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ANYONE WHO ALLOWS AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT, EVEN A VERY CLOSE RELATIVE, TO STAY IN HIS HOME IS COMMITTING THE OFFENCE OF AIDING AND ABETTING, A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WARNED TODAY (SUNDAY).

UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, ANYONE WHO ASSISTS AN UNAUTHORISED ENTRANT TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT, TO A FINE OF \$200,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 10 YEARS; AND, ON SUMMARY CONVICTION, TO A FINE OF \$100,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR KEN WOODHOUSE, SAID ANYONE WHO PROVIDED SHELTER FOR AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT, IRRESPECTIVE WHETHER ANY MATERIAL HELP WAS GIVEN, MIGHT FIND HIMSELF COMMITTING AN OFFENCE UNWITTINGLY.

FRIENDS OR RELATIVES WHO KNOWINGLY PROVIDED AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WITH SHELTER FELL INTO THE SAME CATEGORY AS THOSE CRIMINALS AND OPPORTUNISTS WHO HELPED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOR GAIN TO COME OR STAY IN THE TERRITORY, MR WOODHOUSE SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO DETER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM SNEAKING INTO THE TERRITORY, AND WE NEED THE HELP AND CO-OPERATION FROM THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

"IT IS A GREAT PITY TO SEE PEOPLE GETTING INTO TROUBLE WITH THE LAW FOR SHELTERING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BECAUSE OF THEIR KIND-HEARTEDNESS OR DUE TO IGNORANCE OF THE LAW."

HE POINTED OUT THAT MORE THAN 400 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED LAST YEAR FOR AIDING AND ABETTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO STAY IN HONG KONG.

"WHILE MANY OF THEM WERE CRIMINALS COMMITTING THE OFFENCE FOR MONETARY GAIN, THERE WERE ALSO MANY OTHERS WHO CLAIMED TO BE HELPING CLOSE RELATIVES OR FRIENDS," MR WOODHOUSE SAID.

DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, 232 AIDERS AND ABETTERS WERE ARRESTED, AN INCREASE OF 87 OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

"THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EXCUSE FOR THE OFFENCE AND OFFENDERS WILL BE TAKEN TO COURT," HE STRESSED.

MR WOODHOUSE ADDED THAT IT WAS ALSO UNLAWFUL TO EMPLOY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

ANYONE WHO EMPLOYS AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT OR AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

JOINT OPERATIONS WERE MOUNTED REGULARLY BY THE IMMIGRATION AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS AND THE POLICE TO FLUSH OUT THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, HE SAID.

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COMPLIANCE OF FIRE PRECAUTION REQUIREMENTS ESSENTIAL

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TOOK OUT 88 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST FACTORY PROPRIETORS FOR BREACHING THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACES) REGULATIONS IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

IN 85 OF THESE CASES, THE PROPRIETORS WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$181,200. THE OTHER THREE CASES WERE DISMISSED.

A BREAKDOWN OF THE STATISTICS SHOWED THAT 36 CONVICTED CASES RELATED TO FAILURE TO KEEP EXIT DOORS UNLOCKED AND FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCT FIRE RESISTING EXIT DOORS AND CONSTRUCT EXIT DOORS TO OPEN OUTWARDS.

ANOTHER 37 CASES RELATED TO FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FIRE PRECAUTION ORDERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, ENSURE NO SMOKING IN WORKPLACES OR IN THE PROHIBITED PART OF A NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE AND REMOVE SOURCE OF IGNITION.

OF THE REST, SEVEN CONCERNED FAILURE TO MARK CONTAINERS, STOREROOMS OR CUPBOARDS USED FOR STORING INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES OR STORE INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES IN SUITABLE CONTAINERS, AND FIVE ON ILLEGAL ALTERATION OR ADDITION TO THE PREMISES OF THE WORKPLACE.

"FIRE PREVENTION IN FACTORIES HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN AREA TO WHICH FACTORY INSPECTORS DIRECT PARTICULAR ATTENTION," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACES) REGULATIONS ALREADY PROVIDE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY FACTORIES.

"BUT IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL FOR BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND TO OBSERVE GOOD SAFETY PRACTICES AT ALL TIMES."

UNDER THE REGULATIONS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IS EMPOWERED TO REQUIRE THE PROPRIETOR OF A NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE TO ADOPT SPECIFIC FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH A NOTICE AMOUNT TO AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000.

ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS RELATED TO FIRE PREVENTION IN FACTORIES CAN BE MADE TO ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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TRAINING COURSE FOR SECONDARY CAREERS TEACHERS

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SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE BASIC THEORIES AND PRINCIPLES ON CAREERS GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING AS WELL AS BASIC SKILLS IN PROMOTING CAREERS EDUCATION AT A TRAINING COURSE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

IT AIMS TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN, AND AWARENESS OF, THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAREERS EDUCATION, AND CAREERS GUIDANCE/COUNSELLING IN SCHOOLS.

AS THERE ARE ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE, SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO NOMINATE ONE TEACHER EACH IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, POKFULAM ROAD, BEFORE JUNE 20 (SATURDAY).

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ECOLOGY COURSES FOR SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE TWO THREE-DAY RESIDENTIAL ECOLOGY COURSES FOR MIDDLE VI STUDENTS AND 13 FOUR-DAY RESIDENTIAL ECOLOGY COURSES FOR LOWER AND UPPER FORM 6 STUDENTS DURING THE TERM-TIME IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR (1987-88) AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE AT SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

THERE WILL BE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN EACH COURSE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH STUDY AND ENJOYMENT IN A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ABOUT 600 STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THE ACADEMIC CONTENT OF THE COURSE WILL BE BASED ON THE HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL AND ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION BIOLOGY SYLLABUSES.

EACH HIGHER LEVEL COURSE WILL START ON TUESDAY AND END ON THURSDAY WHILE THE ADVANCED LEVEL WILL START ON TUESDAY AND END ON FRIDAY OF THE SAME WEEK.

ONE TEACHER FROM EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL BE EXPECTED TO STAY IN THE CAMP WITH THE STUDENTS AND TO ASSIST IN CONDUCTING THE COURSES.

NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE COURSES, BUT ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AT \$88 AND \$132 PER STUDENT AND PER TEACHER PER COURSE FOR HIGHER LEVEL AND ADVANCED LEVEL STUDENTS RESPECTIVELY.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING THEIR STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE COURSES ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE INSPECTOR, FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, TUI MIN HOI, SAI KUNG, BEFORE JUNE 19.

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55 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN APRIL

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO) APPROVED 55 PLANS IN APRIL, INCLUDING A FACTORY AND A FACTORY COMPLEX ON THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AT YUEN LONG.

THE FACTORY WILL HAVE FIVE STOREYS AND THE APPLICANT IS SOFILLA COMPANY LIMITED.

THE FACTORY COMPLEX WILL CONSIST OF THREE ONE-STOREY, ONE TWO-STOREY AND ONE SIX-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THE APPLICATION WAS MADE BY PEN-TSAO MATERIA-MEDICA CENTRE LIMITED.

FOUR OTHER FACTORIES WERE APPROVED DURING THE MONTH.

ALSO IN YUEN LONG, THE BOO APPROVED PLANS FOR A 12-STOREY APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BLOCK FOR NAN FUNG TEXTILES LIMITED, AS WELL AS TWO OTHER SIMILAR BLOCKS OF 17 AND 20 STOREYS.

AS IN PAST MONTHS, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF APPROVALS - A TOTAL OF 27 - WERE FOR APARTMENT AND APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL PROJECTS.

DURING THE MONTH, PLANS FOR THREE WORKSHOPS, TWO WAREHOUSES AND A HOME FOR THE AGED WERE ALSO APPROVED.

THE NUMBER OF NEW BUILDING PROJECTS FOR WHICH CONSENT TO COMMENCE WORK WAS GIVEN TOTALLED 64, OF WHICH 34 WERE APARTMENT AND APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

THE CONSENTS ALSO INCLUDED A NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING FOR HONG KONG UNIVERSITY IN POKFULAM ROAD AND AN EDUCATION INSTITUTION FOR CITY POLYTECHNIC IN TAT CHEE AVENUE.

THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN APRIL WAS ALMOST \$467 MILLION, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR TO MORE THAN \$2,065 MILLION.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLETED BUILDINGS CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION WAS 24, OF WHICH 10 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND EIGHT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN APRIL, 24 CONSENTS TO DEMOLISH AFFECTING 48 BUILDINGS, WERE ISSUED, INCLUDING THREE YWCA BUILDINGS IN MACDONNELL ROAD.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF BOO RECEIVED 436 COMPLAINTS ABOUT ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS AND ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, CARRIED OUT 1,145 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 288 REMOVAL ORDERS.

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PROVIDING THA'S IN MA ON SHAN

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN MA ON SHAN DURING A MEETING ON TUESDAY (JUNE 16).

HOUSING DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON THE PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE THE ESTIMATED AREA OF LAND RESERVED FOR SALE IN SHA TIN IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT AT THE "T" JUNCTION NEAR CHUN SHEK BUS TERMINUS, THE SUBWAY AND FOOTBRIDGE LINK BETWEEN HOLFORD GARDEN AND GRANDEUR GARDEN, AS WELL AS THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN KCR STATION.

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ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TEST REMINDER

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GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE DRIVING ARTICULATED VEHICLES AFTER AUGUST 24 THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN REMINDED TO APPLY TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR A DRIVING TEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"A SPECIAL UNIT HAS BEEN SET UP TO EXPEDITE TEST ARRANGEMENTS, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVERS," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE MOVE IS TO TIE IN WITH THE EXPIRY OF THE THREE-YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD STIPULATED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS AFTER WHICH HOLDERS OF THE 'ALL GOODS VEHICLES' DRIVING LICENCE ISSUED BEFORE AUGUST 25, 1984 WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE ARTICULATED VEHICLES," HE EXPLAINED.

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HE ADDED THAT SINCE THE REGULATIONS CAME INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 25, 1984, MORE THAN 3,000 DRIVERS HAD PASSED THE ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TEST WHILE 2,150 OTHERS HAD BEEN EXEMPTED FROM THE TEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS.

THE ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TEST WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE UNTIL AUGUST 24 FOR THOSE IN POSSESSION OF A CLASS 20X DRIVING LICENCE ATTENDING THE TEST FOR THE FIRST TIME.

APPLICANTS SHOULD CONTACT THE SHA TIN DRIVING TEST APPOINTMENTS OFFICE AT 5/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, SHA TIN OR THE DRIVING TEST SECTION HEADQUARTERS AT 19 PUI CHING ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON EITHER 0-6061676 OR 3-7141708.

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BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP SUPPORTED

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THE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP HAS RECEIVED FULL SUPPORT FROM RESIDENTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS.

THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION, LAUNCHED IN MID-MAY AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, HAS BEEN CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY FOR NEARLY A MONTH.

STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS HAD CLEANED UP MANY STREETS AND BUILDINGS, CLEARED PEST NUISANCES AND PROSECUTED MANY LITTERBUGS.

WHEN THE OPERATION IS COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN A MORE DECENT AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

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THE CLEAN-UP WILL CONTINUE FROM JUNE 15 TO 21 IN THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS:

DISTRICT -----	TEL. NO. -----
EASTERN	5-601048
SOUTHERN	5-547152
WESTERN	5-488173
WAN CHAI	5-8322757
CENTRAL	5-446111 EXT 46
YAU MA TEI	3-7243843
SHAM SHUI PO	3-861618
MONG KOK	3-949484
KOWLOON CITY	3-7111684
WONG TAI SIN	3-233152
KWUN TONG	3-455731
NORTH	0-6570436
YUEN LONG	0-753691
TUEN MUN	0-4513085
TSUEN WAN	0-4904414
SHA TIN	0-6065776
TAI PO	0-6577111 EXT 155
ISLAND	5-8523204

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CONTACT THE HEALTH INSPECTORS ON THE TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED FOR DETAILS OF THE OPERATION.

IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION, AN ANTI-LITTER BLITZ WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT IN WAN CHAI, SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND KWUN TONG DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

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SHEK WU HUI DISTRICT OPEN SPACE
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A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE, MEASURING 3.91 HECTARES, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AROUND SO KWUN PO VILLAGE, SHEK WU HUI, TO PROVIDE MORE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

THE FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE THREE BASKETBALL COURTS, TWO VOLLEYBALL COURTS, A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, A ROLLERSKATING RINK, CHANGING ROOMS AND PUBLIC TOILETS.

A JOGGING TRAIL, SITTING AREAS AND A PLAY AREA WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

AN EXISTING PUBLIC TOILET WILL BE RENOVATED AND IMPROVED AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JULY 3.

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ROAD BRIDGES OVER YUEN LONG NULLAH
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TWO BRIDGES ARE TO BE BUILT OVER THE WESTERN NULLAH AT YUEN LONG.

THE BRIDGES, BOTH 13.5 METRES LONG, ARE LOCATED AT MA WANG ROAD OPPOSITE PING WUI STREET AND MA MIU ROAD. EACH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A FOOTPATH.

WHEN COMPLETED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR, THEY WILL PROVIDE EXTRA ACCESSES TO YUEN LONG TOWN, THEREBY REDUCING THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC TRAVELLING TO THE AREA VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH WILL START IN SEPTEMBER.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 3.

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RESTRICTED ZONE IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF MEI LAI ROAD IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY WITH EFFECT FROM WEDNESDAY (JUNE 17).

THE AFFECTED SECTION RUNS FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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