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MARINE DEPARTMENT RAISING FEES, CHARGES TO MEET COSTS
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL BE INCREASING ITS FEES AND CHARGES FROM JUNE 1, TO MAKE UP IN STAGES FOR THE COST OF PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES.

THE NEW FEES AND CHARGES WILL BRING IN ABOUT \$50 MILLION MORE A YEAR, AGAINST A SHORTFALL OF \$70 MILLION.

A RECENT OVERALL REVIEW HAD SHOWN THAT THE COST RECOVERY LEVEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT IN 1984-85 WAS ONLY 60 PER CENT.

A FURTHER INCREASE WILL BE INTRODUCED IN 1986-87, TO GENERATE AN ADDITIONAL \$14 MILLION, OPENING THE WAY FOR SMALLER BUT MORE REGULAR INCREASES IN FUTURE YEARS, TO KEEP UP WITH COSTS.

A NOTICE OF THE NEW FEES AND CHARGES AS SET OUT IN THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1985 HAS BEEN GAZETTED TODAY.

REFERRING TO THE NOTICE, A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT AREAS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR WHICH PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES SHOULD, AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, BE SELF-FINANCING.

+THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAD FURTHER ELABORATED ON THIS PRINCIPLE BY SUGGESTING THAT 'IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER IN OUR LOW TAX ECONOMY TO OBSERVE THE NO SUBSIDY PRINCIPLE, UNLESS A POSITIVE POLICY DECISION IS TAKEN TO SUBSIDISE,' AND 'SERVICES SHOULD BE PAID FOR BY THOSE WHO USE THEM,'+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE COSTING HAD ESTABLISHED A NEW BASE LINE AGAINST WHICH ALL FEES AND CHARGES WOULD BE REVIEWED SYSTEMATICALLY IN THE FUTURE.

HITHERTO, CHANGES IN FEES AND CHARGES HAD BEEN BASED ON A 1965 COST REVIEW.

+WHILE AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED SHORTLY AFTER THEN WERE MADE AGAINST A REASONABLY ACCURATE BASE, THIS DID NOT NECESSARILY CONTINUE TO BE THE CASE WITH THE PASSAGE OF YEARS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, EVERY EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, WHICH OFFERS OVER 1 000 SERVICES, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED.

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PRODUCTIVITY, HE SAID, WAS BROADLY BASED ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS:

- (A) THE NUMBER, TONNAGE AND GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF SHIPS ON THE HONG KONG REGISTER,
- (B) THE NUMBER OF SHIPS ENTERING AND CLEARING THE PORT OF HONG KONG, AND
- (C) THE AMOUNT OF CARGO HANDLED THROUGH THE PORT, INCLUDING PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES.

THE NUMBER OF SHIPS REGISTERING IN HONG KONG BETWEEN 1980 AND 1984 INCREASED FROM 574 TO 820, AND THEIR ASSOCIATED GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE GREW FROM LITTLE UNDER TWO MILLION TONS TO 6.4 MILLION TONS. AND THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION HAD CORRESPONDINGLY WIDENED.

+AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, PROFESSIONAL STAFF DEALING WITH SURVEY AND RELATED MATTERS HAS INCREASED BY ONLY SEVEN TO 34 OFFICERS,+ HE SAID.

THE NUMBER OF SHIPS ENTERING AND CLEARING PORT HAD RISEN FROM 110 800 TO 167 700 IN 1984. SIMILARLY, THE AMOUNT OF CARGO HANDLED INCREASED FROM 33 MILLION TONS IN 1980 TO 47.5 MILLION TONS IN 1984.

DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION THE NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATED WITH PORT ACTIVITIES INCREASED BY 12 TO 56 OFFICERS.

+IN THESE TERMS PRODUCTIVITY HAS BEEN MAXIMISED, WHILE STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND PORT EFFICIENCY HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NET RESULT OF THE INCREASED PORT CHARGES, IT WAS ESTIMATED, WOULD ADD ABOUT U.S. 21 CENTS TO THE COST OF SHIPPING A STANDARD 20 FOOT CONTAINER ACROSS THE PACIFIC. SHIPPING CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE VARIED, BUT WERE GENERALLY BETWEEN US\$1 000 AND US\$2 000, HE SAID.

THE NEW INCREASES HAD VERY LIMITED ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS, AND HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AMONG THE LESS EXPENSIVE PORTS IN THE REGION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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EXAMPLES OF THE NEW FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

1.	<u>ANCHORAGE DUES</u>	<u>PRESENT RATE</u>	<u>RATE 1.6.85</u>	<u>RATE 1986/87</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
(I)	INSIDE HARBOUR LIMITS	\$28	\$37	\$45	FOR EVERY 100 TONS OR PART THEREOF, PER DAY OR PART OF A DAY. N.B. THE FIRST DAY AT ANCHOR CONTINUES TO BE FREE.
(II)	OUTSIDE HARBOUR LIMITS	\$ 8	\$19	\$30	
2.	<u>MOORING BUOY DUES</u>				
(I)	'A' CLASS	\$2 100	\$2 100	\$2 400	PER SHIP PER DAY
(II)	'B' CLASS	\$1 400	\$1 400	\$1 600	PER SHIP PER DAY
3.	<u>PORT AND LIGHT DUES</u>	<u>PRESENT RATE</u>	<u>RATE 1.6.85</u>		
(I)	OCEAN GOING	\$13	\$26		PER 100 TONS PER ENTRY TO HONG KONG
(II)	RIVER TRADE	\$ 5	\$10		
4.	<u>PORT CLEARANCE</u>	\$40	\$60		PER SHIP PER DEPARTURE

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HK TEAM RETURNING FROM FUJIAN
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A TEAM OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTER VISITING FUJIAN AT THE INVITATION OF THE FUJIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE.

THE TEAM COMPRISES THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR JOHN BOYD; THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR JOHN H.C. YEUNG, AND INTERPRETER MISS VIVIEN FONG.

IT WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CA 5005, ETA 10.50 AM.

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WORKERS RECEIVE INSOLVENCY FUND PAYMENT
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THE FIRST PAYMENT FROM THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND WAS MADE TODAY (FRIDAY) TO FORMER EMPLOYEES OF AUDIOTRONICS LIMITED, WHICH CLOSED DOWN LAST MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID ABOUT \$200 000 WOULD BE PAID OUT TO THE 309 WORKERS WHO HAD FILED CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE FUND UNDER THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY ORDINANCE.

THE ORDINANCE, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON APRIL 19, PROVIDES A RELIEF SCHEME WHICH ENABLES WORKERS WHOSE EMPLOYERS HAVE BECOME INSOLVENT TO APPLY FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND FOR SERVICE RENDERED AFTER APRIL 1, 1985.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE 309 WORKERS WERE THE FIRST GROUP TO APPLY FOR PAYMENT UNDER THE SCHEME AND THEIR CLAIMS HAD BEEN PROCESSED AND VERIFIED BY THE WAGE SECURITY UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

UP TO MAY 14, THE UNIT HAD RECEIVED 604 APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE INSOLVENCY FUND. THE AMOUNT OF CLAIMS INVOLVED TOTALLED \$830 000, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WORKERS APPLYING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE FUND WOULD BE ASKED TO FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM IN TRIPLICATE, PRODUCE DOCUMENTS SUCH AS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, PAYROLL RECEIPTS, WAGE RECORDS AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS, IN SUPPORT OF THEIR CLAIMS.

HE ADDED THAT WORKERS SHOULD GIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION WHILE FILLING IN THE FORMS AS ANY ERROR MADE MIGHT DELAY THE PROCESSING OF THEIR CLAIMS.

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DANGER FROM LOCKED ROOF DOORS IN FIRES STRESSED
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RESIDENTS WERE WARNED TODAY BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT NOT TO LOCK EXIT DOORS LEADING TO ROOFS OF BUILDINGS BECAUSE OF THE DANGER TO LIFE THIS COULD CAUSE IN CASE OF FIRES.

+PEOPLE MAY BE TRAPPED AND KILLED WHEN DOORS ARE LOCKED,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALL DOORS, HE STRESSED, SHOULD BE EASILY OPENED FROM THE INSIDE WITHOUT THE USE OF KEYS.

HE DISAGREED WITH A REPORTED SUGGESTION BY A CORONER THAT IF ROOF DOORS WERE LOCKED, THE KEYS SHOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE AND SHOULD BE HUNG IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE, KNOWN TO ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDINGS.

THE SUGGESTION HAD BEEN MADE AT A RECENT INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF A SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED BY A LOCKED ROOF DOOR IN A FIRE IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

+KEYS CAN EASILY BE MISPLACED, MISSING OR STOLEN, AND IT WOULD ALSO BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE THEM IN THE DENSE SMOKE OF A FIRE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR MONG KOK, YAU MA TEI
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A NEW OUTLINE ZONING PLAN HAS BEEN DRAFTED FOR MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI (EAST) TO EXERCISE STATUTORY PLANNING CONTROL OVER THE AREAS.

THE DRAFT PLAN COVERS ABOUT 138 HECTARES BOUNDED BY BOUNDARY STREET ON THE NORTH, NATHAN ROAD ON THE WEST, JORDAN ROAD/GASCOIGNE ROAD ON THE SOUTH AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ON THE EAST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID LAND USE ZONINGS SHOWN ON THE DRAFT PLAN PRIMARILY REFLECT THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE AREA.

OF THE 138 HECTARES, 7.07 HECTARES ALONG NATHAN ROAD HAS BEEN ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USE; 14.31 HECTARES TO THE NORTH OF DUNDAS STREET FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ALLOWING COMMERCIAL USES ON THE LOWER THREE FLOORS OF ANY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING; 3.85 HECTARES AT KING'S PARK SOLELY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE; AND 34.67 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY USES.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE 18.35 HECTARES OF LAND FOR OPEN SPACE, 22.5 HECTARES FOR OTHER SPECIFIED USES SUCH AS THE MILITARY HOSPITAL, PRIVATE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL CLUBS, AND RAILWAY STATION DEVELOPMENT. THE REMAINING 37.2 HECTARES ARE OCCUPIED BY ROADS.

+IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE POPULATION OF THE AREA WOULD REACH 87 000 ON FULL DEVELOPMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE DRAFT PLAN SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE JULY 16, 1985.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (MONG KOK), TUNG PING BUILDING, GROUND TO SECOND FLOORS, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, KOWLOON.

THE DRAFT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION AT 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$120 EACH COLOURED.

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VOLUNTARY HELPERS SOUGHT FOR PROBATION SCHEME
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH REHABILITATION WORK FOR PROBATIONERS.

PEOPLE WHO ARE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, WHO HAVE A SECONDARY EDUCATION AND ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUNG OFFENDERS, ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE +VOLUNTEERS SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS+.

THOSE SELECTED WILL BE GIVEN A THOROUGH BRIEFING BEFORE THEY START WORK.

+VOLUNTEERS PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN WIDENING CONTACTS WITH PROBATIONERS AND IN HELPING TO RE-INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY,+ THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SCHEME, MR LIU KOON-KEUNG, SAID.

APART FROM BEFRIENDING PROBATIONERS VOLUNTEERS CAN ASSIST BY HELPING THEM DEVELOP MEANINGFUL HOBBIES AND HABITS, AND CULTIVATE HEALTHY PURSUITS, HE SAID.

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TUITION AND USEFUL GUIDANCE CAN ALSO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROBATIONERS.

HE SAID RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS RECRUITMENT EXERCISES HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING AND HE HOPED MORE PEOPLE WOULD COME FORWARD TO TAKE PART IN THIS MEANINGFUL WORK.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL PROBATION OFFICES AND THE OFFICE OF THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, SEVENTH FLOOR.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME OFFICE BEFORE JUNE 8.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE TO MR P.Y. FUNG ON TELEPHONE 5-7955230.

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MORE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS TO BE FITTED WITH LIGHTING SYSTEM
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO SPEND \$2.27 MILLION TO IMPROVE LIGHTING FACILITIES IN 12 PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS IN THE URBAN AREA.

THIS IS PART OF THE COUNCIL'S ON-GOING PARKLIGHT/FLOODLIGHT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WHICH HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. SO FAR 12 PACKAGES OF PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH.

THE LATEST PACKAGE INVOLVES THE INSTALLATION OF NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM AT ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND (RUNNING TRACK), TELEGRAPH BAY VILLAGE PLAYGROUND, THE ROLLER SKATING RINK IN KOWLOON TSAI PARK, LAM TIN ESTATE PLAYGROUND NO. 6, FUK WAH STREET REST GARDEN AND FUK WING STREET REST GARDEN.

THE EXISTING LIGHTING SYSTEM AT TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE CENTRAL PLAYGROUND, TSZ WAN ROAD PLAYGROUND, WILLOW STREET PLAYGROUND, CHERRY STREET PLAYGROUND AND YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CIVIC CENTRE REST GARDEN WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN SELECTING THESE VENUES, A HIGHER PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS WHERE THERE ARE NO EXISTING PARKLIGHTS OR FLOODLIGHTS.

OTHER FACTORS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WERE THE POPULARITY OF THE FACILITIES WHERE BETTER LIGHTING WOULD ENHANCE THEIR USAGE, AND THE ADVICE OF NATIONAL SPORTS BODIES ON THE ILLUMINATION REQUIREMENT FOR A PARTICULAR VENUE.

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FEE CHARGES PROPOSED

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A BILL SEEKING TO AMEND THE FEES CHARGED UNDER THE BILLS OF SALE ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THE BILLS OF SALE (AMENDMENT) BILL MAINLY SEEKS TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR A SEARCH OF THE REGISTER OF BILLS OF SALE, AND FOR AN INSPECTION OF A BILL OF SALE, TO BE PRESCRIBED BY REGULATIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,+ A JUDICIARY SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE FEES CHARGED UNDER THE ORDINANCE HAVE NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE 1976,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE ITS FIRST READING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 29.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT IN WRITING TO UMELCO OFFICE AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT AT 38, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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MENTAL HEALTH WEEK FOR KWAI CHUNG-TSING YI

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A +KWAI CHUNG-TSING YI MENTAL HEALTH WEEK+ TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT, WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL WEDNESDAY (MAY 22).

THE PROGRAMME, ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S TSUEN WAN-KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL. THE OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 9 PM DURING WEEKDAYS AND BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM ON SUNDAY.

THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION, FILMS, SLIDES, VIDEO TAPES, PAMPHLETS AND TALKS ON MENTAL ILLNESS AND REHABILITATION SERVICES.

AN OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AT 11 AM AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR ALFRED CHUI; DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, MR TAM WING-PONG; MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, DR SHUM PING-SHIU; CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE, MR YAU HON-KEE.

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WASTE TRANSFER STATION PLANNED

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PARTIES INTERESTED IN PROVIDING AND OPERATING A MUNICIPAL WASTE TRANSFER STATION IN KOWLOON BAY ARE BEING ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE WASTE TRANSFER STATION WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION OF MUNICIPAL WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

IT WOULD FUNCTION AS A DESTINATION FOR MUNICIPAL REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES WHICH WOULD UNLOAD THERE. WASTE WOULD THEN BE LOADED INTO SPECIALIST BULK ROAD VEHICLES AND TRANSPORTED TO A CONTROLLED TIP IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR FINAL DISPOSAL.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE TRANSFER STATION WOULD BE FULLY ENCLOSED AND ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION AND NUISANCE FROM THE STATION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED.

THE STATION WOULD HANDLE BETWEEN 1 200 AND 2 000 TONNES OF MUNICIPAL REFUSE EACH DAY AND WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE ALL YEAR ROUND, WITH TWO SHIFTS EACH DAY, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE COMPILING A LIST OF PARTIES INTERESTED IN PROVIDING AND OPERATING SUCH A TRANSFER STATION ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS, AND IN PROVIDING ASSOCIATED BULK ROAD TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF CONTROLLED TIPS.

THE ABOVE FACILITIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE PROVIDED ON A DESIGN, CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE CONTRACT BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

NOTICE OF THIS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL, BEFORE JUNE 21, 1985.

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AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECTS
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ORGANISERS OF SIX PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD HAVE BEEN COMMENDED UNDER THE BOARD'S 84-85 BEST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT AWARD SCHEME.

THE PROJECTS, SELECTED FROM 371 SPONSORED BY THE BOARD, WERE ORGANISED BY VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION, SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, YOUTH CENTRES, A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE AND A SPECIAL WORKING COMMITTEE.

THE AWARDEES WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG, AT A CEREMONY DURING THE BOARD'S SECOND MEETING ON TUESDAY (MAY 21).

THE SCHEME, FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1983, WAS LAUNCHED WITH THE AIM TO ENCOURAGE THE EFFECTIVE USE OF DB FUNDS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, TO ENCOURAGE ORGANISERS TO UPGRADE THE STANDARD OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS, AND TO DIRECT DB-SPONSORED PROJECTS TOWARDS CULTIVATING HIGHER CIVIC-SPIRITEDNESS AND A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG SHA TIN RESIDENTS.

SCREENING OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD WAS CONDUCTED IN MARCH BY A WORKING GROUP COMPRISING THE CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARY.

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CIVIL AID SERVICES UNITS TO COMPETE
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD AN INTER-UNIT FOOTDRILL COMPETITION ON SUNDAY (MAY 19).

SEVENTEEN CAS TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8.30 AM AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE AT 204 ARGYLE STREET.

+THE COMPETITION IS TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD IN TURNOUT AND SENSE OF DISCIPLINE OF CAS MEMBERS,+ A CAS SPOKESMAN SAID.

AFTER THE COMPETITION, THE CAS N.T. REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, WILL PRESENT THE +CAS N.T. REGIONAL COMMANDER'S CUP+ TO THE WINNING TEAM AND SOUVENIRS TO OTHER TEAMS.

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77 HONOURED FOR LONG SERVICE
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SEVENTY-SEVEN OFFICERS OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WERE HONOURED FOR THEIR LONG SERVICE TODAY.

THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR T.H. TOMLINSON, AND MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORATE AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THESE OFFICERS INCLUDED WORKMEN, ARTISANS AND WORKS SUPERVISORS, A MOTOR DRIVER AND A COXSWAIN. AMONG THEM, 45 HAD SERVED MORE THAN 30 YEARS AND ANOTHER 25 HAD MORE THAN 20 YEARS' OF SERVICE.

THEY HAD ALL RETIRED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1984 AND MAY THIS YEAR.

TROPHIES AND PRIZES WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS AT THE CEREMONY.

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NEW PREMISES FOR COLLEGE
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THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW COLLEGE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 4 PM.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH FLOOR AUDITORIUM, DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING AT 15 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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PRESS VISIT
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A PRESS VISIT TO THE YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND YAU MA TEI FIELD UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON TUESDAY (MAY 21) MORNING.

PRIOR TO THE TOUR, A BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MISS NANCY CHOW.

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FISHERMEN MAY REGISTER FOR CLAIMS

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FISHERMEN AFFECTED BY A PROPOSED RECLAMATION PROJECT AT TSANG TSUI IN TUEN MUN WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR CLAIMS OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES NEXT WEEK.

ANY FISHERMAN BASED BETWEEN BLACK POINT AND TAI SHUI HANG WHO WISHES TO REGISTER A CLAIM SHOULD BRING HIS VESSEL TO THE AREA OF DEEP BAY JUST OFF TSANG TSUI.

A MARINE DEPARTMENT VESSEL WILL BE STATIONED THERE BETWEEN 10 AM AND 11 AM ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, AND AT THE SAME TIME ON FRIDAY, MAY 24.

CLAIMANTS MUST PRODUCE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS, BOAT LICENCE BOOKS AND EVIDENCE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS SUCH AS UTILITY BILLS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, ASSISTED BY OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, WILL CONDUCT THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

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CHORAL CONCERT

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A CHORAL CONCERT ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL BE HELD AT SHOUSAN THEATRE, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, NEXT SUNDAY (MAY 26) AT 8 PM.

THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR AND THE CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE.

REPERTOIRE FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR WILL INCLUDE MADRIGALS OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY, SONGS BY VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, PURCELL, ADAMS AND NEGRO SPIRITUALS AND THAT FOR THE CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE WILL INCLUDE FOLK SONGS FROM DIFFERENT PROVINCES OF CHINA.

MR MICHAEL RIPPON, PRINCIPAL VOCAL INSTRUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, AND MISS CHEUNG LING-LING, A RENOWNED CHINESE FOLK VOCALIST, WILL BE THE GUEST CONDUCTORS.

TICKETS AT \$5 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MONG KOK, YAU MA TEI AND HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRES.

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL 0-428127.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN WAN CHAI
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A SHORT SECTION OF INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD, WEST OF O'BRIEN ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT A MONTH FROM 10.30 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 20) TO FACILITATE FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- * A TEMPORARY ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED WEST OF THE CLOSED SECTION FOR VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD TO ENTER INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD.
- * WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD EAST OF STEWART ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD AND THE TEMPORARY ACCESS TO REJOIN INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD.
- * VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD HEADING FOR O'BRIEN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE TEMPORARY ACCESS, INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD, FENWICK STREET AND JAFFE ROAD.

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PARKING SPACE FOR MOTOR CYCLES
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MOTOR CYCLISTS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK IN CENTRAL AND FUK TONG ROAD CAR PARK IN KWUN TONG AS FROM 8 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 20).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT 24 SPACES AT THE MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK AND 10 SPACES AT THE FUK TONG ROAD CAR PARK WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR MOTOR CYCLES.

PARKING FEE WILL BE 50 CENTS PER HOUR.

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WATER CUT FOR TESTS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 21) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY SHOUSON HILL ROAD WEST, SHOUSON HILL ROAD, SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST AND 37-80 DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, INCLUDING THE ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

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