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INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR FIRST QUARTER

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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, AT 109, WAS 4 POINTS OR 3.8 PER CENT ABOVE THAT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS COMPARES WITH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES OF 8.1 PER CENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988, 6.3 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, 3.4 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988, 6.1 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988, AND WITH THE AVERAGE GROWTH RATE OF 6 PER CENT FOR 1988.

COMPARED WITH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988, THE INDEX SHOWED A DECREASE OF 24 POINTS OR 18 PER CENT. THIS SIGNIFICANT DROP WAS A SEASONAL PHENOMENON CAUSED MAINLY BY THE INCIDENCE OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

INDUSTRIES SHOWING THE LARGEST INCREASES IN PRODUCTION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1988 WERE : MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (+29.2 PER CENT); PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+13.2 PER CENT); BASIC METALS (+12.7 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY (+10.4 PER CENT); AND NEWSPAPER PRINTING, JOB PRINTING AND OTHER PRINTING (+9.8 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES REPORTED A DECLINE IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 : RUBBER PRODUCTS (-13.4 PER CENT); PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-10.5 PER CENT); WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, AND FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (EXCEPT PRIMARILY OF METAL) (-4.5 PER CENT); TOBACCO (-2.6 PER CENT); LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR) (-0.9 PER CENT); AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (-0.9 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THAT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED REPORTED SOME DECREASES IN PRODUCTION.

THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES : TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) (-28.2 PER CENT); LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR) (-23.8 PER CENT); PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-22.1 PER CENT); FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (-21.5 PER CENT); PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-21.4 PER CENT); WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT KNITWEAR AND FOOTWEAR (-20.5 PER CENT); AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (-20.2 PER CENT).

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IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE CHANGES OVER TIME OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

A TABLE SHOWING CHANGES IN THE INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN GREATER DETAIL IS INCLUDED.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, FIRST QUARTER 1989", WHICH IS ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234832.

INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BY INDUSTRY GROUP

(1986=100)

INDUSTRY GROUP	INDEXES FOR 1ST QTR. 1989	% CHANGE OVER	
		1ST QTR. 1988	4TH QTR. 1988
FOOD	110	+6.8	-9.8
BEVERAGE	93	+3.3	-9.7
TOBACCO	149	-2.6	-18.1
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT KNITWEAR AND FOOTWEAR	101	+3.1	-20.5
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	89	+1.1	-28.2
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	146	+13.2	-20.2
NEWSPAPER PRINTING, JOB PRINTING AND OTHER PRINTING	135	+9.8	-12.3
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	105	+8.2	-11.0
RUBBER PRODUCTS	110	-13.4	-8.3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	77	-10.5	-21.4

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NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	107	0.0	-14.4
BASIC METALS	124	+12.7	-12.7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	117	+3.5	-21.5
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	168	+29.2	-4.0
CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	130	+1.6	-7.1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY	148	+10.4	-13.5
PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	109	+9.0	-22.1
LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR)	112	-0.9	-23.8
WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, AND FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (EXCEPT PRIMARILY OF METAL)	84	-4.5	-14.3
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	106	-0.9	-1.9
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, N.E.S.	114	-8.8	-8.8

ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	109	+3.8	-18.0

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VOTER REGISTRATION BEGINS ON AUGUST 15

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THE 1989 VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 15
AND LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30.

THE ANNUAL EXERCISE IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO ENROL AS
ELECTORS SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE PART IN DECIDING WHO SHOULD REPRESENT
THEM ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

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CALLING ON THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME ELECTORS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO REGISTER, THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ELECTORAL SERVICES), MR WAN YIU-SING, SAID: "ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO ORDINARY ELECTION IN THE COMING YEAR, IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO GET ONE'S NAME ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER.

"THE PROCESS OF REGISTRATION IS VERY SIMPLE. JUST PICK UP A FORM AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE, POST OFFICE, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICE, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OR ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE HONGKONG BANK OR HANG SENG BANK, FILL IT IN AND PLACE IT IN A POST BOX."

MR WAN SAID OF THE 3.5 MILLION ELIGIBLE ELECTORS, OVER 1.6 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT HAD ALREADY REGISTERED. HE URGED THE REMAINING 1.9 MILLION PEOPLE TO SIGN UP QUICKLY.

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION ARE SIMPLE, MR WAN SAID.

"ANYONE WHO IS 21 YEARS OLD OR OVER AND HAS BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS OR WHO IS A HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT IS ELIGIBLE.

"FOR THIS EXERCISE, ANYONE BORN IN 1968 WILL MEET THE AGE QUALIFICATION," HE SAID.

THE TERM "HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT" COVERS CHINESE PERSONS WHO HAVE ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AND PERSONS WHO ARE BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS BY VIRTUE OF A CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG, SUCH AS BY BIRTH, ADOPTION, NATURALISATION OR REGISTRATION IN HONG KONG.

MR WAN ADDED THAT DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, A PILOT SCHEME WOULD BE MOUNTED IN TWO DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES, NAMELY, MONG KOK WEST AND YUEN LONG RURAL CENTRAL.

THIS EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICERS. PRIVATE TENEMENTS IN THESE TWO CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE VISITED COMPREHENSIVELY BY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS.

"THE OBJECTIVE IS TWO-FOLD." MR WAN SAID, "ONE IS TO ASSIST RESIDENTS IN COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORMS AND THE OTHER IS TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OR OTHERWISE OF THE ADDRESS OF THOSE ELECTORS REGISTERED UNDER SUCH PREMISES TO FACILITATE THE UPDATING OF THE ELECTORAL REGISTER."

THE PILOT SCHEME IS BEING WIDELY PUBLICISED WITHIN THE TWO CONSTITUENCIES AND RESIDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DATE OF VISIT BY NOTICES POSTED AT THE BUILDINGS.

MR WAN ALSO URGED REGISTERED ELECTORS TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. THIS CAN BE DONE BY FILLING IN A REGISTRATION FORM OR BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY CALLING 5-270380 OR 5-270369.

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POLICE PERSONNEL COMPETENT IN RESUMING MILITARY'S BORDER DUTIES

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IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT BORDER DUTIES TO BE RESUMED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE DURING AND AFTER THE PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL POSE ANY DIFFICULTY FOR POLICE OFFICERS OF THE FIELD PATROL DETACHMENT.

AS REGULAR CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE BETWEEN POLICE AND ARMY OVER THE LOGISTICS OF THE BORDER DUTIES, PLANS ARE IN HAND FOR THE FIRST POLICE COMPANY TO MOVE TO THE AREA IN DECEMBER NEXT YEAR WITH FULL RESUMPTION BEING COMPLETED BY 1993.

DURING A VISIT TO THE BORDER, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE MR RAYMON ANNING EMPHASISED THE COMPETENCE OF POLICE PERSONNEL IN RESUMING DUTIES CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE MILITARY.

EXPRESSING ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN POLICE DEPLOYMENT AT THE BORDER MR ANNING SAID: "THE POLICE ARE IN FACT RESUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BORDER, WHICH THEY ALWAYS HAD PRIOR TO MID-1979.

"THE ARMY TOOK OVER WHEN THERE WAS A SERIOUS INFLUX OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THE FORCE WAS HARD PRESSED AS A RESULT.

"TO COPE WITH THEIR NORMAL DAY TO DAY DUTIES POLICE OFFICERS ARE ALREADY TRAINED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF PATROL TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES AND THERE IS NOTHING NEW THAT COULD NOT BE EASILY ADAPTED TO COVER BORDER RESPONSIBILITIES."

MR ANNING SAID THE FIELD PATROL DETACHMENT WOULD ALREADY HAVE ATTENDED 12 WEEKS POLICE TACTICAL UNIT TRAINING AS WELL AS A MONTH'S FAMILIARISATION TRAINING BEFORE TAKING UP THEIR BORDER DUTIES.

"ADDITIONALLY THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION OF A TACTICAL UNIT COMPANY IDEALLY LENDS ITSELF FOR BORDER DUTIES, WHICH ARE SPLIT INTO COMPANY AND PLATOON AREAS OF TACTICAL RESPONSIBILITY," MR ANNING SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THE FORCE COMPETENCE FOR THE TASK COULD NOT BE DOUBTED.

"BY THE VERY NATURE OF THEIR JOB, POLICE OFFICERS ARE ACCUSTOMED TO UNDERTAKING A NUMBER OF TASKS AND TO WORK IRREGULAR HOURS. THEREFORE IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT BORDER DUTIES WILL POSE ANY DIFFICULTY TO THE AVERAGE POLICE OFFICER; INDEED HE CARRIES OUT FAR MORE DIFFICULT TASKS IN HIS ROUTINE POLICE DUTIES.

"HE IS HIGHLY TRAINED, EVEN BEFORE DETACHMENT TO THE FPD, WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS' SERVICE. THE SKILLS AND TRAINING REQUIRED BY A POLICE OFFICER FAR EXCEED WHAT IS REQUIRED ON THE BORDER AND THE ATTACHMENT WILL REPRESENT ONLY A SHORT SPAN IN THE OFFICER'S CAREER."

MR ANNING SAID THE FACT THAT MOST OF THE OFFICERS IN THE DETACHMENT WOULD BE CHINESE WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE.

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"ASIDE FROM THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE IN COMMUNICATING WITH THE LOCAL RESIDENTS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO INTERROGATE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AT THE SCENE TO ASCERTAIN HOW THEY MANAGED TO ENTER THE TERRITORY AND IN WHAT NUMBERS.

"THE FACT THAT FPD OFFICERS WILL BE WORKING ALONGSIDE FRONTIER DIVISIONAL OFFICERS WILL ALSO REMOVE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN INTER-SERVICE LIAISON."

MR ANNING DID NOT FORESEE POLICE MORALE BEING BADLY AFFECTED BY THEIR HAVING TO CARRY OUT BORDER DUTIES.

"POLICE OFFICERS ARE ALREADY USED TO WORKING IRREGULAR AND SOMETIMES UNSOCIAL HOURS. FOR THE VAST MAJORITY THIS WILL CONSTITUTE A NEW AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH NEW DUTIES WHICH SHOULD ADD INTEREST AND INCENTIVE TO DO THE JOB EFFECTIVELY.

"ON FULL RESUMPTION OF BORDER DUTIES THE ATTACHMENT WILL BE RELATIVELY SHORT - 12 WEEKS. HAVING ALREADY UNDERTAKEN THE FULL 12 WEEKS QUOTA OF PTU INTERNAL SECURITY TRAINING, AND A FURTHER MONTH'S FAMILIARISATION TRAINING IN READINESS FOR THE BORDER COMMITMENTS, OFFICERS WILL BE FIT, KEEN AND ACTIVE AND A SPELL IN THE COUNTRYSIDE SHOULD PRODUCE NO PHYSICAL STRAIN.

"THEY WILL FOLLOW THE BORDER DUTIES WITH A FOUR WEEK QUICK REACTION FORCE PHASE WITH FPD BEFORE RETURNING TO THEIR PARENT REGION FOR A 20 WEEK CYCLE AS A POLICE TACTICAL UNIT COMPANY.

ASKED WHAT EXTRA TRAINING WOULD BE REQUIRED IN PREPARATION FOR THE RESUMPTION OF BORDER DUTIES, MR ANNING SAID THE MONTH'S FAMILIARISATION TRAINING WITH THE FPD WOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE USE AND INTERPRETATION OF VARIOUS TECHNICAL AIDS NOW IN USE.

"AS THE BORDER WILL BE NEW GROUND FOR THE MAJORITY OF OFFICERS THEY WILL ALSO BE GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH CLOSED AREA IN WHICH THEY WILL HAVE TO WORK."

TURNING TO THE SIZE OF THE FIELD PATROL DETACHMENT, MR ANNING SAID THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT ON THE NEED FOR SIX COMPANIES - 1,020 MEN - HAD BEEN BASED ON THE THEN KNOWN MILITARY DEPLOYMENT. HOWEVER IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO RAISE FIVE COMPANIES INITIALLY AND REVIEW THE NEED TO RAISE A SIXTH IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE.

"ON THE TOP OF THIS, THERE WILL BE A TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS WHICH WILL AMOUNT TO 150 OFFICERS. THERE WILL BE PHASED TAKE-OVER OF BORDER COMMITMENT STARTING TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT YEAR WHEN THE FIRST COMPANY IS DEPLOYED AND GRADUALLY BUILDING UP UNTIL THE FULL RESUMPTION OF DUTIES BY 1993."

ASKED IF HE THOUGHT RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA WOULD HAVE ANY LONG TERM EFFECT ON THE OVERALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION SITUATION, MR ANNING SAID THAT FIGURES HAD BEEN RUNNING LOWER SO FAR THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING MONTHS IN 1988 AND THIS HAD APPLIED BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE JUNE 4 EVENTS IN PEKING.

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"OVER THE YEARS THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PATTERNS HAVE VARIED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, MOST OF WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREDICTED AT THE TIME.

"CLOSED LIAISON HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE MAINTAINED WITH THE BORDER AUTHORITIES ON THE MAINLAND AND WE WOULD USE THIS CHANNEL TO CONVEY OUR CONCERN SHOULD SUDDEN INFLUXES OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BECOME EVIDENT."

MR ANNING WAS ASKED IF THE FORCE COULD RECRUIT SUFFICIENT OFFICERS TO MEET THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RESUMED BORDER DUTIES.

"OUR CURRENT RECRUITMENT, ALBEIT LOWER THAN WE WOULD LIKE, IS SUFFICIENT FOR US TO MEET THIS COMMITMENT. WE ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE RECRUITMENT SITUATION BUT WE ARE STRIVING TO IMPROVE IT.

"EVEN WITH THESE RECRUITMENT PROBLEMS WE WILL MEET THIS COMMITMENT, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE PRIORITY."

DURING HIS VISIT MR ANNING WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE SPECIALLY FORMED ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION DETACHMENT BY ITS CHIEF STAFF OFFICER MR VINCE CHAPMAN.

A DRAFT STUDY PAPER HAS BEEN PRODUCED ON ASPECTS OF BORDER SECURITY AS THEY EXIST AND ON THE NEEDS OF THE POLICE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF BORDER DUTIES FROM THE ARMY.

DETAILS OF NEEDS IN COMMUNICATIONS, UNIFORMS, TRANSPORT AND CATERING ARE INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT STUDY.

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GOOD RECORD MAINTAINED ON USE OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT

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HONG KONG MAINTAINS ONE OF THE BEST SAFETY RECORDS IN THE WORLD IN THE USE OF VARIOUS TYPES OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DESPITE A NUMBER OF FATAL ACCIDENTS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

STATISTICS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT THREE WORKERS WERE KILLED AND ONE INJURED IN FOUR ACCIDENTS INVOLVING THE USE OF STEAM RECEIVERS, ALSO KNOWN AS KIERS, IN 1988.

A SIMILAR ACCIDENT REPORTED EARLY THIS YEAR ALSO RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE WORKER.

"INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED THAT THE KIERS INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENTS WERE EITHER NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED OR SUPERVISED BY CERTIFIED OPERATORS DURING THEIR OPERATION," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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"IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT UNAUTHORISED ALTERATIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO THE KIERS AND SOME OF THEM HAD NO PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES IN THE SUPPLY STEAM PIPING ARRANGEMENT."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO AVOID ACCIDENTS, OWNERS OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT SHOULD OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

- * KIERS OR PRESSURE VESSELS AND THEIR ACCESSORIES SHOULD BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES AND MAJOR OVERHAULS TO BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS MUST BE CARRIED OUT BY REPUTABLE ENGINEERING FIRM UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF GOVERNMENT APPOINTED EXAMINERS;
- * MODIFICATIONS TO PRESSURE EQUIPMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE MAKER AND THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND A REPORT SHOULD BE MADE TO THE DIVISION IN CASE OF DOUBT ARISING FROM SURVEY INSPECTIONS;
- * KIERS OR STEAM RECEIVERS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES IF THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE WORKING PRESSURE FOR OPERATION IS LOWER THAN THE BOILER SUPPLY STEAM PRESSURE;
- * NO STEAM RECEIVER SHALL BE OPERATED EXCEPT UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A COMPETENT PERSON POSSESSING A RELEVANT CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY; AND
- * MAKERS' OPERATION GUIDE BOOKS, MANUALS AND SAFE WORKING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES SHOULD BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED INSIDE THE PLANT FOR EASY REFERENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION IS EMPOWERED UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THE SAFE USE AND OPERATION OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING BOILERS, STEAM RECEIVERS, STEAM CONTAINERS, AIR RECEIVERS AND THERMAL OIL HEATERS.

AT THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 21,300 BOILERS AND 53,000 PRESSURE VESSELS WERE REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION.

IN ORDER TO ENHANCE SAFETY AWARENESS, THE DIVISION ADOPTS A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH THROUGH EDUCATION AND INSPECTION.

"BOOKLETS CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUTORY, TECHNICAL AND SAFETY ASPECTS AS WELL AS THE PROPER OPERATION OF BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS ARE PUBLISHED FOR DISSEMINATION TO OWNERS AND ATTENDANTS OF SUCH EQUIPMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SPOT CHECKS OF FACTORIES ARE ALSO MADE BY INSPECTORS AND PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE WILL BE TAKEN OUT AGAINST OFFENDERS WHERE NECESSARY."

AS THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS ORDINANCE REQUIRES ALL TYPES OF BOILERS AND STEAM RECEIVERS TO BE ATTENDED TO BY COMPETENT PERSONS DURING THEIR OPERATION, THE DIVISION CONDUCTS EXAMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE AWARD OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF BOILERS AND STEAM RECEIVERS.

DURING 1988, 854 CANDIDATES WERE EXAMINED, OF WHOM 644 WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE SAFE OPERATION OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT AND THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY EXAMINATIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION, 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL OR BY TELEPHONING 5-8524182 OR 5-8524184.

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS FIGURE FOR JULY

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A TOTAL OF 1,974 CASUALTIES WERE RESULTED IN 1,460 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST MONTH (JULY).

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT 311 OF THESE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 802 IN KOWLOON AND 347 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JULY SHOWED THAT 29 PERSONS WERE KILLED, 408 PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 1,537 WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THESE ACCIDENTS.

THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND ACCIDENTS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 17.2 PER CENT AND 12.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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52 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JUNE

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED A TOTAL OF 52 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN JUNE.

OF THE PLANS, 23 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN WERE FOR KOWLOON AND 22 WERE FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 17 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; 10 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SEVEN FOR FACTORY OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 32 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 122,475.6 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 68,330.9 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,335 MILLION, WITH USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES BEING ABOUT 215,710.8 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 145,972.8 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

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ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 40 OCCUPATION PERMITS: 17 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN FOR KOWLOON AND 16 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 21 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 23 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 707 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 960 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 114 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 392 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED TWO EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES HANDLED THREE MILLION CASES
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DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE 68 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAVE HANDLED A TOTAL OF ABOUT THREE MILLION CASES, A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THESE INCLUDED ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES, ADMINISTERING DECLARATIONS, ADVISING ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, HANDLING SIMPLE COMPLAINTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, RENDERING ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND ARRANGING REFERRALS FOR COMPLICATED CASES WHICH REQUIRE LEGAL AND EXPERT ADVICE.

IN ADDITION, THE CENTRES HAVE ALSO DISTRIBUTED SOME 5.1 MILLION FORMS AND OTHER PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

DURING THE PERIOD, 335,000 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS WERE ADMINISTERED - MAINLY FOR TRUE COPY OF DOCUMENTS, EMIGRATION AND DISPUTES AND LOSS OF DOCUMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LAW SOCIETY AND CNTA, A TOTAL OF 1,402 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE LAW SOCIETY.

FROM JANUARY TO JUNE THIS YEAR, 9,599 PEOPLE ALSO CONSULTED THE RENT OFFICERS OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT POSTED AT 16 DISTRICT OFFICES ON RENT AND TENANCY PROBLEMS.

"ANYONE WISHING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES MAY APPROACH THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, OR TELEPHONE 5-8351501," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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KWAI TSING DISTRICT TO TRAIN COMMUNITY LEADERS

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APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN FOR PEOPLE LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT TO JOIN A COMMUNITY LEADERS TRAINING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SCHEME, WITH A BUDGET OF \$130,000, WILL OFFER COURSES ON COMMUNITY LEADER TRAINING, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TRAINING AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION.

THE COMMUNITY LEADERS TRAINING COURSE, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 17 AND 24, CONSISTS OF SEMINARS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUNCTIONS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VISITS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING TRAINING.

THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TRAINING COURSE COMPRISES A TRAINING CAMP AND MOCK DISTRICT BOARD PROGRAMMES. IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE PHASES TO BE HELD BETWEEN OCTOBER AND FEBRUARY.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE COURSES ON COMMUNITY LEADER TRAINING AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TRAINING SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5 AND SEPTEMBER 24 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SEVEN SUB-OFFICES.

DETAILS OF THE YOUTH PARTICIPATION COURSE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER THIS YEAR. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE THREE COURSES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 0-4273593.

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KCR SERVICES, FACILITIES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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SERVICES AND FACILITIES AT THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY'S TAI WAI STATION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 15).

IN VIEW OF THE OVER-CROWDED SITUATION AT THE STATION, A MEMBER WILL ASK IF THE CURRENT PASSENGER FLOW AND CAPACITY DURING PEAK HOURS HAVE REACHED THE DESIGNED MAXIMUM.

ANOTHER MEMBER WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON FOUR PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE TRAIN SERVICES AND FACILITIES AT THE STATION.

A CO-OPTED MEMBER WILL ASK WHY ILLUMINATION INSIDE THE LION ROCK TUNNEL IS NOT AS GOOD AS THAT INSIDE THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

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THE MEETING WILL ALSO CONSIDER TWO PROPOSED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS ROUTES FROM FO TAN TO TSUEN WAN CENTRAL AND FROM SHA TIN CENTRAL TO TSUEN WAN CENTRAL.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF "STOP" SIGNS AND MARKING AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE SHA TIN CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS, THE PEDESTRIAN FLYOVER LINKING TAI WAI KCR STATION AND SUN CHUI ESTATE, A REVIEW OF BUS ROUTE 82K, AND REPORTS BY AD HOC WORKING GROUPS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 15) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 15) THE CLEARANCE OF OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO CARRY OUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WELCOME SIGNBOARD AT LOK FU MTR SITTING-OUT AREA AND A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IN FUNG WONG SAN TSUEN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS ON PROGRESS OF MINOR WORKS PROJECTS, A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IN YUK WAH CRESCENT AREA, STREET MANAGEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS OF AREA COMMITTEES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 15) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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YAU TSIM DB TO DISCUSS SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (SDB) AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE SDB, APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN APRIL, WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT SPORTS ORGANISATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS AND PHYSICAL RECREATION.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS IN DEVELOPING TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO VET SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES, AND REVIEW THE GUIDELINES ON ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER SIX APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING COMMUNITY PROJECTS AT ITS THIRD MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 15).

THE APPLICATIONS INVOLVE \$20,860. THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUBSIDISE A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES ON LIFE OF THE ELDERLY AND FAMILY EDUCATION TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT IN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 15) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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NEEDY STUDENTS MAY APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCE, WHICH ADMINISTERS THE GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY STUDENTS OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FROM NEW STUDENTS FOR THE 1989-90 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE SCHEME PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF A COMBINATION OF GRANTS AND LOANS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING FULL-TIME COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE (FOR POST-ADVANCED LEVEL STUDENTS ONLY).

"TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, APPLICANTS MUST HAVE RESIDED OR BEEN DOMICILED IN HONG KONG CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THEIR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE SAID.

"PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WHO SATISFY THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS OF AND HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO EITHER UNIVERSITY MAY APPLY."

"APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG OR THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED, ON PRODUCTION OF THE RESULT SLIPS OF THEIR ADVANCED/HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION OR NOTIFICATIONS OF PROVISIONAL OFFER IN RESPECT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

"THEY SHOULD, HOWEVER, SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERED ADMISSION BY THE UNIVERSITIES CONCERNED.

"NEW STUDENTS ADMITTED BY EITHER POLYTECHNIC OR THE BAPTIST COLLEGE MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND STUDENTS TAKING HIGHER DEGREE OR DIPLOMA COURSES WHO WOULD NOT HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR MINIMUM PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF REGISTRATION BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1989 WERE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY (THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF REGISTRATION FOR A MASTER DEGREE IS NORMALLY TWO YEARS AND FOR A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE, THREE YEARS).

ALL NEW STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED, AND THE CLOSING DATES FOR SUBMISSION ARE:

CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	:	AUGUST 25, 1989
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	:	EARLY SEPTEMBER 1989
HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC	:	OCTOBER 10, 1989
CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG	:	OCTOBER 10, 1989
HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE	:	OCTOBER 10, 1989

"APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ARE SUBJECT TO MEANS TESTS, WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A STUDENT'S FAMILY INCOME AND ASSETS LESS PERMITTED DEDUCTIONS TO ARRIVE AT THE STUDENT'S ANNUAL DISPOSABLE INCOME FOR SETTING AGAINST HIS GRANT/LOAN REQUIREMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"UPON SUBMISSION OF HIS APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT AND/OR AN ADULT MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD WHO KNOWS THE FAMILY'S CIRCUMSTANCES (PREFERABLY THE PERSON WHO DECLARES HIS APPLICATION) WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN THE APPLICATION."

THE SPOKESMAN SOUNDED A SPECIAL NOTE OF WARNING THAT INCORRECT OR INACCURATE INFORMATION NOT ONLY WOULD LEAD TO REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION BUT MIGHT ALSO GIVE RISE TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DECLARANT.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY (TEL. 5-8672738).

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FISHING SEASON TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH IN RESERVOIRS

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ANGLERS WHO WANT TO INDULGE IN THEIR PASTIME IN LOCAL RESERVOIRS COULD DO SO FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

BUT FIRST THEY HAVE TO GET A FISHING LICENCE FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

A TOTAL OF 16 RESERVOIRS WILL BE OPENED FOR THE FISHING UNTIL THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING LICENCE APPLICATIONS FROM AUGUST 21.

THOSE WHO WISH TO APPLY CAN CALL AT THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF LEIGHTON CENTRE, LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MAINLAND DEPOT AT THE JUNCTION OF SAI YEE STREET AND ARGYLE STREET IN MONG KOK, NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN ON WAH STREET, AND THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF PERFECT MOUNT GARDENS IN PO MAN STREET, SHAU KEI WAN.

APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND PAY A LICENCE FEE OF \$20. A LICENCE WOULD NORMALLY BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY UPON SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION.

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APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE BY POST TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT LEIGHTON CENTRE, GIVING THE APPLICANT'S NAME, ADDRESS, PHOTOCOPY OF HIS IDENTITY CARD, TOGETHER WITH A CROSSED CHEQUE OF \$20 MADE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

A LICENCE WILL THEN BE SENT TO THE APPLICANT BY ORDINARY MAIL. A LICENCE WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 13.

A TOTAL OF 7,689 LICENCES WERE ISSUED LAST FISHING SEASON.

ANGLERS HAVE TO OBSERVE CERTAIN RULES WHILE FISHING IN RESERVOIRS. THEY SHOULD NOT USE A NET OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AS ONLY ROD AND LINE IS ALLOWED. EXPLOSIVES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES ARE PROHIBITED. THE USE OF A BOAT, DINGHY OR RAFT FOR FISHING IS ALSO BANNED.

AN ANGLER'S DAILY CATCH SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN TWO BLACK BASS (360MM OR OVER IN LENGTH), TWO SNAKEHEAD (300MM OR OVER) AND TWO TILAPIA (180MM OR OVER).

THESE AND OTHER RULES ARE PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE LICENCE.

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WATER CUTS IN FOUR DISTRICTS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 15) TO FACILITATE CLEANING WORK AT THE BEACON HILL HIGH LEVEL SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, AND BEACON HEIGHTS.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 16) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET, CORNWALL STREET, RHONDDA ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, INCLUDING BEACON HEIGHTS.

ALSO ON WEDNESDAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10.30 AM TO 2.30 PM TO FACILITATE A WATER MAIN CONNECTION.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NAI PING ROAD, YUCCA DE LAC GARDEN RESTAURANT, CHEK NAI PING VILLAGE, TAI PO MEI VILLAGE, AND CHEUNG SHUE TAN VILLAGE.

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ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 17), SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9.30 AM TO 9 PM TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

ALSO, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED ON THE SAME DAY FROM 9 AM TO 9 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 19) BECAUSE OF WATER MAIN CONNECTION WORKS.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN WESTERN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED FOR FOUR NIGHTS BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 15) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTERN STREET FOOTBRIDGE.

- CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN WESTERN STREET AND CENTRE STREET; AND
- WESTERN STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST

DURING THE CLOSURES, VEHICLES HEADING FOR CHINA MERCHANTS HOTEL, WESTERN PARK ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA MAY TRAVEL VIA CHIU KWONG STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, WHILE THOSE GOING TO CONNAUGHT GARDEN MAY PROCEED VIA CENTRE STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR PREMISES IN WESTERN STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST TO NORTHBOUND WESTERN STREET.

MOTORISTS ON HILL ROAD FLYOVER HEADING FOR SHEUNG WAN ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, CHIU KWONG STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND CENTRE STREET TO REJOIN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

MOTORISTS GOING FROM KENNEDY TOWN TO SHEUNG WAN ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, OR VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, CHIU KWONG STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND CENTRE STREET, TO REJOIN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HUNG HOM, TUEN MUN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN HUNG HOM FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 15), THE SECTION OF WHAMPOA STREET, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH BULKELEY STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

IN TUEN MUN, THE SECTION OF WONG CHU ROAD BETWEEN LUNG MUN ROAD AND ROAD 16A WILL BE CLOSED FOR SEVEN NIGHTS BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM AUGUST 15 TO 21 FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON LUNG MUN ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA PUI TO ROAD, TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, TUEN HING ROAD AND TUEN MUN ROAD.

THOSE ON WONG CHU ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR TUEN MUN WEST WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA ROAD 16A, TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD.

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