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ONLY ONE HOLIDAY LIST PLANNED  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO AMEND THE HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR DIRECT AMENDMENT TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE ORDINANCE, AND ALL ADDITIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS TO THIS LIST ARE SEPARATELY RECORDED BY ADDITIONAL SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

THE AMENDMENT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING LIST OF HOLIDAYS WITH A SCHEDULE WHICH CAN BE DIRECTLY AMENDED BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THUS AVOIDING ACCUMULATION OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

THE HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED TODAY ALSO ALLOWS THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATIVE DATE TO THE SECOND SATURDAY IN JUNE AS THE DAY ON WHICH THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IS CELEBRATED.

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY MAY BE CELEBRATED EITHER ONE SATURDAY EARLIER OR LATER THAN THE SECOND SATURDAY.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST READING AND COMMENCEMENT OF SECOND READING ON NOVEMBER 9 AND IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ALL LEGISLATIVE STAGES ON NOVEMBER 23.

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TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS GAZETTED  
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TWO TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS WHICH WERE OMITTED AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING OFFENCE POINTS) BILL IN THE LAST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE GAZETTED TODAY.

THESE AMENDMENTS ARE CONSEQUENTIAL UPON THE CHANGE MOVED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS TO REDUCE FROM THREE TO TWO YEARS THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH OFFENCES HAD TO BE COMMITTED FOR A PERSON TO BE DISQUALIFIED FROM DRIVING.

THE BILL WAS PASSED ON JUNE 8 WITHOUT THESE AMENDMENTS AND THE NEW LEGISLATION IS TO BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THE AMENDMENT BILL PUBLISHED TODAY TO RECTIFY THIS OMISSION WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 9 AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON NOVEMBER 23.

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SCHOOLS LEFT TO DECIDE ON TRADITION  
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN THE RUNNING OF SCHOOLS WAS TO ARRANGE FINANCE AND PROVIDE SOME REGULATION OF EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM.

+IT LEAVES TO THE SCHOOLS THEMSELVES FREEDOM TO INSTIL IDEALS OF SERVICE AND MORALITY IN WHATEVER TRADITION THEY BELIEVE APPROPRIATE,+ HE SAID.

IN A SPEECH DELIVERED BY MRS BRAY ON HIS BEHALF AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND JOINT SPEECH DAY OF THE LUNG KONG WORLD FEDERATION SCHOOLS, MR BRAY SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT FORCE CONFORMITY WITH ANY POLITICAL OR DOCTRINAL STRAIGHT JACKET.

+THIS IS A FEATURE OF HONG KONG EDUCATION THAT IS NOT FOUND EVERYWHERE OUTSIDE HONG KONG AND ONE WHICH I BELIEVE IS GREATLY VALUED,+ HE ADDED.

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SDA OPENS BREWERY IN TAI PO  
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES TODAY (THURSDAY) DOTTED THE EYES OF A LION TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AT THE CARLSBERG BREWERY IN THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID THE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES, WHICH INCREASE PRODUCTION CAPACITY BY 50 PER CENT, WOULD BENEFIT THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG.

+THIS EVENT IS SYMBOLIC OF THE HISTORY OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT DURING A PERIOD OF INDUSTRIAL RECESSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS CONTINUING TO GROW AS WE KNOW TODAY NOT ONLY IN THIS PLANT BUT AS WE SEE FROM OTHER FACTORIES WHICH ARE DEVELOPING AROUND US.+

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE MRS JANE AKERS-JONES AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON.

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CENTRE OFFERS NEW IDEAS ABOUT KINDERGARTENS  
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KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WHO WISH TO FIND SOME NEW IDEAS TO ENRICH THEIR CURRICULUM ARE WELCOME TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S KINDERGARTEN RESOURCE CENTRE WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM SATURDAY (OCTOBER 15) TO JUNE 15 NEXT YEAR.

THE CENTRE, LOCATED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, WILL BE OPEN TO HEADS AND TEACHERS OF KINDERGARTENS EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM AND SATURDAY MORNING BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE CENTRE FEATURES VARIOUS PLAY FACILITIES FOR THE ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN, TEACHING PACKAGES AND SUPPORTING CURRICULUM MATERIALS PRODUCED BY THE KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT TEAM AND TRAINEES OF A 12-WEEK PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE ORGANISED FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS ON +THEMATIC APPROACH+.

TEACHERS WHO HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE RESOURCE CENTRE CAN CONTACT THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION ON 5-8392487.

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