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GOVERNOR PRAISES EMERGENCY SERVICES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (SATURDAY) EXPRESSED ADMIRATION AND THANKS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THEIR WORK DURING THE PASSAGE OF TYPHOON ELLEN.

SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AFTER VISITING FIRE SERVICES OFFICERS WHO WERE HURT WHILE ENGAGED IN RESCUE WORK YESTERDAY, SIR EDWARD SAID THEIR INJURIES BROUGHT HOME TO US WHAT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DO.

WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE IS TOLD TO STAY AT HOME, THE EMERGENCY SERVICES HAVE TO BE OUT AND ABOUT DEALING WITH INCIDENTS AS THEY OCCUR, HE SAID, AND +I THINK THEY ALL RESPONDED MAGNIFICENTLY THIS TIME.+

SIR EDWARD PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE BRAVERY OF SENIOR STATION OFFICER, CHIU SHING-CHAU WHO LOST HIS LIFE WHILE RESCUING AN OLD WOMAN AT MOUNT DAVIS VILLAGE.

+I WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCES, PARTICULARLY TO MRS CHIU, FOR THE VERY BRAVE SACRIFICE HER HUSBAND MADE AND I AM SURE IN DOING THAT, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD HAD EARLIER VISITED FOUR FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL WHO ARE RECUPERATING FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED AT MOUNT DAVIS YESTERDAY. A FIFTH FIREMAN WAS STILL IN THE OPERATING ROOM.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR F.S. LAM, AND THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (HONG KONG, MARINE AND OUTLYING ISLANDS), MR JOHN BREDBURY.

+I WANTED TO COME DOWN PERSONALLY AND EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE FIRE SERVICES, AND INDEED ALL THE EMERGENCY SERVICES, FOR WHAT THEY DID YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE DURING THE STORM,+ HE TOLD NEWSMEN LATER.

+I WISH THEM ALL WELL AND A SPEEDY RECOVERY,+ HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HAS GIVEN ADEQUATE WARNINGS ABOUT THE STORM, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY BASIS FOR A SUGGESTION THAT THEY WERE NOT DOING THEIR UTMOST TO GIVE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THE BEST WARNING THEY COULD.

+I THINK THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DID THE BEST THEY CAN IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY WERE ISSUING WEATHER BULLETINS USING ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM,+ HE SAID.

EARLIER IN THE MORNING, SIR EDWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PETER CHAN TOOK AN HOUR-LONG HELICOPTER TOUR OF THE TERRITORY TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE STORM.

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+THE MAIN IMPRESSION I GET WAS THAT IF THE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED, THIS IS A TRIBUTE ALSO TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHO WERE VERY SENSIBLE. THEY EXERCISED PRECAUTIONS AND PRUDENTLY KEPT AT HOME WHEN THEY WERE ASKED TO DO SO,+ HE SAID.

IT WAS ALSO QUITE CLEAR THAT THERE WAS QUITE A LOT OF TROUBLE IN THE HARBOUR AND SOME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE ADDED.

BEFORE PROCEEDING TO QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, SIR EDWARD ALSO VISITED THE HONG KONG ISLAND REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL COMMANDER, HONG KONG ISLAND, MR JOHN SHEPPARD, HE TOURED THE CONTROL CENTRE AND GOT FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON HOW POLICE COPE WITH THE HAVOC CAUSED BY THE STORM.

HE ALSO SPOKE TO TRAFFIC POLICEMEN AND OFFICERS ATTACHED TO THE EMERGENCY UNIT WHO WERE ENGAGED IN VARIOUS DUTIES DURING THE STORM.

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#### CONCERN ABOUT STORM CASUALTIES

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) EVENING, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE SEVERITY OF THE STORM WHICH HIT HONG KONG.

+I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCES TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE SUFFERED IN THE STORM AND TO SAY THAT I WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR HOW WELL THE EMERGENCY SERVICES HAVE BEEN COPING WITH THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL FROM LONDON.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS KEPT GENERALLY INFORMED ON WHAT WAS GOING ON IN HONG KONG WHILE HE WAS AWAY.

+BUT I WILL NOW NEED TO CATCH UP IN DETAIL AND I AM SURE SIR PHILIP IS JUST ABOUT TO GIVE ME A FULL REPORT OF ALL THE EVENTS OF THE LAST 24 HOURS AND THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE,+ HE SAID.

+THEN I WILL BE CONTINUING WORK ON THE STATEMENT WHICH I AM GOING TO MAKE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD ADDED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN LONDON ON HOLIDAY HE ALSO HAD TWO ROUNDS OF TALKS WITH MINISTERS -- THE MOST RECENT ONE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND MR RICHARD LUCE.

/+DURING THOSE .....

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+DURING THOSE TALKS WE HAD A FULL REVIEW OF THE COURSE OF THE TALKS IN PEKING SO FAR AND WE HAVE OF COURSE BEEN MAKING VERY CAREFUL PREPARATIONS FOR RESUMPTION IN TWO WEEKS' TIME.

+IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT MR LUCE WILL BE HERE AND I SAW HIM ON TWO OCCASIONS AND TALKED TO HIM ABOUT HIS VISIT.

+HE IS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO COMING HERE AND TO MEETING AS MANY PEOPLE AS HE CAN WHILE HERE, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF EXCO AND UMELCO.

+AND HIS VISIT WILL OF COURSE GIVE US A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE COURSE OF THE TALKS.

+AND ON PRESENT PLANS, SIR PERCY CRADOCK WILL BE COMING DOWN AT THE SAME TIME,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

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TRIBUTE TO FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL  
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THE FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR FREDERICK WATSON, TO ALL PERSONNEL OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

+EVERYONE OF YOU PERFORMED YOUR DUTY DURING TYPHOON ELLEN WITH COURAGE AND FORTITUDE AND IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE FIRE SERVICES. MANY OF YOU PERFORMED YOUR DUTY LONG IN EXCESS OF YOUR NORMAL HOURS, AS IS EXPECTED ON SUCH OCCASIONS.

+FOR MANY OF YOU IT IS YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE IN PERFORMING DUTIES IN SUCH CALAMITY. IT WON'T BE THE LAST.

+ONE OF OUR MEMBERS DIED COURAGEOUSLY PERFORMING HIS DUTY. OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY.

+GO HOME THIS MORNING KNOWING YOU HAVE PERFORMED YOUR DUTY WELL AND THAT YOU ARE MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE IN WHICH YOU CAN BE PROUD. DON'T EVER LET IT DOWN.+

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## NEW ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

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MAJOR CHANGES TO HONG KONG'S ROAD TRAFFIC LAWS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A TOTAL OF SEVEN SETS OF REGULATIONS ARE PUBLISHED, REPRESENTING THE CULMINATION OF MANY YEARS' WORK TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE LAWS WHICH GOVERN THE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC AND USE OF VEHICLES ON THE TERRITORY'S ROADS.

EXTENSIVE PUBLIC CONSULTATION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE DRAFTING OF THE NEW LEGISLATION, WITH DOZENS OF INTERESTED BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS BEING ASKED FOR THEIR VIEWS, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS BEFORE THE NEW MEASURES WERE DRAWN UP.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE COMPLETION OF THIS MAJOR PROJECT WILL BRING VERY REAL BENEFITS IN TERMS OF ROAD SAFETY AND DRIVING STANDARDS WHEN THE LEGISLATION IS IMPLEMENTED.

IN VIEW OF THE EXTENSIVE NATURE OF SOME OF THE CHANGES TO BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE REGULATIONS THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION, WITH THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS BEING BROUGHT INTO FORCE IN STAGES. THIS WILL ALLOW PEOPLE TIME TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE CHANGES AND TO MODIFY VEHICLES OR SYSTEMS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE NEW LEGISLATION.

AN INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMME HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE COMING MONTHS TO FAMILIARISE THE PUBLIC WITH THE CONTENT AND PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATES OF THE NEW REGULATIONS.

A NEW HIGHWAY CODE IS UNDER PREPARATION TO GUIDE ROAD USERS.

SALIENT POINTS IN THE NEW REGULATIONS ARE:

#### TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS

ONE OF THE MOST VISIBLE EFFECTS OF THE NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS WHICH WILL REPLACE THE CURRENT ROAD TRAFFIC (LIGHTING AND GUARDING OF ROAD WORKS) REGULATIONS, (ROAD CROSSING) REGULATIONS AND (ROADS AND SIGNS) REGULATIONS WILL BE THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW SET OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.

EXISTING SIGNS LACK UNIFORMITY AND THE CHINESE CHARACTERS ON THOSE BEARING WORDS ARE OFTEN TOO SMALL TO BE SEEN AND QUICKLY UNDERSTOOD AT A DISTANCE. THE NEW TRAFFIC SIGN SYSTEM WILL BRING HONG KONG INTO LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE BY ABBREVIATING MESSAGES. THE CHINESE CHARACTERS WILL BE ABOUT TWICE THE SIZE OF THE ENGLISH WORDING. SIGNS, INCLUDING THOSE INDICATING SPEED LIMITS, WILL BE EXPRESSED IN METRIC UNITS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S METRICATION POLICY. ALTOGETHER THE NEW REGULATIONS CONTAIN 156 SIGNS - 66 OF WHICH WILL BE COMPLETELY NEW TO HONG KONG'S ROADS. SIGNS WILL EITHER BE OF A REGULATORY, WARNING, INFORMATORY OR SUPPLEMENTARY NATURE. THE 'STOP' AND 'GIVE WAY' SIGNS WILL HAVE SPECIAL SHAPES - AN OCTAGON AND INVERTED TRIANGLE RESPECTIVELY - IN ORDER TO MAXIMISE IMPACT.

A TOTAL OF 38 ROAD MARKINGS WILL BE USED UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM - 15 OF WHICH ARE NEW. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES WILL INDICATE WHERE STOPPING IS COMPLETELY PROHIBITED AND SINGLE YELLOW LINES WILL INDICATE RESTRICTIONS ON STOPPING.

PROVISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS WHICH ARE NEW INCLUDE POLICE POWERS WITH RESPECT TO THE LIGHTING, SIGNING AND GUARDING OF ROAD WORKS, THE USE OF NEW WARNING DEVICES, A REQUIREMENT THAT DIPPED HEADLIGHTS BE USED IN +POOR VISIBILITY CONDITIONS+ REGARDLESS OF THE TIME OF DAY, POWERS FOR THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO OPERATE EQUIPMENT TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT ON ROADS, AND PROVISIONS TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF PERSONS THAT MAY BE CARRIED IN VEHICLES AND THE LIMITS BEYOND WHICH VEHICLES MAY NOT LEGALLY BE LOADED.

#### CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS

THE NEW REGULATIONS ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES, WHICH UPDATE THE EXISTING ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) REGULATIONS AND INCORPORATE SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, INCLUDE A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. PROVISION IS MADE IN THE NEW REGULATIONS ALLOWING VEHICLES REGISTERED AND LICENSED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SOME OF THE NEW PROVISIONS TO CONTINUE TO CONFORM TO SOME OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE EXISTING REGULATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS FOR SOME TYPES OF VEHICLES ARE TO BE INCREASED AND, IN PARTICULAR, ALLOWANCE HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE USE OF LARGER BUSES TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY WHILE MAINTAINING STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND COMFORT. THE NEW REGULATIONS LAY DOWN PERMITTED VEHICLE WEIGHTS MEASURED IN TERMS OF GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT - OR THE ACTUAL TOTAL WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE AND ITS LOAD TRANSMITTED TO THE ROAD SURFACE BY THE WHEELS OF A VEHICLE - AND THE UPPER LIMIT IS 38 TONNES.

THE REGULATIONS, FOR THE FIRST TIME, INCORPORATE STANDARDS FOR BRAKE EFFICIENCY INTO THE LAW. A SPECIFICATION FOR MINIMUM PERMITTED TYRE TREAD DEPTH IS INTRODUCED AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO TURNING CIRCLES AND STEERING REQUIREMENTS ARE EXTENDED TO APPLY TO ALL VEHICLES, NOT JUST BUSES.

WINDSCREEN WASHERS ARE TO BE MADE MANDATORY AND ALL PRIVATE CARS, TAXIS, LIGHT BUSES, BUSES, GOODS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO CARRY AT LEAST TWO REAR VIEW MIRRORS.

MORE DETAILED SUSPENSION, BRAKE, STEERING, VENTILATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS WILL BE APPLIED TO BUSES TO RAISE STANDARDS OF COMFORT AND SAFETY.

/GOODS VEHICLES .....

GOODS VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO BE MARKED NOT ONLY WITH THE OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS BUT ALSO THE PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT AND THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED AXLE WEIGHT. NO MORE THAN FIVE PASSENGERS CAN BE CARRIED IN GOODS VEHICLES. THERE ARE RULES ON THE PROPER POSITIONING AND PROTECTION OF EXHAUST PIPES.

TRAILERS WILL BECOME SUBJECT TO THE SAME MARKING REQUIRMENTS AS GOODS VEHICLES. SEPARATE BRAKING REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES SUCH AS MOTOR CYCLES, MOTOR TRICYCLES AND INVALID CARRIAGES ARE LAID DOWN.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REGULATIONS ON LIGHTING AND REFLECTORS, AMONG THEM SEVERAL INTENDED TO PROMOTE THE SAFE USE OF HEADLAMPS BY SETTING OUT REQUIREMENTS AS TO THE NUMBER TO BE EMPLOYED, THEIR POSITIONING, AND BRIGHTNESS.

IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY, GOODS VEHICLES OVER 5.5 TONNES GROSS AND TRAILERS OVER 1 TONNE IN UNLADEN WEIGHT WILL HAVE TO CARRY APPROPRIATE WARNING REFLECTIVE REAR MARKINGS.

IT IS INTENDED THAT ALL VEHICLES SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS AS TO BRAKING EFFICIENCY, WINDSCREEN WASHERS AND TYRES AS SOON AS THE REGULATIONS COME INTO FORCE BUT PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION WILL BE ARRANGED WELL BEFORE THEN TO GIVE VEHICLES OWNERS TIME TO COMPLY. PRIVATE CARS WILL ALSO HAVE TO CONFORM TO THE NEW REQUIREMENTS COVERING DRIVING MIRRORS. BUSES AND LIGHT BUSES WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TAXIS WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS ABOUT DISPLAYING +TAXI+ MARKINGS ON THEIR SIDES AND GOODS VEHICLES AND TRAILERS WITH REGULATIONS SPECIFYING REQUIRED MARKINGS.

#### DRIVING LICENCES REGULATIONS

AMONG THE CHANGES WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED BY THE NEW DRIVING LICENCES REGULATIONS WHICH, IN THE MAIN WILL REPLACE THE EXISTNG ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS AND SOME OF THE (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) REGULATIONS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

THE PRESENT 'GOODS VEHICLE' CATEGORY OF LICENCE WILL BE ABOLISHED. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ISSUE OF DRIVING LICENCES, GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO LIGHT, MEDIUM, HEAVY AND SPECIAL PURPOSE CLASSES. THE LATTER THREE CLASSES SHALL BE FURTHER CATEGORISED AS RIGID OR ARTICULATED VEHICLES.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS PROVIDE THAT 'GOODS VEHICLE' LICENCES CURRENT WHEN THE REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT WILL ENTITLE THE HOLDERS TO DRIVE THE NEW CATEGORY OF LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE (WITH A PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF LESS THAN 5.5 TONNES) OR MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLE (WITH A PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF 5.5 BUT LESS THAN 24 TONNES) BUT RIGID VEHICLES ONLY. SIMILARLY, CURRENT LICENCES ENTITLING THE HOLDERS TO DRIVE GOODS VEHICLES UNDER +2-1/4 TONS+ UNLADEN WILL ONLY ENTITLE THE HOLDERS TO DRIVE THE NEW CATEGORY OF LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE WHEN THE REGULATIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE.

/MEDICAL CHECKS .....

MEDICAL CHECKS ON FITNESS AND EYESIGHT ARE TO BE INTRODUCED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF LICENCES TO DRIVERS OF THE AGE OF 70 OR OVER. SUCH CHECKS ARE COMMONPLACE OVERSEAS AND THEIR INTRODUCTION TO HONG KONG WAS THOUGHT AN ADVISABLE PRECAUTION IN VIEW OF CURRENT LOCAL TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

THE PRESENT PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE IS TO BE REPLACED BY A NEW LEARNER'S LICENCE.

MORE RIGOROUS CONTROL OVER THE STANDARDS AND CONDUCT OF LICENSED DRIVING INSTRUCTORS WILL BE INTRODUCED. THE REGULATIONS GIVE THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT POWER TO REQUIRE A DRIVING INSTRUCTOR TO TAKE A TEST OF CONTINUED ABILITY AND FITNESS TO GIVE INSTRUCTION, AND TO SUSPEND OR CANCEL HIS LICENCE IF HE FAILS TO PASS THE TEST.

A CONSEQUENCE OF THE NEW CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS VEHICLES FOR LICENSING PURPOSES IS THAT SPECIAL LICENSING AND TESTING ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE INTRODUCED IN RESPECT OF THE DRIVERS OF ARTICULATED VEHICLES.

THE EXISTING PROVISIONS IN THE LAW AS TO INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMITS ARE LARGELY RETAINED IN THE NEW REGULATIONS.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES REGULATIONS

THESE REGULATIONS LARGELY REPLACE THE EXISTING ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) AND (PUBLIC OMNIBUS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND PUBLIC CAR) REGULATIONS WHICH DEAL WITH THE OPERATION OF PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES. A NEW 'PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE' IS TO BE INTRODUCED UNDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES REGULATIONS FOR ISSUE TO THE OPERATORS OF NON-FRANCHISED PUBLIC BUSES, PRIVATE BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES (INCLUDING MAXICABS).

THIS WILL PROVIDE A MORE SATISFACTORY, COMPREHENSIVE AND FLEXIBLE SYSTEM OF LICENSING PASSENGER SERVICE OPERATORS AND ONE WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO CONTROL AND MONITOR PASSENGER SERVICES MORE EFFECTIVELY. THE COMMISSIONER IS EMPOWERED TO STIPULATE CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF SUCH LICENCES AND TO CONTROL ROUTES, AREAS OF OPERATION AND THE TYPES OF SERVICE PROVIDED.

IN VIEW OF THE NUMBERS OF VEHICLES INVOLVED THE ISSUE OF THE NEW PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCES WILL BE PHASED. EACH OPERATOR WILL BE ISSUED WITH ONE PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE AND ALSO WITH A SEPARATE PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE CERTIFICATE FOR EACH VEHICLE HE OPERATES. THE OPERATOR MUST DISPLAY A CERTIFICATE ON EACH VEHICLE'S WINDSCREEN AND A PLATE SHOWING THE PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE NUMBER ON THE REAR OF EACH VEHICLE.

THE REGULATIONS LARGELY INCORPORATE THE EXISTING LAW AS TO THE ISSUE OF PERMITS FOR HIRE CARS. OTHER NEW PROVISIONS ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO DESIGNATE STOPPING PLACES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO DESIGNATE OR CANCEL STOPPING PLACES OR STANDS FOR 72 HOURS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT MAY PERMIT THE PARKING OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND TAXIS AT THEIR RESPECTIVE STANDS DURING CERTAIN HOURS, WHILE THE DRIVER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE MAY REFUSE TO CARRY A PERSON WHOM HE REASONABLY BELIEVES TO HAVE COMMITTED OR TO BE ABOUT TO COMMIT AN OFFENCE UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

#### REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES REGULATIONS

THE NEW REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES REGULATIONS CONSOLIDATE, WITH SOME AMENDMENTS, THE EXISTING LEGISLATION ON THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES AND SOME PROVISIONS OF THE (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) REGULATIONS.

THE NEW PROVISIONS REFLECT THE RECLASSIFICATION OF GOODS VEHICLES, THE LICENCE FEES FOR WHICH ARE AT PRESENT RELATED TO THE UNLADEN WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLES.

+LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES+ ARE AT PRESENT VEHICLES WITH AN UNLADEN WEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING 45 CWT. UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS THIS CLASSIFICATION WILL APPLY TO VEHICLES OF AN ASSIGNED PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT UP TO AND INCLUDING 5.5 TONNES- THE CLASS +MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLES+ WILL COMPRISE VEHICLES OF AN ASSIGNED PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT ABOVE 5.5 TONNES AND UP TO AND INCLUDING 24 TONNES AND THE CLASS +HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES+ WILL COMPRISE VEHICLES OF AN ASSIGNED PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF 24 TONNES AND UP TO AND INCLUDING 38 TONNES.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS IN THE NEW REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT VEHICLES CURRENTLY REGISTERED WHEN THE NEW REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT WILL BE DEEMED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS EITHER AS A LIGHT, MEDIUM OR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE ACCORDING TO THE RELEVANT ASSIGNED PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT. BUT PROVISION IS ALSO MADE FOR RECLASSIFICATION, IF NECESSARY, AFTER SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THE NEW REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT A GENERAL CLASS OF +TAXI+ WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING CLASSIFICATIONS OF +HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI+, +NEW TERRITORIES TAXI+ AND +LANTAU TAXI+. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO CHANGE IN THE EXISTING AREA LIMITATIONS WHICH APPLY TO TAXIS.

THE NEW REGULATIONS INTRODUCE A MOVEMENT PERMIT FOR VEHICLES INTENDED TO BE USED ONLY ON OFF-ROAD SITES OR WITHIN THE AIRPORT BOUNDARY. THEY ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING VEHICLE REGISTRATION BOOK BY A REGISTRATION DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE COMPUTER PRINTED.

MOTOR CYCLES WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO CARRY A FRONT NUMBER PLATE - IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY.

TO PREVENT THE EVASION OF LICENSING FEES, A NEW PROVISION WILL REQUIRE VEHICLES, BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG ON AN INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT BUT WHICH THEN REMAIN IN HONG KONG ON A PERMANENT BASIS, TO BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED FROM THE DATE OF ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS WHICH WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ROAD TRAFFIC (PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS AND SOME PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) REGULATIONS, LIST VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE WEARING OF PROTECTIVE HELMETS ON MOTORCYCLES AND THE FITTING AND WEARING OF SEAT BELTS IN PRIVATE CARS. THE REQUIREMENT TO CARRY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN VEHICLES, WHICH AT PRESENT ONLY COVERS BUSES AND LIGHT BUSES, IS TO BE EXTENDED BY THE NEW REGULATIONS TO HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, THAT IS GOODS VEHICLES OVER 24 TONNES IN GROSS WEIGHT.

THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL ALSO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL OFFENCE OF PERMITTING A PASSENGER TO RIDE ON A MOTOR CYCLE WITHOUT WEARING A HELMET.

## PARKING REGULATIONS

THE PARKING REGULATIONS, WHICH REPLACE THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PARKING AND WAITING) REGULATIONS AND THE (TEMPORARY CAR PARKS) REGULATIONS, CONSOLIDATE AND UPDATE EXISTING LEGISLATION AND PUT THE LAW IN THIS FIELD IN A MORE CONCISE AND SIMPLE FORM.

THE CONCEPT OF 'PARKING' HAS NOW BEEN DEFINED AND THE TERM 'WAITING' DROPPED. PARKING IS NOW DEFINED AS 'THE STANDING OF A VEHICLE, WHETHER OCCUPIED OR NOT, EXCEPT WHEN STANDING TEMPORARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AND WHILE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN LOADING OR UNLOADING OR PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS'. A VEHICLE IS NOT DEEMED TO BE PARKED IF IT CANNOT MOVE BECAUSE OF BREAKDOWN OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE DRIVER'S CONTROL AND ADDITIONALLY ALL REASONABLE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO MINIMISE ANY OBSTRUCTION AND REMOVE THE VEHICLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN TEMPORARY CAR PARKS AND OTHER CAR PARKS IS ABOLISHED AND THE NEW REGULATIONS PROVIDE MORE COMPREHENSIVELY FOR THE OPERATION AND CONTROL OF DESIGNATED CAR PARKS.

THE NEW REGULATIONS EXPRESSLY PROHIBIT PARKING ON A PAVEMENT, PEDESTRIAN WAY OR SIMILAR PLACE BUT PROVIDE FOR A DEFENCE WHERE THERE IS NO OBSTRUCTION OR ACTUAL DANGER CAUSED. THEY ALSO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO MAKE TEMPORARY PARKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF 72 HOURS, AND THEY CREATE THE OFFENCES OF PARKING AN UNATTACHED TRAILER ON A ROAD AND LEAVING A VEHICLE ON A ROAD IN A POSITION DANGEROUS TO OTHER ROAD USERS.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE NEW PARKING REGULATIONS PROVIDES A NEW SET OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS RELEVANT TO THE PARKING OF VEHICLES WHICH ARE SIMPLER AND CLEARER THAN MANY OF THOSE CURRENTLY IN USE.

CARE URGED IN SCHOOL LAB WORK

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SUPERVISORS, SCHOOL HEADS, SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS ARE URGED TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SAFETY IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES.

IF A SCIENCE LABORATORY IS USED AS A CLASSROOM FOR NON-SCIENCE LESSONS DUE TO FLOATING CLASS ARRANGEMENTS, THE TEACHER INVOLVED SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE STUDENTS DO NOT ENTER THE LABORATORY UNLESS HE IS PRESENT AND THAT THEY DO NOT DISTURB OR REMOVE ANY OF THE SCIENCE MATERIALS IN THE LABORATORY.

EVERY LABORATORY SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH AT LEAST ONE APPROPRIATE FIRE EXTINGUISHER WHICH IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE, A FIRE BLANKET AND A BUCKET OF SAND, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+WHENEVER A LABORATORY IS NOT IN USE, ITS GAS AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES SHOULD BE SWITCHED OFF AT THE MAINS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT STUDENTS SHOULD BE TAUGHT HOW TO EVACUATE A LABORATORY IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER IN THE EVENT OF FIRE.

+IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ANY SUCH EVACUATION BE CARRIED OUT IN AN ORDERLY, CONTROLLED MANNER, AND THAT EVERYTHING BE DONE TO AVOID PANIC AMONG STUDENTS,+ HE NOTED.

PAST RECORDS REVEALED THAT ACCIDENTS IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES WERE MOSTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREPARATION AND BURNING OF HYDROGEN, MIXING WATER WITH CONCENTRATED SULPHURIC ACID, MIXING CONCENTRATED ACIDS WITH POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE, GRINDING OR WARMING A MIXTURE OF AN OXIDIZING AGENT WITH CARBON OR SULPHUR, PREPARATION OF CHLORINE AND HYDROGEN SULPHIDE, HANDLING OF BROMINE, SODIUM OR POTASSIUM, HEATING OF ALCOHOLS AND THE STORAGE OF YELLOW OR RED PHOSPHORUS, PHOSPHORUS TRICHLORIDE OR PHOSPHORUS PENTACHLORIDE.

+SCIENCE TEACHERS, LABORATORY STAFF AND PUPILS ARE THEREFORE STRONGLY ADVISED TO EXERCISE SPECIAL CARE AND TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS WHEN PERFORMING THESE EXPERIMENTS AND WHEN HANDLING THESE CHEMICALS.

THE ATTENTION OF SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS IS ALSO DRAWN TO THE USE OF BENZENE, WHICH IS A SUSPECTED CARCINOGEN.

+CARCINOGENS CAN ENTER THE BODY NOT ONLY BY INGESTION, BUT ALSO BY INHALATION AND SKIN ABSORPTION. IN GENERAL, EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL CARCINOGENS ARE LONG-TERM AND INSIDIOUS, RATHER THAN IMMEDIATE AND OBVIOUS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+BASED ON SAFETY GROUNDS, THE STORAGE, ISSUE AND USE OF CORROSIVE, POISONOUS AND CARCINOGENIC SUBSTANCES LIKE BROMINE, CONCENTRATED ACIDS AND ALKALIS AND BENZENE SHOULD ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED BY THE SENIOR SCIENCE TEACHERS OF THE SCHOOL,+ HE ADDED.

AN OUTLINE OF THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MINIMISING THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCIDENTS IN A SCIENCE LABORATORY IS CONTAINED IN THE PAMPHLET +SAFETY IN THE LABORATORY+ PUBLISHED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT SOME LOCAL SCIENCE PUBLICATIONS CARRIED MANY CHEMISTRY EXPERIMENTS WHICH CAN BE PERFORMED AT HOME BY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

+SOME OF THESE EXPERIMENTS ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND IT IS ESSENTIAL TO REMIND STUDENTS REPEATEDLY THAT SUCH HAZARDOUS EXPERIMENTS SHOULD NOT BE PERFORMED BY THEMSELVES AT HOME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

GREAT CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT EVEN IF STUDENTS ARE TO CARRY OUT SIMPLE EXPERIMENTS ON THEIR OWN OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD FIRST SEEK THE ADVICE OF THEIR SCIENCE TEACHERS ON THE NATURE OF THESE EXPERIMENTS, HE ADDED.

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#### RELOCATION OF POULTRY MARKET PLANNED

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A 7 900-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A TEMPORARY POULTRY WHOLESALE MARKET TO ACCOMMODATE THE 12 STALLS WHICH ARE NOW IN FORBES STREET, AND TO PROVIDE LOADING AND UNLOADING FACILITIES, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LOLLY CHIU, SAID TODAY.

SHE SAID THE TEMPORARY MARKET, ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$10 MILLION, WOULD BE READY BY 1985.

FURTHERMORE, SHE SAID, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRADE HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO MOVE FROM THE PLACE WHERE THEY HAD OPERATED FOR DECADES.

MISS CHIU WAS SPEAKING ON THE PROBLEMS BROUGHT ABOUT BY POULTRY LAAN TRADERS IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

+AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO A LONG-TERM PLAN TO REPROVISION THE POULTRY LAANS, TOGETHER WITH THE VEGETABLE AND FRESH WATER FISH WHOLESALE MARKETS IN KENNEDY TOWN TO THE PERMANENT WHOLESALE MARKET ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

+THIS LARGE-SCALE PROJECT WILL REQUIRE A RELATIVELY LONG PERIOD OF TIME FOR DETAILED CONSIDERATION AND PLANNING,+ SHE SAID.

SHE SAID THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY POULTRY LAANS COULD BE VIEWED FROM THREE ASPECTS:-

\* ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: AS THE WHOLESALE MARKET HAD TO KEEP A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF POULTRY FOR SALE TO THE RETAIL DEALERS AND HAWKERS EACH DAY, THE POULTRY EXCREMENT AND THE UNPLEASANT SMELL CAUSED SEVERE POLLUTION TO THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA;

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\* NOISE POLLUTION: THE MARKET STARTED OPERATION AS EARLY AS 4 AM EVERY MORNING WITH THOUSANDS OF CHICKENS AND DUCKS CACKLING AND QUACKING AT THE SAME TIME; AND

\* TRAFFIC CONGESTION: AS THE MARKET WAS SOME DISTANCE FROM THE LOADING AND UNLOADING PIER FOR THE POULTRY, CAGES OF POULTRY HAD TO BE TRANSPORTED BY HANDCARTS FROM THE PIER TO FORBES STREET, CUTTING ACROSS THE TRAFFIC IN CATCHICK AND BELCHER'S STREETS.

+THE PROBLEM MIGHT NOT BE SO SERIOUS IF THE POULTRY LAANS WERE SITUATED FAR AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS,+ SHE SAID.

+HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS IN FORBES STREET AND DAVIS STREET AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS,+ SHE ADDED.

SHE SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS HAD VISITED THE AREA TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS, BUT FELT THAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED SITE AREA, THE OUT-DATED FACILITIES AND ITS PROXIMITY TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

+FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD'S POINT OF VIEW, THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE LAANS IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE INTERIM MEASURE BECAUSE THE LAAN TRADERS CAN CONTINUE WITH THEIR BUSINESS AND THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN KENNEDY TOWN CAN ALSO BE IMPROVED,+ SHE SAID.

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#### GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISING COURSES AT OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL

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YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN +SKILLS COURSES+ TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS NOW, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE THREE-DAY COURSES -- ONE ON INTERMEDIATE SAILING AND THE OTHER ON INTERMEDIATE CANOEING -- WILL START ON OCTOBER 21.

THERE WILL BE 20 GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDISED PLACES FOR EACH OF THE TWO COURSES, ORGANISED BY THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL AND THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

THE SUBSIDY WILL REDUCE THE FEE BY 60 PER CENT TO \$200.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE TWO SKILLS COURSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RSS HEADQUARTERS IN WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL, AND AT ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

EARLIER, THE GOVERNMENT ALLOCATED \$670 000 TO ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISHED TO TAKE PART IN OUTWARD BOUND COURSES.

UNDER THIS SCHEME, ABOUT 1 000 YOUNG PERSONS, INCLUDING HANDICAPPED AND UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE, WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS LAND AND SEA-BASED COURSES.

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IMPORTANT ROLE FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE STAFF

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THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, MR PETER WILLIAMS, TODAY (SATURDAY) TOLD THE NEW RECRUITS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT THAT EACH OF THEM HAS TO PLAY HIS PART IN MAINTAINING THE HIGH REPUTATION OF HIS SERVICE.

TAKING SALUTE AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 30 INSPECTORS AND 47 CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE SERVICE'S TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG, MR WILLIAMS REMINDED THE OFFICERS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY IN TRADE FACILITATION AS HONG KONG IS THE THIRD LARGEST FINANCIAL CENTRE AND PORT IN THE WORLD.

+AND YOU, VERY SOON, WILL BE ACTIVELY AND DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING TO THIS MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTION, ENFORCING THE LAWS RELATING TO DUTIABLE COMMODITIES, IMPORT AND EXPORT CONTROLS AND COPYRIGHT PROTECTION.

+SOME OF YOU WILL ALSO BE POSTED TO ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS - TO PLAY A VITAL PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST A PERNICIOUS SCOURGE WHICH CONTINUES TO DEMAND DETERMINED EFFORT, RESOURCEFULNESS AND INTEGRITY FROM ALL THOSE ENTRUSTED WITH ITS SUPPRESSION.

+YOU ARE, IN SHORT, MEMBERS OF A VITAL HONG KONG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY - A DISCIPLINED FORCE WITH A VERY HIGH REPUTATION - AS ILLUSTRATED NOT ONLY BY YOUR RECORD OF SEIZURES AND PROSECUTIONS, BUT ALSO BY THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS HELD INTERNATIONALLY,+ SAID MR WILLIAMS.

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FIFTH PHASE OF NEW ID CARD SCHEME TO START MONDAY

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MEN BORN IN 1959 AND 1958 ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD APPLY FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS DURING THE FIFTH PHASE OF THE NEW ID CARD SCHEME.

THIS PHASE WILL START ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 12) AND END ON OCTOBER 29.

DURING THE SEVEN WEEKS, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO DEAL WITH ANY LATE APPLICATIONS FROM PREVIOUS AGE GROUPS.

+IN OTHER WORDS, THOSE BORN BETWEEN 1960 AND 1964 WHO HAVE MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY OF APPLYING FOR NEW CARDS DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE PHASES MAY DO SO DURING THE COMING PHASE,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS WILL BE THEIR LAST CHANCE BECAUSE THEIR OLD CARDS WILL BE DECLARED INVALID AT THE END OF THE FIFTH PHASE, AND ANYONE FOUND TO BE HOLDING THE OLD CARD AFTER THE EXPIRY DATE WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION,+ HE ADDED.

THOSE WHO ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD ARE, HOWEVER, NOT AFFECTED: THEY SHOULD APPLY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.

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ALL APPLICANTS MUST BRING ALONG THEIR OLD ID CARDS AND REPORT IN PERSON TO ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

THE PROCESSING OF AN APPLICATION WILL TAKE ABOUT HALF AN HOUR AND APPLICANTS WILL BE ASKED TO RETURN IN 18 WORKING DAYS TO COLLECT THEIR NEW CARDS AND SURRENDER THEIR OLD ONES.

THOSE WHO WANT TO HAVE THEIR LOST OR DAMAGED ID CARDS REPLACED OR PERSONAL PARTICULARS CHANGED SHOULD GO TO THE REGULAR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES EARN INTERNATIONAL RESPECT - SIR JOHN  
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG HAD EARNED INTERNATIONAL RESPECT, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SIR JOHN WAS SPEAKING AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUIT OFFICERS, HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

SIR JOHN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SERVICES' DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG AND YOUNG ADULT OFFENDERS.

+SINCE IT (THE CENTRE) OPENED IN JUNE 1972, OVER 94 PER CENT OF THE 5 000 YOUNG OFFENDERS WHO HAVE PASSED THROUGH HAVE NOT BEEN RECONVICTED OF FURTHER OFFENCES WHILE UNDER SUPERVISION,+ SIR JOHN POINTED OUT.

THE ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED IN 1977 TO EXTEND THE PROGRAMME TO YOUNG ADULTS AND THE SUCCESS RATE WAS AGAIN 94 PER CENT, HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT IT WAS PROPER THAT PRISONERS SHOULD UNDERTAKE USEFUL WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY, SIR JOHN POINTED OUT THE TOTAL GOODS AND SERVICES PRODUCED BY PRISONERS LAST YEAR WERE VALUED AT \$57 MILLION.

HE ALSO REFERRED TO A SCHEME UNDER WHICH TRAINING CENTRES PROVIDE SOME FORM OF ACADEMIC TRAINING LEADING TO PROPER ACADEMIC RECOGNITION.

HE SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SCHEME WAS ENCOURAGING AND SHOULD BE PUSHED FURTHER.

UNDER THE SCHEME, TELECOMMUNICATIONS COURSES STARTED IN 1979. OF THE 35 WHO HAD PASSED THE EXAMINATION AND BEEN RELEASED, ONLY ONE HAD BEEN RECONVICTED, HE SAID.

THE SCHEME HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE BOOKKEEPING COURSE OF THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, HE ADDED.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 19 OFFICERS AND 74 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAD COMPLETED THEIR SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING.

AS THE INSPECTING OFFICER, SIR JOHN PRESENTED SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST ALL-ROUND RECRUITS, ASSISTANT OFFICERS LAM WING-YUEN AND LIU YIU-PUI.

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SEMINAR FOR NEW TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE  
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A SERIES OF IDENTICAL SEMINARS TO FAMILIARISE NEW TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING THE SUBJECT WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH AND EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE SEMINARS, ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ARE INTENDED FOR TEACHERS WHO ARE NEW OR HAVE LESS THAN THREE YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN THE TEACHING OF CHINESE LANGUAGE.

THE SEMINARS, EACH OF WHICH WILL FEATURE A SHORT TALK, A DISCUSSION SESSION AND A DISPLAY OF TEACHING MATERIALS; WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON UNIT OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE IN MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

DUE TO LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY, EACH SEMINAR CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE A MAXIMUM OF 20 TEACHERS. APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO SEND TEACHERS TO THE SEMINARS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, AT MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KOWLOON, BY SEPTEMBER 16.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRE ON 3-7128476.

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CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN EXHIBITION DRAWS CROWD  
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LARGE NUMBERS OF RESIDENTS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN TODAY (SATURDAY) VISITED THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE TO SEE AN EXHIBITION ON THE WORK OF THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE EXHIBITION WILL REMAIN OPEN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AND MONDAY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13), THE EXHIBITION WILL ONLY BE OPEN BETWEEN 10 AM AND 1 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE NTSD, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT MAKING THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN IT.

THROUGH COLOUR PICTURES AND SLIDES, THE EXHIBITION SHOWS VARIOUS CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO SEE HOW THE NTSD LAUNCHED ITS BEAUTIFICATION SCHEME IN BRINGING MORE GREENERY TO PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE EXHIBITION ALSO COVERS THE NTSD'S BEAUTIFICATION SCHEME, ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION.

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SOCCER TRAINING FOR TUEN MUN YOUTHS  
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YOUNG FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS IN TUEN MUN ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN A FREE SOCCER TRAINING CLASS TO BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE YOUTH SOCCER TRAINING PROGRAMME, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENING BETWEEN 6 PM AND 8 PM STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 16.

THE THREE-MONTH TRAINING CLASS IS AIMED AT PROVIDING MORE ADVANCED TRAINING TO YOUNG SOCCER PLAYERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

MR CHAN YUEN-CHI, A FORMER DIVISION ONE FOOTBALL PLAYER, WILL BE THE COACH.

TO PROTECT THE TURF OF THE SOCCER PITCH, PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR PROPER SPORTS SHOES THROUGHOUT THE TRAINING.

YOUNGSTERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 21 ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND AND THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 'TOP COURT', 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN.

ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION  
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THIRTY-ONE SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$136 100 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

ONE REGISTRATION NUMBER, CE 353, WAS WITHDRAWN.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER CZ 3333 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$16 000.

OTHER NUMBERS CY 8 AND 369 WERE SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$15 000 EACH WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR DA 915, CZ 9682, CZ 7289, CD 8982, CZ 6608, DA 435, DA 944, DA 804, DA 310, DA 891, CZ 8230 AND DA 3805.

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THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

	\$		\$		\$
XX 36	5 000	CX 100	5 000	DA 233	1 500
AK 99	6 000	DA 338	4 500	DA 168	5 000
BK 1	12 000	DA 368	2 500	CH 7878	7 500
DA 7879	1 800	CJ 777	8 000	DA 328	5 000
CZ 6663	2 000	CZ 5	6 000	BP 69	5 000
DA 172	1 300				

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, IS THE 87TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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#### URBAN CLEARWAY AT KING'S ROAD

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 12), THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 993 AND A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF THE ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH SHIPYARD LANE, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS FOR WORK ON THE TRAM TRACKS.

WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

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#### OPENING OF ROAD D9 IN TUEN MUN

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THE D9 - P1 ROUNDABOUT NEAR SIU HONG COURT IN TUEN MUN, AND THE SECTION OF ROAD D9 BETWEEN THIS ROUNDABOUT AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 12).

THIS FACILITY WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT ROAD LINK BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD (LAM TEI) AND THE EASTERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON CITY AND WAN CHAI  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 12) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY 11-25 JUNCTION ROAD, THE SECTION OF JUNCTION ROAD BETWEEN HENG LAM STREET AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, INVERNESS ROAD, DUMBARTON ROAD, INCLUDING HO KAR YUEN, LAI CHI YUEN AND BLOCKS 1 - 12 OF LOK FU ESTATE.

MEANWHILE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON THE SAME DAY (SEPTEMBER 12) TO FACILITATE A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY KENNEDY ROAD BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND BOWEN DRIVE, ST. FRANCIS STREET, THE SOUTH SIDE OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST BETWEEN STONE NULLAH LANE AND ST. FRANCIS STREET, AND STONE NULLAH LANE.

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