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TAX ALLOWANCE FOR DEPENDENT PARENTS TO BE RE-INTRODUCED
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A BILL PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF TAX CLAIMS FOR DEPENDENT PARENTS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS FOLLOWS AN UNDERTAKING GIVEN BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, DURING THE BUDGET DEBATE IN APRIL TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDING BILL +LATER THIS YEAR+ CONTAINING PROPOSALS FOR SUCH AN ALLOWANCE TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM THE 1979/80 YEAR OF ASSESSMENT.

THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) BILL 1978 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DURING THE TWO-DAY SITTING ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY OF NEXT WEEK.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE PROPOSALS WERE:

- (I) THE ALLOWANCE WOULD BE GRANTED IN RESPECT OF A TAXPAYER'S PARENTS (INCLUDING THE PARENTS OF THE TAXPAYER'S SPOUSE) WHO WERE PERMANENT RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG AND
 - (A) WERE EITHER OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE OR WERE ELIGIBLE FOR A DISABILITY ALLOWANCE= AND
 - (B) WERE EITHER IN RECEIPT OF \$1,200 A YEAR IN CASH FROM THE TAXPAYER OR HAD LIVED RENT-FREE WITH THE TAXPAYER FOR NOT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS IN THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT=
- (II) THE ALLOWANCE WOULD BE GRANTED IRRESPECTIVE OF THE PARENTS' INCOME=
- (III) THE TERM +PARENT+ WOULD INCLUDE PERSONS BY WHOM THE TAXPAYER WAS LEGALLY ADOPTED AND STEP-PARENTS=
- (IV) THE ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF ANY PARENT WOULD BE GRANTED TO ONE TAXPAYER ONLY. WHERE MORE THAN ONE TAXPAYER WAS ENTITLED TO CLAIM THE ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF A PARENT, THE CLAIMANTS WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE BETWEEN THEMSELVES WHICH OF THEM WAS TO CLAIM= AND
- (V) THE ALLOWANCE WOULD BE A FLAT \$4,000 PER PARENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALLOWANCE FROM APRIL 1, 1979, FOR 1978-79 FINAL ASSESSMENT AND 1979-80 PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT WOULD COST AN ESTIMATED \$60.7 MILLION DURING THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR AND \$37.5 MILLION A YEAR THEREAFTER. THERE WOULD ALSO BE ADDITIONAL STAFF COSTS TO ADMINISTER THE SCHEME, HE SAID.

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NEW ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS APPOINTED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. TOM GARNER, TODAY ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF MR. CHAN WA-SHEK TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS -- THE NUMBER THREE POST IN THE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OPERATIONAL MATTERS.

MR. CHAN, AGED 48, JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS A WARDER 27 YEARS AGO AND WAS PROMOTED TO OFFICER RANK IN 1956. HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS PENAL INSTITUTIONS AND IN 1966 BEGAN TO SPECIALISE IN THE TRAINING OF YOUNG OFFENDERS.

HIS FIRST OPERATIONAL COMMAND WAS AS THE CHIEF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SHEK PIK TRAINING CENTRE, NOW THE SHA TSUI DETENTION CENTRE.

MR. CHAN ALSO HELPED TO INTRODUCE THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DEPARTMENT. AFTER A SPELL AS THE SECOND IN COMMAND IN STANLEY PRISON AND AS THE SUPERINTENDENT-IN-CHARGE OF TAI LAM TREATMENT CENTRE, HE BECAME THE PRINCIPAL OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT STANLEY.

IN 1976, MR. CHAN WAS POSTED TO THE HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE CONCENTRATED HIS WORK ON YOUNG OFFENDERS AND DRUG ADDICTS. HE WAS GIVEN TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO HIS PRESENT POST IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

DURING HIS CAREER, MR. CHAN HAS ATTENDED A NUMBER OF COURSES ON SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK.

IN 1972 HE ATTENDED THE MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING COURSE AT THE PRISONS SERVICE STAFF COLLEGE IN ENGLAND, AND LATER OBTAINED A POST SECONDARY COLLEGE DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AT THE SHUE YAN COLLEGE IN HONG KONG.

LAST YEAR, HE TOOK A MASTER DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, SPECIALISING IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CORRECTIONS.

MR. CHAN HAS VISITED PRISON DEPARTMENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE U.S.A. AND AUSTRALIA AND, IN 1974, HE REPRESENTED THE COMMISSIONER AT A SEMINAR ON PLANNING AND POLICY FOR CRIME CONTROL HELD AT THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY IN CANBERRA.

HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL PRISONS SERVICE MEDAL IN 1969, AND THE CLASP IN 1976.

MR. CHAN IS MARRIED WITH TWO SONS.

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MODIFYING CLASS STRUCTURE TO REDUCE STUDENT MOVEMENT

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AVOIDING STUDENT MOVEMENT FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR FACTORS IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S DECISION IN MODIFYING THE CLASS STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT AIDED AND NON-PROFIT MAKING SCHOOLS WITH THE MOST CAPABLE PUPILS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH, HE SAID THESE SCHOOLS WOULD ALSO BENEFIT BY BEING ABLE TO PLAN THEIR ACTIVITIES AND MAINTAIN THEIR TRADITION.

UNDER THE MODIFIED STRUCTURE, THESE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE FIVE CLASSES EACH OF FORMS 1 TO 5. PRESENTLY, THERE ARE SIX CLASSES EACH FROM FORMS 1 TO 3, AND FOUR EACH IN FORMS 4 AND 5.

+SO CHANGING THE CLASS STRUCTURE IN ITSELF WILL PROVIDE BETTER SCHOOLING FOR MORE PEOPLE, IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION, MAKE AVAILABLE MORE SENIOR SECONDARY PLACES AND CAUSE LESS MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

CONCERNING SCHOOLS THAT WILL NOT BE MODIFIED, HE SAID SOME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MAY OF COURSE HAVE TO MOVE TO OTHER SCHOOLS FOR FORM IV. THERE WILL, HOWEVER, BE OTHERS WHO MAY NOT PROCEED TO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLING.

+NOT EVERYONE AFTER COMPLETING THEIR JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HAVE THE APTITUDE OR INCLINATION TO CONTINUE, AND TO THIS END WE HAVE MADE PROVISIONS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND ADULT EDUCATION CENTRES TO CATER TO THEIR NEEDS,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

MR. TOPLEY ALSO SPOKE ON THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF FINANCIAL AID TO THE VARIOUS TYPES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 1979, ALL PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SCHOOLS WHICH ARE SUITABLE AND WILLING WILL BE BROUGHT BY STAGES WITHIN THE FULL SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE, HE SAID.

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LAND OFFICE FEES REVISED

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THE FEES OF CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LAND OFFICE OF REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN REVISED TO MEET INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

THE REVISION INCREASES THE FEES FOR COLOURING A PLAN WHICH NOW RANGE FROM \$2 TO \$50. PREVIOUSLY THE FEES RANGE FROM \$1 TO \$3.

THE FEE FOR CERTIFYING A PHOTOSTATIC COPY HAS ALSO BEEN INCREASED FROM \$5 TO \$10.

AT THE SAME TIME THE FEE FOR THE REGISTRATION OR SUBMISSION FOR FILING OF DOCUMENTS IN RESPECT OF AN OWNERS INCORPORATION IN A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$5 TO \$10.

THE FEE FOR INSPECTING THE REGISTER OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS HAS BEEN RAISED FROM \$1 TO \$2 WHILE THAT FOR OBTAINING A CERTIFICATE IN RELATION TO A COPY OR EXTRACT OF ANY REGISTER HAS GONE UP FROM \$5 TO \$10.

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TAI PO TO GET NEW BUS TERMINUS
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WORK ON A NEW BUS TERMINUS FOR CENTRAL TAI PO IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ON COMPLETION, THE SCHEME WILL CATER FOR THE MUCH NEEDED OFF-STREET BUS TERMINUS FACILITIES AND WILL SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN TAI PO.

THE WORK COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-BAY BUS TERMINUS OF ABOUT 0.5 HECTARE IN AREA, A BUS CANTEEN/REGULATOR'S OFFICE AND THE ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

TENDERS WERE INVITED TODAY AND WORK WILL START IN JANUARY 1979. IT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE THE WORK.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (N.T.) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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ROAD PROJECT NEARS END
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WORK ON THE LAST STAGE OF WIDENING POK FU LAM ROAD BETWEEN THE WEST ENTRANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND POKFIELD ROAD BUS TERMINUS, WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THIS IS THE FINAL SECTION IN THE OVERALL SCHEME TO WIDEN THE WHOLE LENGTH OF POK FU LAM ROAD INTO A FOUR-LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED TRAFFIC NEEDS.

INITIALLY, THE 620-METRE SECTION WILL BE WIDENED TO FOUR LANES FOR MOST OF ITS LENGTH. HOWEVER, FOR THE SECTION FRONTING THE UNIVERSITY SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING BUILDINGS, THE ROAD WILL BE WIDENED TO THREE LANES ONLY, AND WORK ON THE FOURTH LANE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER THE DEMOLITION OF THESE BUILDINGS IN ABOUT 1982.

A NEW ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE WATER WORKS INSTALLATIONS AT ELLIOT FILTERS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED NEAR THE POKFIELD ROAD BUS TERMINUS.

TENDERS FOR THIS STAGE OF WORK WERE INVITED TODAY. CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY 1979 AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (HONG KONG) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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MR. THOMAS LEE PRAISES WORK OF SCOUTS
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING PRAISED THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON REGION, FOR ITS WORK IN HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP POTENTIALS AND PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE.

SPEAKING AT AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR NEW SCOUT COUNCILLORS OF THE KOWLOON REGION, MR. LEE SAID THAT THROUGH ITS VARIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITIES, SCOUT MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN MAKING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

HE SAID THE WORK OF THE KOWLOON REGION, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD BEEN EXPANDING RAPIDLY, HAVING UNDER ITS WING MORE THAN 160 SCOUT GROUPS WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF MORE THAN 10,000 SCOUTS.

+ I AM SURE THAT UNDER THE CONTINUED ABLE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEW SCOUT COUNCILLORS, THE WORK OF THE KOWLOON REGION IS TO FURTHER PROSPER, + HE SAID.

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COURSE FOR INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS
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TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE WHICH WILL COMMENCE EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE COURSE, OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INSTRUCTORS AND SUPERVISORS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY TEACHING DUTIES.

FROM THE COURSE THEY WILL ALSO LEARN METHODS OF TEACHING AND STUDY EDUCATION THEORY AND PSYCHOLOGY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY NOVEMBER 20. THE ADDRESS OF THE COLLEGE IS 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG.

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POSTAL AIRMAIL ITEM TO GHANA DELAYED

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT AIRMAIL ITEMS TO GHANA POSTED AFTER OCTOBER 12 HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO DELAY DUE TO TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR REPAIRS OF THE KOTOKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT ACCRA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE ADVISED THE PUBLIC NOT TO POST AIRMAIL LETTERS AND PARCELS FOR GHANA UNTIL AFTER NEXT WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 15) WHEN THE AIRPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE RE-OPENED.

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TWO SUBMARINE SEWER PIPELINES PROPOSED

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AS PART OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT SEWERAGE SCHEME, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO LAY TWO SUBMARINE SEWER PIPELINES WITHIN AN AREA OF 3.3 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED IN CENTRAL.

THE TWIN SUBMARINE OUTFALLS WILL ENABLE THE SEWAGE TO BE DISCHARGED, AFTER PRELIMINARY TREATMENT, INTO THE MAIN TIDAL STREAM IN VICTORIA HARBOUR FOR ADEQUATE DILUTION AND DISPERSION.

THE OUTFALLS WILL BE PROTECTED BY RUBBLE WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN THE EXISTING SEABED LEVELS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANYONE HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

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