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LEGCO MEETING TOMORROW

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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL RAISE A TOTAL OF 16 QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE HON. LYDIA DUNN WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE THE NUMBER OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG SO FAR THIS YEAR, THOSE WHO ARRIVED IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN THE LAST THREE YEARS AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CURRENT LEVEL OF INTAKE FOR POPULATION PROJECTIONS, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HOUSING PROGRAMMES.

THE HON. PETER C. WONG WILL ASK TO WHAT EXTENT THE RECENT INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY GOVERNMENT SERVANTS HAS AFFECTED SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE REV. THE HON JOYCE M. BENNETT WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY ITS POLICY REGARDING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO OLD PEOPLE RESIDENT IN INSTITUTIONS IN VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS OF VOLUNTARY BODIES FINANCING THEIR OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES SINCE THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY CAME INTO FORCE.

IN A RELATED QUESTION, THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK WHAT THE CURRENT BACKLOG OF APPLICATIONS IS FOR OLD AGE ALLOWANCES AND WHAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO CLEAR THE BACKLOG QUICKLY.

IN A SEPARATE QUESTION, MR. CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE STEPS TO ESTABLISH A COUNCIL ON SOCIAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AS RECOMMENDED IN A REPORT PUBLISHED IN 1976.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS CONCERN THE SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED DISPENSERS IN GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED HOSPITALS, SICK LEAVE FOR CIVIL SERVANTS, TRAFFIC CONDITION IN SHA TIN ON RACE DAYS, STEPS TO ALLEVIATE THE SHORTAGE OF 10 CENTS AND 20 CENTS COINS, POSTAL SERVICE TO ESTABLISHED VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ABILITY OF EXPATRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS TO READ CHINESE AND SPEAK CANTONESE.

THREE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS (ASSISTANCE FUND) BILL 1978, THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (ADJOURNMENT DURING GALE WARNINGS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 AND THE PARTITION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978.

FOUR BILLS IN THE COMMITTEE STAGE WILL BE READ FOR THE THIRD TIME. THESE BILLS ARE THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) BILL 1978, LANDS TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 AND PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978.

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## PROMOTION OF MR. ROY HENRY

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAS APPROVED THE PROMOTION OF MR. ROY HENRY, MVO, OBE, QPM, CPM TO SUCCEED MR. BRIAN SLEVIN AS COMMISSIONER OF POLICE WHEN THE LATTER RETIRES NEXT YEAR.

MR. HENRY IS AGED 51 AND BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A POLICE CADET IN MALAYA IN 1948. HE WAS APPOINTED A DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT IN THE SARAWAK CONSTABULARY IN 1956 AND SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME COMMISSIONER. HE SERVED AS COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN FIJI FROM 1967 UNTIL 1973, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS IN THE RANK OF SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE. HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE SINCE 1974 AND HAS ACTED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AS COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT MR. SLEVIN WILL PROCEED ON RETIREMENT LEAVE IN MARCH 1979 AFTER SERVING AS COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FOR FIVE YEARS.

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## BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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A TOTAL OF 98 NEW BUILDING PLANS WAS APPROVED LAST MONTH (OCTOBER) BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 87 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THE NEW PLANS APPROVED, 42 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 20 FOR KOWLOON AND 36 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR A HOTEL IN SHELTER STREET, A CHURCH - KINDERGARTEN AT SHATIN PASS ROAD, A COLD STORAGE AND FOOD FACTORY IN FO TAN, SHA TIN, SEVEN HOLIDAY CAMPS AT PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG, A LANGUAGE CENTRE AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND A FIRE STATION ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$179.37 MILLION COMPARED WITH \$163.31 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED LAST MONTH AMOUNTED TO 165,270.7 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 104,984 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 60,286.7 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 62 NEW PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SCHOOL AND DORMITORIES AT KENNEDY ROAD, SEVEN BLOCKS OF HOLIDAY CAMP AT PAK TAM CHUNG AND AN ELECTRIC SUB-STATION IN TAI LIN PAI ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

A TOTAL OF 49 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WAS CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING A TELEVISION TRANSMITTER STATION IN STANLEY, A CINEMA IN SAIGON STREET, A TEMPLE AT MA WAN AND A BUS DEPOT AT TUEN MUN.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ASSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 84 BUILDINGS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS CONFERENCE BY HK'S ECONOMIC MISSION

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SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN, LEADER OF THE RECENT HONG KONG ECONOMIC MISSION TO JAPAN, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 3 P.M. ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 1).

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THREE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION -- MR. T.K. ANN, MR. DAVID NEWBIGGING AND MR. LEN DUNNING.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

TELEVISION CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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NEW TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT FOR WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

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NEW AND MORE EFFICIENT TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AT LEIGHTON CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE EQUIPMENT -- KNOWN AS THE DIRECT-DIALLING-IN SYSTEM -- WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL ON DECEMBER 4.

FROM THAT DAY, ANY PERSON WISHING TO CONTACT WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT STAFF AT LEIGHTON CENTRE SHOULD DIAL 5-7900333 FIRST.

THE OPERATOR WILL THEN GIVE THE CALLER THE DIRECT-DIALLING-IN NUMBER OF THE STAFF MEMBER.

ALSO FROM THE SAME DATE THREE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES, AND FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT WATER ACCOUNT MATTERS, WILL COME INTO OPERATION.

THEY ARE: 5-7900222, 5-7900223 AND 5-7900224.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW EQUIPMENT WILL, IN THE LONG RUN, ELIMINATE QUEUEING ON LINES AND PREVENT INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

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**CHINA WATER AGREEMENT  
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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, AND THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER, MR. TOM TOMLINSON, LEFT FOR CANTON TODAY (TUESDAY) TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT REACHED RECENTLY FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF WATER TO HONG KONG BY CHINA.

MR. MCDONALD AND MR. TOMLINSON ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG LATER IN THE WEEK.

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**COLOUR BOOKLET ON MARKET TOWNS  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A 36-PAGE FULL COLOUR BOOKLET ON MARKET TOWNS.

THE PUBLICATION DETAILS THE DEVELOPMENT PLANNED FOR TAI PO, FAN LING, SHEUNG SHUI, SHEK WU HUI, AND YUEN LONG.

MAINLY PICTORIAL AND DIAGRAMMATIC IN CONTENT, THE BOOKLET HAS 48 COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS, SEVERAL OF WHICH ARE AERIAL.

PRICED AT \$10 PER COPY, THE PUBLICATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW PUBLICATION, MR. EDDIE SHORT, ACTING DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, SAID THAT MUCH PUBLIC ATTENTION WAS NOW FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND IT WAS HIS DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION TO PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THESE ACTIVITIES.

+THE MARKET TOWNS, WHICH HAVE HISTORICALLY PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE LIFE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, ARE BEING EXPANDED AND DEVELOPED AS BALANCED TOWNSHIPS, AS SELF-CONTAINED AS POSSIBLE, WITH ALL MODERN BASIC AMENITIES,+ HE SAID.

+WITH THE DRAWING UP OF THE LATEST PLANS, AND WITH THE COMMENCEMENT OF MANY ENGINEERING PROJECTS, THE SCOPE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREAS HAS GREATLY INCREASED. TO MATCH THIS INCREASE, A NEW PROJECT TEAM HAS ALREADY BEEN CREATED TO OVERSEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO AND FAN LING/SHEUNG SHUI.+

MR. SHORT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A BOOKLET ON THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN BROUGHT OUT A FEW YEARS AGO WAS NOW BEING REVISED AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED NEXT YEAR.

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WATER CUT  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI AND YUEN LONG WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVERAL HOURS FROM THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 30) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN WAN CHAI, THE AREA BOUNDED BY HENNESSY ROAD, LUARD ROAD, LOCKHART ROAD AND ARSENAL STREET WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

IN YUEN LONG, THE AREA BOUNDED BY YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD, KUK TING STREET AND ON NING ROAD AND ITS MAIN NULLAH INCLUDING FOOK HONG STREET, FOOK TAK STREET, SHAU FU STREET, TUNG LOK STREET AND TAI KIU TSUEN WILL HAVE NO WATER FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. THE NEXT DAY.

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