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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL PUBLISHED

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UPDATING HONG KONG'S WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LEGISLATION SAW THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF A BILL IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

THE CURRENT LEGISLATION WAS ENACTED IN 1885 AND LAST AMENDED IN 1937 AND FAILS TO MEET MODERN REQUIREMENTS.

THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL 1987 PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE HAS TEXTS IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH. THIS IS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE BILINGUAL LAWS PROJECT BY INTRODUCING A NUMBER OF BILLS IN BOTH LANGUAGES BY WAY OF A "DUMMY RUN", THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR STEVE BARCLAY SAID.

ALTHOUGH THE BILL IS PRINTED AND PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ONLY THE FORMER TEXT WILL BE DEBATED AND PASSED INTO LAW. THE CHINESE TEXT WILL ALLOW INTERESTED PARTIES TO SEE AND COMMENT ON HOW SUCH LEGISLATION SHOULD BE PRESENTED IN THE FUTURE.

THE PRESENT ORDINANCE HAS TWO MAIN FAILINGS IN THAT IT DOES NOT COVER THE METRIC SYSTEM, TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED, AND ITS PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT ARE BOTH INAPPROPRIATE AND INEFFECTIVE. NEITHER THE TREASURY NOR THE POLICE HAS THE ABILITY TO KEEP THE DETAILED REFERENCE STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE PRESENT LAW.

"THIS BILL WILL STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S REPUTATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMMUNITY," SAID MR BARCLAY. "WE WILL BE SEEN TO BE USING INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS AND TO HAVE A CAPABILITY OF MEETING THE STANDARDS OF OVERSEAS MARKETS."

HE SAID THAT WITHIN HONG KONG THE INTERESTS OF BOTH CONSUMERS AND TRADERS WILL BE SAFEGUARDED BY THE USE OF RATIONAL AND MODERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. THE USE OF IMPERIAL AND CHINESE UNITS WILL STILL BE PERMITTED UNDER THE BILL BUT THEY WILL BE DEFINED BY REFERENCE TO THE APPROPRIATE METRIC UNIT.

THE NEW BILL WILL:

- * DEFINE UNITS OF MEASUREMENT FOR USE IN HONG KONG AND STIPULATE BOTH THE UNITS OF MEASUREMENT AND THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAWFUL FOR USE IN TRADE.
- * PROVIDE FOR REFERENCE STANDARDS TO BE MAINTAINED.
- * PROVIDE FOR OFFENCES AGAINST THE FRAUDULENT USE OF WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT FOR TRADE AND THE POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY AND USE OF EQUIPMENT WHICH IS UNAUTHORISED, FALSE OR DEFECTIVE.
- * GIVE REGULATION-MAKING POWERS GOVERNING TRADE TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES; AND
- * PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY TO ENFORCE THE LEGISLATION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE WILL HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL, ASSISTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST.

STIFFER PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF HYGIENE LAWS

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A BILL SEEKING TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR CONTRAVENING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND FOOD HYGIENE LAWS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE OR REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ORDINANCE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AIM AT UPDATING THE EXISTING LEVELS OF PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER THE ORDINANCE WHICH ARE LOSING DETERRENT EFFECT.

A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1960. A MAJOR REVISION WAS LAST MADE IN 1978/79, BUT THE MAJORITY OF PENALTIES HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED AND NOW REQUIRE REVISION.

HE ADDED THAT THE PROPOSED REVISION WAS TO IMPROVE CONTROL UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

"A WORKING GROUP OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH HAS CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE PENALTIES INVOLVED AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED BY REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ORDINANCE SHOULD BE RAISED GENERALLY BY 150 PER CENT TO 200 PER CENT, I.E. FROM \$10,000 TO \$25,000 IN RESPECT OF FINES AND FROM \$250 TO \$600 IN RESPECT OF THE DAILY PENALTY (THE MAXIMUM PRISON SENTENCE WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED AT SIX MONTHS)," HE SAID.

THE PROPOSALS HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:

- * THE INFLATION RATE BASED ON THE MOVEMENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) BETWEEN 1978/79 (WHEN THE LAST MAJOR REVISION OF FINES WAS MADE) AND 1985/86;
- * THE INCREASE IN ENFORCEMENT STAFF COSTS DURING THE SAME PERIOD; AND
- * THE NATURE AND SERIOUSNESS OF EACH OFFENCE AND THE DETERRENT REQUIRED.

"FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR LITTERING SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM \$1,000 TO \$2,500 AND THE DAILY FINE FROM \$50 TO \$150; AND THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR HAWKING WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE BE INCREASED FROM \$1,000 FINE TO \$2,500 FINE AND ONE MONTH IMPRISONMENT (FOR FIRST CONVICTION), AND TO \$5,000 FINE AND 6 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT (FOR SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION), WHILST THE DAILY FINE SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM \$50 TO \$150.

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"THE PROPOSED CHANGES CONTAINED IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1987 ARE SUPPORTED BY THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS. AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE BILL, WHICH WILL RAISE THE LEVELS OF THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES THAT CAN BE IMPOSED BY REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ORDINANCE, BOTH COUNCILS WILL SIMILARLY INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES PRESCRIBED UNDER THEIR BY-LAWS", THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 17. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON IT CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES AT 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG OR TO OMELCO AT 8, JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BILL PUBLISHED
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THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE THIRD UNIVERSITY - THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BILL 1987 PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND INCORPORATION OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE BILL SETS OUT THE POWERS OF THE UNIVERSITY TO PURSUE ITS OBJECTS WHICH ARE TO PROVIDE FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH PARTICULARLY IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS STUDIES AND TO ASSIST IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG. THE GOVERNOR WILL BE THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COURT, A COUNCIL AND A SENATE.

THE COURT WILL BE AN ADVISORY BODY WHOSE FUNCTIONS INCLUDE RAISING FUNDS FOR AND PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF THE UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG AND ELSEWHERE.

THE COUNCIL, WITH FULL GOVERNING POWERS, WILL BE MADE UP OF KEY ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY, OTHER LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ACADEMICS AND PROMINENT LEADERS DRAWN FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

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THE SENATE, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES AND ALL ACADEMIC MATTERS.

OTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY; THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT AND SENATE; THE CONSTITUTION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FACULTIES, THE BOARDS OF FACULTIES, THE SCHOOLS, THE BOARDS OF SCHOOLS AND THE CONVOCATION; THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND OTHER ACADEMIC AWARDS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATUTES, TO BE MADE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON JUNE 17, WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION.

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INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY ON TWO FINANCE COMPANIES
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THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER, MR NOEL M. GLEESON, TODAY (FRIDAY) CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS APPOINTED AS LIQUIDATOR OF FIRST BANGKOK CITY FINANCE LIMITED IN JULY 1986 AND THAI MERCANTILE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE LIMITED IN SEPTEMBER 1986, ON WINDING-UP PETITIONS PRESENTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOLLOWING REPORTS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING.

THE FORMER PRINCIPALS OF THE COMPANIES WERE THAI NATIONALS WHO LEFT HONG KONG BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AND THEY HAVE NOT MADE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW SINCE THAT TIME.

MANY FINANCIAL RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE COMPANIES' OFFICES.

THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER HAS MADE A DETAILED INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANIES AND THIS INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

THE ESTIMATED LIABILITIES OF FIRST BANGKOK CITY FINANCE LIMITED ARE APPROXIMATELY \$402 MILLION AND THAT OF THAI MERCANTILE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE LIMITED ARE APPROXIMATELY \$139 MILLION.

THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER HAS ALREADY REALISED SUBSTANTIAL ASSETS AND FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEING PURSUED.

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GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO PROMOTE TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO BUILD UP THE PROVISION OF DEGREE PLACES TO AT LEAST 30 PER CENT OF THE ULTIMATE STUDENT POPULATION BY MID 1990S, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE-LAYING CEREMONY OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC, SIR DAVID SAID THE PLANS WERE AMBITIOUS BUT THEY WERE EVIDENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PROMOTE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL.

HE SAID HONG KONG'S SUCCESS RELIED HEAVILY ON THE ABILITY OF ITS BUSINESSMEN TO SELL THEIR PRODUCTS OVERSEAS AND ON THE PRODUCTS THEMSELVES TO BE COMPETITIVE.

"TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S SUCCESS AND THE COMPETITIVENESS OF ITS GOODS, WE MUST KEEP ABREAST OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES ON ALL FRONTS," SIR DAVID ADDED.

"TO DO THIS, WE MUST INVEST IN OUR FUTURE BY CONSTANTLY IMPROVING OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM AND INCREASING THE EMPHASIS ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION."

NOTING THAT HONG KONG HAD SEVEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF LONG AND SHORT-TERM TRAINING COURSES, SIR DAVID SAID THE PRESENT OUTPUT AT THE CRAFTSMAN AND TECHNICIAN LEVEL WAS ABOUT RIGHT.

"AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL, THE GOVERNMENT HAS LONG RECOGNISED THE GROWING DEMAND FOR TECHNOLOGISTS, AS APPLIED TECHNOLOGY USED IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES BECOMES INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS TO MEET THIS DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED IN 1981 THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE REVIEWING POST-SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TO ESTABLISH A SECOND POLYTECHNIC, AND TO EXPAND SIGNIFICANTLY THE PROVISION OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNOLOGISTS AND PROFESSIONALS.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS ONLY FIVE YEARS SINCE THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION TO BUILD A SECOND POLYTECHNIC AND A LOT HAD BEEN DONE SINCE THEN.

THE LEGISLATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC WAS ENACTED IN 1983 FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRST CITY POLYTECHNIC COUNCIL IN JANUARY 1984, AND THE FIRST STUDENT INTAKE USING TEMPORARY PREMISES BEGAN IN OCTOBER THAT YEAR.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE SIZE OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC HAD EXPANDED RAPIDLY IN THE THREE YEARS SINCE THE FIRST STUDENTS ENROLLED. THERE WERE SOME 4,500 STUDENTS AT PRESENT.

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"THE RANGE OF SUBJECTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDY HAS EXPANDED EQUALLY FAST: THERE ARE NOW 20 DIFFERENT COURSES IN EIGHT ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING TWO AT DEGREE LEVEL," SIR DAVID ADDED.

"COMPETITION FOR PLACES IS FIERCE: ON AVERAGE 13 STUDENTS APPLY FOR EVERY PLACE."

HE SAID THAT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC WOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR AS MORE COURSES WERE INTRODUCED IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR. "SOME OF THESE WILL BE AT DEGREE LEVEL, INCLUDING HONG KONG'S SECOND LAW SCHOOL."

NOTING THAT THE BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW CAMPUS WAS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE AND ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR'S STUDENT INTAKE, SIR DAVID SAID THIS WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE LABORATORY AND WORKSHOP FACILITIES WHICH WERE LACKING AT THE PRESENT TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION.

"THE CITY POLYTECHNIC WILL ALSO SOON EMBARK ON ITS SECOND PHASE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL INCREASE THE TOTAL CAPACITY FROM 8,000 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS IN THE 1988-91 TRIENNIUM TO 13,500 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS IN THE TRIENNIUM 1994-97," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED ALL PRESENT AND PAST MEMBERS OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC COUNCIL FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEVOTION TO ACCOMPLISHING SO MUCH IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO OFFER SUMMER COURSES

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THE SEVEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ARE NOW INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR 213 SHORT COURSES TO BE OFFERED THIS SUMMER.

THESE SUMMER COURSES COVER A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS IN THE AREAS OF COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, COMPUTING STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION, DESIGN AND MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING.

THE COURSES RANGING FROM EIGHT TO 60 HOURS ARE OFFERED MAINLY FOR WORKING PEOPLE WHO WANT TO UPDATE THEIR SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE, THOUGH SOME OF THE COURSES ALSO CONCERN HOBBY AND LEISURE SUBJECTS.

DETAILS OF THE SUMMER SHORT COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE PRESS TOMORROW (SATURDAY). CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 20.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES TO APPLICANTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SEVEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND DISTRICT OFFICES STARTING FROM TOMORROW.

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CALL FOR MORE INVESTMENT IN MACHINERY

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INVESTMENT IN UP-TO-DATE MACHINERY NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED IF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ARE TO CONTINUE TO BE COMPETITIVE IN ITS EXPORT MARKETS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 8TH MACHINERY AND MATERIALS EXHIBITION, MR MACLEOD SAID IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HONG KONG EXPORTED 90 PER CENT OR MORE OF ITS MANUFACTURED GOODS AND THAT THE COMPETITION FOR OVERSEAS MARKETS WITH OUR PRINCIPAL ASIAN COMPETITORS WAS INTENSE, LOCAL MANUFACTURERS WERE UNDER CONSTANT PRESSURE TO ACHIEVE HIGHER LEVELS OF QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY WHILE KEEPING DOWN PRODUCTION COSTS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

"INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION AND THE USE OF MODERN MACHINERY ARE PERHAPS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ACHIEVING GROWTH IN PRODUCTIVITY BECAUSE THEY INCREASE OUTPUT, REDUCE ERROR AND WASTE, AND ENABLE QUALITY LEVELS TO BE IMPROVED CONSISTENTLY."

MR MACLEOD SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT OUR MANUFACTURERS LAST YEAR INVESTED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THIS AREA.

"IN 1986, THE VALUE OF RETAINED IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS OVER 1985."

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS KIND OF INVESTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW IF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY RESPONDED AS EFFICIENTLY AND SPEEDILY TO DEMAND IN OUR OVERSEAS MARKETS AS IT HAD DONE IN THE PAST.

TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONSULTANCY AND OTHER SERVICES ALREADY AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG WHICH CAN HELP THEM ACHIEVE PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, MR MACLEOD SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTRODUCING A PILOT SCHEME LATER THIS YEAR CALLED THE INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE.

"UNDER THIS PILOT SCHEME, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE MAKING VISITS TO OVER 300 MEDIUM-SIZED FACTORIES DURING A SIX-MONTH PERIOD, TO EXPLAIN TO MANUFACTURERS THE EXISTING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS."

IT IS HOPED THAT IN THE COURSE OF THESE VISITS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PERSUADE SOME OF THEIR CONTACTS OF THE POTENTIALLY BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF THESE SERVICES IN TERMS OF PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT.

"A REVIEW WILL BE CARRIED OUT AFTER THESE VISITS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A NEED FOR A PERMANENT EXTENSION SERVICE AND, IF SO, PRECISELY WHAT FORM IT SHOULD TAKE AND WHAT ITS OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE," MR MACLEOD ADDED.

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STUDY TO KEEP HK MOVING ON NEXT CENTURY UNDERWAY

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THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE A REASONABLY CLEAR VIEW OF WHAT WILL BE NEEDED TO KEEP HONG KONG MOVING INTO THE NEXT CENTURY WHEN THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY IS COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCH MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST, MR LEUNG SAID WORK ON THE STUDY STARTED LAST NOVEMBER AND THE FINAL PHASE OF DEFINING THE RECOMMENDED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND REPORTING THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDY WOULD BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

HE SAID THE SECOND STUDY WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE FIRST CONDUCTED BETWEEN 1973 AND 1976.

"THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES THIS TIME ARE TO REVIEW TRANSPORT INVESTMENT AND POLICY OPTIONS UP TO THE YEAR 2001, AND TO PRODUCE AN IMPROVED TRANSPORT PLANNING MODEL, EMPLOYING THE LATEST TECHNIQUES TO ASSIST IN THE FORMULATION OF FUTURE TRANSPORT POLICY AND PROGRAMME," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THE MAIN PROJECTS THAT WERE BEING LOOKED AT DURING THE STUDY INCLUDED:

- * ROUTE X BETWEEN NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES AND WEST KOWLOON,
- * THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY,
- * THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING,
- * ROUTE 7 FROM WESTERN TO ABERDEEN,
- * AN MTR EXTENSION TO JUNK BAY, AND
- * RAIL LINK CONNECTING THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES TO THE URBAN AREA.

MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT ROAD CONSTRUCTION HAD BECOME MORE EXPENSIVE AS HONG KONG HAD NOW BUILT MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE CHEAPER PROJECTS.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS ALSO UNLIKELY THAT RESOURCES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR THE TRANSPORT NETWORK NECESSARY TO MEET UNRESTRAINED TRANSPORT DEMAND, EVEN IF IT WAS ACCEPTABLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER TERMS TO BUILD ALL THE ROAD AND SO ON NECESSARY FOR THIS.

MR LEUNG SAID THE STUDY WOULD THEREFORE TAKE POSSIBLE CONSTRAINTS INTO ACCOUNT, AND WOULD ASSIGN PRIORITIES TO DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND PROPOSE DIFFERENT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMMES TO MATCH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF RESOURCES.

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THE STUDY WOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF DELAYING IMPROVEMENTS AND EXAMINE WAY OF KEEPING TRAFFIC MOVING ON A LIMITED NETWORK.

"THIS MAY INCLUDE RESTRAINING LESS ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC BY INCREASING CHARGES FOR VEHICLE OWNERSHIP AND/OR USE, OR GIVING EVEN GREATER PRIORITY THAN AT PRESENT TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THE SECOND STUDY WOULD NOT BE THE END OF THE MATTER AS TRANSPORT PLANNING WAS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS, PARTICULARLY IN A VIBRANT, ACTIVE SOCIETY SUCH AS HONG KONG.

"THE SITUATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED AND ADJUSTMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS MADE ON A REGULAR BASIS, GEARED TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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1985 SURVEY OF BUILDING,
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS RESULTS PUBLISHED

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THERE WERE 7,321 CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATING IN 1985 EMPLOYING DIRECTLY A TOTAL OF 97,148 PERSONS, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE 1985 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS WHICH WAS CONDUCTED FROM APRIL 1986 TO EARLY 1987 PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING 1985 AMOUNTED TO \$39,333 MILLION, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1984, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SURVEY SHOWED.

THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS IN 1985 WERE \$38,108 MILLION, WHICH INCLUDED \$10,120 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND PAYMENTS TO LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS; \$11,875 MILLION ON CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES; \$13,821 MILLION ON SUB-CONTRACT WORK RENDERED BY FEE SUB-CONTRACTORS; AND \$2,292 MILLION ON MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES.

AT \$12,053 MILLION, THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED WAS 1 PER CENT LESS THAN THAT IN 1984. VALUE ADDED IS A MEASURE OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

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OVER ONE-THIRD OF THE CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS WERE ENGAGED IN RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. HOWEVER, THEY ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 9 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GENERAL TRADE CONTRACTORS PERFORMING AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 12 PER CENT OF THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS BUT CONTRIBUTED \$25,467 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT OF TOTAL CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED.

THE REST OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR CONSISTED OF MOSTLY SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS, SUCH AS CONTRACTORS SPECIALISING IN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL FITTINGS.

THE SURVEY DID NOT COVER LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS WHO MAINLY SUPPLIED LABOUR TO WORK ON A JOB-TO-JOB BASIS. HOWEVER, THE OUTPUT OF THESE SUB-CONTRACTORS WAS IMPLICITLY INCLUDED IN THAT OF THE CONTRACTORS COMMISSIONING THEIR SERVICES.

APART FROM CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS, THE SURVEY ALSO INCLUDED FIRMS ENGAGED IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT; AND ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING.

THERE WERE 3,652 ESTABLISHMENTS IN REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES OPERATING DURING 1985, ENGAGING A TOTAL OF 28,913 PERSONS.

THEIR GROSS OUTPUT IN 1985 WAS \$16,767 MILLION WHICH INCLUDED \$10,149 MILLION OF SERVICE AND RENTAL INCOME, \$6,217 MILLION OF GROSS MARGIN OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND \$401 MILLION OF OTHER INCOME. THEIR TOTAL EXPENDITURES WERE \$6,708 MILLION.

AT \$14,087 MILLION, THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED WAS 7 PER CENT MORE THAN THAT IN 1984. THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT DEVELOPED REAL ESTATE PROJECTS FOR THEIR OWN OCCUPATION OR THOSE THAT OWNED LAND WITHOUT DEVELOPING IT DURING THE REFERENCE YEAR. ALSO EXCLUDED WERE REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS.

REGARDING ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES, THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT THERE WERE 575 SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATING IN 1985 ENGAGING A TOTAL OF 9,270 PERSONS. THEIR TOTAL BUSINESS RECEIPTS WERE \$2,108 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1984. THEIR TOTAL EXPENDITURES WERE \$1,631 MILLION OF WHICH \$988 MILLION WAS ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES. THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED WAS \$1,452 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 22 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1984.

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BESIDES STATISTICS ON ESTABLISHMENTS, THE SURVEY ALSO COLLECTED DATA ABOUT CONSTRUCTION SITES AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. A TOTAL OF 1,793 SITE CONTRACTS WERE CARRIED OUT IN 1985 WITH THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED AMOUNTING TO \$19,652 MILLION, WHICH WAS 7 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT IN 1984. THIS INCLUDED \$7,163 MILLION ON PUBLIC PROJECTS AND \$12,489 MILLION ON PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION SITES.

WITH THE GRADUAL COMPLETION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE PROJECT, THE SHARE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED AT SITES DROPPED TO 36 PER CENT IN 1985, COMPARED WITH 42 PER CENT IN 1984.

THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AT \$7,210 MILLION IN 1985, WAS 10 PER CENT ABOVE THAT IN 1984. THE INCREASE OCCURED MOSTLY IN PRIVATE HOUSING PROJECTS WHICH ACCOURED FOR 64 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN 1985, COMPARED WITH 58 PER CENT IN 1984.

THE VALUE ACCRUED TO PRIVATE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DURING 1985 WAS \$15,864 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 5 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1984. THE TOTAL PROJECT OUTLAYS WERE \$11,344 MILLION WHICH INCLUDED PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS, FEES FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY, INTEREST PAYMENTS AND OTHER PROJECT EXPENSES.

THE SUMMARY STATISTICS FROM THE 1985 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL 1987 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS. MORE DETAILED RESULTS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE SURVEY REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME.

IN THE MEANTIME, ENQUIRIES REGARDING SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234855.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD SUPPORTS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TOURED WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE MARKET THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING TO SPREAD THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE AS PART OF A PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICITY MATERIAL TO SHOPPERS AND STALL OPERATORS.

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THE PUBLICITY DRIVE WAS LAUNCHED WITH A 15-MINUTE PERFORMANCE BY THE CORPS OF DRUMS OF THE 1ST BATTALION COLDSTREAM GUARDS AT THE WONG CHUK HANG CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL. THE PERFORMANCE WAS ATTENDED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED SCHOOL CHILDREN.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE ACTIVITY, BANNERS AND POSTERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN THE DISTRICT AND 2,000 CAPS AND STICKERS CARRYING THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY LOGO AND SLOGAN ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS.

THE COMMITTEE HOPED THAT THE EFFORT WOULD HELP AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE NEED TO FIGHT POLLUTION AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT. THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ALSO STAGE SPECIAL CLEAN UP OPERATIONS TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR TSUEN WAN
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD PLANS TO IMPLEMENT SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT TO INCORPORATE THE THEME OF THE UNITED NATIONS' WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

PROPOSED PROJECTS INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO FOOTPATHS AND FOOTBRIDGES AT PUN SHAN TSUEN, CHAI WAN KOK AND KWONG PAN TIN TSUEN; CONSTRUCTION OF RAIN SHELTERS; AND ERECTION OF COMMUNAL LETTER BOXES IN SQUATTER AREAS.

A TOTAL OF \$520 000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR SUCH PROJECTS, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 20 PER CENT COMPARED WITH FUNDS OF LAST YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED AT A MEETING LAST MONTH TO SUPPORT THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO ENHANCE COLLECTIVE ACTION TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF AND IMPROVEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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AMENITY PLOT OPENS ON ENVIRONMENT DAY
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THE MAN CHEONG STREET SITTING-OUT AREA WAS TODAY (FRIDAY) OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE TO COMMEMORATE THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

THE AREA, WHICH WAS FURNISHED WITH BENCHES, ARBOURS AND PLANTER BOXES WOULD BE A VALUABLE AMENITY PLOT FOR RESIDENTS IN THE VICINITY.

THE PROJECT WAS SPONSORED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD TO ENLIVEN THE ENVIRONMENT IN FERRY POINT.

THE BOARD HAD ALSO AGREED TO EFFECT A SERIES OF MINOR ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS LATER THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE RESIDENTS.

DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR DAVID KWAN AND FERRY POINT AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR YIP KWOK-CHUNG THIS MORNING OFFICIATED AT A PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY TO OPEN THE SITTING-OUT AREA.

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TREE PLANTING CEREMONY IN WAN CHAI
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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL TAKE PART IN A TREE PLANTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT TUNG LO WAN ROAD, OPPOSITE THE MORETON TERRACE BUS TERMINUS ON SUNDAY (JUNE 7).

THE EVENT IS PART OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S PROGRAMME IN SUPPORT OF "WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1987" AND TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF BEAUTIFYING WAN CHAI DISTRICT AND MAKING IT A BETTER AND CLEANER PLACE TO LIVE IN.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY IN WAN CHAI, DR ALBERT CHEUNG, AND OTHER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TREE PLANTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JUNE 7) AT 10.30 AM AT TUNG LO WAN ROAD, OPPOSITE THE MORETON TERRACE BUS TERMINUS.

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PROPERTIES TO BE LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TO LET SEVERAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES BY TENDER.

ONE IS THE LEFT AND REAR PORTIONS OF THE GROUND FLOOR AND PORTIONS OF THE COCKLOFT OF NO. 356A, RECLAMATION STREET.

IT MEASURES 65.8 SQUARE METRES IN AREA AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES.

THE TERM OF THE TENANCY AGREEMENT IS ONE YEAR CERTAIN AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

ALSO TO BE LET ARE TWO KIOSKS ON THE PEDESTRIAN DECK AT FIRST FLOOR LEVEL OF THE TSUEN WAN TRANSPORT COMPLEX.

EACH MEASURES 16 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR RETAILING PURPOSES, EXCLUDING SALE OF WET GOODS.

THE TERM OF BOTH TENANCIES WILL BE THREE YEARS CERTAIN, RENEWABLE AFTERWARDS FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS.

TENDER FORMS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 3.

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DONATION TO HELP REHABILITATED DRUG ABUSERS

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MORE VOLUNTARILY REHABILITATED DRUG ABUSERS CAN BE HELPED THROUGH GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE AND USEFUL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, SAID YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

MR MULLOY WAS SPEAKING AT A CHEQUE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHEN HE RECEIVED, ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARILY REHABILITATED DRUG ABUSERS AS ITS HONORARY PRESIDENT, A DONATION OF \$35,000 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, KOWLOON, MR WONG CHUNG-MING.

WHILE PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY FOR ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG, THE COMMISSIONER ALSO COMMENDED THE OUTSTANDING JOB DONE BY THE COMMITTEE.

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SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1975, THE EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE HAS SUCCESSFULLY FOUND JOBS FOR 2,705 VICTIMS OF DRUG ADDICTION AND HELPED THEM RE-ENTER SOCIETY.

THE DONATION WAS THE SEVENTH ANNUAL ONE FROM THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, KOWLOON TO THE COMMITTEE.

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SCHOOLS CHINESE DANCE TEAM TO PERFORM IN CANADA
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THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS CHINESE DANCE TEAM WILL SHOW ITS PACE AT THE LANDMARK ON SUNDAY (JUNE 7) BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 3.15 PM BEFORE LEAVING FOR A 10-DAY TOUR OF VANCOUVER IN CANADA ON TUESDAY (JUNE 9).

THE PERFORMANCE WILL FEATURE DANCES ENTITLED SONG OF HARVEST (KOREAN), THE SPRING OF ZIANGIANG, THE FISH (TAI TRIBE), MURAL FAIRY (CLASSIC) AND THE DANCE OF SEEDLING (HAN TRIBE).

SUNDAY'S PERFORMANCE AND THE OVERSEAS TRIP ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, HONG KONG LAND COMPANY LIMITED, JARDINE MATHESON COMPANY LIMITED, THE LAW'S FOUNDATION TRUST, JAPAN AIR LINES AND HONG KONG BANK.

THE DANCERS COMPRISING TWO BOYS AND SIX GIRLS ARE FROM PEI CHIAO MIDDLE SCHOOL, MUNSANG COLLEGE, FUNG KAI SECONDARY SCHOOL, HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE, SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, S.K.H. BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL AND ST. MARGARET GIRLS' SCHOOL (KOWLOON).

MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS CHINESE DANCE TEAM WERE SELECTED AMONG THE BEST STUDENT DANCERS OF THE SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL HELD ANNUALLY IN JANUARY.

IN VANCOUVER, THE TEAM WILL ATTEND THE 30TH INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION WORLD CONFERENCE AT WHICH SEMINARS AND PERFORMANCES IN CHINESE DANCE WILL BE GIVEN.

THE TEAM HAS WON WIDE ACCLAIM IN ITS PREVIOUS OVERSEAS PERFORMANCES IN CANADA, ENGLAND, GREECE, ISRAEL, JAPAN AND SPAIN IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

APART FROM OVERSEAS TOURS, THE TEAM ALSO PERFORMS REGULARLY AT VARIOUS LOCAL VENUES DURING FESTIVALS. THEY ALSO FORMED THE BACKBONE OF A SPECTACULAR MASS DANCE OF 300 STUDENTS STAGED AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM DURING THE VISIT OF THE QUEEN.

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TREE PLANTING DAY AT TAI O
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A TREE PLANTING DAY JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE NT/SOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND TAI O YOUTH CLUB WILL BE HELD AT TAI O, LANTAU TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

A BRIEF CEREMONY TO MARK THE OCCASSION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 AM IN SHEK TSAI PO, TAI O.

THE ISLANDS ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN SHERWIN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE, MR YU YUEN-HEI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE. THE LAUNCH 'CLEMENTI' WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER IN CENTRAL AT 9 AM AND LAND TRANSPORT ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MUI WO.

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MAGISTRATES SEE SAFETY STANDARDS ON THE SPOT
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FIVE MAGISTRATES SPENT THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON INSPECTING A METAL MANUFACTURING FACTORY IN TSUEN WAN.

THEY WERE MISS POLLY LO FROM THE SOUTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, MR WALLY YEUNG FROM THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, MR GEORGE LEE FROM THE SHA TIN MAGISTRACY, MR S.K. WONG FROM THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY, AND MR Z.E. LI FROM THE FANLING MAGISTRACY.

ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY A SUPERINTENDENT OF FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR HO SING-CHUEN, AND A LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS), MRS PAULA YEUNG, THE MAGISTRATES TOURED THE FIVE-STOREY FACTORY WHICH MANUFACTURES MAINLY ALUMINIUM KITCHEN UTENSILS.

THEY NOTED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF HYDRAULIC AND POWER PRESSES WAS BEING USED IN THE PRODUCTION WORK. THESE PRESSES HAVE IN THE MAIN BEEN PROVIDED WITH MACHINE GUARDS TO PROTECT THE WORKERS.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS PART OF A PROGRAMME ARRANGED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO ENABLE MAGISTRATES TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ON THE SPOT, IN PARTICULAR IN THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES.

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CASH AID TO FAMILY OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIM

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) APPROVED \$53,370 IN CASH ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILY OF A 53-YEAR-OLD CASUAL CONSTRUCTION WORKER WHO DIED AFTER A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

THE FINANCIAL AID COMPRISED \$44,940 IN DEATH GRANT AND \$8,430 IN INTERIM ADJUSTMENT GRANT FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND. IN ADDITION TO THE \$3,000 IN BURIAL GRANT EARLIER RELEASED TO THE FAMILY FROM CHARITABLE FUND, THIS BRINGS TO \$56,370 THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CASH AID GIVEN TO THE FAMILY.

THE VICTIM IS SURVIVED BY A 45-YEAR-OLD WIFE AS WELL AS TWO SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 19.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KWAI CHUNG FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE AND FIELD UNIT WILL CONTINUE TO RENDER NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILY.

THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, INVOLVING A BUS AND A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS, OCCURRED ON MAY 21 AT THE 13-AND-A-HALF-MILESTONE IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE TWO OTHER PEOPLE ALSO DIED AND 28 PEOPLE WERE INJURED. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WAS EARLIER GIVEN TO QUALIFIED VICTIMS.

THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK FINANCIAL HELP TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

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POSTFAX SERVICE EXTENDS TO PANAMA

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THE POSTFAX SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO PANAMA FROM MONDAY (JUNE 8), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS A JOINT POST OFFICE AND CABLE & WIRELESS (HK) LTD PUBLIC FACSIMILE SERVICE. POSTFAX ITEMS HANDED IN AT GPO BEFORE 6 PM WILL BE ACCORDED SAME-DAY DELIVERY IN PANAMA. DOCUMENTS (HANDWRITTEN OR TYPED), DRAWINGS AND DIAGRAMS UP TO A4 SIZE ARE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION.

"ALL POSTFAX ITEMS ARE HANDLED WITH CARE AND CONFIDENTIALITY," A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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AFTER ACCEPTANCE, THESE ITEMS WILL BE SCANNED, CONVERTED INTO HIGH-SPEED ELECTRONIC IMPULSES AND TRANSMITTED DIRECT TO THE RECEIVING GATEWAY IN THE DISTANT COUNTRY.

THE CHARGES FOR THE SERVICE TO PANAMA WILL BE:

'SHORT MESSAGE' FACILITY	\$60
FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER	\$80
FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME	\$40

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS SERVICE CAN HAND IN THEIR DOCUMENTS AT ANY ONE OF THE 26 ACCEPTANCE POSTOFFICES OR THE TWO CABLE & WIRELESS SALES OFFICES AT THE EXCHANGE SQUARE AND HERMES HOUSE.

POSTFAX SERVICE IS NOW OFFERING HIGH-SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND 69 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. ALL THE IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS OF HONG KONG ARE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE NETWORK, SUCH AS THE U.S.A., THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CHINA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

POSTFAX HAS BEEN CALLED THE FASTEST MAIL ON EARTH BECAUSE IT ONLY TAKES A NUMBER OF HOURS FOR A MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED ABROAD AFTER TRANSMISSION, RATHER THAN DAYS BY CONVENTIONAL MAIL FACILITIES. IT IS ALREADY ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST PUBLIC ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICES AND IS STILL GROWING FAST.

FOR SPEEDIER TRANSMISSION AND AT NO EXTRA COST, FACSIMILE MACHINE OWNERS IN HONG KONG CAN FAX THEIR MESSAGES TO THE POST OFFICE UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO ADDRESSEES ABROAD WHO DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN FACSIMILE EQUIPMENT.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTFAX MANAGER ON 5-8471148.

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TAI WO HAU COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN DAY
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MORE THAN 1,000 KWAI TSING RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE TAI WO HAU COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN DAY IN WEST KWAI CHUNG TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

DURING THE EVENT, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM, A NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDING CHINESE KUNG FU, TAI CHI SWORD AND TOI KUEN TAO WILL BE HELD. THERE WILL ALSO BE SINGING GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND DANCE PERFORMANCES.

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IN THE SAME MORNING, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING WILL OFFICIATE AT AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE KWAI CHUNG WEST SUB-OFFICE IN THE CENTRE.

THE NEW OFFICE WILL PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS FOR TSING YI RESIDENTS TO MAKE ENQUIRIES AS WELL AS USING THE FACILITIES IN THE CENTRE. THE ARRANGEMENT WILL ALSO ENHANCE LIAISON WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES OPERATING IN THE SAME BLOCK.

THE SUB-OFFICE WILL BE IN ROOM 103, FIRST FLOOR OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 0-201774. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE IS 0-221058.

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ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON JUNE 13
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THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MAIL DELIVERY NEXT SATURDAY (JUNE 13) AND NO MAIL DELIVERY ON JUNE 15 (MONDAY), WHICH ARE GENERAL HOLIDAYS, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

ON JUNE 13 (SATURDAY), 42 POST OFFICES INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND TSUEN WING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JUNE 15 (MONDAY).

DETAILS OF THE 42 POST OFFICES WHICH WILL BE OPEN ON JUNE 13 CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY POST OFFICE OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-231071.

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NORTH POINT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTH POINT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PROPOSED MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AND OVER-RUN TUNNELS FOR THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN AMENDED TO PASS TO THE NORTH OF BRAEMAR HILL ROAD.

THIS WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED MTR ALIGNMENT GAZETTED UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE ON FEBRUARY 13, 1987.

OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENT SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY JUNE 25.

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GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE

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THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON MONDAY (JUNE 8) AND JUNE 9 FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINTENANCE.

MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND GASCOIGNE ROAD HEADING FOR FERRY STREET NORTHBOUND ARE ADVISED TO USE THE GROUND LEVEL ROADS VIA GASCOIGNE ROAD, KANSU STREET AND FERRY STREET.

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PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER CLOSED AT NIGHT

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THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON MONDAY (JUNE 8) AND FROM JUNE 10 TO 11 FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE GROUND LEVEL WATERLOO ROAD AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

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CENTRAL TRAM AND BUS-ONLY LANE LIFTED
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THE BUS AND TRAM-ONLY LANE IN CENTRAL ALONG A 60-METRE STRETCH OF THE WESTBOUND OFFSIDE LANE OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH RUMSEY STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY LIFTED FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 8).

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

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HEAVY VEHICLE BAN IN WAN CHAI
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NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING FOUR TONNES GROSS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF HEARD STREET BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND WAN CHAI ROAD FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 8).

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TEN WEEKS FOR ROAD WORKS.

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CHEUNG HONG BUS TERMINUS DESIGNATED PROHIBITED ZONE
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THE CHEUNG HONG BUS TERMINUS ON TSING YI WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 6 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 8).

NO VEHICLE EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUS TERMINUS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN NORTH POINT
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NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM JAVA ROAD ON TO SHU KUK STREET WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THE MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS FOR ROAD WORKS. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KAM HONG STREET AND TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD BEFORE REJOINING SHU KUK STREET.

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