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MARCH EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS RELEASED

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THERE WERE 814,200 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN MARCH 1989, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 4.1 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH MARCH 1988, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 707,100 IN MARCH 1989, WAS 5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1988.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 241,000, WAS UP BY 12.7 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES DECREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH MARCH 1988.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN MARCH 1989 WERE DERIVED FROM THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THESE SECTORS COVER THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR MARCH 1989 IN THESE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, WITH COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1988 AND DECEMBER 1988, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN* | | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE** | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | MAR. 88 | DEC. 88 | MAR. 89 | MAR. 89 ON MAR. 88 | MAR. 89 ON DEC. 88 |
| MANUFACTURING | 849,100 | 837,100 | 814,200 | -4.1 | -2.7 |
| CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ONLY) | 74,100 | 76,300 | 73,000 | -1.6 | -4.4 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 673,300 | 711,300 | 707,100 | +5.0 | -0.6 |

/FINANCING, INSURANCE,

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|---|---------|---------|---------|-------|------|
| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 213,900 | 235,500 | 241,000 | +12.7 | +2.4 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|-------|------|

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDRED.
** BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

COMPARING MARCH 1989 WITH DECEMBER 1988, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING, THE CONSTRUCTION SITES, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTLES SECTORS DECREASED BY 2.7 PER CENT, 4.4 PER CENT, AND 0.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.4 PER CENT.

THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS (EXCEPT CONSTRUCTION SITES WHICH ARE COVERED IN A SEPARATE SURVEY). THE VACANCY DATA TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1988 AND DECEMBER 1988 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN* | | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE** | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | MAR. 88 | DEC. 88 | MAR. 89 | MAR. 89 ON MAR. 88 | MAR. 89 ON DEC.88 |
| MANUFACTURING | 57,700 | 51,790 | 57,050 | -1.1 | +10.2 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 33,480 | 32,600 | 37,720 | +12.7 | +15.7 |
| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 8,890 | 10,640 | 11,630 | +30.9 | +9.4 |

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST TEN.
** BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO MARCH 1988, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY 1.1 PER CENT. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE OF 12.7 PER CENT AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AN INCREASE OF 30.9 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS INCREASED BY 10.2 PER CENT, 15.7 PER CENT AND 9.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN MARCH 1989.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN | | % CHANGE* |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 1ST QTR. 1988 | 1ST QTR. 1989 | 1ST QTR. 1989 ON 1ST QTR. 1988 |
| | HK\$ MN | HK\$ MN | |
| MANUFACTURING | 10,522 | 11,712 | +11.3 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 8,950 | 11,071 | +23.7 |
| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 4,440 | 5,970 | +34.4 |

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

COMPARED WITH SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 11.3 PER CENT, 23.7 PER CENT AND 34.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN MARCH 1988 AND MARCH 1989, ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. THESE TWO INDICES FOR MARCH 1988 AND MARCH 1989 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:

/NOMINAL INDEX

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NOMINAL INDEX OF
PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED
(JUNE 1980 = 100)

% CHANGE

| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | ----- | | MAR. 89 ON MAR. 88 |
|---|---------|---------|--------------------------|
| | MAR. 88 | MAR. 89 | |
| MANUFACTURING | 252.2 | 297.0 | +17.8 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 250.1 | 290.0 | +16.0 |
| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 244.0 | 288.6 | +18.3 |

REAL INDEX OF
PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED
(JUNE 1980 = 100)

% CHANGE

| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | ----- | | MAR. 89 ON MAR. 88 |
|---|---------|---------|--------------------------|
| | MAR. 88 | MAR. 89 | |
| MANUFACTURING | 140.6 | 151.2 | +7.5 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 139.4 | 147.7 | +6.0 |
| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 136.0 | 146.9 | +8.0 |

BETWEEN MARCH 1988 AND MARCH 1989, AN INCREASE OF 17.8 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTORS.

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FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 16 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 18.3 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF 7.5 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, 6 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND 8 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, MARCH 1989, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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'MEET-THE-PUBLIC' SCHEME AN EFFECTIVE CHANNEL
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THE "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME BEING OPERATED BY DISTRICT BOARDS HAS PROVED TO BE ONE OF THE VERY EFFECTIVE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCH MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN, MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, ABOUT 4,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TERRITORY MET THEIR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS UNDER THE SCHEME.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1981, THE SCHEME HAD ALSO PROVED TO BE ABLE TO:

- * PROVIDE AN INFORMAL, EASY, BUT DIRECT ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS TO MEET AND KNOW BETTER THEIR DB MEMBERS;
- * ENABLE DB MEMBERS TO HAVE FIRST HAND INFORMATION OF LOCAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND THEIR VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND MEASURES;
- * TO PUT DB MEMBERS IN A BETTER POSITION TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON DETERMINING PRIORITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN DISTRICTS; AND
- * TO SERVE AS AN ADDITIONAL CHANNEL FOR AIRING OF GRIEVANCES AND FOR REMEDYING OF MALADMINISTRATION.

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TRACING THE HISTORY OF THE SCHEME, MR LAN SAID IT WAS LAUNCHED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO 17 OTHER DISTRICTS BY MID-1983. THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD STARTED ITS "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME AS SOON AS IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN APRIL 1985.

UNDER THE SCHEME, HE CONTINUED, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COULD EITHER RING UP A DISTRICT BOARD'S SECRETARIAT OR GO TO A DISTRICT OFFICE IN PERSON TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DB MEMBER.

EACH DISTRICT OFFICE MAINTAINED A DUTY ROSTER FOR DB MEMBERS, BOTH ELECTED AND APPOINTED, TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO FIND OUT WHEN AND WHERE THE MEETING SESSIONS WERE HELD, AND WHEN A PARTICULAR DB MEMBER WOULD BE ON DUTY TO MEET THEM.

"THE TIME-TABLE AND THE MEETING VENUES ARE PUBLICISHED ON THE NOTICE BOARDS OF ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS.

"TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY OF THE SCHEME IS ARRANGED BY THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST (API) ON TELEVISION AND RADIO, WHILE PUBLICITY LEAFLETS ARE ALSO DISTRIBUTED FREE AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THEIR SUB-OFFICES," MR LAN SAID.

DURING THE MEETING SESSIONS, DB MEMBERS WERE ASSISTED BY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WHO PROVIDED SECRETARIAL SUPPORT.

"IF THE MATTER RAISED IS A STRAIGHT-FORWARD ONE, THE DB MEMBER WILL DEAL WITH IT ON THE SPOT. IF IT IS A MORE COMPLICATED ONE, HE MAY ASK THE DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF TO RESEARCH FOR AN ANSWER OR REFER THE MATTER TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR ORGANISATIONS FOR ADVICE OR FOLLOW UP ACTION," HE SAID.

"IN SOME CASES, FURTHER INVESTIGATION MAY BE NECESSARY AND FOLLOW UP ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE."

MR LAN SAID A CALLER MIGHT MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON GENERAL ISSUES, SUCH AS EDUCATION, HOUSING, BUILDING MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, HAWKERS AND MARKETS OR TRAFFIC MATTERS.

IN APPROPRIATE CASES, THE SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD OR ONE OF ITS COMMITTEES FOR DISCUSSION, AND THE CALLER WOULD BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"IF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FIND A CERTAIN POLICY UNREASONABLE OR REQUIRES CHANGE, THEY WILL REFLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON IT TO THE GOVERNMENT," HE NOTED.

IN CONCLUSION, MR LAN SAID THE DISTRICT BOARDS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH DISTRICT OFFICES, WERE KEEPING THE SCHEME UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW SO AS TO IDENTIFY AREAS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

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ENVIRONMENT REVIEW ON SALE TOMORROW
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A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, "ENVIRONMENT HONG KONG 1989", WILL BE ON SALE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE 219-PAGE REVIEW, ILLUSTRATED WITH DIAGRAMS AND PICTURES, GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE MANY AND VARIED ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1988 TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT.

THE REPORT'S COVER IS A PICTURE PRODUCED BY COMPUTER GRAPHICS ON THE CALCULATED WATER POLLUTION LEVELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR. THIS IS ONE OF THE ADVANCED TECHNICAL METHODS THE DEPARTMENT USES TO PLAN FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

IN ORDER TO CATER FOR THOSE WITH SIMPLY A GENERAL CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, A CHAPTER HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE REVIEW OUTLINING, IN NON-TECHNICAL TERMS, THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

FOR READERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MORE DETAILS OF SPECIFIC TECHNICAL FIELDS, THERE ARE SEPARATE CHAPTERS COVERING WATER AND WASTES, AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT, NOISE AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT.

THERE IS A NEW CHAPTER ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WHICH EXPLAINS THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN ENHANCING THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS OF THE PUBLIC, EDUCATING INTERESTED GROUPS ON SPECIFIED TECHNICAL MATTERS, AND STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE REVIEW IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT MONTH.

THE REVIEW, AT \$25 A COPY, IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF GPO BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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LIVESTOCK FARMERS SEE WASTE TREATMENT DEMONSTRATION
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MORE THAN 100 LIVESTOCK FARMERS WISHING TO CONTINUE BUSINESS IN CONTROL AREAS HAVE OBSERVED THE OPERATION OF THE PIG-ON-LITTER AND DRY MUCK-OUT METHODS UNDER PRIVATE FARM CONDITIONS.

DURING VISITS TO PRIVATE FARMS PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON WASTE TREATMENT METHODS, THESE FARMERS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE OPERATION OF TREATMENT SYSTEMS WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO COMPLY WITH ANTI-POLLUTION REGULATIONS.

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THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING GROUP ON DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON PRIVATE FARMS, MR JOHN BURRETT, TOLD MEMBERS AT A MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT SO FAR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS ARRANGED FIVE SUCH VISITS.

MORE VISITS WILL BE ARRANGED WHEN OTHER PRIVATE FARMS USING THE WET MUCK-OUT AND HYBRID METHODS ARE READY FOR DEMONSTRATION.

THE STEERING GROUP ALSO PAYS REGULAR VISITS TO THE NINE FARMS PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO MONITOR PROGRESS.

AT THE REQUEST OF SOME STEERING GROUP MEMBERS, ANOTHER VISIT TO A POULTRY FARM IN FANLING, DEMONSTRATING THE HYBRID TREATMENT METHOD, WAS ARRANGED TO TAKE PLACE AFTER TODAY'S MEETING.

DURING THE MEETING, THE STEERING GROUP MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT OUT OF THE NINE FARMS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT, FIVE HAVE ALREADY BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE OPERATORS.

A FARM USING THE PIG-ON-LITTER METHOD IS READY FOR HANDOVER PENDING THE COMPLETION OF MINOR WORKS.

ANOTHER FARM USING THE WET MUCK-OUT METHOD WILL BE COMMISSIONED WHEN INSTALLATION OF ANCILLARY FACILITIES IS COMPLETED.

OF THE TWO FARMS USING THE HYBRID SYSTEM, THE PIG FARM IN SHA TIN IS ALREADY OPERATING AND THE FARM OPERATOR IS BEING TRAINED IN THE USE OF THE SYSTEM WHILE TRAINING FOR THE OPERATOR OF THE POULTRY FARM IN FANLING WILL START SOON.

THE SYSTEMS IN BOTH FARMS ARE OPERATING SATISFACTORILY, PRODUCING EFFLUENTS COMPLYING WITH ANTI-POLLUTION STANDARDS.

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CERTIFICATE SAFETY COURSES OPEN FOR ENROLMENT

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE FOUR ONE-YEAR PART-TIME CERTIFICATE COURSES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY STAFF IN INDUSTRY IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE CERTIFICATE COURSES ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AND MORE ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE IN SAFETY-RELATED SUBJECTS, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE ENGAGED IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MATTERS," HE STRESSED.

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THE COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY LECTURERS OF THE POLYTECHNIC, SAFETY CONSULTANTS IN RELATED FIELDS, AND EXPERIENCED FACTORY INSPECTORS.

OF THE COURSES, TWO ARE ON GENERAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WHICH LEAD TO THE AWARD OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

"THE CERTIFICATE IS FULLY RECOGNISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS A REQUIRED ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION FOR REGISTERING AS SAFETY OFFICERS," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

"IN ADDITION, THEY ARE ALSO ACCEPTED BY THE HONG KONG OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION AS SATISFYING THEIR ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP."

SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED IN THIS COURSE INCLUDE SAFETY LAWS, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE, SAFETY TECHNOLOGY, TECHNIQUES IN SAFETY MANAGEMENT AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION, AS WELL AS INSPECTION AND REPORTING.

THE OTHER TWO ARE MORE ADVANCED COURSES FOR HOLDERS OF THE ABOVE CERTIFICATE OR THOSE WITH RELATED QUALIFICATIONS TO FURTHER BROADEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

THEY ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL WITH ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD ORGANISATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SAFETY PRACTICES AND THE ABILITY TO TACKLE SAFETY PROBLEMS.

THOSE INTERESTED ARE URGED TO ENROL IMMEDIATELY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC ON 3-7665388.

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FRONTIER SCHOOL'S FIRST GRADUATES

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THE FIRST BATCH OF 32 GRADUATES FROM THE SHA TAU KOK CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI, TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SCHOOL, BUILT AT A COST OF \$11 MILLION AND SITUATED WITHIN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA, IS AN AMALGAMATION OF FIVE RURAL SCHOOLS DISPERSED IN REMOTE VILLAGES IN SHA TAU KOK.

EQUIPPED WITH 12 STANDARD CLASSROOMS, A FULLY FURNISHED HALL AND VARIOUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE SCHOOL BEGAN WHOLE DAY OPERATIONS LAST SEPTEMBER.

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SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY, MR HUI SAID THROUGH AN ACTIVITY APPROACH IN CLASSROOM EDUCATION AND THE PROMOTION OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, THE SCHOOL AIMED TO ENHANCE THE MORAL, INTELLECTUAL, PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND AESTHETIC DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS.

"IT ALSO GIVES ASSISTANCE IN DISTRICT-BASED FUNCTIONS SUCH AS ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY, FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOWS, AS WELL AS CULTURAL AND SPORTS EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL," HE ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR POON HUEN-WAI, AND DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER (NORTH), MR LEE YUK-FAI.

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KINDERGARTEN GIRL WINS GOLD MEDAL IN ART SHOW

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HONG KONG SCHOOL CHILDREN CAME THROUGH WITH FLYING COLOURS IN AN INTERNATIONAL ART COMPETITION IN JAPAN.

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN GIRL FROM TUEN MUN WON A GOLD MEDAL AND SIX SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE AWARDED SILVER MEDALS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN THE FIFTH KANAGAWA BIENNIAL WORLD CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION IN YOKOHAMA.

THE GOLD MEDAL WINNER IS CHAN WAI-YIN, OF PO LEUNG KUK SIU HONG COURT KINDERGARTEN. SHE WAS HONOURED FOR THE COLOURED CHALK DRAWING OF HER IMPRESSION OF HONG KONG AS A VIBRANT CITY.

THE DRAWING SHOWS HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS WITH TELEVISION ANTENNAE IN THE BACKGROUND, AN OCEAN LINER IN THE HARBOUR AND AN AIRCRAFT IN THE SKY --- REPRESENTING HONG KONG'S LINKS WITH THE WORLD THROUGH THE EYES OF A GIRL, DEVELOPING THE THEME THAT HONG KONG IS HER HOME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "THE PICTURE IS RICH IN VISUAL DETAILS ASSEMBLED IN A TIGHTLY KNITTED COMPOSITION.

"THE LINEAR REPRESENTATION OF WAVES SYMMETRICALLY MATCHES THE LINEAR ANTENNAE AND THE EQUALLY SYSTEMATIC PATTERN OF FLUFFY CLOUDS IN THE SKY. IT IS REMARKABLE PIECE OF WORK BY A FIVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL."

THE SILVER MEDALS WENT TO TWO GIRLS AND FOUR BOYS.

THE GIRLS ARE WONG SAU-WAI (AGED 10), OF YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY AM SCHOOL, AND SHIU WAI-YI (13), OF POPE PAUL VI COLLEGE.

THE BOYS ARE SIEW WING-KIT (8), OF ISLAND ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY PM SCHOOL, FAN SHUN-KEI (10), OF MARY ROSE SCHOOL (A SPECIAL SCHOOL), LO WAI-HUNG (11), OF PUI CHING PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND CHOI CHI-HUNG (14) OF PO LEUNG KUK CENTENARY COLLEGE.

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THE COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION ATTRACTED 14,371 ENTRIES FROM KANAGAWA PREFECTURE AND 25,873 OTHERS FROM 85 COUNTRIES AND TWO REGIONS IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING 78 FROM HONG KONG.

OF THE OVER 40,000 ENTRIES, 587 BY JAPANESE CHILDREN AND 615 BY CHILDREN OF OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SEVEN FROM HONG KONG, WERE SELECTED FOR DISPLAY AT AN EXHIBITION IN YOKOHAMA.

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HK REGIMENT SHOOTS TO SUCCESS
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT'S SHOOTING TEAM RETURNED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TODAY (THURSDAY) FOLLOWING SUCCESS IN THE TERRITORIAL ARMY SKILL AT ARMS MEETING (TASAAM) AT BISLEY IN SOUTHEAST ENGLAND.

THE COMPETITION, HELD BETWEEN JULY 3 AND 9, BROUGHT TOGETHER EXPERT MARKSMEN FROM MOST RESERVE ARMY UNITS THROUGHOUT BRITAIN AND WAS ORGANISED BY THE TERRITORIAL ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE REGIMENT'S SHOOTERS WON THE TEAM PISTOL COMPETITION AND TROOPERS GILBERT U KING-HUNG AND JOE HO MANG-KEUNG CAME SECOND AND THIRD RESPECTIVELY IN THE INDIVIDUAL PISTOL EVENT. TROOPER U ALSO WON THE CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIP WHICH WAS OPEN TO MEMBERS WITH LESS THAN FIVE YEARS' MILITARY SERVICE.

THE REGIMENT TEAM COMPRISED EIGHT SHOOTERS AND FOUR MANAGEMENT STAFF, AND THIS WAS THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR THE REGIMENT HAD COMPETED IN TASAAM, CONSIDERED TO BE A HIGHLY PRESTIGIOUS SHOOTING EVENT IN THE UK.

IT WAS TEAM EFFORT THAT HELPED THE HONG KONG REGIMENT CAPTURE THE TEAM PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP, AND OUTSTANDING MARKSMANSHIP FROM TROOPERS GILBERT U AND JOE HO CONTRIBUTED TO THE REGIMENT'S OVERALL SUCCESS AT THE COMPETITION.

GILBERT U KING-HUNG, A WELL-KNOWN SHOOTER WHO REPRESENTED HONG KONG AT THE SEOUL OLYMPICS AND AT OTHER INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS, JOINED THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1988. IN CIVILIAN LIFE HE IS A MERCHANT.

JOE HO MANG-KEUNG HAS BEEN A VOLUNTEER FOR MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS, HAVING REPRESENTED THE REGIMENT IN NUMEROUS SHOOTING COMPETITIONS. IN CIVILIAN LIFE HE HAS HIS OWN ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS BUSINESS.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SHOOTING TEAM INCLUDE SERGEANT LO FOOK-SHUN; CORPORALS CHAN WAI-SHUN AND NG YUK-MING; LANCE CORPORAL LOONG KAR-MING; AND TROOPERS SHING SAI-KEUNG AND LIEW SAN-YUEN.

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WONG TAI SIN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING ON SUNDAY

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, WITH MORE THAN 800 RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, WILL START ON SUNDAY (JULY 16).

"THE ACTIVITIES WILL CATER FOR YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 25 IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE SUMMER VACATION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THEY INCLUDE PICNICS, CARNIVALS, VARIETY SHOWS, MOVIE SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, TRAINING COURSES, CAMPING AND COMPETITIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE ACTIVITIES, WHICH CARRY THE THEME OF "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", WERE BEING ORGANISED BY 42 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES, THE YOUTHS CAN DEVELOP A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

A LEAFLET CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES, AND OFFICES OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH ARE ORGANISING THE EVENTS.

AN OPENING CEREMONY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A CARNIVAL, WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 16) AT THE PODIUM OF THE PHASE II MARKET OF CHOI WAN ESTATE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, DR MICHAEL LEE; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU; AND CHAIRWOMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MISS MARGARET HONG.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY A BAND AND A CHINESE ORCHESTRA, A DEMONSTRATION OF TAEKWONDO, SCOTISH DANCES, A MAGIC SHOW AND STALL GAMES AT THE CARNIVAL.

MEANWHILE, A DECORATED VAN WILL BE ROVING THE STREETS OF THE DISTRICT BETWEEN 1 PM AND 6 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 15) TO PROMOTE THE SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND CARNIVAL OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 16) AT THE PODIUM OF THE PHASE II MARKET OF CHOI WAN ESTATE.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO ISLANDS

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROGRESS REPORT ON APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A TOTAL OF 18 PROJECTS WITH ESTIMATED COSTS AMOUNTING TO \$1.24 MILLION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE WORKS SECTION OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF SUPPLYING MECHANICAL GRASS CUTTERS FOR THE RURAL COMMITTEES AND A REQUEST TO CLARIFY THE NAMES OF VILLAGES IN SOUTH LANTAU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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TSUEN WAN DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DISTRICT STRATEGY

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE DISTRICT WORK STRATEGY OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER INVITING SPONSORSHIP FROM THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR THE PREFERENTIAL SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS AND FUND APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE IN KWAI TSING ON AGENDA

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS MAINTENANCE WORKS OF THE OLD PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND WAYS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICES.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE DISTRICT AND AN PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON REHABILITATION SERVICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR THE ELDERLY

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A FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (JULY 15) AND SUNDAY (JULY 16).

ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE FREE MEDICAL SERVICE IS ALSO AIMED AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY.

OLD PEOPLE WHO WISH TO HAVE A PHYSICAL CHECK-UP MAY GO TO THE CHOI HUNG SERVICE CENTRE, ROOM 121-125, KAM WAH HOUSE, CHOI HUNG ESTATE FROM 9 AM TO NOON AND FROM 1.30 PM TO 4 PM ON THE TWO DAYS.

QUALIFIED MEDICAL PERSONNEL WILL PERFORM THE CHECK-UPS WHICH WILL FOCUS MAINLY ON DIABETES AND BLOOD PRESSURE. THEY WILL ALSO EXPLAIN THE FINDINGS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

WHERE NECESSARY, A MORE COMPREHENSIVE CHECK-UP WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THOSE AGED OVER 60.

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AT THE SAME TIME, A HEALTH CARE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE VENUE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT TO BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO NOON AND FROM 1.30 PM TO 4 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 15) AND SUNDAY (JULY 16) AT ROOM 121-125, KAM WAH HOUSE, CHOI HUNG ESTATE.

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CLOSURE OF COTTON TREE DRIVE MARRIAGE REGISTRY
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THE COTTON TREE DRIVE MARRIAGE REGISTRY SITUATED AT RAWLINSON HOUSE, VICTORIA BARRACKS, COTTON TREE DRIVE, HONG KONG, WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR FROM OCTOBER 15, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE CLOSURE WAS NECESSARY DUE TO THE BUILDING OF A PARK IN THE VICINITY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"AS LARGE-SCALE CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE VICINITY OF COTTON TREE DRIVE AND RAWLINSON HOUSE, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR MARRIAGE CEREMONIES TO BE HELD AT THE COTTON TREE DRIVE MARRIAGE REGISTRY DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

"THEREFORE, APPOINTMENTS FOR MARRIAGE CEREMONIES TO BE HELD AT THE COTTON TREE DRIVE MARRIAGE REGISTRY ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 15 CAN NO LONGER BE BOOKED AT THE MARRIAGE REGISTRATION AND RECORDS OFFICE AT THIRD FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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URBAN CLEARWAY ON JAFFE ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 15), JAFFE ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN CANNON STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES TO THE EAST WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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LONG VEHICLE BAN TO BE LIFTED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE EXISTING BAN ON VEHICLES EXCEEDING EIGHT METRES FROM ENTERING PERTH STREET IN MONG KOK WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 15).

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF VEHICULAR UNDERPASS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE VEHICULAR UNDERPASS IN SHAM SHUI PO LEADING FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND TO NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 15) FOR CLEANING WORKS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG PING ROAD, A FLYOVER AND NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND.

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