURNEY. THE SECTION FARE AFTER THE BUS LEAVES LION ROCK TUNNEL IS \$4.

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FARE INCREASES FOR SCHEDULED PLB SERVICES IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 24), FARES OF THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) SERVICES IN KWUN TONG WOULD BE INCREASED BY 20 CENTS EACH ROUTE.

THEIR NEW FARES ARE:

ROUTE 34M

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\$1.7 PER SINGLE JOURNEY BETWEEN LOWER SAU MAU PING AND KWUN TONG (YUE MAN SQUARE).

ROUTE 36

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\$1.9 PER SINGLE JOURNEY BETWEEN NGOK YUE SHAN (HONG LEE COURT) AND KWUN TONG FERRY.

ROUTE 36A

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\$1.7 PER SINGLE JOURNEY BETWEEN NGOK YUE SHAN (HONG LEE COURT) AND KWUN TONG (YUE MAN SQUARE).

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-150
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,350
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	

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