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BILL TO IMPROVE IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES
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A BILL PROPOSING TO IMPROVE A NUMBER OF IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

KNOWN AS THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1984, IT PROPOSES TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE BY ALLOWING CERTAIN INVESTIGATORY DUTIES, NOW PERFORMED BY OFFICERS, TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE RANK AND FILE OF THE SERVICE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE PROPOSAL, SENIOR IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO DETAIN DOCUMENTS PRODUCED IN THE COURSE OF IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION, TO ARREST AND DETAIN SUSPECTS AND TO CONDUCT SEARCHES IF IT IS SUSPECTED THAT AN IMMIGRATION OFFENCE HAS BEEN COMMITTED.

+SIMILAR DUTIES IN THE CASE OF THE POLICE ARE ALREADY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE POLICE RANK AND FILE AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS FLEXIBILITY IN DEPLOYMENT OF IMMIGRATION STAFF WOULD RESULT IN SOME SAVINGS IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT PROPOSED BY THE BILL WILL ENABLE THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE TO CALL UPON THE ASSISTANCE OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS BY ALLOWING THEM TO EXERCISE CERTAIN POWERS UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE. THE ORDINANCE ALREADY PROVIDES FOR POLICE OFFICERS TO BE AUTHORISED TO EXERCISE THESE POWERS.

IT FURTHER CLARIFIES THAT WHEN TEMPORARY RESIDENTS OR VISITORS LEAVE HONG KONG, THEIR PERMISSION TO LAND OR TO REMAIN HERE LAPSES AUTOMATICALLY AND THAT ON THEIR RETURN THEY MAY NOT LAND WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER OR IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT.

OTHER PROPOSALS UNDER THE BILL WILL PUT BEYOND DOUBT THE POWER OF THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION TO ISSUE A REMOVAL ORDER AGAINST SOMEONE WHO OBTAINED PERMISSION TO ENTER HONG KONG BY MEANS OF FALSE STATEMENTS OR FORGED DOCUMENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO RECOVER AS A CIVIL DEBT EXPENSES IT INCURRED FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF PERSONS WHO ARE TO BE REMOVED OR DEPORTED.

IN ADDITION, REPORTS OF THE DEPORTATION TRIBUNAL WOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY RATHER THAN BY THE GOVERNOR, BUT DEPORTATION ORDERS WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 16 AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON MAY 30.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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IN PREPARATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION, THE GOVERNMENT TODAY PUBLISHED A MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 WHICH WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TO MAKE REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE NUMBERS OF RATINGS EMPLOYED ON BOARD SHIP, THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND THE FUNCTIONS THEY PERFORM. THE EXISTING ORDINANCE ALREADY COVERS THE MAKING OF REGULATIONS FOR THE MANNING OF SHIPS BY OFFICERS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

IF THIS BILL IS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, FOUR SETS OF REGULATIONS WILL BE MADE AND THE CONVENTION WILL BE EXTENDED TO HONG KONG THREE MONTHS AFTERWARDS.

THE REGULATIONS WILL NOT APPLY TO FISHING VESSELS AND PLEASURE CRAFT, AND THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE WILL BE EMPOWERED TO EXEMPT SHIPS OR CLASSES OF SHIPS FROM THE PROVISIONS.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 16 FOR FIRST READING AND TO GO THROUGH THE REMAINING LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES ON MAY 30.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE BILL MAY WRITE TO UMELCO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR LONDON
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THEY ARE TO LEAVE ON FLIGHT CX 251, ETD 10 AM.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR COVERAGE OF THEIR DEPARTURE.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ASSIGNED TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING BY 8.45 AM TOMORROW.

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HOLIDAY PROVISION FOR WORKERS
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THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1984 WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND SECTION 39 OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE DEALING WITH HOLIDAYS WITH PAY, FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE, IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL PROPOSES TO DELETE THE WORDS +SECOND SATURDAY IN JUNE+ AND SUBSTITUTE IN EACH CASE THE WORDS +BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN+.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND READING ON MAY 16 AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON MAY 30.

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VALUE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES STRESSED
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WELL-ORGANISED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HELP TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR A FULL AND REWARDING LIFE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE SAID TODAY..

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG PRIVATE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION, MR HAYE URGED PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP MORE SUCH EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR STUDENTS.

+IT IS NOT WHAT YOU KNOW THAT MATTERS. IT IS HOW YOU KNOW IT,+ HE SAID.

WELL-ORGANISED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WERE IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY HELPED PUPILS TO DEVELOP ADAPTABILITY, THE ABILITY TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES, TO MAKE INFORMED JUDGEMENTS AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OTHERS.

+THROUGH PROPERLY SUPERVISED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO INTERACT WITH THE COMMUNITY AND WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND TO LEARN TO BE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

+EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO GIVE STUDENTS PROPER VALUES, AND TEACH THEM TO APPLY WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM BOOKS,+ MR HAYE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE PUBLIC USUALLY JUDGED A SCHOOL BY ITS PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS, WHICH, IN FACT, WAS MISLEADING. THE FUNCTION OF A SCHOOL SHOULD NOT BE SIMPLY TO GET PUPILS THROUGH EXAMINATIONS.

+WHILE IMPARTING KNOWLEDGE, SCHOOLS SHOULD BE SHAPING VERSATILE ADULTS ABLE TO COPE WITH THE CHALLENGING WORLD, AND THIS COULD BE DONE THROUGH EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR COMMENDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE MANY ACTIVITIES IT ORGANISED DURING THE YEAR, INCLUDING SEMINARS, INTER-SCHOOL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND A MANAGEMENT COURSE ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

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VISITING PROFESSOR IMPRESSED BY PRISON FACILITIES

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THE DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY, PROFESSOR RICHARD HARDING, TODAY VISITED THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND THE PIK UK PRISON, WHICH ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

AT PIK UK PRISON, PROF HARDING SAW VARIOUS FACILITIES FOR ADULT MALE PRISONERS, INCLUDING THE DORMITORIES, KITCHEN, DINING HALL, HOSPITAL, TAILORING WORKSHOP AND THE MULTI-STOREY LAUNDRY.

HE SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN THE LAUNDRY WHICH IS MANNED BY PRISONERS, AND WHICH CAN HANDLE 50 000 PIECES OF LINEN A DAY FOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

PROF HARDING SAID THE LAUNDRY WAS A +SUPERB FACILITY, AND A MODEL OF HOW PRISON INDUSTRIES SHOULD BE RUN.+

AT THE ADJACENT PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, HE WAS BRIEFED ON ITS FUNCTIONS AS A RECEPTION CENTRE, A TRAINING CENTRE AND A PRISON FOR YOUNG MALE OFFENDERS.

HE SAW YOUTHS STUDYING IN CLASSROOMS, AND RECEIVING VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN VARIOUS WORKSHOPS AND ALSO EXERCISING IN THE GYMNASIUM.

PROF HARDING SAID HE WAS MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES PROVIDED, AND THE SUCCESS OF THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES.

EARLIER PROF HARDING HAD HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER.

TOMORROW, HE WILL VISIT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, STANLEY PRISON, TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENDERS FINED

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A TOTAL OF 824 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT RESULTED IN CONVICTION BY THE COURTS LAST MONTH, WITH FINES IMPOSED AMOUNTING TO \$813 650.

MOST OF THE CASES RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

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THERE WERE 258 CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS, WITH \$402 750 IN FINES. THESE INCLUDED 123 CASES (WITH \$198 600 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATION AND 48 CASES (WITH \$95 850 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

THERE WERE 452 CASES RELATING TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, WITH \$318 750 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, 8 CASES WERE RELATED TO FAILURE TO KEEP RECORD OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$4 850 IN FINES.

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NEW LOUNGE BAR FOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS
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A RECONSTRUCTED SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, INCLUDING AN ENTIRELY NEW LOUNGE BAR - THE DOUGLAS JORDAN LOUNGE - WAS TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED TO THE SERVICE BY SIR SHIU-KIN TANG.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DOUGLAS JORDAN LOUNGE, SIR SHIU-KIN, SAID THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED TO GIVE THIS NEW LOUNGE TO THE MESS, IN APPRECIATION OF THE HARD WORK AND DEVOTION TO DUTY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

+THEIR EFFORTS ARE OF BENEFIT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHETHER IN RELATION TO HEALTH, WELFARE, SECURITY OR THE DAY TO DAY BUSINESS OF THE TERRITORY.

+I HAVE ASKED THAT THE LOUNGE BE NAMED 'THE DOUGLAS JORDAN LOUNGE' TO REMIND US ALL OF THE HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL SEVEN YEARS, DURING WHICH MR JORDAN HAS BEEN THE COMMISSIONER. HE WILL SHORTLY RETIRE FROM HIS POST BUT I KNOW HIS NAME WILL BE REMEMBERED BY ALL HIS COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME,+ SIR SHIU-KIN SAID.

MR JORDAN THANKED SIR SHIU-KIN FOR HIS GENEROSITY AND SAID THE RECONSTRUCTION CARRIED OUT MADE THE SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS THE FINEST IN HONG KONG.

+THIS YEAR IS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR SERVICE- WE COULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED A MORE SPLENDID BIRTHDAY PRESENT THAN THIS - ONE WHICH WILL GIVE PLEASURE NOT ONLY NOW BUT IN THE FUTURE.

+SIR SHIU-KIN HAS A SAYING HE USES FREQUENTLY - HONG KONG HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME, I WANT TO BE GOOD TO HONG KONG'. HE HAS CERTAINLY BEEN GOOD AND GENEROUS TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE,+ MR JORDAN SAID.

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STUDENTS HELP PLANT TREES IN SHA TIN
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FORTY YOUNG EVERGREEN TREES WERE PLANTED TODAY BY 150 CIVIC-MINDED STUDENTS AT THE SHA TIN CYCLE PARK AT TIN SUM TSUEN, TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY.

THE DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING DAY WAS ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLEAN HONG KONG EFFORT.

OFFICIATING AT THE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR DAVID WEEKS, SAID THAT SHA TIN WAS A MAGNIFICENT NEW CITY WHICH WAS RIGHTLY HELD UP AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE BEST IN NEW TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

MR WEEKS SAID IT WAS VITAL THAT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SHOULD NOT BE ECLIPSED BY THE CONCRETE AND STEEL WHICH FORMED THE FABRIC OF THE BUILDINGS IN WHICH PEOPLE LIVED AND WORKED.

+IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE NTSD PLANTED SOME 1 300 NEW TREES AND 65 000 SHRUBS IN SHA TIN DISTRICT LAST YEAR IN ADDITION TO THE GREAT NUMBERS INCORPORATED BY THE BUILDERS OF THE NEW TOWN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS,+ MR WEEKS SAID.

+BUT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PROTECTION OF A FLOURISHING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT MUST BE A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE COMMUNITY WHICH IT IS OUR DUTY TO SERVE,+ HE ADDED.

+THE PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION HERE TODAY OF SO MANY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY AT ALL LEVELS EXEMPLIFIES THE JOINT COMMITMENT THAT DOES EXIST, AND THAT WE ARE SURE WILL GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH,+ MR WEEKS SAID.

MR WEEKS THEN PLANTED A YOUNG TREE TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT. HE WAS JOINED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MR DONALD TSANG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE OF SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR WAI HON-LEUNG.

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ORAL ENGLISH COURSE FOR JOURNALISTS
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WORKING JOURNALISTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A COURSE IN ENGLISH ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO BE OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC FROM JUNE 1 TO 27.

THE COURSE IS AMONG OTHER TRAINING COURSES PLANNED BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) TO UPGRADE THE STANDARD OF JOURNALISTS IN HONG KONG.

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IT AIMS TO TRAIN JOURNALISTS TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN JOB-RELATED SITUATIONS.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE INCLUDE TECHNIQUES OF QUESTIONING AND INTERVIEWING, USE OF THE TELEPHONE, LISTENING COMPREHENSION SKILLS AND ORAL PRESENTATION.

LECTURES ON DIFFERENCES IN ACCENTS AMONG ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATIONS AND ON CONVERSATIONAL SKILLS WILL BE GIVEN, IN ADDITION TO LANGUAGE LABORATORY WORK.

PARTICIPANTS OF THE COURSE WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THREE THREE-HOUR SESSIONS IN THE MORNING EVERY WEEK. ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 21 AND THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD APPLY EARLY.

THE COURSE FEE IS \$875, BUT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS NEED PAY ONLY \$100, WITH THE BALANCE BEING BORNE BY THE VTC.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR FRANK NG, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD DURING OFFICE HOURS AT 5-8932341 EXT. 283. CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATION IS MAY 26.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SEARCH FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC TALENT

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MORE THAN 170 PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR EIGHT DAYS AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN PUBLIC SQUARE STREET FROM SUNDAY (MAY 13).

THE EXHIBITS ARE WINNING ENTRIES OF A PHOTO COMPETITION HELD LAST SEPTEMBER TO LOOK FOR TALENT IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION, WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM DAILY.

THE YAU MA TEI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SUSANNA TSOI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR YANG TZE-KIANG, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR NEW TOWN WORKS

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A SERIES OF ENGINEERING WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN FANLING SOON IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT.

THE WORKS INCLUDE REALIGNING A 2.7-KILOMETRE STRETCH OF THE MA WAT RIVER BETWEEN WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AND THE RIVER INDUS, TOGETHER WITH CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN BOX CULVERTS.

A 7.3-METRE WIDE BRIDGE WITH A 2.3-METRE WIDE FOOTPATH ON EACH SIDE AND A 3.5-METRE WIDE CYCLETRACK ON ONE SIDE WILL BE BUILT AS PART OF THE PROJECT, TOGETHER WITH SIX FOOT-BRIDGES, INCLUDING ONE FOR BOTH PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS, 10 KILOMETRES OF FOOTPATHS AND CYCLETRACKS AND FOUR CAR AND LORRY PARKS.

ABOUT 10 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED FOR INDUSTRIAL, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USES, AND ANOTHER 10 HECTARES OF RECREATIONAL LAND ALONG THE REALIGNED RIVER BANKS WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

THESE WORKS WILL PROVIDE FLOOD RELIEF TO THE ON LOK TSUEN AND WO HOP SHEK AREAS AS WELL AS LAND FOR VEHICLE PARKING, NEW INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND TAKE ABOUT THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT BY JUNE 22.

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TAI PO CYCLING PARK OPENS SUNDAY

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A NEWLY-COMPLETED TEMPORARY CYCLING PARK AT TAI PO FOR BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND BMX BICYCLES, WILL BE OPENED ON SUNDAY (MAY 13).

THE PARK IS LOCATED AT PLOVER COVE ROAD AND CAN BE EASILY REACHED BY CYCLISTS, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE 2 800 SQUARE-METRE PARK CAN ACCOMMODATE HUNDREDS OF CYCLISTS AT ONE TIME AND WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8 PM.

BUILT BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND NOW MANAGED BY THE NTSD, THE PARK IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS - FOR CONVENTIONAL BICYCLES AND FOR BMX BICYCLES.

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AIDED-PLACES OFFERED IN OUTWARD BOUND COURSES

GOVERNMENT HELP OF MORE THAN \$167 000 WILL BE AWARDED TO DESERVING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP COURSES HELD AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL.

THE SUM WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE PLACES IN A NUMBER OF COURSES JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE SCHOOL.

A TOTAL OF 272 AIDED-PLACES WILL BE OFFERED FOR COURSES TAKING PLACE BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER.

COURSE FEES RANGE FROM \$800 TO \$4 250, BUT A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT NEED PAY ONLY HALF OF THE FULL AMOUNT.

PEOPLE WISHING TO APPLY FOR THE AIDED-PLACES, INCLUDING THE HANDICAPPED, SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS EARLY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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SHA TIN CYCLE PARK OPENS SUNDAY

THE SHA TIN CYCLE PARK, RUN BY THE LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM SUNDAY (MAY 13).

SITUATED AT TIN SUM VALLEY, THE 2 200-SQUARE-METRE CYCLE PARK IS ONLY FIVE MINUTES' WALK FROM THE TAI WAI TEMPORARY RAILWAY STATION.

IT WILL BE A TRAINING GROUND FOR CYCLISTS AND WILL PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE 13-KILOMETRE CYCLE TRACK NETWORK IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAU HON-KIT, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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AFTER THE CEREMONY, MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG CYCLING ASSOCIATION WILL STAGE A BMY BICYCLE SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHA TIN CYCLE PARK AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (MAY 13).

A GOVERNMENT VAN AM2412 WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.15 AM FOR THE PARK.

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CENTRAL WATER LEAKAGE TESTS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 14) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY CAINE ROAD, LADDER STREET, PO HING FONG, KUI IN FONG, TAI PING SHAN STREET, BRIDGES STREET AND ABERDEEN STREET, INCLUDING U LAM TERRACE AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD POLICE QUARTERS.

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