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MORE SOCIAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FROM APRIL

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO IMPLEMENT AS FROM APRIL 1 FURTHER MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR NEW BENEFITS AND COVER MORE PEOPLE IN NEED OF WELFARE ASSISTANCE.

THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL BENEFIT A MAJORITY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS IN THE FORM OF OLD-AGE SUPPLEMENT, LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT, AND +DISREGARDED INCOME+ IN WORKING OUT THEIR AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE WELFARE ALLOWANCE SCHEME, PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE DISABILITY AND INFIRMITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME, WILL NOW ALSO INCLUDE THOSE LIVING IN INSTITUTIONS.

IN ADDITION, AN INDEPENDENT APPEAL BOARD WILL BE SET UP TO PROVIDE A SPEEDY MEANS OF REDRESS FOR ANYONE WHO IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S DECISIONS ON SOCIAL SECURITY APPLICATIONS.

ANNOUNCING THE IMPROVED SCHEMES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (GENERAL), MR. STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY THEIR IMPLEMENTATION WOULD COST AN ESTIMATED \$49 MILLION IN THE YEAR 1978-79.

MR. LAW SAID THEY WERE PART OF A PHASED PROGRAMME OF PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE GREEN PAPER ON SOCIAL SECURITY DEVELOPMENT WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

HE SAID THAT WHILE A SURVEY OF PUBLIC OPINION WAS CONTINUING ON THE GREEN PAPER AS A WHOLE, PARTICULARLY ON THE PROPOSED SICKNESS, INJURY AND DEATH BENEFIT SCHEME, AN INTERIM ASSESSMENT HAS INDICATED BROAD ACCEPTANCE OF THESE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS WHICH WERE SUGGESTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION NEXT MONTH. AFTER SEEKING THE VIEWS OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO INTRODUCE THESE MEASURES WITHOUT DELAY.

DETAILS OF THE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED NEXT MONTH ARE:

- * OLD-AGE SUPPLEMENT -- THIS WILL BE PAYABLE EACH MONTH TO THOSE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS AGED 60 AND OVER UNLESS THEY ARE RECEIVING A DISABILITY OR OLD AGE ALLOWANCE. THE AMOUNT WILL BE EQUAL TO THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE WHICH IS NOW \$100 A MONTH. (FOR UNIFORMITY, THE RETIREMENT AGE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CLIENTS WILL GO UP FROM 55 TO 60).
- * LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT -- THIS WILL BE AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT OF \$500 FOR A FAMILY OR \$250 FOR A SINGLE PERSON WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR MORE THAN 12 MONTHS, IN ORDER TO HELP REPLACE HOUSEHOLD AND DURABLE GOODS.

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- ← DISREGARDED INCOME -- IN WORKING OUT THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE AGED OVER 60 AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, THEIR FIRST \$50 EARNINGS WILL BE DISREGARDED ENTIRELY AND HALF OF THEIR NEXT \$200 EARNINGS WILL ALSO BE DISREGARDED. THIS WILL ALLOW A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF \$150 IN DISREGARDED INCOME A MONTH. ANY EARNINGS ABOVE \$250 WILL BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT AS ASSESSABLE INCOME. FOR EXAMPLE, IF AN OLD PERSON TAKES UP A PART-TIME JOB AND EARNS \$280 A MONTH, \$150 IS DISREGARDED AND THE REMAINING \$130 IS THEN CONSIDERED AS ASSESSABLE INCOME WHEN WORKING OUT THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. IN CASES WHERE MORE THAN ONE FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS MARGINAL EARNINGS, THEIR INCOMES WOULD BE POOLED TO DETERMINE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF DISREGARDED INCOME.
- * EXTENSION OF THE WELFARE ALLOWANCE -- THE ALLOWANCE WILL NOW BE PAYABLE TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE.
- * APPEAL BOARD -- THIS WILL BE A BOARD CONSISTING OF UNOFFICIALS, COMPRISING A CHAIRMAN AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS TO CONSIDER APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON APPLICATIONS MADE FOR HELP UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR THE WELFARE ALLOWANCE SCHEME. HEARINGS WILL BE INFORMAL AND CONDUCTED IN CHINESE, WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

EXPLAINING THE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS, MR. LAW SAID THE OLD-AGE SUPPLEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO HELP NEEDY OLD PERSONS WHO WERE NOT YET ELIGIBLE FOR THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE, FOR WHICH THE QUALIFYING AGE WAS NOW 75.

THE LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT, HE SAID, AIMS AT MEETING MORE EFFECTIVELY THE HOUSEHOLD NEEDS OF FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TO RELY ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR LONG PERIODS.

+AT PRESENT, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THESE FAMILIES TO COPE WITH EXPENSES LIKE HOUSEHOLD REPLACEMENTS, AND A LUMP SUM EVERY YEAR WOULD EFFECTIVELY MEET SUCH NEEDS,+ HE SAID.

MR. LAW SAID THE QUALIFYING PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS FOR THE LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT AS PROPOSED IN THE GREEN PAPER WOULD NOW BE REDUCED TO ONLY 12 MONTHS.

REFERRING TO THE DISREGARDED INCOME PROVISION, MR. LAW SAID IT WAS INTENDED AS AN INCENTIVE TO ENCOURAGE SELF-HELP AMONG THE NEEDY BY UNDERTAKING SOME PART-TIME WORK.

+IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE OF PARTICULAR VALUE TO A WIDOW WITH YOUNG CHILDREN WHO WISHES TO INCREASE HER INCOME, BUT WHO IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO GO OUT TO WORK FULL TIME.

+IT WILL ALSO HELP AN ELDERLY PERSON WHO WOULD BOTH LIKE AND BENEFIT FROM A PART-TIME JOB BUT WOULD NATURALLY EXPECT TO RETAIN SOME FINANCIAL RETURN FROM HIS EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ON THESE INNOVATIONS CAN BE MADE FROM ANY SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT.

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MOTOR VEHICLE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) (AMENDMENT) BILL
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A BILL, WHICH SETS OUT NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO RECOVER FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES THE COST OF HOSPITAL CARE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, IS PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

UNDER THE BILL, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, RATHER THAN THE HOSPITALS THEMSELVES, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES EXPENSES INVOLVED IN TREATING VICTIMS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHO ARE IN-PATIENTS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE MAXIMUM LIABILITY OF INSURERS IN RESPECT OF IN-PATIENT HOSPITAL EXPENSES SHOULD BE \$2,500. THIS LEVEL IS BASED APPROXIMATELY ON THE AVERAGE COST OF IN-PATIENT TREATMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 15 DAYS IN A GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL.

A SIMILAR PROCEDURE WILL APPLY IN GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, BUT THE COLLECTION OF EXPENSES WILL BE MADE THROUGH THEIR OWN HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT.

THE BILL EMPOWERS THE DIRECTOR TO WAIVE AT HIS DISCRETION RECOVERY OF THE COST OF OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES OR INSTITUTIONS CARRYING THEIR OWN THIRD PARTY RISKS ARE ALREADY REQUIRED BY THE EXISTING LAW TO PAY SUCH EXPENSES.

+THE PRINCIPLE OF THIS PROVISION IS THAT SUCH EXPENSES SHOULD BE BORNE BY VEHICLE OWNERS THROUGH THEIR INSURERS, RATHER THAN BY TAXPAYERS AT LARGE THROUGH THE GENERAL REVENUE,+ HE SAID.

THE CURRENT MAXIMUM LIABILITY OF INSURANCE COMPANIES IN RESPECT OF HOSPITAL EXPENSES, BASED ON THE COST OF IN-PATIENT TREATMENT IN 1951 WHEN THE ORDINANCE WAS FIRST ENACTED, IS FIXED AT \$400.

IN ACTUAL PRACTICE HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS HAVE NOT RECOVERED THESE EXPENSES FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES IN THE PAST AS IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE SUM THAT COULD BE RECOVERED DID NOT JUSTIFY THE COST OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES WHICH UNDER THE BILL HAVE NOW BEEN STREAMLINED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON AND HAS AGREED TO THE PROPOSED REVISION OF THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF HOSPITAL EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY INSURANCE COMPANIES, WHICH IN REAL TERMS HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE 1951.

IF APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THE BILL WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

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INDUSTRIAL CENSUS 1977

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING AN INDUSTRIAL CENSUS FOR THE YEAR 1977 IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, COVERING MINING AND QUARRYING, MANUFACTURING, AND THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED WOULD INCLUDE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, ORIGIN OF INVESTMENT BY NATIONALITY, NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED, LABOUR COST, CONTRACT AND COMMISSION, WORK, PURCHASES OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, OPERATING EXPENSES, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, STOCKS, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND THE VALUE OF ALL ASSETS.

QUESTIONNAIRES WOULD BE SENT OUT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH TO ABOUT 9,000 INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING MORE THAN 50 PERSONS AND TO A RANDOM SAMPLE OF THOSE CONCERNS WITH LESS THAN 50 EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID STATISTICS COLLECTED IN THE CENSUS WOULD HELP THE GOVERNMENT IN FORMULATING ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES IN DEVISING PLANS FOR INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS EXPANSION.

+IN PARTICULAR, THEY ARE USED FOR UPDATING THE INDUSTRIAL CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, AND FOR DEPICTING CHANGES IN THE TYPE OF COMMODITIES PRODUCED BY LOCAL INDUSTRIES,+ HE ADDED.

HE EMPHASISED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND BE USED SOLELY FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS RECEIVING THE QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THE CENSUS.

THEY ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORMS BY MAY 31, USING POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

CENSUS OFFICERS CARRYING GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS WILL, UPON REQUEST, VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

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ROLE OF PARAMEDICAL STAFF HIGHLIGHTED

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THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, SAID TODAY THAT PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL WERE PLAYING A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE 12TH ANNUAL CAREERS MASTERS SEMINAR JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND THE HANG SENG BANK THIS MORNING, DR. THONG SAID THAT PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL WERE ESSENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH TEAM, COMPRISING DOCTORS, NURSES, MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND OTHER RELATED HEALTH WORKERS.

IN PARTICULAR, HE SAID, THE DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES SUCH AS THE MEDICAL LABORATORIES, X-RAY DEPARTMENTS, DENTAL LABORATORIES AND THE PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC LABORATORIES COULD NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY WITHOUT THEM.

DR. THONG SAID PARAMEDICALS ALSO CARRIED OUT ESSENTIAL DUTIES IN THE REHABILITATIVE SERVICES SUCH AS PHYSIOTHERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AS WELL AS NURSING AND MIDWIFE SERVICES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG SETS OUT CLEARLY THE OBJECTIVES FOR SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF THE SERVICES IN ORDER TO ENSURE BETTER FACILITIES AND MORE EFFECTIVE COVERAGE OF OUR POPULATION.

IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, SAID DR. THONG, A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF MEDICAL PROJECTS AS DESCRIBED IN THE TEN YEAR MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WERE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED.

THESE WOULD INCLUDE THE PSYCHIATRIC WING OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, THE SHA TIN HOSPITAL, THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL AND NO LESS THAN EIGHT GENERAL CLINICS AND POLYCLINICS. IN ADDITION, THE WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION SERVICES ENVISAGED CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED.

+NATURALLY, THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF REHABILITATION AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES OF SUCH MAGNITUDE NECESSITATES AN INCREASING COMPLEMENT OF TRAINED MEDICAL AND PARAMEDICAL STAFF,+ SAID DR. THONG.

THE DIRECTOR SAID TRAINING FACILITIES WERE AT PRESENT AVAILABLE WITHIN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR CERTAIN GRADES OF PARAMEDICALS SUCH AS PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, RADIOGRAPHERS, MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, DISPENSERS AND PROSTHETISTS.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, IN VIEW OF THE SIZABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR MORE PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL, THE EXISTING FACILITIES WERE NOT THOUGHT TO BE ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED DEMAND.

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TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES, AN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, WHICH WILL BE ORGANISING COURSES FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, RADIOGRAPHERS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS.

+IT IS ENVISAGED THAT WITH SUCH TRAINING FACILITIES, THE TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL COULD BE MET TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT,+ SAID DR. THONG.

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DIRECTOR OF TRADE OFF TO EUROPE FOR TALKS

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MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, LEAVES FOR EUROPE TOMORROW, (SATURDAY) FOR TALKS ON TRADE MATTERS.

HE IS TRAVELLING FIRST TO GENEVA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. PETER TSAO, COUNSELLOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN GENEVA, AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST CONCERNING THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

FROM THERE MR. MILLS WILL TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS TO SEE MR. CLAUDE BURGESS, HONG KONG'S MINISTER FOR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND MEMBER STATES. MR. MILLS WILL ALSO HOLD TALKS WITH EEC OFFICIALS ON VARIOUS TECHNICAL MATTERS REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THE HK-EEC TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

THEN FROM BRUSSELS MR. MILLS WILL TAKE SIX WEEKS' LEAVE BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG IN EARLY MAY.

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FLOWER SHOP TO LET AT AIRPORT
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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A FLOWER SHOP TENANCY AT THE ARRIVAL HALL OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE SHOP, NO. 56A WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE AIRPORT INFORMATION COUNTER, IS FOR A TENANCY OF THREE YEARS STARTING ON OR ABOUT MAY 1, 1978.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT OR THE AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER.

ALL TENDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BEFORE NOON ON MARCH 31.

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MORE COUNTRIES TO START SPEEDPOST
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SEVEN MORE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SUCH IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS OF HONG KONG AS CANADA, WEST GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND, WILL IMPLEMENT SPEEDPOST SERVICES BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR. A.C. HEATHCOTE, AT THE CLOSE OF THE VERY SUCCESSFUL 4TH INTERNATIONAL SPEEDPOST CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE POST OFFICE AT THE SHERATON HOTEL.

THE OTHER FOUR COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTING SPEEDPOST SERVICES ARE KUWAIT, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, AND SWEDEN.

+SPEEDPOST HAS PROVED TO BE A MOST RELIABLE SERVICE FOR HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN AND THE EXTENSION OF THIS PRIORITY SERVICE TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES WILL BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO COMMERCE,+ MR. HEATHCOTE SAID.

THE CONFERENCE WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG AND WAS ATTENDED BY 30 DELEGATES FROM 18 POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN THREE DISTRICTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

IN KOWLOON, THE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON THE SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD NEAR THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF CHOI WAN ESTATE, PHASE IIA, WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE BETWEEN 10 P.M. AND 6 A.M. FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 19) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THIS PERIOD, TRAFFIC ON THIS SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WILL BE DIRECTED BY MANUALLY OPERATED LIGHT SIGNALS.

MOTORISTS BOUND FOR KOWLOON ARE REQUESTED TO DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE WHEN APPROACHING THIS ROAD SECTION.

THE SITUATION WILL RETURN TO NORMAL FROM 6 A.M. ON MARCH 23.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON MARCH 20 (MONDAY) THE SLIP ROAD AT WATERLOO ROAD JUNCTION WITH BOUNDARY STREET WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM BOUNDARY STREET WISHING TO TRAVEL NORTH VIA THIS SLIP ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED NORTHWARDS ON CUMBERLAND ROAD AND THEN EASTWARDS ON LINCOLN ROAD TO REJOIN WATERLOO ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LINCOLN ROAD.

MEANWHILE, ON HONG KONG ISLAND, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ACCESS ROAD TO SHING ON VILLAGE IN SHAU KEI WAN FROM 10 A.M. ON MARCH 20 (MONDAY).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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RELOCATION OF MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT OF
VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION

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THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT OF THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE HAS NOW MOVED FROM ITS CAUSEWAY BAY OFFICE TO 182, CANTON ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE UNIT IS 3-660881.

THE AIM OF THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT IS TO ORGANISE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH THE TECHNIQUES IN THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL MEDIA IN TEACHING AND LEARNING.

THE UNIT ALSO HELPS TEACHERS TO DESIGN AND MAKE SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE TEACHING MATERIALS WITH LOCAL RESOURCES TO SUIT THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS IN CLASSROOMS. FACILITIES FOR PRODUCTION ARE AVAILABLE IN SUCH AREAS AS PHOTOGRAPHIC, REPROGRAPHIC, GRAPHIC, SCREEN PRINTING, PICTURE PRESERVATION, MODEL MAKING AND AUDIO RECORDING.

• THE UNIT IS OPEN FOR TEACHERS TO PREPARE AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCE MATERIALS ON WEDNESDAYS BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 1 P.M. AND 2 P.M. TO 4.30 P.M. AND ON SATURDAYS BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 11.30 A.M.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FOUR DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
APRIL 17 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
APRIL 18 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
APRIL 19 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
APRIL 25 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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