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FEWER TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS NOTED

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT RECORDED FEWER COMPLAINTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF TCU, MR STEPHEN PANG, IN THE LATEST QUARTERLY REPORT RELEASED TODAY, SAID THAT THERE WAS A DECLINE IN COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.

A TOTAL OF 950 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED, 23 PER CENT LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER'S 1 229 COMPLAINTS. THE FIGURE ALSO REPRESENTS A DECREASE OF 12 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE TOTAL OF 1 084 COMPLAINTS IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984.

MR PANG NOTED HOWEVER, THAT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WERE STILL THE MAIN TOPIC OF CONCERN. THEY ACCOUNTED FOR NEARLY HALF OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED. NEVERTHELESS, THE ACTUAL NUMBER FELL FROM 581 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 455, A DECREASE OF 22 PER CENT.

+COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WENT DOWN FROM 122 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 101. THIS IS THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE DROP SINCE THE THIRD QUARTER IN 1984 IN WHICH 157 COMPLAINTS WERE RECORDED,+ SAID MR PANG.

+THERE WERE ALSO FEWER COMPLAINTS ON SIMILAR GROUNDS FOR HONG KONG ISLAND. THE NUMBER FELL FROM 49 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 34,+ HE SAID.

ALTOGETHER 81 COMPLAINTS CONCERNING CMB'S STANDARD OF SERVICE WERE RECEIVED.

+THE FIGURE REPRESENTS A DECREASE OF 22 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH 104 COMPLAINTS IN THE LAST QUARTER. THE MAIN REDUCTION IS IN COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB DRIVERS. CASES OF THIS KIND DECREASED BY MORE THAN ONE-THIRD FROM 35 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 22. COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY ALSO DECREASED SLIGHTLY FROM 41 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 37,+ SAID MR PANG.

A TOTAL OF 74 COMPLAINTS ABOUT KMB'S STANDARD OF SERVICE WERE RECORDED, 28 CASES MORE THAN THE LAST QUARTER.

+THE UPWARD TREND WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASED COMPLAINTS CONCERNING KMB BUS CAPTAINS. THE NUMBER WENT UP FROM 13 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 33. COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY ALSO SHOWED A SMALL INCREASE FROM 25 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 30,+ SAID MR PANG.

THE FERRY SERVICES OPERATED BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LTD (HYF) RECEIVED FEWER COMPLAINTS. TWENTY-TWO COMPLAINTS WERE RECORDED COMPARED WITH 33 IN THE LAST QUARTER.

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MR PANG SAID THAT THE DECREASE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A DROP IN COMPLAINTS ABOUT NON-ADHERENCE TO DEPARTURE SCHEDULES. THE NUMBER OF THESE COMPLAINTS WENT DOWN FROM 21 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO EIGHT. OF THESE EIGHT COMPLAINTS, FIVE WERE ABOUT THE LATE DEPARTURE OF THE 7.20 AM SAILING FROM PENG CHAU TO CENTRAL.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS WERE ON THE DECREASE -- 246 CASES IN THE QUARTER AND 289 IN THE LAST QUARTER. ROAD CONGESTION WAS STILL THE MAIN SUBJECT AND IT ACCOUNTED FOR 56 PER CENT OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS. THERE WERE FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC AIDS, PEDESTRIAN AND PARKING FACILITIES.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD MAINTENANCE DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM 103 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 60. THERE WAS A GENERAL DECLINE IN COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE STATE OF ROADS, TRAFFIC AIDS AND SIGNS IN WANT OF REPAIRS AND FADED CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS.

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PRINTING DEPARTMENT BEGINS BIG MOVE MAY 13
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THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN MOVING TO NEW PREMISES IN QUARRY BAY FROM MONDAY (MAY 13).

AND THE BIG JOB OF DISMANTLING SOME 150 SETS OF MACHINERY, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ITEMS, AND SETTING THEM ALL UP AGAIN WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO COMPLETE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE WHOLE OPERATION WILL BE PLANNED SO AS TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AT 50 PER CENT OF NORMAL PRODUCTION DURING THAT TIME, HE SAID.

THE MOVE IS TO MEET THE EXPANSION NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN OPERATING IN A TWO-STORY BUILDING ON JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT FOR THE PAST 33 YEARS.

WORK HAD BEEN BUILDING UP SINCE 1952 SO THAT STAFF HAD TO BE INCREASED FROM LESS THAN 100 TO THE PRESENT 400-MORE, AND THE PRODUCTION MACHINERY FROM 23 ITEMS TO MORE THAN 150, HE SAID. AT THE SAME TIME, OUTPUT HAD INCREASED TO THE PRESENT ANNUAL CONSUMPTION OF SOME 4 600 TONNES OF PAPER.

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THE NEW PREMISES, COVERING EIGHT FLOORS -- FROM 7TH TO 14TH -- IN CORNWALL HOUSE, TAIKOO TRADING ESTATE, 28 TONG CHONG STREET, QUARRY BAY, WILL OFFER A TOTAL COMBINED FLOOR AREA OF 14 000 SQUARE METRES, COMPARED WITH THE 5 700 SQUARE-METRE EXISTING PREMISES.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE FULL AIR-CONDITIONING, AND CONSTANT HUMIDITY CONTROL ON CERTAIN FLOORS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A STAFF CANTEEN AND A CLUB ROOM FOR STAFF RECREATION.

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN FULL OPERATION IN THE NEW PREMISES FROM JUNE 3 (MONDAY).

THE NEW PRINTING DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBER AT CORNWALL HOUSE WILL BE 5-649500 (20 LINES).

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TEACHERS INVITED TO APPLY FOR TRAINING COURSE

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TECHNICAL TEACHERS, WHO ARE QUALIFIED ACADEMICALLY BUT DO NOT POSSESS PROFESSIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS, ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A TWO-YEAR TRAINING COURSE OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE, TO START IN SEPTEMBER, WILL CONSIST OF LECTURES, PRACTICAL WORK AND SUPERVISION OF TEACHING OVER TWO ACADEMIC YEARS ON A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE BASIS.

CANDIDATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES CARRYING +QUALIFIED TEACHER+ STATUS.

APPLICANTS MUST BE EMPLOYED AS FULL-TIME TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL OR COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS, HAVE TWO YEARS' RELEVANT TEACHING OR INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE AND HAVE ATTENDED AN INITIAL COURSE ON TEACHING SKILLS.

THEY MUST ALSO POSSESS A DIPLOMA, HIGHER CERTIFICATE, HIGHER DIPLOMA, SECRETARIAL CERTIFICATE OR OFFICE STUDIES CERTIFICATES AWARDED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR AN EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND CLASSES ONCE A WEEK FOR A PERIOD OF 32 WEEKS IN THE FIRST YEAR AND 33 WEEKS IN THE SECOND YEAR OF COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15.

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FOUR NEW SILKS CALLED TO THE BAR
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THERE HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE TRANSFORMATION DURING THE PAST 15 YEARS, IN THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF WORK AT THE SUPREME COURT LEVEL, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SIR DENYS WAS OFFICIATING AT A CEREMONY IN THE SUPREME COURT TO CALL WITHIN THE BAR FOUR NEW QUEEN'S COUNSEL, MR FRANCIS ARTHUR LANCELOT EDDIS, MR ANTHONY WILLIAM SEDGWICK, MR EDWARD CHRISTOPHER MUMFORD AND MR FRANK STOCK.

+IN THE LATE 1960'S, MOST OF THE TIME OF THE HIGH COURT WAS ABSORBED IN CRIMINAL WORK, USUALLY OF FAIRLY SHORT DURATION, AND IT WAS POSSIBLE, WITHOUT GREAT DIFFICULTY, TO FORM AN APPELLATE BENCH FROM THE SIX HIGH COURT JUDGES WHO WERE AVAILABLE,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

+CIVIL WORK WAS SPARSE, FOR THIS WAS A COMMUNITY IN WHICH THERE WAS A LONG TRADITION OF SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES OUTSIDE THE COURTS. LEGAL AID HAD ONLY JUST BEEN INTRODUCED TO REPLACE THE IN FORMA PAUPERIS SYSTEM UNDER WHICH THE REPRESENTATION OF POOR LITIGANTS DEPENDED UPON THE GENEROSITY OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

+THIS PICTURE HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY. HONG KONG HAS DEVELOPED INTO A FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL AND TRADING CENTRE OF WORLD STATURE, IN WHICH THERE IS A DEMAND FOR LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY.

+THE GROWTH OF LEGAL AID HAS MADE IT FINANCIALLY POSSIBLE FOR MANY MORE PEOPLE TO TAKE THEIR DISPUTES TO THE COURTS, THOUGH THERE ARE STILL GAPS IN THE SCHEME WHICH CAUSE HARDSHIP.

+AS CUSTOMARY METHODS AND VALUES HAVE BROKEN DOWN, UNDER THE IMPACT OF AN URBAN SOCIETY WHICH IS DISRUPTIVE OF TRADITION, A GREATER WILLINGNESS TO RELY ON THE JUDICIAL PROCESS HAS DEVELOPED.

+HIGHER STANDARDS OF EDUCATION HAVE BROUGHT WITH THEM A KEENER APPRECIATION OF A MAN'S LEGAL RIGHTS AND OF HOW HE SHOULD SEEK TO ENFORCE THEM,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID IT WAS NOT ONLY THE QUANTITY OF THE WORK WHICH HAD INCREASED, SO HAD ITS QUALITY AND COMPLEXITY.

+THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE NATURALLY HEIGHTENED THE DEMAND FOR THE SERVICES OF COUNSEL AT ALL LEVELS OF COMPETENCE AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO POSSESS THE HIGH STANDARDS OF LEARNING, JUDGMENT AND INTELLECT REQUIRED OF LEADING COUNSEL.

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+AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, IT IS A PLEASURE TO ADMIT THE FOUR NEW QUEEN'S COUNSEL, WHO FORM A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE FRONT BENCH,+ HE SAID.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID WITH THE ADDITION OF THE NEW QCS, THERE WOULD BE 22 OF THEM IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, OUT OF A BAR OF ABOUT 250.

ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOUR NEW SILKS, HE SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT ANOTHER SENIOR AND EXPERIENCED MEMBER OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, MR STOCK HAD BEEN APPOINTED AS ONE OF THE MAJESTY'S COUNSEL FOR THE TERRITORY.

+THIS ACCORDS NOT ONLY WITH HIS OWN STATURE, SINCE THE POST OF DEPUTY CROWN SOLICITOR DEMANDS INTELLECTUAL AND FORENSIC SKILL OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY, BUT ALSO WITH THE ENHANCED IMPORTANCE AND SIZE OF THOSE CHAMBERS, WHICH PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE, ESPECIALLY IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, IN MAINTAINING THE PROPER ATMOSPHERE OF FAIRNESS AND DETACHMENT WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN OUR SYSTEM OF JUSTICE.

+MR EDDIS AND MR MUMFORD WILL FORM A SIGNIFICANT ACCRETION TO THE STRENGTH OF THOSE SILKS WHO CONCENTRATE ON CIVIL WORK. MR SEDGWICK IS A WELCOME REINFORCEMENT TO THE SMALLER NUMBER OF THOSE WHO SPECIALIZE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION, MR DENIS CHANG; THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, MR TIMOTHY FRESHWATER ALSO ADDRESSED THE GATHERING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BENCH AND THE BAR BEFORE THE CEREMONY CLOSED WITH A REPLY BY MR EDDIS ON BEHALF OF THE NEW QUEEN'S COUNSEL.

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AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL TO BE UPGRADED

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THE PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE VENUES FOR STAGING MAJOR PERFORMANCES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE GREATLY EASED WHEN THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL IS UPGRADED, AND ITS MANAGEMENT TRANSFERRED TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN) MISS ANGELA TSE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE SAID THE LACK OF A SIZEABLE, WELL-EQUIPPED INDOOR VENUE FOR PUBLIC USE, PARTICULARLY DURING WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, HAD HINDERED THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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+DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF STAFF, WE PLAN TO OPEN THE HALL SEVEN DAYS A WEEK,+ MISS TSE SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A CHORAL AND DANCE PERFORMANCE ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE TO MARK THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WILL DONATE ABOUT \$2 MILLION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AIR-CONDITIONING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUND AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS.

+AFTER THE HALL IS HANDED OVER TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE LOCAL RESIDENTS, WILL BE FORMED TO DISCUSS THE USAGE OF EXISTING FACILITIES TO MEET PRACTICAL NEEDS,+ MISS TSE SAID.

THE VARIETY SHOW IS THE ASSOCIATION'S FIRST PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR AND FEATURES SINGING, DANCING AND INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND 12 LOCAL GROUPS.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$100 000 THIS YEAR FOR THE ASSOCIATION TO ORGANISE 11 PROGRAMMES, WHICH INCLUDE CHORAL, DANCE, MUSIC AND BALLET PERFORMANCES, AS WELL AS DRAWING AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITIONS.

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JOURNALISM SYMPOSIUM TO BEGIN
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SOME 160 JOURNALISTS WILL ATTEND THIS YEAR'S JOURNALISM SYMPOSIUM, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF HONG KONG, 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG, FROM MAY 13-31.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR MORRIS MORGAN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON MONDAY (MAY 13) AT 9.30 AM.

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NEW FIREBOAT NO. 4 LAUNCHED

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A \$4-MILLION FIREBOAT WAS PUT INTO SERVICE TODAY (SATURDAY) AT A CEREMONY PERFORMED BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND, MR BRIAN FENDER.

THE NEW FIREBOAT REPLACES +FIREBOAT NO. 4+ WHICH HAD BEEN IN SERVICE FOR OVER 26 YEARS, AND ALSO TAKES THE NAME +FIREBOAT NO. 4+.

BUILT BY A LOCAL SHIPYARD, THE NEW STEEL-HULL FIREBOAT HAS TWIN TWO-STAGE FIRE PUMPS OF 9 090 LITRES PER MINUTE CAPACITY EACH.

THE FIREBOAT IS 18.6-METRE LONG, 5.1-METRE WIDE. IT HAS A CRUISING SPEED OF 11 KNOTS.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE NEW FIREBOAT SAILED TO JOSS HOUSE BAY TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE SEA GODDESS +TIN HAU+.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPERATES EIGHT FIREBOATS, COVERING HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NEW BOOK ON BUILDINGS' NAMES OUT

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A NEW EDITION OF 'NAMES OF BUILDINGS', COMPILED BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$75 EACH.

IT CONTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BUILDING NAMES WITH THE OFFICIAL ADDRESSES AND INCLUDES THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE NAMES WHERE APPROPRIATE.

THE BOOK IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS.

PART ONE CONTAINS NAMES OF BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON AND PART TWO CONTAINS THOSE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THE OUTLYING ISLANDS. IN ADDITION, AN INDEX OF CHINESE NAMES IS PROVIDED IN EACH PART.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY, +THE NUMBER OF BUILDING NAMES RECORDED HAS NOW REACHED 9 500 AND THE BOOK SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROVE POPULAR NOT ONLY WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT BUT CERTAIN BUSINESSES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.+

HE SAID THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO LEGISLATION CONTROLLING THE USE OF BUILDING NAMES, THE BOOK SHOULD ASSIST AN OWNER OR DEVELOPER TO AVOID DUPLICATION WHEN CHOOSING A NAME FOR HIS BUILDING.

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BLITZ ON UNLICENSED DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT A +SPOT CHECK+ OPERATION ON UNLICENSED DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES NEAR THE BORDER ON TUESDAY (MAY 14) AT 2 PM.

THE OPERATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY BY THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU AND THE NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND.

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE HITS SPEEDPOST SERVICE
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DUE TO AN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE IN AUSTRALIA AFFECTING THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO AND MAIL BY ROAD AND AIR TO THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND, THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE FROM HONG KONG TO QUEENSLAND IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

+AIRMAIL LETTERS AND AIR PARCELS TO QUEENSLAND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED BUT THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DELAY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID.

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WORK STARTS ON HOSPITAL EXTENSION
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A \$389-MILLION CONTRACT FOR WORK ON THE EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL HAS BEEN AWARDED.

A CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (MAY 13) AT 3 PM AT THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR CHAU CHAM-SON, WILL BE SIGNING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SHIMIZU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

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SOUND AND LIGHTING SUPPLIERS SOUGHT

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE PROVISION OF SOUND AND LIGHTING SERVICES FOR OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE ONE-YEAR CONTRACT STARTING FROM AUGUST 1.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAD ORGANISED SOME 35 OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES TO ENRICH THE CULTURAL LIFE OF NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS.

THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA, ORCHESTRAL CONCERT, VARIETY SHOW, PUPPET SHOW, ALL-STAR SHOW, CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS, DISC JOCKEY SHOW AND CHINESE FOLK SONG AND DANCE PERFORMANCES.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL REGISTRY OF THE RSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE 12 NOON ON JUNE 7 (FRIDAY). LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CULTURAL PRESENTATION UNIT OF THE RSD ON TELEPHONE 0-6065673.

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FOOTBRIDGE LINK FOR SHA TIN COMPLEX, PLAZA

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A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE BETWEEN SHA TIN CULTURAL COMPLEX AND NEW TOWN PLAZA WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT.

THE FOOTBRIDGE FORMS PART OF THE EXISTING ELEVATED WALKING NETWORK AT PODIUM LEVEL STRETCHING FROM SHA TIN KCR STATION TO WO CHE ESTATE, AND LINKING THE NEW TOWN PLAZA AND THE CULTURAL COMPLEX WITH NEARBY COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS.

ON COMPLETION, THE ELEVATED NETWORK WILL SEPARATE PEDESTRIANS FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN THE TOWN CENTRE AREA, THUS ENSURING ROAD SAFETY.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SEND HIS OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JULY 9.

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FLOODLIGHTS FOR KING'S PARK TENNIS PLAYERS
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THE PROVISION OF FLOODLIGHTING AT THE SIX TENNIS COURTS IN KING'S PARK SPORTS GROUND IS ENABLING MORE TENNIS PLAYERS IN THE DISTRICT TO USE THESE POPULAR COURTS.

FOLLOWING THE PROVISION OF FLOODLIGHTING ON APRIL 1, THESE COURTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 6 A.M. TO 11 P.M. DAILY IN SUMMER, AS AGAINST FROM 6 A.M. TO 7 P.M. IN THE PAST, THUS ALLOWING MANY MORE PLAYERS TO ENJOY A GAME.

FURTHERMORE, IN ORDER TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT TO TENNIS PLAYERS DURING WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, AN ADVANCE BOOKING SYSTEM HAS ALSO BEEN INTRODUCED. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE SURE THAT A COURT IS AVAILABLE ON THESE DAYS SHOULD FILL IN A RESERVATION FORM AND HAND IT BACK TO THE BOOKING OFFICE SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS THAT COURT CHARGES MUST BE PAID AT THE LATEST 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE HOUR OF USE, OTHERWISE THE COURT WOULD BE RE-ALLOCATED. THE CHARGES ARE \$15 PER HOUR DURING THE DAY TIME AND \$30 PER HOUR IN THE EVENING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO FIND OUT THE BOOKING AVAILABILITY OF COURTS SHOULD DIAL 3-858985 DURING OPENING HOURS OF THE COURTS.

FOR SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANISED BODIES, BLOCK BOOKING CAN BE MADE ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE.

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PARK SITE WORK STARTING
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$9-MILLION CONTRACT FOR SITE FORMATION WORK FOR TSO KUNG TAM PARK IN TSUEN WAN.

ABOUT 5.7 HECTARES OF LAND, LOCATED IN THE TSO KUNG TAM VALLEY TO THE NORTH-WEST OF THE URBAN AREA, IS TO BE FORMED.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF CAISSON FOUNDATION FOR THE BUILDING, RETAINING WALLS, SLOPE TREATMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MINOR ACCESS ROAD.

WORK WILL START THIS MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN NINE MONTHS.

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TAPS OFF IN KENNEDY TOWN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 14) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN POKFIELD ROAD, TO LI TERRACE, CHING LIN TERRACE, HEE WONG TERRACE, TAI PAK TERRACE, VIOLET TERRACE, HOK SZ TERRACE AND LI PO LUNG TERRACE, INCLUDING NO. 14-50, 83-85 AND LOT NO. 35 SMITHFIELD AND MOUNT DAVIS AMBULANCE DEPOT.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SAI WAN HO

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SAI WAN HO FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 14) TO ALLOW ROAD WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

- * HING MAN STREET BETWEEN HOI AN STREET AND HOI NING STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, BUT A TEMPORARY ROAD WILL BE PROVIDED NORTH OF HING MAN STREET.
- * THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN HING MAN STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED WESTWARD TO A POINT WEST OF HOI NING STREET. PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL PROCEED TO THE STAND VIA THE SECTION OF HOLY CROSS PATH BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND HING MAN STREET.

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TEN-HOUR FLYOVER CLOSURE

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THE GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 14) UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LIGHTING INSTALLATION REPAIRS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JORDAN ROAD, WHILE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL HAVE TO PROCEED VIA KANSU STREET.

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