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DISTRICT BOARDS DOING GOOD JOB - SIR PHILIP
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THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE FACILITIES COMPLEMENTS THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THIS IN A SPEECH READ OUT ON HIS BEHALF BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS SELINA CHOW, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TUEN MUN.

SIR PHILIP WAS INDISPOSED AND WAS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT, AND MRS CHOW WAS OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY ON HIS BEHALF.

THE SUPPORT DEMONSTRATED BY THE COMMUNITY AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS LAST YEAR, SIR PHILIP SAID, HAD PUT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM ON A FIRM FOOTING.

THERE ARE NOW 18 DISTRICT BOARDS - EIGHT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 10 IN THE URBAN AREAS.

+THEY ARE DOING MUCH TO IDENTIFY AND RESOLVE PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT THE WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE AND YOUR GOVERNMENT IS CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL PLAY AN INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HONG KONG AND ENCOURAGING WIDER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

REFERRING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS, HE SAID THE PROVISION OF DECENT HOUSING, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH CARE, TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATION FOR THE COMMUNITY WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN PREOCCUPATION.

THE LESS TANGIBLE ASPECT OF BUILDING A NEW TOWN, LAY IN THE EFFORTS TO BRING TOGETHER LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE NEWLY THROWN TOGETHER AND WHO HAD FEW NATURAL TIES OR AFFILIATIONS OF THEIR OWN, HE SAID.

+A PHYSICAL BASE IS REQUIRED FOR THIS WORK AND IT IS YOUR GOVERNMENT'S AIM TO PROVIDE IN EACH NEW TOWN AND CENTRE OF POPULATION A COMMUNITY CENTRE WHICH CAN SERVE AS THE FOCUS FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY LIFE,+ HE SAID.

SIR PHILIP SAID THAT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PHYSICAL AND MANPOWR RESOURCES TO BUILD A STABLE AND CARING COMMUNITY, ULTIMATELY COMMUNITY BUILDING MUST DEPEND ON LOCAL INITIATIVES AND PARTICIPATION.

HE HOPED THAT THE LOCAL PEOPLE WOULD ALL TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES OFFERED AT THE ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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NOTING THAT OVER 40 PER CENT OF THE TUEN MUN POPULATION WERE UNDER 15, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID: +THIS RELATIVELY YOUNG POPULATION WILL REQUIRE A DIFFERENT MIX OF SERVICES THAN A COMMUNITY WITH A PREDOMINANTLY OLDER AGE STRUCTURE.

+THIS COMMUNITY CENTRE, TOGETHER WITH THE EXISTING TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL AND TWO OTHER PLANNED COMMUNITY CENTRE FACILITIES IN NEIGHBOURING AREAS, WILL ENABLE THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO BE ORGANISED AND I AM SURE THAT THEY WILL SOON DEVELOP A LIFE AND CULTURE WHICH IS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE TUEN MUN COMMUNITY.+

EARLIER, IN HER WELCOMING REMARKS, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID THE COMMUNITY CENTRE HAD BEEN NAMED AFTER THE SURROUNDING HOUSING ESTATES WHOSE CHINESE NAMES STOOD FOR STABILITY, HARMONY, FRATERNITY, LOVE AND CARE.

+THESE QUALITIES,+ SHE SAID, +SUM UP VERY WELL OUR AIMS IN PROVIDING COMMUNITY CENTRES: THAT IS, TO PROMOTE NEIGHBOURLINESS AND MUTUAL CARE AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.+

+JUDGING BY THE RESPONSE SO FAR, I AM SURE THAT THIS COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL SOON BECOME A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR THE PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN,+ SHE SAID.

THE ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE CONSISTS OF TWO BLOCKS. THE LOW BLOCK CONTAINS A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL WHICH PROVIDES A VENUE FOR MEETINGS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

THE HIGH BLOCK IS A SIX-STOREY BUILDING WHICH HOUSES A VARIETY OF SERVICES INCLUDING A DAY NURSERY RUN BY THE HONG KONG YMCA, A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS RUN BY THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, AND A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY TO BE RUN BY THE HONG KONG LUTHERAN SERVICE.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT MANAGES THIS CENTRE AND PROVIDES GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICES.

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PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY WORK
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL BODIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC.

+THERE HAS BEEN A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE, BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INTERESTS IN ENSURING THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND THIS HAS MANIFESTED ITSELF IN THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF ALL KINDS AND IN THE FIELDS OF CARE FOR THE SICK AND EDUCATION, AND THIS PROCESS HAS NEVER STOPPED,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE, MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE COMMON AIM WAS TO BUILD A COMMUNITY IN WHICH THERE WAS MUTUAL CONCERN AND CARING.

+THIS COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS FOSTERED THROUGH A VAST COMPLEXITY OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS - OF OWNERS AND TENANTS, AREA COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND LOCAL ARTS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

+THE EXISTENCE OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES POINTS TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS A FRAMEWORK ON WHICH A MORE COHESIVE COMMUNITY CAN BE BUILT,+ HE SAID.

IN HIS SPEECH, MR AKERS-JONES GAVE EXAMPLES OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS OVER THE YEARS.

IN 1953, THERE WERE 32 GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS COMPARED WITH OVER 300 SCHOOLS RECEIVING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE. THERE WERE SEVEN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS PROVIDING 1 800 BEDS COMPARED WITH FIVE SUBVENTED HOSPITALS PROVIDING 1 600 BEDS.

IN 1963, THE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS WAS IN THE RATIO OF 1:5, SLIGHTLY OVER 100 GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS COMPARED WITH OVER 500 GRANT AND SUBSIDISED SCHOOLS. ON THE MEDICAL SIDE, GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS TOGETHER PROVIDED ALMOST 10 000 BEDS, WITH EACH PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOUT HALF THE PROVISION.

IN 1973, THERE WERE 136 GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AND 741 GRANT AND SUBSIDISED SCHOOLS. MEDICAL SERVICES CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, NOW PROVIDING 6 500 AND 7 600 BEDS RESPECTIVELY.

IN 1983, ON THE EDUCATION SIDE, THERE HAS BEEN AN EVEN GREATER INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN THE AIDED SECTOR. THE NUMBER HAS GROWN FROM 741 TEN YEARS AGO TO 917 NOW. HOSPITAL BED NUMBERS INCREASED TO 10 300 IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND 9 222 IN SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

+I DO NOT NEED TO MENTION THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ON THE WELFARE SIDE, WHICH THROUGHOUT THE YEARS HAVE COLLABORATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVISION OF FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES, CHILD CARE, CARE FOR THE ELDERLY, COUNSELLING OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

GREWAL NAMED SUCCESSOR TO CUSTOMS POST

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MR HARNAM GREWAL WILL SUCCEED MR DOUGLAS JORDAN AS COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE WHEN THE LATTER RETIRES FROM THE SERVICE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT NEXT YEAR.

MR JORDAN FIRST JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CONTROLS AND CUSTOMS IN NOVEMBER 1977, AFTER 39 YEARS OF SERVICE IN HER MAJESTY'S CUSTOMS AND EXCISE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

HE HAS BEEN COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SINCE MAY 1979.

MR GREWAL IS 45 YEARS OF AGE AND WAS BORN IN HONG KONG.

HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WITH A B.A. (HONS) DEGREE IN 1959.

AFTER OBTAINING A SECOND DEGREE AT CAMBRIDGE IN 1962, HE JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER IN SEPTEMBER THAT YEAR.

TWO YEARS LATER HE WAS APPOINTED ON TRANSFER TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AND IS NOW AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B.

HE HAS SERVED AS DISTRICT OFFICER, TAI PO AND YUEN LONG-DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, NEW TERRITORIES; DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT; AND DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES.

HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS) SINCE NOVEMBER 1980 AND IS AT PRESENT ACTING AS SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE WHILE MR J.M. ROWLANDS IS ABSENT FROM HONG KONG.

MR GREWAL IS A RESERVE OFFICER IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) WHICH HE JOINED IN 1963. HE WAS AWARDED THE EFFICIENCY DECORATION IN 1976 AND PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF MAJOR IN 1977.

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CUSTOMS POWER TO SEIZE CIGARETTES PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO ALLOW STAFF OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE TO SEIZE AND KEEP AS COURT EXHIBITS, CIGARETTES AND CIGARETTE TOBACCO IN PACKETS OR CONTAINERS WHICH DO NOT CARRY THE HEALTH WARNING OR TAR GROUP DESIGNATION.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED TODAY, MAGISTRATES WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ORDER FORFEITURE OF THE SEIZED ARTICLES, WHICH ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE SOLD OR POSSESSED FOR SALE IN HONG KONG.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE STAFF CAN ONLY LAY INFORMATION, IF IN THE COURSE OF DUTY, THEY CAME ACROSS CIGARETTES OR CIGARETTE TOBACCO IN RETAIL OUTLETS AND OTHER PLACES WHICH DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS.

+THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE MORE DIRECT ENFORCEMENT ACTION IF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION IS ACCEPTED,+ HE SAID.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27) AND IS EXPECTED TO PASS ITS THIRD READING ON AUGUST 10.

PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SENT IN WRITING TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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BILL SEEKS TO HELP POLICE INVESTIGATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE TO HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS INVESTIGATE INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHERE IT IS SUSPECTED THAT PROCEEDS OF CRIME ARE LAUNDERED THROUGH BANK ACCOUNTS, OR THAT STOLEN GOODS OR DRUGS ARE KEPT IN SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES OR ELSEWHERE IN BANKS.

THE AMENDMENT BILL EMPOWERS THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO REQUIRE BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO LET HIM KNOW WHETHER PARTICULAR PERSONS BEING INVESTIGATED HAVE OR HAVE HAD ACCESS TO AN ACCOUNT OR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX OR ANY ITEMS OTHERWISE STORED IN THEIR CUSTODY.

IF THE POLICE WANT DETAILS OF THE ACCOUNTS OR STORED ITEMS, THEY WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN IN THE NORMAL WAY A SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED BY A MAGISTRATE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL IN SUCH INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE POLICE TO ASCERTAIN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WHETHER — AND, IF SO, EXACTLY WHERE — THE SUSPECTS ARE HOLDING THE PROCEEDS OF THEIR CRIME.

+IF THE POLICE CANNOT OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION, THEN IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO APPLY FOR A SEARCH WARRANT BECAUSE IT MUST REFER TO SPECIFIC PREMISES,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT AS A SAFEGUARD AGAINST ABUSE, BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACT ONLY UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, WHO CANNOT DELEGATE HIS POWER TO OFFICERS BELOW THE RANK OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

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FURTHERMORE, SUCH A REQUEST CAN BE MADE ONLY WHEN THE COMMISSIONER OR AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO SUSPECT AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE HAS BEEN COMMITTED OR WHEN HE CONSIDERS THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD HELP IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SUCH AN OFFENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THIS POWER IS OF MUCH NARROWER SCOPE THAN THAT GIVEN TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE ICAC TO REQUIRE BANK MANAGERS TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THE ACCOUNTS OF PERSONS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

+IT IS HOPED THAT WITH THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE, THE INVESTIGATION OF COMMERCIAL AND DRUG-RELATED CRIMES IN PARTICULAR WILL BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 27. ITS COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 10.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISION CAN WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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POWER TO OVERRULE SOUGHT FOR APPEAL COURT
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THE COURT OF APPEAL WILL BE GIVEN THE POWER TO OVERRULE AN EARLIER DECISION AND CORRECT THE LAW STATED IN THAT CASE IF A SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED TODAY IS PASSED INTO LAW.

UNDER THIS BILL, A COURT OF APPEAL CONSISTING OF FIVE OR MORE JUDGES WILL BE ABLE TO OVERRULE, IN PRESCRIBED CIRCUMSTANCES, A PREVIOUS DECISION MADE BY A COURT OF APPEAL CONSISTING OF FEWER THAN FIVE JUDGES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT THE COURT OF APPEAL REGARDS ITSELF AS BOUND TO APPLY THE LAW DECIDED BY ITS OWN EARLIER DECISIONS, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES SET BY A PRECEDENT IN ENGLAND IN 1944.

IN HONG KONG, THE PROPOSED CHANGES HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION SINCE MID-1981 AND THE BILL ITSELF, SUPPORTED BY THE JUSTICES OF APPEAL, WAS INITIATED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

ITS FIRST READING AND COMMENCEMENT OF ITS SECOND READING DEBATE WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 27, AND ITS REMAINING LEGISLATIVE STAGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED ON AUGUST 10.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS CAN WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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POLICE SUPERVISION SYSTEM MAY BE ENDED
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LEGISLATIVE PROVISION FOR THE POLICE TO SUPERVISE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES, SUCH AS FELONY AND COUNTERFEITING, WILL BE SCRAPPED IF A POLICE SUPERVISION (REPEAL) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED TODAY IS ACCEPTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THIS SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED IN 1922 IN THE POLICE SUPERVISION ORDINANCE BECAUSE IT WAS FELT THAT IT COULD HELP THE POLICE KEEP TRACK OF BAD CHARACTERS AND OBTAIN CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IN 1956, PROVIDING ALSO FOR THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TO ORDER POLICE SUPERVISION OF PERSONS INSTEAD OF DEPORTATION.

PERSONS UNDER SUPERVISION WERE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE POLICE AT CERTAIN TIMES AND TO REMAIN AT THEIR RESIDENCES BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 AM.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COURTS HAVE TENDED TO FAVOUR OTHER MORE +REHABILITATIVE+ SCHEMES OF SUPERVISION.

IN 1964, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WERE 1 347 SUPERVISION ORDERS IN FORCE. IN 1980 THERE WERE 99, IN 1981, 82 AND AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, 67.

FURTHERMORE, THE POLICE ARE FINDING THAT THE SUPERVISION ORDERS ARE OF LITTLE VALUE AS A SOURCE OF CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE AND CONSIDER THAT THEIR MANPOWER COULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVELY DEPLOYED IN OTHER AREAS OF CRIME FIGHTING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE ORDINANCE WAS REPEALED, THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, THROUGH THEIR PROBATIONARY AND AFTER-CARE SERVICES, AND THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT COULD ADEQUATELY FULFIL OTHER USEFUL FUNCTIONS.

THE REPEAL BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27) AND IS EXPECTED TO PASS ITS COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING ON AUGUST 10.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO UMELCO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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POLICE JOB NOT EASY, BLUE BERETS TOLD

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THE ROLE OF A POLICE OFFICER IN HONG KONG IS NOT AN EASY ONE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT, MR MIKE HAMMETT, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY). HE DESCRIBED IT AS 'A DEMANDING AND OFTEN DANGEROUS PROFESSION WHICH REQUIRES PATIENCE, FIRMNESS AND COMMON SENSE'.

ADDRESSING A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT, MR HAMMETT REMINDED THE 'BLUE BERETS' OF 'ECHO' COMPANY THAT WHATEVER THEY DID THEY WOULD BE UNDER CLOSE PUBLIC SCRUTINY.

'BY THE VERY NATURE OF YOUR DUTIES YOU AND THE FORCE AS A WHOLE WILL OFTEN BE THE SUBJECT OF CRITICISM -- MOST OF THIS WILL BE VALID AND WELL MEANING, PART WILL BE MISINFORMED AND EVEN MALICIOUS.

'WE MUST ACCEPT CRITICISM WHERE THIS IS WELL FOUNDED AND ENDEAVOUR TO IMPROVE OUR SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

'IT IS YOU, THE POLICE OFFICERS ON THE GROUND, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT WORKING ON YOUR OWN, WHOSE DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARE UNDER CONTINUAL EXAMINATION,' HE NOTED, STRESSING THAT THIS WAS A CONSIDERABLE RESPONSIBILITY TO BEAR.

MR HAMMETT ADVISED THE OFFICERS TO DO THEIR DUTY IN GOOD FAITH AND ASSURED THEM THAT THEY WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR SENIOR OFFICERS AND THAT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

'PUBLIC CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE ARE ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO EFFECTIVELY MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER IN HONG KONG,' HE ADDED.

PRAISING THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT FOR HAVING PLAYED A VERY SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER IN THE TERRITORY, HE SAID THE COMPANIES WHO HAD BEEN TRAINED AT THE PTU BASE HAD JUSTIFIABLY EARNED A HIGH REPUTATION FOR SMARTNESS, DISCIPLINE AND THE ABILITY TO PERFORM ANY GIVEN TASK.

'THE INSTRUCTION YOU HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE PAST 10 WEEKS FORMS AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR OVERALL TRAINING AS POLICE OFFICERS AND YOU WILL NOW BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO FACE THE VARIED AND CHALLENGING TASK THAT AWAIT YOU,' MR HAMMETT SAID.

HE EARLIER PRESENTED AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING OFFICERS ON THE INTERNAL SECURITY TRAINING COURSE.

INSPECTORS WAN PO-SHING AND JOHN COX, COMMANDERS OF THE NO. 4 PLATOON, RECEIVED FROM MR HAMMETT THE TROPHY FOR THE BEST-ALL-ROUND PLATOON.

SERGEANT WONG CHUN-WING WAS SELECTED THE BEST-ALL-ROUND SERGEANT WHILE POLICE CONSTABLE TSE LAI-KEUNG WAS THE BEST AMONG THOSE OF HIS RANK IN THE COMPANY.

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THE LESLIE GUYATT TROPHY FOR PISTOL SHOOTING WENT TO THE NO. 1 PLATOON AND WAS PRESENTED TO INSPECTORS LAM TING-KON AND WONG CHI-HUNG.

SERGEANT FONG KIN-WAH WON THE TITLE OF THE 'BEST INDIVIDUAL SHOT'.

THE 'ECHO' COMPANY IS MADE UP OF 169 OFFICERS UNDER THE COMMAND OF SUPERINTENDENT KEITH RATCLIFFE. AFTER PASSING OUT, THE MARINE PLATOON WILL BE DISBANDED AND RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES WHILE THE OTHER THREE PLATOONS WILL BEGIN A 20-WEEK ATTACHMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OFFER NEW COURSES
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A NEW DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING WILL BE SET UP IN THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN SEPTEMBER, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS RUN BY THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES TO 13.

AND TWO OTHER NEW COURSES -- ON COMPUTING STUDIES AND METAL FINISHING -- ARE ALSO BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES' CURRICULUM IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

REVEALING THIS TODAY, A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR ENTRY TO THE THREE NEW COURSES AND ABOUT 140 OTHER FULL-TIME, PART-TIME DAY RELEASE AND BLOCK RELEASE COURSES.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MONDAY (JULY 25) FROM THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AS WELL AS ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

DETAILS OF THESE COURSES ARE BEING ADVERTISED IN NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED APPLICANTS THAT THEY SHOULD NOTE THE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COURSES.

THE COURSES ARE SET MAINLY AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS, SUITABLE FOR ENROLMENT BY STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED FORM THREE AND FORM FIVE RESPECTIVELY.

ENTRY TO ALL OF THE PART-TIME DAY RELEASE AND BLOCK RELEASE COURSES MUST BE SPONSORED BY EMPLOYERS.

SEVERAL RECENTLY-INTRODUCED COURSES, INCLUDING WATCHMAKING, OPTICAL CRAFT AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAL STUDIES HAVE RECEIVED GOOD RESPONSE FROM YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING JOB-TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALL APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES CONCERNED BY AUGUST 19.

CAREERS GUIDANCE OFFERED
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FORM V AND MATRICULATION STUDENTS WERE URGED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO TAKE PART IN A SPECIAL CAREERS GUIDANCE PROJECT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON CHOOSING A CAREER AND ON FURTHER STUDIES.

THE CALL WAS MADE BY MR LEUNG SIK-WAH, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, AT THE OPENING OF THE PROJECT AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE EIGHT-DAY PROJECT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WITH SPONSORSHIP BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT, FOLLOWING THE RECENT EXAMINATIONS, MORE SCHOOL LEAVERS AND MATRICULATION STUDENTS WOULD BE LOOKING FOR CAREERS AND SEEKING INFORMATION ON FURTHER STUDIES.

THIS WAS THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO LAUNCH THE PROJECT, HE SAID.

THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF TALKS, A DISPLAY AS WELL AS A TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE - ALL TO BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE PROJECT SAID THAT IN THE FIRST TWO DAYS STARTING FROM TODAY (FRIDAY), SPECIALISTS WOULD BE TALKING ON EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORM V AND MATRICULATION STUDENTS, AS WELL AS PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER STUDIES IN LOCAL POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE TOPICS OF THE TALKS TO BE DELIVERED ON THE THIRD AND FOURTH DAYS - ON AUGUST 5 AND 6 - WILL COVER FURTHER STUDIES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AND OVERSEAS STUDIES.

AND FROM AUGUST 5, A SIX-DAY DISPLAY FEATURING THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO MATRICULATION CLASSES, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, HOW TO CHOOSE A CAREER, AS WELL AS JOB-SEEKING TECHNIQUES, WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, A TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS WILL BE OPERATED FROM AUGUST 8 TO 10. THE SERVICE WILL BE MANNED BY SOCIAL WORKERS AND OFFICERS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PROJECT MAY CONTACT MISS LOURDES CHOW OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-7956067 OR MR Y.T. CHAN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON 5-495141 FOR ENROLMENT.

COLLEAGUES SAY GOODBYE TO MRS MOK
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THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS LOUISE MOK, WILL BE GOING ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, AFTER SERVING NEARLY 30 YEARS IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

NOTED FOR HER GOOD WORK IN SCHOOL INSPECTION AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, MRS MOK WAS ONE OF THE PIONEERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, ESTABLISHED IN 1977.

+LOUISE HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL FOR THE IMAGE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HER FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,+ THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE SAID AT A FAREWELL PARTY HELD FOR HER TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MRS MOK JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER IN 1954. SHE WAS PROMOTED TO EDUCATION OFFICER IN 1962, TO PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR IN 1972 AND TO HER PRESENT RANK IN 1978.

HER LONG CAREER COVERED CLASSROOM TEACHING, SCHOOL INSPECTION, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING.

IN ALL THESE AREAS SHE WON THE RESPECT OF ALL WHO CAME INTO CONTACT WITH HER FOR HER HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, DEDICATION AND INTEGRITY, MR HAYE SAID.

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THREE HOUSES AND SITE SOLD
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THREE HOUSES AND A SITE IN NGAU CHI WAN VILLAGE WERE SOLD TODAY AT AN AUCTION HELD BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AT THE CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE HOUSES, EACH WITH A SITE AREA OF ABOUT 56 SQUARE METRES, WERE SOLD FOR \$760 000, \$780 000 AND \$750 000.

THE SITE, FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 74.3 SQUARE METRES.

IT WAS SOLD TO DONWARD ENTERPRISES LTD FOR \$500 000.

THREE OTHER HOUSES, EACH ALSO WITH A SITE AREA OF 56 SQUARE METRES, WERE WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THERE WERE NO BIDDERS.

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DISPLAY SHOWS HOW TO PREVENT CAR THEFTS
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AN EXHIBITION AND A VARIETY SHOW TO EDUCATE CAR OWNERS ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THEFTS, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, SHAM SHUI PO.

THE EXHIBITION FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHS AND BURGLARY ALARM SYSTEM, SHOWING PEOPLE HOW TO PREVENT THEIR CARS FROM BEING STOLEN OR USED ILLEGALLY.

WELL-KNOWN DISC JOCKEYS AND SINGERS WILL PERFORM IN THE SHOW, AND A QUIZ ON CRIME PREVENTION WILL ALSO BE HELD ON THE SPOT.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE EVENT WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 1 PM AND 5 PM AT THE OPEN GROUND OUTSIDE THE MEI FOO SUN CHUEN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE UNIT.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MISS REBECCA KO, THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR LEE LAM-CHUEN, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR TU KUEI-YU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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HONG KONG JING YING RETURNS
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THE HONG KONG JING YING, WHICH WON THIRD PRIZE IN THE 1983 INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL EISTEDDFOD HELD AT LLANGOLLEN IN WALES EARLIER THIS MONTH, RETURNED TODAY.

GREETING THE ENSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT WERE THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY; AND ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATORS, MR THOMAS WANG AND MR M.W. LO.

TO GAIN THE PRIZE, THE JING YING PLAYED TWO SOLO PIECES IN THE FOLK INSTRUMENTAL SECTION, ON THE KOU DI AND THE DRUM ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER CHINESE INSTRUMENTS.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME A HONG KONG GROUP HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE EISTEDDFOD, WHICH IS ONE OF THE OLDEST AND BEST KNOWN MUSIC FESTIVALS IN THE WORLD.

THE DELEGATION WAS LED BY MR HOWARD YUNG, A STAFF MEMBER OF THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

OTHER MEMBERS ARE MESSRS. CHEUNG CHOK-TUNG (ER-HU), WAI SING-FAT (DI-ZI/SOU-NA), CHEUNG KWOK-CHUNG (XIU), SHUM WUN-YIN (PI-PA), CHAN KWAN-PING (YANG-CHIN) AND POON CHI-MING (PERCUSSION).

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NEW ACCESS ROAD TO BE BUILT

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A NEW ROAD WHICH WILL FORM AN EXTENSION OF TIN WAN PRAYA ROAD, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A NEARBY AGGREGATE AND CEMENT HANDLING SITE.

THE ROAD PROJECT, AS WELL AS THE RECLAMATION OF PART OF THE FORESHORE AND SEABED AT KELLET BAY, WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PURCHASER OF THE SITE UNDER THE LEASE CONDITIONS.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

AND A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE- THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, HARBOUR CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, NOS. 7-11 NAM NING STREET, 2ND FLOOR, ABERDEEN CENTRE, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 20.

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URBAN CLEARWAY AT CAUSEWAY BAY

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 26), THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PERCIVAL STREET, BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND JAFFE ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY, WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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CENTRAL WATER LEAKAGE TEST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY THE SEAFRONT, PEDDER STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, LI YUEN STREET WEST, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, JUBILEE STREET, RUMSEY STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND GILMAN STREET.

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