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FULL PUBLIC DEBATE SOUGHT ON BILL - GOVERNOR

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THE PURPOSE OF INTRODUCING THE TRIAL OF COMMERCIAL CRIMES BILL INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE FULL PUBLIC DEBATE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

+IT IS NOT TO BE EXPECTED THAT EVERYBODY WILL HAVE THE SAME VIEW ON ISSUES OF THIS KIND, AND I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS INTEND TO CONDUCT A WIDE RANGE OF CONSULTATIONS THEMSELVES AND SEE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THESE MATTERS,+ HE SAID.

+AND THAT I THINK IS ENTIRELY RIGHT BECAUSE THE PROPOSALS AND THE ISSUES ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.+

THE GOVERNOR WAS REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE FAR EAST SEMINAR AT THE LEE GARDENS HOTEL.

SIR EDWARD SAID HE WAS GLAD TO SEE OVER THE WEEKEND THAT THERE WAS NOW A DISPOSITION TO CONSIDER THESE ISSUES RATHER MORE DISPASSIONATELY.

+THERE IS OF COURSE NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE PROCEDURE WHICH HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR THIS BILL, NOR -- AS I NOTICED WAS CLEARLY NOTED IN THE PRESS OVER THE WEEKEND -- ON THE GOVERNOR COMMENTING ON THESE MATTERS,+ HE SAID.

+YOU MAY RECALL THAT I SPOKE ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL IN MY ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST OCTOBER.

+AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS AT THAT TIME CONDUCTING CONSULTATIONS, AND AS THE RESULT OF THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT WHICH CAME AT THAT TIME, THE PROPOSAL WAS PUT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

+AND WITH THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, IT WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+THAT IS ALL A VERY NORMAL PROCEDURE,+ HE SAID.

ON WHETHER LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD BENEFIT IF THE SUBJECT WERE PUT BEFORE THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION FIRST, SIR EDWARD SAID,+ THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS AS TO PROCEDURE, AND ANOTHER ONE IS THAT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE ROSKILL COMMISSION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS CONSIDERED THIS ISSUE.+

+BUT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS ARE NOW, OF COURSE, ENTIRELY FREE -- AS THEY ALWAYS ARE WHEN MATTERS ARE PUT BEFORE THEM -- TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE ITSELF ON ITS MERITS AND CONSIDER THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

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+IT IS NOW FOR THEM TO DECIDE, OR AT LEAST TO PROPOSE, HOW THE ISSUE SHOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD AND WHEN IT SHOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD.

+LET ME MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION TO RUSH ANYTHING THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND EVEN IF THERE WAS, I AM SURE THAT LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS WOULD SAY THEY WISH TO HAVE MORE TIME TO CONSIDER IT,+ HE SAID.

ON THE SETTING UP OF HONG KONG NEWS AGENCIES IN PEKING, SIR EDWARD SAID HE SAW THE REPORT IN THE PRESS THIS MORNING.

+I THINK THERE IS GREAT INTEREST IN HONG KONG IN WHAT HAPPENS IN PEKING AND IN THE REST OF THE MAINLAND, AND I AM SURE THAT IF THAT HAPPENS, IT WOULD BE A VERY HELPFUL DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON WHEN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WOULD BE ANNOUNCED, SIR EDWARD SAID +THERE IS STILL NO DATE FOR THAT CONSULTATIONS ARE CONTINUING AND IN DUE COURSE I AM SURE THAT HMG WILL ANNOUNCE THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH SIDE.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION GIVEN TO THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT GAVE A VERY SUBSTANTIAL SUBVENTION TO A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

+WE VALUE VERY HIGHLY THE WORK OF THESE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS. I THINK IT IS A VERY FINE FEATURE OF HONG KONG LIFE THAT WE HAVE THE EXCELLENT CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

+ON THE QUESTION OF THE LEVEL OF SUBVENTIONS, IT IS LIKE OTHER MATTERS, IT IS NOT A QUESTION ON WHICH EVERYBODY ALWAYS HAS THE SAME VIEW.

+BUT I THINK THAT IN GENERAL THERE IS REASONABLE SATISFACTION WITH THE LEVEL, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE DISCUSSION ON ITS LEVEL FROM TIME TO TIME,+ HE SAID.

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ST JOHN COUNCIL PRAISED FOR WORK

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THE ST JOHN COUNCIL IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP WHICH EXISTS IN HONG KONG BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SUBVENTED VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+THE GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THIS PARTNERSHIP IN THE YEARS AHEAD,+ HE SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FAR EAST REGIONAL SEMINAR OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

SIR EDWARD SAID THE COUNCIL RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MEET THE COST OF ITS MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES. BUT IT ENJOYED A HIGH DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE AND WAS THUS ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS UNIQUE TRADITIONS OF WHICH IT COULD BE JUSTLY PROUD.

HE SAID THE ORDER OF ST JOHN HAD A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN HONG KONG.

+IT IS THROUGH THE WORK OF THE AMBULANCE BRIGADE THAT IT IS BEST KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC.

+THE UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE, EVER READY TO GIVE FIRST AID TO THOSE IN NEED, ARE SEEN REGULARLY AT RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING EVENTS HELD THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

+THE BRIGADE ALSO HAS A SMALL BUT MODERN FLEET OF AMBULANCES WHICH PROVIDED A 24-HOUR SERVICE,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

LESS WELL KNOWN PERHAPS WAS THE WORK OF THE AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, WHICH PROVIDED INSTRUCTION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF FIRST AID, HOME NURSING, HYGIENE AND OTHER RELATED SUBJECTS.

+OVER THE YEARS, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITED FROM THESE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION AND HAVE CAUSE TO BE GRATEFUL FOR THE KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE RECEIVED,+ HE SAID.

THE REGIONAL SEMINAR, HOSTED BY THE ST JOHN COUNCIL, WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL THOSE PARTICIPATING, SIR EDWARD SAID.

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SIR PHILIP WATCHES SEAMEN TRAINING

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED THE SEAMEN'S TRAINING TEMPORARY CENTRE AT LITTLE SAI WAN TO SEE HOW LOCAL SEAMEN RECEIVE SPECIAL TRAINING WHICH ENABLES THEM TO ATTAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.

THE CENTRE OCCUPIES 8.5 HECTARES OF GROUND AT THE EASTERN END OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND HAS EXTENSIVE WATER FRONTAGE. AMONG ITS FACILITIES ARE A STEEL MOCK-UP SHIP, A SEA SURVIVAL TRAINING POOL, CARGO HANDLING GEAR AND A RANGE OF FIRE-FIGHTING AND LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT.

IT CAN ACCOMMODATE AND TRAIN 240 SEAMEN AT ANY ONE TIME. AT THE END OF A MONTH-LONG FREE TRAINING PROGRAMME, SUCCESSFUL TRAINEES RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT INDICATING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO THE STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION.

DURING THE VISIT THIS AFTERNOON, SIR PHILIP WATCHED TRAINEES LEARNING SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES, PRACTISING FIRE-FIGHTING, AND LAUNCHING LIFEBOATS. SIR PHILIP ALSO SAW TRAINEES ACQUAINTING THEMSELVES WITH THE OPERATION OF A LOOKOUT SIMULATOR AND WORKING IN THE ENGINE MODEL ROOM AND THE RIGGING ROOM.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR FRANK CHAO, CHAIRMAN OF THE MERCANT NAVY TRAINING BOARD; MR MORRIS MORGAN, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND CAPTAIN J.E. HAWORTH, MANAGER OF THE TRAINING CENTRE.

THE SEAMEN'S TRAINING TEMPORARY CENTRE WAS SET UP BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL LAST YEAR AT THE REQUEST OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO LOCAL SEAMEN TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET THE MANDATORY STANDARD REQUIRED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (1978).

THE CENTRE WILL TRAIN ABOUT 5 000 SERVING LOCAL SEAMEN OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS BEFORE IT MOVES TO A PERMANENT CENTRE AT TAI LAM CHUNG IN 1987. THE PERMANENT CENTRE WILL ALSO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING FOR NEW ENTRANTS.

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JPC MEMBERS BID FAREWELL TO CP
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JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS THIS AFTERNOON (MONDAY) BADE FAREWELL TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FORCE NEXT MONTH.

JPC MEMBERS QUEENIE LO, JUSTY TING AND PHOEBE YAU CALLED AT THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO MR HENRY. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MR A.C. RENNIE, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER/PUBLIC RELATIONS, WHO IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF JPC.

EXPRESSING THEIR GRATITUDE TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR HIS SUPPORT, MISS QUEENIE LO SAID : "DURING YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE FORCE, PARTICULARLY IN THE PAST SIX YEARS AS THE COMMISSIONER, YOU HAVE SHOWN MUCH INTEREST IN JPC ACTIVITIES, AS EVIDENCED BY YOUR PRESENCE IN MANY OF OUR EVENTS.

"WE WISH YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH OUR MEMBERS APPRECIATE YOUR VISITS TO JPC SUMMER CAMPS GRILLING IN THE HOT SUN OR DISRUPTING YOUR OWN SUNDAY ROUTINE JUST TO SEE US IN OTHER ACTIVITIES.

"ON BEHALF OF ALL JPC MEMBERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS."

THEY PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONER A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING HIM CUTTING A BIRTHDAY CAKE TO CELEBRATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF JPC AT THE FINAL OF THE VOICE OF JPC SINGING COMPETITION LAST YEAR.

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EASTER HOLIDAY MAIL
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THERE WILL BE MAIL DELIVERY ON TWO DAYS - SATURDAY (APRIL 6) AND MONDAY (APRIL 8) - DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

AND ON SATURDAY AND MONDAY, 38 POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON, AND TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

NAMES OF THE OTHER POST OFFICES WHICH WILL BE OPEN DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LOCAL POST OFFICE OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-231071/2.

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JSEA WORKING PARTY INVITES PUBLIC VIEWS

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THE WORKING PARTY REVIEWING THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) SYSTEM IS INVITING COMMENTS ON THE OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND SUGGESTIONS ON A NEW PLACEMENT SYSTEM TO BE INTRODUCED WHEN THE JSEA IS PHASED OUT IN 1991.

+ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THESE TWO MATTERS WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE WORKING PARTY,+ THE CHAIRMAN MR JOHN WINFIELD, SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) SAID TODAY.

HE STRESSED THAT THE WORKING PARTY WOULD NOT BE CONCERNED WITH JSEA POLICY, WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

+THE ADVICE OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLS COUNCILS WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT,+ HE ADDED.

PARENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY WRITE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE WORKING PARTY AT THE JSEA SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE, 4TH FLOOR, 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1985.

MR WINFIELD URGED THAT ALL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE WORKING PARTY COULD TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THEM IN ITS DELIBERATIONS.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE:

- (1) HAVING REGARD TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S REPORT NO. 1, THE EXPERIENCE GAINED TO DATE AND THE VIEWS OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SYSTEM, TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM; AND HAVING REGARD TO THE NEEDS AND LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS, TO RECOMMEND TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ANY IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM, PRIOR TO ITS BEING PHASED OUT IN 1991;
- (2) TO RECOMMEND TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION A NEW MEANS OF PLACEMENT FOR FORM III LEAVERS AFTER THE JSEA SYSTEM IS PHASED OUT;
- (3) TO MAKE SUCH OTHER OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS THE WORKING PARTY MAY CONSIDER RELEVANT TO THE ABOVE.

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SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR JUNK BAY

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ANOTHER PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT WILL BE GETTING OFF THE GROUND IN JUNK BAY FOLLOWING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$157.3 MILLION TENDER BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BUILDING COMMITTEE AT ITS LAST MEETING.

+CONSTRUCTION WILL START SOON ON THE FIRST PHASE OF TSUI LAM ESTATE, THE SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE BUDDING NEW TOWN, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID TODAY.

HE SAID WORK WOULD INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF TWO 35-STORY TRIDENT AND TWO 22-STORY SLAB BLOCKS, A COMMUNITY HALL AND A TWO-STORY CARPARK, AS WELL AS ELEVATED WALKWAYS AND AN INTERNAL ESTATE ROAD.

+THE FOUR RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS WILL HAVE ALTOGETHER 2 460 FLATS FOR ABOUT 10 800 PEOPLE IN 1987.

+COVERING A 15.6-HECTARE SITE IN THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, TSUI LAM ESTATE WILL BE DEVELOPED IN THREE PHASES OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WITH ALTOGETHER EIGHT RENTAL AND THREE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME BLOCKS.

+UPON FULL COMPLETION BY 1989, THE ESTATE WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF 26 000 PEOPLE IN 4 984 RENTAL AND 1 050 HOS FLATS, WELL SERVED BY WIDE-RANGING COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.+

MEANWHILE, WORK IS WELL UNDERWAY ON THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT IN THE NEW TOWN, PO LAM ESTATE, WHICH IS BEING BUILT IN THREE PHASES AND WILL PROVIDE MODERN ACCOMMODATION FOR ANOTHER 28 800 PEOPLE BY 1988.

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24 000 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR FOUR PSPS PROJECTS

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SALES OF THE 4 120 FLATS UNDER PHASE VIIB OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HAVE ATTRACTED MORE THAN 24 000 APPLICATIONS BY THE DEADLINE OF 7 PM TODAY.

+OF THEM, ABOUT 20 000 ARE FROM WHITE-FORM PRIVATE SECTOR APPLICANTS AND 4 000 FROM VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF GREEN-FORM APPLICANTS, + SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

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+HOWEVER, THE FINAL FIGURE IS STILL NOT YET AVAILABLE AS MORE APPLICATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO COME IN BY POST IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

+A BALLOT WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.+

THE FLATS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE ARE AT PRIME VIEW GARDEN IN TUEN MUN, HOLFORD GARDENS IN SHA TIN, SUN LAI GARDENS IN NGAU CHI WAN AND GREENWOOD TERRACE IN CHAI WAN, ALL OF THEM ARE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME PROJECTS.

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RATEPAYERS REMINDED

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RATEPAYERS WERE TODAY REMINDED BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT THAT THIS IS THE LAST WEEK IN WHICH THEY CAN MAKE PROPOSALS TO ALTER THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THEIR PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING APRIL 1, 1985.

FORMS FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG AND FROM DISTRICT OFFICES.

PROPOSALS MUST BE LODGED WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 30, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT RATE DEMANDS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER'S RATES WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE TREASURY NEXT WEEK.

+THESE MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30 WHETHER A PROPOSAL IS LODGED OR NOT,+ HE SAID.

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TUNNEL TOLLS UP FROM APRIL 1

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT FROM APRIL 1, TOLL CHARGES FOR LION ROCK AND ABERDEEN TUNNELS WILL GO UP FROM \$2 TO \$3, AS ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON BUDGET DAY (FEBRUARY 27).

A SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FROM APRIL 1, FOUR TOLL BOOTHS AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL ACCEPT +EXACT TOLLS+, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW THROUGH TOLL BOOTHS.

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THERE WILL BE 10 TOLL BOOTHS OPERATING DURING PEAK HOURS, FOUR OF WHICH WILL NOT GIVE ANY CHANGE. TWO SUCH BOOTHS WILL SERVE NEW TERRITORIES BOUND TRAFFIC, AND TWO WILL SERVE KOWLOON BOUND VEHICLES.

MEANWHILE WORK IS CONTINUING TO ADD TWO MORE TOLL BOOTHS FOR THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, TO BRING THE NUMBER TO 12 BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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NOTE TO TV NEWS EDITORS:

PLEASE BROADCAST THESE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YOUR MORNING BULLETINS.

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IFF FEATURES OLD-TIME CANTONESE COMEDIES

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A PROGRAMME OF CANTONESE COMEDIES PRODUCED IN THE POST-WAR YEARS UP TO THE LATE 60S WILL BE FEATURED AT THE NINTH HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 29 (FRIDAY).

DURING THE 16-DAY FILM EXTRAVAGANZA, 19 TITLES OUT OF 700 COMEDIES MADE DURING THAT PERIOD WILL BE PRESENTED. THEY INCLUDE A COMET OF LAUGHTER LANDS OF EARTH, CROSSROADS, AND TWO FOOLS IN PARADISE, ALL OF THEM STARRING VETERAN COMEDIAN TANG KEI-CHAN. IN ADDITION, ALL-TIME FAVOURITE TSE YIN APPEARS IN INTIMATE PARTNERS AND ONE MILLION DOLLAR INHERITANCE WHILE THE THEN SUPERSTAR CHAN PO-CHU IS THE LEADING ACTRESS IN YOUNG, UNMARRIED AND PREGNANT.

THE FILMS WILL BE SHOWN IN THE SPACE MUSEUM AND KO SHAN THEATRE DURING THE FESTIVAL.

TICKETS AT \$15 AND \$20 ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE CITY HALL, SPACE MUSEUM, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM AND KO SHAN THEATRE.

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SEMINARS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS CAN ATTEND A NUMBER OF SEMINARS ORGANISED FOR THEM BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

ON APRIL 23 THERE WILL BE A SEMINAR ON THE TEACHING OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS DEALING WITH THE SCHEME OF WORK, TEACHING METHODS AND ASSESSMENTS.

IT WILL BE CONDUCTED AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12.30 PM.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 500 TEACHERS IN THE SEMINAR.

A SERIES OF REPEATED ONE-DAY SEMINARS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM APRIL 25 TO JUNE 20 TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH CONCEPTS ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND TO INTRODUCE SUITABLE PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS.

EACH SEMINAR WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM AT SAN WUI COMMERCIAL SOCIETY SCHOOL IN LEI CHENG UK ESTATE, KOWLOON.

ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 40 TEACHERS PER SEMINAR.

ALL THE SEMINARS WILL BE IN CANTONESE.

SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD SEND IN THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEMINAR ON THE TEACHING OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS APRIL 2, AND THAT FOR THE SERIES OF SEMINARS ON PHYSICAL FITNESS IS APRIL 4.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION ON 3-884111 EXT. 278 OR 283.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS GET AWARDS

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THE 1985 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS, A MAJOR ANNUAL EVENT IN BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSIC, ENDED LAST (SUNDAY) NIGHT, AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF KEEN COMPETITION.

THE WESTERN MUSIC FINALS WERE STAGED LAST NIGHT AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE. THE CHINESE MUSIC FINALS HAD BEEN HELD ON THE PREVIOUS SUNDAY (MARCH 17).

THE CONTEST, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG (CASH), IS AIMED AT UNCOVERING YOUNG TALENT AND AT RAISING THE STANDARD OF COMPOSITION AND PERFORMANCE OF SERIOUS MUSIC.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD LAST NIGHT, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, SAID THAT THE COMPOSITIONS AND PERFORMANCES PRESENTED AT THE FINALS WERE FINE EXAMPLES OF THE MUSICAL TALENT THAT ABOUNDS IN HONG KONG.

THE ORGANISERS WERE KEEN TO PROVIDE YOUNG MUSICIANS WITH THE CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENTS AND TO STIMULATE THEIR INTEREST IN COMPOSITION OR IN PERFORMANCE, HE SAID.

+OUR INTEREST IS IN RAISING STANDARDS AND WE WILL DO OUR PART TO PROVIDE THE INCENTIVES,+ HE SAID.

CHIEF ADJUDICATOR OF THE (WESTERN MUSIC) COMPOSITION CATEGORY, PROFESSOR DAVID GWILT SAID THAT THE GENERAL STANDARD OF COMPOSITION WAS HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR'S BUT MORE ORIGINALITY, INVENTION AND PERSONALITY WAS NEEDED.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS OF BOTH CATEGORIES - COMPOSITION AND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE OF WESTERN MUSIC RECEIVED CASH PRIZES OF \$6 000, \$3 000 AND \$1 000 RESPECTIVELY FROM MR STUART WILKINSON, THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING AND MR MALCOLM BARNETT, CHAIRMAN OF CASH. SIMILAR PRIZES HAD BEEN GIVEN TO WINNERS OF THE CHINESE MUSIC FINALS LAST WEEK.

FULL RESULTS OF THE WINNERS AND WINNING PIECES WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

COMPOSITION (CHINESE MUSIC):

1. +HOPE+ BY LEUNG CHI-CHEUNG
2. +TRIO FOR HSIAO, SHENG AND YANG-CHIN+ BY LAI SHEUNG-PING
3. +JUBILATION+ BY CHEUNG KWOK-CHUNG

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ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE (CHINESE MUSIC):

1. RITUAL FIRE DANCE (PERFORMERS: YAO YEH CHINESE ORCHESTRA)
2. SHADOWS UNDER THE MOONLIGHT (PERFORMERS: LI YING-WAI, FUNG LAI-YEE, SIU MAN-CHING, PANG YUI-SHING, CHAN SHUK-HA, LAM KING-TIM, WONG KA-WAI, LIANG WAI-MAN, SUN SIU-LING AND TSANG MAN-FEI)
3. TRIPLE FOLDS OF THE GATE OF YANG CITY (PERFORMERS: SHUI YIN, YU YUEN-FAN, CHAN HING-YAN, HUI PANG, CHOI CHI-YAN, LEY PUI-CHUN, LEY YU-CHUNG, WONG KA-WAI, CHAN YAT-PING, CHAN YAT-CHING, LEUNG FOR-SING AND CHOW MAN-SUI)

COMPOSITION (WESTERN MUSIC):

1. A LUNATIC'S MONOLOGUE (LAI SHEUNG-PING)
2. STRING QUARTET (WONG BON-YIN)
3. JOINT: SUITE FOR FLUTE AND PIANO (MAK YUNG-CHEUNG) AND MUSIC FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO (KOO CHAT-PO)

ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE (WESTERN MUSIC):

1. FIRST MOVEMENT FROM STRING QUARTET NO. 6, OP. 96, DVORAK (PERFORMERS: WONG SZE-HANG, WONG FUNG, IU YUEN AND FONG YOU-FEN)
2. FIRST MOVEMENT FROM TRIO FOR VIOLIN, VIOLINCELLO AND PIANOFORTE IN D MINOR, MENDELSSOHN (PERFORMERS: KWAN LAP-HOK, LILY YEUNG, CHENG HOI-LAN)
3. CONCERTO IN A MINOR FOR TWO VIOLINS AND PIANO, VIVALDI (PERFORMERS: WONG FUNG, WONG SZE-HANG AND CHENG WAI).

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POSTER COMPETITION FOR BUILDING ARTISTS
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BUDDING ARTISTS ARE NOW GIVEN A CHANCE TO EXERCISE THEIR TALENTS AND CREATIVITY.

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BELOW THE AGE OF 21 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A WATER SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, THE COMPETITION AIMS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF WATER SAFETY IN THE CURRENT SWIMMING SEASON.

THE BEST ENTRY WILL BE USED AS NEXT YEAR'S WATER SAFETY CAMPAIGN POSTER WHICH WILL BE DISPLAYED ALL OVER THE TERRITORY.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: THE SENIOR SECTION FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 21 AND THE JUNIOR SECTION FOR THOSE AGED UNDER 14.

THE SIZE OF EACH ENTRY SHOULD NOT BE SMALLER THAN 20 CM BY 30 CM.

THERE WILL BE SEVEN PRIZES IN EACH SECTION. FOR THE SENIOR SECTION, THE FIRST PRIZE IS \$800, SECOND PRIZE \$600, THIRD PRIZE \$300 PLUS FOUR CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$100 EACH. FOR THE JUNIOR SECTION, THE FIRST PRIZE IS \$400, SECOND PRIZE \$200, THIRD PRIZE \$100 PLUS FOUR CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$50 EACH. A CERTIFICATE WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO EACH WINNER.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD SEND THEIR ENTRIES TO THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 12TH FLOOR, ICE HOUSE STREET, BEFORE JULY 27, 1985.

RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

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ELEVATED WALKWAY FOR MONG KOK

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT AN ELEVATED WALKWAY AT BUTE STREET THAT WILL LINK UP WITH THE NEW TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE BEING BUILT AT PODIUM-LEVEL AT THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY'S MONG KOK STATION.

THE STRUCTURE WILL SPAN SAI YEE STREET AND BUTE STREET AND FORM PART OF THE STATION'S REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE SCHEME WILL BE OF PARTICULAR SAFETY BENEFIT TO STUDENTS OF TWO SCHOOLS IN THE VICINITY WHO CROSS THE BUSY JUNCTIONS OF SAI YEE STREET.

WORK ON THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS, ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS AND THE INSTALLATION OF A NUMBER OF ESCALATORS AT THE JUNCTIONS OF THE TWO STREETS.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT A CONCRETE SCREEN BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE SIDE OF THE FOOTBRIDGE CLOSE TO ADJACENT PROPERTY, AS AN AMELIORATING MEASURE.

THE MODIFIED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, TUNG PING BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON DURING OFFICE HOURS.

ANY PERSON ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE ORDINANCE MAY SERVE A WRITTEN CLAIM UPON THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

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HANDBOOK ON NORTH DISTRICT

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAS PUBLISHED A RESIDENT'S HANDBOOK ABOUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LIFE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE 32-PAGE HANDBOOK, PRINTED IN CHINESE, CONTAINS CHAPTERS ON THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE RURAL COMMITTEES.

THE HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT, LOCAL FESTIVALS AND ACTIVITIES, A DESCRIPTION OF THE BORDER AREA AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

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THE HANDBOOK ALSO CONTAINS A MAP ILLUSTRATING THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARY, CHARTS, COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ABOUT 20 000 COPIES HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND ARE AVAILABLE FREE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A COPY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT HANDBOOK WILL BE BOXED IN THE GIS PRESS BOXES FOR YOUR COLLECTION.

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NOT FOR LEARNER DRIVERS

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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 28), LEARNER DRIVERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE CUL-DE-SAC OF BERWICK STREET SOUTH OF SHEK KIP MEI STREET.

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WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 28) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY KUNG LOK ROAD, HONG LEE ROAD AND HONG NING ROAD FROM KUNG LOK ROAD TO HIP WO STREET, INCLUDING LOK WAH ESTATE PHASE I, II AND III, ON TAK ROAD, ON SHIN ROAD AND BLOCKS 1-5 AND 9-12 OF UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY)
STOOD AT 61.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 358.165 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 442.529 MILLION
CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 75.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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