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REPORT ON EXCO APPOINTMENTS REFUTED

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON A REPORT IN A CHINESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING ABOUT A SECRET MEETING BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND OFFICIALS OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY TO DISCUSS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE REPORT IS PURE FICTION AND HAS NO TRUTH IN IT WHATSOEVER."

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PLANNING GUIDELINES ON COMPOSITE INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDINGS REVISED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS RECENTLY ENDORSED THE REVISED "GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION FOR COMPOSITE INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDINGS IN INDUSTRIAL ZONE" UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE REVISED GUIDELINES AIMED TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THAT THE REQUIREMENT ON THE LOCATION OF THE ANCILLARY OFFICE HAD BEEN RELAXED TO PERMIT OFFICE TO BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN AN INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDING AS LONG AS IT WAS ANCILLARY TO AN INDUSTRIAL OPERATION LOCATED WITHIN THE SAME INDUSTRIAL AREA.

"SPECIAL CONSIDERATION MAY BE GIVEN TO RELAX THE INDUSTRIAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS IF THE APPLICATIONS INVOLVE THE CONVERSION OF EXISTING INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS OR REDEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SITES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO SEVERE SITE CONSTRAINTS.

"SIMILARLY, THE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICE USERS WITHIN AN INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDING MAY BE RELAXED IF THE SIZE, DIMENSION AND CONFIGURATION OF THE APPLICATION SITES ARE TOO CONSTRAINED TO COMPLY WITH THE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADVISED THE APPLICANTS TO CONSULT THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT BEFORE SUBMITTING THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

THE GUIDELINES ALSO SPECIFY THE TYPES OF USES THAT ARE PERMITTED WITHIN AN INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDING AND THE MAIN PLANNING CRITERIA FOR SUCH APPLICATIONS.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE PLANNING INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION UNIT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ON TEL 848 2402.

FREE COPIES OF THE REVISED GUIDELINES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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POLICE'S VIDEO RECORDING OF PUBLIC ORDER INCIDENTS

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IN VIEW OF RECENT MEDIA INTEREST IN THE VIDEO RECORDING BY POLICE OF PUBLIC ORDER INCIDENTS, THE FOLLOWING IS AN OUTLINE OF INTERNAL POLICE GUIDELINES ON THIS SUBJECT.

1. IT IS THE EVENT, NOT THE PARTICIPANTS, WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE RECORD.
2. FILMING IS NORMALLY DONE BY OFFICERS CONSPICUOUSLY IDENTIFIABLE AS POLICE OFFICERS AND WHERE POSSIBLE ACCOMPANIED BY UNIFORMED OFFICERS.
3. WHERE VIDEO RECORDINGS ARE NOT REQUIRED AS EVIDENCE THEY WILL NORMALLY BE RETAINED FOR A PERIOD OF NO MORE THAN THREE MONTHS AND THEN WILL BE WIPED CLEAN.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING SINISTER BEHIND POLICE USE OF VIDEOPHOTOGRAPHY OR STILL CAMERAS.

HE SAID SUCH A PRACTICE WAS ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY AS AN EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AID, AND WAS USED EXTENSIVELY BY MANY POLICE FORCES TO ASSIST THEM IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DAILY DUTIES.

THESE FORCES INCLUDE THE METROPOLITAN POLICE IN LONDON.

IN HONG KONG, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE MAKES EXTENSIVE USE OF VIDEO TO RECORD EVENTS SUCH AS VIETNAMESE REPATRIATIONS, DISORDER IN VIETNAMESE CAMPS, QUEUING FOR FLAT SALES, ILLEGAL ROAD RACING, FESTIVALS, CRIME RECONSTRUCTIONS AS WELL AS PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS.

HE ADDED THAT THE PROCEDURES EMPLOYED WERE TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN CARRYING OUT THEIR STATUTORY DUTIES, WHILE NOT INFRINGING THE RIGHTS OF ORDINARY CITIZENS.

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246 VIETNAMESE RETURN HOME

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TWO GROUPS COMPRISING 246 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (SATURDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

THE FIRST GROUP WAS MADE UP OF 53 MEN, 31 WOMEN, 19 BOYS AND 18 GIRLS AND WAS THE 115TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME. THEIR FLIGHT TOOK OFF AROUND 6.30 AM TODAY.

THE SECOND GROUP - THE 116TH BATCH - COMPRISED 46 MEN, 29 WOMEN, 31 BOYS AND 19 GIRLS. THEIR FLIGHT LEFT FOR VIETNAM AROUND 8.30 AM TODAY.

THE TWO GROUPS BROUGHT TO 6,684 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE LEFT VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 20,563 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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GAMES HALL FOR WESTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY MORE SPORTS FACILITIES WHEN AN INDOOR GAMES HALL IS COMPLETED IN 1994.

THE INDOOR GAMES HALL, TO BE DEVELOPED ON A SITE OF MORE THAN 5,800 SQUARE METRES ON WESTERN RECLAMATION, WILL HAVE A MAIN GAMES HALL FOR VARIOUS SPORTS, FOUR SQUASH COURTS, TWO MULTI-FUNCTION ROOMS AND CHANGING ROOMS.

A CAFETERIA WILL BE OPERATING ON THE FOURTH LEVEL OF THE HALL.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO START THIS NOVEMBER.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDERS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX SITUATED IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON AUGUST 28.

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THREE MINIBUS ROUTES TO ADJUST FARES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FARES OF THREE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES IN KOWLOON WOULD BE ADJUSTED FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 10) WITHIN A RANGE BETWEEN \$0.3 AND \$0.5 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

THE ROUTES ARE: 27M (BETWEEN LOK MAN SUN CHUEN AND MONG KOK MTR STATION); 28M (BETWEEN WAI HANG CHEONG SUN CHUEN AND MONG KOK MTR STATION); AND 29 (BETWEEN BROADCAST DRIVE AND BEACON HILL).

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SALT WATER SUSPENSION IN KOWLOON EAST

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KOWLOON EAST WILL GO OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 10) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS MAINTENANCE WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN LAM TIN ESTATE, HONG TIN COURT, HONG WAH COURT, HING TIN ESTATE, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, HONG NING ROAD TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA (THA) KUNG LOK ROAD, HONG LEE ROAD, CHEUNG WO COURT, HIU KWONG STREET, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN LEE TSUEN THA, CHOI WAN ESTATE, LOK WAH ESTATE AND SHUN CHI COURT.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,440
REVERSAL OF LAF	-800
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,640*
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,640
* LAF TO BE REVERSED ON 10/8	-140
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	

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