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NORTH DISTRICT: A SLEEPING GIANT WITH VAST POTENTIAL

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NORTH DISTRICT, WHICH COMPRISES SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING, SHA TAU KOK AND TA KWU LING, IS A SLEEPING GIANT, A DEVELOPING AND PULSATIVE AREA WITH VAST POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF THE SHA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, MR CHEUNG REVIEWED THE DISTRICT'S OVERALL DEVELOPMENTS, AND LOOKED AHEAD INTO THE FUTURE.

"NORTH DISTRICT IS FAR FROM BEING THE BACKWATER OF HONG KONG. NOR IS IT SIMPLY A QUIET RURAL COMMUNITY TUCKED AWAY AT THE RELATIVELY INACCESSIBLE BORDER AREA," HE STRESSED.

"INDEED, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN AND TAI PO MORE OR LESS COMPLETED, THE THRUST OF DEVELOPMENT HAS SHIFTED NORTHWARDS ALONG THE RAIL LINE TO NORTH DISTRICT," HE SAID.

OUTLINING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BORDER TOWNSHIP OF SHA TAU KOK WITHIN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA, HE SAID A LOW DENSITY RURAL TOWNSHIP COMPLETE WITH DECENT AND LOW-COST PUBLIC HOUSING, MODERN AMENITIES AND FACILITIES WAS TAKING SHAPE.

"THE \$200 MILLION FACELIFT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY UPGRADE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE 3,900 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE TWO SHANTY SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS OF YIM LIU HA AND TSOI YUEN KOK," HE ADDED.

CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE I OF THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE COMPLETED IN JUNE, PROVIDING DECENT ACCOMMODATION AT A VERY LOW RENTAL FOR 1,500 PEOPLE FROM YIM LIU HA.

PHASE II IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN DECEMBER, WHILE THE REMAINING TWO PHASES WILL COME ON STREAM IN MARCH 1989 AND EARLY 1990 RESPECTIVELY.

A \$11 MILLION CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, EQUIPPED WITH MODERN FACILITIES, WOULD OPEN IN SEPTEMBER TO CATER FOR PUPILS FROM THE EXISTING SHA TAU KOK FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOL AND FOUR RURAL SCHOOLS OUTSIDE THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA, MR CHEUNG SAID.

"TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR PUPILS LIVING OUTSIDE THE CLOSED AREA TO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL, IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY FOR CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN REMOTER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES," HE ADDED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN AIR-CONDITIONED COMMUNITY HALL WITH A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE IN SHA TAU KOK TOWN BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE HALL WOULD PROVIDE A BASE FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE TO BRING ITS SERVICE TO THE DOORSTEPS OF THE RESIDENTS WITHIN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA AND ITS NEIGHBOURING ISLANDS, HE NOTED.

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TO RELIEVE THE SHORTAGE OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS AMENITIES IN SHA TAU KOK TOWN, A SIZABLE RECREATIONAL GROUND PROVIDING A SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCER PITCH, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A JOGGING TRAIL IS NEARING COMPLETION.

A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WILL BE IN OPERATION IN JUNE TO TIE IN WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FISHING FLEET IN SHA TAU KOK, A PERMANENT SHELTERED ANCHORAGE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

TURNING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN WHICH CURRENTLY ACCOMMODATED 110,000 PEOPLE, MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD SPENT OVER \$3 BILLION SO FAR, AND ANOTHER \$3 BILLION WOULD BE INVESTED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

HE SAID ON FULL DEVELOPMENT BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, THE POPULATION OF NORTH DISTRICT, WHICH AT PRESENT STOOD AT 150,000, WOULD RISE TO A STAGGERING 320,000.

ON TRANSPORT FACILITIES, MR CHEUNG SAID THE NEW TOWN'S ACCESSIBILITY TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA HAD BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED UPON COMPLETION OF THE 3.9 KILOMETRE FANLING BYPASS IN MID-1985 AT A COST OF \$180 MILLION.

ANOTHER SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD FROM FAN KAM IN SHEUNG SHUI TO AU TAU IN YUEN LONG WAS COMPLETED UP TO KAM TSIN AND KWU TUNG IN SHEUNG SHUI IN APRIL LAST YEAR, HE ADDED.

THIS WILL EVENTUALLY LINK UP WITH THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE FUTURE NEW BORDER CROSSING POINT AT LOK MA CHAU.

IN ADDITION, WIDENING OF MAN KAM TO ROAD INTO A STANDARD THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH TWO LANES FOR CHINA-BOUND TRAFFIC AND ONE LANE FOR HONG KONG-BOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE COMPLETED BY MAY.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR TO UPGRADE SHA TAU KOK ROAD TO A STANDARD DUAL CARRIAGEWAY.

WITH REGARD TO HOUSING, MR CHEUNG SAID NEARLY 60 PER CENT OF THE FANLING-SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN POPULATION WERE BEING ACCOMMODATED IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING SECTOR.

TWO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ARE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WORK ON ANOTHER ONE WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

TO KEEP ABREAST WITH THE NEEDS OF A GROWING POPULATION IN THE NEW TOWN, HE SAID, A FULL RANGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES INCLUDING A 1,200-BED DISTRICT HOSPITAL NEAR CHOI YUEN ESTATE AND A \$100 MILLION MAJOR SPORTS COMPLEX NEAR SHEK WU HUI IN SHEUNG SHUI WOULD BE BUILT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A 13-HECTARE TOWN PARK WITH AN ORIENTAL-STYLE ARTIFICIAL LAKE, SPORTS GROUND AND SITTING-OUT AREAS STRADDLING SHEK WU HUI AND LUEN WO HUI IN FANLING.

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HE ADDED THAT ON COMPLETION OF A \$52-MILLION SEVEN-STORY NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN FANLING IN MID-1990, IT WOULD BRING UNDER ONE ROOF NEARLY ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICES INVOLVED IN THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

MR CHEUNG STRESSED THAT IN REDEVELOPING SHA TAU KOK TOWN AND DEVELOPING FANLING-SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN, THE GOVERNMENT HAD NEVER DISREGARDED THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE 116 VILLAGES IN NORTH DISTRICT AS A PARALLEL EXERCISE.

"MUCH HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE IN THE PAST THROUGH THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE. MORE WILL BE DONE IN THE FUTURE," HE CONCLUDED.

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EASY TRAVEL SCHEME TO BENEFIT MORE PEOPLE

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FROM APRIL 1, ADULT HOLDERS OF VALID HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS WHICH DO NOT BEAR THE *** SYMBOL WILL ALSO BE EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHEN PASSING THROUGH HONG KONG'S COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM CHINA AND MACAU.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE CURRENT EASY TRAVEL SCHEME (ETS), ALL TRAVELLERS USING HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS (HKPIC) OR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS (HKIC) AT COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS.

BUT ONLY THOSE HOLDING IDENTITY CARDS WITH *** SYMBOL CAN FURTHER BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME BY BEING EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING A HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT.

"AFTER NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SYSTEM, HOLDERS OF VALID PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS WITHOUT THE *** SYMBOL WHO ARE OF THE AGE OF 18 OR OVER, CAN NOW ALSO BE EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHEN PASSING THROUGH HONG KONG'S COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS ON THEIR WAY TO AND FROM CHINA AND MACAU," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"HOWEVER, TRAVELLERS IN THIS CATEGORY ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED FOR THEIR DESTINATIONS."

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HE ADDED THAT TRAVELLERS WHO DO NOT USE THEIR HKPIC'S OR HKIC'S WHEN PASSING THROUGH COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS SHOULD PRODUCE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND COMPLETE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS.

THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME TO MACAU HAS BEEN IN OPERATION AT THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND SHAM SHUI PO PIER SINCE MAY 1 LAST YEAR.

IT IS ALSO OPERATIONAL AT LO WU, HUNG HOM, MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS FOR TRAVEL TO CHINA.

IT IS, HOWEVER, NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TAI KOK TSUI PIER AND HONG KONG-CHINA FERRY TERMINAL IN CENTRAL AS THESE ARE ONLY TEMPORARY IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE COMPUTERISED.

"ALL CHILDREN UNDER 18 AND ADULTS WHOSE IDENTITY CARDS HAVE BEEN PERFORATED, DEFACED, LOST OR THOSE WHO ARE EXEMPTED FROM IDENTITY CARDS SHOULD TRAVEL ON PROPER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHEN PASSING THROUGH THE COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TO HELP REDUCE WAITING TIME AT CONTROL POINTS, PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS ON BEHALF OF THEIR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT YET HAVE IDENTITY CARDS."

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HALL TO ACT AS DIRECTOR OF MARINE

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MR DERICK A. HALL WILL BE APPOINTED TO ACT AS DIRECTOR OF MARINE ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR WHEN MR GERALD HIGGINSON LEAVES THE DEPARTMENT. MR HALL IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE.

FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR HALL:

AGED 50. MR HALL JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN NOVEMBER 1965 AS A SURVEYOR OF SHIPS IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN NOVEMBER 1984.

MR HALL HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF MARINE ON MANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

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BRIEFINGS BEING HELD FOR LIVESTOCK FARMERS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF BRIEFING SESSIONS FOR LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED ON JUNE 24 THIS YEAR.

THE FIRST BRIEFING WAS HELD IN THE MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, LANTAU, THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THIRTY LIVESTOCK FARMERS WERE BRIEFED BY OFFICERS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS UNDER THE CONTROL SCHEME.

A SECOND BRIEFING HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN ANGLER'S BEACH ON MONDAY (MARCH 28) IN THE PAI MIN KOK VILLAGE OFFICE.

SIMILAR BRIEFINGS ARE IN THE PIPELINE FOR LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN TAI PO LAM CHUEN, TAI PO KAU, KWUN YUM SHAN, MAU TSO NGAM AND MAU TAK VILLAGE. THEY ARE PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH.

A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOLLOWING PROMULGATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS, CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS HAD RECEIVED A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES FROM FARMERS.

THIS BRIEFING EXERCISE WOULD GIVE FARMERS A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS DIRECTLY AND ALSO PROVIDE A VENUE FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN TO FARMERS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS UNDER THE CONTROL SCHEME.

THE BRIEFING EXERCISE HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LIAISON SECTION OF CNTA SPECIAL DUTIES DIVISION AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

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WORK OF CORRECTIONAL PANEL TO BE EXPANDED

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THE WORK OF THE YOUNG OFFENDER ASSESSMENT PANEL WILL BE EXPANDED TO COVER ALL COURTS, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CORRECTIONAL STAFF PARADE HELD AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, MR CHAN SAID THE YOUNG OFFENDER ASSESSMENT PANEL AT PRESENT DEALT ONLY WITH CASES FROM THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY AND THE JUVENILE COURTS.

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IT WAS SET UP LAST APRIL TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE SENTENCES AND TREATMENT FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

"IN 1987, THE PANEL HANDLED A TOTAL OF 133 CASES AND, IN VIEW OF ITS SUCCESS, PLANS ARE IN HAND TO EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES TO COVER ALL COURTS," MR CHAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL INCLUDE PROFESSIONALS FROM THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO SAID THE REVAMPED YOUNG OFFENDER'S PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE FURTHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR INMATES, INTRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR, WAS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT INMATES CONTINUE TO PERFORM VERY WELL INDEED IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS," HE SAID.

MR CHAN SAID THE INCLUSION OF SCOUTING IN TRAINING CENTRES IN THE PAST TWO YEARS HAD ALSO YIELDED PROMISING RESULTS.

THE SCOUTS HAD DONE WELL IN THE HONG KONG ANNUAL SCOUT RALLY LAST YEAR.

MR CHAN NOTED THAT TWO SCOUTS FROM TRAINING CENTRES WERE SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE 16TH WORLD JAMBOREE HELD IN AUSTRALIA IN DECEMBER.

IN ADDITION, 24 OTHERS HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE "YOUTH AT RISK" PROGRAMME CONDUCTED BY THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL, A PIONEER COURSE ORGANISED FOR INMATES.

THE COMMISSIONER REFERRED TO PROGRESS IN ADOPTING TWO REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR PRISONERS - THE RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION SCHEME AND THE PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

PREPARATORY WORK ON THE SCHEMES WAS UNDERWAY AND BOTH WERE EXPECTED TO BEGIN OPERATION IN JULY.

THE SCHEMES ARE INTENDED TO HELP PRISONERS TO RE-INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY.

"APPLICANTS WILL BE CAREFULLY SCREENED, AND I MUST STRESS THAT PRISONERS SO DISCHARGED WILL BE UNDER CLOSE SUPERVISION," MR CHAN SAID.

HE ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD LAUNCHED A NUMBER OF RESEARCH PROJECTS DURING THE YEAR TO FURTHER EXPLORE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF OFFENDERS' BEHAVIOUR, RESPONSES TO TREATMENT, RECIDIVISM AND OTHER RELATED AREAS.

THE FINDINGS HAD CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLY TOWARDS FURTHER REFINEMENT OF EXISTING CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES.

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"ONE OF THE AREAS BEING LOOKED INTO CONCERNS THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO EX-ADULT OFFENDERS FOLLOWING THEIR RELEASE FROM PRISON, AND THIS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SOME BEARING ON RECIDIVISM," MR CHAN ADDED.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, THE COMMISSIONER PRESENTED CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL TO 33 VETERAN STAFF. THE RECIPIENTS HAVE A TOTAL OF 914 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION, THERE WAS A PASSING-OUT OF 51 RECRUIT OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF BASIC TRAINING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

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DEVICE TO MINIMISE ELECTRICITY LEAKAGE DANGERS
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THE DANGERS OF ELECTRICITY LEAKAGE CAN BE GREATLY MINIMISED BY THE INSTALLATION OF A RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICE (RCD).

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR TONG KIN-WAH, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN "INSTALLATION IMPROVEMENT SEMINAR" ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

MR TONG EXPLAINED THAT THE SAFETY DEVICE CUT OFF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WHEN IT DETECTED A LEAKAGE UP TO A CERTAIN PREDETERMINED LEVEL. HENCE, CONSUMERS WERE, TO A LARGE EXTENT, PROTECTED FROM THE RISK OF BEING ELECTROCUTED.

HE SAID ELECTRICITY LEAKAGE WAS THE MAJOR CAUSE OF MANY ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS, RESULTING IN ELECTROCUTION AND SHOCK.

THIS APPLIED TO ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND IN PARTICULAR, IN CONSTRUCTION SITES WHERE RISKS WERE THE HIGHEST.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO FIND FROM PAST RECORDS THAT FEW ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS OCCURRED AT INSTALLATIONS WHERE RCD'S WERE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND FUNCTIONING," MR TONG SAID.

ALTHOUGH UNDER THE SUPPLY COMPANIES' SUPPLY RULES, SOCKET OUTLETS OF ALL NEW INSTALLATIONS AFTER JANUARY 1, 1985, WERE REQUIRED TO BE PROTECTED BY RCD'S, OVER A MILLION EXISTING INSTALLATIONS HAD NOT YET HAD THE SAFETY DEVICE INSTALLED.

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ATTENDING TODAY'S SEMINAR WERE ABOUT 300 LOCAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, MOST OF THEM MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION.

THEY WERE GIVEN AN IN-DEPTH LECTURE ON THE USE OF THE SAFETY DEVICE AND WERE ENCOURAGED TO ADVISE THEIR CONSUMERS TO INSTALL RCD'S FOR THEIR ADDED SAFETY.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO MAIN POWER COMPANIES ALSO PRESENTED TECHNICAL PAPERS ON THE SUBJECT.

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SPORTS AID FOUNDATION INVITES APPLICATIONS

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LOCAL AMATEUR SPORTSMEN REQUIRING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAN NOW APPLY TO THE SPORTS AID FOUNDATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEWLY FORMED SPORTS AID COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

SET UP WITH A \$10 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE FOUNDATION AIMS TO ASSIST ATHLETES WITH PROVEN ABILITY, OR WHO ARE CONSIDERED TO HAVE THE NECESSARY POTENTIAL, TO ACHIEVE HIGHER STANDARDS IN THEIR CHOSEN SPORT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ASSISTANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET A VARIETY OF EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, AND EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH TRAINING AND ATTENDANCE IN COMPETITIONS, EITHER LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE SPORTS AID COMMITTEE, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; OR FROM GOVERNING BODIES OF SPORT. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-458511.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD NORMALLY BE SUBMITTED TO THE SPORTS AID COMMITTEE THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY. THE FIRST BATCH OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN APRIL AND GRANTS WILL BE DISBURSED THE SAME MONTH, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SPORTS AID COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT ALSO ADMINISTERS THE SPORTS AID FOR THE DISABLED FUND, WHICH PROVIDES SIMILAR ASSISTANCE TO DISABLED ATHLETES.

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EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION RATES FOR NT LAND RAISED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION RATES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE INCREASED FROM APRIL 1.

THE RATE FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL BE \$127.2 PER SQUARE FOOT, COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT RATE OF \$109.2 PER SQUARE FOOT.

THE RATE FOR BUILDING LAND WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT RATE OF \$218.4 PER SQUARE FOOT TO \$258 PER SQUARE FOOT.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEW CURRENCY VALUES OF NEW TERRITORIES LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A/B) WOULD COME INTO EFFECT FROM APRIL 1.

THE VALUES REPRESENT AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT OVER THE PRESENT CURRENCY VALUES, DEPENDING ON THE YEAR THE LETTER B WAS ISSUED.

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PASSING OUT PARADE OF IMMIGRATION RECRUITS

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, TODAY (FRIDAY) INSPECTED A BATCH OF 136 IMMIGRATION SERVICE RECRUITS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PASSING OUT PARADE HELD AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON BAY.

THIRTY-TWO ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND 104 IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS HAVE COMPLETED INDUCTION COURSES WHICH COVERED A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS RANGING FROM IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PROCEDURES TO PHYSICAL EXERCISE AND FOOT-DRILL.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR BARNES SAID MEMBERS OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE WOULD CERTAINLY NEED TO BE PHYSICALLY FIT AND MENTALLY ALERT TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF DUTIES THAT HAD BECOME - AND CONTINUED TO GROW - MORE COMPLEX.

HE NOTED THAT THEY HAD TO FACE AN INCREASING WORKLOAD OF LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AS WELL AS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN TOURISTS. THERE WERE ALSO OTHER, LESS WELCOME TRAVELLERS COMING TO ENGAGE IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

ALSO, THEY HAD TO DEAL WITH THE MORE PREVALENT USE OF FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND MANY OTHER DELICATE ISSUES.

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WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS, THE NEW BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORT AND THE "EASY TRAVEL SCHEME", THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE HAD CHANGED TO EMBRACE NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND THE APPLICATION OF COMPLICATED LEGISLATION WHICH TOUCHED THE LIVES OF EVERYONE IN HONG KONG, MR BARNES ADDED.

WHILE CONGRATULATING THE RECRUITS FOR THEIR SMART BEARING AND TURNOUT IN THE PARADE, HE REMINDED THEM THAT AS LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THEY WOULD BE WORKING UNDER PRESSURE - THE PRESSURE OF TIME AND THE PRESSURE OF THE LAW ITSELF.

THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BE PROFICIENT AND TO COMBINE THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WITH, HUMANITY, COURTESY AND FLEXIBILITY, MR BARNES SAID.

DURING THE CEREMONY, BEST RECRUIT SHIELDS WERE PRESENTED TO THE BEST ALL-ROUND RECRUIT OF EACH OF THE SEVEN PASSING-OUT SQUADS ON PARADE.

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HK'S FIRE SERVICES AN EFFICIENT BRIGADE

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THE FINE REPUTATION OF THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES AS ONE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT FIRE BRIGADES IN THE WORLD IS THE RESULT OF HARD WORK AND EFFORTS OF THEIR PREDECESSORS, 26 GRADUATING STATION OFFICERS WERE TOLD TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A PASSING OUT PARADE OF THE OFFICERS HELD AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES, A LEADING BUSINESSMAN, DR CHENG YU-TUNG, SAID THAT MORE THAN 5,000 MEMBERS OF THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES HAD PASSED OUT FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL SINCE 1968.

"ALL OF THEM HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL, AND A HIGH STANDARD OF SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE AND ARE DECISIVE AND DEVOTED TO THEIR DUTIES," HE SAID.

"THESE CAPABLE OFFICERS IN EACH AND EVERY GENERATION MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO GROW AND EXPAND."

"YOU MUST UPHOLD THIS EXCELLENT TRADITION," DR CHENG ADDED.

AFTER REVIEWING THE PARADE, DR CHENG PRESENTED THE BEST RECRUIT AWARD TO STATION OFFICER KWOK CHI-FUNG.

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MORE AIDED NURSERIES IN PIPELINE

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A FURTHER 48 AIDED NURSERIES ARE PLANNED TO START OPERATION DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS, TAKING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSERY PLACES TO WELL OVER 30,000, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE FONG TAM YUEN LEUNG NURSERY, WHICH IS THE 20TH NURSERY OPERATED BY THE PO LEUNG KUK.

MR CHAMBERS NOTED THERE WAS A GROWING DEMAND FOR NURSERY PLACES, MAINLY BECAUSE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN WERE WORKING.

AT PRESENT, THERE WERE 223 NURSERIES, OF WHICH 146 WERE AIDED, PROVIDING DAY CARE SERVICES FOR ABOUT 26,000 CHILDREN BETWEEN TWO AND SIX YEARS OLD.

"THESE NURSERIES OFFER YOUNG CHILDREN A HAPPY AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY CAN PLAY TOGETHER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF QUALIFIED CHILD CARE WORKERS," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

"WITH CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE PROGRAMMES, NURSERIES CAN ALSO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH A VALUABLE FORM OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION.

"THEY THEREFORE PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPLEMENTING PARENTAL CARE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY IN SITUATIONS WHERE BOTH PARENTS GO OUT TO WORK, OR WHERE A SINGLE PARENT HAS TO SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN."

THE OPENING OF THE FONG TAM YUEN LEUNG NURSERY WILL PROVIDE 100 DAY CARE PLACES FOR CHILDREN OF FAMILIES MOVING INTO BELVEDERE GARDEN.

MR CHAMBERS THANKED THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR ITS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROVISION OF DAY CARE SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

"I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE FONG SHU FOOK TONG FOUNDATION FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION OF \$200,000, WHICH HAS BEEN USED TO PURCHASE THE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE NURSERY," HE ADDED.

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL STARTED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED TO CONDUCT THE MARCH 1988 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

THIS SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

AS FROM THIS ROUND, NEWLY DESIGNED FORMS WILL BE USED TO COLLECT MORE DETAILED EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL DATA.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 94,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS).

THERE WILL BE FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON MARCH 30 THIS YEAR WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JANUARY TO MARCH 1988.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE, AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES) WILL ALSO BE REQUESTED TO FURTHER PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KIND OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1988.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON 5-8235076.

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AS FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING JANUARY TO MARCH 1988, THEY WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELD OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THESE FIELD VISITS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234770.

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LIST OF 1989 GENERAL HOLIDAYS PUBLISHED

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THE LIST OF 1989 GENERAL HOLIDAYS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1989:

EVERY SUNDAY

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY	MONDAY	JANUARY 2
LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY	MONDAY	FEBRUARY 6
THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 7
THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 8
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY	MARCH 24
THE DAY FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY	SATURDAY	MARCH 25
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY	MARCH 27
CHING MING FESTIVAL	WEDNESDAY	APRIL 5
TUEN NG FESTIVAL	THURSDAY	JUNE 8
THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN	SATURDAY	JUNE 17
THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	MONDAY	JUNE 19

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THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST	SATURDAY	AUGUST 26
LIBERATION DAY, BEING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST	MONDAY	AUGUST 28
THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL	FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
THE DAY FOLLOWING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL	MONDAY	OCTOBER 9
CHRISTMAS DAY	MONDAY	DECEMBER 25
THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY	TUESDAY	DECEMBER 26

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NEWSPAPER, NEWS AGENCY REGISTRATION FEES REVISED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENT REGULATIONS RELATING TO FEES, AVENUES OF APPEALS AND THE AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PARTICULARS REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION FOR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS AGENCIES.

THEY ARE THE NEWS AGENCIES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1988, THE NEWSPAPERS REGISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1988 AND THE PRINTED DOCUMENTS (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1988.

THESE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WERE MADE UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ORDINANCE AND PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, THE DEPOSIT OF \$1,000 REQUIRED FOR THE REGISTRATION OF NEWS AGENCIES UNDER THE ORIGINAL REGULATIONS WAS REMOVED.

"THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR DEPOSITS TO BE MADE PRIOR TO THE REGISTRATION NEWSPAPERS UPON THE ENACTMENT OF THE REGISTRATION OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ORDINANCE IN MARCH LAST YEAR," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES FOR NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS AGENCIES WILL BE RAISED FROM \$100 TO \$450. ANCILLARY CHARGES FOR SEARCHES, EXTRACTS AND CHANGES OF PARTICULARS WILL BE REVISED AT \$15, \$65 AND \$45 RESPECTIVELY.

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"THESE FEES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH THE OVERALL POLICY OF RECOVERING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDMENTS PROVIDED FOR A UNIFORM PROCESS OF APPEAL TO THE GOVERNOR BY WAY OF PETITION.

UNDER THE AMENDING LEGISLATION, HE ADDED, THE POWERS OF EXEMPTION IN RESPECT OF ALL THREE SETS OF REGULATIONS WOULD BE VESTED IN THE REGISTRAR OF NEWSPAPERS.

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ROAD WORKS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO FANLING RAILWAY STATION

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO CARRY OUT ROAD WORKS IN THE VICINITY OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY FANLING STATION TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE STATION AND ADJACENT NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

THE PROPOSED WORKS, WHICH ARE PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWNS, INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, FOOTBRIDGES, AND GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS.

THEY ALSO INVOLVE THE MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE TO ACCOMMODATE A CYCLE TRACK AND TO REPLACE AN EXISTING TEMPORARY STAIRCASE WITH A PERMANENT ONE.

PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE EXISTING ACCESS THAT HAS TO BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

ALSO, THE TEMPORARY STAIRCASE OF THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE CORRESPONDING PERMANENT STAIRCASE.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AND AT THE NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE IN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BY MAY 24 THIS YEAR.

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REGULATIONS CONCERNING PLATINUM MARKING GAZETTED

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THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (MARKING) (PLATINUM) ORDER 1988 AND THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (DEFINITION OF PLATINUM) REGULATIONS 1988 MADE RESPECTIVELY UNDER SECTION 4(1) AND SECTION 33 OF THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR. THE GRACE PERIOD WILL ALLOW THE TRADE TO DISPOSE OF EXISTING STOCK OR TO HAVE IT MARKED.

THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (MARKING) (PLATINUM) ORDER 1988 WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (MARKING) (GOLD AND GOLD ALLOY) ORDER, WILL PROHIBIT THE SUPPLY OF ANY ARTICLE AS PLATINUM IF IT IS OF A FINENESS LESS THAN 850 PARTS OF PLATINUM IN 1,000 PARTS BY WEIGHT OF ALLOY.

PLATINUM ARTICLES WILL BE REQUIRED TO BEAR A MARK INDICATING THE FINENESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

TRADITIONALLY, THE CHINESE MARK "CHUK PAK KAM" HAS BEEN USED BY THE TRADE TO REPRESENT PURE PLATINUM AND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS SUCH BY CONSUMERS.

ACCORDINGLY "CHUK PAK KAM" WILL BE A MARK OF STIPULATED FINENESS, REPRESENTING NOT LESS THAN 990 PARTS BY WEIGHT OF PLATINUM IN 1,000 PARTS.

THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (MARKING) (PLATINUM) ORDER 1988 ALSO STIPULATES THAT THE MARKING OF ARTICLES OF DIFFERENT FINENESS SHOULD INDICATE EITHER THE FINENESS OF THE ARTICLE AS A WHOLE, OR THAT EACH PART SHOULD BE MARKED SEPARATELY.

IN THE CASE OF AN ARTICLE COMPRISING PARTS MADE OF PLATINUM AND OTHER METAL, THE ORDER STIPULATES THAT THE PARTS OF PLATINUM SHOULD BE MARKED SEPARATELY AND THE OTHER PARTS DESCRIBED IN THE INVOICE OR RECEIPT.

THE ORDER MAKES PROVISIONS FOR THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF FINENESS OF THE SOLDER WHICH, FOR TECHNICAL REASONS, MAY BE LESS THAN THAT OF THE MAIN BODY OF THE ARTICLE.

THE ORDER REQUIRES A SUPPLIER TO GIVE HIS CUSTOMER A RECEIPT CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE TRANSACTION AND TO DISPLAY IN HIS PREMISES A NOTICE AS SPECIFIED IN THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (MARKING) (PLATINUM) ORDER 1988 AND THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (DEFINITION OF PLATINUM) REGULATIONS 1988 STIPULATE THAT IN A MARKING INDICATION SURFACE TREATMENT OF PLATINUM, ANY WORD IN ADDITION TO THE WORD "PLATINUM" (THAT IS "PLATED") SHOULD NOT BE LESS PROMINENT THAN THE WORD "PLATINUM".

UNDER THE ORDER AND THE REGULATIONS AN ARTICLE WITH A PLATINUM SURFACE CANNOT BE MARKED AS PLATINUM.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE ORDER EXEMPTS THE SAME ITEMS AS THOSE EXEMPTED FROM THE DEFINITION REGULATIONS.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN APRIL
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 17 DAYS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
APRIL 11 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 12 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 13 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 14 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 15 (FRIDAY)	0.01 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 16 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 18 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 19 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 20 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 21 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 22 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 23 (SATURDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 25 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 26 (TUESDAY)	0.01 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 27 (WEDNESDAY)	0.01 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 28 (THURSDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 29 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR TSZ WAN SHAN, DIAMOND HILL AND SAN PO KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT LAND USE PROPOSALS IN THE DIAMOND HILL AND TAI HOM AREA WILL BE AMENDED TO DOVETAIL WITH THE REVISION IN THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PROPOSED TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND ITS APPROACH ROADS.

"OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO TAKEN TO AMEND THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE PLANNING SCHEME AREA TO ACCORD WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD BOUNDARY AND OTHER LAND USE CHANGES OUTSIDE TAI HOM AND DIAMOND HILL AREAS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENTS, WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE, CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PLAN MAY PRESENT OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY APRIL 15 THIS YEAR.

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HK ISLAND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHING MING
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHAI WAN, POK FU LAM AND ABERDEEN FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 3) THROUGH TUESDAY (APRIL 5).

THE SAME ARRANGEMENTS MAY ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED ON MARCH 27, APRIL 2, 9 AND 10 IF NECESSARY.

AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON ROADS NEAR THE CEMETERIES, GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE UTMOST CARE AND PATIENCE, OR TO VISIT THE CEMETERIES EARLY IN THE DAY.

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IN CHAI WAN, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC:

- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EAST OF LIN SHING ROAD, EXCEPT FOR HEARSEs;
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND CREMATORIUM FROM CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, EXCEPT FOR HEARSEs AND VEHICLES CARRYING PASSENGERS TO SERVICES AT THE CREMATORIUM;
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO CHAI WAN CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY.

IF NECESSARY, CAPE COLLINSON ROAD AND LIN SHING ROAD MAY ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION.

MEANWHILE, CAPE COLLINSON ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND; LIN SHING ROAD BETWEEN WAN TSUI ROAD AND CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND; AND THE EASTERN SECTION OF WAN TSUI ROAD BETWEEN CHAI WAN ROAD AND FEI TSUI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY.

NO PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON WAN TSUI ROAD, CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD BETWEEN CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE AND TAI TAM ROAD.

IN POK FU LAM, CONSORT RISE BETWEEN VICTORIA ROAD AND BISNEY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

IN ABERDEEN, PEEL RISE IN THE VICINITY OF ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. THE SLIP ROAD FROM SHEK PAI WAN ROAD LEADING TO THE CEMETERY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

CONCERNING BUS SERVICES, CMB ROUTE NO. 89 WILL OPERATE FROM SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS TO CHAI WAN CEMETERY (CIRCULAR) VIA CHAI WAN MTR STATION BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM AT INTERVALS OF FIVE OR 10 MINUTES.

ON APRIL 1, CMB ROUTE NO. 57 WILL OPERATE FROM CENTRAL (EXCHANGE SQUARE) TO CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY (CIRCULAR) BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5.52 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF SEVEN OR EIGHT MINUTES.

CMB ROUTES NO. 80, 81, 81M, 82, 83, 84, 780 AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 106 WILL BE RE-ROUTED, WHILE GMB ROUTES NO. 16M AND 18M WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AT AIRPORT

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TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, THE UPRAMP LEADING TO DEPARTURE CIRCUIT OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TODAY (FRIDAY) TO 5 AM TOMORROW.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DAILY BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR ABOUT 19 DAYS UNTIL APRIL 12.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, VEHICLES HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT WILL HAVE TO USE ARRIVALS ROAD.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF TSING LUN ROAD

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IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS REQUIRED FOR THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROJECT, TSING LUN ROAD IN TUEN MUN, AT ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 28) TO 5 AM THE NEXT DAY.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE ROAD P2, TSUN WEN ROAD AND TSING CHUNG KOON ROAD TO AND FROM TSING LUN ROAD.

KMB ROUTES NO. 59B AND 67M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD P2, TSUN WEN ROAD, TSING CHUNG KOON ROAD AND TSING LUN ROAD TO AND FROM SIU HONG COURT.

ROUTES NO. 61 AND 61A WILL HAVE TO OPERATE VIA ROAD P2 AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO AND FROM YUEN LONG.

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