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MEASURES TO CONTROL CARGO HANDLING PROPOSED

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THE PORT CONTROL (CARGO WORKING AREAS) BILL 1974 WHICH ENABLES THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO INTRODUCE CONTROL MEASURES OVER CARGO WORKING ACTIVITES AT PUBLIC SEAWALLS IS GAZETTED TODAY FOR GENERAL INFORMATION.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, WHICH WILL BE TABLED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY, AIMS AT MAKING OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF PUBLIC SEAWALLS AND PURPOSE BUILT BASINS AVAILABLE FOR HANDLING OF CARGOES WITHIN THE PORT.

IT PROVIDES FOR PUBLIC SEAWALLS TO BE CLASSIFIED INTO THREE CATEGORIES, NAMELY, PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS, PUBLIC WATERFRONTS AND EXCLUDED WATERFRONTS= AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ENABLES THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER CARGO MOVEMENTS IN THESE AREAS.

UNDER THE BILL, A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA IS A COMPLETELY ENCLOSED AREA WHERE MARINE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE PRESENT TO CONTROL THE BERTHING OF VESSELS AND PARKING OF GOODS VEHICLES.

PARKING FEES, ON AN HOURLY BASIS, WOULD BE LEVIED UPON GOODS VEHICLES ENTERING AND USING THESE AREAS, AND CARGO VESSELS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN PERMISSION PRIOR TO BERTHING.

A PUBLIC WATERFRONT IS ONE WHICH CAN NOT BE COMPLETELY ENCLOSED FOR HANDLING CARGOES. HOWEVER, MARINE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL ALSO BE THERE TO REGULATE THE BERTHING OF VESSELS AND PARKING OF LORRIES.

AS IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA, VESSELS ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN PERMISSION PRIOR TO BERTHING. BUT NO CHARGES WILL BE IMPOSED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT UPON GOODS VEHICLES USING THE PUBLIC WATERFRONT AREA.

AN EXCLUDED WATERFRONT IS AN AREA WHERE NO CARGO WORKING WILL BE PERMITTED ON A REGULAR BASIS. THEREFORE, CARGO WORKING WOULD BE PROHIBITED IN THESE AREAS EXCEPT IN VERY SPECIAL CASES AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, FOR INSTANCE, TRANSPORTING A BULKY PIECE OF MACHINERY TO A CERTAIN BUILDING WITHIN SUCH AN AREA ON A ONE-OFF BASIS.

THE BILL ALSO EMPOWERS THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO SEIZE AND REMOVE ANY CARGO OR CARGO CONTAINER LEFT OR ABANDONED AT THESE WATERFRONT AREAS, AND TO DISPOSE OF IT IF THE CARGO IS NOT CLAIMED WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD.

OWNERS CLAIMING ANY SEIZED CARGOES WILL HAVE TO REPAY ALL EXPENSES INCURRED IN THEIR REMOVAL.

COMMENTING ON THE BILL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DESPITE RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN CONTAINERISATION THERE WOULD STILL BE A CONTINUOUS DEMAND FOR PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES AT PUBLIC SEAWALLS.

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AS PUBLIC SEAWALLS WITHIN THE PORT ARE AT A PREMIUM THE HEAVY DEMAND HAD, IN THE PAST, RESULTED IN SUCH FACILITIES BEING ABUSED, CAUSING DELAYS AND, AS A RESULT, CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN THE COST OF TRANSPORTING IMPORT AND EXPORT CARGOES.

THESE ABUSES HAD ALSO LED TO HEAVY TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON ADJOINING AND NEIGHBOURING ROADS IN THE VICINITY OF THE CARGO WORKING AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS WHERE HANDCARTS OR TROLLEYS ARE USED.

IN 1972, THE PORT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO IMPOSE CONTROLS SO AS TO ACHIEVE BETTER COORDINATION ON THE LANDWARD AND SEAWARD SIDES OF THE SEAWALLS WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING THIS CONGESTION.

HE SAID THE WAN CHAI CARGO HANDLING BASIN WOULD BE THE FIRST PURPOSE BUILT BASIN TO BE OPERATED UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

FITTING OUT OF THE WAN CHAI BASIN IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IT WILL BE COMMISSIONED TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT MONTH WHEN THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE ENACTED.

MARINE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL WORK 24 HOURS A DAY AT THE BASIN TO ENABLE CARGO TO BE HANDLED EVEN AT NIGHT.

OTHER AREAS BEING PLANNED AT PRESENT FOR SIMILAR OPERATIONS ARE RAMBLER CHANNEL TYPHOON SHELTER, TSUEN WAN, TONG MEI ROAD AND HOI BUN ROAD.

PLANS ARE ALSO IN HAND TO DESIGNATE CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AS A PUBLIC WATERFRONT AREA AND A PILOT CONTROL SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED THERE LATER THIS YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THE IMPOSITION OF CHARGES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THESE CONTROL MEASURES, MAKING A FASTER TURN-AROUND OF BOTH LIGHTERS AND VEHICLES POSSIBLE, WOULD RESULT IN SAVINGS OF WAITING TIME, WHICH, IN TURN, WOULD MEAN SAVINGS IN DEMURRAGE CHARGES.

THEREFORE, THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED, THE SAVINGS WOULD BE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO OFFSET THE CHARGES LEVIED, AND SHOULD NOT LEAD TO HIGHER COSTS BEING PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMER.

HE ADDED THAT AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF CO-ORDINATING THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO SHOULD, IN FACT, REDUCE HANDLING COSTS.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAD CONSULTED LIGHTER OPERATORS WHO SUPPORTED THESE CONTROL MEASURES AS THEY WOULD RATHER WORK IN A CONTROLLED ENCLAVE THAN TO TAKE THEIR CHANCES AT AN UNCONTROLLED WATERFRONT, HE SAID.

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PERMANENT LANDS TRIBUNAL PROPOSED

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A PERMANENT LANDS TRIBUNAL TO STREAMLINE CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION UNDER A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ORDINANCES WILL BE SET UP IF A BILL PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE IS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE PROPOSED TRIBUNAL, MODELLED AFTER THE HIGHLY RESPECTED UNITED KINGDOM LANDS TRIBUNAL, WOULD CONSIST OF A PRESIDENT WHO WOULD BE A LAWYER WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF A DISTRICT JUDGE AND THE MEMBERS WOULD BE QUALIFIED LAWYERS AND VALUERS, ALL OF WHOM WOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND WHO WOULD BE PART OF THE JUDICIARY.

THERE IS ALSO PROVISION IN THE BILL FOR THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A PANEL OF OTHER PEOPLE WHOM HE CONSIDERS TO BE SUITABLE TO ASSIST THE TRIBUNAL IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS JURISDICTION. ON THE HEARING OF ANY PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL, THE PRESIDENT MAY SELECT A PERSON FROM THIS PANEL TO SIT AS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE TRIBUNAL.

UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCES, EACH HAS PROVISION FOR A SEPARATE BOARD OR TRIBUNAL TO BE ESTABLISHED TO ADJUDICATE CLAIMS AGAINST THE CROWN FOR COMPENSATION IN LAND MATTERS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY THAT MEMBERSHIP OF THESE BODIES IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING AND THEIR FINDINGS DO NOT BECOME PRECEDENTS FOR SUBSEQUENT BOARDS. BUT AS GREATER NUMBERS OF RESUMPTIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO STREETS TAKE PLACE, THE PROCESS OF ADJUDICATION IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY COMPLEX AND SPECIALISED AND IT IS NO LONGER EFFICIENT FOR INDIVIDUALLY ESTABLISHED TRIBUNALS TO ADJUDICATE ON MANY OF THE CASES PRESENTED.

ANOTHER PROBLEM, HE SAID, IS THE INCREASING DIFFICULTY AND DELAY IN ESTABLISHING BOARDS AND TRIBUNALS, WHICH RESULT IN DELAYS IN PUBLIC WORKS AND ALSO DELAYS IN PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO LAND OWNERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN BRITAIN, BECAUSE THE TRIBUNAL IS PERMANENT, ITS DECISIONS ARE CONSISTENT AND IT HAS ESTABLISHED A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF VALUATION MATTERS. THIS ENABLES IT TO DISPOSE OF CASES IN ITS JURISDICTION QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

THE PROPOSED TRIBUNAL TO BE SET UP IN HONG KONG WOULD ALSO DEAL WITH APPEALS AGAINST ASSESSMENTS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION UNDER THE RATING ORDINANCE.

IT WAS FELT THAT ALTHOUGH THIS DID NOT INVOLVE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION, IT WAS ESSENTIALLY A VALUATION MATTER AND AS SUCH SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE PROPOSED TRIBUNAL.

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UNDER THE BILL, KNOWN AS THE LANDS TRIBUNAL BILL 1974, THE TRIBUNAL WOULD HAVE POWERS TO ENFORCE THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES AND EXAMINE THEM ON OATH. IT WOULD ALSO BE EMPOWERED TO COMPEL THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND MAY ENTER AND VIEW ANY PREMISES.

THE DETERMINATION OF THE TRIBUNAL WOULD BE FINAL ALTHOUGH A DISSATISFIED PARTY MAY APPEAL, ON A POINT OF LAW, TO THE FULL COURT.

IN A SEPARATE PIECE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION PUBLISHED TODAY, THE NEED TO REFER MATTERS TO THE TRIBUNAL UNDER THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE WOULD ONLY ARISE WHEN BOTH PARTIES FAIL TO AGREE ON THE LEVEL OF COMPENSATION.

AT PRESENT, A COMPENSATION BOARD MUST BE SET UP UNDER THE ORDINANCE EVEN IF THE PARTIES ARE AGREED ON THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, INCORPORATED IN THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974, WOULD RESULT IN A CONSIDERABLE STREAMLINING OF PROCEDURES AND WOULD ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SURRENDER OF THE LAND EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER ITS SURRENDER DATE, AND SHOULD MAKE FOR A SUBSTANTIAL ACCELERATION IN THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND PAYMENTS OF COMPENSATION.

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PRICE OF SAND GOES UP BY $4

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THE PRICE OF BUILDING SAND PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT SAND DEPOTS IS TO BE INCREASED FROM $26 TO $30 A CUBIC YARD. THE NEW PRICE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL SAND FOR WHICH PAYMENT IS MADE ON OR AFTER TO-DAY (FRIDAY).

IN ANNOUNCING THE PRICE REVISION, THE GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED ITS POLICY NOT TO RECOVER MORE THAN THE COST OF BUYING AND SELLING SAND. THE PRESENT INCREASE AS EXPLAINED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ARISES FROM A HIGHER RATE OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR PURCHASE OF SAND FROM CHINA.

THE EFFECT ON BUILDING COSTS IS ESTIMATED TO REPRESENT AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 0.5 PER CENT DEPENDING ON THE COMPLEXITY OF THE BUILDING.

THE NEW PRICE WILL ALSO APPLY TO ROYALTY PAYMENTS FOR SAND COLLECTED FROM AUTHORISED SITES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SALE AND REMOVAL OF SAND IN SMALL QUANTITIES FOR LOCAL VILLAGE PURPOSES OR COMMUNITY WORKS.

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BRITISH EXPERTS TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF NUCLEAR POWER STATION FOR HONG KONG

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THREE BRITISH EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF GENERATING ELECTRICITY FROM NUCLEAR RESOURCES WILL ARRIVE ON MONDAY (JULY 1) TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF SITING A NUCLEAR POWER STATION IN HONG KONG.

THE TEAM IS MADE UP OF MR. J.V. JEFFREY, THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS INSPECTORATE= DR. F. WOOD, THE TECHNICAL CO-ORDINATOR OF DESALINATION DEVELOPMENT REACTOR GROUP OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY AT WINFRITH= AND MR. L.J. NASH, THE GROUP HEAD OF THE STATION PLANNING BRANCH OF THE UNITED KINGDOM CENTRAL ELECTRICITY GENERATING BOARD. THEY WILL BE IN HONG KONG FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT IN VIEW OF THE ENERGY PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE RECENT OIL CRISIS AND THE INCREASED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN LOOKING AT OTHER WAYS AND MEANS OF SATISFYING HONG KONG'S FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS.

AS PART OF THE REVIEW, CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO FINDING OUT WHETHER OR NOT A NUCLEAR POWER STATION WOULD BE FEASIBLE IN HONG KONG'S CONDITIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PIN-POINT A SITE, MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WILL CONCERN THEMSELVES PRIMARILY WITH SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND POLLUTION CONSIDERATIONS.

HE STRESSED THAT EVEN WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE TEAM'S INVESTIGATIONS ARE KNOWN, MANY OTHER FACTORS INCLUDING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL, WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE A DECISION IS REACHED ON WHETHER OR NOT HONG KONG SHOULD HAVE A NUCLEAR POWER STATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS: MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WILL NOT MEET THE PRESS ON THEIR ARRIVAL, BUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MADE TOWARDS THE END OF THEIR VISIT.

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SALVAGE OPERATIONS OF +SEAWISE UNIVERSITY+

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TODAY ADVISED MARINERS AND OPERATORS OF SMALL CRAFT TO KEEP WELL CLEAR OF THE PROHIBITED AREA SURROUNDING THE WRECK OF THE +SEAWISE UNIVERSITYZ+ WHERE UNDERWATER SALVAGE AND BLASTING OPERATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE.

THE PROHIBITED AREA LIES AT THE APPROACHES OF RAMBLER CHANNEL, SOUTH EAST OF TSING YI ISLAND, AND IS MARKED BY GREEN BUOYS.

BREAKING OPERATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO START AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK.

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RE-OPENING OF HISTORIC TEMPLE

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THE RECENTLY RENOVATED SHING WONG TEMPLE, WHICH HAS A HISTORY OF NEARLY 100 YEARS, WILL BE RE-OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. ERIC HO.

THE TEMPLE WAS ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS FOOK TAK CHE, BUT WAS RENAMED SHING WONG TEMPLE FOLLOWING ITS RENOVATION WITH A GRANT OF ABOUT $200,000 FROM THE CHINESE TEMPLES FUND OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT'S CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE.

IT WAS BUILT IN 1877 BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND CAME UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE IN 1928. THE SHING WONG TEMPLE, WHICH IS THE ONLY ONE OF THAT DENOMINATION ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WILL NOW BE BROUGHT UNDER THE SELF-ADMINISTRATION SCHEME OF THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE.

TOMORROW'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE ATTENDED BY KAIFONG LEADERS AND WILL FEATURE A LION DANCE AND A TEA PARTY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OCCASION WHICH STARTS AT 12 NOON TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE TEMPLE IS LOCATED AT KAM WAH STREET, SHAUKIWAN.

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WATER +BUSES+ FOR WU KWAI SHA

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HOLIDAY-MAKERS GOING TO THE POPULAR PICNIC SPOT OF WU KWAI SHA ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF TOLO HARBOUR WILL FIND IT MORE CONVENIENT AND SAFER TO DO SO WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A SCHEDULED PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE FROM MA LIU SHUI NEAR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

AS FROM NEXT TUESDAY (JULY 2), THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY WILL START OPERATING THE NEW SERVICE ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

THE COMPANY WILL USE THE +WATER BUS+, A FASTER TYPE FERRY WHICH CAN CARRY 266 PASSENGERS.

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. THERE WILL BE A FLAT FARE OF $1.

THE FIRST RUN FROM MA LIU SHUI WILL LEAVE AT 8.15 A.M. AND FROM WU KWAI SHA AT 8.30 A.M. THEREAFTER THERE WILL BE A FERRY EVERY HALF HOUR UNTIL THE LAST SAILINGS AT 5.45 P.M. FROM MA LIU SHUI AND 6 P.M. FROM WU KWAI SHA.

THIS SCHEDULE ALLOWS EASY CONNECTIONS WITH TRAIN SERVICES TO MA LIU SHUI.

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STORAGE OF METHYL ALCOHOL BY LIQUOR TRADE TO BE PROHIBITED

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AMENDING LEGISLATION WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED TO EXEMPT TABLE WATERS AND METHYL ALCOHOL FROM THE LIST OF DUTIABLE GOODS.

THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES CAMENDMENTD BILL 1974, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION, PROHIBITS THE STORAGE OF METHYL ALCOHOL IN THE PREMISES OF LICENSED DISTILLERS, IMPORTERS, DEALERS OR RETAILERS OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT METHYL ALCOHOL IS A POISONOUS SUBSTANCE WHICH CANNOT BE DISTINGUISHED FROM POTABLE ETHYL ALCOHOL BY SIGHT, SMELL OR TASTE, AND COMMON SENSE SHOWED THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE STORED BY PERSONS IN THE LIQUOR TRADE.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT DUTY ON TABLE WATERS WAS ABOLISHED ON APRIL 1, 1973.

ANOTHER CLAUSE OF THE BILL EMPOWERS THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO EXERCISE A DISCRETION IN REGARD TO THE STORAGE PLACE OF DUTIABLE GOODS TAKEN ON BOARD SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT AS STORES. UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE THE STORAGE OF DUTIABLE GOODS ON THE VESSELS IS RESTRICTED TO A DESIGNATED PLACE, AND THE AMENDMENT IS BEING MADE IN VIEW OF THE SHORTAGE OF SPACE ON BOARD.

ANOTHER PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AT PRESENT TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THIS RESPECT IS TO IMPRINT THE LETTERS +HKDNP+ CHONG KONG DUTY NOT PAIDD ONTO THE DUTIABLE GOODS IN STORES TO AVOID ANY DANGER OF THE GOODS, ESPECIALLY CIGARETTES OR LIQUOR BEING RELANDED AS DUTY-PAID GOODS AND BEING SOLD ON THE DOMESTIC MARKETS.

THE BILL ALSO ENABLES FURTHER REGULATIONS TO BE MADE TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM AND REFUNDS OF DUTY ON GOODS WHERE DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR IMMUNITY APPLIES.

AT PRESENT, THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE PROVIDES ONLY FOR A REFUND OF DUTY IN THE CASE OF GOODS SUPPLIED BY A LOCAL MANUFACTURER.

THE BILL NOW SEEKS TO INCLUDE THE SUPPLY OF DUTY-FREE GOODS BY IMPORTERS, AND THE REFUND OF DUTY TO LICENSED DEALERS WHO SUPPLY DUTY-PAID GOODS TO CONSULAR OFFICERS.

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NEW VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE

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THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY WILL START OPERATING A NEW VEHICULAR FERRY ROUTE BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND KWUN TONG AS FROM MONDAY (JULY 1) TO PROVIDE A MORE DIVERSIFIED CROSS-HARBOUR TRANSPORT SERVICE.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE EXISTING VEHICULAR FERRY ROUTE BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND KOWLOON CITY WILL TERMINATE.

THE NEW ROUTE IS EXPECTED TO HELP RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC LOAD ON THE NORTH-EAST CORRIDOR OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA, PARTICULARLY IN THE KOWLOON CITY AND WONG TAI SIN AREAS.

THE OPERATIONAL FREQUENCY WILL BE 15 MINUTES. BOTH THE FIRST RUNS FROM NORTH POINT AND KWUN TONG WILL DEPART AT 7.30 A.M. THE LAST FERRY WILL LEAVE NORTH POINT AT 7.37 P.M. AND KWUN TONG AT 7.30 P.M.

THE FARES WILL BE THE SAME AS NOW, I.E. $2 FOR A PASSENGER CAR OF 12 H.P. OR UNDER= $3 FOR A PASSENGER CAR OVER 12 H.P.= 50 CENTS FOR A MOTOR CYCLE= $1 FOR A MOTORCYCLE AND SIDE CAR= 20 CENTS FOR EACH ADULT PERSON TRAVELLING IN A VEHICLE= AND 10 CENTS FOR EACH CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS.

THREE DOUBLE-DECKED VEHICULAR FERRIES, EACH CAPABLE OF CARRYING 62 VEHICLES, WILL OPERATE ON THE SERVICE. THE TIME FOR EACH JOURNEY WILL BE 18 MINUTES.

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NEW KITCHEN FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S EMERGENCY RELIEF KITCHEN AT YUK CHOI ROAD IN HUNG HOM IS TO BE RESITED TO NEW PREMISES AT CORNWALL ROAD, TO MAKE WAY FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE NEW KITCHEN IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST, AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE NEW BUILDING, LOCATED ON A 7,000-SQUARE-FOOT SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF CORNWALL ROAD AND NAM CHEONG STREET WILL COMPRISE A MAIN KITCHEN ON THE GROUND FLOOR, WITH STORE ROOMS AND OFFICES ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

THE STORE ROOMS WILL BE USED FOR THE STORAGE OF RICE AND OIL, KITCHEN UTENSILS, AND RELIEF ARTICLES SUCH AS SLEEPING MATS AND BLANKETS. WORKING QUARTERS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE OFFICES FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF TEAMS, KITCHEN STAFF, STAFF MANNING THE CIVIL CO-ORDINATING CENTRE, AND KITCHEN STAFF ON EMERGENCY RELIEF DUTIES.

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MORE COUNTRIES JOIN EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE

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THE EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED ON MARCH 1 THIS YEAR BETWEEN HONG KONG AND 19 OTHER PLACES, IS TO BE EXTENDED TO ANOTHER 34 COUNTRIES AS FROM MONDAY (JULY 1).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE ALSO PROCEEDING WITH SOME 50 OTHER COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER EXTENDING THE SERVICE.

UNDER THE SERVICE, A MAIL ARTICLE CAN SECURE EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY IN THE COUNTRY OF DESTINATION. THIS MAY BE ACHIEVED EITHER BY THE USE OF A SPECIAL MESSENGER OR BE ENSURING THAT THE ITEM SECURES THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DELIVERY BY OTHER MEANS.

THE ADDITIONAL 34 COUNTRIES TO BE INCLUDED ARE: AFGHANISTAN, ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, BELIZE, BULGARIA, CYPRUS, DAHOMEY, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FIJI, FRENCH POLYNESIA, FRENCH WEST INDIES, GAMBIA, GREECE, THE IVORY COAST, HUNGARY, THE KHMER REPUBLIC, SOUTH KOREA, KUWAIT, LIBERIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALDIVES REPUBLIC, NIGER REPUBLIC, NIGERIA, PORTUGAL, PORTUGUESE TIMOR, SIERRA LEONE, ST. LUCIA, THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SWAZILAND, THAILAND, TURKEY, THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN, AND THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF YEMEN.

ALL THE COUNTRIES LISTED WILL ACCEPT AND SEND EXPRESS LETTERS BUT EXPRESS PARCELS ARE RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THESE MAY BE MADE AT ANY POST OFFICE OR THE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-247116.

THE EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE IS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO AND FROM AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, EGYPT, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, MACAO, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TAIWAN AND WEST GERMANY.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON MONDAY (JULY 1) WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

HOWEVER, FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC 32 POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPEN IN THE MORNING BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 12 NOON. THESE WILL INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE.

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ART EXHIBITION AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE
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STUDENTS OF THE THIRD YEAR COURSE IN ART OF GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ARE CURRENTLY HOLDING AN EXHIBITION OF THEIR WORK AT THE COLLEGE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL END TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

STUDENTS OF THIS COURSE ARE EITHER SERVING ART TEACHERS, PARTICULARLY FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS, OR FRESH GRADUATES WITH ART AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT FROM THE TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF THEIR FINAL EXAMINATION WHICH ALSO INCLUDES WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPERS ON ART, THESES AND REPORTS ON VISITS.

THE DISPLAY IS MAINLY ON PRODUCTS OF THEIR STUDIO PRACTICE. PAINTING, SCULPTURE, PRINTS, CERAMICS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS ARE THE VISUAL RESULTS OF THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. THE WORK OF THE STUDENTS ARE BEING SHOWN IN THE ART STUDIOS ACCOMMODATED IN THE NEW WING OF THE COLLEGE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION.

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ABERDEEN TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN ABERDEEN NEXT WEEK TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

AS FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (JULY 2), TUNG SING ROAD BETWEEN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND SAI ON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTH-WARDS.

ROUTE 7 BUSES WILL ENTER TUNG SING ROAD FROM LOK YEUNG STREET, OBSERVE A NEW BUS STOP IN TUNG SING ROAD FOR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS ONLY, TURN LEFT INTO SAI ON STREET AND INTO ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD WHERE THE BUSES WILL OBSERVE THE EXISTING BUS STOP FOR PICKING UP PASSENGERS.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DATE, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN TUNG SING ROAD WILL BE REMOVED AND RESITED TO CHENGTU ROAD.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING TUNG SING ROAD BETWEEN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND LOK YEUNG STREET= LOK YEUNG STREET BETWEEN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND TUNG SING ROAD= AND SAI ON STREET BETWEEN CHENGTU ROAD AND TUNG SING ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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HONG KONG PUPILS COMMENDED IN ESSAY COMPETITION

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THIRTEEN HONG KONG PUPILS HAVE WON HIGH PRAISE FROM THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY FOR THEIR ENTRIES IN THE 1973/74 ESSAY COMPETITION.

STELLA LEE, ROSA NG AND NORA YU OF ST. FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND REBECCA LO OF ST. PAUL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL WERE 'HIGHLY COMMENDED' IN THE CLASS A COMPETITION. THE SAME HONOUR WENT TO KATHERINE POH OF SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND ELIZABETH WANG OF DIOCESAN GIRLS SCHOOL IN CLASS B= AND HELEN YIP OF SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE IN CLASS C.

OTHER ESSAYS WHICH WERE 'COMMENDED' CAME FROM SALLY KWAN OF ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, WINNIE LO AND EVA WONG OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA= AGNES YUNG AND GIANNINA DA ROZA OF SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE= AND SHEILA WONG OF ST. FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE.

THE COMPETITION IS HELD ANNUALLY BY THE SOCIETY WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING THE PROGRESS OF COMMONWEALTH STUDIES IN THE SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND THIS IS THE 70TH YEAR OF THE COMPETITION.

THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS BOOK PRIZES TO THE FIRST THREE COMPETITIORS IN EACH CLASS OF THE PRELIMINARY ROUND HELD LOCALLY.

HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY SIR DOUGLAS CLAGUE, THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY IN HONG KONG.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF KOWLOON ROAD

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A SECTION OF SHEUNG HEUNG ROAD IN TO KWA WAN IS TO BE REPAVED AS PART OF AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE AFFECTED SECTION IS LOCATED BETWEEN PAU CHUNG STREET AND TO KWA WAN ROAD, EXCLUDING ITS JUNCTIONS WITH PAU CHUNG STREET, KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND TO KWA WAN ROAD.

THE ROAD WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED WITH EIGHT-INCH THICK REINFORCED CONCRETE SLABS ON A SIX-INCH LEAN CONCRETE BASE. THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN AUGUST, AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE($/CATTY) AVERAGE
CHINA RICE		
SEE MEW		
- OLD CROP	—	—
- NEW CROP	GOOD	—
S.C.JIEN		
- OLD CROP	—	—
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.16
PO NGAI	—	—
CHU CHO	—	—
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.85
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.91
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.77
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.56
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.82
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.87
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.91
PAKISTAN RICE	—	—
TAIWAN RICE	—	—

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK ($/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	310 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE ($/CATTY) HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	NORMAL	6.20	4.20	5.20
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.00	1.10	2.00
SQUID	LIMITED	6.60	2.40	5.00
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.80	1.00	2.00
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	4.20	1.60	3.20
CROAKERS	LIMITED	2.50	0.70	1.50
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	LIMITED	3.00	2.50	2.70
MELON COAT	—	—	—	—
BREAMS	SCARCE	7.50	4.50	5.50
YELLOW BELLY	LIMITED	2.80	1.40	2.00
MACKERELS	LIMITED	5.50	4.00	4.80
RED GOAT FISH	—	—	—	—
FORK-TAIL	—	—	—	—
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	7.00	3.50	6.20
MELON SEED	GOOD	3.20	0.80	2.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	12.00	8.00	9.00
GAROUPAS	LIMITED	11.00	8.00	9.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	9.50	6.80	7.50

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE($/CATTY) HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.20	0.80	1.50
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.80
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	1.50	0.50	1.00
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	0.60	0.15	0.40
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	2.00	0.80	1.50
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.20	0.50	1.40
SPRING ONION	GOOD	1.20	0.20	0.70
SPINACH	—	—	—	—
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	2.00	0.80	1.40
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.60	0.40	1.00
CHINESE SPINACH	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.80
TOMATO	SCARCE	2.40	1.00	1.60

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