



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 5-8428777

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
MESSAGE FOR BRITAIN: "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME"	1
OMELCO ACTION PLAN ON NATIONALITY	2
DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME TO BE IMPLEMENTED	3
UNSAFE PRACTICES IN SITES DETECTED	5
APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR IMPORTING SKILLED LABOUR	6
SWD OFFICE MOVES	6
DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DRAINAGE PROBLEMS	7
DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS	7
JOINT AREA COMMITTEES SEMINAR	8
MUSIC OFFICE TO RECRUIT CHOIR MEMBERS	8
EXTENSION OF URBAN CLEARWAY ON AUSTIN ROAD	9

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

- 1 -

MESSAGE FOR BRITAIN: "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME"

* * * * *

SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DAME LYDIA DUNN AND SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON THIS (MONDAY) EVENING TO PRESS FOR THE RIGHT OF ABODE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, DAME LYDIA SAID ONE OF THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THEIR TRIP TO LONDON WAS TO TAKE HONG KONG'S MESSAGE TO THE BRITISH PUBLIC. THE MESSAGE IS: "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME".

SHE SAID: "WE DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE. TO STAY, OUR ANXIETIES MUST BE ALLAYED. OUR ANXIETIES CAN ONLY BE ALLAYED IF THERE IS AN ASSURANCE THAT THERE IS A RIGHT OF ABODE IN BRITAIN IF THINGS DO NOT WORK OUT."

SHE POINTED OUT THAT BRITAIN HAD A MORAL OBLIGATION AND A CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL AS THE POWER, TO RESTORE THE RIGHT OF ABODE TO HONG KONG BRITISH SUBJECTS NOW, WITHOUT REQUIRING THEM TO LEAVE HONG KONG TO GET IT.

"THAT WILL ENCOURAGE HONG KONG PEOPLE TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO FUTURE IN HONG KONG, TO BUILD ON ITS SUCCESS, AND TO DEVELOP DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS READY FOR ITS FUTURE AUTONOMY AS PART OF CHINA," SHE SAID.

"WE BELIEVE IN THE FAIRNESS AND DECENCY OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE. WE BELIEVE THEY WILL WANT THEIR GOVERNMENT TO GIVE SUPPORT TO BRITISH SUBJECTS IN THEIR HOUR OF NEED. THAT WOULD BE THE HONOURABLE COURSE," DAME LYDIA SAID.

"WE HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENCOURAGED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BY THE ENORMOUS INTEREST AND SUPPORT WE HAVE HAD FROM MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA, BOTH HERE AND IN BRITAIN," SHE ADDED.

FINALLY, DAME LYDIA ASSURED HONG KONG PEOPLE THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO PUT ACROSS HONG KONG'S CASE.

"WE KNOW THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE HONG KONG. HONG KONG IS OUR HOME," SHE STRESSED.

WHILST IN LONDON, THE TWO SENIOR MEMBERS WILL BE SEEING THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. THEY WILL ALSO BE MEETING THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

- 2 -

OMELCO ACTION PLAN ON NATIONALITY

* * *

OMELCO MEMBERS HAVE MAPPED OUT AN ACTION PLAN TO URGE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE TO HONG KONG BRITISH SUBJECTS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN BRITAIN AND TO FULFIL ITS MORAL OBLIGATION TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THE PLAN WAS ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) BY MRS ROSANNA TAM, CONVENER OF THE OMELCO SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON NATIONALITY.

MRS TAM SAID THE 19-MEMBER STRONG SPECIAL WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP FOLLOWING THE DECISION THAT THE TWO OMELCO SENIOR MEMBERS WILL REPRESENT ALL MEMBERS ON A VISIT TO LONDON TO PRESS FOR THE RIGHT OF ABODE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

SHE SAID THE FUNCTIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP WERE TO GIVE LEADERSHIP TO THE COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE TWO SENIOR MEMBERS DURING THEIR VISIT TO BRITAIN, AND TO INITIATE AND SUGGEST TO THE COMMUNITY HOW SUPPORT COULD BE GIVEN.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP FELL INTO THREE MAJOR CATEGORIES, NAMELY: SUPPORTIVE SERVICE FOR THE TWO SENIOR MEMBERS; OUTREACH EFFORTS; AND HOME-BASED ACTIVITIES.

UNDER SUPPORTIVE SERVICE, MRS TAM SAID MEMBERS HAD PREPARED A PAPER TITLED "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME", WHICH OUTLINED THE HONG KONG CASE, FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MP'S AND GROUPS IN UK; VARIOUS BODIES IN HONG KONG, MEDIA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE GROUP HAD ALSO RESEARCHED INTO THE LEGAL BACKGROUND AND THE LEGAL EFFECTS OF THE UK LEGISLATION ON THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UK; STUDIED THE ARGUMENTS FOR GRANTING THE RIGHT OF ABODE TO THE BRITISH SUBJECTS IN HONG KONG; AND DEvised A PLAN TO CO-ORDINATE EFFORTS IN HONG KONG AND UK.

IN HONG KONG, MRS TAM SAID GENERAL BRIEFING SESSIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED FOR A NUMBER OF LOCAL GROUPS. MEANWHILE, THREE SESSIONS WOULD BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON. THEY COMPRISED CHURCH, YOUTH, ACADEMIC AND EDUCATION GROUPS; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS; AS WELL AS PEOPLE FROM BUSINESS, THE PROFESSIONS AND INDUSTRIES.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE BRIEFINGS IS TO INFORM THE GROUPS OF THE MESSAGE THAT OMELCO WISHES TO PUT ACROSS TO THE BRITISH PUBLIC SO THAT THEY CAN ENCOURAGE THEIR CONTACTS IN THE UK TO VOICE THEIR SUPPORT FOR HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

T-SHIRTS BEARING THE SLOGAN "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME" WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED FREE TO THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE BRIEFINGS.

AS PART OF THE OUTREACHING EFFORTS, MRS TAM SAID INFORMATION AND ADVICE WOULD BE GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHED TO HELP IN PRESENTING THE HONG KONG CASE.

/A KIT

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

- 3 -

A KIT CONTAINING INFORMATION ON WHAT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY COULD DO TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT, A BACKGROUND PAPER ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, AND THE PAPER SETTING OUT THE HONG KONG CASE HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE WHO WISH TO HELP.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN TELEPHONE 5-264027 DURING OFFICE HOURS TO SEEK ADVICE AND INFORMATION," SHE SAID.

MRS TAM NOTED THAT WHILE THE OMELCO DELEGATION IS IN LONDON, MEMBERS WOULD CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR THE SITUATION IN THE UK AND IN HONG KONG TO ENSURE THAT SPEEDY RESPONSE AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED.

MEMBERS WOULD TAKE TURNS TO BE ON DUTY EVERY MORNING TO TAKE NOTE OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LONDON SO THAT APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY ACTIONS COULD BE TAKEN IN HONG KONG. THEY WOULD RESPOND TO COMMENTS ON THE LONDON VISIT MADE IN THE LOCAL MEDIA. MEMBERS WOULD ALSO CONDUCT DAILY PRESS BRIEFINGS HERE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMME OF THE SENIOR MEMBERS DURING THEIR VISIT.

MRS TAM SAID A CO-ORDINATING CENTRE MANNED BY OMELCO SECRETARIAT STAFF OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS HAD BEEN SET UP TO ASSIST THE MEMBERS IN THEIR WORK.

"TO SHOW OMELCO'S SOLIDARITY AND OUR SUPPORT FOR THE UK DELEGATION, MEMBERS WILL SEE THE SENIOR MEMBERS OFF AT THE AIRPORT WHEN THEY DEPART FOR LONDON TONIGHT," SHE ADDED.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FIRST DAILY PRESS BRIEFING BY THE OMELCO SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON NATIONALITY WILL BE HELD IN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, CENTRAL AT NOON TOMORROW (TUESDAY JUNE 20). YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE BRIEFING.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME TO BE IMPLEMENTED

* * * * *

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED TRADERS THAT THEY MAY SUBMIT IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS ON MICROCOMPUTER DISKETTES FROM JULY 1, 1989.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THIS ADDITIONAL OPTION OF SUBMITTING DECLARATIONS WAS PROVIDED UNDER THE DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

/"TRADERS WHO

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

- 4 -

"TRADERS WHO ARE USING COMPUTERS TO HANDLE THEIR TRADE DOCUMENTATION AND ARE SUBMITTING A LARGE NUMBER OF DECLARATIONS WILL FIND THE NEW SCHEME PARTICULARLY CONVENIENT."

"THE SCHEME WILL SHORTEN THE PROCESSING TIME TREMENDOUSLY AT THE TRADE DECLARATION CHARGES COLLECTION OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE QUEUING TIME ON THE PART OF TRADERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE CONVENIENCE THAT WOULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE SCHEME HAD BEEN PROVEN BY A PILOT SCHEME LAUNCHED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

"THE RESPONSE FROM TRADERS HAS BEEN FAVOURABLE AND THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE DESIGN OF THE SCHEME," HE SAID.

TRADERS WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME ARE REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG THEIR DECLARATIONS IN THE FORM OF COMPUTER PRINTOUTS AND THE CORRESPONDING MICROCOMPUTER DISKETTES TO ANY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COLLECTION OFFICES.

OTHER DETAILS OF THE REQUIREMENTS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE NOTICE ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1988.

TO JOIN THE SCHEME, A TRADER NEEDS A MICROCOMPUTER SYSTEM WHICH RUNS ON MS-DOS OF VERSION 2.0 OR ABOVE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEVELOPED A USER-FRIENDLY, MENU-DRIVEN MICRO-COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO FACILITATE TRADERS IN PREPARING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS USING MICROCOMPUTERS AND AT THE SAME TIME PRODUCING OUTPUTS THAT MEET ALL THE GOVERNMENT'S SPECIFIED FORMATS.

THE SOFTWARE TOGETHER WITH THE OPERATION MANUAL, AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$110, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ALTERNATIVELY, TRADERS CAN ALSO DEVELOP THEIR OWN SOFTWARE TO JOIN THE SCHEME BUT THEY HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FORMATS OF DECLARATION DATA SUBMITTED CONFORM THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE GAZETTE NOTICE.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE SCHEME CAN CALL 5-8234883 OR WRITE TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/5

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

- 5 -

UNSAFE PRACTICES IN SITES DETECTED

* * * * *

CONTRACTORS OF MORE THAN HALF OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES VISITED BY THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN A RECENT MONTH-LONG EXERCISE WERE FOUND TO HAVE BREACHED VARIOUS SAFETY REGULATIONS.

DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF A SIX-MONTH OPERATION LAUNCHED IN APRIL, THE TASK FORCE MADE UP OF 16 FACTORY INSPECTORS VISITED 162 BUILDING SITES WITH POOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE AND ACCIDENT RECORDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS PAID DURING THE VISITS TO FLOOR EDGES, OPENINGS, WORKING PLATFORMS AND OTHER DANGEROUS PLACE WHERE WORKERS WERE LIABLE TO FALL," SAID A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.

"AS A RESULT, 124 SUMMONSES WERE TAKEN OUT UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS AGAINST CONTRACTORS OF 87 SITES FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES."

A BREAKDOWN OF THE SUMMONSES SHOWED THAT 85 WERE RELATED TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROPER FENCES TO FLOOR EDGES, EXCAVATION EDGES, OPENINGS AND LIFT SHAFTS; 21 CONCERNED UNFENCED WORKING PLATFORMS; NINE ON FAILURE TO USE SAFETY BELTS; AND THE REST ON NON-PROVISION OR POOR MAINTENANCE OF SCAFFOLDS.

APART FROM PROSECUTION ACTION, FACTORY INSPECTORS ALSO GAVE WARNINGS AND ADVICE TO SITE MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS REGARDING GENERAL SAFETY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN.

AT PRESENT, THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE IS CONCENTRATING ON SAFETY NEAR CAISSONS THAT ARE WITHOUT MEASURES TO PROTECT WORKERS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY INSPECTIONS ON ALL BUILDINGS OVER THREE STOREYS THAT ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

"STIFFER MEASURES ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY GIVEN THE WORSENING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SITUATION AT CONSTRUCTION SITES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT IS HOPED THAT STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT WOULD MAKE CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS COMPLY WITH THE LAW BY USING PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND ADOPTING SAFETY MEASURES."

- - - - 0 - - - -

/6

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

- 6 -

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR IMPORTING SKILLED LABOUR
* * * * *

LOCAL EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED THAT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE SCHEME ANNOUNCED ON MAY 12 FOR IMPORTING SKILLED LABOUR FROM OUTSIDE HONG KONG MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION BEFORE JUNE 30.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SCHEME WOULD ALLOW UP TO 3,000 WORKERS FROM OUTSIDE HONG KONG POSSESSING SKILLS WHICH WERE IN SHORT SUPPLY LOCALLY TO WORK HERE UNDER MORE FLEXIBLE CRITERIA FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SKILLED LABOUR.

THERE WOULD BE NO RESTRICTIONS ON SOURCES OF SUPPLY SUBJECT TO USUAL IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS BEING MET.

"HOWEVER, THE SCHEME WILL NOT COVER SEMI-SKILLED OR UNSKILLED WORKERS WHO WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO HONG KONG TO WORK," HE EMPHASISED.

"IN CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS, PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE INDUSTRIES AND SKILLS WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF MANPOWER SHORTAGE IN THE RELEVANT SKILL CATEGORIES.

"TO HELP EMPLOYERS TO MAKE USE OF THE SCHEME, A PAMPHLET, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, DESCRIBING THE PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTING SKILLED LABOUR, IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL OFFICES OF THE IMMIGRATION AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS, AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

"EMPLOYERS, IF IN DOUBT, MAY SEEK ADVICE FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONING 3-7328293 OR 3-7328399," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SWD OFFICE MOVES
* * * * *

THE PAYMENTS CONTROL SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED TO ITS NEW OFFICE AT 23RD FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8351925 AND THE OFFICE WILL RESUME OPERATION FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

- - - - 0 - - - -

/7

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

- 7 -

DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

* * * * *

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MEASURES TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN MONG KOK.

A REPORT ON A STUDY CARRIED OUT BY THE URBAN DRAINAGE DIVISION ON THE SEWERAGE NETWORK IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING. THE REPORT HAS IDENTIFIED 10 DRAINAGE BLACK SPOTS IN MONG KOK.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REVIEW THE BUSINESS SITUATION OF THE TAI KOK TSUI TEMPORARY MARKET.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS

* * * * *

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THREE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS HAVE APPLIED FOR A TOTAL OF \$26,000 TO CARRY OUT SOCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES OF ITS THREE WORKING GROUPS - THE WORKING GROUP ON UNISESSIONALISM OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE ACTIVITY WORKING GROUP AND THE WORKING GROUP ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF FEE REDUCTION SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE INFORMATION PAPERS ON A DESIGN ONWARD FOR THE MOST ACCESSIBLE BUILDING FOR THE DISABLED IN HONG KONG, THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN LOK FU AND WANG TAU HOM AREAS, AND THE WANG TAU HOM MATERNITY HOME.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 4TH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/8

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

- 8 -

JOINT AREA COMMITTEES SEMINAR

* * * * *

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL SPEAK ON THE ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AT A CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SEMINAR ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 21).

MR LAN WILL ALSO TOUCH ON DISTRICT ISSUES, INCLUDING THE GREEN ISLAND RECLAMATION FEASIBILITY STUDY.

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SIX AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 21) AT THE MACAU (YAT YUEN) CANIDROME CLUB, 38TH FLOOR, SHUN TAK CENTRE, CENTRAL. A COCKTAIL RECEPTION WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM AND THE SEMINAR WILL START AT 6.45 PM.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MUSIC OFFICE TO RECRUIT CHOIR MEMBERS

* * * * *

THE MUSIC OFFICE IS TO RECRUIT CHORAL SINGERS FOR ITS YOUTH CHOIR.

MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 23 WITH AN ABILITY IN SCORE READING ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1980, THE CHOIR HAS PERFORMED REGULARLY, AND THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED WORKS BY MOZART, BEETHOVEN AND OTHER CHORAL MASTERPIECES BY VIVALDI AND HAYDN AS WELL AS CHINESE COMPOSITION.

THE CHOIR REHEARSES ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE FROM 4.30 PM TO 7 PM.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 138 AUSTIN ROAD BEFORE JULY 8.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION ON JULY 15. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7226240.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1989

- 9 -

EXTENSION OF URBAN CLEARWAY ON AUSTIN ROAD

* * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 21), THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE OF AUSTIN ROAD, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH PILKEM STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD, WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARDS.

THE EXTENSION WILL BE FOR ABOUT 125 METRES TO THE ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH PINE TREE HILL ROAD, BUT WILL NOT INCLUDE THE PARKING AREA ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF AUSTIN ROAD.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

- - - - 0 - - - -