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DESIGN COMPETITION FOR NEW UNIVERSITY

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PRACTISING LOCAL ARCHITECTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE IN TWO STAGES AND WILL BE OPEN TO ALL PRACTISING ARCHITECTS WITH A REGISTERED OFFICE IN HONG KONG AND EITHER ON THE AUTHORISED PERSONS LIST I OF THE BUILDING AUTHORITY OR A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION IF THEY TEAM UP WITH OVERSEAS FIRMS.

ENTRANTS TO THE FIRST STAGE WILL HAVE TWO MONTHS TO PREPARE CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ON THE BASIS OF AN OUTLINE BRIEF.

A SHORTLIST OF AROUND FIVE OR SIX PRACTICES WILL THEN BE SELECTED ON THE MERITS OF THEIR SUBMISSIONS AND, SUBJECT TO A SEPARATE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR RESOURCE POTENTIAL AND EXPERIENCE, WILL PROCEED TO THE SECOND STAGE.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THREE MONTHS WILL REQUIRE THE SHORTLISTED PRACTICES TO PREPARE A FULL AND DETAILED MASTER PLAN FOR THE ENTIRE PHASED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMPUS ON THE BASIS OF A MORE DETAILED DESIGN REQUIREMENT BRIEF.

THE SHORTLISTED PRACTICES THAT GO FORWARD TO THE SECOND STAGE OF THE COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE \$150 000 AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE COST OF PREPARING THEIR SUBMISSIONS, AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$850 000 IN EXCHANGE FOR THE COPYRIGHT OF THE MASTER PLAN.

IT IS PROPOSED, THOUGH NOT GUARANTEED, THAT THE WINNER WILL BE COMMISSIONED AT THE END OF THE YEAR AS ARCHITECT FOR THE PROJECT, AND THIS SUM WOULD THEN BE ABSORBED IN HIS FEES.

THE ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY AN ASSESSMENT PANEL OF EXPERTS CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAPITAL WORKS AND BUILDING PROJECTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DR CHAN NAI-KEONG.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSESSMENT PANEL WILL INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECT PROFESSOR FUMIHIKO MAKI FROM JAPAN; PROVOST OF WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD, LORD ASA BRIGGS; DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI MENG-CAN; AND MR CHUNG WAH-NAN, WINNER OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION FOR THE CITY POLYTECHNIC IN ASSOCIATION WITH AN OVERSEAS PRACTICE.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE COMPETITION WILL START ON APRIL 16, 1987 AND THE SHORTLIST FOR THE SECOND STAGE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN JULY. THE SECOND STAGE WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AND THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER 1987. PRACTISING LOCAL ARCHITECTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST STAGE ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE PLANNING COMMITTEE BY APRIL 16.

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THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, A GROUPING OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS EMPHASISING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS STUDIES AND PROVIDING POSTGRADUATE TRAINING AND RESEARCH WORK, WILL BE LOCATED AT TAI PO TSAI, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, SAI KUNG ON THE 41 HECTARE SITE PREVIOUSLY RESERVED FOR KOHIMA BARRACKS.

THIS SITE CONTAINS ABOUT 16 HECTARES OF DEVELOPABLE LAND COMPRISING 38 SEPARATE PURPOSE DESIGNED AND READY FORMED PLATFORMS. ADDITIONAL LAND FOR EXPANSION PURPOSES HAS ALSO BEEN EARMARKED WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 14.5 HECTARES.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE CAMPUS WILL DEVELOP IN THREE PHASES. PHASE I IS EXPECTED TO ACCOMMODATE 1 500 TO 2 000 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS (FTE'S) WHILE PHASE II WILL INCREASE THE CAPACITY TO 7 000 FTE'S. PHASE III WILL BRING THE CAMPUS UP TO ITS MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF ABOUT 10 000 FTE'S.

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#### SOUTH AFRICA RECOGNISES BN(O) PASSPORT

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE RECOGNITION OF THE BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) STATUS AND PASSPORT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

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#### MASTER PLAN FOR METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE PIPELINE

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A GOVERNMENT STEERING GROUP HAS BEEN SET UP TO PREPARE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE METROPOLITAN AREA, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

CALLED THE METROPOLITAN SUB-REGIONAL PLANNING STUDY, MR BARNES SAID IT WOULD GO MUCH FURTHER THAN OTHER PLANNING STUDIES FOR OTHER SUB-REGIONS.

+IT NEEDS TO COVER NOT ONLY WHAT SHOULD BE DONE AND WHERE WE MIGHT DO IT BUT ALSO HOW AND IN BROAD TERMS WHEN,+ HE TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS (HONG KONG BRANCH) AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS.

/+INITIALLY, WE .....

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+INITIALLY, WE ARE STUDYING ANALYSES OF ALL THE KNOWN MAJOR PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS TOGETHER WITH THE KNOWN OPPORTUNITIES, MAINLY IN TERMS OF NEW LAND FOR SOLVING THEM.

+SECONDLY, WE MUST STUDY THE STRATEGIC DEMANDS ON THE METROPOLITAN AREAS IN TERMS OF HOUSING REQUIREMENTS, AIRPORT, PORT AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND IN THE REVISION OF PLANNING STANDARDS.

+THE THIRD STAGE IS AN ATTEMPT TO PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER PHYSICALLY ON MAPS AND CHARTS WITH INDICATIONS OF THE MAIN WORKS AND THEIR LIKELY STAGINGS.

+AT THIS STAGE, I BELIEVE WE WOULD DERIVE CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT FROM A PUBLIC COMMENT, AND WE WILL AIM TO PRODUCE A PUBLISHABLE OUTLINE DOCUMENT AND PERHAPS ORGANISE SEMINARS OR DISCUSSIONS TO CANVASS COMMENTS ON IT,+ HE SAID.

THE LATE STAGES WOULD BE TO SORT OUT THE IDEAS, MAKE BROAD ESTIMATES OF THE RESOURCES INVOLVED AND DERIVE FROM THEM A PROGRAMME OF WORKS AND OPERATIVES NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THEM, HE ADDED.

+I AM VERY ANXIOUS TO PRODUCE A MASTER PLAN WHICH IS SUBJECT TO CHANGES TO MEET THE DYNAMISM OF HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT FROM YEAR TO YEAR, AND THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IF THE MASTER PLAN HAD ITSELF TO BE PUBLISHED,+ HE SAID.

MR BARNES ALSO POINTED OUT SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT ISSUES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

THESE INCLUDED INCINERATORS AND PETROLEUM DEPOTS SITED NEXT TO RESIDENTIAL AREAS, THE REMAINING SQUATTER AREAS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK-SPOTS, AND POLLUTION OF HONG KONG WATERS.

TO TACKLE THESE PROBLEMS, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGIC STUDIES HAD SHOWN THAT FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF PRESENT AND COMMITTED NEW TOWNS SCHEMES, THERE WOULD BE A GREATER ADVANTAGE OF INVESTMENT IN, AND CAPITALISATION ON PAST INVESTMENT IN, THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEIGHBOURING NEW TOWNS THAN IN FURTHER NEW TOWNS, BOTH IN TERMS OF PUBLIC DEMAND AND ALSO IN TERMS OF THE COST BENEFIT OF GOVERNMENT CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

MR BARNES ADDED THAT A PLANNING COMMITTEE TO WORK OUT REMOVALS AND PLANNING CONTROLS FOR WHAT WERE KNOWN AS POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS WAS NOW WORKING UNDER HIS CHAIRMANSHIP.

+THIS IS A MASS OF ACTIVITY, SOME PHYSICALLY STARTING AND MUCH IN THE COURSE OF PLANNING.

+THE WORKS COMPARED WITH NEW TOWN WORKS ARE MORE DIFFICULT IN THAT ALMOST ALL HAVE SOME ADVERSE EFFECTS ON SOME PERSON OR INTEREST, AND WILL TAKE PLACE OVER A LONG PERIOD.

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+WHAT WE MUST BE CAREFUL ABOUT, HOWEVER, IS THAT THEY DO NOT EACH STEAM AHEAD REGARDLESS OF THE OTHERS, AND THAT THEY ARE CO-ORDINATED IN A WAY WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT THERE ARE STEADY GAINS IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE,+ MR BARNES CAUTIONED.

MR BARNES ALSO SAID THERE SHOULD BE A GREATER PROPORTION OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND REPLENISHING THE URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS NECESSARY AS MUCH OF THE HOUSING, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, WAS OLD AND WAS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE TO MAINTAIN.

HE ALSO SAID THE GAP BETWEEN THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE URBAN AREAS AND THAT IN THE NEW TOWNS WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY MARKED.

MR BARNES ALSO NOTED THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAD DECIDED TO INCREASE THE PACE OF REDEVELOPMENT OF ITS HOUSING ESTATES WITH A VIEW TO REPLACING EVEN MARK 4'S BEFORE THE MID-1990'S.

HE FURTHER SAID THE CLEARANCE OF KOWLOON WALLED CITY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WAS THE MEANS TO INCREASE THE SPEED AND QUALITY OF REDEVELOPMENT OF THE OLDEST URBAN AREAS.

MR BARNES ALSO SAID THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, WAS EMBARKED ON A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE URBAN SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

HE ADDED THAT HIS BRANCH WAS WORKING OUT DETAILED USAGE AND THE ENGINEERING OF THE RECLAMATION SCHEMES TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE PORT AND THE URBAN AREAS.

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TUBERCULOSIS CASES CONTINUE TO DROP  
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THE NUMBER OF NEW NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS CONTINUED TO DROP IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR RUDY KHOO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION, DR KHOO SAID NOTIFICATION OF THE DISEASE HAD DROPPED LAST YEAR TO 7 432 FROM 7 545 IN 1985 AND THE NOTIFICATION RATE FELL TO 134.3 PER 100 000 POPULATION IN 1986 AS COMPARED WITH 139.1 PER 100 000 THE YEAR BEFORE.

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DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS ALSO DROPPED FROM 409 IN 1985 TO 407 IN 1986 AND THE DEATH RATE FROM 7.5 TO 7.4 PER 100 000 POPULATION.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DR KHOO SAID THESE DECLINES REFLECTED THE EFFORTS SPENT BY ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS.

+HOWEVER, THESE STATISTICS WERE STILL HIGHER THAN THOSE OF OTHER ADVANCED COUNTRIES AND THERE IS STILL A LOT MORE TO BE DONE TO ACHIEVE COMPLETE CONTROL.

+THEREFORE, ALL PREVENTIVE AND CONTROL PROGRAMMES MUST BE MAINTAINED AT A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY,+ DR KHOO SAID.

TURNING TO STATISTICS ON CANCER, DR KHOO SAID THERE WERE 1 743 DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986, 150 MORE THAN THE NUMBER REPORTED IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1985.

HE NOTED THAT INTENSIVE AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS WERE OBVIOUSLY REQUIRED IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SMOKING WHICH HE SAID WAS REGARDED AS THE MAJOR SINGLE CAUSE OF CANCER MORTALITY.

TO THIS END, A PROVISIONAL COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN DECEMBER 1986.

THE MAIN THRUST OF THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN THAT THE COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING IS TO FOCUS ON THE DANGERS OF PASSIVE SMOKING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ALERTING YOUNGSTERS TO THE HAZARDS OF HEALTH OF CIGARETTE SMOKING.

THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE AMOUNT OF NON-SMOKING AREAS IN PUBLIC PLACES IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED.

IN THE CONTROL OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTRODUCED NEW LEGISLATION TO BAN THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF SMOKELESS TOBACCO IN HONG KONG.

THE LAW WAS PASSED BY GOVERNMENT IN NOVEMBER 1986 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

ON CARDIAC SERVICE, DR KHOO SAID THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 606 OPEN-HEART OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT IN 1986 AND THE SUCCESS RATE REMAINED VERY HIGH.

IN ADDITION, TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES CONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

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ON THE ASSOCIATION'S NEW PROJECT, DR KHOO SAID THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE RUTTONJEE HOSPITAL WAS PROGRESSING WELL AS SCHEDULED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED THE COST OF REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT TO BE INCREASED FROM \$158.18 TO \$246.14 MILLION.

DR KHOO SAID THIS WOULD ENABLE THE SCOPE OF THE EXISTING PROJECT TO BE EXPANDED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 24 GENERAL BEDS AND 152 INFIRMARY BEDS, THUS INCREASING THE TOTAL BED COMPLEMENT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO 614 BEDS.

THE TARGET DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE NEW RUTTONJEE HOSPITAL WOULD BE IN LATE 1989, DR KHOO ADDED.

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APPOINTMENTS TO URBAN, REGIONAL COUNCILS  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (FRIDAY) REAPPOINTED MR GERRY FORSGATE, DR PHILIP KWOK, DR RONALD LEUNG AND MR LO KING-MAN AS MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE THAT MR FORSGATE'S RE-APPOINTMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1988 UNTIL MARCH 31, 1989 AND THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF DR KWOK, DR LEUNG AND MR LO WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1, 1987 TO MARCH 31, 1990.

ALSO ANNOUNCED WERE THE APPOINTMENTS OF TWO NEW MEMBERS, MRS ELEANOR CHING-MAN LING AND MR PAUL YOUNG TZE-KONG, FROM APRIL 1, 1987 TO MARCH 31, 1990.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FROM APRIL 1, 1987 UNTIL MARCH 31, 1990:

MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MR LAU HON-KIT, MRS CHAN HO ON-NEI, MRS MIRIAM LAU KIN-YEE, MR WILLIAM CHAU CHUN-WING, MR NATHAN MA NING-HEI, MR CARLOS CHEUNG HON-KAU, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, MR CHONG KAM-NING, MR TANG CHI-LEUNG, MR RICHARD HO MAN-WUI AND MR YOUNG WING-YAU.

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THREE BANKS GRANTED LICENCES  
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TWO ITALIAN BANKS AND A JAPANESE BANK HAVE BEEN GRANTED BANKING LICENCES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG. A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE THREE BANKS WERE CASSA DI RISPARMIO DELLE PROVINCIE LOMBARDIE AND BANCO DI NAPOLI OF ITALY, AND THE BANK OF FUKUOKA, LTD. OF JAPAN.

+ESTABLISHED IN 1823, THE CASSA DI RISPARMIO DELLE PROVINCIE LOMBARDIE HAS HAD A PRESENCE IN HONG KONG IN THE FORM OF REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE SINCE 1982. THE OTHER ITALIAN BANK, BANCO DI NAPOLI WAS A CHARITABLE INSTITUTION WHEN ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1539. HOWEVER, IT NOW CARRIES ON ALL THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF A COMMERCIAL BANK. IT HAS NOT HAD A PRESENCE IN HONG KONG BEFORE,+ HE SAID.

+THE BANK OF FUKUOKA, LTD. WAS ESTABLISHED IN JAPAN IN 1945 AND IS CLASSIFIED AS A REGIONAL BANK. IT OPENED A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN HONG KONG IN 1985,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN OBTAINING HONG KONG BANKING LICENCES REFLECTED HONG KONG'S DEVELOPING ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THE GRANTING OF THESE LICENCES BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG TO 154 OF WHICH 119 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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LICENSING OF PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) GAZETTED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE TO BRING VARIOUS LICENSING ORDERS IN LINE WITH CHANGING TECHNOLOGY.

UNDER THE AMENDMENTS INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS OF PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXEMPT FROM LICENSING. HOWEVER, THE AMENDMENTS WILL ENSURE THAT THE COMMERCIAL PROVIDERS OF SUCH PUBLIC SERVICES ARE ALL REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED.

THE EFFECT OF THE AMENDMENTS IS NOT TO RESTRICT COMPETITION IN THE PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, RATHER THEY WILL ENSURE THAT COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES ARE PROVIDED WITHIN AN ORDERLY LICENSING FRAMEWORK.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGY A NUMBER OF NEW PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES HAD BECOME AVAILABLE, AND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO LICENSE THEM PROPERLY AS PUBLIC NON-EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES (PNETS).

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS WILL ENABLE THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY GRANTING LICENSES ONLY TO A PROPERLY QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER.

HE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PNETS AND THEREBY ACQUIRE MORE KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF HONG KONG FOR MODERN TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES.

HE ADDED THAT THESE SERVICES INCLUDE PUBLIC MOBILE RADIO-TELEPHONES, ELECTRONIC AND VOICE MAIL BOXES, MESSAGE STORAGE AND FORWARD/RETRIEVAL AND PUBLIC FACSIMILE.

THE PROPOSALS ARE GAZETTED UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION (EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1987; TELECOMMUNICATION (CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LIMITED) (EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1987; AND THE TELECOMMUNICATION (PUBLIC NON-EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CUSTOMERS) (EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1987.

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#### INVESTMENT IN KNITWEAR INDUSTRY PRAISED \* \* \* \* \*

THE CONTINUED GROWTH IN VALUE ADDED IN KNITTED OUTERWEAR EXPORTS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS REFLECTED FAIRLY SUSTAINED INVESTMENT BY THE INDUSTRY IN MODERN PLANT AND MACHINERY, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF HONG KONG Q-MARK LICENCE TO LAWS FASHION KNITTERS LIMITED THIS AFTERNOON, MR YEUNG SAID THE INVESTMENT WAS REPRESENTED LARGELY BY COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN EQUIPMENT, AND AUTOMATIC AND COMPUTER AIDED KNITTING MACHINERY.

+IF THIS PACE OF INVESTMENT IS MAINTAINED OR ACCELERATED, THE KNITWEAR INDUSTRY WOULD BE EVEN BETTER PLACED TO EXPLOIT THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY THE GROWING TENDENCY ON THE PART OF ITS OVERSEAS CUSTOMERS TO PUT QUALITY BEFORE PRICE,+ HE ADDED.

TRACING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KNITWEAR INDUSTRY, MR YEUNG SAID WHAT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS THE GROWTH RATE OF VALUE ADDED IN THESE EXPORTS.

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+IN 1986, EXPORTS OF KNITTED SWEATERS, PULLOVERS, CARDIGANS AND JACKETS AT NEARLY \$10.3 BILLION ACCOUNTED FOR 50 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ALL KNITWEAR, AND FOR 20 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ALL TYPES OF GARMENTS.

+DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THESE CATEGORIES GREW BY 12 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS LAST YEAR WHILE GROWTH IN QUANTITY TERMS AMOUNTED TO LESS THAN 4 PER CENT.

+THE AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF VALUE ADDED OF KNITTED OUTERWEAR OVER THE FIVE YEARS 1980 TO 1984 HAS BEEN ABOUT 14 PER CENT.+

MR YEUNG ALSO PRAISED THE LAWS FASHION KNITTERS FOR ITS HEAVY INVESTMENT IN COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN AND PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, WHICH LED TO THE AWARD OF THE PRESTIGIOUS HONG KONG Q-MARK BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

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#### REAR LANE STRUCTURES CLEARED IN MONG KOK

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ABOUT 45 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE CLEARED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE REAR LANES OF 66-88 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, 71-113 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, 188-228 TONG MEI ROAD AND 1227-1239 CANTON ROAD IN MONG KOK.

THE STRUCTURES INCLUDED CANOPIES AND EXTENSIONS FROM PREMISES ON GROUND FLOOR, WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED ABOVE GAS MAINS. THEY WERE MAINLY USED FOR WORKSHOPS, STORAGE AND DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

ABOUT 10 FAMILIES, COMPRISING 18 PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED. OF THESE, THREE WERE ELIGIBLE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN PUBLIC HOUSING, 11 IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, AND TWO WERE GIVEN ALLOWANCES.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, TODAY'S CLEARANCE WAS A JOINT OPERATION CONDUCTED BY THE HOUSING, BUILDINGS AND LANDS, AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND THE POLICE.

THE CLEARANCE WAS THE LAST CONDUCTED IN THE DISTRICT IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 74 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE CLEARED EARLIER THIS YEAR IN THREE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES AT THE REAR LANES IN SECTIONS OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SHANGHAI STREET AND FA YUEN STREET.

TEN MORE LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ENDORSED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR'S CLEARANCE.

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COMPUTER TRAINING CENTRE OPENED

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A MICROCOMPUTER TRAINING CENTRE HAS BEEN SET UP BY THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR OFFICERS TO LEARN TO USE THE EQUIPMENT EFFECTIVELY.

THE CENTRE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, WHO SAID THAT THE OPENING OF THE MICROCOMPUTER TRAINING CENTRE WAS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE CONTINUING EFFORT THAT WAS BEING MADE BY THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE TO KEEP ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TRAINING FIELD.

COURSES OFFERED BY THE CENTRE WERE PRIMARILY TARGETTED AT DIRECTORATE STAFF AND SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

MR GREWAL SAID THAT IN THE FIRST YEAR THE TRAINING CENTRE WOULD OFFER ABOUT 50 BASIC COURSES FOR SOME 1 500 OFFICERS.

DEPARTMENTS MIGHT USE THE FACILITIES TO CONDUCT THEIR OWN IN-HOUSE COMPUTER TRAINING WHEN THE CENTRE WAS NOT RUNNING COURSES, HE SAID.

TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 150 DIRECTORATE STAFF AND SENIOR PROFESSIONALS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE FACILITIES AND A DEMONSTRATION OF PROGRAMMES.

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REVAMP OF CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES UNDER WAY

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THE OVERHAULING OF CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG INMATES IS IN GOOD PROGRESS. THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, SAID AT A PARADE OF CORRECTIONAL STAFF AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT STANLEY TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S EXISTING UNITS FOR EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING WOULD BE AMALGAMATED TO FORM A NEW DIVISION, TO BE CALLED THE CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION SECTION.

+THIS RE-ORGANISATION IS PART OF THE MOVE TO ENSURE EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES,+ MR CHAN SAID.

SCOUTING HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO TRAINING CENTRES -- CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE -- WITH CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AS LEADERS.

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+PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING,+ MR CHAN SAID, ADDING THAT THE CAPABILITIES AND ENTHUSIASM OF THE INMATE SCOUT GROUP HAD BEEN HIGHLY PRAISED AT THE RECENT DIAMOND JUBILEE JAMBOREE.

MR CHAN SAID GUIDING ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMME FOR FEMALE INMATES, AND A GIRL GUIDE GROUP WAS DUE TO BE FORMED AT TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION NEXT MONTH.

FURTHERMORE, MR CHAN SAID, IN AN ATTEMPT +TO ENHANCE THE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT+ OF YOUNG INMATES, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME HAD RECENTLY BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE CURRICULA AT TRAINING CENTRES.

+A DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING AUTHORITY WAS SET UP TO MONITOR ALL LEISURE-TIME ACTIVITIES UNDER THE SCHEME, AND TO ASSESS THE PROGRESS OF THE PARTICIPANTS,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE +YOUNG OFFENDERS ASSESSMENT PANEL+ IN EARLY APRIL, THE COURT WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE ON THE +MOST APPROPRIATE+ PROGRAMME FOR CONVICTED YOUNG OFFENDERS, MR CHAN SAID.

THE PANEL WAS TO BE OPERATED JOINTLY WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED.

MR CHAN ADDED THAT A PAROLE SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE +RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION SCHEME+ AND A +PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME+ WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

+IN ORDER TO TAKE ON THIS VERY CHALLENGING TASK, THE DEPARTMENT'S AFTERCARE SERVICE IS BEING CRITICALLY REASSESSED TO AIM AT IMPROVEMENTS IN QUALITY AND SKILL,+ HE SAID.

THE PARADE TODAY WAS TO HONOUR 42 VETERAN CORRECTIONAL STAFF AWARDED CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL.

THE CEREMONY ALSO MARKED THE PASSING-OUT OF 31 RECRUITS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

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BETTER FIRE DEFENCE FOR KOWLOON EAST  
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THE SHUN LEE FIRE STATION PROVIDES FIRST LINE RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY INCIDENTS IN THE AREA AND SPEEDY ASSISTANCE TO MAJOR INCIDENTS IN SAI KUNG AND NGAU CHI WAN AREAS, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE STATION'S OPENING CEREMONY.

THE STATION, HE SAID, WAS COMPLETED IN 1986 UNDER THE PROGRAMME PLAN TO MEET THE TARGET OF SIX MINUTES RESPONSE TIME.

THE NEED TO ENHANCE FIRE DEFENCE IN THE NORTH-EASTERN SECTION OF THE NEW KOWLOON AREA WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE PLANNERS IN THE FIRE SERVICES AS EARLY AS 1976, HE ADDED.

+THE COMMISSIONING OF THIS FIRE STATION HAS BEEN VERY TIMELY AS THE POPULATION IN KOWLOON EAST HAS SOARED TO OVER ONE MILLION IN RECENT YEARS.

+TO MATCH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT WE HAVE, OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, COMMISSIONED NEW FIRE STATIONS AT WONG TAI SIN, SAI KUNG, KOWLOON BAY AND SHUN LEE.

+WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1987 KOWLOON EAST DIVISION OF THE KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND WAS SPLIT INTO TWO DIVISIONS, NAMELY EAST KOWLOON DIVISION AND CENTRAL KOWLOON DIVISION,+ MR LAM SAID.

SHUN LEE FIRE STATION FALLS WITHIN THE NEW CENTRAL KOWLOON DIVISION WHICH HAS A BOUNDARY COVERING SOME 4 900 HECTARES WITH RISKS RANGING FROM SQUATTER AREAS ON HILL-SIDES AND ACCESS PROBLEM TO HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS.

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NGAU TAU KOK, KOWLOON BAY PLAN AMENDED  
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THE SETTING UP OF A +TRADE MART+ FOR DISPLAY OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS AND THE PROMOTION OF WHOLESALE TRADE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN AMENDMENTS TO THE NGAU TAU KOK AND KOWLOON BAY OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

EXPLAINING THE AMENDMENTS, WHICH WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID MOST OF THE AREA BOUND BY KAI CHEUNG ROAD, KAI FUK ROAD AND WANG CHIN STREET, HAD BEEN REZONED FROM +OPEN SPACE+ AND +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY+ (GIC) TO +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+ ANNOTATED +TRADE MART OR INDUSTRIAL-GODOWN USE+ TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MART.

OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDED THE REZONING OF TWO INDUSTRIAL SITES AT THE JUNCTION OF WANG KWUN ROAD AND SHEUNG YUET ROAD TO +OPEN SPACE+ TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF SUCH SPACE BECAUSE OF THE PROPOSED TRADE MART.

PART OF THE +OPEN SPACE+ SITE TO THE SOUTHWEST OF KAI FUK ROAD-KAI CHEUNG ROAD INTERCHANGE HAS BEEN REZONED +GIC+ FOR THE FUTURE USE AS A HELICOPTER EMERGENCY LANDING ZONE, WHILE THE +GIC+ SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF LAM CHAK STREET AND KAI HING ROAD HAS BEEN REZONED +INDUSTRIAL+.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT IS THE REZONING OF THE +OPEN SPACE+ SITE AT JORDAN VALLEY CONTROLLED TIP TO +GREEN BELT+ AND PARTS OF THE ADJACENT +GIC AND GREEN BELT+ SITES TO +OPEN SPACE+.

IN ADDITION, A SMALL AREA OF +GREEN BELT+ SITE AT CHOI SHEK LANE NEAR THE JUNCTION WITH KWUN TONG ROAD HAS BEEN REZONED +GIC+.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PLAN WERE ALSO REVISED TO INCLUDE SCHEDULES OF USES FOR THE +TRADE MART+ AND +INDUSTRIAL-GODOWN USE+.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENT PLAN SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY APRIL 16.

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BORROW AREA PROPOSED FOR NT CIRCULAR ROAD SECTION  
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A BORROW AREA AT KAI KUNG LENG IN YUEN LONG TO OBTAIN FILL MATERIALS FOR PHASE 4 OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN AU TAU TO FAN KAM ROAD.

THE PROPOSAL ALSO INCLUDES RE-CONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF PARTS OF THE EXISTING ROAD TO PROVIDE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, EXCEPT FOR SOME EXTREMELY NARROW SECTIONS, FOR CONVERSION INTO A HAUL ROAD FOR TRANSPORTING FILL MATERIALS.

ON COMPLETION OF BORROWING ACTIVITIES, ALL CUT SLOPES AND SURROUNDING AREAS WILL BE HYDROSEEDED AND SUITABLY LANDSCAPED.

THIS PHASE OF THE WORKS, INVOLVING THE SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU AND FAIRVIEW PARK, WILL BE BUILT ON EARTH EMBANKMENT AND ABOUT 800 000 CUBIC METRES OF FILL WILL BE REQUIRED.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY MAY 26.

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YUEN LONG DB MEMBERS TOUR COUNTRY PARK FACILITIES  
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MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S NEW COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE AND TREE NURSERY AT TAI TONG TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THEIR OPERATION.

LED BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG CHEUK-PUI, THE PARTY OF 18 WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU.

THEY WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE MANAGEMENT CENTRE, THE NEWEST OF THE 29 CENTRES IN HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS, AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK IN MANAGING THE TAI LAM CHUNG COUNTRY PARK AND THE PLAN TO FURTHER IMPROVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE PARK.

THE COMMITTEE EARLIER EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SILTING OF THE NEARBY YUEN LONG NULLAH. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW MANAGEMENT CENTRE AT TAI TONG WOULD ENABLE LARGE SCALE AFFORESTATION TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE ERODED SLOPES OF NORTHERN TAI LAM CHUNG COUNTRY PARK AND WOULD THUS HELP REDUCE SOIL EROSION.

THE PARTY LATER VISITED THE ADJACENT TREE NURSERY WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE TWO EXISTING NURSERIES AT TAI LUNG, SHEUNG SHUI AND ON LANTAO ISLAND, ARE PRODUCING 800 000 SEEDLINGS THIS YEAR FOR PLANTING IN THE COUNTRY PARKS AND NEW TOWNS.

OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 2.6 HECTARES, THE TAI TONG NURSERY, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY REPLACE THE TAI LUNG NURSERY, HAS SCOPE FOR FURTHER EXPANSION TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR TREE SEEDLINGS.

THE VISITORS WOUND UP THE TOUR BY PLANTING TREES IN THE COMPOUND OF THE TAI TONG COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR SOFT LANDSCAPE WORKS  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR SOFT LANDSCAPE WORK TO RE-ESTABLISH A WOODLAND HABITAT ALONG TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN SHA TIN TO TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE.

THE SOFT LANDSCAPE WORK IS TO PRESERVE THE SCENIC AND AMENITY VALUE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE IN GENERAL AND TO REDUCE THE IMMEDIATE VISUAL IMPACT OF THE TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FROM THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

WORK, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE FOUR-AND-A-HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE, WILL INVOLVE THE PREPARATION OF MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE SOFT LANDSCAPING; SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF PLANTS ON SLOPES, NEW AMENITY AREAS AND CAR PARKS; AND GENERAL ROADSIDE PLANTING.

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PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE WITHDRAWN  
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THE PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN SAI WAN HO AND KOWLOON CITY OPERATED BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (HYF) WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM NEXT WEDNESDAY (APRIL 1).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SERVICE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUOUS DECLINE IN PATRONAGE AND THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF OTHER CROSS HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUSES.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE CANCELLATION OF THE ROUTE, THE SERVICE OF CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE 106 WILL BE STRENGTHENED BY DEPLOYING THREE-AXLE JUMBO BUSES.

+THE WITHDRAWAL OF THIS FERRY SERVICE IS PART OF THE RATIONALISATION OF THE CROSS HARBOUR FERRY SERVICES OF THE HYF, AIMED AT BRINGING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMPANY'S SERVICES ESPECIALLY TO THE OUTLYING DISTRICTS ROUTES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO EGYPT EXTENDED  
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NINE MORE CITIES IN EGYPT WILL BE SERVED BY SPEEDPOST SERVICE FROM MONDAY (MARCH 30), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NINE CITIES IN EGYPT ARE AL-MANSOURA, AL-ZAGAZIK, ASWAN, BENHA, DAMANHOUR, DAMIETTE, ISMAILIA, SUEZ AND TANTA.

AT PRESENT, THE SERVICE IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO ALEXANDRIA, CAIRO AND PORT SAID.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE SHOULD CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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SPEEDPOST TO JAPAN IMPROVED  
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO JAPAN WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MERCHANDISE ITEMS FROM APRIL 1, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ON THE SAME DAY, THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR SPEEDPOST ITEMS TO JAPAN WILL BE INCREASED FROM 10 KILOGRAMMES TO 20 KILOGRAMMES AND THE MAXIMUM SIZE EXTENDED TO 1.5 METRES IN LENGTH AND 3 METRES FOR THE LENGTH AND GIRTH COMBINED.

THE NEW POSTAGE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ITEMS WEIGHING NOT OVER 250 GRAMMES	\$55
ITEMS WEIGHING NOT OVER 500 GRAMMES	\$65
EACH SUBSEQUENT 500 GRAMMES	\$15

+CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO JAPAN AND THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IN GENERAL ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TALKS, WORKSHOPS ON REMEDIAL LANGUAGE TEACHING ORGANISED  
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DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND TALKS ON REMEDIAL LANGUAGE TEACHING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHINESE TEACHERS.

THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED A NUMBER OF GUEST SPEAKERS EXPERIENCED IN REMEDIAL TEACHING TO CONDUCT A SERIES OF SHORT TALKS AND TO DEVISE TEACHING-LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN REMEDIAL TEACHING ON APRIL 25 AND MAY 2.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD TWO IDENTICAL HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS ON REMEDIAL ENGLISH TEACHING ON APRIL 13 AND 14. THE WORKSHOPS ARE LIMITED TO 40 TEACHERS.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE CHILDREN'S LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND MATERIALS FOR REMEDIAL TEACHING. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO DESIGN TEACHING MATERIALS FOR USE IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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TEMPORARY STAFF REQUIRED FOR SURVEY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING ABOUT 80 TEMPORARY STAFF FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STAFF WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN COLLECTING COMPLETED SURVEY FORMS FROM BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS BETWEEN APRIL 21 AND MAY 8.

APPLICANTS, PREFERABLY AGED 25 OR UNDER, SHOULD HAVE ACQUIRED AT LEAST FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE E IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, INCLUDING CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES.

THE JOB, WHICH OFFERS A DAILY WAGE OF \$135, IS OPEN TO BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

THOSE INTERESTED MAY APPROACH ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-270622, 3-666615, 3-695525, 3-265123 AND 0-4902154.

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TUEN MUN DRAGON BOAT RACE ENTRIES INVITED

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE IS INVITING ENTRIES FROM ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO TAKE PART IN THE FESTIVE COMPETITION.

BOTH MEN AND WOMEN PARTICIPANTS FROM GOVERNMENT BODIES, COMMERCIAL OR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE RACE SCHEDULED FOR THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL ON MAY 31 ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF AREA 44 (WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA).

THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES - DRAGON BOATS, MEDIUM DRAGON BOATS AND PHOENIX BOATS, RACING BOATS, RELATED FACILITIES AND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

INTERESTED TEAMS MAY OBTAIN AN ENTRY FORM FROM THE SIU HONG COURT SUB-OFFICE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE OR BY DIALLING 0-851954 OR 0-4513044. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ABOVE OFFICE BY MAY 1.

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STUDENT CONCERT FOR SUNDAY  
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A STUDENT CONCERT ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, CARITAS HOUSE, CAINE ROAD, ON SUNDAY (MARCH 29) AT 3 PM.

THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY THE MUSIC OFFICE'S ISLAND YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, ISLAND YOUTH STRINGS AND INDIVIDUAL TRAINEES OF WIND, STRING AND CHINESE STREAMS.

STUDENT CONCERTS ARE ONE OF THE REGULAR MUSIC ACTIVITIES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PROVIDE TRAINEES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC AND TO ENABLE THEIR PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO SEE THE GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARD OF STUDENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONCERT ON SUNDAY AT 3 PM.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR RUGBY SEVENS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY FOR THE RUGBY TOURNAMENT AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM 9 AM TOMORROW AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED AT AROUND 7.30 PM. THE SAME MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED AGAIN ON SUNDAY FROM 8 AM TO AROUND 7 PM.

- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LINK ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND PENNINGTON STREET WILL BE RESTRICTED TO VEHICLES FOR LOCAL ACCESS.
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND PENNINGTON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

/x EASTERN HOSPITAL .....

- \* EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND; BUT VEHICLES MAY STILL PROCEED TO ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL CARPARK FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD.
- \* LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL. VEHICLES LEAVING THE UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL WILL HAVE TO PROCEED DOWN TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD VIA BROADWOOD ROAD.
- \* AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LAST MATCH, ONLY COACHES AND BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE NORTHBOUND EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD FOR STACKING PURPOSE.

IN ADDITION, MATHESON STREET, RUSSELL STREET AND SHARP STREET EAST WILL BE PROHIBITED TO LEARNER DRIVERS BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8 PM ON THESE TWO DAYS. ALSO, ALL LEARNER DRIVERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM PERCIVAL STREET SOUTHBOUND INTO LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND, OR TO ENTER TUNG LO WAN ROAD FROM CAUSEWAY ROAD.

ON-STREET CAR PARKING SPACES ON SUN WUI ROAD, STADIUM PATH AND THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8 PM TOMORROW AND SUNDAY.

HOWEVER, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO WAIT AT SUN WUI ROAD AS DIRECTED BY THE POLICE.

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CHING MING TRAFFIC PLAN FOR HK ISLAND  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL.

THE MEASURES, WHICH WILL BE IN FORCE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY ON SUNDAY (MARCH 29), APRIL 4, 5, 6, 11 AND 12 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ARE:

CHAI WAN

- \* CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EAST OF LIN SHING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

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- \* THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND CREMATORIUM FROM CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BE RESTRICTED TO HEARSEs AND VEHICLES CARRYING PASSENGERS TO SERVICES AT THE CREMATORIUM.
- \* THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO CHAI WAN CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- \* CAPE COLLINSON ROAD MAY BE CLOSED WITHOUT NOTICE, DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.
- \* CAPE COLLINSON ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- \* LIN SHING ROAD BETWEEN WAN TSUI ROAD AND CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- \* WAN TSUI ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE.
- \* NO PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED ALONG CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD AND THE SECTION OF SHEK O ROAD BETWEEN CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE AND TAI TAM ROAD BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 5, 6 AND 12. VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY THE POLICE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

POK FU LAM

- \* CONSORT RISE WILL BECOME ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BISNEY ROAD.

ABERDEEN

- \* PEEL RISE NEAR ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY AND THE SLIP ROAD FROM SHEK PAI WAN ROAD TO ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

- \* CMB ROUTE 57 FROM CENTRAL (EXCHANGE SQUARE) TO VICTORIA ROAD WILL RUN FROM 7 AM TO 5.52 PM ON APRIL 5 ONLY AT A FREQUENCY OF SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES.

/x ROUTE 89 .....

- \* ROUTE 89 BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS TO CHAI WAN CEMETERY VIA CHAI WAN MTR STATION (CIRCULAR) WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON BOTH APRIL 5 AND 6 AT A FEQUENCY OF FIVE MINUTES. SPECIAL SHORT WORKING TRIPS WILL BE OPERATED FROM CHAI WAN MTR STATION IF NECESSARY.
- \* ON APRIL 5 AND 6, THE FIRST BUS STOP ON WAN TSUI ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHAI WAN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED EXCEPT FOR ROUTE 89. A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE SET UP ON CHAI WAN ROAD EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HONG MAN STREET FOR ALL EASTBOUND BUSES.
- \* THE BUS STOP ON NORTHBOUND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH HAU TAK LANE WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON APRIL 5.
- \* CMB ROUTES 80, 81, 81M, 82, 83, 84, 780 AND CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE 106, AND GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTES 16M AND 18M. WILL BE DIVERTED AS A RESULT OF THE ROAD CLOSURE AND RE-ROUTING MEASURES IN CHAI WAN.

CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON APPROACH ROADS TO CEMETERIES AND MOTORISTS SHOULD AVOID THESE AREAS IF POSSIBLE.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN CANTON ROAD, CHI WO STREET  
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THE EXISTING RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY ON NORTHBOUND CANTON ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH KOWLOON PARK DRIVE WILL BE EXTENDED NORTHWARD FOR ABOUT 28 METRES FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 31).

AT THE SAME TIME, CHI WO STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH JORDAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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ROAD CLOSED, PLB RESTRICTED ZONE LIFTED  
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CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN PUN SHUN TSUEN AND TSING LUNG TAU  
WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE LANE TWO WAY TRAFFIC FROM MONDAY  
(MARCH 30) FOR ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO FACILITATE WATERMAINS WORK.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR TSUEN WAN OR TSING LUNG TAU ARE  
ADVISED TO USE TUEN MUN ROAD.

IN SHA TIN, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE ON TSUEN  
NAM ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH SHING CHUEN ROAD AND CHIK  
LUK LANE WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

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