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RECENT ARRIVALS NOT VRS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REITERATED THAT PERSONS OF VIETNAMESE ORIGIN ARRIVING IN HONG KONG AFTER BEING SETTLED IN CHINA WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO STAY IN HONG KONG AS THEY ARE NOT REFUGEES BUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPATRIATING SUCH PERSONS TO CHINA ALREADY EXISTED AND MANY SUCH PEOPLE HAD BEEN SENT BACK OVER THE YEARS.

"THE RECENT ARRIVALS ARE BEING PROCESSED TO ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTITY AND ORIGIN AND IF THEY ARE FOUND TO HAVE COME FROM CHINA THEY WOULD ALSO BE REPATRIATED," HE SAID.

"THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN CONTACTED IN THIS CONNECTION. ANY REFUGEES WHO HAD COME DIRECT FROM VIETNAM WOULD BE PLACED IN EXISTING CLOSED CENTRES," HE ADDED.

SINCE JUNE 20, 1987, 3,040 PERSONS OF VIETNAMESE ORIGIN, WHO ARE SUSPECTED TO HAVE COME FROM CHINA HAVE ARRIVED BY BOAT IN HONG KONG. THEY ARE BEING EXAMINED BY THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THEM TEMPORARILY.

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NT POLICE REGION TO SPLIT

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS ACCEPTED THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FORCE'S PROPOSAL TO SPLIT THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION INTO TWO.

THE SPLIT WAS PROPOSED AS PART OF A REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE COMMAND STRUCTURE OF THE FORCE, COVERING THE THREE LAND REGIONS AND MARINE.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE NT SPLIT ARE PUT AT \$125.5 MILLION IN CAPITAL SPENDING AND, ON FULL IMPLEMENTATION, \$57.1 MILLION ANNUALLY IN RECURRENT SPENDING.

A BRIEFING PAPER PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE EXPLAINED THAT THE NT REGION HAS DEVELOPED CONSIDERABLY, AND NOW HAS A POPULATION OF 1.8 MILLION. WITH THE GROWTH OF NEW TOWNS IT IS ESTIMATED THE POPULATION WILL RISE TO 2.5 MILLION BY 1993, OR MORE THAN TWICE THE CURRENT POPULATION OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

/THE NUMBER .....

THE NUMBER OF POLICE DISTRICTS WILL ALSO INCREASE OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS FROM THE EXISTING SIX - FRONTIER, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND SHATIN - TO NINE, WHICH IS AGAIN DOUBLE THE NUMBER FOR HONG KONG ISLAND.

TAIPO DISTRICT IS DUE TO COME ON STREAM IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR, AND MA ON SHAN DISTRICT IN LATE 1990. TSING YI WILL OPEN AS A DIVISION IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND WILL BE UPGRADED TO DISTRICT LEVEL.

ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF REPORTED CRIMES IN THE REGION INCREASED ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM 19,190 IN 1982 TO 20,047 IN 1986, THE GREATER DENSITY OF POPULATION AND WIDE SPAN OF COMMAND INVOLVED WILL PRESENT A GREATER REQUIREMENT IN POLICING.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE COMMAND STRUCTURE, THE FORCE PROPOSED THAT THE NT REGION SHOULD BE REORGANISED BY DIVIDING IT INTO TWO SMALLER REGIONS: NT NORTH AND NT SOUTH.

NT NORTH WILL COMPRISE FRONTIER, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND TAIPO DISTRICTS. NT SOUTH WILL TAKE IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI, SHATIN, AND EVENTUALLY, MA ON SHAN.

THE SPLIT HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEED, IN VIEW OF THE WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVED, TO HAVE ONE REGIONAL COMMANDER FOR ALL THE DISTRICTS CONTIGUOUS TO THE BORDER.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY MOUNTAINS AND RESERVOIRS BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND SHATIN WILL BE OVERCOME BY THE NEW ROUTE 5 BETWEEN THESE TWO NEW TOWNS, WHICH IS DUE FOR COMPLETION BEFORE 1990.

THE PROPOSED REORGANISATION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN PHASES FROM 1989-90 TO 1992-93, IN LINE WITH THE PROJECTED DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION AS A WHOLE. ADDITIONAL MANPOWER WILL BE PROVIDED IN TRanches OVER THAT PERIOD.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL WILL REQUIRE SEPARATE PREMISES FOR THE TWO NEW REGIONS. A NT REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN TAIPO IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1989. IT WILL BECOME THE NT NORTH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

A NEW BUILDING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE NT SOUTH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, FOR WHICH A SUITABLE SITE IN TSUEN WAN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION TIME-FRAME WILL ALLOW THE NEW PREMISES AT TSUEN WAN TO COME ON STREAM BY 1993 IN LINE WITH THE FINAL PHASE-IN OF THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.

'CREDITS' TO BE UPDATED

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS RECENTLY APPROVED BY CIRCULATION ABOUT \$24 MILLION FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE.

CALLED CREDITS, THE SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED IN 1978 AND WAS A COMPUTERISED CASH RECEIPTING SYSTEM WITH THE BASIC FUNCTIONS OF ISSUING RECEIPTS AGAINST PAYMENTS MADE BY THE PUBLIC AND RECORDING THE RECEIPTS FOR THE UPDATING OF COMPUTER FILES IN GOVERNMENT'S ACCOUNTS.

THE SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY USED BY THE TREASURY, INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

A RECENT REVIEW BY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DATA PROCESSING MANAGER, HAS FOUND THE SYSTEM TO BE BADLY WORN.

THE MODEL OF THE EXISTING CASH RECEIPTING TERMINAL IS ALREADY OBSOLETE AND DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE SIMILAR UNITS TO ENABLE THE NETWORK TO BE EXPANDED AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES ARE VERY EXPENSIVE.

THE REVIEW ALSO FOUND THAT THE EXISTING SYSTEM HAS ALREADY REACHED THE LIMIT OF ITS DESIGN CAPACITY AND NO FURTHER ENHANCEMENT IS POSSIBLE.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AN EFFICIENT REVENUE COLLECTION SERVICE, THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM BE REPLACED. THE NEW SYSTEM INCLUDES BUILT-IN PROCESSING POWER AND STORAGE CAPABILITY TO IMPROVE TRANSACTION RESPONSE AND ENABLE EACH WORKSTATION TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY IF THE COMMUNICATION NETWORK BREAKS DOWN.

EACH WORKSTATION IN THE TREASURY WILL ALSO BE EQUIPPED WITH AN OPTICAL CHARACTER READER FOR THE PROCESSING OF COMPUTER-PRINTED DEMAND NOTES TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE TIME.

THE NEW SYSTEM ALSO INCLUDES A MID-RANGE COMPUTER SYSTEM WITH A 16-MEGABYTE PROCESSOR WHICH HAS SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO PROCESS ALL TRANSACTION DATA FOR THE UPDATING OF DEBTORS' ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURY AND INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

THE ACQUISITION OF THE ADDITIONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL ALSO ENABLE THE TREASURY TO POSTPONE THE NEED TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING HARDWARE TO 1990.

IN ADDITION, THE SYSTEM PROVIDES THE TREASURY WITH GREATER PROCESSING AND SOFTWARE FLEXIBILITY AND THE CAPABILITY IN THE FUTURE TO DO CHINESE CHARACTERS INTO ITS LARGE-SCALE SYSTEMS SUCH AS THE WATER AND RATES BILLING SYSTEMS.

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THE SPENDING IS EXPECTED TO BE PHASED OVER TWO YEARS AND AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM, THE REPLACED EQUIPMENT WILL BE PASSED TO THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR SALE OR DISPOSAL AS APPROPRIATE.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO APPROVED RESERVED SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS OF \$114 MILLION FOR THE 1986-87 AND 1987-88 ACADEMIC YEAR TO ENABLE THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE TO AWARD SALARY INCREASE TO ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC STAFF FOLLOWING THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE PAY SCALE WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

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SHW VISITS UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID HONG KONG'S REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WAS COMPARABLE TO THOSE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

"THE FACT THAT WE HAVE DONE SO WELL DESPITE FINANCIAL AND STAFFING CONSTRAINTS IS CERTAINLY THE ENVY OF OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ASIA," SAID MISS CHUNG AT THE END OF A VISIT TO THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL.

"I AM CONFIDENT IN MAKING THAT CLAIM AFTER ATTENDING THE RECENT ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S (ADB) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH CARE FINANCING HELD IN MANILA, AND PRESENTED HONG KONG'S CASE," SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, MISS CHUNG ADDED THAT, LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, THERE WAS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

"THAT IS WHY PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE THE DELIVERY OF HOSPITAL SERVICES IS ACTIVELY UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE AIMS WILL BE TO IMPROVE THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE, ENHANCE FLEXIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INCREASE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION."

SHE ENVISAGED THAT THE PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

/ADDITIONAL SECRETARY .....

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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT, MISS MIRA SETH, CURRENTLY ON A STOP-OVER IN HONG KONG AFTER ATTENDING THE ADB CONFERENCE, JOINED MISS CHUNG ON A TOUR OF THE HOSPITAL. THEY WERE SHOWN THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT, THE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS FACILITIES IN THE HOSPITAL.

"I AM DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH MORALE AND CHEERFULNESS OF THE STAFF OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE TO COPE WITH HEAVY DEMAND FOR THEIR SERVICES BY THE RESIDENTS OF KWUN TONG," MISS CHUNG SAID.

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#### VIEWS ON CIVIC EDUCATION EXCHANGED

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN, YESTERDAY (TUESDAY) EXCHANGED VIEWS ON CIVIC EDUCATION WITH MEMBERS OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC MINDEDNESS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

ACCOMPANIED BY A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR PETER TAM, SHE ATTENDED A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP LAST NIGHT.

AT THE MEETING MRS FAN OUTLINED THE BACKGROUND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF CIVIC EDUCATION AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE.

SHE STRESSED THAT THESE OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE AIMED BASICALLY AT PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION. THEY WERE NOT MEANT TO BE DIRECTIVES AND DISTRICTS COULD OF COURSE SET THEIR OWN PRIORITIES ACCORDING TO DISTRICT NEEDS.

SHE SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE ASKED AT ITS NEXT MEETING ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 7) TO ENDORSE A WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION THIS YEAR. THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED, FOR EXAMPLE, A CLOSER LIAISON WITH DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, PUBLICATION OF A NEWSLETTER, UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE ROOM TO A FULL-SCALE RESOURCE CENTRE.

THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME STARTED THIS YEAR. TWENTY-THREE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AND SUBSIDISED BY THE SCHEME.

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CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO PRODUCING TV ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (APIS) FOR THE PUBLICITY OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND TO HOLDING A WORKSHOP LATER THIS YEAR ON SPECIFIC AREAS RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC MINDEDNESS, MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN, WELCOMED THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE TO INCREASE CONTACT WITH DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS.

ON BEHALF OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR CHEUNG OUTLINED THEIR WORK IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

MRS FAN SAID AFTER THE MEETING THAT SHE HAD LEARNT A GREAT DEAL FROM THE DISCUSSION AND THE VIEWS EXCHANGED WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF ITS WORK.

THIS WAS THE FIRST DISTRICT VISIT BY THE COMMITTEE AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR SIMILAR VISITS TO OTHER DISTRICTS LATER THIS YEAR.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THESE VISITS IS TO FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND VIEWS BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

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#### YOUTH ORCHESTRA ON OVERSEAS TOUR

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SIXTY-EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (YSO) FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED KINGDOM BETWEEN SATURDAY (AUGUST 8) TO AUGUST 23.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE OVERSEAS TOUR AT A "MEET-THE-MEDIA" SESSION TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, SAID THE ORCHESTRA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S EDINBURGH FESTIVAL OF BRITISH YOUTH ORCHESTRAS AND GIVE SEVEN CONCERTS IN EDINBURGH, MUSSELBURGH, STIRLING, LINCOLN AND LONDON DURING THE TOUR.

APART FROM PUBLIC PERFORMANCES, SHE SAID THE ORCHESTRA WOULD ALSO HAVE MUSIC EXCHANGES WITH OTHER ORCHESTRAS SUCH AS HELSINKI JUNIOR STRINGS AND LINCOLNSHIRE YOUTH ORCHESTRA.

MRS HO SAID THE ORCHESTRAL MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 25 HAD JUST COMPLETED ONE MONTH'S INTENSIVE TRAINING UNDER THE BATON OF ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR (PROFESSIONAL), MR THOMAS WANG, AND RESIDENT CONDUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, MISS YIP WING-SIE.

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EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE AND VALUE OF THE TOUR, MRS HO SAID IT WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS IN PERFORMING AND EXPOSING THEMSELVES TO DIFFERENT AUDIENCES.

THE MUSIC OFFICE HAD SO FAR CONDUCTED TOURS TO FRANCE, ISRAEL, CYPRUS, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CHINA, JAPAN, SINGAPORE AND ITALY, SHE ADDED.

ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE ORCHESTRA, MR THOMAS WANG SAID IT WAS FORMED IN 1978 WITH THE PRINCIPAL AIM OF PROVIDING TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WITH ORCHESTRAL TRAINING.

OVER THE YEARS, IT HAD HELD REGULAR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS PERFORMING OVERSEAS, HE ADDED.

THE MUSIC PROGRAMME OF THE ORCHESTRA TO BE PERFORMED DURING THE TOUR COMPRISES SUCH RENOWNED PIECES AS ROSSINI'S "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE OVERTURE", BRITTEN'S "SIMPLE SYMPHONY, OP.4", HANDEL'S "WATER MUSIC", BEETHOVEN'S "SYMPHONY NO.2 IN D, OP.36", VAUGHAN WILLIAMS' "ENGLISH FOLKSONG SUITE", BIZET'S "SYMPHONY IN C", HO LU-TING'S "NIGHT PARTY", FALLA'S "RITUAL FIRE DANCE" AND SIBELIUS' "FINLANDIA".

HEADED BY MR THOMAS WANG, MISS YIP WING-SIE AND SEVEN OFFICIALS, THE DELEGATION WILL DEPART FOR LONDON ON FRIDAY.

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REMINDER ON HOURS OF WORK FOR WOMEN

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THE PROPRIETOR OF A PRINTING COMPANY WHO EMPLOYED FIVE WOMEN TO WORK OUTSIDE THEIR PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT WAS FINED \$5,000 BY A TSUEN WAN MAGISTRATE RECENTLY.

THE FINE IMPOSED WAS THE MAXIMUM PENALTY PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

RECORDS SHOWED THAT THE DEFENDANT HAD BEEN CONVICTED FIVE TIMES UNDER THE SAME REGULATIONS IN THE PAST. PASSING SENTENCE, THE MAGISTRATE REMINDED THE DEFENDANT TO PUT A STOP TO SIMILAR OFFENCES.

UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, THE "PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT" IS THE PERIOD AS ENTERED IN THE NOTICE OF PERMISSIBLE HOURS OF WORK, INCLUDING THE INTERVALS ALLOWED FOR MEALS OR REST, WITHIN WHICH WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS MAY BE EMPLOYED ON THAT DAY.

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"NO CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN SERVED ON THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AND ANOTHER NOTICE POSTED ON THE PREMISES 48 HOURS BEFORE THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS TO COME INTO FORCE," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"SUCH CHANGE SHOULD NOT BE MADE MORE THAN ONCE IN EVERY THREE MONTHS EXCEPT WITH SPECIAL PERMISSION IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO MAKE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE -- 5-8152200 -- TO REPORT ANY BREACHES OF THE REGULATIONS.

ALL COMPLAINTS WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THE NAMES AND IDENTITY OF THE COMPLAINANTS WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED IN THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATIONS.

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#### RAIN SHELTERS FIRST PROJECT INITIATED BY RESIDENTS

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BUILD TWO RAIN SHELTERS AT THE GREEN PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINALS IN LAI KING HILL ROAD AT THE END OF AUGUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF WAITING PASSENGERS.

THE RAIN SHELTERS, MEASURING 5.4 METRES IN LENGTH WITH POLYCARBONATE SHEETS, WILL BE BUILT AT A COST OF \$55,000 WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS OPERATORS.

THE OPERATORS, MISS LAM BICK AND MR WONG MO, DONATED THE MONEY BECAUSE THEY FELT THAT THEY SHOULD SHARE PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BENEFIT PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PASSENGERS.

LAST YEAR, THEY SUBMITTED THEIR PROPOSAL TO THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH STARTED TO LIAISE WITH THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT.

THE DEPARTMENTS AGREED TO THE PROPOSAL, WHICH BECAME THE DISTRICT'S FIRST PROJECT INITIATED BY RESIDENTS AND PUT INTO PRACTICE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

"THE KWAI TSING ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WELCOMES SIMILAR INITIATIVES FROM OTHER PUBLIC LIGHT BUS OPERATORS OR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT", THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR CHOW SUM, SAID.

/A CEREMONY .....

A CEREMONY WAS HELD TODAY (WEDNESDAY) DURING WHICH THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICE (KWAI TSING SOUTH), MISS ANNETTE LEE, RECEIVED A CHEQUE FROM MISS LAM AND MR WONG.

THE RAIN SHELTERS AT LAI KING HILL ROAD TERMINALS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER.

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MORE BUILDINGS JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

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SIX BUILDINGS INCLUDING TWO BLOCKS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING WILL JOIN THE FOURTH PHASE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME THIS FRIDAY (AUGUST 7).

THEY ARE THE UNITED BUILDING IN CAUSEWAY BAY, TUNG FAT BUILDING IN NORTH POINT, FUK CHEONG BUILDING IN QUARRY BAY, BLOCK G OF MING WAH BUILDING IN SHAU KEI WAN, LEE TSUI HOUSE IN WAN TSUI ESTATE AND CHAI WAN INDUSTRIAL CENTRE.

THE AIM OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IS TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF FAMILIES LIVING IN THE SAME BUILDING TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO GUARD NOT ONLY THEIR OWN HOMES AND PROPERTY, BUT ALSO TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE HOMES AND PROPERTY OF THEIR NEIGHBOURS.

AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE FOURTH PHASE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM ON FRIDAY ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER (EASTERN), MR YU KA-WING, WILL GIVE A TALK ON THE SCHEME AND JUNIOR POLICE CALL (EASTERN) WILL STAGE A SINGING PERFORMANCE AND A TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; EASTERN POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R.M.A. HARPER; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG SAU-CHI AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW FUNG-CHEUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 7) ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING.

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SITE FORMATION AT MA ON SHAN

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ABOUT 20 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED BY RECLAMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE MA ON SHAN AREA, SHA TIN.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES CONSTRUCTING ABOUT 600 METRES OF SEAWALL.

PART OF THE FILL MATERIAL WILL BE EXTRACTED FROM BORROW AREAS IN WHICH ABOUT SIX HECTARES OF LAND WILL ALSO BE FORMED.

THE LAND FORMED WILL BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL HOUSING, AMENITY OPEN SPACE AND GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 21.

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NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL AT TUEN MUN

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A STANDARD SECONDARY SCHOOL IS NOW BEING BUILT NEAR TSING SHAN TSUEN, TUEN MUN, TO MEET INCREASING LOCAL DEMAND.

WORK STARTED FOLLOWING THE AWARD RECENTLY OF AN \$11.88 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES BUILDING A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK AND A SPECIAL ROOMS BLOCK ON THE 6,400-SQUARE-METRE SITE.

THE MAIN TEACHING BLOCK WILL COMPRISE 24 CLASSROOMS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

THE SPECIAL ROOMS BLOCK WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, A LIBRARY AND WORKSHOPS.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE AN ASSEMBLY HALL WITH COVERED PLAY AREA ON THE GROUND FLOOR, SEPARATE ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND STAFF QUARTERS, BASKETBALL COURT, CAR PARK AND PLANTING AREAS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO AWARDED AN \$832,000 CONTRACT FOR THE SCHOOL'S ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THERE ARE 18 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AT PRESENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT, AIDED AND PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. ANOTHER 17 ARE EITHER UNDER PLANNING OR CONSTRUCTION TO SERVE THE GROWING POPULATION.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL PUBLISHED

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THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL WHICH THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL APPROVED ON JULY 28 WILL BE GAZETTED ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 7).

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO EXPLAIN THE BILL WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 7) AFTERNOON IN THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH CONFERENCE ROOM.

IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROVISIONAL BOARD. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE CORPORATION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MR ABRAHAM RAZACK, AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL BOARD, MISS LEUNG WAI-TUNG, AND MR SAMUEL WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH ON THE 21ST FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 7).

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD TO MEET ON FRIDAY

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 7) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE VIEWS ON THE EXISTING "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE A PROPOSAL ON THE USAGE OF DISTRICT BOARD NOTICE BOARDS AND THE USAGE OF DB FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1987

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SHA TIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE FIVE-YEAR FORECASTS AND ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF FUNDS FOR THE BOARD.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROGRESS OF DB SPONSORED ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BY THE WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 4 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS BUILDING MANAGEMENT MEASURES

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS TWO PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THE PROPOSALS SEEK TO AMEND THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE AND TO IMPROVE THE CONTENTS OF NEW DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT AND THE TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT OF A SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF CHERRY STREET AND FERRY STREET.

THEY WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF LORRY PARKING IN THE DISTRICT. SOME 600 LORRY PARKING SPACES WILL BE ELIMINATED IN TAI KOK TSUI WHEN A TEMPORARY LORRY PARKING LOT IS ALLOCATED TO THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IN LATE 1988 AS A WORKS SITE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE MOVES

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE'S SUB-OFFICE AT ROOM 105-108, TING LUNG HOUSE, ON TING ESTATE WILL MOVE TO ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES TO RESIDENTS AS THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC-SCHEME AND PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICES.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE SUB-OFFICE IS 0-4580102.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON LEE CHUEN-TIM ON MARCH 18, 1985 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

LEE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF HO FAT-WONG.

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PROHIBITED ZONE IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF WHITTY STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST FOR ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 8).

VEHICLES ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST EASTBOUND HEADING FOR QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WESTERN STREET.

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