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FUTURE NATIONALITY DETAILS RELEASED

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DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED FUTURE NATIONALITY STATUS OF HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS (BDTC'S) AS OUTLINED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM MEMORANDUM ASSOCIATED WITH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION WERE RELEASED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN HONG KONG AND LONDON TODAY.

THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN A UK GOVERNMENT DRAFT ORDER IN COUNCIL ANNEXED TO AN EXPLANATORY WHITE PAPER. COPIES OF THE WHITE PAPER, IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE, ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES, AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WOULD BE AMPLE TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS OR SUGGEST AMENDMENTS, AND LEGCO UNOFFICIALS COULD ALSO REQUEST A DEBATE. COMMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

WHITE PAPER

THE WHITE PAPER EXPLAINS THE BACKGROUND TO THE NATIONALITY PROVISIONS AND PROVIDES A COMMENTARY ON THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT ORDER IN COUNCIL. THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT ORDER ITSELF WHICH WILL BE DEBATED IN PARLIAMENT IS AT ANNEX 1 TO THE WHITE PAPER. ANNEX 2 LISTS THE WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE MAY BE CONNECTED WITH HONG KONG AND SO COME WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE ORDER.

THE WHITE PAPER IS IN FULFILMENT OF A UK GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING GIVEN WHEN THE HONG KONG ACT WAS GOING THROUGH PARLIAMENT. THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO PUBLISH THE DETAILED NATIONALITY ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH ARE A CONSEQUENCE OF THE TERMS OF THE UK MEMORANDUM ASSOCIATED WITH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, AND TO ARRANGE FOR THE PROPOSALS IN THE DRAFT ORDER TO BE DEBATED IN PARLIAMENT BEFORE THE DRAFT ORDER WAS FORMALLY LAID.

THE UK GOVERNMENT WILL THUS BE ABLE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ANY POINTS MADE ON THE WHITE PAPER BEFORE FORMALLY LAYING THE ORDER BEFORE PARLIAMENT FOR APPROVAL NEXT YEAR. ANY AMENDMENTS WILL, OF COURSE, NEED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE UK MEMORANDUM, AND WITH THE HONG KONG ACT 1985, WHICH WAS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION

THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UK AND CHINA ON DECEMBER 19, 1984, MADE PROVISION FOR THE RESTORATION OF HONG KONG TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON JULY 1, 1997.

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THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA BETWEEN THE UK AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE STATUS AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 OF BDTC'S BY VIRTUE OF A CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG AND RELATED ISSUES.

THE SCHEDULE TO THE HONG KONG ACT 1985 PROVIDES FOR THE MAKING OF AN ORDER IN COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONALITY PROVISIONS IN THE UK MEMORANDUM ASSOCIATED WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION, SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENT'S POSITIVE APPROVAL UNDER THE AFFIRMATIVE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE. THE SCHEDULE TO THE HONG KONG ACT 1985 SETS UP THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE ORDER WILL FIT. THE TEXT OF THE HONG KONG ACT 1985 WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE.

NATIONALITY PROVISIONS

THE ESSENCE OF THE NATIONALITY PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT ORDER IS THAT BDTC'S BY VIRTUE OF A CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG, WILL NO LONGER HAVE THAT STATUS FROM JULY 1, 1997, SINCE HONG KONG WILL NO LONGER BE A DEPENDENT TERRITORY AS FROM THAT DATE. BUT THEY WILL BE ENTITLED TO ACQUIRE A NEW NATIONALITY STATUS, THAT OF BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) (BN(O)), TOGETHER WITH BRITISH PASSPORTS RECORDING THAT STATUS, AND TO RETAIN IT FOR LIFE.

EXCEPT FOR CHILDREN BORN IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1997 WHO MAY APPLY FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1997, BN(O) STATUS MAY NOT BE ACQUIRED AFTER JUNE 30, 1997, NOR TRANSMITTED TO ANY FUTURE GENERATIONS. AND, LIKE BDTC STATUS, IT WILL NOT CARRY WITH IT THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL APPLY ONLY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE BDTC'S BECAUSE OF THEIR CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG. ALL BUT ABOUT A FEW THOUSANDS OF THE ROUGHLY THREE AND A QUARTER MILLION BDTC'S IN HONG KONG ARE BDTC'S BY BIRTH, NATURALISATION OR REGISTRATION THERE. BUT THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE WAYS IN WHICH THE REMAINDER MAY HAVE ACQUIRED THEIR CITIZENSHIP STATUS THROUGH A CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG. TO HELP THOSE WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED ANNEX 2 OF THE WHITE PAPER LISTS THE POSSIBILITIES. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO FORM PART OF THE DRAFT ORDER.

STATELESSNESS

THE DRAFT ORDER ALSO MAKES PROVISIONS TO GUARD AGAINST STATELESSNESS. IT PROVIDES THAT THOSE BDTC'S WHO CEASE TO BE BDTC'S ON JULY 1, 1997 WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENS (BOC'S) IF THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE STATELESS.

IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT THE CHILDREN BORN ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1997 OF FORMER BDTC'S WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME BOC'S IF THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE STATELESS. THE GRANDCHILDREN BORN ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1997 OF FORMER BDTC'S WOULD HAVE AN ENTITLEMENT TO REGISTER AS BOC'S WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THEIR BIRTH IF THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE STATELESS.

PROVISIONS FOR CHILDREN BORN IN HONG KONG TO REGISTER AS BDTC'S

AS REGARDS CHILDREN BORN IN HONG KONG ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1983, UNDER EXISTING PROVISION OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981 SUCH CHILDREN WILL ONLY ACQUIRE BDT CITIZENSHIP AT BIRTH IF ONE PARENT IS EITHER A BDTC OR SETTLED IN A DEPENDENT TERRITORY. THUS CHILDREN OF RECENT IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE NOT ACQUIRED BDT CITIZENSHIP OR ACHIEVED SETTLED STATUS IN HONG KONG ARE NOT BDTC'S BY BIRTH. THEY WILL NOT THEREFORE HAVE 'HONG KONG BELONGER' STATUS AT BIRTH. BUT THERE ARE PROVISIONS UNDER THE BNA 1981 (SECTION 15(3) AND (4)) FOR SUCH CHILDREN TO HAVE AN ENTITLEMENT TO REGISTER AS BDTC'S IF:

- (A) WHILE THEY ARE MINORS EITHER PARENT BECOMES A BDTC OR SETTLED IN A DEPENDENT TERRITORY (SECTION 15(3)); OR
- (B) THE CHILDREN HAVE IN THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF THEIR LIVES BEEN ABSENT FROM HONG KONG FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS IN EACH OF THE TEN YEARS AND APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR REGISTRATION AS BDTC'S ARE SUBMITTED AFTER THEY REACHED THE AGE OF TEN YEARS (SECTION 15(4)).

EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS ON THESE PROVISIONS FOR CHILDREN BORN IN HONG KONG ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1983 TO REGISTER AS BDTC'S ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL BIRTHS REGISTRIES OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT. ENQUIRIES ON THIS QUESTION MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER (BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES) ON TELEPHONE NO. 3-7328513.

DATE OF CREATION OF BN(O) STATUS

THE UK GOVERNMENT INTEND TO CREATE THE BN(O) STATUS WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1987 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT PRACTICE OF ISSUING PASSPORTS VALID FOR TEN YEARS. IF BN(O) PASSPORTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1987, THERE WOULD BE NO ALTERNATIVE TO ISSUING HONG KONG BDTC'S, WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1987, WITH BRITISH PASSPORTS WITH A PROGRESSIVELY SHORTER PERIOD OF VALIDITY.

HONG KONG BDTC'S MAY APPLY FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS AS FROM JULY 1, 1987, IF THEY SO WISH, BUT THEY MAY HOLD EITHER BN(O) OR BDTC PASSPORTS. ONCE HONG KONG BDTC'S HAVE ACQUIRED BN(O) STATUS ON APPLYING FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS, THEY WILL HOLD BN(O) STATUS CONCURRENTLY WITH BDTC STATUS UNTIL JUNE 30, 1997, UNLESS THEY RENOUNCE OR ARE DEPRIVED OF THEIR BDTC STATUS BEFORE JUNE 30, 1997.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISSUE OF BN(O) PASSPORTS

BN(O) PASSPORTS WILL BE ISSUED IN HONG KONG IN THE NAME OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY. THIS WILL ENABLE THE PASSPORTS TO CONTINUE IN THE SAME FORM AFTER JULY 1, 1997 AS BEFORE.

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IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO APPLY ALSO FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS FROM PASSPORT OFFICES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FROM CONSULAR POSTS OVERSEAS.

THE GOVERNOR WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ISSUE OF HONG KONG BDTC PASSPORTS.

THE FORMAT OF THE BN(O) PASSPORT WILL BE THE SAME AS THAT ISSUED BY UK PASSPORT ISSUING POSTS TO OTHER BRITISH NATIONALS. SUCH POSTS AT PRESENT ISSUE THE TRADITIONAL BLUE HARD COVER PASSPORT AND THE FIRST BN(O) PASSPORTS ARE LIKELY TO BE ISSUED IN THAT FORMAT.

THERE WILL, HOWEVER, BE A CHANGE IN THE FORMAT OF ALL BRITISH PASSPORTS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE DECISION TO GIVE A COMMON FORMAT TO THE NATIONAL PASSPORTS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) MEMBER STATES. ONCE THAT CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE, AND THE EXACT TIMING HAS YET TO BE SETTLED, THE BN(O) PASSPORT WILL BE THE SAME AS THAT ISSUED BY UK PASSPORT ISSUING POSTS TO THOSE BRITISH NATIONALS WHO ARE NOT UK NATIONALS FOR EC PURPOSES.

THIS PASSPORT, LIKE THE PROPOSED COMMON EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PASSPORT, WILL BE BURGUNDY RED, SOFT COVERED AND OF SMALLER SIZE THAN THE PRESENT DOCUMENT. ON THE COVER WILL BE THE WORDING 'UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND', THE ROYAL EMBLEM AND 'PASSPORT' AND THE WORDING ON THE INSIDE COVER WILL REFER TO 'HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE'.

IT IS ALSO PLANNED THAT ALL REFERENCES TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND TRANSLATIONS INTO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SAVE FOR FRENCH AT VARIOUS PLACES INSIDE THE PASSPORT WILL BE REMOVED. IN OTHER RESPECTS THE PASSPORT WILL BE VERY SIMILAR TO THE DOCUMENT ISSUED TO THOSE BRITISH NATIONALS WHO ARE UK NATIONALS FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PURPOSES, BUT THE LATTER WILL IN ADDITION CONTAIN THE WORDS +EUROPEAN COMMUNITY+ ON THE COVER.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL CHANGE TO THE NEW FORMAT FOR BDTC HK PASSPORTS BUT WITH HONG KONG ON THE COVER AND THE GOVERNOR'S RUBRIC ONCE THE UK GOVERNMENT INTRODUCE THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMON FORMAT PASSPORT.

A FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE BN(O) PASSPORT UNDER THE CONSULAR FEES ACT 1980 AND WILL BE STANDARD FOR ALL UK PASSPORT ISSUING POSTS AROUND THE WORLD, SAVE FOR VARIATIONS ARISING FROM RATES OF CURRENCY EXCHANGE. THE LEVEL OF THE FEE HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

THE FEE FOR THE HONG KONG BDTC PASSPORT WILL BE LEVIED UNDER THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS AND WILL BE SET BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL. ELSEWHERE IT WILL BE SET UNDER THE CONSULAR FEES ACT 1980.

BN(O) PASSPORTS WILL BE ENDORSED TO INDICATE THAT THE HOLDER POSSESSES A HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD AS EVIDENCE OF THE HOLDER'S RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. THE WORDING OF THIS ENDORSEMENT IS BEING DISCUSSED WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

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WORK IS UNDERWAY TO PRODUCE APPLICATION FORM FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS. THESE WILL SET OUT THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HONG KONG BDTC'S. THEY WILL ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO OBTAIN BN(O) STATUS MUST HOLD OR BE INCLUDED IN A BN(O) PASSPORT ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 (EXCEPT FOR THOSE BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1997 BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 WHO MAY OBTAIN OR BE INCLUDED IN SUCH A PASSPORT UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1997).

IT WILL BE OPEN TO PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR THEIR FIRST BN(O) PASSPORTS FROM JULY 1, 1987. BDTC(HK) PASSPORTS FOR THOSE WHO WISH FOR THEM WILL BE ISSUED WITH VALIDITY RESTRICTED TO JUNE 30, 1997. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD BN(O) AND BDTC PASSPORTS SIMULTANEOUSLY. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981, A PERSON WHO HOLDS A BN(O) PASSPORT RETAINS HIS BDTC STATUS UNTIL JUNE 30, 1997, UNLESS HE RENOUNCES OR IS DEPRIVED OF THAT STATUS BEFORE THAT DATE.

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION

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THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 1985. THE TWO SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING FROM MAY 27, 1985, ON WHICH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION CAME INTO FORCE, TO MARCH 31, 1986, THE END OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE ANNUAL 50-HECTARE LIMIT ON THE GRANT OF LAND REFERRED TO IN ANNEX III TO THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION SHOULD BE ADJUSTED PROPORTIONATELY TO 42 HECTARES FOR THIS TEN-MONTH PERIOD. TAKING ACCOUNT OF THIS, AND HAVING REGARD TO HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A STABLE PROPERTY MARKET, THE COMMISSION HAS AGREED TO A LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME AMOUNTING TO 58 HECTARES FOR THAT PERIOD. THIS INCLUDES THE GRANT OF 14 HECTARES BY PUBLIC AUCTION OR TENDER, AND 44 HECTARES BY PRIVATE TREATY, OF WHICH 29 HECTARES WILL BE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL 6.

THE TWO SIDES ALSO REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE DOCUMENTATION FOR SMALL HOUSE GRANTS, PSPS TENDERS AND LETTER A/B TENDERS.

THE COMMISSION WILL COMMENCE DISCUSSION ON THE COST OF LAND PRODUCTION AND THE ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SHARING OF PREMIUM INCOME FROM LAND TRANSACTIONS AT ITS NEXT MEETING, THE DATE OF WHICH IS TO BE FIXED LATER.

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LEGCO MEETING RESCHEDULED
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THE SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER HAS BEEN REVISED.

THE UNOFFICIALS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING ADDRESS ON NOVEMBER 20 AND 21, INSTEAD OF NOVEMBER 13, 14 AND 20. NOVEMBER 13 HAS NOW BEEN SET ASIDE FOR A REGULAR MEETING AND THE SITTING ON NOVEMBER 14 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

FOLLOWING IS THE REVISED SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTINGS FOR THE 1985-86 SESSION:

PROVISIONAL DATES OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SITTINGS FOR THE 1985-86 SESSION

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 1985	OPENING OF THE 1985-86 SESSION (GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS)
WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 1985	REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 1985	''
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 1985	DEBATE ON MOTION OF THANKS
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 1985	(UNOFFICIALS SPEAK)
WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 1985	REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 1985	DEBATE ON MOTION OF THANKS
THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 1985	(OFFICIALS SPEAK)
(IF NECESSARY)	
WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 1985	REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 1985	''

(THREE WEEKS' GAP TO CLEAR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS)

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 1986	REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 1986	''

(THREE WEEKS' GAP TO CLEAR LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS)

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WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 1986	1ST BUDGET SITTING (FINANCIAL SECRETARY PRESENTS BUDGET)
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 1986	REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH 1986 THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 1986	2ND BUDGET SITTING (UNOFFICIALS SPEAK)
(TWO WEEKS' GAP TO CLEAR EASTER HOLIDAYS)	
WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 1986	REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 1986 THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 1986 (IF NECESSARY)	3RD BUDGET SITTING (OFFICIALS SPEAK)
WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL 1986	REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 1986	4TH BUDGET SITTING (COMMITTEE STAGE AND 3RD READING OF APPROPRIATION BILL)
WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 1986	REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY 1986	''
(THREE WEEKS' GAP TO CLEAR DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL AND QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY)	
WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE 1986	REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY 1986	''
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 1986 (IF NECESSARY)	''

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HONG KONG STUDENTS CENTRE TO CLOSE
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THE HONG KONG STUDENTS CENTRE IN LONDON WILL BE CLOSED FROM JULY 1, 1986.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON SAID THIS WAS DUE TO DWINDLING DEMAND FOR ACCOMMODATION AT THE CENTRE.

+THIS IS DUE LARGELY TO COLLEGE-MAINTAINED ACCOMMODATION BEING MORE READILY AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY TO OVERSEAS STUDENTS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE CENTRE, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY CALLED HONG KONG HOUSE, PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR A MAXIMUM OF 90 STUDENTS.

IT WAS OPENED IN 1958 AND IN THE SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES THE AVERAGE OCCUPANCY RATE WAS WELL OVER 90 PER CENT.

+HOWEVER, THE RATE HAS BEEN DECREASING STEADILY IN THE PAST FEW YEARS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +AND IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR IT WAS DOWN TO 75 PER CENT.+

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY FOR THE CENTRE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS WAS \$6.9 MILLION AND THE RUNNING COSTS ARE EXPECTED TO RISE IN FUTURE YEARS BECAUSE OF THE AGE OF THE BUILDING.

+UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED JUSTIFIABLE TO KEEP THE CENTRE OPEN AT THIS COST TO THE HONG KONG TAXPAYER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BUILDING WILL BE SOLD BY TENDER.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG STUDENTS AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE UNDER THE UNITED KINGDOM-HONG KONG JOINT FUNDING SCHEME AND THEIR WELFARE WILL CONTINUE TO BE LOOKED AFTER BY THE STUDENTS DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE.

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HONG KONG GROUP ON CHINA VISIT
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FIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, LEFT FOR BEIJING TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE VISIT IS IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION RECEIVED EARLIER THIS YEAR FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY OF CHINA, CIVIC ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SOCIETY OF BEIJING AND THE ARCHITECTURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE QINGHUA UNIVERSITY.

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DURING THE VISIT, THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL GIVE A SERIES OF TALKS TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING ON THE INFRASTRUCTURAL AND PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG.

THE TALKS WILL INCLUDE TOPICS ON PUBLIC HOUSING, MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, PROCEDURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS IN HONG KONG.

THE PARTY INCLUDES SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR FUNG TUNG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, DR PETER PUN, AND DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

MR LIAO, MR CHAN AND MR FUNG WERE ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES.

THE PARTY WILL VISIT BEIJING, XIAN, SHANGHAI AND SUZHOU AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON OCTOBER 29.

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SECOND QUARTER RESTAURANT SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985, ESTIMATED AT \$4 359 MILLION, WAS THREE PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984, WHILE THE VOLUME REMAINED UNCHANGED, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL RESTAURANT PURCHASES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 WAS \$1 875 MILLION, WHICH WAS ONE PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984.

TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 1985 ROSE BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VOLUME, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, HOWEVER, THE TOTAL VALUE OF RESTAURANT PURCHASES DECREASED BY TWO PER CENT.

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS DECLINED BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE VALUE OF RESTAURANT PURCHASES FELL BY FIVE PER CENT.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE (15 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984, FOLLOWED BY BARS (13 PER CENT), NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (THREE PER CENT) AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS (TWO PER CENT). OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND CATERING OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC.), HOWEVER, RECORDED A DECREASE OF FOUR PER CENT.

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IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS AND BARS WENT UP BY 12 PER CENT AND SEVEN PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT, TWO PER CENT AND EIGHT PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, AT 16 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY BARS (10 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (EACH OF TWO PER CENT), AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (ONE PER CENT).

IN TERMS OF THE VOLUME OF RECEIPTS, FAST FOOD SHOPS AGAIN SHOWED THE LARGEST INCREASE, AT 13 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY BARS (FIVE PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, CHINESE RESTAURANTS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES SHOWED DECREASES OF ONE PER CENT, TWO PER CENT AND FOUR PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

FAST FOOD SHOPS REPORTED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN TOTAL RECEIPTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AT 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN VOLUME. TOTAL RECEIPTS OF OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES ROSE BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND THOSE OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS ROSE BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

HOWEVER, RECEIPTS OF BARS DECREASED BY FOUR PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS DECREASED BY NINE PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985, AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE SECOND QUARTER 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985 AND FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984, AND COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE TWO TABLES WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND BOXED FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 3-7216024).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

	1st qtr. 1985 (Revised figures in HK\$ million)	2nd qtr. 1985 (Provisional figures in HK\$ million)
Total restaurant receipts	4 585	4 359
Total restaurant purchases	1 976	1 875

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 1ST QUARTER 1985 AND 2nd QUARTER 1985

(Quarterly average of 1982 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	1st quarter 1985	2nd quarter 1985	2nd qtr. 1985 compared with 1st qtr. 1985		2nd qtr. 1985 compared with 2nd qtr. 1984		1st-2nd qtrs. 1985 compared with 1st-2nd qtrs. 1984	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	123	111	-11	-9	+2	+2	+2	+2
	Volume	106	95	-11	-10	-1	-1	-1	-1
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	118	124	+6	+5	+4	+3	+3	+2
	Volume	99	103	+3	+3	-2	-2	-2	-2
Fast food shops	Value	134	140	+16	+12	+20	+15	+20	+16
	Volume	113	125	+12	+11	+13	+12	+14	+13
Bars	Value	110	106	-4	-4	+12	+13	+10	+10
	Volume	92	87	-5	-6	+6	+7	+4	+5
Other eating and drinking places	Value	107	115	+9	+8	-5	-4	+1	+1
	Volume	90	95	+5	+5	-8	-8	-3	-4
Entire restaurant sector	Value	122	116	-6	-5	+4	+3	+4	+3
	Volume	104	98	-6	-6

Notes : 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

2. . denotes no change.

SULKE DISSATISFIED WITH LOSS HYGIENE SECTION
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, SAID TODAY HE WAS VERY DISSATISFIED WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL'S FORMER HEALTH AND HYGIENE SECTION NOW CAME UNDER THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

+WE SHOULD LOOK VERY SERIOUSLY AT THIS AND PERHAPS GO BACK TO THE OLD SYSTEM AND EMPLOY OUR OWN STAFF,+ HE SAID AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE.

AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DR PATRICK HASE, EXPLAINED THAT THE CHANGE DATED FROM THE SETTING UP OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

+A SMALL GROUP HAD TO BE HELD CENTRALLY TO WORK FOR BOTH COUNCILS,+ HE SAID.

HE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF MEAT LANDED THROUGH THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT, AND THUS COMING UNDER THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, YET BEING SOLD IN HONG KONG, AND THUS COMING UNDER THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

SINCE THIS INVOLVED SUCH AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT AS IMPORTATION OF MEAT, AND ADHERENCE TO FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS, THIS OBVIOUSLY HAD TO BE A TERRITORY-WIDE MATTER.

+IT COULDN'T BE DONE IN ANY OTHER WAY EXCEPT BY A CENTRALISED UNIT,+ ADDED DR HASE.

HE CITED ANOTHER EXAMPLE -- OF SHRIMPS CAUGHT BY FISHERMEN WHO MIGHT TREAT THEIR CATCH WITH BORIC ACID TO KEEP IT LOOKING FRESH BEFORE LANDING IT AT, SAY, CHEUNG CHAU OR TAI O. YET THE SAME SHRIMPS MIGHT FIND THEIR WAY TO RESTAURANTS IN THE URBAN AREA.

+THIS IS VERY HARD TO CHECK ON UNLESS THERE IS AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD UNIT SERVING BOTH THE URBAN AND REGIONAL AREAS,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, COMMITTEE MEMBER MR SAMUEL WONG SAID: +THE PUBLIC IS UNDER A MISCONCEPTION THAT THESE IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF OUR (THE COUNCIL'S) HANDS, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET UP SOME SORT OF A SUPER-POWER.+

MR SULKE ADDED: +IT MAKES ME FEEL VERY UNCOMFORTABLE THAT I HAVE TO ASK DR PERRY TO ATTEND THESE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.+

/DR DONALD

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DR RONALD PERRY, WHO WAS THE COUNCIL'S LONG-SERVING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HYGIENE BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AS HYGIENE ADVISER TO BOTH COUNCILS AND DEPARTMENTS, ASSURED MR SULKE THAT HE WAS HAPPY TO COME TO MEETINGS OF THE FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE TO CONTRIBUTE HIS ADVICE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

+I WILL ALWAYS GIVE VERY HIGH PRIORITY TO ATTENDING YOUR MEETINGS,+ DR PERRY TOLD MR SULKE.

MR SULKE REPLIED: +STILL, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT EMPLOYING OUR OWN PEOPLE AND NOT HAVING TO CALL ON PEOPLE NOT UNDER OUR (THE COUNCIL'S) CONTROL.+

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DIFFERENT TEST RESULTS ON MILK QUERIED

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, TODAY QUESTIONED WHY THERE WAS A +DIFFERENCE OF OPINION+ BETWEEN THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OVER THE TESTING OF MILK.

+IT SEEMS ODD THAT THEIR TESTS SHOULD BE SO DIFFERENT FROM OURS,+ HE ADDED.

DR RONALD PERRY, HYGIENE ADVISER OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, SAID THAT THE MILK CONCERNED CAME FROM LANTAO, WHERE THE DAIRY FACED CERTAIN PROBLEMS.

CHECKS HAD TO BE MADE OVERNIGHT ON THE PASTEURISATION AND FREEZING OF THE MILK, BUT THEN WHEN IT WAS TRANSPORTED BY SEA TO HONG KONG, SOMETIMES INSUFFICIENT ICE WAS PACKED AROUND THE CANS.

ANOTHER PROBLEM IN THE CLEANSING OF THE CANS WAS THAT THE DAIRY DID NOT HAVE A MAINS WATER SUPPLY. INSTEAD IT HAD TO USE STREAM WATER, BUT ENSURED THAT IT WAS CHLORINATED FIRST, HE ADDED.

CONCERNING MILK TESTING GENERALLY, DR PERRY ASSURED THE COMMITTEE THAT CONSTANT CHECKS WERE MADE ON ALL DAIRIES, AND WHERE OFFENCES WERE DETECTED, PROSECUTIONS TAKEN OUT.

HE ADDED THAT THESE TESTS INCLUDED SAMPLING OF MILK WHICH CAME IN CARTON FORM ACROSS THE BORDER FROM SHUM CHUN.

THIS IMPORTED MILK HAD PROVED TO BE UP TO STANDARD, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE DAIRY CONCERNED HAD ITS OWN LABORATORY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHDREW ANY BATCHES FOUND TO BE SUSPECT.

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RESTAURANT OPERATOR GETS BENEFIT OF DOUBT
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A RESTAURANT OPERATOR TODAY ESCAPED SUSPENSION OF HIS LICENCE FOR TWO DAYS THANKS TO A GENUINE DOUBT OVER THE ORIGIN OF BORIC ACID FOUND TWICE IN SIU MEI DISHES.

HE CLAIMED THAT THE RESTAURANT WAS OPERATING AT A LOSS, AND WAS IN DEBT TO ITS FOOD SUPPLIERS. AS A RESULT, HE CLAIMED, THE SUPPLIERS HAD DELIVERED INFERIOR PORK AND SHRIMP WHICH THEY, NOT HE, HAD TREATED WITH BORIC ACID TO MAKE IT APPEAR FRESH.

MR CHAN KWONG-YUE WAS APPEALING TO TODAY'S MEETING OF THE FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE AGAINST THE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF HIS LICENCE FOR TWO DAYS AS A RESULT OF THE RESTAURANT BEING FINED THREE TIMES WITHIN A 12-MONTH PERIOD FOR BREACHES OF THE FOOD REGULATIONS.

MR CHAN, WHOSE RESTAURANT IS IN KAI TIN TOWERS, KAI TIN ROAD, LAM TIN, ALSO APPEALED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE GROUND THAT IF FORCED TO CLOSE FOR TWO DAYS, HE WOULD BE IN STILL GREATER FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY, AND MIGHT HAVE TO PUT OFF HIS STAFF OF MORE THAN 100.

WHILE GIVING HIM THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT AS TO THE ORIGIN OF THE BORIC ACID WHICH LED TO TWO CONVICTIONS, THE COMMITTEE MADE IT CLEAR THAT FINANCIAL LOSSES WERE NO EXCUSE FOR RUNNING AN UNHYGIENIC RESTAURANT.

+FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE NOT OUR AFFAIR -- THIS COMMITTEE'S SOLE CONCERN IS THE HEALTH AND HYGIENE OF RESTAURANTS, AND THE SAFEGUARDING OF THEIR CUSTOMERS,+ SAID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MR WALTER SULKE.

A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION WAS A STATEMENT GIVEN ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT THAT THERE HAD BEEN A GROWING NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS LATELY THAT FISHERMEN THEMSELVES WERE ADDING BORIC ACID TO THEIR SHRIMP CATCHES WHILE STILL AT SEA.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO CONFIRMED THAT RECENT INSPECTIONS OF THE RESTAURANT HAD REVEALED A SATISFACTORY STANDARD OF HYGIENE.

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FOOD HYGIENE COMMITTEE WANTS +RED TAPE+ SLASHED
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MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE AGREED TODAY THAT URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED TO +CUT THROUGH THE RED TAPE+ AND SPEED UP THE PROCESSING BY THREE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR RESTAURANT LICENCES.

(AT PRESENT, EVEN IF THE PREMISES ARE SATISFACTORY FROM A HEALTH AND HYGIENE POINT OF VIEW, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CANNOT ISSUE A RESTAURANT LICENCE UNTIL THE APPLICATION IS CLEARED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF THE BUILDING, AND BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY ASPECTS.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MR WALTER SULKE TODAY CITED STATISTICS SHOWING THAT IN EXTREME CASES, SOME APPLICATIONS MADE ONE OR TWO YEARS AGO WERE STILL PENDING.

+THIS IS FAR TOO LONG,+ HE ADDED.

AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE USD, DR PATRICK HASE, SAID MANY SUGGESTIONS HAD BEEN STUDIED CLOSELY TO SPEED UP LICENSING -- EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF NOT ISSUING LICENCES AT ALL -- BUT +NONE WAS ACCEPTABLE OR WORKABLE.+

ANOTHER SUGGESTION HAD BEEN FOR THE USD SIMPLY TO ISSUE A LICENCE CONCERNING HEALTH AND HYGIENE, LEAVING THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THEIR OWN INSPECTIONS INDEPENDENTLY.

BUT THAT, TOO, WOULD HAVE LED TO SERIOUS DELAYS, SINCE THE RESTAURANT STILL WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OPEN WITHOUT THE REMAINING TWO PERMITS -- QUITE APART FROM THE POSSIBLE RISK TO THE PUBLIC IF THE BUILDING, OR ITS FIRE SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS, WERE UNSAFE.

DR HASE ADDED THAT THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION HAD ALSO SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME TRYING TO HELP THE USD TO STREAMLINE THE SYSTEM. THE SUGGESTED METHOD IN THIS CASE WAS TO PLACE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THREE REQUIREMENTS -- HEALTH, GENERAL SAFETY AND FIRE SAFETY -- ON THE SHOULDERS OF AN AUTHORISED PERSON WHO WOULD HOLD THE REQUISITE QUALIFICATIONS, AND WHO COULD CERTIFY THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS HAD BEEN MET.

+THE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT THE AUTHORISED PERSON WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMEBODY WHO COULD BE TRUSTED ABSOLUTELY,+ SAID DR HASE. +THE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED SOME WAY TO PROSECUTE A LAZY, INCOMPETENT OR CORRUPT AUTHORISED PERSON. FURTHERMORE, IF THE REQUIREMENTS WERE NOT FULLY MET, THE RESTAURANT WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE CLOSED DOWN -- THUS DEFEATING THE PURPOSE OF THE WHOLE EXERCISE.+

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ANOTHER POINT, HE ADDED, WAS THAT WITH SO MANY SMALL RESTAURANTS IN HONG KONG, APPLICANTS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PAY THE PRESUMABLY HIGH FEES THAT AUTHORISED PERSONS WOULD HAVE CHARGED.

MISS MARIA TAM, FORMER CHAIRPERSON OF THE FOOD HYGIENE COMMITTEE WHO WAS INVOLVED IN MANY MEETINGS WITH ICAC OFFICIALS ON THE AUTHORISED PERSON PROPOSAL, ASKED WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT WAS STILL USING THAT +VEHICLE+ (ITS WORKING PARTY WITH ICAC) TO FIND A SOLUTION.

MR SULKE, THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN, REPLIED: +THE VEHICLE, IT SEEMS, HAS FOUR FLAT TYRES+

FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL'S RECENT LOOK-AND-LEARN VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA, MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT LOOK INTO THE SYSTEM OPERATED IN VANCOUVER, WHEREBY OFFICES DEALING WITH ALL THREE ASPECTS OF A RESTAURANT APPLICATION (HEALTH, BUILDING SAFETY AND FIRE SAFETY) WERE +ON THE SAME FLOOR UNDER THE SAME ROOF.+

THIS WAS GENERALLY AGREED BY MEMBERS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE -- EXCEPT THAT MR EDMUND CHOW, HIMSELF ALSO A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, RECOLLECTED THAT THE COUNCIL CAME UP WITH THE SAME IDEA FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO, BUT THE TWO OTHER DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED HAD REJECTED IT.

AS EXASPERATED MR SULKE SUMMED UP: +THIS IS ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF HAVING AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING. WE'RE DOING OUR BEST BUT WE'RE STYMIED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. COULD THE MEDIA KINDLY PUBLICISE THIS AND SO PERHAPS HELP BRING SOME PRESSURE ON THEM?+

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COUNCILLORS' FREE LEGAL ADVICE HELPS RESTAURATEUR
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A RESTAURANT OPERATOR TODAY SUCCEEDED IN HIS APPEAL AGAINST THE SUSPENSION OF HIS LICENCE -- THANKS IN PART TO EXPERT LEGAL ADVICE PROVIDED GRATIS BY URBAN COUNCILLORS.

THE LICENCE OF MR FU LOK-CHIU'S GENERAL RESTAURANT IN AMOY PLAZA, NGAU TAU KOK, HAD BEEN ORDERED TO BE SUSPENDED FOR TWO DAYS FOR THREE CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE FOOD BUSINESS BY-LAWS WITHIN A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR -- TWO FOR HAVING A DIRTY FOOD ROOM AND ONE FOR USE OF CHIPPED AND CRACKED CROCKERY AND UTENSILS.

BUT THROUGH SOLICITORS, MR FU APPEALED TO TODAY'S MEETING OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE GROUND THAT WHILE CONVICTED AND FINED \$1,000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE, AND CONVICTED AND FINED \$1,500 FOR THE SECOND, HE WAS NOT CONVICTED IN THE THIRD CASE, BUT GIVEN A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

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HOWEVER, ARGUED THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR FU HAD BEEN PLACED ON A BOND FOR SIX MONTHS IN THE THIRD CASE AND ORDERED TO PAY \$500 COURT COSTS, IMPLYING THAT THE COURT HAD NEVERTHELESS DECIDED TO PENALISE HIM.

THUS THE TANGLED LEGAL POINT AROSE -- IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, COULD THIS BE TREATED AS A THIRD ACTUAL OFFENCE?

AT TODAY'S HEARING, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MR WALTER SULKE THREW THE BALL TO COUNCILLORS HEARING THE APPEAL, SAYING: +WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF LEGAL BRAINS HERE.+

BARRISTER MISS MARIA TAM POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE COURT'S ACTUAL DECISION -- NOT TO RECORD A CONVICTION -- WHILE SOLICITOR MR EDMUND CHOW ALSO MADE SOME POINTS.

MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG LIKENED THE CASE TO ONE WHERE A DRIVER CAUGHT SPEEDING THREE TIMES IN THREE YEARS AUTOMATICALLY LOSES HIS LICENCE -- BUT IF NOT CONVICTED ON ONE OF THE THREE SPEEDING CHARGES WOULD NOT LOSE HIS LICENCE.

THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO UPHOLD THE APPEAL, NOTING THAT IT WAS GLAD TO FIND THAT RECENT INSPECTIONS OF THE RESTAURANT CONFIRMED THAT THE STANDARD OF THE RESTAURANT CONFIRMED THAT THE STANDARD OF HYGIENE WAS NOW SATISFACTORY.

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+QUITE WRONG+ FOR RATEPAYERS TO FOOT \$8 MILLION BILL
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IT IS +QUITE WRONG+ THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS TO PAY FOR FOOD SAMPLES WHICH HEALTH INSPECTORS TAKE AWAY FOR TESTING.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY BY MR WALTER SULKE WHEN HE WAS CHAIRING THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING OF THE FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE.

+THERE IS NO REASON WHY RATEPAYERS SHOULD COUGH UP \$8 MILLION OVER ONE YEAR FOR THE TAKING OF SAMPLES FOR TESTING,+ HE SAID, +THIS SHOULD BE PAID FOR BY THE TRADE.+

DR RONALD PERRY, HYGIENE ADVISER OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE PERSON WHOSE SECTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD-SAMPLING, SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND REPORT LATER TO MR SULKE ON WHETHER A CHANGE COULD BE MADE.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS HOUSING GREEN PAPER

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR LIM YEW-GUAN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON IT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF TWO WORKING GROUPS UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD - THE WORKING GROUP ON THE HOUSING GREEN PAPER AND THE WORKING GROUP ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PROVISION IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ABOUT THE ATTACK ON THEIR COLLEAGUE, MR NG MING-YUM, LAST WEEK AT TAI HING ESTATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9 AM SHARP TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO TUEN MUN.

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ADVICE ON ACCIDENT, ROBBERY INSURANCE FOR FLAG DAYS

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SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS AND ROBBERY FOR STUDENTS ASSISTING CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS BY SELLING FLAGS OR FLOWERS.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID STUDENT PARTICIPATION MUST BE ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY AND THAT THE PRIOR CONSENT OF PARENTS SHOULD BE OBTAINED ALTHOUGH THE DEPARTMENT FULLY SUPPORTED ALL SUCH WORTHWHILE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENCOURAGED SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART.

STUDENTS MUST BE AGED 14 OR ABOVE AND SHOULD BE FULLY BRIEFED ON THE CHOICE OF SAFE LOCATIONS AND THE NEED FOR COURTESY WHEN APPROACHING THE PUBLIC FOR DONATION.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE URGED TO ENSURE THAT +COLLECTION BOXES+ USED BY STUDENTS ARE SECURE AND SAFE FROM PILFERING AND THEY SHOULD BE TOLD THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SAFE HOLDING AND DEPOSITING OF THE MONEY THEY COLLECTED.

IN ADDITION, STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO SUMMON HELP SHOULD THEY RUN INTO DIFFICULTY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TAVA FUNDS PAID TO FIVE ACCIDENT VICTIMS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED PAYMENTS AMOUNTING TO \$7 600 TO FIVE OF THE 15 PERSONS INJURED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN SHA TIN LAST FRIDAY (OCTOBER 11) NIGHT.

THE ACCIDENT, WHICH OCCURRED ON TAI PO ROAD NEAR WO CHE ESTATE, INVOLVED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND A LORRY.

FOLLOWING THIS, STAFF FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION VISITED THE INJURED PERSONS IN THE HOSPITAL OR CONTACTED THOSE DISCHARGED BY TELEPHONE TO OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

SIX OTHER VICTIMS ARE HAVING THEIR APPLICATIONS PROCESSED, WHILE ONE DID NOT APPLY, AND THE REMAINING THREE WERE NOT QUALIFIED.

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

ANY PERSON INJURED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IF HE OBTAINS THREE DAYS' SICK LEAVE FROM A REGISTERED DOCTOR.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE TAVA SECTION, ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF VICTORIA CENTRE, 15 WATSON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, OR BY CALLING 5-702342.

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SHARE DISCLOSURE
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS UNDER RULE 29 OF THE HONG KONG CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS ADVISES THAT A MEMBER OF THE HONGKONG BANK GROUP HAS DEALT FOR INVESTMENT CLIENTS IN INTERNATIONAL CITY HOLDINGS LTD SHARES AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	BOUGHT/SOLD	NO. OF SHARES	PRICE PER SHARE
15.10.85	SOLD	164 000	HK\$ 0.97

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER
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EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 22), IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$9 500 A MONTH WERE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY WORKED CONTINUALLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE REGISTRATION OF ASEAN NATION INTERNATIONALE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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NEW POLICE MOTOR CYCLES ON THE ROAD
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THE FIRST 55 OF MORE THAN 200 NEW CUSTOM BUILT MOTOR CYCLES DESTINED TO TRANSFORM AND MODERNISE THE FORCE MOTOR CYCLE FLEET WILL SOON BE ON THE STREETS OF HONG KONG.

THE NEW 650 CC MACHINES WILL HAVE THE SPEED AND WEIGHT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT EFFECTIVE PATROL DUTIES UNDER HONG KONG ROAD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS AND WILL BE COMFORTABLE TO RIDE BY THE OFFICERS WHO SPEND THEIR DAYS IN THE SADDLE.

THEY ARE THE FIRST REPLACEMENT OF A BASIC MOTOR CYCLE TYPE USED BY THE FORCE SINCE 1971.

SAID MR DEREK APLIN, FORCE MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER: "BECAUSE WE CAN NO LONGER OBTAIN SUPPLIES OF OUR EXISTING MACHINES WE HAD TO LOOK AROUND FOR NEW STEEDS.

"THE NEW MOTOR CYCLES, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED FORCE-WIDE IN PHASES FROM ABOUT THE END OF THIS MONTH TO THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, HAVE BEEN PURPOSE BUILT IN JAPAN FOR POLICE WORK."

OF THE FORCE FLEET OF 325 MOTOR CYCLES, 209 WILL BE OF THE NEW MODEL. AT A COST OF \$20,000 EACH, A FURTHER 30 WILL BE DELIVERED NEXT YEAR.

THE NEW MOTOR CYCLE HAS AN ADVANCED ELECTRICAL SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES AN ELECTRICAL SWITCH START INSTEAD OF THE CONVENTIONAL KICK START AND EXTRA POWER TO RUN THE ENGINE WHEN THE MACHINE IS STATIONARY.

THE FOUR STROKE PETROL ENGINE IS SHAFT DRIVEN INSTEAD OF CHAIN DRIVEN.

AN ANTI-DIP FRONT SUSPENSION ALLOWS THE MACHINE TO BE STOPPED SAFELY AND QUICKLY FROM HIGH SPEEDS.

LIGHTING INCLUDES WARNING LIGHTS, TWO PATROL LIGHTS AT THE FRONT AND A STEM LIGHT AT THE BACK AND BLUE PULASTOR LIGHT.

THERE ARE HYDRAULIC BRAKES FOR BOTH FROM REAR WHEELS.

THE SPEEDOMETER CAN BE FROZEN BY THE DRIVER TO RECORD SPEEDING OFFENCES.

THE MACHINE INCLUDES MODIFICATIONS SPECIFIED BY THE FORCE IN ITS RADIO EQUIPMENT AND TYRES.

"CERTAIN TYRES PERFORM IN HONG KONG BETTER THAN OTHERS," SAID MR APLIN. "THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN ALL WEATHER TYRE, ALTHOUGH SOME TYRES PERFORM BETTER THAN OTHERS IN ALL WEATHERS.

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"WE HAVE SOME TRICKY ROAD SURFACES IN HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY AFTER LONG PERIODS OF DRY WEATHER, WHEN RAIN CAN PRODUCE A SLICK ON ROADS.

MR APLIN SAID THE WIDTH AND HEIGHT OF THE SADDLE HAD ALSO BEEN AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN THE CHOICE OF THE NEW MACHINE.

"IT WAS A CONDITION OF THE TENDER THAT WE SHOULD HAVE ONE ON TEST. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR FORCE MOTOR CYCLISTS, WHO SPEND LONG HOURS IN THE SADDLE, TO BE COMFORTABLE. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO REST THEIR FEET ON THE GROUND WHILE ASTRIDE THE MACHINE WITHOUT DISCOMFORT.

"THE OLD BIKE HAS SERVED US WELL BUT THE NEW MODEL IS A DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT AND A PURPOSE BUILT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT."

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CIVIC EDUCATION FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS * * * *

A CIVIC EDUCATION TRAINING SCHEME HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

THE SCHEME, WHICH STARTS TOMORROW (FRIDAY), IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KOWLOON CITY AND SAI TAU AREA COMMITTEES.

EIGHTY-EIGHT PARTICIPANTS, AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 40, WILL FIRST ATTEND TWO SEMINARS GIVEN BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LECTURERS FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES.

THE ACTING KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANA TONG= CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR WONG SIK-KONG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE SCHEME, MR LAU TAK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 7.30 PM TOMORROW.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, MISS TONG AND A LECTURER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR LEUNG YAT-MING, WILL GIVE TALKS ON +CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES+.

ON OCTOBER 25 (FRIDAY), A CHINESE UNIVERSITY LECTURER, MR WONG WANG-FAT, WHO IS ALSO A NEWLY ELECTED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, WILL GIVE A TALK ON THE +POLITICAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG+.

ANOTHER SPEAKER, THE KOWLOON CITY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MRS TERESA LEUNG, WILL TALK ON +PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL WORK+ ON THE SAME EVENING.

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AFTER THE SEMINARS, PARTICIPANTS WILL JOIN A TWO-DAY CAMP ON LANTAU ISLAND ON NOVEMBER 2 AND 3, IN WHICH THERE WILL BE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION SCHEME, AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, AT 7.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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WORKERS INVITED TO ENTER SONG CONTEST

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WORKERS IN THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR MUSICAL TALENT IN A SINGING CONTEST ORGANISED SPECIALLY FOR THEM.

THE WORKERS SINGING CONTEST, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE SKH LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE, IS TO ENCOURAGE WORKERS TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF TESTING THEIR TALENT.

THE WINNER OF THE CONTEST WILL BE AWARDED \$1 500, THE FIRST RUNNERS-UP \$1 000 AND THE SECOND RUNNERS-UP \$500. THERE WILL BE TWO SPECIAL PRIZES OF \$300 EACH.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SKH LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE. DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 18.

AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR MORE WORKERS TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST, A PERFORMANCE BY SEVERAL SINGERS HAS BEEN ARRANGED THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20) AT 6.30 PM AT THE SKH LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE IN WO YI HOP ROAD.

KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR CHOI HING-SHUN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SINGING PERFORMANCE AT THE SKH LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20).

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YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL STARTS SATURDAY
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THE 1985 YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BE DECLARED OPEN BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 19) AFTERNOON AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM.

RIGHT AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY THERE WILL BE A SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN THE HONG KONG WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION AND THE SOUTH CHINA ELDERLY TEAM.

THE MATCH WILL BE THE FIRST EVENT IN THE 17-DAY FESTIVAL. ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN YUEN LONG TOWN AND THE RURAL AREAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1985 YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL AT 4 PM SATURDAY (OCTOBER 19) AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM, TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

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ESSAY WAY TO CIVIC INTEREST
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YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A CHINESE ESSAY COMPETITION, ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR AND ITS THEME OF: +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE+.

INITIATED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR IYY, THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO STUDENT AND OPEN SECTIONS, TO WHICH PARTICIPANTS MAY CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN ONE ESSAY OF ANY LENGTH ON CERTAIN CIVIC THEMES.

IN THE STUDENT SECTION, PARTICIPANTS MAY CHOOSE EITHER OR BOTH OF THE SUBJECTS: +UNDERSTANDING HONG KONG+, OR +THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION FOR YOUTHS+.

IN THE OPEN SECTION, THE SUBJECTS ARE: +ISLANDS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EYES OF YOUTHS+ OR +YOUTHS' CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES+ AND CONTRIBUTORS MAY DEAL WITH BOTH.

THE ESSAYS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH PERSONAL PARTICULARS BY OCTOBER 25 TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE (20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL) OR THROUGH THE SCHOOLS OF STUDENT CONTRIBUTORS.

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS IN EACH SECTION.

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YOUTH DEBATE COMPETITION
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A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE HONG KONG YOUTH DEBATE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT 4.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT BROADCASTING HOUSE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

THE COMPETITION, WITH 28 SECONDARY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH POINT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND RTHK, AND SPONSORED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH POINT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, MADAM ANITA CHAN, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (TELEVISION) OF RTHK, MISS MARIA WAN, AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR GREGORY LEUNG, WILL BE AT THE CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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SHAU KEI WAN, TAIKOO SHING TRAFFIC CHANGES
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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER LINKING KORNHILL AND THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR (IEC), TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE IN SHAU KEI WAN AND TAIKOO SHING.

IN SHAU KEI WAN, THE SECTIONS OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TAI CHEUNG STREET AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO SAI WAN TERRACE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES DAILY ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20) AND OCTOBER 27, FROM 0.15 AM TO 6 AM. HOWEVER, FRANCHISED BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THESE ROAD SECTIONS FROM 0.15 AM TO 1.45 AM AND FROM 4.45 AM TO 6 AM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES TRAVELLING BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND QUARRY BAY WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE IEC= WHILE VEHICLES TRAVELLING TO AND FROM TAIKOO SHING MAY TRAVEL VIA WESTLANDS ROAD OR THE IEC.

TO ENABLE PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES TO PLY BETWEEN QUARRY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN DURING THE CLOSURE, THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE WESTLANDS ROAD; THE SLIP ROAD LEADING OFF TAIKOO WAN ROAD TO THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE IEC; AND THE SLIP ROAD LEADING OFF TAI HONG STREET TO THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE IEC BETWEEN 1.45 AM AND 4.45 AM.

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THE SERVICE OF CMB ROUTE 82 ON OCTOBER 19 AND 26 WILL BE CURTAILED EARLIER THAN USUAL AND THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM CHAI WAN AND NORTH POINT FERRY WILL BE 1 AM AND 1.30 AM RESPECTIVELY.

TAIKOO SHING ROAD BETWEEN TAI WING AVENUE AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 21), WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 23) AND THURSDAY (OCTOBER 24).

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE:

- * VEHICLES FROM NORTH POINT AND SHAU KEI WAN WILL HAVE TO ENTER OR LEAVE TAIKOO SHING VIA THE IEC.
- * VEHICLES FROM QUARRY BAY SHOULD ENTER OR LEAVE TAIKOO SHING VIA KING'S ROAD AND WESTLANDS ROAD.
- * VEHICLES FROM SAI WAN HO SHOULD ENTER TAIKOO SHING VIA KING'S ROAD AND WESTLANDS ROAD, AND LEAVE VIA THE IEC, THE SHAU KEI WAN INTERCHANGE, NAM ON LANE AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.
- * BUSES ON CMB ROUTE 21 BOUND FOR TAIKOO SHING WILL BY-PASS QUARRY BAY AND PROCEED TO TAIKOO SHING VIA THE HEALTHY STREET INTERCHANGE AND THE IEC; WHILE ON WESTBOUND JOURNEYS, THEY WILL LEAVE TAIKOO SHING VIA WESTLANDS ROAD.
- * THE TERMINUS FOR CMB ROUTE 83 IN TAIKOO SHING WILL BE RELOCATED TO YAU MAN STREET IN QUARRY BAY. THE SERVICE WILL BE REROUTED VIA KING'S ROAD, GREIG ROAD AND YAU MAN STREET.
- * THE MORNING SERVICE OF CMB ROUTE 720 AND 781 AFTER 10 AM WILL BY-PASS TAIKOO SHING AND BE DIVERTED VIA THE IEC.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON FOR FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20) AND TUESDAY (OCTOBER 22) FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL:

THESE ARE:

- * THE +NO PARKING+ RESTRICTIONS ON CHING CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS.

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- * WING MING STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.
- * THE PARKING SPACES IN KING LAM STREET, WING HONG STREET AND YU CHAU WEST STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.
- * THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEE KUK WEST STREET AND KING LAM STREET FOR ACCESS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY ABOVE CHING CHEUNG ROAD. PARKING FACILITIES ARE VERY LIMITED AND THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.
- * THE PUBLIC VISITING THE HAMMER HILL CEMETERY IS ADVISED TO USE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, THE PO KONG VILLAGE INTERCHANGE AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD BECAUSE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR AT HAMMER HILL ROAD JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

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