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BETTER PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES

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ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982, EXCEPT THOSE RELATING TO COMPULSORY INSURANCE, WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON MARCH 25.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE ORDINANCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDES BETTER PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK AND IMPROVES PROCEDURES FOR THE RECOVERY OF COMPENSATION.

AMONG THE MAJOR PROVISIONS, ONE CONCERNS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TWO-TIER EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BOARD, CONSISTING OF AN ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD AND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD, TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING MACHINERY FOR ASSESSING COMPENSATION.

ALL CLAIMS LIKELY TO INVOLVE PERMANENT INCAPACITY WILL BE REFERRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD, WHICH WILL, IN MOST CASES, PROCEED TO ASSESS THE PERCENTAGE OF LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCALES LAID DOWN IN THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, WHERE THE BOARD CONSIDERS THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION HAS TO BE GIVEN TO SUCH FACTORS AS THE EMPLOYEE'S OCCUPATION, QUALIFICATIONS, PREVIOUS TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, IT WILL REFER THE CLAIM TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD, WHICH WILL ASSESS THE ACTUAL LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY BY TAKING THESE FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION.

ANOTHER PROVISION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, INTRODUCES A SIMPLER AND QUICKER PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF MINOR INJURY INVOLVING TEMPORARY INCAPACITY OF NOT MORE THAN 14 DAYS. FOR MORE SERIOUS CASES INVOLVING PERMANENT INCAPACITY OR TEMPORARY INCAPACITY OF OVER 14 DAYS, THE EXISTING PROCEDURE OF SETTLEMENT BY AGREEMENT WILL STILL APPLY.

THE PROVISION ALSO IMPROVES THE PROCEDURE FOR SETTLEMENT BY AGREEMENT BY IMPOSING MORE SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS ON THE EMPLOYER AND BY IMPROVING BOTH THE PROCESS OF MAKING AN AGREEMENT AND ITS ENFORCEABILITY.

AS AN EXAMPLE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE RELEVANT DATE NOTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER, AND TO SUBMIT AN AGREEMENT TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR APPROVAL WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER IT WAS CONCLUDED WITH THE EMPLOYEE.

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A THIRD PROVISION PROVIDES THAT COMPENSATION IS PAYABLE TO EMPLOYEES INJURED WHILE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THEIR WORKPLACES BY TRANSPORT PROVIDED OR ARRANGED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS.

IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT WHERE, AT THE TIME OF AN ACCIDENT, AN INSURANCE POLICY IS IN FORCE IN RESPECT OF A FAMILY MEMBER, THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE WILL APPLY TO HIM AS IF HE WERE AN EMPLOYEE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE PROVISION FURTHER PROVIDES THAT AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF PROSTHESES OR SURGICAL APPLIANCES WHEN SUCH ITEMS ARE REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER INJURIES HAVE RESULTED IN ANY PERMANENT INCAPACITY OR TEMPORARY INCAPACITY. A TYPICAL CASE IN THIS SITUATION IS AN EMPLOYEE WHO BREAKS HIS TOOTH IN AN ACCIDENT AT WORK.

A FOURTH PROVISION DEFINES A +SUB-CONTRACTOR+ TO INCLUDE A SECOND OR THIRD LEVEL SUB-CONTRACTOR.

THE TERM +PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR+ IS ALSO INTRODUCED TO REPLACE THE TERM +PRINCIPAL+. IN THIS WAY, AN INJURED EMPLOYEE CAN MAKE A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION AGAINST EITHER HIS IMMEDIATE EMPLOYER (THE +SUB-CONTRACTOR+) OR THE +PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR+ AT THE TOP OF THE CONTRACTING HIERARCHY.

THE PROVISION ALSO REMOVES CURRENT RESTRICTION OF LIABILITY TO ACCIDENTS OCCURRING ON THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR'S WORK SITE OR PREMISES UNDER HIS CONTROL.

THE SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT OTHER PROVISIONS PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK. THESE INCLUDE LEAVE WITH PAY TO AN EMPLOYEE FOR ATTENDING MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OR ASSESSMENTS OR VISITING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AN AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION, AND PROHIBITION TO TERMINATE OR GIVE NOTICE TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE BEFORE HE RECOVERS FROM INJURIES.

THE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE ALSO EXPANDS THE DEFINITION OF +COMPENSATION+ TO EMBRACE ALL THE BENEFITS UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE. THESE BENEFITS ARE:

- \* COMPENSATION FOR DEATH, PERMANENT, TOTAL, AND PARTIAL INCAPACITY AND TEMPORARY INCAPACITY;
- \* COMPENSATION FOR CONSTANT ATTENTION, BURIAL EXPENSES AND MEDICAL EXPENSES;
- \* WAGES OR SALARIES FOR ABSENCE FROM WORK;
- \* COSTS OF SUPPLYING, FITTING, REPAIRING AND RENEWING PROSTHESES AND SURGICAL APPLIANCES; AND
- \* ANY SURCHARGE OR INTEREST PAYABLE UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE TO VISIT HONG KONG

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE, LORD COCKFIELD, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM APRIL 10 TO 13.

HIS PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF LORD COCKFIELD:

LORD COCKFIELD, A CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS, IS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE AND A MEMBER OF THE CABINET.

FRANCIS ARTHUR COCKFIELD WAS BORN IN 1916 AND EDUCATED AT DOVER COUNTY SCHOOL AND AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, WHERE HE GRADUATED IN BOTH LAW AND ECONOMICS. HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR BY THE INNER TEMPLE IN 1942.

HE ENTERED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1934 FIRST IN THE CUSTOMS AND IN 1938 HE JOINED THE INLAND REVENUE. HE WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF INLAND REVENUE IN 1945, COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE FROM 1951 TO 1952, AND DIRECTOR OF STATISTICS AND INTELLIGENCE TO THE BOARD OF INLAND REVENUE FROM 1945 TO 1952.

HE LEFT THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1952 TO BECOME FINANCE DIRECTOR OF BOOTS PURE DRUG COMPANY LTD AND SUBSEQUENTLY FROM 1961 TO 1967 HE WAS MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPANY'S EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. FROM 1970 TO 1973 HE WAS ADVISER ON TAXATION POLICY TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRICE COMMISSION FROM 1973 TO 1977. HE WAS APPOINTED A MINISTER OF STATE AT THE TREASURY FOLLOWING THE RETURN TO OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATIVES AFTER THE ELECTION OF MAY 1979. HE BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE IN APRIL 1982, WHEN HE WAS MADE A PRIVY COUNSELLOR.

HE WAS A FOUNDER MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SERVING FROM 1962 TO 1964. HE IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE COURT OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY FROM 1968 TO 1969. HE WAS ELECTED AN HONORARY FELLOW OF THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS IN 1972.

LORD COCKFIELD WAS KNIGHTED IN 1973, AND WAS CREATED A LIFE PEER IN 1978.

HE IS MARRIED; HIS WIFE IS A CHOREOGRAPHER.

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## AIR POLLUTION METEOROLOGY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHES EVER CONDUCTED IN HONG KONG ON AIR POLLUTION METEOROLOGY IS IN PROGRESS.

THE LONG-TERM PROJECT, WHICH IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S AIR POLLUTION METEOROLOGY RESEARCH UNIT (APMRU), WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION NEEDED FOR TOWN PLANNING AND LAND USE.

IN THE PAST, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY PROVIDED INFORMATION BASED ON DATA AVAILABLE IN ARCHIVES.

HEADED BY A SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, MRS ELAINE KOO, THE APMRU COMPRISES FOUR OTHER OFFICERS — TWO METEOROLOGISTS HOLDING PH.D. DEGREES PLUS TWO TECHNICAL STAFF.

USING ADVANCED EQUIPMENT AND METHODS, THE APMRU WILL DETERMINE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AIR POLLUTION DISPERSION POTENTIAL IN SPECIFIC AREAS PLANNED FOR DEVELOPMENT OR FOR LARGE-SCALE ENGINEERING PROJECTS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO GENERATE AIR POLLUTANTS.

+THE FINDINGS WILL ALSO BE USEFUL FOR ASSESSING THE FUTURE AIR POLLUTION BURDEN THAT CAN BE TOLERATED IN AN AREA. THIS ASSESSMENT, IN TURN, WILL PROVIDE USEFUL AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND GUIDELINES FOR LAND USE STRATEGY AND TOWN PLANNING,+ MRS KOO EXPLAINED.

IT IS PLANNED THAT 18 DIFFERENT REGIONS WILL BE INVESTIGATED INDIVIDUALLY SO THAT THE AIR POLLUTION METEOROLOGY OF THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG WILL BE DETERMINED, MRS KOO SAID.

+WHEN THIS IS DONE, POLLUTION-GENERATING OPERATIONS MAY BE LOCATED WHERE THE NATURAL ATMOSPHERIC DISPERSION CAPABILITY IS GREATEST,+ SHE ADDED.

THE FIRST REGION SELECTED FOR INVESTIGATION IS JUNK BAY WHERE A NEW TOWN IS BEING PLANNED FOR A TARGET POPULATION OF ABOUT 300 000 PEOPLE.

THE STUDY COVERS A SITE ABOUT EIGHT KILOMETRES EAST OF THE HIGHLY URBANISED AREA OF KOWLOON PENINSULA.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT ON THE BASIS OF THIS STUDY, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS MAY BE SO LOCATED AS TO MINIMISE THE EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION FOR THE RESIDENTS,+ MRS KOO SAID.

A REPORT WILL BE MADE WHEN THE RESEARCH IS COMPLETED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

FOR EACH STUDY, DATA WILL BE GATHERED FROM A FIELD SITE FOR A YEAR BECAUSE AT LEAST ONE FULL YEAR'S DATA INPUT IS REQUIRED TO PORTRAY A METEOROLOGICALLY REPRESENTATIVE PATTERN OF AN AREA, MRS KOO POINTED OUT.

THE RESEARCH REQUIRES DELICATE EQUIPMENT PACKAGES, WHICH INCLUDE A MONOSTATIC ACOUSTIC RADAR SYSTEM, A TETHERED-SONDE SYSTEM AND A SURFACE METEOROLOGICAL STATION.

+THE SITING OF THE INSTRUMENTS HAS A SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON THE RELIABILITY AND QUALITY OF DATA THUS GATHERED,+ MRS KOO SAID.

THE SITE MUST FIRST OF ALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OVERALL METEOROLOGICAL CONDITION OF THE REGION TO BE STUDIED.

FURTHERMORE, IT MUST HAVE RELIABLE POWER SUPPLY AND BE FAR AWAY FROM SOURCES OF NOISE AND ECHOES REFLECTED BY NEARBY OBJECTS. SECURITY AND PROTECTION FROM SEVERE WEATHER ARE ALSO MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS.

THE SURFACE METEOROLOGICAL STATION FOR THE CURRENT JUNK BAY STUDY COMPRISES AN INSTRUMENT-CARRYING TEN-METRE MAST AND A DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM LOCATED IN A SMALL ROOM MEASURING ABOUT THREE SQUARE METRES. THE ROOM HOUSES A MICRO-COMPUTER AND SOME ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR PROCESSING WIND, TEMPERATURE AND SOLAR RADIATION DATA.

MRS KOO EMPHASISED THAT IT IS THE FIRST +AUTOMATIC+ WEATHER STATION IN HONG KONG WITH ITS SOFTWARE DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED BY STAFF OF THE APMRU — +AUTOMATIC+ BECAUSE THE COMPUTER IS PROGRAMMED TO PRODUCE DATA WHICH IS ALREADY QUALITY-CHECKED, PROCESSED AND ANALYSED.

THE TETHERED-SONDE SYSTEM IS AN AIRSHIP-LIKE BALLOON WITH A METEOROLOGICAL SENSOR PACKAGE SUSPENDED BELOW IT. BY MEASURING WINDS, TEMPERATURES AND OTHER ATMOSPHERIC ELEMENTS, IT CAN GATHER INFORMATION ON THE UPPER AIR FLOW.

THE MONOSTATIC RADAR SYSTEM IS A DEVICE WHICH TRANSMITS BRIEF AUDIBLE SOUND PULSES INTO THE ATMOSPHERE. THE ECHOES RETURNED ARE AMPLIFIED AND DISPLAYED ON A FACSIMILE CHART WHICH SHOWS THE HEIGHT OF THE ATMOSPHERE WITHIN WHICH POLLUTANTS CAN BE EFFECTIVELY DISPERSED AND DILUTED.

THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THESE DATA COLLECTING PROCESSES IS ENSURED BY ANOTHER SYSTEM WHICH TRANSMITS THE COLLECTED INFORMATION SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE APMRU OFFICE SO THAT ANY DEFECT IN THE OPERATION CAN BE DETECTED AT ONCE.

THE DATA IS THEN ANALYSED BY APMRU STAFF BEFORE ANY MEANINGFUL CONCLUSIONS CAN BE MADE.

WHEN THE RESEARCH IN JUNK BAY IS COMPLETED, THE EQUIPMENT PACKAGES WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE NEXT AREA TO BE STUDIED.

HONG KONG'S GEOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT THE WORST EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION CAN BE AVERTED THROUGH PLANNING AND CONTROL, SHE STRESSED.

HOWEVER, IT IS NECESSARY THAT STUDIES BE CARRIED OUT EARLY ENOUGH SO THAT INPUTS CAN BE PRESENTED BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE ON DEVELOPMENT, SHE ADDED.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING COURSES FOR WORKERS  
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EMPLOYERS WERE URGED TODAY (TUESDAY) TO SEND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND VARIOUS TRAINING COURSES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE DIVISION CONDUCTS THE COURSES AT ITS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE IN CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ENROLMENT IS NOW INVITED FOR SIX COURSES TO BE CONDUCTED FROM THIS MONTH TO THE END OF JUNE. THE COURSES, WHICH LAST FROM ONE TO THREE DAYS, ARE RELATED TO WORK IN CONFINED SPACES, +SLINGING+ SAFETY, MACHINERY SAFETY, CONSTRUCTION SAFETY, ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN INDUSTRY AND SAFETY AT WORK IN COMPRESSED AIR.

THE COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR TECHNICIANS, FOREMEN, SUPERVISORS AND THOSE WHO MIGHT FROM TIME TO TIME BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM SUPERVISORY DUTIES. THEY ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE THE COURSE TRAINEES TO IDENTIFY UNSAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENTS, TO SUGGEST METHODS FOR THEIR ELIMINATION AND TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE DUTIES OF A SAFETY SUPERVISOR, IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES.

+IT IS HOPED THAT EMPLOYERS WOULD MAKE FULL USE OF OUR FREE SERVICE BY NOMINATING EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND THE COURSES. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE ENROLMENT AND DETAILS OF THE COURSES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 3-688111 EXT. 347,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DIVISION CONDUCTED 298 TRAINING COURSES FOR 7 756 EMPLOYEES LAST YEAR.

IN THE SAME YEAR, OFFICERS FROM THE TRAINING CENTRE ALSO CONDUCTED 135 TALKS ON SAFETY FOR 15 405 PEOPLE FROM 71 ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS.

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**INDUSTRIAL MISSION TO VISIT AUSTRALIA**  
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AN INDUSTRIAL MISSION, ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG WITH SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES.

THE MISSION, PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME OF PROMOTING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, WILL VISIT SYDNEY BETWEEN APRIL 11-22 AND BRISBANE FROM APRIL 23 TO 30.

LED BY THE PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, MR DAVID CHEUNG, THE MISSION WILL CALL ON COMPANIES ENGAGED IN LIGHT AND MEDIUM ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES, ELECTRONICS, AND THOSE WHICH PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY SUPPORTING FACILITIES SUCH AS METAL CASTING, EXTRUSION, FORGING, TOOL AND DIE MAKING AND PRECISION MACHINING.

INVESTMENT FROM AUSTRALIA RANKS SEVENTH IN THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG. OF THE 25 FACTORIES ESTABLISHED HERE WITH AUSTRALIAN INTEREST, 13 ARE WHOLLY OWNED AND THE REMAINDER ARE JOINT-VENTURES.

TOTAL INVESTMENT FROM AUSTRALIA AMOUNTS TO HK\$160 MILLION.

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**COUNTRY PARK INFORMATION CENTRE**  
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A MODERN INFORMATION CENTRE FOR VISITORS IS TO BE BUILT AT SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK AND AN ADJACENT OPEN-AIR CAR PARK WILL BE SURFACED WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HE SAID THE CONTRACT FOR THE JOB, VALUED AT \$5 MILLION, WAS AWARDED TO WING MOU CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE BUILDING IN EARLY 1984.

THE PURPOSE-BUILT CENTRE AT PAK TAM CHUNG BARRIER, IS EXPECTED TO BE USED BY ABOUT 5 000 VISITORS A DAY.

IT WILL HAVE AN ARCHITECTURAL THEME OF A TRADITIONAL RURAL BUILDING TO FIT INTO THE LANDSCAPE OF THE COUNTRY PARK.

THE INTERIOR WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH STATIC DISPLAYS DEPICTING THE NATURAL AND HUMAN HISTORY OF THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA AS WELL AS MODELS AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME.

DR LEE SAID VISITORS TO THE PARK WOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SAI KUNG AND ITS ENVIRONMENT AT THE CENTRE -- THE FIRST OF ITS KIND -- BEFORE OR AFTER HIKING THROUGH THE COUNTRY PARK.

OTHER VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK AND AT TAI MEI TUK IN PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK.

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THREE DISTRICT BOARDS TO MEET THIS WEEK  
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YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE NEW IDENTITY CARD SYSTEM AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (APRIL 7) MORNING.

THE BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY A CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, MR WOO TSANG-WOON.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE MANAGEMENT OF THE STADIUM AND THE SWIMMING POOL IN THE DISTRICT.

IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, MEMBERS WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON THE ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS, THE EFFECT OF AIRCRAFT NOISE ON STUDENTS, AND AMUSEMENT GAMES CENTRES.

ON FRIDAY (APRIL 8) AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME FOR THE DB BY-ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN THE TIN WAN/SHEK PAI WAN CONSTITUENCY IN MAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:

- (A) THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (APRIL 7) AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE;
- (B) THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD; AND
- (C) THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY (APRIL 8) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 7-11 NAM NING STREET, 2ND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT IN ABERDEEN CENTRE.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8 AM ON THURSDAY FOR YUEN LONG.

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BLITZ AGAINST NT HIGHWAY LITTERBUGS  
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A SPECIAL NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANTI-LITTER SQUAD IS NOW MOUNTING AN OPERATION AGAINST GOODS VEHICLES LITTERING THE PUBLIC ROADS IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WARNED GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS THAT THEY WILL BE BROUGHT TO COURT IF THEY COMMIT THE OFFENCE.

IN THE PAST YEAR, MORE THAN 200 DRIVERS AND LORRY OWNERS WERE BROUGHT TO COURT FOR LITTERING THE ROADS AT CLEARWATER BAY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION OF HANG HAU ROAD, AND NEAR TA KWUN LING SUN CHUEN AS WELL AS THE PIK UK PRISON.

SOME 20 OF THEM WERE FINED SUMS RANGING FROM \$1 000 TO \$15 000 BY MAGISTRATES IN ANTI-LITTER COURTS.

LITTERBUGS WILL FACE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND A POSSIBLE JAIL SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

LORRY DRIVERS WERE ADVISED TO SECURE THEIR GOODS AND BUILDING MATERIALS IN THEIR VEHICLES PROPERLY TO PREVENT LITTERING.

VEHICLES LOADED WITH EARTH OR BUILDING RUBBLE SHOULD BE COVERED TO KEEP THE HIGHWAY FREE FROM DUST NUISANCE.

HOLIDAY-MAKERS ARE ALSO URGED NOT TO THROW RUBBISH FROM THE WINDOWS OF THEIR PRIVATE CARS.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAI PO  
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TAI PO ON THURSDAY (APRIL 7) TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW RAILWAY STATION ON THE SOUTH OF WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THE OLD TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION WILL BE CLOSED ON THE SAME DAY.

THE SECTION OF THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM KWONG FUK ROAD TO THE NEW RAILWAY STATION WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC, BUT WILL BE DESIGNATED AS CLEARWAY WITHIN WHICH NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY.

THE ROAD SECTION WILL ALSO BE PROHIBITED TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY.

KMB ROUTES 64 AND 74 WHICH AT PRESENT TERMINATE AT TAI PO MARKET CENTRE WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE NEW RAILWAY STATION AND RE-NUMBERED 64K AND 74K RESPECTIVELY.

FOUR MAXICAB ROUTES WILL COMMENCE OPERATION FROM TAI PO RAILWAY STATION: NO 21K TO TAI PO TAU; NO 22K TO KAM SHAN; NO 23K TO WUN YIU AND NO 25K TO LAM TSUEN.

THE NEW ROUTES WILL OPERATE AT A PEAK-HOUR FREQUENCY OF 10 MINUTES. THEY WILL ALL CHARGE \$1 PER TRIP EXCEPT NO 25K, WHICH WILL CHARGE \$1.50.

MAXICAB ROUTE 20 NOW OPERATING BETWEEN TAI PO MARKET AND SAM MUN TSAI WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE NEW RAILWAY STATION AND RE-NUMBERED 20K. THE EXTENDED SERVICE WILL OPERATE AT A PEAK-HOUR FREQUENCY OF FIVE MINUTES AND CHARGE \$1.50 PER JOURNEY.

A TAXI STAND WILL BE DESIGNATED OUTSIDE THE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF THE STATION TICKET HALL.

PEDESTRIANS MAY APPROACH THE NEW RAILWAY STATION EITHER VIA THE WAN TAU STREET UNDERPASS AND THE FOOTPATH LEADING TO THE STATION OR VIA THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM KWONG FUK ROAD TO THE STATION.

APPROPRIATE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE PEDESTRIANS.

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#### TENDER SOUGHT FOR MAINS WORK

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF A SYSTEM OF FRESH WATER MAINS IN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, CLEARWATER BAY ROAD AND TAI MONG TSAI ROAD.

THE SYSTEM FORMS PART OF A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO AREAS IN SAI KUNG AND CLEARWATER BAY PENINSULA.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT COMPRISES THE LAYING OF ABOUT 10 000 METRES OF DUCTILE IRON AND ASBESTOS CEMENT FRESH WATER MAINS, RANGING FROM 200 MM TO 400 MM IN DIAMETER.

WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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URGENT WORK ON SWIMMING POOLS

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE KWAI SHING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AT KWAI CHUNG WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED AS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MAIN POOL AND DIVING POOL OF THE COMPLEX WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR ABOUT FOUR TO SIX WEEKS FOR URGENT REPAIR WORK, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

THE TWO POOLS WILL BE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AS SOON AS THE REPAIR WORK IS COMPLETED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HOWEVER, PEOPLE WISHING TO ENJOY A DIP THERE MAY USE THE SECONDARY AND TRAINING POOLS WHICH ARE NOT AFFECTED BY REPAIR WORK.

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SEAWALL AND RECLAMATION

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1 230-METRE SEAWALL AND THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 16 HECTARES OF LAND OFF THE NORTHERN SHORE OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

ON COMPLETION, THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WHICH IS TO SERVE THE NORTH WESTERN PART OF KOWLOON.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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WATER CUT IN MID-LEVELS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF BONHAM ROAD IN BETWEEN BREEZY PATH AND PARK ROAD, PARK ROAD, BREEZY PATH, LYTTTELTON ROAD, BABINGTON ROAD, OAKLANDS PATH, PROSPECT PLACE AND UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

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