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ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE ARBITRATION ORDINANCE TO GIVE EFFECT TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION IN RELATION TO COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DESIGNED BOTH TO CREATE A SUITABLE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL ARBITRATIONS, AND ALSO TO MAKE HONG KONG LEGALLY ATTRACTIVE AS A VENUE FOR THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATIONS AFFECTING INTERESTS IN THE WHOLE EAST-ASIAN REGION.

THE MAIN EFFECTS OF THE BILL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \* TO RENDER DOMESTIC ARBITRATION AWARDS MORE FINAL, AND LIMIT GROUNDS FOR APPEALS.
- \* TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF ARBITRATION, AND REDUCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DELAY. ONE EXAMPLE IS A NEW POWER TO ORDER CONSOLIDATION OF A SERIES OF ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS ARISING OUT OF THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.
- \* TO PERMIT PARTIES TO INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS TO ARBITRATE IN HONG KONG WITHOUT THE AWARD BEING SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN THE COURTS, HERE.
- \* TO RECOGNISE AND ASSIST THE PROCESS OF CONCILIATION, WHICH IS A SPECIAL FEATURE OF BUSINESS IN THE EAST AND TO PROVIDE FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OVERSEAS OF THESE CONCILIATION AWARDS.
- \* TO PERMIT COSTS OF FOREIGN LAWYERS TO BE RECOVERED.
- \* TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT INTO COURT IN ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS.
- \* TO PERMIT THE PRIVACY OF PARTIES TO ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS TO BE PROTECTED BY THE HEARING OF APPEALS IN CAMERA.
- \* TO ALLOW JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT AND DISTRICT COURT AND LAWYERS IN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS OR ARCHITECTS AND SURVEYORS IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO SIT AS ARBITRATORS IF REQUESTED (WITH THE APPROVAL IN EITHER CASE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE OR ATTORNEY GENERAL, AS THE CASE MAY BE).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IF HONG KONG SUCCEEDS IN ESTABLISHING ITSELF AS AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE, THERE SHOULD BE DIRECT BENEFITS TO THE ECONOMY. INDIRECT BENEFITS TO THE ECONOMY WILL ACCRUE FROM THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR TERTIARY SECTOR WITH THE EXPANSION OF SERVICE OF FACILITIES CENTRED ON OUR FINANCIAL AND BANKING INDUSTRY, HE ADDED.

## CAR CHECKS BY COMPUTER

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COMPULSORY INSPECTION OF PRIVATE CARS WAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN SINGAPORE AND THE AUTOMATED COMPUTER BASED SYSTEM THERE FACILITATES A MUCH GREATER THROUGHPUT OF VEHICLES THAN THE MORE TRADITIONAL METHOD.

AND THE ASSISTANT TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, MR GARY MULLOY, FEELS THAT SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO HONG KONG.

SPEAKING ON HIS RETURN FROM SINGAPORE WHICH HE VISITED WITH THREE OTHER SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICIALS, MR MULLOY SAID THE MAIN ADVANTAGES WERE THAT A GREATER THROUGHPUT OF VEHICLES COULD BE ACHIEVED WITH REDUCED MANPOWER.

+A MORE THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IN SINGAPORE WOULD NOW BE PUT IN HAND AND IF IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT SUCH A SYSTEM SHOULD BE INTRODUCED, AMENDMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO THE PLANNING CURRENTLY IN HAND FOR NEW MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRES,+ HE ADDED.

IN SINGAPORE, MR MULLOY AND HIS TEAM HAD WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE REGISTRAR OF VEHICLES, MR LEE YEW KIM.

IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT THE POLICY ON ISSUE OF TAXI LICENCES IN SINGAPORE IS RADICALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF HONG KONG. NO LICENCE CAN BE TRANSFERRED AND NO LICENCE IS ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OWNER/DRIVER.

TAXIS ARE OWNED BY A FORM OF CO-OPERATIVE, AND INDIVIDUAL DRIVERS PAY A SORT OF RENTAL TO THAT CO-OPERATIVE FOR THE USE OF THE TAXI. THEY THEN RETAIN ALL TAKINGS BUT ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK FOR THE VEHICLE.

WHEN NEW LICENCES ARE TO BE ISSUED AND THERE ARE MORE APPLICATIONS THAN LICENCES A BALLOT IS HELD.

+THUS THE SINGAPORE SYSTEM REFLECTS A RADICALLY DIFFERENT SYSTEM DEPENDENT ON AN ORGANISATION OF MANPOWER WHICH HAS NO PARALLEL IN HONG KONG.+

+THEREFORE THE POSSIBILITY OF EMULATING THIS ASPECT OF THE SINGAPORE TRANSPORT SYSTEM SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY,+ MR MULLOY STRESSED.

ON SEAT BELTS, THE TEAM WAS TOLD THAT WEARING OF SEAT BELTS IN ALL PRIVATE CARS MANUFACTURED AFTER 1973 FOR THE DRIVER AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS WAS COMPULSORY IN SINGAPORE. ANYONE NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT WAS LIABLE TO A FIXED PENALTY OF S\$50 (APPROXIMATELY HK\$140).

THE TEAM OBSERVED THAT THE COMPLIANCE RATE WAS EXTREMELY HIGH AND HARDLY ANY CARS WERE SEEN WHERE THE DRIVER OR HIS FRONT SEAT PASSENGER WAS NOT WEARING A BELT. AS THIS LEGISLATION HAD BEEN IN EFFECT FOR ONLY ABOUT FOUR MONTHS IT WAS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS ITS EFFECT ON REDUCING ACCIDENTS.

THE SINGAPORE AUTHORITIES CONCEDED THAT AS THE MOST ACCIDENT-PRONE GROUPS WERE MOTOR-CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS, THERE WAS NOT LIKELY TO BE A NOTICEABLE REDUCTION IN THE ACCIDENT RATE. BUT THEY HAD CONCLUDED THAT EVEN IF A FEW LIVES WERE SAVED OR SOME SERIOUS INJURIES PREVENTED THIS WOULD BE WORTHWHILE.

THE INCONVENIENCE OF WEARING SEAT BELTS WAS MINIMAL AND ONCE PEOPLE GOT USED TO WEARING THEM THEY WOULD THINK NO MORE ABOUT THEM.

MR MULLOY SAID THE ADVICE OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THIS QUESTION WAS TO BE SOUGHT AND SINGAPORE'S EXPERIENCE WOULD BE CITED.

+THE SINGAPORE AUTHORITIES WERE MOST HELPFUL AND CO-OPERATIVE AND PROVIDED US WITH A LOT OF INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE OF VALUE IN GUIDING THESE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF HONG KONG TRANSPORT POLICY,+ SAID MR MULLOY.

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#### SPECIALISED TRAINING FOR ACCOUNTANTS

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THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE FUTURE PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT SHOULD BE HIGHLY SPECIALISED AND VERY BROAD IN ORDER TO GIVE THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND REQUIRED OF AN ANALYTICAL AND FLEXIBLE EXECUTIVE WITH A CONCEPTUAL AND PRACTICAL MIND.

THIS IS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ACCOUNTANCY AND ALLIED FIELDS TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IN A REPORT ON ITS SURVEY OF THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF ACCOUNTANCY, COMPANY SECRETARYSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION, AND ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING.

ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THIS TRAINING BOARD, IN RELATION TO ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING, IS THAT A SEPARATE TRAINING BODY WITH A BROAD REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERSHIP FROM COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, EDUCATION, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMPUTER PROFESSION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE CURRENT AND EXPECTED CONTINUING SHORTAGE OF COMPUTER STAFF.

THE REPORT, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS NOW ON SALE AT \$9 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING. IT CONTAINS DETAILED EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS IN THE THREE SPECIALISED FIELDS AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES REQUIRED TO MEET THE FORECAST DEMAND FOR TRAINED STAFF IN THESE FIELDS.

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APPRENTICESHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982  
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A BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 10) SEEKING TO EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE TO THE NEW VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES WAS ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER WHEN THE GOVERNMENT REVEALED ITS PLANS FOR THE CREATION OF THE COUNCIL AND A DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING. THE PURPOSE IS TO PRESERVE THE CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND THE PROMOTION OF APPRENTICESHIPS.

UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE ORDINANCE WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

THE BILL ALSO MAKES SOME MINOR DELETIONS OF PARTS OF THE ORDINANCE WHICH ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED OR AMENDMENTS WHICH HAVE PROVED NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE.

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EXPANDED FACILITIES AT MAN KAM TO  
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ADDITIONAL SPACE AND FACILITIES FOR PROCESSING CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC WILL BE PROVIDED AT MAN KAM TO IN ABOUT TWO YEARS TIME.

A LAND RESUMPTION NOTICE IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, AND SITE FORMATION WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS' TIME.

WHILE DETAILED PLANNING IS BEING FINALISED, THE EXPANDED FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A NEW IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE BUILDING AND VEHICLE HOLDING AND INSPECTION AREAS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXPANSION WAS IN ANTICIPATION OF AN INCREASE IN CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINUED GROWTH IN TRADE AND TRAFFIC WITH OTHER PARTS OF CHINA.

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STEPPED-UP ACTION AGAINST LITTERBUGS

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VISITORS TO COUNTRY PARKS WILL FACE STEPPED-UP LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR LITTERING FROM THIS WEEKEND.

FIELD STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN PLACED ON FULL ALERT FOR LITTERBUGS.

+WE ARE ABSOLUTELY FED UP WITH THIS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WHICH CONTINUES IN SPITE OF THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE TIME HAS COME FOR MORE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW IN ORDER TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE FOR A CLEAN COUNTRYSIDE,+ HE ADDED.

FROM THIS WEEKEND, SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO THE SAI KUNG AND PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARKS WHERE TEAMS OF PARK RANGERS AND FIELD STAFF ON ANTI-LITTER DUTY WILL PATROL.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT THIS DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY EXCUSE FOR INDISCRIMINATE LITTERING IN OTHER COUNTRY PARKS OR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN GENERAL.

+IT IS EVERY VISITOR'S DUTY TO KEEP OUR COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN AND TIDY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANYONE CAUGHT LITTERING INSIDE A COUNTRY PARK IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON CONVICTION.

LAST YEAR MORE THAN 2 500 TONNES OF LITTER WERE COLLECTED FROM COUNTRY PARKS.

FOR ITS PART, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONTINUING TO CLEAN UP COUNTRY PARKS, PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO BLACK SPOTS WHERE LITTER IS KNOWN TO BE A PERSISTENT PROBLEM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +WE SHALL BE ALLOCATING MORE TIME TO CLEANSING OPERATIONS, AND ADDITIONAL CASUAL LABOURERS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED.+

TO AVOID OVERFLOWING OF THE LITTER BINS, LITTER +STOCKADES+ OF TIMBER HAVE BEEN BUILT IN SOME COUNTRY PARKS TO HOLD A LARGER AMOUNT OF LITTER, AND AT THE SAME TIME PREVENT DOGS OR OTHER ANIMALS FROM ENTERING.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR NT INDUSTRIALISTS  
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THERE IS A GROWING NEED OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AMONG INDUSTRIALISTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

WITH MANY NEW TOWNS BEING DEVELOPED INTO INDUSTRIAL REGIONS, A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME WAS ESSENTIAL TO BOTH MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES, HE SAID.

MR LUI WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON +POPULATION AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYERS+, ATTENDED BY ABOUT 50 TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIALISTS.

THE SEMINAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

+A PROSPEROUS SOCIETY RELIES ON A PRODUCTIVE WORKFORCE AND A STEADY POPULATION GROWTH. FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WILL HELP SOLVE MANY LABOUR PROBLEMS AND BRING ABOUT BETTER PRODUCTION,+ SAID MR LUI.

THE CMA'S EDUCATION OFFICER, MR PAUL LEE, SAID THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD ALMOST DOUBLED IN THE PAST DECADE.

+FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SHOULD ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN NT DEVELOPMENTS,+ HE SAID.

OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WERE THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL SUB-COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR LAM KIN-MING= THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (TSUEN WAN), MR CHENG KWAN-KUEN, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION, MRS PEGGY LAM.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ACCESS ROAD  
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THE ACCESS ROAD TO PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR DAM FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TING KOK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI MEI TUK WATERSPORTS CENTRE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP AND POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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DISTRICT JUDGE APPOINTED  
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR N.G. SCRIVEN AS A DISTRICT JUDGE. THE APPOINTMENT TAKES EFFECT TODAY (FRIDAY).

BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1926, MR SCRIVEN WAS EDUCATED AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL, BARNET AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES, CARDIFF. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN JULY 1951.

HE SERVED AS A MAGISTRATE IN FIJI FROM 1973 TO 1975, PRIOR TO WHICH HE WAS A PARTNER OF A SOLICITOR'S FIRM IN ENGLAND FOR 20 YEARS.

HE JOINED THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY IN 1976 AS A MAGISTRATE.

IN 1978, HE WENT TO KENYA TO TAKE UP AN APPOINTMENT AS A HIGH COURT JUDGE, A POST WHICH HE HAS HELD UNTIL NOW.

MR SCRIVEN IS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN.

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BALLROOM DANCE CONTEST  
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A MODERN BALLROOM DANCE CONTEST, ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE HONG KONG DANCE ASSOCIATION, THE CONTEST WILL FEATURE THE WALTZ, FOXTROT, QUICK STEP, TANGO, SAMBA, RUMBA AND CHA CHA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSS SAID THAT 120 CONTESTANTS WILL BE VYING FOR THE FOUR TOP HONOURS IN THE COMPETITION, WHICH WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

**SIR PHILIP RETURNS TOMORROW**

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**THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT KAI TAK AIRPORT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) ON CX 200 (SCHEDULED TIME OF ARRIVAL 9.15 AM) FOLLOWING A VISIT TO LONDON.**

**A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COVER HIS RETURN. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING BY 8.45 AM.**

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

**PRESS CONFERENCE ON FILM CENSORSHIP SURVEY**

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**THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR NIGEL WATT, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR, AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO ANNOUNCE THE FINDINGS OF THE LATEST SURVEY ON FILM CENSORSHIP CONDUCTED LAST YEAR.**

**YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

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