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MAJOR EXPANSION OF PORT NEEDED

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A MAJOR EXPANSION OF THE PORT IS NEEDED TO COPE WITH THE GROWING THROUGHPUT, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PACIFIC RIM FORUM ORGANISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, MR BARNES SAID THE PORT WAS NOW UNDER INCREASING STRAIN.

CHINESE EXPORTS TRANS-SHIPED THROUGH HONG KONG WERE INCREASING AT 15 PER CENT PER ANNUM AND THE CONTAINER TERMINAL WAS WORKING AT VIRTUALLY FULL CAPACITY.

BACK-UP AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF THE PORT WERE NOTHING LIKE SUFFICIENT, AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS CONTAINER STORAGE AND REPAIR, WERE SPREAD CHAOTICALLY THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.

"WE NEED A MAJOR EXPANSION OF THE PORT WHICH CANNOT TAKE PLACE AROUND THE EXISTING KWAI CHUNG TERMINALS," MR BARNES SAID.

"SO EXPANSION INTO A NEW AREA OR AREAS IS URGENT AND WE ARE JUST NOW STARTING ON THE STUDY WHICH WILL ESTABLISH WHERE THESE AREAS WILL BE."

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD A VERY CENTRAL AIRPORT WITH ONLY ONE RUNWAY.

"WE MAKE DO NOW, AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DO SO TILL THE END OF THE CENTURY, BUT BY THEN IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO COPE.

"SO THERE ARE MAJOR STRATEGIC DECISIONS TO BE MADE ABOUT A NEW ONE, AND, BECAUSE A NEW AIRPORT IN HONG KONG MEANS NEW RECLAMATION AND WE HAVE DONE ALL THE EASY RECLAMATIONS ALREADY, THIS COULD BE A VERY LONG JOB," HE SAID.

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD NEAR CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, WHICH, WITH OTHER SEEMINGLY MORE VITAL PRIORITIES, HAD BEEN PUT OFF FACING UP TO.

IN PARTICULAR SEWERAGE SCHEMES WERE LIKELY TO ABSORB A VERY MUCH LARGER PROPORTION OF CAPITAL BUDGET THAN BEFORE.

MR BARNES SAID THE NEW TOWNS WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT IN THE SEVENTIES AND EIGHTIES WERE PLANNED WITH BETTER HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT THAN THE URBANISED AREAS AROUND THE HARBOUR WHICH WERE DEVELOPED EARLIER.

THE OLD STREETS WERE PLANNED FOR FOUR STOREYS, BUT NOBODY BUILT LESS THAN 15 NOWADAYS. SO VERY RADICAL URBAN RENEWAL WAS A VERY HIGH PRIORITY.

ON HOUSING, HE SAID HONG KONG WAS NOW IN SIGHT OF MEETING BASIC HOUSING TARGETS.

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BUT IN THE MEANTIME GOALS HAD CHANGED, AS PEOPLE ASPIRED TO A GOOD HOME WHICH DID NOT MEAN THE SAME THING AS IT DID IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES WHEN THE TARGETS WERE ESTABLISHED.

"SO THERE IS A HUGE TASK OF REPLACING HOUSING, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND THIS TASK, INVOLVING AS IT DOES THE REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING HOMES, COULD EASILY BE AS MASSIVE AS EXPANDING THE PORT," HE ADDED.

MR BARNES TOLD DELEGATES HONG KONG WAS A PLACE WHICH EXUDED INDUSTRY AND DYNAMISM AND IF CAPITAL WORKS COULD BE TAKEN AS A MEASURE THEY WOULD PROBABLY SEE GREATER CONFIDENCE IN ITS FUTURE THAN MOST OF ITS NEIGHBOURS, AND ONE IN WHICH AUSTRALIA AND OTHER PACIFIC RIM NEIGHBOURS WERE PARTICIPATING PROBABLY TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN EVER BEFORE.

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NEED TO CONTROL USE OF CHEMICALS AT WORK STRESSED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN, TODAY (MONDAY) STRESSED THE NEED FOR A REGULATORY SYSTEM OVER THE USE OF CHEMICALS AT WORK.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST OF TWO FIVE-DAY SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR ITS STAFF MEMBERS, MR CHEN SAID THERE WERE ABOUT ONE MILLION WORKERS EMPLOYED AT SOME 83,000 INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG.

"THE WORK OF MANY INVOLVES THE HANDLING AND USE OF CHEMICALS AND THUS THEY ARE EXPOSED TO VARIOUS DEGREE OF ASSOCIATED HAZARDS," HE SAID.

"IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A REGULATORY SYSTEM OVER THE USE OF CHEMICALS AT WORK IS NECESSARY,"

MR CHEN REITERATED THAT OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH HAD ALWAYS BEEN IMPORTANT AREAS OF WORK OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THAT MEMBERS OF ITS FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISIONS HAD MADE A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORTS TO ENSURE CHEMICAL SAFETY AT WORK.

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"THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND APPROPRIATE CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR THE MANUFACTURE, HANDLING, DISTRIBUTION, USE AND DISPOSAL OF CHEMICALS ARE NEW AREAS NOW RECEIVING OUR URGENT ATTENTION," HE ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS THE CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISER OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION'S ASIAN AND PACIFIC PROJECT FOR LABOUR ADMINISTRATION (APPLA) MR MUINUDDIN KHAN, WHICH SPONSORED THE TWO SEMINARS.

THREE EXPERTS IN CHEMICAL SAFETY AND CONTROL FROM AUSTRALIA HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BE GUEST SPEAKERS.

THEY ARE SENIOR LECTURER IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH FROM THE CURTIN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, PERTH; DR M. NEDVED, CONSULTANT OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIAN; DR P. HOLLINGWORTH, AND CHIEF OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENIST MR B. CHESSEON.

THEIR PRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF LABOUR INSPECTION IN HONG KONG.

AND AMONG THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE MODERN APPROACH TO CHEMICAL HAZARDS CONTROL, INSPECTION SKILLS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHEMICAL ACCIDENTS, INSPECTION SKILLS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF CHEMICAL HEALTH HAZARDS, DISPOSAL OF LARGE SCALE WASTES/TOXICS FOLLOWING A CHEMICAL ACCIDENT, AND INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE.

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AIR ACCIDENT REPORT PUBLISHED

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THE REPORT OF A GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION INTO AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A LUFTHANSA BOEING 747 FREIGHT AIRCRAFT WHICH RAN OFF THE RUNWAY AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON OCTOBER 18, 1983, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AT NIGHTTIME WHEN THE AIRCRAFT'S TAKE-OFF WAS REJECTED FROM A HIGH SPEED FOLLOWING A NO.2 ENGINE MALFUNCTION.

IN THE LATER STAGES OF THE DECELERATION THE AIRCRAFT VEERED OFF THE PAVED SURFACE OF THE RUNWAY ON TO SOFT GROUND AND SUFFERED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE.

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THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO THE CREW WHO WERE THE ONLY PEOPLE ABOARD.

A VERY DETAILED, COMPREHENSIVE AND TIME-CONSUMING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE ACCIDENT. THE INVESTIGATION CONCLUDED THAT THE ACCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY THE TAKE-OFF BEING REJECTED AT HIGH SPEED AT A POINT WHERE THE REMAINING RUNWAY LENGTH WAS INSUFFICIENT TO ENSURE A SAFE STOP. FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS THE AIRCRAFT HAD USED MORE RUNWAY TO REACH THIS POINT THAN WAS NORMAL.

THE REASON FOR THE AIRCRAFT LEAVING THE RUNWAY PAVED SURFACE WAS NOT DETERMINED.

THE REPORT, ENTITLED "REPORT ON THE ACCIDENT TO LUFTHANSA BOEING 747 AT HONG KONG AIRPORT ON 18 OCTOBER, 1983", IS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH AND AVAILABLE ON SALE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$35 PER COPY.

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1986 SURVEY OF STORAGE,
COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 1986.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE COVERED IN THE SURVEY:

- (A) STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES FOR HIRE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC;
- (B) POSTAL, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, RADIO AND CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, MESSAGE DELIVERY AND MESSAGE EXCHANGE SERVICES;
- (C) ALL FINANCE (EXCEPT BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES; LOAN, MORTGAGE AND DISCOUNT COMPANIES; DEALERS/BROKERS AND EXCHANGES IN STOCKS AND SHARES, COMMODITY FUTURES, GOLD BULLION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE; PAWNSHOPS; MONEY CHANGERS; AND OTHER FINANCIAL UNDERTAKINGS;

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- (D) INSURERS, RE-INSURERS, AGENTS AND BROKERS OF ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED SERVICES;
- (E) ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING, ADVERTISING, DATA PROCESSING, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY RENTAL, LEGAL, NEWS AGENCY, SECRETARIAL AND OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO A SAMPLE OF ABOUT 2,400 ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF SOME 11,000 ESTABLISHMENTS FALLING UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE SURVEY.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE SECTORS CONCERNED AND ARE NEEDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG. THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO RESPOND TO THE SURVEY. A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORISING THE CONDUCT OF THE SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 12 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31, 1987. OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS STRESSES THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

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HEALTH TALK FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE ALIMENTARY TRACT AT A HEALTH EDUCATION TALK TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING.

THE TALK WILL START AT 8.30 PM IN THE FUNG MING HALL OF THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE, AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE. THERE WILL BE SLIDE-SHOWS ON HEPATITIS AND GASTRIC ULCER.

A DOCTOR, A PHARMACIST, A DIETITIAN AND A REGISTERED NURSE WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED BY ATTENDANTS.

THE FUNCTION IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF HEALTH EDUCATION TALKS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER TALKS PLANNED FOR THE YEAR INCLUDE COMMON PAEDIATRIC PROBLEMS, CIRCULATORY PROBLEMS, RESPIRATORY SYSTEM AND COMMON GERIATRIC PROBLEMS.

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WONG TAI SIN POLICE STATION TO BE REFURBISHED

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REFURBUISHING WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT WONG TAI SIN POLICE STATION AT SHA TIN PASS ROAD.

THE STATION, WHICH WAS BUILT MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, WILL UNDERGO REFURBISHMENT WORK AT THE OFFICES, BARRACKS, MESSES, CANTEENS AND THE WELFARE AND RECRUITMENT FACILITIES.

ONE LIFT AND ONE EMERGENCY GENERATOR WILL BE REPLACED, WHILE THE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM WILL BE UPGRADED.

THIS PROJECT IS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO OLDER POLICE STATIONS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF FITNESS TRAINING ROOMS IN EXISTING STATIONS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. THESE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 26.

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DISTINGUISHED CYC MEMBERS RECEIVE PRIZES

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB IN KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT WHO DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE PAST YEAR WILL RECEIVE PRIZES AT A CEREMONY AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 2 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN L. COAK; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER EDUCATION), MRS RUBY LAU; AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER KWAI TSING DISTRICT, MR LEE SHEW-LAI WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE CEREMONY WILL ALSO FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY CYC MEMBERS IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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CLOSURE OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER POSTPONED

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THE CLOSURE OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVETR TO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY (JUNE 11) WILL BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 12 DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEM.

THE CLOSURE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FLYOVER, WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 10 PM ON JUNE 12 TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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WEAK WATER SUPPLY IN TSUEN WAN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE REDUCED IN PRESSURE FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 11) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE BETWEEN CHUNG HANG NULLAH AND TING KAU.

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TSZ WAN SHAN WATER CUT

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FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLIES TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 11) UNTIL 5 PM THE SAME DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT 1 - 68 TSUI FUNG STREET, 1 - 60 MING FUNG STREET, 1 - 53 FEI FUNG STREET, 37 - 39 SHEUNG FUNG STREET, OUR LADY'S COLLEGE AND THE CHUK YUEN CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 61.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 361.428 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 286.687 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 48.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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