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NEW MOVE TO ENCOURAGE LAND DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO EXTEND ITS POLICY OF ACCEPTING PREMIUM FOR SALES AND OTHER LAND TRANSACTIONS BY INSTALMENTS IN A NEW MOVE TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

PREVIOUSLY THE FACILITY OF PAYING LAND PREMIA BY INSTALMENTS WAS CONFINED TO THE MORE DISTANT INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WISHED TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACTORIES, AND VERY VALUABLE COMMERCIAL SITES IN THE CENTRAL AREAS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

THE NEW POLICY WILL APPLY TO SALES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN ALL PARTS OF HONG KONG, AND TO ALL SALES OR TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL LAND WHERE THE PREMIUM IS ESTIMATED TO EXCEED \$10 MILLION.

IN ADDITION INSTALMENTS MAY BE PAID WHERE AN INDUSTRIALIST SEEKS A MODIFICATION OF HIS LEASE TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON ITS DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL PROVIDED THE PREMIUM FOR THE MODIFICATION EXCEEDS \$1 MILLION.

FOR SALES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND, PREMIUM WILL BE PAYABLE BY TEN INSTALMENTS WITH INTEREST CALCULATED AT FIVE PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE RATE OF INTEREST USED FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND UNDER THE OLD SYSTEM. IN THE CASE OF GRANTS FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRIES AND MODIFICATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL LOTS WHERE THE PREMIUM IS SETTLED BY NEGOTIATION AND NOT BY COMPETITIVE MEANS THE INTEREST IS TO BE 10 PER CENT.

FOR RESIDENTIAL SITES THE PREMIUM WILL BE PAYABLE AT 10 PER CENT INTEREST PER ANNUM.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW POLICY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MR. GRAHAM BARNES, SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED TO ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND CONTINUED SMOOTHLY. A SYSTEM OF DEFERRED PAYMENTS WAS OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO DEVELOPERS BECAUSE IT REDUCED THE INITIAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT REQUIRED BEFORE DEVELOPMENT COULD BEGIN.

+THE SITES AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRIES GRANTS AND FOR THE KIND OF MAJOR RESIDENTIAL SCHEMES WHICH ARE BEING CONSIDERED AT THE PRESENT TIME, ARE FREQUENTLY DIFFICULT AND SITE FORMATION COULD TAKE AT LEAST A YEAR BEFORE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE BUILDINGS COMMENCED.+

MR. BARNES SAID THIS WAS AN EXPENSIVE PERIOD FOR DEVELOPERS, AND IN SOME CASES IT WAS PROBABLE THAT IMPORTANT RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHEMES WOULD NOT PROCEED IF FULL PREMIUM WERE REQUIRED AT THE OUTSET. FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S POINT OF VIEW THE SYSTEM OF DEFERRED PREMIUM WOULD PROVIDE FOR A STEADY RETURN ON ITS LAND ASSETS.

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MR. BARNES ADDED THAT THE SCHEME WAS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN SALES OF LAND AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE AT PAINS TO ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM DID NOT RESULT IN A STAGNATION OF LAND SOLD. TO THIS END BUILDING COVENANTS WOULD BE ENFORCED MORE STRICTLY.

IN THE CASE OF RESIDENTIAL LAND, DEVELOPERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REPAY PREMIUM IN FULL, IN RESPECT OF FLATS OR PARTS OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT WHICH THEY WISHED TO SELL OFF. THIS WOULD BE ACHIEVED BY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN CONDITIONS OF SALE OR GRANT AND IN THE LAND OFFICER'S CONSENTS TO THE SALE OF FLATS.

+FLAT-PURCHASERS WOULD MOREOVER BE PROTECTED FROM ANY DANGER OF CONTRACTING A LIABILITY FROM THE PAYMENT OF FUTURE PREMIUM INSTALMENTS, BY SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SALE DOCUMENTS AND IN THE LAND OFFICER'S CONSENTS FOR THE SALE OF FLATS, + MR. BARNES SAID.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AT BAILEY BRIDGE, TAI PO
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THE BAILEY BRIDGE NEAR ISLAND HOUSE, TAI PO, WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR REPAIRS SINCE LAST WEEK, WILL BE TEMPORARILY RE-OPENED TO NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF HOLIDAY MOTORISTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT APPROPRIATE SIGNS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS WILL BE PLACED AT THE APPROACH TO THE BRIDGE, WHICH FORMS THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT UNNECESSARY CONGESTION COULD BE PREVENTED IF MOTORISTS TRAVELLING TO SHEUNG SHUI OR FAN LING AVOIDED USING TAI PO ROAD.

HE SAID THAT THE BRIDGE WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON WEEKDAYS SO THAT REPAIRS CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. THE WORK INCLUDES THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TIMBER DECK AND OTHER ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO THE BRIDGE COMPONENTS.

EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS, THE BRIDGE WILL STAY CLOSED FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS. THE REPAIRS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR, WHICH FALLS ON FEBRUARY 11.

WHEN THE BRIDGE IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON WEEKDAYS, NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE ADJACENT SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD. TRAFFIC SIGNALS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THERE TO FACILITATE THIS ARRANGEMENT.

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TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN SOCIAL SERVICES
OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. DENIS BRAY, TODAY SPOKE ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS HONG KONG HAS MADE IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SERVICES OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF KOWLOON, HE SAID THAT IN EVERY FIELD OF SOCIAL POLICY THERE HAD BEEN PROGRESS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN REGARDED IN THE EARLY 1950'S AS IMPOSSIBLE +NOT ONLY BY THE IMPORTANT AND WISE EXPERIENCED OLD MEN BUT ALSO BY IDEALISTS WHO WANTED TO SEE THINGS CHANGED.+

ON THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME, MR. BRAY SAID IT WAS NOT STARTED UNTIL AFTER THE BIG SQUATTER FIRE IN SHEK KIP MEI ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT IN 1953 WHEN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE MADE HOMELESS.

+FROM THIS,+ HE ADDED, +FLOWED THE VAST RE-HOUSING PROGRAMME WHICH FIRST CLEARED INTO NEW SIMPLE HOUSING SQUATTERS FROM GREAT AREAS OF LAND THEY OCCUPIED AND TODAY IS DEVOTED TO THE PRODUCTION OF HOUSING ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE.+

TURNING TO EDUCATION, MR. BRAY SAID: +AT THAT TIME, EVEN PRIMARY EDUCATION WAS REGARDED AS A PRIZE BEYOND THE REACH OF MOST CHILDREN.

+TODAY,+ HE CONTINUED, +WE TAKE FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION FOR GRANTED AND LOOK FORWARD TO SUBSIDISED SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR EVERYBODY BEFORE LONG.+

ON MEDICAL SERVICES, MR. BRAY SAID: +TODAY OUR HOSPITALS ARE STILL OVERCROWDED IN SPITE OF TREMENDOUS EXPANSION THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

+BUT, WHAT WE CALL OVERCROWDING TODAY WOULD AT THE TIME HAVE BEEN REGARDED AS SPACIOUS.+

ON THE SUBJECT OF SOCIAL WELFARE, HE SAID: +ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEEDY IN THE 1950'S WAS PROVIDED IN A VERY CRUDE WAY.

+THIS WAS IN THE FORM OF FREE MEALS COOKED AT THE KITCHENS IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.+

LATER, SOME PEOPLE WERE GIVEN DRIED RATIONS AND FIREWOOD WHICH WAS THE ONLY COMMON FUEL AT THAT TIME.

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YET, MR. BRAY SAID, NOT MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE WERE ASSISTED IN THIS WAY AT ANY ONE TIME.

+TODAY+, MR. BRAY POINTED OUT, +MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING, EDUCATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON A SCALE UNDREAMED OF, AND THE POOREST ARE HELPED BY A SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME NOW ABSORBING WELL OVER \$100 MILLION A YEAR.+

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. BRAY'S SPEECH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE GIS PRESS BOXES LATER THIS EVENING.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY OFFICER TO CHAIR MARINE CLIMATOLOGY MEETING
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THE SCIENTIFIC OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE MARINE METEOROLOGICAL SECTION OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR. CHU WING-KI WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO CHAIR A MARINE CLIMATOLOGY MEETING IN GENEVA.

THE MEETING, SPONSORED BY THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 20 AND 25.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE COLLECTION, VERIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF WEATHER REPORTS FROM SHIPS, AND WAYS TO MAKE USE OF THESE DATA IN PREPARING A CLIMATIC ATLAS OF THE OCEANS.

MR. CHU WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE MARINE CLIMATOLOGY WORKING GROUP IN THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR MARINE METEOROLOGY HELD IN TOKYO IN OCTOBER 1972.

MEMBERS OF THIS WORKING GROUP CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE U.S.S.R., WEST GERMANY, HOLLAND, INDIA, JAPAN AND SOUTH AFRICA.

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MORE FLOODLIGHTS FOR HOUSING ESTATES

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POWERFUL FLOODLIGHTS ARE TO BE INSTALLED IN GROUP B' ESTATES (FORMER RESETTLEMENT ESTATES) AS PART OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PROGRAMME OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

THESE FLOODLIGHTS WILL BE FIXED AT STRATEGIC POINTS ON THE ROOF OF DOMESTIC BLOCKS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM ILLUMINATION TO DARK AREAS IN THE ESTATE WHICH ARE FREQUENTLY USED BY TENANTS AT NIGHT.

MR. DONALD P.H. LIAO, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, LAST NIGHT (THURSDAY) GAVE THE GREENLIGHT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROGRAMME FOLLOWING AN ON-THE-SITE INSPECTION OF THE PILOT SCHEME AT TSZ WAN SHAN.

THIS SCHEME WAS DEVISED AND INSTALLED BY THE MAINTENANCE SECTION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE AUTHORITY.

IT INVOLVED THE INSTALLATION OF 13 FLOODLIGHTS OF 750 WATTS TO 1,000 WATTS ON THE ROOF OF BLOCKS 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 AND 51.

THE LIGHTS, WHICH ARE CONTROLLED BY A TIME SWITCH, ARE AUTOMATICALLY TURNED ON AT 8.30 EACH NIGHT AND OFF AT THREE IN THE MORNING.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN ON TRIAL SINCE LAST OCTOBER AND HAS BEEN FAVOURABLY ACCEPTED BY TENANTS.

MR. KWONG CHUNG-MAN, HOUSING MANAGER, TSZ WAN SHAN (III), TOLD MR. LIAO HE HAD PERSONALLY CONTACTED KAIFONGS AND TENANTS TO SOUND OUT THEIR VIEWS.

+THEY HAVE COMMENDED FAVOURABLY ON THE SCHEME AND HOPED THAT IT WILL BE EXTENDED,+ MR. KWONG SAID.

WHILE AT TSZ WAN SHAN, MR. LIAO ALSO VISITED SEVERAL DOMESTIC BLOCKS TO SEE THE IMPROVED LIGHTING IN THE CORRIDORS. THIS SCHEME IS ALSO PART OF THE AUTHORITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AND HAS ALREADY BEEN EXTENDED TO A LARGE NUMBER OF GROUP B ESTATES.

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NEW RULES FOR MACAU FERRY TERMINAL ENTRY PASSES
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THE HOLDER OF A PASS ALLOWING ENTRY TO THE HONG KONG-MACAU FERRY TERMINAL IS REQUIRED, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, TO RETURN THE PASS TO THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF ITS REVOCATION.

UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (HONG KONG-MACAU FERRY TERMINAL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1975 PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE, IT IS AN OFFENCE NOT TO COMPLY WITH SUCH A NOTICE WITHOUT A REASONABLE EXCUSE.

THE OFFENCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000.

THE MOVE FOLLOWS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE IRREGULAR USE OF REVOKED PASSES AT THE FERRY TERMINAL IN RECENT MONTHS.

COMMENTING ON THE REGULATIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE WAS FORMERLY EMPOWERED TO ISSUE AND REVOKE PASSES TO THE TERMINAL.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THE DIRECTOR DID NOT HAVE THE POWER TO ENSURE THAT PASSES WHICH HAD BEEN REVOKED WERE RETURNED TO HIM.

THEREFORE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN ENTITLED TO A PASS TO RETAIN IT AFTER ITS CANCELLATION AS A RESULT OF A CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT, AND TO USE IT TO GAIN UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO THE TERMINAL AT A LATER DATE.

THE NEW MEASURE, HE ADDED, WOULD PUT THESE IRREGULARITIES TO AN END.

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NEW PARKING PIER FOR JUMBO JETS AT KAI TAK

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ANOTHER NOSE-IN PIER FOR JUMBO JETS WILL BE ADDED TO KAI TAK AIRPORT TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR BERTHING FACILITIES.

THE PIER, WHICH IS PART OF THE AIRPORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME, WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JUMBO JET PIERS TO SIX.

TOGETHER WITH THE EXISTING PIERS, IT WILL FORM A CONTINUOUS WALKWAY FROM THE CLEARANCE AREA IN THE TERMINAL BUILDING TO THE AIRCRAFT PARKED ON THE APRON.

THE NEW PIER WILL BE A THREE-STOREY STRUCTURE WITH AN ANNEXED APRON DOCK WHICH WILL ENABLE A JUMBO JET TO NOSE IN TO DISCHARGE OR TO PICK UP PASSENGERS THROUGH AN AIRBRIDGE.

THE GROUND LEVEL OF THE PIER IS A BAGGAGE HANDLING AREA. THERE WILL ALSO BE A COVERED PARKING SPACE FOR AIRPORT BUSES COVEYING PASSENGERS TO AND FROM AIRLINERS PARKED ON THE OTHER STANDS.

THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE PIER WILL JOIN THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE HALLS AT THE TERMINAL BUILDING RESPECTIVELY.

AN OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF THE NEW PIER IS A THREE-STOREY HIGH MARSHALLING TOWER WHICH WILL BE BUILT ON TOP OF IT.

THE TOP FLOOR OF THE TOWER WILL BE MANNED BY GROUND CONTROL OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING AIRCRAFT TO THEIR PARKING STANDS.

THE OTHER TWO FLOORS OF THE TOWER WILL BE SHARED BY POLICE, IMMIGRATION AND PREVENTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE MOVEMENT ON THE TARMAC.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PIER ARE INVITED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE AND THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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WITHDRAWALS FROM BOND OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES REGULATED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, HAS TODAY SIGNED AN ORDER UNDER THE PUBLIC REVENUE PROTECTION ORDINANCE WHICH TAKES IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND EMPOWERS THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO REGULATE WITHDRAWALS FROM BOND OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS IF IT SEEMS TO THE DIRECTOR THAT EXCESSIVE DEMANDS FOR WITHDRAWALS ARE BEING MADE.

THE ORDER ONLY AFFECTS WITHDRAWALS FOR LOCAL USE AND NOT DELIVERIES FOR RE-EXPORT.

THE OBJECT OF THE ORDER IS TO PREVENT DELIVERIES FROM BOND OF ABNORMALLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF LIQUOR AND TOBACCO DURING THE PERIOD PRECEDING THE BUDGET.

THE SIGNING OF THE ORDER DOES NOT IN ITSELF INDICATE THAT DUTIES WILL BE RAISED BUT IT IS A NECESSARY PRECAUTION WHICH MUST BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE REVENUE, AND TO PREVENT WINDFALL PROFITS BEING MADE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REVENUE, IN THE EVENT THAT A DECISION TO INCREASE DUTIES IS IN FACT INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET. IT IS LIKELY THAT SIMILAR ORDERS WILL BE MADE AS A MATTER OF ROUTINE IN FUTURE YEARS.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY GIVEN BY THE ORDER, DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE REGULATION OF RELEASES OF TOBACCO WHICH HAVE IMMEDIATE EFFECT. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AFFECTING OTHER COMMODITIES MAY BE ISSUED AT A LATER DATE.

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'THE LAW' -- RHK'S NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

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RADIO HONG KONG, IN ITS VENTURE INTO THE FIELD OF EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTS, WILL INTRODUCE A NEW CHINESE PROGRAMME NEXT WEEK ON LEGAL MATTERS.

THE PROGRAMME, ENTITLED '+THE LAW+', IS DESIGNED FOR THE LAYMAN WHO DOES NOT HAVE ANY PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT LAWS IN HONG KONG.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE BROADCAST ON RHK-1 EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7.30 P.M.

MR. KENNETH KWOK, A GRADUATE FROM THE LAW DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, HAS BEEN INVITED TO GIVE THE TALKS.

FOLLOWING EACH TALK, THERE WILL BE A QUESTIONING SESSION IN WHICH THE LISTENERS CAN TELEPHONE THE STUDIO AND ASK QUESTIONS ON GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS.

+THE LAW+ WILL INCLUDE SUCH TOPICS AS TENANCY LEGISLATION, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE, SECURITY OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, LEGAL AID, PUBLIC ORDER AND CORRUPTION.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW PROGRAMME, THE PRODUCER, MR. CHU PUI-HING, SAID: +THESE TOPICS WILL BE TREATED IN AN ELEMENTARY MANNER.

+WE BELIEVE THAT THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET NEEDS, AND WILL BE INTERESTED IN, BASIC LEGAL KNOWLEDGE. WE SHALL ALSO TRY OUR BEST TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND ENQUIRIES FROM LISTENERS.+

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MORE VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE BENEFITED
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NO COMPENSATION CAN FULFIL A GOOD PURPOSE IN ISOLATION OF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RESTORE A MAN TO HEALTH AND GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT. COMMUNITY AND WELFARE SERVICES MUST BE UTILIZED AS WELL.

MR. STEPHEN CHAU, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION), POINTED THIS OUT TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST ON THE SUBJECT OF COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE. MR. CHAU IS ALSO THE SECRETARY TO THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARDS.

HE STRESSED THAT INJURY ARISING FROM ACCIDENT DEMANDS AN ATTACK ON THREE FRONTS -- PREVENTION, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION.

+THE MOST IMPORTANT IS, OBVIOUSLY PREVENTION WHICH IS A COMBINED COMMUNITY EFFORT. THE OBLIGATION TO REHABILITATE THE INJURED OR THEIR SURVIVORS AND THE DUTY TO COMPENSATE THEM FOR THEIR LOSSES SHOULD BE HANDLED TOGETHER,+ HE SAID.

THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME AND MR. CHAU NOTED THAT SINCE IT WAS INTRODUCED IN MAY 1973, SOME 800 CLAIMS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND OVER \$1.4 MILLION PAID OUT IN AWARDS.

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ROAD SAFETY DEMONSTRATION
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. IAN MACPHERSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A ROAD SAFETY DEMONSTRATION AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND, WAN CHAI, TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

HE WILL INSPECT A PARADE OF 100 SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS AND ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

THE DEMONSTRATION IS ORGANISED BY THE WANCHAI KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

ROAD SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS TAKING PART IN THE DEMONSTRATION WILL SHOW THE PROPER WAY OF CROSSING THE ROAD AND THE CONSEQUENCE OF JAY-WALKING.

PRIOR TO THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 7 P.M., THERE WILL BE LION DANCES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY'S +WALK FOR A MILLION+
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) ON HONG KONG ISLAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE +WALK FOR A MILLION+ EVENT.

THERE WILL BE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DEVERSIONS, CLOSURE OF ROADS, SPECIAL PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AND RE-ROUTING OF CERTAIN FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES.

MOTORISTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO AVOID THE ROADS COVERED BY THE EVENT AND THE GENERAL AREA OF GOVERNMENT STADIUM BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM ON SUNDAY UNLESS THEIR JOURNEY IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS INDICATING +CAUTION+ AND +WALKERS AHEAD+ WILL BE POSTED AT PLACES WHERE VEHICULAR-PEDESTRIAN CONFLICT IS EXPECTED, AND MOTORISTS ARE REQUESTED TO DRIVE WITH EXTREME CARE.

BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 5.30 PM, LINK ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY FROM BROADWOOD ROAD TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD= EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD WILL BE ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND= CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL BE ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM LEIGHTON ROAD TO GOVERNMENT STADIUM= AND EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED INTO BLUE POOL ROAD.

THE SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN BLUE POOL ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM 7.30 AM UNTIL 5 PM. MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 3.30 PM EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES FRONTING THE ROAD.

ALL PARKING SPACES IN LINK ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 7.30 AM UNTIL 7 PM. ONLY VEHICLES DISPLAYING RED PARKING LABELS MAY PARK AT THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL STADIUM NO. 4 CAR PARK. VEHICLES WITH YELLOW LABELS MAY PARK IN THE NO. 2 CAR PARK, AND GOODS VEHICLES AND COACHES IN THE NO. 5 CAR PARK.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARK THEIR VEHICLES IN THE NO. 1 CAR PARK AND ON THE SLIP ROAD OFF EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD. HOWEVER, THEY ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTE NO. 19 WILL TERMINATE AT BROOM ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY INSTEAD OF AT TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 10.30 AM.

CMB ROUTE NO. 11 WILL LEAVE JARDINE'S LOOKOUT VIA PRICE ROAD, MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE, MOUNT BUTLER ROAD, HENDERSON ROAD AND PERKINS ROAD FROM START OF SERVICE UNTIL 5 PM.

THE BUS STOP FOR EASTBOUND JOURNEYS AT LEIGHTON ROAD OPPOSITE PO LEUNG KUK WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED BETWEEN 6 AM AND 6 PM.

THE ROADS COVERED BY THE +WALK FOR A MILLION+ EVENT ARE CAROLINE HILL ROAD, LINK ROAD, BROADWOOD ROAD, TAI HANG ROAD, WONGNEICHONG GAP ROAD, COOMBE ROAD, BARKER ROAD AND BOWEN ROAD.

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