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TRAVEL HELP FOR STUDENTS PROPOSED

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TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS, ESTIMATED TO COST SOME \$293 MILLION DURING THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, WILL BE ONE OF THE TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON STUDENT TRAVEL PATTERNS AND FORECASTS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS' TOTAL FARE INCOME.

ACTUAL PAYMENT WILL BE BASED ON THE LATEST AVAILABLE MONTHLY REVENUE FIGURES REPORTED BY THE OPERATORS. WHERE NECESSARY, ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF AUDITED FIGURES.

THE STUDENT TRAVEL SCHEME, REVISED IN 1981, ENABLES FULL-TIME STUDENTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 25 TO TRAVEL AT CONCESSIONARY RATES ON ALL MAJOR FORMS OF FRANCHISED PUBLIC TRANSPORT, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

UNDER THE SCHEME, STUDENT TRAVEL CARDS ARE ISSUED TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ON APPLICATION. THE CARD ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO TRAVEL AT REDUCED RATES AT ALL TIMES ON ALL ROUTES, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, AND IS RENEWABLE ANNUALLY.

SOME 481 300 CURRENT CARD HOLDERS ARE EXPECTED TO BENEFIT UNDER THE SCHEME. THEY ARE: 34 600 POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, 435 600 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND 11 100 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME ARE: KOWLOON MOTOR BUS, CHINA MOTOR BUS, THE MTR AND THE KCR, HONG KONG AND YAUMATEI FERRY COMPANY, STAR FERRY, HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, AND THE NEW LANTAU BUS COMPANY.

IN RETURN FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME, GOVERNMENT PAYS THEM GRANTS CALCULATED ACCORDING TO A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THEIR TOTAL FARE INCOME.

THIS PERCENTAGE IS REVIEWED ANNUALLY IN THE LIGHT OF ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY THE RESULTS OF STUDENT TRAVEL SURVEYS AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON PATRONAGE AND REVENUE FOREGONE SUPPLIED BY THE OPERATORS.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT TOMORROW'S MEETING INCLUDE:

- * A \$1.5 MILLION DONATION TO THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION
- * A PROPOSED REVISION OF THE LIMITS OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS

/* THE ENGAGEMENT

- * THE ENGAGEMENT OF AN OVERSEAS CONSULTANT TO CHAIR A WORKING PARTY ON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- * IMPROVED STAFFING STANDARDS FOR HALFWAY HOUSES FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS
- * A PROPOSED WAIVER OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND THE EXTENSION OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGE CLAUSES FOR THE GOVERNMENT QUARTERS JOINT VENTURE SCHEME AT WYLIE PATH
- * REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- * CAPITAL GRANTS FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TO ESTABLISH CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IN SHA TIN, TAI PO, AND TUEN MUN
- * A PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CRITERIA GOVERNING THE PAYMENT OF HONORARIA TO EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION
- * ALLOWANCES FOR HONG KONG STAFF WORKING IN THE LONDON OFFICE
- * A PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE DIRECTORATE PAY SCALE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NINTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORATE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, AND
- * A PROPOSED BLOCK CAPITAL GRANT OF \$14.61 MILLION FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR FITTING-OUT 25 WELFARE PROJECTS IN VARIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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ONE LEGCO NOMINATION RECEIVED

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ONE NOMINATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH WAS RECEIVED UP TO 5 PM TODAY (TUESDAY), BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER RECEIVED SINCE THE OPENING OF NOMINATIONS TO NINE.

FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE WHOSE NOMINATION FORM WAS RECEIVED TODAY:

<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>CONTACT TEL. NO.</u>
COMMERCIAL I	BILL BLAAUW	M	63	EXPORTER	5-8939056

FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR:

<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY</u> (NO. OF SEATS IN BRACKETS)	<u>NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED</u>
1. URBAN COUNCIL (1)	
2. PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL (1)	
DISTRICT BOARDS:	
3. HK ISLAND (EAST) (1)	1
4. HK ISLAND (WEST) (1)	
5. KWUN TONG (1)	
6. WONG TAI SIN (1)	
7. KOWLOON CITY (1)	
8. SHAM SHUI PO (1)	
9. SOUTH KOWLOON (1)	
10. NEW TERRITORIES (EAST) (1)	
11. NEW TERRITORIES (WEST) (1)	
12. NEW TERRITORIES (SOUTH) (1)	
SUB-TOTAL	1

/FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY

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FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY

1. COMMERCIAL I (1)	1
COMMERCIAL II (1)	
2. INDUSTRIAL I (1)	1
INDUSTRIAL II (1)	
3. FINANCIAL (1)	
4. LABOUR (2)	1
5. SOCIAL SERVICES (1)	1
6. MEDICAL (1)	
7. TEACHING (1)	3
8. LEGAL (1)	1
9. ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL SURVEYING AND PLANNING (1)	
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SUB-TOTAL	8
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20 BILLS FOR FINAL MEETING OF LEGCO SESSION
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TWENTY BILLS, THREE MOTIONS AND 12 QUESTIONS WILL BE AMONG MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FINAL MEETING OF THE 1984-85 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION TOMORROW.

TWO BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED AND ARE EXPECTED TO GO THROUGH ALL THREE READINGS. THEY ARE THE DANGEROUS GOODS (CONSIGNMENT BY AIR) (SAFETY) (VALIDATION AND AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON 18 BILLS.

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- * DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1984-85) BILL 1985
- * SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * STOCK EXCHANGE UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * TRAVEL AGENTS BILL 1985
- * COMMODITIES TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * DANGEROUS GOODS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * FORESHORE AND SEA-BED (RECLAMATIONS) BILL 1985
- * LAND ACQUISITION (POSSESSORY TITLE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1985
- * SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS, MIDWIVES REGISTRATION AND NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1985
- * PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1985, AND
- * BETTING DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985

TWO STATEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE AT THE MEETING -- ONE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE ON CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES APPROVED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985-86, AND THE OTHER BY THE HON PETER C. WONG ON THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME.

QUESTIONS RAISED WILL DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS TOXIC WINES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, TEACHING OF PUTONGHUA IN SCHOOLS, THE ALTERNATIVE TUNNEL LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND EAST KOWLOON, AND EXTENT OF POLLUTION TO MAJOR NEW TERRITORIES STREAMS CAUSED BY SLUDGE DISCHARGED FROM WATER TREATMENT PLANTS.

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HKCEE RESULTS DUE FRIDAY
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THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PROVIDED THERE ARE NO UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES, THE RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, 1985 WILL BE ISSUED TO SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE CANDIDATES ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 9).

THE RESULTS WILL BE ISSUED IN THE FORM OF INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE RESULT NOTICES SHOWING THE GRADES ACHIEVED IN EACH SUBJECT TAKEN.

THESE NOTICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY SCHOOLS ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY. SCHOOL CANDIDATES MAY THEN SEEK INFORMATION FROM THEIR OWN SCHOOLS FOR THE COLLECTION OF THEIR RESULT NOTICES.

RESULT NOTICES FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES WILL BE SENT BY POST TO REACH CANDIDATES ALSO ON FRIDAY. PRIVATE CANDIDATES, WHO FOR ANY REASON, DO NOT RECEIVE THEIR RESULTS BY MONDAY (AUGUST 12) MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES AT THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, OR ON TELEPHONE 3-7230011.

RESULT NOTICES OF CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS WILL BE SENT DIRECT TO THE HOME ADDRESSES OF THE CANDIDATES:

ELEMENTI EVENING COLLEGE
HIN FAI COLLEGE
THE IDEAL COLLEGE
CHI YUN ENGLISH EVENING COLLEGE
KOWLOON CHAMBER COLLEGE
SAN MARINO EVENING SCHOOL
SAN MARINO SECONDARY SCHOOL
SOMERVILLE ENGLISH EVENING COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FROM THESE SCHOOLS MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE AS IN THE CASE OF PRIVATE CANDIDATES IF THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR RESULTS BY AUGUST 12.

+ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY THE EVENING INSTITUTE RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE THEIR RESULT NOTICES SENT TO THEM BY POST.

IF THE NOTICES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY THURSDAY (AUGUST 15) CANDIDATES MAY THEN MAKE ENQUIRIES ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 16) AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION AT ASIAN HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, OR BY TELEPHONING 5-295708.

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NOTE:

AS RESULTS WILL BE NOTIFIED DIRECT TO SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE CANDIDATES, THERE WILL NOT BE A GENERAL RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION. ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 8) A STATEMENT CONCERNING THESE RESULTS WILL BE ISSUED.

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VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE WITHDRAWAL APPROVED
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) ENDORSED AN APPLICATION BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (HYF) TO WITHDRAW ITS VEHICULAR SERVICE BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND KWUN TONG.

IT ALSO DIRECTED THAT THE SERVICE SHOULD STOP ONLY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF DOUBLE RAMPS AT THE SAI WAN HO FERRY PIER LATER THIS YEAR. THIS WAS IN LINE WITH A RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN JUNE.

THE DOUBLE RAMPING FACILITIES WOULD HELP BOOST THE CARRYING CAPACITY OF THE VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN SAI WAN HO AND KWUN TONG, A SERVICE SIMILAR TO THE NORTH POINT-KWUN TONG ROUTE BUT WITH A SHORTER DISTANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE EXTENSION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR TO SHAU KEI WAN LAST MONTH, TRAFFIC COULD BE EASILY DIVERTED FROM THE NORTH POINT TO THE SAI WAN HO SERVICE.

THERE HAD BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN PATRONAGE ON THE NORTH POINT-KWUN TONG VEHICULAR FERRY ROUTE SINCE 1982. THIS SERVICE HAD ALSO BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SAI WAN HO TO KWUN TONG SERVICE.

THE TWO FERRIES WITHDRAWN FROM THE NORTH POINT-KWUN TONG SERVICE WOULD BE REDEPLOYED TO IMPROVE THE OTHER TWO VEHICULAR ROUTES IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE HARBOUR, HE EXPLAINED.

WITH THE ADDITIONAL VESSELS, THE FREQUENCY OF THE NORTH POINT TO KOWLOON CITY VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE WOULD BE IMPROVED FROM 20 TO 12 MINUTES WHILE THAT OF THE SAI WAN HO TO KWUN TONG SERVICE FROM 18 TO 10 MINUTES.

THE TOTAL CARRYING CAPACITY OF THESE TWO SERVICES AFTER THE BOOST WOULD IN EFFECT BE GREATER THAN THAT OF THE THREE SERVICES COMBINED BEFORE THE WITHDRAWAL.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE EASTERN AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARDS HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON THE SERVICE WITHDRAWAL AND BOTH CONSIDERED IT ACCEPTABLE.

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WORKING GROUP STUDIES EASTERN COASTLINE
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A WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN SET UP UNDER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING VARIOUS PROJECTS ALONG THE DISTRICT'S COASTLINE.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, DR SIMON VICKERS, SAID THE GROUP, CHAIRED BY MADAM BETTY YUNG, WAS FORMED IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS TO DEVELOP WATERFRONT SPOTS AND TOURISM ATTRACTIONS UNDER THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

+THE EASTERN DISTRICT HAS A VAST STRETCH OF NATURAL AND BEAUTIFUL COASTLINE AND IDEALLY, WE SHOULD TRY TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP SUITABLE SITES INTO POPULAR PLEASURE GROUNDS WITH THEIR OWN DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS,+ HE SAID.

DR VICKERS POINTED OUT THAT A UNIQUE PROJECT WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT LOCAL RESIDENTS, IT COULD BECOME A MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTION FOR HONG KONG.

ONE POSSIBILITY, HE SAID, WAS TO DEVELOP THE WATERFRONT LINING THE SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION AREA INTO A PROMENADE.

+THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING THE USE OF LAND SITES UNDER THE IEC TO TRY AND SOLVE THE NEED FOR MORE RECREATION AMENITIES IN THE DISTRICT,+ SAID DR VICKERS.

+THE WORKING GROUP WILL EXAMINE ALL POSSIBILITIES AND PROPOSALS, INCLUDING THOSE MADE BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS DURING ITS STUDY OF THE SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

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FINAL DIVIDEND FOR CREDITORS
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A FINAL DIVIDEND IS EXPECTED TO BE PAID IN SEPTEMBER TO CREDITORS OF TSE LEE YUEN JEWELRY LIMITED, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL (OFFICIAL RECEIVER), MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

CREDITORS (OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF THE GOLD ACCUMULATION PLAN) WHO HAVE NOT LODGED CLAIMS SHOULD DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

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FORMS FOR MAKING CLAIMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SUB-OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE, 16TH FLOOR, MELBOURNE PLAZA, HONG KONG, AND MUST BE RETURNED BY THE CLOSING DATE OF AUGUST 23.

THE SECOND AND FINAL DIVIDEND IS ABOUT 25 PER CENT. PAYMENT OF THIS DIVIDEND WILL BE PROCESSED BY COMPUTER, AND PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE BY CHEQUE POSTED TO EACH CREDITOR. THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR CREDITORS TO CALL AT THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE.

MORE THAN 10 400 CREDITORS WOULD SHARE IN THE FINAL PAYMENT, INCLUDING 7 724 GOLD ACCUMULATION PLAN CREDITORS WHO WERE NOT REQUIRED TO LODGE CLAIMS.

MR GLEESON SAID THAT THIS FINAL PAYMENT WILL AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$20.9 MILLION. TOGETHER WITH THE FIRST DIVIDEND OF 30 PER CENT PAID IN DECEMBER 1983 THIS WILL MAKE A TOTAL DIVIDEND OF 55 PER CENT OR \$46.5 MILLION OUT OF THE TOTAL OF \$85.5 MILLION IN CLAIMS ADMITTED FOR PAYMENT. PREFERENTIAL CLAIMS TALLING \$717 000 WERE PAID IN FULL IN JANUARY 1983.

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ANOTHER TWO WINES FOUND TO BE TOXIC
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TWO AUSTRIAN WINES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO CONTAIN DIETHYLENE GLYCOL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THESE BRING TO 16 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AUSTRIAN WINES FOUND TO CONTAIN THE TOXIC CHEMICAL.

THE TWO WINES HAVE A SIMILAR NAME, EXCEPT FOR THE YEAR.

THE NAMES OF THE TWO WINES ARE WINZERKONIG SPATLESE GRUNER VELTINER-WEISSBURGUNDER WEINBAUGEBIET KLOSTERNEUBURG BRUDER GRILL WEINGUT FELS-KREMS 1979 AND 1981.

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CASSETTE TAPE CONSIGNMENT SEIZED
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OFFICERS OF THE CONTAINER CARGO EXAMINATION DIVISION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY (MONDAY) SEIZED 149 800 FORGED AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES WITH AN ESTIMATED RETAIL VALUE OF \$1 MILLION.

THE CONSIGNMENT, IMPORTED FROM SINGAPORE IN A CONTAINER, WAS DETAINED DURING THE ROUTINE INSPECTION.

THE CASE WAS REFERRED TO THE COPYRIGHT DIVISION FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION, AND IT WAS FOUND THAT THE TAPES WERE INTENDED FOR RE-EXPORT TO CHINA. NO ARREST HAS BEEN MADE.

IN A SEPARATE OPERATION AGAINST HAWKERS SELLING COUNTERFEIT GOODS, OFFICERS OF THE COPYRIGHT DIVISION SEIZED \$73 500 WORTH PRODUCTS AND ARRESTED EIGHT HAWKERS AND A MANUFACTURER.

DURING THE PAST THREE DAYS, OFFICERS OF THE DIVISION RAIDED A FACTORY IN KWUN TONG AND STREET HAWKERS IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK AREAS. A LARGE QUANTITY OF SUSPECTED COUNTERFEIT GOODS, INCLUDING 12 950 MEN'S BRIEFS, 1 232 T-SHIRTS, TWO WATCHES, 32 500 PAPER BOXES FOR PACKAGING AND SIX SILK SCREENS FOR PRINTING OF FORGED TRADEMARKS, WAS SEIZED.

THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN RELEASED ON POLICE BAIL, PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

COMMENTING ON THE SEIZURES, THE HEAD OF THE COPYRIGHT DIVISION, MR W.Y. SUEN, SAID THAT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE VIGOROUS ACTION AGAINST HAWKING OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS.

+THOSE ENGAGED IN THE SALE OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DISSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES,+ HE WARNED.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON TSANG HING-WO ON AUGUST 30, 1984 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

TSANG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF TANG KWOK-WAH ON MAY 6, 1982.

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NEW LABOUR FORCE STANDARDS EXPLAINED
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A SPECIAL REVIEW, ENTITLED "THE MEASUREMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT IN THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY" IS INCLUDED IN THE MAY ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

IN THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING LABOUR FORCE, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO).

AT THE THIRTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LABOUR STATISTICIANS CONVENED BY THE ILO IN OCTOBER 1982, A NEW SET OF DEFINITIONS WERE RECOMMENDED. TO CONFORM TO THE NEW STANDARDS, THE CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS USED IN THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY HAVE ALSO BEEN REVISED STARTING FROM JANUARY 1985.

THE REVIEW GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE REVISED CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS AND SUMMARISES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NEW AND OLD DEFINITIONS. THE EFFECTS OF SUCH CHANGES ON LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS ARE ALSO ANALYSED.

THE MAY 1985 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS ON SALE AT \$25 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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OPERATORS URGED TO RENEW PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE
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OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ARE REMINDED TO RENEW THEIR PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE BEFORE IT EXPIRES, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, OPERATORS MUST HAVE A VALID PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE IN ORDER TO OPERATE THEIR SERVICE, HE STRESSED.

/RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

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RENEWAL APPLICATIONS ALONG WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON OR BY REGISTERED POST WITHIN TWO MONTHS OR AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE LICENCE EXPIRY TO THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION, ROOMS 906-909, NINTH FLOOR, HUTCHISON HOUSE, CENTRAL.

THE RENEWAL FEE IS \$150 PER ANNUM WHICH IS PAYABLE ON COLLECTION OF THE LICENCE.

+APPLICATION FORMS ARE BEING SENT TO LICENSEES IN BATCHES AND THOSE WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE FORMS NEARER THE LICENCE EXPIRY DATE SHOULD VISIT THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION OR CALL 5-228624,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SUBWAY TO BE BUILT IN MONG KOK
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A SUBWAY UNDER NATHAN ROAD AT SOY STREET IN MONG KOK.

THE SUBWAY WILL PROVIDE A SAFE CROSSING FOR PEDESTRIANS AT THE BUSY ROAD JUNCTION AND WILL ALSO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW BY ELIMINATING THE EXISTING SIGNAL-CONTROLLED CROSSING.

THE 60-METRE-LONG SUBWAY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN THREE STAGES ADOPTING THE +OPEN-CUT+ METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION. TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC IN EACH DIRECTION ALONG NATHAN ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

THE 15-MONTH PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE RELOCATION OF SOME DRAINAGE AND SERVICES FACILITIES AT NATHAN ROAD AND SOY STREET.

ON COMPLETION OF THE SUBWAY, THE TWO SECTIONS OF SOY STREET BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND NATHAN ROAD AND PORTLAND STREET AND NATHAN ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT AREA WITH PLANTING AND SITTING-OUT FACILITIES.

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TUEN MUN SQUATTER AREA LIGHTING PLANNED
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS INITIATED A SCHEME TO IMPROVE LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF SQUATTER AREAS BY INSTALLING LIGHTING FACILITIES WITH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

+AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSAL, A WORKING GROUP WAS RECENTLY FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD TO EXAMINE THE COST AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ROAD AND FOOTPATH LIGHTING IN SQUATTER AREAS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

+IT WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT DB FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO MEET THE CAPITAL COST WHILE RECURRENT COST WILL HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT AMONG SQUATTER REPRESENTATIVES, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD,+ HE ADDED.

THE WORKING GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT SAN SHEK WAN AND CHUNG WONG TOI WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY UNDER THE SQUATTER AREA LIGHTING SCHEME IF THE PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

AT PRESENT, SQUATTER AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE ROAD LIGHTING PROGRAMME OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED SQUATTER AREA LIGHTING SCHEME WILL NOT AFFECT THE VILLAGE LIGHTING SCHEME WHICH WILL PROVIDE LIGHTING FACILITIES FOR 35 000 VILLAGERS IN TUEN MUN BY 1987-88.

TO ENSURE THAT SQUATTER AREAS WERE NOT GIVEN UNDUE ADVANTAGE OVER TRADITIONAL VILLAGES, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE SQUATTER LIGHTING PROGRAMME WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE TRADITIONAL VILLAGES GET THEIR LIGHTS.

+DETAIL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND CAPITAL COST FOR EACH SQUATTER AREA REMAINS TO BE WORKED OUT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PRIZES FOR COMPUTER PROGRAMME DESIGNERS
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THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE ROAD SAFETY COMPUTER PROGRAMME DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, CAINE HOUSE, ARSENAL STREET, WAN CHAI.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (OPERATIONS) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL, MR LI KWAN-HA, WILL BE PRESENTING PRIZES.

WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION WILL ALSO DEMONSTRATE THEIR PROGRAMMES AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA, ENSEMBLE TO TOUR CHINA
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SIXTY TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO ENHANCE THEIR STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AND WIDEN THEIR MUSICAL HORIZON WHEN THEY PERFORM IN CHINA FOR THE FIRST TIME NEXT WEEK.

LED BY MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR AND TOUR DIRECTOR, MRS DORIS HO, THE DELEGATION WILL COMPRISE 10 OFFICIALS FROM THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH'S MUSIC OFFICE, 49 MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND 11 HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC ENSEMBLE MEMBERS.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE TOUR TODAY (TUESDAY), MRS HO SAID ORCHESTRAL MEMBERS, AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 26, WERE SELECTED THROUGH OPEN AUDITION AND HAVE JUST COMPLETED TWO WEEKS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING BY OVERSEAS CONDUCTORS AND INSTRUCTORS AT THE RECENT 1985 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.

MRS HO SAID THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC ENSEMBLE WILL BE GIVING TWO PUBLIC PERFORMANCES AT THE SHANGHAI CONCERT HALL ON AUGUST 11 AND AT THE NATIONALITIES PALACE IN BEIJING ON AUGUST 14.

+THEY WILL ALSO BE PARTICIPATING IN PERFORMANCES WITH CHINESE CULTURAL GROUPS AND VISIT CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS IN SHANGHAI AND BEIJING DURING THE 10-DAY TOUR+, SHE SAID.

EXPLAINING THE VALUE AND PURPOSE OF OVERSEAS TOURS, MRS HO SAID IT WAS PART OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME AND WAS ONE OF ITS IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS.

APART FROM EXCHANGING MUSICAL IDEAS, OVERSEAS TOURS PROVIDED YOUNG MUSICIANS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM AS WELL AS RECEIVE HIGH INTERNATIONAL TUITION+, SHE POINTED OUT.

SINCE 1978-80, THE MUSIC OFFICE HAD CONDUCTED TOURS TO FRANCE, ISRAEL, CYPRUS, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

+HONG KONG CAN DEMONSTRATE THE MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS YOUNG PEOPLE TO AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE,+ MRS HO SAID.

THE PROGRAMME SELECTED FOR THE CHINA TOUR, COMPRISING 25 PIECES (WESTERN AND CHINESE), WILL INCLUDE THE COMPOSITIONS OF HONG KONG COMPOSERS, MR DOMING LAM AND MR LAW WING-FAI, WHO WROTE A SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED PIECE CALLED 'DRUNKEN TAI BAI', WHICH WILL HAVE ITS PREMIERE IN SHANGHAI.

THE GROUP WILL RETURN ON AUGUST 19.

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YOUTHS VISIT TSO KUNG TAM PLANT NURSERY
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TWENTY ENVIRONMENT-CONSCIOUS YOUNGSTERS TODAY (TUESDAY) LEARNED SOME USEFUL TECHNIQUES IN HORTICULTURE DURING A VISIT TO A PLANT NURSERY AT TSO KUNG TAM IN TSUEN WAN.

THE VISIT, ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING YOUNGSTERS WITH BASIC KNOWLEDGE IN HORTICULTURE AS WELL AS AROUSING THEIR INTEREST IN THE CARE OF PLANTS.

AGED FROM EIGHT TO 14, THE YOUNGSTERS ARE FROM THE LEI MUK SHUE CHILDREN'S CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION.

THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT AMENITIES OFFICER OF TSUEN WAN, MR CHEUNG KING-SHEK, ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PLANT GROWING INCLUDING SEED SOWING, FERTILISING, WATERING, PRUNING AND CUTTING.

THEY WERE ALSO TOLD THAT THE TSO KUNG TAM NURSERY LAST YEAR PRODUCED MORE THAN 200 000 SEEDLINGS OF TREE, SHRUB, PALM, BAMBOO, CREEPER AND GROUND COVER WHICH WERE EVENTUALLY PLANTED IN VARIOUS PARKS, GARDENS AND ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE NURSERY WAS OPEN TO ALL SCHOOLS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS. INTERESTED PARTIES COULD CONTACT THE LEISURE SERVICES SECTION OF THE RSD'S TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-444281 EXT. 401 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENT.

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NINE USD STAFF PROMOTED
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THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, TODAY PRESENTED PROMOTION LETTERS TO NINE USD AMENITIES OFFICERS.

AMONG THE NEWLY-PROMOTED WERE DR CHOO YON SEN OF THE USD TRAINING SCHOOL AND MR YAU KWOK-YIN OF THE HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE (LEISURE SERVICES). BOTH WERE PROMOTED TO CHIEF AMENITIES OFFICERS.

ANOTHER SEVEN AMENITIES ASSISTANT IIIS WERE ALSO RAISED TO THE RANK OF AMENITIES ASSISTANT II.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON THE ISLAND
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 9), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

IN SHEUNG WAN, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN MORRISON STREET AND CLEVERLY STREET, ALONG WITH A SECTION OF MORRISON STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS 24 HOURS DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

IN NORTH POINT, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 9) TO 10 AM ON AUGUST 20 FOR ROAD WORK.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH HEALTHY STREET WEST AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND BUSES WILL PROCEED VIA JAVA ROAD.

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CHAI WAN TAPS OFF
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 9) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY CHAI WAN ROAD, HONG MAN STREET, LEE CHUNG STREET, NING FOO STREET, CHEUNG LEE STREET AND KUT SHING STREET.

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SUSPENSION OF PARKING SPACES
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ALL MOTORCYCLE PARKING SPACES AT MURRAY BARRACKS OPEN-AIR CAR PARK IN CENTRAL WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 9) TO MIDNIGHT ON AUGUST 22 TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORK.

ALSO FROM 8 AM ON AUGUST 23 TO MIDNIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 5, A TOTAL OF 17 VEHICLE PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE CAR PARK WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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YUEN LONG RESTRICTED ZONE
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MA WANG ROAD IN YUEN LONG, BETWEEN MA MIU ROAD AND PING SHUN STREET (EXCLUDING THE TWO LOADING AND UNLOADING BAYS) WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 9).

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

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