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ATTORNEY GENERAL PROPOSES TO MOVE AMENDMENTS
TO CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. JOHN HOBLEY, PROPOSES TO MOVE A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING ON JANUARY 11 NEXT YEAR.

THE EFFECTS OF THESE AMENDMENTS WILL BE :

- (I) THE PROVISIONS DEALING WITH HOMOSEXUALITY WILL BE OMITTED ALTOGETHER SO THAT THE LAW ON THIS SUBJECT WILL REMAIN AS AND WHERE IT IS (IN THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON ORDINANCE)=
- (II) THE DEFINITION OF VICE ESTABLISHMENT WILL BE DELETED, BUT A NEW SUBSECTION WILL BE ADDED TO THE BILL UNDER WHICH NO PREMISES, VESSEL OR PLACE WILL BE TREATED AS A VICE ESTABLISHMENT UNLESS IT IS WHOLLY OR MAINLY USED BY TWO OR MORE WOMEN FOR PROSTITUTION OR WHOLLY OR MAINLY USED FOR ORGANISING OR ARRANGING PROSTITUTION. IN ADDITION, THE WORDING OF OTHER PROVISIONS, WHERE VICE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REFERRED TO, WILL BE ALTERED TO STRESS THAT IT IS THE KEEPING OF PREMISES, VESSELS OR PLACES AS VICE ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH IS OBJECTIONABLE=
- (III) PREMISES USED IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED IN (II) WILL ACCORDINGLY BE A VICE ESTABLISHMENT UNDER THE LAW EVEN THOUGH IT WAS USED ON ONE OCCASION ONLY. HOWEVER, THE RELEVANT CRIME IS THAT OF KEEPING : TO ESTABLISH KEEPING, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SHOW AN INTENTION TO USE PREMISES AS A VICE ESTABLISHMENT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME - USE ON ONE OCCASION ONLY MAY BE SUFFICIENT IF THERE IS OTHER EVIDENCE SHOWING THE INTENTION TO CARRY ON USING THE PREMISES FOR THAT PURPOSE. IT WILL, HOWEVER, OFTEN BE NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE INTENTION, TO PROVE SOME ELEMENT OF CONTINUITY OF USE=
- (IV) THE VARIOUS OFFENCES DEALT WITH WILL ALSO BE RE-GROUPED, PARTICULARLY TO HIGHLIGHT THOSE GROUPS OF OFFENCES DEALING WITH THE EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND THE USE OF PREMISES FOR ILLICIT SEXUAL ACTIVITY. THIS WILL NECESSITATE CHANGING THE POSITION AND NUMBERING OF THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS IN THE BILL, AND IN THE SUB-HEADINGS USED=
- (V) THE PROVISION DEALING WITH ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO RAPE WILL BE OMITTED AND RELIANCE WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE TO BE PLACED ON THE GENERAL LAW AS TO ATTEMPT TO COMMIT OFFENCES=

/(VI) THE PRESUMPTION,

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- (VI) THE PRESUMPTION, IN THE SECTION DEALING WITH CAUSING OR ENCOURAGING THE PROSTITUTION OF A GIRL UNDER 16, THAT THE GIRL IS UNDER THAT AGE WILL BE DELETED AND A NEW SUBSECTION REQUIRING CORROBORATION WILL BE ADDED TO THE SECTION DEALING WITH THE OFFENCE OF CONTROLLING A WOMAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNLAWFUL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE OR PROSTITUTION=
- (VII) THE MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR A NUMBER OF OFFENCES WILL BE REDUCED, BUT THE MAXIMUM TERM FOR CAUSING THE PROSTITUTION OF A WOMAN WILL BE INCREASED FROM FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS= AND
- (VIII) THE SECTION OF THE CRIMES ORDINANCE DEALING WITH INCEST WILL BE FURTHER AMENDED TO MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR THE FATHER, GRANDFATHER OR BROTHER OF A GIRL UNDER 16 TO INCITE THE GIRL TO HAVE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH HIM. THIS WILL FILL A GAP IN THE LAW. GIRLS OF 16 OR OVER ARE ALREADY ADEQUATELY PROTECTED AGAINST SUCH INCITEMENT.

AN AD HOC GROUP COMPOSED OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS BEEN STUDYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LEGISLATION AND BEEN HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SINCE EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL WAS RESUMED AT THE LAST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 21) AND FIVE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS SPOKE IN SUPPORT.

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CONSULTANTS WANTED FOR FEASIBILITY
STUDY OF FIXED CROSSING TO LANTAU
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING OVERSEAS AS WELL AS LOCALLY FOR SUITABLY QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS TO CONDUCT FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A FIXED CROSSING TO LINK LANTAU ISLAND WITH THE MAINLAND.

THE PROPOSED CROSSING WILL BE A BRIDGE AND/OR TUNNEL SYSTEM FROM LANTAU VIA THE ISLANDS OF MA WAN AND TSING YI TO THE MAINLAND AT TSUEN WAN. THE LONGEST CROSSING WILL BE FROM MA WAN TO TSING YI, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 1,500 METERS.

THE CONSULTANTS' INVESTIGATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATE SYSTEM OF CONNECTING ROADS ON THE ISLANDS AND THE MAINLAND.

MR. STANLEY BARDEN, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER OF P.W.D. SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE SPECIALISED NATURE OF THE PROJECT INVOLVING LONG SPAN BRIDGES WITH HIGH WATER CLEARANCE AND POSSIBLY ALSO AN IMMERSSED TUBE TUNNEL, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INVITE INTERESTED CONSULTANTS TO MAKE A PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMISSION WITH A VIEW TO ASSESSING THEIR SUITABILITY TO UNDERTAKE THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT.

HE SAID PRESENTATIONS WOULD THEN BE INVITED FROM A SHORT LIST OF THOSE CONSIDERED MOST ELIGIBLE TO UNDERTAKE THE WORK.

THE DEADLINE FOR LODGING PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS IS AT THE END OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

MR. BARDEN SAID THAT THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE EXTENSIVE LIAISON WORK WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES FOR WHICH LOCAL KNOWLEDGE IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL IF THE AMBITIOUS WORK PROGRAMME IS TO BE MET.

IN ADDITION TO DESCRIBING THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE, THE CONSULTANTS IN THEIR PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMISSION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW THAT THEIR ORGANISATION OR, IN THE EVENT OF A GROUP SUBMISSION, ONE OR MORE OF THE MEMBERS MAKING UP THE GROUP IS ON THE APPROVED P.W.D. LIST OF CONSULTANTS AND HAS A LOCAL PRESENCE IN HONG KONG.

THE CONSULTANTS OR A MEMBER OF THE GROUP ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE CARRIED OUT CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS IN HONG KONG.

THE SUCCESSFUL CONSULTANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION OF IMMERSSED TUBE TUNNELS, LONG SPAN BRIDGES WITH HIGH WATER CLEARANCE AND MAJOR HIGHWAY/BRIDGE PROJECTS.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID IN LONDON LAST MONTH THAT A DECISION ON WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH THE FIXED CROSSING PROJECT IS LIKELY TO BE MADE IN EARLY 1979 AFTER THE CONSULTANTS HAD SUBMITTED HIS REPORT.

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WORKSHOP AND EXHIBITION ON AIDS IN SCIENCE TEACHING

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A TWO-DAY +WORKSHOP AND EXHIBITION ON AIDS IN THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE, + HAS JOINTLY BEEN ORGANISED BY THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION.

IT WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (DECEMBER 29 AND 30) AT THE HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE, IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE AIM OF THE WORKSHOP IS TO ACQUAINT THE PARTICIPANTS WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF HOME-MADE SCIENCE EQUIPMENT. ON DISPLAY IN THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HOME-MADE AND COMMERCIALY PRODUCED APPARATUS, BOOKS, SCIENCE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMES AND VISUAL EDUCATION MATERIALS.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP WILL COMPRISE SIX ILLUSTRATED TALKS AND THREE PRACTICAL SESSIONS.

A TOTAL OF ABOUT 2,000 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS WILL PARTICIPATE.

MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND MR. S.Y. CHENG, PRINCIPAL OF THE HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE WILL OPEN THE WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, AT 9.45 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 9.45 A.M. ON THURSDAY AT HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE, 250, NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

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BADGE OF PRIDE FOR CYCS
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YOUNGSTERS AT HONG KONG'S PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS MAY SOON BE WONDERING WHY FELLOW STUDENTS ARE PROUDLY SHOWING OFF DISTINCTIVE SILVER, RED AND BLACK BADGES ABOUT THE SIZE OF A 50 CENTS COIN.

MADE OF ALUMINIUM THE BADGES BEARING STYLIZED CYC INITIALS TO INDICATE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLUS A LION'S HEAD ARE BEING ISSUED TO THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS.

THE LION SYMBOLISES THE ENTHUSIASM WHICH ORGANISERS HOPE THE CYCS WILL DEVOTE TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

EACH OF THE BADGES IS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENROLMENT CARD BEARING THE HOLDERS NAME, PHOTOGRAPH, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER AND THE CYC LOGO.

A CYC SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY: +WEARERS OF THE BADGE ARE EXPECTED TO SET AN EXAMPLE TO FELLOW STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC BY TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST PEOPLE IN TROUBLE AND TO HELP MAKE HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED: +BY JOINING THE CYCS ALREADY THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE DEMONSTRATED A COMMENDABLE WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE THEIR LEISURE TIME TO HELP OTHERS.

+WE HOPE THAT STUDENTS SEEING SCHOOLMATES WEARING THE NEW BADGE WILL RECOGNISE THE OUTSTANDING MERIT IT SYMBOLISES AND THAT MANY WILL THEMSELVES BE INSPIRED TO JOIN THE CYCS.+

THE CYCS WILL BE MOUNTING A VIGOROUS YEAR ROUND SERIES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES BUT ANYONE IN NEED OF HELP WHO SEES A CYC BADGE WEARER CAN BE CERTAIN OF IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.

THE RANGE OF THE CLUBS' ACTIVITIES WILL EXTEND FROM HELPING THE DISABLED AND ASSISTING OLD PEOPLE TO AIDING DISASTER VICTIMS.

ANY STUDENTS WISHING TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SHOULD ASK HIS OR HER TEACHER FOR INFORMATION.

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REFRESHER COURSES FOR TEACHERS AND TECHNICIANS

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THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS ORGANISING ONE-DAY COURSES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY FOR THE BENEFIT OF PHYSICS TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PHYSICS DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION IS CONDUCTING ONE-DAY REFRESHER COURSES FOR PHYSICS TEACHERS ON DECEMBER 29 AND 30 ON +WAVES+ AND +ATOMIC PHYSICS.+ THE LECTURES WILL BE HELD AT THE SCIENCE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY IN SHATIN AND WILL INCLUDE A DEMONSTRATION OF IONIZATION CHAMBER, SCINTILLATION COUNTER, NEUTRON GENERATOR, AND MEASUREMENT OF GAMMA ENERGY.

FOR LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION IS HOLDING ON DECEMBER 29 A FULL-DAY COURSE AT THE WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE TO HELP THEM DEAL WITH PREPARATION WORK FOR SCIENCE TEACHING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SCIENCE (FORMS 1-3). THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER ONE-DAY COURSE ON JANUARY 19, 1978 AT THE NORTHCOLE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO PARTICIPANTS.

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NEW OFFICE FOR LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT

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THE KWUN TONG BRANCH OF LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT WILL OPERATE IN ITS NEW OFFICE ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF MORNING LIGHT BUILDING, 9 HONG NING ROAD, KWUN TONG FROM JANUARY 3 NEXT YEAR.

THE PRESENT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 83 HONG NING ROAD WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 30.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE BRANCH OFFICE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED - 3-447820 FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND 3-448467 FOR THE SENIOR LABOUR INSPECTOR.

THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE HOURS OF WORK AND REST DAYS OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRY.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT RENNIE'S MILL SCHOOL
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT RENNIE'S MILL SCHOOL FOR PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY FOR TWO DAYS ON JANUARY 3 AND 4, 1978.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON THE TWO DAYS.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARD BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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