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IMMIGRATION AMENDMENT BILLS

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DETAILS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW CONSEQUENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1982, IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1982, BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981 (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1982, AND THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982.

AS A RESULT OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981 (BNA 1981), FROM JANUARY 1, 1983, CITIZENSHIP OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES (CUKC) WILL BE REPLACED BY THREE SEPARATE CITIZENSHIPS. HONG KONG CUKCS WILL BECOME BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS (BDTCS).

THIS CATEGORY OF CITIZENSHIP WAS ACHIEVED LARGELY AS A RESULT OF STRONG AND PERSISTENT HONG KONG REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE GREEN PAPER ON BRITISH NATIONALITY LAW PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT IN 1977 BY THE HOME SECRETARY PROPOSED ONLY TWO CATEGORIES OF CITIZENSHIP, BRITISH CITIZENSHIP (BC) AND BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENSHIP (BOC). HONG KONG CUKCS WERE INCLUDED IN THE LATTER. THE BNA 1981 RETAINS BOC WHICH IS NOW FOR CUKCS WHO WILL QUALIFY NEITHER AS BDTCS NOR BCS ON JANUARY 1, 1983. SUCH CITIZENSHIP DOES NOT CARRY THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UK OR IN THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES. IT CANNOT BE ACQUIRED BY BIRTH OR PASSED ON BY DESCENT.

UNDER THE BNA 1981, BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENSHIP IS FOR THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES AS A WHOLE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1982 IS DESIGNED MAINLY TO ENSURE THAT ONLY THOSE BDTCS WHO ARE SUCH BY CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG WILL BE HONG KONG BELONGERS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT A HONG KONG BELONGER IS SOMEONE WHO HAS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG AND WHO CANNOT BE REMOVED OR DEPORTED FOR ANY REASON.

THE BILL PROVIDES THAT FROM JANUARY 1 NO ONE WILL BECOME A HONG KONG BELONGER UNLESS HE OR SHE IS A BDTC BY REASON OF CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG.

HOWEVER, AS A TRANSITIONAL MEASURE, ALL PERSONS WHO ARE HONG KONG BELONGERS AT DECEMBER 31, 1982, BUT WHO DO NOT BECOME BDTCS, WILL KEEP THEIR EXISTING RIGHTS AND CONTINUE TO BE HONG KONG BELONGERS, HE SAID.

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FOR EXAMPLE, CURRENTLY ANY BRITISH SUBJECT WHO IS THE SPOUSE OF A HONG KONG BELONGER IS AUTOMATICALLY A HONG KONG BELONGER AND WILL REMAIN SUCH UNDER THE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. BUT IN FUTURE A PERSON WHO MARRIES A HONG KONG BELONGER WILL NOT HIMSELF OR HERSELF BE A HONG KONG BELONGER UNLESS HE OR SHE IS A BDTC, OR BECOMES A BDTC BY NATURALISATION IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS FOR NATURALISATION IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE CONSIDERED, IF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN IN HONG KONG FOR THE THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE DATE OF APPLICATION AND IS FREE OF CONDITIONS OF STAY.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE NEED TO HAVE A CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG WILL MEAN THAT NOT EVERY CHILD BORN HERE IN FUTURE WILL BE A HONG KONG BELONGER.

CHILDREN BORN IN HONG KONG FROM JANUARY 1, 1983, WILL NOT BE HONG KONG BELONGERS BY BIRTH UNLESS AT LEAST ONE PARENT IS A HONG KONG BELONGER OR SETTLED IN HONG KONG.

+SETTLED+ MEANS BEING ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG AND NOT SUBJECT UNDER THE IMMIGRATION LAWS TO ANY CONDITION OF STAY.

THIS MEANS THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, CHILDREN BORN TO PARENTS WHO ARE VISITORS, VIETNAMESE REFUGEES OR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL NOT BE HONG KONG BELONGERS BY BIRTH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ASSUMING THE BILL IS ENACTED AS IT STANDS, HE ADDED, FEWER PEOPLE WILL QUALIFY AS HONG KONG BELONGERS FROM JANUARY 1, 1983 THAN WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN THE CASE.

PROVISIONS FOR THE IMMIGRATION CONTROL OF PERSONS BORN AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1982 IN HONG KONG TO NON-HONG KONG BELONGERS ARE CONTAINED IN THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1982. THIS WILL MEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, CHILDREN BORN TO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG WILL THEMSELVES BE REGARDED AS REFUGEES.

THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981 (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1982 SUBSTITUTES WHEREVER APPROPRIATE IN EXISTING LEGISLATION THE NEW TERMINOLOGY ADOPTED BY THE BNA 1981.

THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)(AMENDMENT) BILL WILL DEAL WITH THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SERVICES SUCH AS REGISTRATION AND NATURALISATION AS A BDTC. THESE FEES ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE AT PRESENT CHARGED FOR COMPARABLE SERVICES.

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BACKGROUND NOTE

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THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981 WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1983. BDTCS WILL, ON THAT DATE, BE ACQUIRED BY EXISTING CUKCS

- * WHO ARE SUCH BY BIRTH, NATURALISATION OR REGISTRATION IN AN EXISTING DEPENDENT TERRITORY;
- * WHO ARE THE CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN OF CUKCS, WHO ACQUIRED THAT STATUS BY BIRTH, NATURALISATION OR REGISTRATION IN AN EXISTING DEPENDENT TERRITORY;
- * WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO A MAN WHO BECOMES OR WOULD, BUT FOR HIS DEATH, HAVE BECOME A BDTC;
- * WHO WERE REGISTERED AS CUKCS OUTSIDE THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, WHILE THEY WERE MINORS, AND ONE OF WHOSE PARENTS BECOMES A BDTC;
- * WHO WERE REGISTERED AS CUKCS OUTSIDE THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES ON GROUNDS OF CONNECTION WITH AN EXISTING DEPENDENT TERRITORY.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1983, THE PRINCIPAL METHODS BY WHICH A PERSON MAY ACQUIRE BDTC WILL BE -

BY BIRTH (WITHIN OR WITHOUT A DEPENDENT TERRITORY)

- * A CHILD BORN IN THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES WILL BE A BDTC IF AT THE TIME OF THE BIRTH A PARENT IS A BDTC OR SETTLED IN THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES (I.E. ORDINARILY RESIDENT WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTION ON THE PERIOD FOR WHICH HE/SHE MAY REMAIN);
- * A CHILD BORN OUTSIDE THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES TO A BDTC WHO IS SERVING OUTSIDE THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES IN CROWN SERVICE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF A DEPENDENT TERRITORY WILL BE A BDTC SUBJECT TO RECRUITMENT HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN A DEPENDENT TERRITORY;
- * A CHILD BORN IN THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES WHO IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY A BDTC WILL BE ENTITLED TO BE REGISTERED AS A BDTC -
 - (A) IF, WHILE HE OR SHE IS A MINOR, EITHER PARENT BECOMES A BDTC OR SETTLED IN A DEPENDENT TERRITORY;
 - (B) AT ANY TIME AFTER HE ATTAINS THE AGE OF TEN IF HE HAS LIVED IN THE DEPENDENT TERRITORY FOR THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF HIS LIFE - ABSENCES UP TO 90 DAYS PER YEAR BEING DISREGARDED.

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A CHILD BORN OUTSIDE THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES WILL BE A BDTC IF AT THE TIME OF BIRTH A PARENT IS A BDTC OTHERWISE THAN BY DESCENT. (IN GENERAL THIS MEANS THAT A PARENT MUST HAVE ACQUIRED BDTC BY BIRTH, REGISTRATION, NATURALISATION OR ADOPTION IN A DEPENDENT TERRITORY).

THE EFFECT OF THIS PROVISION IS THAT BDTC WILL NOT NORMALLY BE ACQUIRED BY THE SECOND GENERATION BORN OUTSIDE THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES. HOWEVER, IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SECOND GENERATION BORN OUTSIDE THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES MAY ACQUIRE BDTC AT A SUBSEQUENT DATE BY REGISTRATION; SEE BELOW UNDER +BY REGISTRATION (MINORS)+.

BY NATURALISATION

AS AT PRESENT, APPLICATIONS FOR NATURALISATION MAY BE MADE AFTER FIVE YEARS' RESIDENCE. ADDITIONALLY, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WHO MARRY BDTCs WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR BDTC BY NATURALISATION AFTER THREE YEARS' RESIDENCE IN A DEPENDENT TERRITORY SUBJECT TO THEIR BEING FREE OF CONDITIONS OF STAY.

BY REGISTRATION (MINORS)

A CHILD BORN OUTSIDE THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES TO A PARENT WHO IS A BDTC BY DESCENT WILL HAVE AN ENTITLEMENT TO BDTC BY REGISTRATION IF -

- (A) THE FATHER, MOTHER AND CHILD RETURN TO A DEPENDENT TERRITORY AND ARE RESIDENT THERE FOR THREE YEARS, OR
- (B) A GRANDPARENT WAS, OR BUT FOR DEATH WOULD HAVE BEEN, A BDTC OTHERWISE THAN BY DESCENT AND THE PARENT HAD LIVED IN A DEPENDENT TERRITORY FOR THREE YEARS AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE CHILD'S BIRTH AND THE APPLICATION IS MADE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF BIRTH;

BY DISCRETIONARY REGISTRATION

THERE WILL BE DISCRETIONARY POWER TO REGISTER ANY CHILD AS A BDTC. THIS IS ANALOGOUS TO THE EXISTING DISCRETIONARY POWER TO REGISTER ANY CHILD AS A CUKC.

KCR CORPORATION BILL PUBLISHED

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DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION BILL, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 8). THE PROPOSED VESTING DATE OF THE CORPORATION IS JANUARY 1, 1983.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PREPARATION OF THE BILL HAD TAKEN ACCOUNT OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION ORDINANCE AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ORDINANCE.

+WHILE THERE ARE MANY PROVISIONS IN THE BILL WHICH ARE IDENTICAL TO THESE ORDINANCES, THERE ARE NECESSARILY DIFFERENCES,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT. +THESE INCLUDE THE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF AN EXISTING RAILWAY AS OPPOSED TO CONSTRUCTING A NEW ONE, TO CATER FOR THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS AND CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC, AND TO DEFINE MORE PRECISELY THE FINANCIAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CORPORATION AS A RESULT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THE MTRC ORDINANCE.+

AS IN THE CASE OF THE MTRC, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CORPORATION SHOULD BE A MANAGING BOARD COMPRISING A CHAIRMAN, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION AND BETWEEN FOUR AND EIGHT MEMBERS. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, AND THE CHAIRMAN AND THE OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CORPORATION WILL BE A PART-TIME APPOINTMENT AND THEREFORE THE CHAIRMAN WILL NOT BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

THE CORPORATION WILL BE EMPOWERED GENERALLY TO OPERATE AS WELL AS TO EXTEND AND IMPROVE THE EXISTING RAILWAY, ALTHOUGH ANY EXTENSION BEYOND THE EXISTING RAILWAY BOUNDARY WILL REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL. THE BILL ALSO ENABLES THE CORPORATION GENERALLY TO IMPROVE OR DEVELOP FOR NON-RAILWAY PURPOSES THE RAILWAY LAND VESTED IN IT OR ANY LAND WHICH IT MAY ACQUIRE.

FOLLOWING THE MTRC PRECEDENT, THE CORPORATION WILL HAVE THE POWER TO DETERMINE ITS OWN FARES AND CHARGES. IT WILL ALSO BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE BUSES OR OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORT SERVICES TO AND FROM RAILWAY PREMISES, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS SERVICES ORDINANCE.

THE DUTIES OF THE CORPORATION INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT TO EXERCISE ITS POWERS HAVING REGARD TO THE REASONABLE NEEDS OF THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM OF HONG KONG. +THIS MEANS THAT WHILE THE CORPORATION WILL BE EXPECTED TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINARY COMMERCIAL PRINCIPLES, IT WILL BE PRECLUDED FROM MAXIMISING ITS RETURN ON THE ASSETS EMPLOYED BY, FOR EXAMPLE, SEEKING TO OBTAIN MORE REVENUE BY CHARGING HIGHER FARES AND CARRYING FEWER PASSENGERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

/THE BILL

THE BILL INCLUDES THE IMPORTANT PROVISIONS ENABLING THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO GIVE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO THE CORPORATION IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. IF ANY DIRECTION REQUIRES THE CORPORATION TO ACT CONTRARY TO PRUDENT COMMERCIAL PRINCIPLES IT WILL BE ENTITLED TO REASONABLE COMPENSATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL HAVE THE DISCRETIONARY POWER TO DETERMINE A TARGET RATE OF RETURN IF HE CONSIDERS THAT THE CORPORATION IS NOT ACHIEVING SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES. HE MAY ALSO GIVE DIRECTIONS AS TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CORPORATION'S INVESTMENTS ARE MADE. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CORPORATION, MAY ORDER THE PAYMENT OF ANY EXCESS PROFIT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE ESTIMATE OF THE INITIAL CAPITAL, WHICH WILL BE QUANTIFIED IN PRECISE TERMS AFTER THE CORPORATION COMES INTO OPERATION, IS \$4.2 BILLION. THIS INCLUDES THE VALUE OF ASSETS TRANSFERRED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COST OF COMPLETING THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY.

PROVISION IS MADE IN THE BILL FOR THE CREATION OF AN INTEREST BEARING DEBT DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF \$1 BILLION, TO BE PAID FROM THE DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND. THE AMOUNT DERIVES FROM DETAILED STUDIES OF THE ANTICIPATED REVENUES OF THE CORPORATION OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS WHICH WERE UNDERTAKEN TO ARRIVE AT A FINANCIAL STRUCTURE THAT WOULD ALLOW THE CORPORATION TO BECOME A COMMERCIALY VIABLE ORGANISATION IN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME. THE RATE OF INTEREST ON THE DEBT AND THE REPAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CORPORATION.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL GUARANTEE THE CORPORATION'S DEBT UP TO A FURTHER \$500 MILLION, WHICH MAY BE INCREASED BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE BILL INCLUDE POWERS TO ENHANCE RAILWAY SAFETY. +FOR EXAMPLE, THE CORPORATION WILL HAVE THE RIGHT OF ENTRY TO ANY LAND ADJOINING THE RAILWAY TO LOP OR REMOVE TREES CAUSING AN OBSTRUCTION OR CONCEALING A SIGNAL, A POWER WHICH IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY WITH AN ELECTRIFIED RAILWAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HK FACING NEW CHALLENGE IN KEEPING BIRTH-RATE DOWN: BREMRIDGE
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HONG KONG IS NOW FACING A NEW CHALLENGE IN KEEPING DOWN THE FERTILITY RATE, AS A RESULT OF THE BIG INFLUX OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION, MR BREMRIDGE POINTED OUT THAT ABOUT 600 000 CHINESE IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED DURING THE 1970'S, NEARLY 400 000 OF THEM BETWEEN 1978 AND 1981, AND THERE WERE ALSO MANY VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEES.

+COMPARED WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION, THEY ARE LESS EDUCATED AND HAVE HIGHER FERTILITY. CLEARLY THEY WILL HAVE A MARKED IMPACT ON THE FERTILITY PERFORMANCE OF THE POPULATION IF NOTHING IS DONE TO CHANGE THIS.

+I AM GLAD THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS ALREADY LANSCHED PROGRAMMES FOR THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, AND HAS EXPLORED VARIOUS APPROACHES TO REACH THE CHINESE IMMIGRANTS,+ HE SAID.

MR BREMRIDGE SAID THERE HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN POPULATION IN THE PAST THREE DECADES.

IN THE 1950'S FERTILITY REMAINED HIGH, MORTALITY LOW AND DECLINING AND INWARD MIGRATION WAS THE SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE POPULATION GROWTH.

+THE NEXT TEN YEARS SAW A MARKED FALL IN THE RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH; 2.3 PER CENT GROWTH BETWEEN 1961 AND 1971 AS AGAINST 4.5 PER CENT FOR 1951-61.

+THIS WAS THE RESULT OF A SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE IN FERTILITY RATES AND A RELATIVELY LOW RATE OF MIGRATION AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS PERIOD,+ HE SAID.

IN THE LAST DECADE; FERTILITY DECLINED FURTHER AND THERE WAS A REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF NATURAL INCREASE, BUT WITH A LARGE INFLUX OF MIGRANTS FROM 1978 TO 1980, THE POPULATION PASSED THE FIVE MILLION MARK, REACHING 5.2 MILLION THIS YEAR.

MR BREMRIDGE SAID THAT, WITHOUT THIS DECLINE IN FERTILITY IN THE PAST 20 YEARS, THE POPULATION WOULD HAVE INCREASED AT A FASTER RATE AND BY NOW WOULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT 6.5 MILLION.

HE SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT THE PRESENT STANDARD OF LIVING COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IF THERE WERE AN INCREASE OF ALMOST ONE-AND-A-HALF MILLION MORE PEOPLE AGED UNDER 20.

+THIS BRIEF REVIEW OF THE PERIOD 1951-1981 SHOWS HOW IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY WAS THE DECLINE IN FERTILITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG; AND THE FERTILITY DECLINE WAS IN LARGE MEASURE A RESULT OF THE GOOD WORK OF YOUR ASSOCIATION, WHICH HAS TIRELESSLY PROMOTED FAMILY PLANNING THROUGHOUT THE PAST 25 YEARS,+ HE SAID.

MR BREMRIDGE

MR BREMRIDGE STRESSED THAT IT HAD BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S PRACTICE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF FAMILY PLANNING AND THIS WOULD CONTINUE.

+TO THIS END, WE HAVE PARTICIPATED DIRECTLY IN THE PROVISION OF FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES SINCE 1973. THE CLOSE COLLABORATION IN THIS FIELD BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION AND THE GOVERNMENT BROUGHT HONG KONG'S FERTILITY RATES DOWN TO A LEVEL SLIGHTLY BELOW THOSE REQUIRED FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE POPULATION BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 1980'S.

+ALL THIS HAPPENED IN THE WAY PEOPLE DESIRED WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO INDUCE COUPLES TO HAVE SMALLER FAMILIES,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG IS A FREE SOCIETY AND IT IS THE PARENTS THEMSELVES WHO DECIDE HOW MANY CHILDREN THEY WILL HAVE AND WHEN THEY WILL HAVE THEM, MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

IF THE PARENTS WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY MOTIVATED, NO PLANNING PROGRAMME WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. IT WAS ONLY THROUGH EFFECTIVE PUBLICITY THAT COUPLES WERE EDUCATED TO PLAN THE SIZE OF THEIR FAMILIES, AND IT WAS IN THIS AREA THAT THE ASSOCIATION MADE ITS GREATEST CONTRIBUTION, MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

LARGELY THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION'S PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION EFFORTS, NEARLY THREE OUT OF EVERY FOUR MARRIED COUPLES IN HONG KONG ARE NOW PRACTISING FAMILY PLANNING.

+THIS IS INDEED A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT,+ HE ADDED.

MR BREMRIDGE SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF FEMALES IN THE FERTILE AGES WOULD CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN THE NEXT TWO DECADES, THOUGH AT A SLOWER RATE.

+WITH THE PROSPECTS OF AN EVER-INCREASING POPULATION WHO ARE IN NEED OF FAMILY PLANNING EDUCATION AND SERVICES, THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE OF PARAMOUNT VALUE AND IMPORTANCE,+ HE SAID.

THE BATTLE WAS STILL FAR FROM BEING WON, BUT HE WAS SURE THAT THE ASSOCIATION WAS ALWAYS PREPARED TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES, MR BREMRIDGE SAID, EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR THE GOOD WORK IT HAD DONE FOR HONG KONG.

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OPENING OF CAT SCANNER AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL
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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, NO MATTER HOW ADVANCED AND SOPHISTICATED, ARE ONLY DIAGNOSTIC AIDS AND NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR SKILL AND CLINICAL ACUMEN OF GOOD PHYSICIANS, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COMPUTERISED AXIAL TOMOGRAPHY SCANNER AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, HE ADVISED DOCTORS TO DEVELOP CLINICAL SKILLS THROUGH THE TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF TAKING A GOOD HISTORY AND EXAMINING THE PATIENT WITH DUE CARE FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS.

+MACHINES ARE BUT ONLY GOOD AIDS TO OUR BASIC ART OF DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT,+ HE STRESSED.

+CLINICAL ACUMEN RATHER THAN BLIND DEPENDENCY ON HIGH TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT, NO MATTER HOW EXPENSIVE AND EFFICIENT, WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE THE MAINSTAY OF THE TRAINING OF A GOOD DOCTOR AND WOULD CERTAINLY IN THE END BE OF BENEFIT TO OUR PATIENTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE CAT SCANNER IS THE FIRST OF SUCH EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED IN MAJOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AT A COST OF SOME \$6 MILLION. ACCORDING TO DR THONG, THERE ARE PLANS TO PROVIDE SIMILAR EQUIPMENT IN ALL THE OTHER REGIONAL HOSPITALS.

AS THE SCANNER AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL WILL HAVE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR THE TIME BEING, THE DIRECTOR APPEALED TO THE STAFF USING IT TO EXERCISE DUE CARE AND JUDGEMENT WHEN REQUESTING FOR SCANNING AID IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR PATIENTS.

DR THONG WENT ON TO SAY THAT MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCEMENT IN MEDICAL SCIENCE HAVE GREATLY INCREASED THE ABILITY OF PHYSICIANS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND EVEN TO PROLONG IT.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, ACHIEVEMENTS SUCH AS THE CAT SCANNER, SOMETIMES CALLED THE LATEST AMERICAN DREAM MACHINE, DO NOT COME CHEAPLY.

HE SAID THAT THE COST OF USING THE MACHINE ONCE ON A PATIENT IS ABOUT \$1 000, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MANPOWER INVOLVED AND EXCLUDING THE COST OF SENDING PROFESSIONAL STAFF OVERSEAS FOR TRAINING IN OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT.

THE DIRECTOR POINTED OUT THAT WITH RISING EXPECTATION, THE PUBLIC HAVE COME TO EXPECT THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF MEDICAL CARE IN LARGE QUANTITY AS A RIGHT.

THE PROBLEMS OF PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY CARE AND TRYING TO MEET THE EVER-RISING DEMANDS ARE ENORMOUS, HE SAID.

DR THONG CITED EXAMPLE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL WHERE THE COST OF KEEPING SUCH AN INSTITUTION RUNNING SMOOTHLY WITH ITS REQUIREMENTS OF TRAINED MANPOWER, ACCOMMODATION AND EQUIPMENT, SPIRALS YEAR AFTER YEAR.

UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, HEALTH AUTHORITIES, LIKE ANY OTHER ORGANISATIONS, HAVE TO WORK WITHIN A FINITE FINANCIAL LIMIT.

+THIS CONSTITUTES THE CHALLENGE ON THE ONE HAND OF MAKING ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR THE BASIC BUT ESSENTIAL FIELD OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, AND ON THE OTHER, OF TRYING TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE LATEST ADVANCES IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AND SOPHISTICATIONS,+ HE SAID.

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LORD BELSTEAD ARRIVES ON MONDAY

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LORD BELSTEAD, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, IS DUE TO ARRIVE ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 6) FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT ON HIS WAY TO BANGKOK WHERE HE WILL ATTEND A MEETING OF HEADS OF UK MISSIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE FAR EAST.

LORD BELSTEAD IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT KAI TAK AIRPORT ON FLIGHT CX 200 (STA 9.15 AM). HE WILL BE GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED TO COVER LORD BELSTEAD'S ARRIVAL. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV CAMERAMEN WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING BY 8.15 AM.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

EDITORS ARE ADVISED THAT LORD BELSTEAD WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS AT THE AIRPORT, BUT IS EXPECTED TO GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON DECEMBER 10.

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BETTER LIGHT BUSES EXPECTED

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THE PUBLIC MAY IN THE NEAR FUTURE SEE THE PHASING IN OF NEWER, SAFER, MORE POWERFUL AND MORE COMFORTABLE LIGHT BUSES.

SOME OPERATORS HAVE BEEN KEEN TO SWITCH TO NEW MODELS OF LIGHT BUSES, BUT THE OBSTACLE HAS BEEN THE DEFINITION IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE WHICH RESTRICTS A LIGHT BUS TO A MAXIMUM 2-TON UNLADEN WEIGHT.

IT WAS THE INTENTION TO REMOVE THIS OBSTACLE IN THE GENERAL REVISION OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION, BUT THIS CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL APRIL 1984.

HOWEVER, IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1982 PUBLISHED TODAY, THE RAISING OF THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT AND DIMENSIONS OF LIGHT BUSES CAN EFFECTIVELY BE BROUGHT FORWARD.

UNDER THE BILL, REFERENCE TO A 2-TON UNLADEN WEIGHT LIMIT WILL BE DELETED FROM THE DEFINITION OF A LIGHT BUS ALTHOUGH ITS SEATING CAPACITY WILL REMAIN AT 14.

IF THE BILL IS ENACTED, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE ABLE ON APPLICATION FROM OPERATORS TO REGISTER LIGHT BUSES UP TO FOUR TONS IN GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT AND UP TO SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH, THREE METRES IN HEIGHT AND 2.3 METRES IN WIDTH.

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SIMPLIFIED CREMATION PROCEDURES SOON

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REGULATIONS TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCEDURES OF APPLYING FOR A CREMATION PERMIT ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTORY FORMS IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CREMATION AND GARDENS OF REMEMBRANCE (NEW TERRITORIES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1982 ARE AIMED AT EXPEDITING THE ISSUE OF CREMATION PERMITS TO THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED CREMATED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE AMENDMENTS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE AND THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION WHEN THE URBAN COUNCIL INTRODUCES CORRESPONDING AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE THREE STATUTORY FORMS IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EXISTING REGULATIONS.

ONE OF THE FORMS IS USED BY THE BEREAVED FAMILY TO APPLY FOR A CREMATION PERMIT WHILE ANOTHER IS USED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TO AUTHORISE CREMATION OF THE REMAINS.

THESE TWO STATUTORY FORMS REQUIRE THE APPLICANT AND THE AUTHORISING OFFICER TO SPECIFY THE NAME OF A GOVERNMENT CREMATORIUM IN RESPECT OF WHICH A CREMATION PERMIT IS TO BE GRANTED.

THE NEW REGULATIONS REMOVE THIS REQUIREMENT, SO THAT THE APPLICANT WILL NOT HAVE TO RETURN TO THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE FOR AMENDMENT OF THE FORMS IN CASE OF ANY CHANGE IN THE PLACE OF CREMATION.

THE THIRD FORM IS ISSUED BY THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER TO APPROVE CREMATION OF THE REMAINS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRE A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER TO CERTIFY ON THIS FORM WHETHER ANY CARDIAC PACEMAKER OR RADIOACTIVE OR OTHER IMPLANT HAS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BODY BEFORE CREMATION.

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HOME OFFICE DIRECTOR-GENERAL PRISON SERVICE ARRIVES

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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE PRISON SERVICE IN ENGLAND AND WALES, MR D.J. TREVELYAN, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR AN EIGHT-DAY VISIT. HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE.

DURING HIS STAY, MR TREVELYAN WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR T.G. GARNER, ON THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS. HE WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND SEE SOME OF THE PROGRAMMES FOR OFFENDERS RUN BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 8), HE WILL BE THE INSPECTING OFFICER AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUIT OFFICERS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

HONG KONG IS THE LAST LEG OF MR TREVELYAN'S FAR EAST TOUR DURING WHICH HE HAS VISITED CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND.

HE WILL RETURN TO ENGLAND ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 10).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR TREVELYAN WILL MEET THE MEDIA IN THE GIS THEATRE AT 2.30 PM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 9).

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SERVICES TO HELP YOUNG STUDENTS

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EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO INTEGRATE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION ELEMENTS INTO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF CHEUNG CHUK SHAN COLLEGE, MR ALLEYNE SAID THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES WERE WORKING TOGETHER ON THE PLANS.

HE SAID THAT AS FAR AS MANPOWER ALLOWED, THE S.W.D. WAS TRYING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WORKERS AND TO DRAW UP PRIORITIES FOR DEVELOPING RESOURCE MATERIALS SO AS TO MAKE THE SERVICE MORE EFFECTIVE.

HE NOTED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCED A SERIES OF PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CHANGES WHEN THEY STEPPED INTO ADOLESCENCE, WHICH WAS SOMETIMES CALLED AN AGE OF +STORM AND STRESS+.

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+THROUGH A TERRITORY-WIDE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AND MASS ACTIVITY PROGRAMMES, WE TRY TO HELP ADOLESCENTS TO ACQUIRE THE RIGHT ATTITUDES AND VALUES TOWARDS LIFE, TO UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS IN FRIENDSHIP AND IN COURTSHIP, AND TO UNDERTAKE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THEMSELVES AND THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE,+
MR ALLEYNE SAID.

+THESE ARE ALL STEPS TOWARDS THE BUILDING OF A HEALTHY AND STABLE SOCIETY FOR US ALL IN HONG KONG.+

MR ALLEYNE ALSO SPOKE OF ANOTHER SERVICE -- SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK -- TO HELP STUDENTS OVERCOME ANY DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT HINDER THEIR ACADEMIC, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

+IT ALSO PREPARES YOUNG PEOPLE FOR A RESPONSIBLE ADULTHOOD AND TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL TO THE FULL,+ HE SAID.

APART FROM THIS, THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WAS CONCERNED TO FOSTER BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION AMONG STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS THROUGH SPECIAL PROGRAMMES AND GROUP ACTIVITIES.

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INTELPOST SERVICE
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ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 6), THE POST OFFICE WILL ENTER THE AGE OF ELECTRONIC MAIL BY LAUNCHING ITS INTELPOST SERVICE. THE SERVICE WILL PROVIDE FOR THE HIGH SPEED TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS, DRAWINGS, ETC. BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM ON THAT DAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CONFERENCE. HE WILL ALSO EXCHANGE OVER THE NEW ELECTRONIC MAIL LINK AN INAUGURAL MESSAGE WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH POST OFFICE, MR R.E. DEARING.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NEW POST OFFICE IN TAIKOO SHING

A NEW POST OFFICE WILL BE OPENED AT THE CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON (DECEMBER 9) TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAU KEI WAN KAIFONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR CHEUNG KAM-TIM; THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, EASTERN, MR LUI HAU-TUEN WILL JOINTLY PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY.

LOCATED IN SHOP UNIT NO. 002 ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF CITYPLAZA, THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OPENED IN HONG KONG TO 90. IT WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT 2.15 PM ON THAT DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW POST OFFICE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 12 NOON ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 9).

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LONG-SERVING OFFICER RETIRES

ONE OF THE LONGEST SERVING OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR T.C. CHAU, RETIRED TODAY (FRIDAY) AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE.

MR CHAU JOINED THE CO-OPERATIVE AND MARKETING DEPARTMENT AS A CO-OPERATIVE OFFICER IN 1957 AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS A FILM PRODUCER.

WHEN THE CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WAS MERGED WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT IN 1964, MR CHAU CONTINUED IN CO-OPERATIVE WORK.

IN 1968 HE WAS SENT TO READING UNIVERSITY WHERE HE COMPLETED A DIPLOMA COURSE IN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION METHODS.

MR CHAU WAS APPOINTED AGRICULTURAL OFFICER AND LATER PROMOTED TO SENIOR AGRICULTURAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION.

AT A FAREWELL PARTY THIS EVENING, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH MR CHAU WAS LEAVING THE DEPARTMENT, HE WAS NOT RETIRING COMPLETELY.

MR CHAU WILL TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT WITH THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION, AND +WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT+, MR RIDDELL-SWAN ADDED.

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GRADUATING FIREMEN URGED TO BE TOLERANT

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED GRADUATING FIREMEN TO BE TOLERANT WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES AND NOT TO EXPECT ANY GRATITUDE FOR DOING THEIR JOB.

+YOU WILL RECEIVE LITTLE THANKS OR GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICES YOU PERFORM AND POSSIBLY YOU WILL BE CRITICISED BECAUSE YOU FAILED TO SAVE SOMEONE'S HUT OR BELONGINGS,+ HE SAID.

MR HOLMES WAS SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF FOUR SQUADS OF FIREMEN WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED THEIR 13-WEEK INITIAL TRAINING AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

HE TOLD THEM TO TAKE HEED OF THE WORD +INITIAL+.

+UNTIL THE DAY YOU RETIRE OR LEAVE THE SERVICE, YOU WILL BE LEARNING - ON STATIONS, TAKE HEED OF YOUR SENIOR OR PRINCIPAL FIREMEN - WATCH HOW THEY BEHAVE AT EMERGENCIES AND DO NOT BE SHY OF SEEKING ADVICE,+ HE ADDED.

MR HOLMES LATER PRESENTED THE BEST RECRUIT AWARD TO FIREMAN CHAN CHI-FAI AND WITH OTHER GUESTS, WATCHED A FIRE DRILL STAGED BY THE NEW FIREMEN.

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FIRE PREVENTION IN SHAM SHUI PO THAS STEPPED UP

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EIGHT +FIRE WATCH+ TEAMS HAVE BEEN FORMED RECENTLY IN FIVE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN SHAM SHUI PO TO STEP UP FIRE PREVENTION WORK.

EACH TEAM COMPRISES ABOUT 20 THA RESIDENTS WHO WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FUNDED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

THEY WILL UNDERGO TRAINING BY STAFF OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING TALKS AND FILM SHOWS ON FIRE PREVENTION, HANDLING OF EQUIPMENT, AND HOW TO HELP RESIDENTS TO EVACUATE DURING A FIRE.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT TWO MAJOR FIRES BROKE OUT IN TAI WOH PING AND PAK TIN THAS LAST YEAR RESULTING IN HEAVY LOSSES.

+WE FEEL THAT MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO FIRE PREVENTION WORK IN THESE AREAS BEFORE THE START OF THE DRY SEASON,+ HE SAID.

THE FIVE THAS ARE IN PAK TIN, CORNWALL STREET, FORTUNE STREET, TAI WOH PING AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WITH A COMBINED POPULATION OF MORE THAN 10 000.

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THERE ARE THREE +FIRE WATCH+ TEAMS IN PAK TIN, TWO IN CORNWALL STREET AND ONE EACH IN THE OTHER THREE THAS, DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE POPULATION IN EACH OF THESE AREAS.

AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE EIGHT TEAMS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 5) AT 2.30 PM AT THE SHEK KIP MEI PARK DURING WHICH A FIRE PREVENTION DRIVE FEATURING A PHOTO EXHIBITION, FIRE-FIGHTING DEMONSTRATIONS AND A VARIETY SHOW WILL ALSO BE HELD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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SUNDAY CARNIVAL IN SHA TIN

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A FREE-FALL PARACHUTE DROP BY MEMBERS OF THE +FLYING DRAGON+ OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE WILL HIGHLIGHT THE TIN SUM VALLEY CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 5) AFTERNOON AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB TEMPORARY SPORTS GROUND.

OVER 3 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE HALF-DAY EVENT, WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE TIN SUM VALLEY AREA COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CARNIVAL WILL START AT 1.30 PM FOLLOWING A CURTAIN-RAISER BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND.

APART FROM THE PARACHUTING PERFORMANCE, THERE WILL BE NUMEROUS DISPLAYS INCLUDING A DEMONSTRATION OF FIRE ENGINES BY STAFF OF THE SHA TIN FIRE STATION AND THE FLYING OF A HOT-AIR BALLOON.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES STALLS, CHINESE DANCE BY THE SHA TIN JUNIOR POLICE CALL AS WELL AS A SINGING PERFORMANCE BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$1 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SUN TIN WAI COMMUNITY HALL AND THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TIN SUM VALLEY CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB TEMPORARY SPORTS GROUND (OPPOSITE JIT MIN ESTATE) ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 5) BETWEEN 1.30 PM AND 4.30 PM. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR +WALK FOR MILLIONS+
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN WAN CHAI, HAPPY VALLEY AND SO KON PO ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 5) IN CONNECTION WITH THE +WALK FOR MILLIONS+ ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

TRAFFIC ON A NUMBER OF ROADS WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM 7.30 AM TO 5.30 PM AS FOLLOWS:

EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD FROM GOVERNMENT STADIUM TO TUNG LO WAN ROAD; BROADWOOD ROAD FROM VENTRIS ROAD TO LINK ROAD; BLUE POOL ROAD FROM SING WOO ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD; MOUNT BUTLER ROAD FROM TAI HANG ROAD TO PERKINS ROAD; GREEN LANE FROM BLUE POOL ROAD TO BROOM ROAD; AND LINK ROAD FROM BROADWOOD ROAD TO CAROLINE HILL WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND.

CAROLINE HILL ROAD FROM LEIGHTON ROAD TO GOVERNMENT STADIUM WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY EASTBOUND.

BLUE POOL ROAD FROM SING WOO ROAD TO TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND.

TAI HANG ROAD FROM STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO MOUNT BUTLER ROAD AND BROOM ROAD FROM BLUE POOL ROAD TO GREEN LANE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY WESTBOUND.

ALSO FROM 7.30 AM TO 5.30 PM THAT DAY, VENTRIS ROAD, TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD NEAR REPULSE BAY ROAD, MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE, PRICE ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD SOUTH OF TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT ACCESS VEHICLES TO LOCAL PREMISES.

AT THE SAME TIME, NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE MOUNT PARKER ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, CMB NO. 19 ON JOURNEYS TO THE TEMPORARY TERMINUS AT BROOM ROAD WILL TRAVEL VIA SING WOO ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD. ON RETURN JOURNEYS TO NORTH POINT FERRY, THE ROUTE WILL OPERATE VIA GREEN LANE, BLUE POOL ROAD AND SING WOO ROAD.

CMB NO. 11, BEING A CIRCULAR ROUTE, WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TAI HANG ROAD, MOUNT BUTLER ROAD AND PERKINS ROAD.

MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 5 WILL OPERATE VIA STUBBS ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST INSTEAD OF BLUE POOL ROAD IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

AND FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM ON DECEMBER 5 PARKING SPACES ON GOVERNMENT STADIUM SLIP ROAD; EASTERN SIDE OF VENTRIS ROAD; TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD NEAR REPULSE BAY ROAD; PRICE ROAD; MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE AND GREEN LANE WILL BE CANCELLED.

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WATER CUT IN POK FU LAM AND NORTH POINT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN POK FU LAM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 7) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY POK FU LAM ROAD BETWEEN BISNEY ROAD AND POKFIELD ROAD, CHIU YUEN CEMETERY, AND MOUNT DAVIS ROAD FROM POK FU LAM ROAD TO NO. 50 MOUNT DAVIS ROAD.

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 7) TO 6 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

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