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WATCHDOG BODY OVER UTILITIES WON'T WORK, JEAFFRESON SAYS  
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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATCHDOG BODY OR STANDING COMMISSION TO OVERSEE THE OPERATIONS OF UTILITY COMPANIES IN HONG KONG WOULD NOT WORK, HOWEVER SYMPATHETIC THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE TOWARDS THE IDEA, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MR D.G. JEAFFRESON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH, ON +THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES+, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THAT THE PRESENCE OF A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AWAY FROM THE COMPANIES THEMSELVES.

+ALSO, WE DOUBT WHETHER THE UTILITY COMPANIES WOULD BE AS FORTHCOMING WITH CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INFORMATION AS THEY ARE NOW IF THEY THOUGHT THIS INFORMATION WAS VIRTUALLY GOING TO BE MADE PUBLIC,+ MR JEAFFRESON ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT +HAS VERY LITTLE, IF ANY, POSITIVE CONTROL AS FAR AS PUBLIC UTILITIES RUN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE CONCERNED+.

+THE GOVERNMENT CAN MONITOR WHAT IS GOING ON. IT HAS NEGATIVE POWER IN THE SENSE THAT IT CAN DISALLOW PLANS FOR THE FUTURE AND DISALLOW INCREASES IN CHARGES. BUT IN NO ACCEPTABLE MEANING OF THE TERM CAN IT RUN OR SUPERVISE THESE COMPANIES.

+IN CONSEQUENCE, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT THESE COMPANIES DO, THE QUALITY OF SERVICE THEY PROVIDE AND THE LEVEL OF CHARGES THEY IMPOSE, MUST LIE BASICALLY WITH THE COMPANIES CONCERNED.

+THEY ARE AND MUST CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTLY ANSWERABLE TO THEIR CONSUMERS.

+IF THE GOVERNMENT BECOMES DIRECTLY ANSWERABLE, THEN THE GOVERNMENT WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT POWER- AND THE COMPANIES WILL BE LEFT WITH POWER WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITY.

+THE RESULTS WILL NOT BE IN THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS,+ MR JEAFFRESON SAID.

IN SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE ARGUED THAT, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARE ESSENTIAL SERVICES INVARIABLY SUPPLIED IN MONOPOLY OR QUASI-MONOPOLY CONDITIONS, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD RUN THEM.

+THIS IS NOT THE VIEW OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SERVICES ARE LIKELY TO BE PROVIDED MOST EFFICIENTLY BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR,+ HE SAID.

HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RUN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, IT WAS VERY MUCH UP TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANIES TO RECOGNISE THEY WERE OPERATING IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH DIFFERED FROM THOSE OF THE BOARDS OF COMPANIES FACING FULL COMPETITION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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FROM HIS EXPERIENCE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION THE BOARDS OF THE PRIVATELY RUN PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOGNISED THE NEED FOR THEIR DIRECTORS TO LOOK AFTER THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS IN ADDITION TO THEIR CLASSIC ROLE OF LOOKING AFTER THE INTERESTS OF SHAREHOLDERS.

+BUT, AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UTILITY SERVICES INVOLVED AND THE INEVITABLE SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC INTEREST IN THEM, THE GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TO OVERSEE TO SOME EXTENT VIRTUALLY ALL THE PRIVATELY RUN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

+BUT PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT MANY OF THEM RAN SUCCESSFULLY FOR MANY DECADES WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION AT ALL.

+IN FACT IT IS OFTEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SERVICES THEY ARE NOW PROVIDING THAT FORCES THE GOVERNMENT TO BECOME INVOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE, INVESTMENT ON THE SCALE NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE TWO POWER COMPANIES MEANS THAT THE COMPANIES MUST OPERATE WITH A DEGREE OF CERTAINTY ABOUT CHARGES FOR THE FUTURE.

+FOR THIS REASON THEY OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF 5-YEAR PLANS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR JEAFFRESON SAID THAT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT DOES OVERSEE THE AFFAIRS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES, ITS OBJECTIVES INCLUDED SEEING THAT CONSUMERS GOT FULL AND RELIABLE SERVICES, AND AT REASONABLE PRICES, AND SEEING THAT SHAREHOLDERS GOT A REASONABLE FINANCIAL RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENT.

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#### MORE PROTECTION FOR HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

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HONG KONG'S PHENOMENAL GROWTH HAS NOT BEEN ATTAINED WITHOUT A PRICE, AS MANY OF OUR HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND OTHER WELL-KNOWN LANDMARKS HAVE BEEN TORN DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR SKYSCRAPERS AND OTHER USES.

BUT A NEW LAW WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT IN JUNE THIS YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY THE GOVERNMENT, NOW MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE AND EVEN REBUILD SOME OF OUR BEST KNOWN BUILDINGS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982 NOW PERMITS THE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT, IMMEDIATELY, +PROPOSED MONUMENTS+ AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

IN THE PAST, STRUCTURES OF DISTINCT HISTORICAL INTEREST WERE OFTEN LOST TO DEVELOPERS BEFORE THEY COULD BE IDENTIFIED AND FORMALLY DECLARED AS MONUMENTS AND THEREBY BE LEGALLY PROTECTED.

NOW, HOWEVER, THE LAW PROVIDES AS MUCH PROTECTION FOR PROPOSED MONUMENTS AS FOR MONUMENTS, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WHILE THE MATTER IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES.

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UNDER THIS AMENDMENT, IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DAMAGE, DESTROY OR MAKE ANY ALTERATIONS TO A +PROPOSED MONUMENT+ WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES WHO MAY, AFTER CONSULTING THE BOARD AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, DECLARE ANY PLACE, BUILDING, SITE OR STRUCTURE TO BE A MONUMENT BY REASON OF ITS HISTORICAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR PALEONTOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THIS OFFENCE HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$5 000 TO IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR AND A FINE OF \$100 000.

UP TO THE PRESENT, THERE ARE 16 DECLARED MONUMENTS, INCLUDING THE DUDELL STREET STEPS AND GAS LAMPS, SEVEN ROCK CARVINGS AND INSCRIPTIONS, THREE FORTS, TWO ANCIENT VILLAGES, ONE ANCESTRAL HALL, ONE TEMPLE, AND TAI PO'S DISTRICT OFFICE NORTH BUILDING.

ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE AGREEMENTS IN PRINCIPLE TO DECLARE TWO MORE MONUMENTS, WHILE A DECISION WILL BE MADE ON ABOUT 20 OTHER PENDING ITEMS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, INCLUDING THE 138-YEAR-OLD MURRAY HOUSE.

THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING HONG KONG'S HERITAGE IS DEMONSTRATED, FOR INSTANCE, BY ITS DECISION TO RESTORE MURRAY HOUSE, WHICH SITS ON A PRIME COMMERCIAL SITE IN CENTRAL.

THE PLOT OF LAND AND THE ADJOINING CAR PARK ARE TO BE SOLD, BUT THE BUILDING WILL BE PRESERVED IN ALMOST ITS ORIGINAL ENTIRETY UNDER A \$2 MILLION, SIX-MONTH LONG DISMANTLEMENT SCHEME TO START IN SEPTEMBER.

MR S.K. TSE, AN ARCHITECT OF THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLACED IN CHARGE OF SUPERVISING THE SCHEME, SAID IT WOULD INVOLVE THE STONE-BY-STONE DISMANTLING, CLEANING AND MARKING OF THE WHOLE EXTERNAL STONE FACADE, COLUMNS, LINTELS, TIMBER ROOF TRUSSES, ROOFING TILES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR TRANSPORTING TO SPECIAL STORAGE SHEDS AT SANDY BAY.

THE PIECES WOULD BE PUT TOGETHER AGAIN WHEN A SUITABLE SITE IS AVAILABLE, MOST LIKELY IN VICTORIA BARRACKS, ACCORDING TO MR TSE.

HE ESTIMATED IT WOULD COST \$10 MILLION MORE TO REBUILD MURRAY HOUSE ON A NEW LOCATION.

+REBUILDING OF MURRAY HOUSE WILL INVOLVE INSTALLING NEW INTERIOR FIXTURES, ROOF TILES, FLOORING AND OTHER BUILDING PARTS AS MOST OF THE ORIGINAL INTERIOR PIECES HAVE LONG GONE,+ MR TSE ADDED.

THE BUILDING IS WIDELY HELD TO BE A HAUNTED HOUSE AS A RESULT, IT IS SAID OF THE DEATHS THAT OCCURRED THERE DURING THE PACIFIC WAR. MR TSE SAID HE HAD ARRANGED +FOR THE PRIVATE CONTRACTOR ENGAGED TO DISMANTLE THE BUILDING TO UNDERTAKE BUDDHIST CEREMONIES TO APPEASE ANY GHOSTS THAT MIGHT BE THERE.+.

WHILE DISCLAIMING PERSONAL BELIEF IN GHOSTS, MR TSE SAID HE HAD HEARD REPORTS FROM STAFF OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, THE LAST OCCUPANTS OF MURRAY HOUSE IN 1972-1981, OF TYPEWRITERS CLICKING WITHOUT ANYONE NEAR THEM, OF DOORS THAT WERE OPENED AND SLAMMED SHUT BY UNKNOWN FORCES, AND SIGHTINGS OF APPARITIONS.

BUILT IN 1844 TO HOUSE BRITISH ARMY OFFICERS, MURRAY HOUSE IS ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING EXAMPLES OF EARLY COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE. IT WAS NAMED AFTER GENERAL SIR GEORGE MURRAY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES FROM 1828 TO 1830. BUT IT CANNOT REMAIN WHERE IT NOW STANDS FOR MUCH LONGER BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT VIBRATION FROM NEARBY TRAFFIC AND THE DANGER OF THE BUILDING COLLAPSING FROM PILE DRIVING AT NEARBY CONSTRUCTION SITES, MR TSE ADDED.

ANOTHER SUBSTANTIAL GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE IS THE ALLOCATION IN MARCH OF A \$6.5-MILLION FUND TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF THE ORIGINAL SUPREME COURT BUILDING. WORK ON THAT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DECLARED MONUMENTS NOW COME UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. BUT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, DR SOLOMON BARD, SAID RESTORATION OF ANCIENT STRUCTURES REQUIRES +VERY SPECIALISED EXPERTISE+.

+WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 'SPECIAL RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE UNIT' WITHIN THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. IT IS NOT FOR ME TO DECIDE THE SETTING UP OF SUCH A UNIT, BUT I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NEGOTIATING FOR THE SERVICE OF AN EXPERT IN THIS FIELD FROM THE U.K.,+ DR BARD ADDED.

DR BARD, WHOSE INTEREST IN CONSERVATION DATES BACK MORE THAN 30 YEARS, ALSO TAKES PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE BOARD, 42 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN THE TERRITORY HAVE BEEN REGISTERED AS SPECIAL SITES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST (SSAI'S).

+THIS IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DEVICE FOR MARKING SITES ON LAYOUT PLANS TO ENSURE THAT NOTHING IS DONE TO HARM THE SITES WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION,+ EXPLAINED THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG HEALTH SERVICE.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SEVERAL COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES MARKING THE FORMER SITES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST, INCLUDING THE REVOLUTIONARY HEADQUARTERS OF THE LATE DR SUN YAT SEN. ABOUT 400 RELATIVELY MINOR ITEMS ARE ALSO PROTECTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

HE SAID THAT IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE MONUMENTS, THE BOARD TOOK INTO ACCOUNT A NUMBER OF EXTRANEOUS MATTERS, SUCH AS THE STRUCTURAL STABILITY OF THE PREMISES, PROPOSED TOWN PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE SITE, CROWN OR PRIVATE LAND, AND LIABILITY TO PAY COMPENSATION TO THE PRIVATE OWNER.

+BUT THE BOARD'S ADVICE WAS BASED CHIEFLY ON THE THREE PRINCIPAL CRITERIA LISTED UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE - THE HISTORICAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE SITE OR STRUCTURE IN QUESTION.+

THE BOARD WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE AND THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATION INVITED FOR AIRPORT HIRE CAR PERMITS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL INVITE APPLICATIONS FOR 60 AIRPORT HIRE CAR PERMITS TOMORROW (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT INFORMATION ON THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE TRANSPORT FIELD, THE FINANCIAL AND MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RUNNING THE SERVICE.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WOULD THEN BE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR TENDERS TO THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE HIRE CARS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN OPERATION ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1983.

+SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE GRANTED A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT TO PROVIDE HIRE CAR SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+PARKING AND TICKETING FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE AIRPORT FOR THE OPERATION OF THESE HIRE CARS.

+HIRE CAR PERMITS WILL NOT BE TRANSFERABLE. THE ANNUAL FEE WILL BE \$1 000 AND \$350 FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS.

+THE VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO PASS AN EXAMINATION BEFORE THE PERMITS CAN BE RENEWED,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION, MEZZANINE FLOOR, MURRAY ROAD CAR PARK, HONG KONG, OR AT ITS KOWLOON OFFICE AT PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED EITHER IN PERSON OR BY REGISTERED POST TO EITHER OF THESE OFFICES BY 5 PM ON AUGUST 6 (FRIDAY). LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-256527 OR 3-329294.

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PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE IN HAPPY VALLEY

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SPORTS ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY EAST OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB STADIUM WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 23) UNTIL 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 2) FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE SECTION BETWEEN THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS AND THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB STADIUM WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO WAY.

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NEW IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST ON SALE  
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEW HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (REVISED EDITION JANUARY 1982) WILL BE PUT ON SALE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE PUBLICATION, AT \$16 A COPY, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THIS NEW EDITION INCORPORATES AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE 1978 EDITION IN 1979, 1980 AND 1981 AS WELL AS THE NEW AMENDMENTS GAZETTED ON DECEMBER 24, 1981 FOR 1982. IT ALSO CONTAINS AN EXPANDED ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF COMMODITIES TO FACILITATE REFERENCE BY IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS.

THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST IS MADE UP OF TWO PARTS, A COUNTRY LIST AND A COMMODITY LIST. THE COMMODITY LIST IS BASED ON THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION, REVISION 2 (SITC, REV. 2) AND SETS OUT THE DESCRIPTIONS OF SOME 3 700 COMMODITY ITEMS. AS THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL NOMENCLATURE (CCCN) IS WIDELY USED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, PARTICULARLY AS THE BASIS FOR CUSTOMS TARIFFS, THE EQUIVALENT CCCN CODES ARE ALSO SHOWN FOR GENERAL REFERENCE.

UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DECLARATION OF ALL IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS FROM HONG KONG.

THE APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATIONS OF COUNTRIES AND COMMODITIES AND THE CORRESPONDING SITC CODE NUMBERS LISTED AGAINST THESE CLASSIFICATIONS ARE TO BE USED BY IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS WHEN COMPLETING THE DECLARATION FORMS.

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P. O. BOX FOR LICENCE APPLICATIONS  
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STARTING FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), ALL APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES BY REGISTERED POST SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO P. O. BOX 9511 KWUN TONG POST OFFICE, KOWLOON.

EXPLAINING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID RENEWAL OF DRIVING LICENCES, INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMITS, TRANSFER OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIP, RENEWAL OF VEHICLE LICENCE, DUPLICATE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS AND DUPLICATE VEHICLE LICENCES COULD THEN BE CENTRALISED AND PROCESSED IN THE KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY CALLING THE OFFICE ON 3-354950.

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DINGHY SAILING CAN BE FUN, BUT LEARN ALL ABOUT IT FIRST

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PEOPLE WHO WISH TO TAKE UP DINGHY SAILING ARE URGED FIRST TO TAKE A FORMAL TRAINING COURSE IN THE SPORT.

ACCORDING TO MR JOSEPH CHU, CHIEF COACH OF THE HONG KONG YACHTING ASSOCIATION, THERE ARE QUITE A FEW ESSENTIAL THINGS ABOUT THE SPORT WHICH SHOULD BE KNOWN BY THE BEGINNER AND WHICH ARE PROVIDED IN A SPECIAL SIX-DAY TRAINING COURSE OFFERED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

QUITE APART FROM THE HUMAN FACTOR, THERE IS ALSO THE WEATHER TO BE CONSIDERED, HE POINTS OUT.

FIRST OF ALL, HOWEVER, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE PERSON TO BE ABLE TO SWIM AT LEAST 50 METRES IN LIGHT CLOTHES BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED FOR TRAINING BY A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.

AMONG THE OTHER SAFETY HINTS PROVIDED A BEGINNER ARE THE NEED ALWAYS TO WEAR 'LIFE JACKETS', WHICH ARE DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO KEEP A PERSON'S FACE ABOVE WATER AND ARE FITTED WITH BELTS SO AS TO ENABLE HIM TO BE EASILY PULLED OUT OF THE WATER.

THE PROPER CLOTHES, WHICH SHOULD KEEP THE PERSON WARM, AND PROPER SHOES TO PROTECT THE FEET ARE ALSO NECESSARY. AND THE DINGHY ITSELF SHOULD BE WELL CHECKED BEFORE SAILING, MAKING SURE THAT ALL ROPES ON BOARD ARE CORRECTLY TIED UP, THE 'STAYS' ARE IN GOOD CONDITION AND THE 'BUNGS' FOR DRAIN HOLES ARE IN PLACE, MR CHU ADVISES.

AS FOR THE WEATHER FACTOR, PEOPLE MAKING READY TO SAIL SHOULD LISTEN TO THE WEATHER FORECAST, PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE WINDS, RAPIDS, ETC, HE SAYS.

CARE SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN TO LOOK OUT FOR CHANGES IN THE WIND DIRECTION, WHICH CAN CAUSE THE BOOM TO SWAY, RESULTING IN LOSS OF BALANCE BY HELMSMAN AND CREW, AND THE BOAT CAPSIZING.

+HOWEVER, A FORMAL COURSE IN SAILING WILL HELP INSTRUCT THE PEOPLE ON HOW TO STEER THE BOAT CORRECTLY AND HOW TO DEAL WITH AN EMERGENCY SITUATION SUCH AS THIS,+ MR CHU SAYS.

ON RETURNING, A REPORT SHOULD BE MADE TO THE CENTRE, TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY SEARCHES BEING UNDERTAKEN. ABOVE ALL, PEOPLE SHOULD NOT GO SAILING AT NIGHT, OR IN FOGGY OR STORMY WEATHER. FURTHERMORE, SAILING WITH THE COMPANY OF OTHERS IS ALSO SAFER.

+SAILING CAN BE GREAT FUN, IF YOU SAIL IN A CAREFUL WAY,+ MR CHU SAYS.

TWO MORE SQUASH COURTS IN KWAI CHUNG

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TWO MORE SQUASH COURTS HAVE JUST BEEN OPENED FOR SQUASH ENTHUSIASTS IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE NEWLY COMPLETED COURTS, COSTING \$660 000, WERE FINANCED MAINLY BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THEY ARE LOCATED AT THE EXISTING ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS COMPLEX ADJACENT TO THE KWAI SHING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

SQUASH HAS BECOME A VERY POPULAR SPORT AMONG THE YOUNGSTERS IN THE DISTRICT AND THIS RESULTED IN THE TWO OLD COURTS BEING CONSTANTLY BOOKED.

WITH THE PROVISION OF THE TWO NEW COURTS, MORE PEOPLE CAN ENJOY THE SPORTS, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE NEW COURTS ARE FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM DAILY, IN LINE WITH ALL OTHER PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

BOOKINGS FOR THE NEW SQUASH COURTS CAN BE MADE ON-THE-SPOT IN PERSON UP TO SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE.

THE BOOKING HOURS ARE FROM 7 AM TO 12.15 PM, FROM 1.15 PM TO 6.15 PM AND FROM 7.15 PM TO 10.30 PM.

MEANWHILE, THE TWO EXISTING SQUASH COURTS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR ANNUAL RENOVATION WORK.

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FRESH AND SALT WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN HUNG HOM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 26) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE AREAS AFFECTED WILL BE CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, GILLIES AVENUE, WINSLOW STREET, BULKELEY STREET, BAKER STREET, LO LUNG HANG STREET, WALKER ROAD, COOKE STREET, WA FUNG STREET AND MALACCA STREET.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE OF NORTH POINT AND CAUSEWAY BAY WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF FOR TWELVE HOURS ON MONDAY STARTING FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM. THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO FACILITATE MAINS CONNECTION.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN MONG KOK

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN PORTLAND STREET FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 24) TO IMPROVE CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND WILL BE INSTALLED ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND NELSON STREET.

ANOTHER ONE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SECTION BETWEEN SHANTUNG STREET AND SOY STREET.

PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND SOY STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A PLB CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

THE EXISTING PLB CLEARWAYS IN SOY STREET AND NELSON STREET WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARD UPTO THEIR JUNCTIONS WITH PORTLAND STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET AND A POINT 23 METRES FURTHER SOUTH WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN 24 HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY.

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS PASSING OUT PARADE

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE ON SATURDAY MORNING (JULY 24) AT THE PARADE GROUND OF ITS STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL SECRETARY, MR P.J. FINLAY, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE 19 OFFICERS AND 136 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR BASIC TRAINING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT 47, TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 24).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. IT WILL LEAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 9 AM SHARP.

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