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GOVERNOR SAYS HONG KONG'S FUTURE IS VERY BRIGHT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THERE IS A VERY BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD FOR HONG KONG DURING A RECEPTION AT THE HONG KONG STUDENTS CENTRE IN LONDON LAST WEDNESDAY (APRIL 26).

SPEAKING TO GROUPS OF CHINESE STUDENTS AT THE CENTRE, SIR MURRAY SAID THAT HONG KONG NEEDED PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE FOR ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

SIR MURRAY ALSO OUTLINED SOME OF THE MEASURES INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS -- PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF WELFARE SERVICES.

SIR MURRAY SPENT NEARLY TWO HOURS AT THE STUDENTS CENTRE DURING WHICH HE ALSO ANSWERED QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE STUDENTS. THE QUERIES INCLUDED THOSE ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE, JOB PROSPECTS AND THE STEPS THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING TO TACKLE VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR. DENIS BRAY, THE WARDEN OF THE STUDENTS CENTRE, MR. RAY IRVINE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STUDENTS MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AT THE CENTRE, MR. F.C. CHAN ALSO ATTENDED THE RECEPTION.

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SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

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THREE LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL BOARD WHICH IS TO PROVIDE A SPEEDY MEANS OF REDRESS FOR ANYONE DISSATISFIED WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S DECISIONS ON THE ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE APPEAL BOARD IS MRS. MAXINE KWOK, A HOSPITAL DIRECTOR, AND AS MEMBERS ARE MADAM POW SHUI-PING, A NURSERY SUPERVISOR, AND MR. VICTOR FUNG KWOK-KING, A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN.

THEIR APPOINTMENT, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

THE BOARD'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE TO CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL APPEALS AGAINST THE DECISIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, AND TO PUBLISH A REPORT ANNUALLY ON THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE FOR THE APPEAL BOARD TO OPERATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND DETAILS OF THE APPEAL SYSTEM WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE ITS OPERATION.

THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SETTING UP OF THE APPEAL BOARD WAS PART OF THE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME ADOPTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION FROM THIS MONTH AS PROPOSED BY THE GREEN PAPER ON SOCIAL SECURITY DEVELOPMENT.

THE BOARD, HE SAID, WILL HEAR APPEALS AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISIONS ON MATTERS CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR OR PAYMENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR WELFARE ALLOWANCE.

+IT WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT BOARD WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SECRETARIAL SUPPORT,+ HE ADDED.

THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS. KWOK, IS A DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG SANATORIUM AND HOSPITAL AND IS WIDELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

SHE IS ALSO THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE CHEUNG CHAU CHUNG SHEK-HEI HOME FOR THE AGED, A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE Y.W.C.A., VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB AND A MEMBER OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL. SHE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF PO LEUNG KUK IN 1976/77.

MADAM POW IS THE SUPERVISOR OF THE CARITAS CENTRE NURSERY IN KWAI CHUNG. SHE HAS BEEN THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE LAM TIN AREA COMMITTEE SINCE 1975, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE DAY NURSERY COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

MR. FUNG IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LI AND FUNG (TRADING) LTD. HE IS AN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AND A MEMBER OF THE MARKETING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

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PRIVATE DEVELOPERS INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE IN HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME
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PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPERS ARE BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, A SENIOR OFFICER IN THE HOUSING BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT REVEALED TODAY (FRIDAY).

MISS ELAINE CHUNG, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST THAT TENDER NOTICES APPEARED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND THE PRESS CALLING FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HOME OWNERSHIP AMONG LOWER MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES. SHE DESCRIBED THIS MOVE AS +A BIG STEP FORWARD.+

MISS CHUNG SAID IT WAS FORECAST EARLY IN 1977 THAT MORE THAN 30,000 ELIGIBLE FAMILIES WOULD APPLY FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS AND THAT THE NUMBER OF FLATS TO BE BUILT BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY UNDER PHASE I OF THE SCHEME WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THIS DEMAND.

MISS CHUNG SAID THE ACTUAL DEMAND FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS, IN THE EVENT, HAD EXCEEDED THIS FIGURE BY 26 PER CENT.

+ON THE BASIS OF THIS 1977 FORECAST, IT WAS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO INCREASE THE STOCK OF SUITABLE FLATS TO MEET THE EFFECTIVE DEMAND,+ MISS CHUNG SAID. +ONE POSSIBILITY IS TO ASK THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO BUILD MORE, BUT THAT WOULD BE A FURTHER BURDEN ON THE ALREADY HARD-PRESSED CONSTRUCTION BRANCH OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT. AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO GET THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BUILD THESE FLATS.+

MISS CHUNG SAID THE LATTER IDEA OFFERED CERTAIN ATTRACTIONS. FIRST, GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THE EXPERTISE WHICH ALREADY EXISTED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR= SECOND, HOME PURCHASERS WOULD BE OFFERED MORE VARIETY IN THE DESIGN, LAYOUT AND STANDARDS OF FLATS AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES= AND THIRD, THE SCHEME WOULD ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN DECIDING THE MOST SUITABLE PRIVATE/PUBLIC MIX OF HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

+SUCH A SCHEME IS, PERHAPS, EASIER SAID THAN DONE,+ MISS CHUNG CONTINUED. +EVEN THOUGH MOST PRIVATE COMPANIES IN HONG KONG ARE CIVIC MINDED AND CONSCIOUS OF THEIR SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS, THEY EXIST FIRST AND FOREMOST TO MAKE A PROFIT AND NOT TO SERVE A SOCIAL PURPOSE. CONFLICTING INTERESTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD HAVE TO BE RECONCILED SINCE THE SCHEME MUST SERVE THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING HOME OWNERSHIP IN THE TARGET INCOME GROUP EARNING BELOW \$3,500 PER MONTH, WHICH ALMOST BY DEFINITION CANNOT AFFORD PRIVATE SECTOR FLATS UNLESS THE FAMILY CONCERNED HAS SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS.+

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IN ADDITION, MISS CHUNG SAID, FOUR OTHER CRITERIA MUST BE SATISFIED:

- (I) THE SCHEME MUST BE REASONABLY SIMPLE TO OPERATE=
- (II) GOVERNMENT MUST BE ABLE TO SELECT DEVELOPERS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS, EITHER THROUGH THE PUBLIC AUCTION OR TENDER SYSTEM=
- (III) THE CHOSEN DEVELOPER SHOULD BE GIVEN A REASONABLE DEAL, BUT SHOULD NOT BE ENTIRELY ABSOLVED FROM NORMAL COMMERCIAL RISKS= AND
- (IV) THE OPPORTUNITY COST TO GOVERNMENT OR LESS THAN MAXIMISATION OF REVENUE SHOULD NOT BE EXCESSIVE.

+I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT A SCHEME MEETING THESE CRITERIA HAS BEEN WORKED OUT,+ MISS CHUNG SAID.

OUTLINING THE SCHEME, MISS CHUNG SAID GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE LAND ON WHICH DEVELOPERS WOULD SUBMIT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS AND TENDERS IN RESPECT OF THE RANGE AND SPECIFICATIONS OF FLATS TO BE BUILT AND THE LAND PREMIUM FOR THE SITE IN QUESTION.

THE SALE PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT OF THE FLATS WOULD BE FIXED AT THE OUTSET BY THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD ALSO GUARANTEE THAT ALL FLATS WILL BE SOLD.

+SALE PRICES MUST BE FIXED BEFOREHAND BECAUSE ANY ARRANGEMENT THAT ALLOWS PRICE FLUCTUATIONS EITHER TO MEET COST ESCALATION OR TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN PROFIT MARGIN WOULD TEND TO FRUSTRATE THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING FLATS WITHIN THE DEBT SERVICING ABILITY OF THE TARGET INCOME GROUP,+ MISS CHUNG SAID.

+TO COMPENSATE FOR THE FACT THAT FLATS WILL BE SOLD AT PRICES FIXED BY GOVERNMENT, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO ABSOLVE THE DEVELOPER OF THE NEED TO FIND PURCHASERS FOR HIS FLATS.+

THIS WAS DONE BY WAY OF GUARANTEE THAT ALL FLATS WOULD BE BOUGHT EITHER BY ELIGIBLE BUYERS NOMINATED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OR BY GOVERNMENT ITSELF.

+THIS GUARANTEE HAS OBVIOUS ATTRACTION TO DEVELOPERS, WHOSE MAIN HEADACHE IS THE CYCLICAL SWING OF THE MARKET, WHILE IT INVOLVES LITTLE RISK FOR GOVERNMENT IF IT IS FAIRLY CERTAIN OF THE DEMAND FROM ELIGIBLE BUYERS AND IF THE FLATS ARE SUITABLE IN ALL RESPECTS FOR SALE AND PURCHASE.+

MISS CHUNG SAID SAFEGUARDS AGAINST UNDER-DEVELOPMENT OF SITE, POOR STANDARD OF WORKMANSHIP AND MANAGEMENT AFTER COMPLETION WERE CONSIDERED NECESSARY. THESE WERE THAT:

- (I) THE LAND AUTHORITIES WOULD DETERMINE THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT IN RESPECT OF THE SITES AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT ADVISE ON A SCALE OF DESIRED ACCOMMODATION AND STANDARDS AGAINST WHICH TENDERS COULD BE ASSESSED=

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- (II) DEVELOPERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE OF THEIR FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ABILITY TO COMPLETE THE DEVELOPMENT=
- (III) GOVERNMENT WOULD EMPLOY, AT THE DEVELOPER'S EXPENSE, A QUANTITY SURVEYOR TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPLETED BUILDINGS COMPLIED WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS AND WERE STRUCTURALLY SAFE AND SOUND= AND
- (IV) DEVELOPERS WOULD HAVE TO DEVISE A MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO ENSURE THAT THE FLATS WOULD BE WELL MANAGED AND MAINTAINED.

+IN ADDITION, BECAUSE OF THE SOCIAL PURPOSE OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND THE CAPITAL ADVANTAGE WHICH COULD BE DERIVED BY FLAT-PURCHASERS, THERE WILL BE RESTRICTIONS ON RESALE AND SUBLETTING,+ MISS CHUNG SAID.

+DURING A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE, ANY FLAT PURCHASER WISHING TO DISPOSE OF HIS FLAT WILL HAVE TO OFFER IT FIRST TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT THE ORIGINAL PRICE. THIS IS TO DISCOURAGE SPECULATION IN THESE FLATS. TO AVOID (SMART) PURCHASERS SELLING A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THEIR FLATS TO THIRD PARTIES WHILE RETAINING A MINORITY INTEREST, SUBLETTING OF THESE FLATS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.+

SHE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH AT PRESENT THE YAU TONG SITE WAS ON THE FRINGES OF THE URBAN AREA AND THE TUEN MUN SITE WAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THEY WERE BOTH LOCATED IN FAST DEVELOPING AREAS WHICH WOULD BE SERVED WITH FAST TRAFFIC ROUTES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

EACH SITE SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ITS OWN SHOPPING AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS. THE YAU TONG SITE SHOULD PROVIDE NOT LESS THAN 500 FLATS AND THE TUEN MUN SITE NOT LESS THAN 1,000 FLATS, RANGING IN COVERED AREA FROM 400 SQUARE FEET TO 600 SQUARE FEET, WITH THE AVERAGE FLAT-SELLING PRICE PRE-DETERMINED AT \$220 PER SQUARE FOOT OR \$2,368 PER SQUARE METRE.

MISS CHUNG SAID A SPECIAL BOARD CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING WOULD BE CONVENED TO CONSIDER THE TENDERS. TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON JULY 28 AND THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

+FROM DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD WITH PRIVATE DEVELOPERS, IT SEEMS THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER NOT ONLY BY DOLLARS AND CENTS BUT ALSO BY THEIR INGENUITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP,+ MISS CHUNG SAID.

+THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME IS ATTRACTIVE TO DEVELOPERS AND SHOULD GENERATE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST. IT IS UNIQUE AND TAILOR-MADE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG AND SHOULD DEMONSTRATE HOW GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN COOPERATE TO PROVIDE ANOTHER SOLUTION TO HONG KONG'S HOUSING SHORTAGE.+

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SEK KONG COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REPORT PUBLISHED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE IN THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A SINGLE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHOULD CONTROL THE ISSUE OF BOTH ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES AND PERMITS. THIS FOLLOWS A STUDY OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE ACCIDENT AT SEK KONG AIRSTRIP ON JULY 1, 1977 WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION TODAY (FRIDAY). UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATION THE EVENT AT SEK KONG DID NOT REQUIRE A LICENCE OR A PERMIT.

THE ACCIDENT AT THE SEK KONG AIRSTRIP TOOK PLACE ON JULY 1, 1977, DURING AN OUTSIDE BROADCAST ORGANISED BY TVB LTD.

MR. JUSTICE ZIMMERN WAS APPOINTED TO CONDUCT A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE EVENTS, IN WHICH TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE COLLAPSE OF A BAMBOO STAND DURING A MOTOR-CYCLE SHOW.

IN HIS REPORT THE COMMISSIONER HELD THE ORGANISER OF THE EVENT ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE AREA OF A LARGE CROWD BEFORE THE ACCIDENT. HE FOUND THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE ATTRACTED TO THE AIRSTRIP BY THE SUBSTANTIAL PRE-PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE EVENT BY THE ORGANISERS.

THE COMMISSIONER DESCRIBED THE SITUATION BEFORE THE ACCIDENT AS DANGEROUS BECAUSE THE WEIGHT OF THE CROWD ON THE SCAFFOLDINGS, WHICH HAD BEEN ERECTED ONLY FOR LIGHTING EQUIPMENT, CAMERAS AND CAMERAMEN, WAS MANY TIMES GREATER THAN IT HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO CARRY.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT IT WAS DANGEROUS TO HAVE HELD THE LONG JUMP EVENT OF THE MOTOR-CYCLE SHOW SO CLOSE TO A CROWD OF SPECTATORS, WHO WERE UNPROTECTED AND UNCONTROLLED.

THE REPORT CRITICISED SOME ASPECTS OF THE POLICE ARRANGEMENTS MADE ON THAT OCCASION. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE HAS SINCE INVESTIGATED THESE CRITICISMS AND WILL INTRODUCE SUCH CHANGES TO PAST PRACTICE AS ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THEM.

THE COMMISSIONER EMPHASIZED THAT THE AIRSTRIP SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL EVENTS WHEN IT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ANY MILITARY OR PUBLIC PURPOSE.

THE REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT AN INDEPENDENT CONTROLLING BODY SHOULD BE APPOINTED FOR MOTOR SPORTS TO ENSURE THAT HIGH STANDARDS OF SAFETY ARE MAINTAINED BY COMPETITORS.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TELEVISION COMPANIES AND OTHERS CONCERNED ON THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN WHEN TELEVISION BROADCASTS ARE MADE OF EVENTS ATTENDED BY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE PURSUED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING.

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL
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WORKERS WHO SUFFER CERTAIN LUNG DISEASES CONTRACTED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT WILL IN FUTURE BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION IF A PROPOSED BILL TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE BECOMES LAW.

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1978, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, PROPOSES TO PROVIDE WORKERS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS WITH COMPENSATION IN CASE OF PERMANENT TOTAL OR PARTIAL INCAPACITY OR DEATH RESULTING FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS WHILE ENGAGED IN ANY SPECIFIED TRADE, INDUSTRY OR PROCESS. IT ALSO PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH A PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND AND TO REQUIRE COMPULSORY INSURANCE.

THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BILL INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF PNEUMOCONIOSIS TO THE SECOND SCHEDULE (OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES) TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

IF THE BILL IS ENACTED, WORKMEN ENGAGED IN SPECIFIED TRADES, INDUSTRIES OR PROCESSES ON AN APPOINTED DATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO AN INITIAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND X-RAY. THEY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO RE-EXAMINATION AT REGULAR INTERVALS. ALL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WILL BE AT THE EMPLOYERS' EXPENSE.

EMPLOYERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE FOR THEIR LIABILITY TO PAY COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT INCAPACITY OR DEATH OF WORKMEN SUFFERING FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS.

THE INSURANCE PREMIUM COLLECTED BY INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL BE PAID INTO A CENTRAL FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY A PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND BOARD APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. ALL WORKMEN DIAGNOSED TO BE SUFFERING FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS AFTER THE FUND IS SET UP WILL BE PAID COMPENSATION AND DAMAGES FROM THE FUND THROUGH THE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

THOSE WORKERS WHO ARE ALREADY KNOWN TO HAVE PNEUMOCONIOSIS WILL RECEIVE EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT. THESE PAYMENTS WILL BE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF AN UP-DATED ASSESSMENT OF THE DISABILITY SUSTAINED.

GOVERNMENT WILL PAY, ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYERS, COMPENSATION AND DAMAGES TO WORKMEN DIAGNOSED AS PNEUMOCONIOTIC AT THE INITIAL EXAMINATION AND X-RAY. THIS MONEY WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE RECOVERED WITH INTEREST BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM THE FUND BY WAY OF A LEVY IMPOSED ON EMPLOYERS IN SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES.

A SET OF REGULATIONS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE BILL TO SPECIFY PNEUMOCONIOSIS-PRONE TRADES, INDUSTRIES OR PROCESSES, AND TO PRESCRIBE DETAILS OF INITIAL AND PERIODIC MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR WORKMEN.

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A SECOND SET OF REGULATIONS WILL BE MADE AT A LATER STAGE TO PROVIDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND, AND THE CONSTITUTION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD WHICH ADMINISTERS THE FUND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY EXPLAINED THAT PNEUMOCONIOSIS IS A COLLECTIVE TERM COVERING LUNG DISEASES NAMELY SILICOSIS AND ASBESTOSIS, WHICH ARE CAUSED THROUGH THE INHALATION OF DUST SUCH AS SILICA DUST OR ASBESTOS DUST.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +ONCE PRESENT, THE CONDITION CAUSED BY THESE DISEASES IS IRREVERSIBLE AND REMOVAL FROM EXPOSURE MAY ONLY SLOW DOWN PROGRESSION OF THE WORKER'S CONDITION.

+THESE DISEASES HAVE A LONG LATENT PERIOD WHICH RANGES FROM SIX MONTHS TO 10 YEARS. AND BECAUSE OF THE TIME LAPSE BETWEEN CONTRACTION OF THE DISEASES AND THEIR DETECTION, IT WAS FELT THAT THIS HAD TO BE DEALT WITH BY SPECIAL LEGISLATION.+

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, SILICOSIS IS MAINLY FOUND IN WORKERS IN QUARRIES, MINING, TUNNELLING, CONSTRUCTION AND MASONRY WORK, WHILE ASBESTOSIS IS NORMALLY FOUND IN WORKERS IN INDUSTRY OR PROCESSES IN WHICH ASBESTOS IS WIDELY USED FOR INSULATION OR FIRE-PROOFING PURPOSES.

THE SPOKESMAN GAVE A LIST OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES IN WHICH SILICA OR ASBESTOS DUST ARE LIKELY TO BE PRODUCED IN THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

THE LIST INCLUDES PROCESSES IN MINING AND QUARRYING=
CONSTRUCTION WORK= MANUFACTURE OF ABRASIVES, GLASS OR VITREOUS ENAMEL= FOUNDRIES= THE CERAMIC INDUSTRY= PROCESSES WHICH INVOLVE THE USE OF SILICA FLOUR AS FILLERS= BLASTING BY MEANS OF COMPRESSED AIR AND ABRASIVE= WORKING PROCESSES WITH STONES= PROCESSES INVOLVING A GRINDSTONE= BOILER SCALING, ESPECIALLY COAL-FIRED BOILERS= AND PROCESSES WHICH CAN GIVE RISE TO DUST CONTAINING ASBESTOS, SUCH AS LAGGING AND DELAGGING OF BOILERS, AND REMOVING INSULATION MATERIAL CONTAINING ASBESTOS DURING SHIPBREAKING.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SPECIFIED TRADES, INDUSTRIES AND PROCESSES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL HEALTH DIVISION OR THE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE 3-688111, EXTENSION 402, 424, 425 OR 429.

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DIVERSIFICATION IS AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. DAVID JORDAN SAID TODAY DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMY IS AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY YEARS AND THE REAL QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER WE SHOULD DIVERSIFY BUT WHETHER NEW INITIATIVES ARE NEEDED TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SYMPOSIUM ON THE DIVERSIFICATION OF HONG KONG'S ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SECTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS AND THE INSTITUTION OF ELECTRONIC AND RADIO ENGINEERS.

IN HIS ADDRESS, MR. JORDAN SAID THAT WHEN THE CRY OF DIVERSIFICATION WAS BEING AIRED SO MUCH TOWARDS THE END OF LAST YEAR IT WAS AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF AN UNCERTAIN AND APPARENTLY GLOOMY FUTURE FOR HONG KONG'S MAJOR INDUSTRY OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

+THAT UNCERTAINTY HAS SINCE BEEN REMOVED BECAUSE ALL OUR MAJOR NEGOTIATING COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE LIMITS AND GROWTH OF OUR EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND GARMENTS TO OUR PRINCIPAL MARKETS HAVE BEEN SET FOR SEVERAL YEARS AHEAD.+

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT THE INDUSTRY IS NOW IN A CONFIDENT MOOD +AND ONE HEARS FAR MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE SHORTAGE OF LABOUR THAN ABOUT RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE.+

+SHORT OF A MAJOR DOWNTURN IN THE WORLD ECONOMY IT MIGHT THEREFORE BE FAIR TO SAY THAT OUR THREE TRADITIONAL MAJOR INDUSTRIES -- TEXTILES AND GARMENTS, ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, AND TOYS AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS -- SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF JOBS AND EXPORT EARNINGS FOR HONG KONG FOR SEVERAL YEARS AHEAD.+

THIS PERHAPS GIVES US A BREATHING SPACE IN WHICH TO LOOK AHEAD AND CONSIDER WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO SECURE OUR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH, ON WHICH OUR SOCIAL PROGRESS DEPENDS.

TURNING TO THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES, MR. JORDAN POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD DIVERSIFIED WITHIN THEMSELVES EVEN MORE DRAMATICALLY THAN MOST OTHER LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

HE SAID THAT THIS DIVERSIFICATION TOOK PLACE WHILE THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY EVOLVED OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS FROM A FAIRLY RUDIMENTARY, UNSOPHISTICATED FORM TO THE MATURE, EFFECTIVE AND SKILLED OPERATION IT IS TODAY.

+THAT PROCESS OF EVOLUTION WILL CONTINUE,+ MR. JORDAN STRESSED. +ECONOMIC PRESSURES WILL OBLIGE HONG KONG TO CONTINUE TO MOVE UP-MARKET AND IN THE PROCESS NEW PRODUCTS WILL EMERGE WHICH WILL NEED EITHER NEW SKILLS OR THE UPGRADING OF EXISTING SKILLS IN THEIR PRODUCTION PROCESSES -- MANY OF WHICH WILL ALSO BE NEW.+

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HE TOLD THOSE TAKING PART IN THE SYMPOSIUM THAT BECAUSE THEY ARE ENGINEERS THEIR DISCIPLINES ARE ESSENTIAL TO HONG KONG INDUSTRY'S FURTHER EVOLUTION: FEW INDUSTRIES CAN OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY WITHOUT EMPLOYING THEIR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN SOME FORM OR OTHER.

+YOU THEREFORE BRING TO A SYMPOSIUM SUCH AS THIS A WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY AND, WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT, AN AWARENESS OF THE RESOURCES IT HAS, OR LACKS, TO KEEP GOING THE NATURAL PROCESS OF DIVERSIFICATION -- WHICH IS REALLY ANOTHER NAME FOR ECONOMIC OR INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION.+

+I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER NOT JUST THE POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER DIVERSIFICATION BUT WHAT, WITH YOUR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, YOU THINK IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN= WHETHER IT IS DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY THAT EXISTING POLICIES SHOULD BE MODIFIED OR NEW POLICIES INTRODUCED TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS= WHETHER, FOR INSTANCE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS ADEQUATE FOR THE FUTURE PATTERN YOU SEE EVOLVING, AND WHETHER THE SUPPORTING SERVICES ARE ADEQUATE OR NEED FURTHER EXPANSION OR DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

+IF YOU PROVIDE REASONED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUCH AS THESE YOU WILL BE MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO INFORMED DISCUSSION OF DIVERSIFICATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY.+

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1978, SHOW A SURPLUS OF \$440.1 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$288.2 MILLION IN FEBRUARY, 1977. THIS HAS RESULTED IN A SURPLUS OF \$1,396.8 MILLION FOR THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF THE 1977/78 FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$874.1 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE, AT \$662.2 MILLION, WAS \$120.4 MILLION MORE THAN IN FEBRUARY, 1977.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS, AT \$1,102.3 MILLION, WERE \$272.3 MILLION MORE THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH IN 1977.

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WORK ON PHASE II OF LAI CHI KOK MENTAL HOSPITAL TO BEGIN SOON
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT WORK WILL START SOON ON PHASE TWO OF THE SECOND MENTAL HOSPITAL AT LAI CHI KOK.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK WERE INVITED TODAY BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

MR. KWAN SAI-CHUNG, CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, SAID THAT WORK WOULD BEGIN IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS TIME AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

HE SAID THAT THE CONTRACT WOULD COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STOREY BLOCK FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND OTHER SERVICES, A SINGLE-STOREY ADMINISTRATION BLOCK, A KITCHEN BLOCK, STAFF QUARTERS AND A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL.

IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE FITTING-OUT OF TWO MULTI-STOREY WARD BLOCKS BUILT UNDER THE STAGE ONE CONTRACT. ONE OF THESE BLOCKS WILL BE USED AS WARD FOR MALE PATIENTS AND THE OTHER FOR FEMALE.

MR. KWAN SAID THAT THE NEW MENTAL HOSPITAL, DESIGNED BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, WAS BEING BUILT ON PART OF A 11-HECTARE SITE ON WHICH THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL NOW STANDS.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 1,336 BEDS AND SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS EASING THE PRESSURE ON EXISTING FACILITIES AT CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

THE NEW MENTAL HOSPITAL WILL CATER MAINLY FOR PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS WHOSE CONDITION IS AMENABLE TO TREATMENT, AND FOR VOLUNTARY AND INFIRMARY PATIENTS.

MR. KWAN SAID THAT THE HOSPITAL WAS DESIGNED AS A MULTI-LEVEL PROJECT LEAVING AS MUCH SPACE AS POSSIBLE FOR RECREATIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSIOTHERAPY ACTIVITIES.

+GREATER PROVISION HAS TO BE MADE FOR THESE ACTIVITIES THAN IN A GENERAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF MENTAL PATIENTS,+ HE SAID.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A ROOF GARDEN, A THEATRE FOR FILM SHOWS, CONCERTS OR INDOOR SPORTS, SHOP AND SOFT DRINKS BAR, HAIR DRESSING SALON, A LIBRARY, READING ROOMS, A FOOTBALL PITCH AND A BASKETBALL COURT.

/MR. KWAN

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MR. KWAN SAID THAT BOTH THE MALE AND FEMALE WARD BLOCKS WOULD BE LINKED TO A FOUR-STORY CLINICAL AND SERVICE BLOCK BY A SYSTEM OF SUBWAYS.

+THIS AGAIN ENABLES US TO SAVE MORE SPACE AS THE UPPER GROUND AREAS CAN BE LANDSCAPED AS RECREATIONAL GARDENS,+ HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION THE HOSPITAL WILL HAVE A COVERED LINK WITH AN ADJACENT NURSES' AND TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS TO PROVIDE COVER FOR STAFF MOVING BETWEEN BLOCKS ESPECIALLY DURING BAD WEATHER.

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TEENAGE ROMANCE FEATURED IN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION DRAMA

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IGNORANCE AND CURIOSITY ABOUT THE OPPOSITE SEX WHICH GOES WITH IT AN URGE FOR CONCERN AND COMPANIONSHIP ARE THE BASIC FACTORS LEADING TO SOME TEENAGE MISCONCEPTIONS ON LOVE AND COURTSHIP, MRS. HENRIETTA CHEN, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SAID TODAY.

INITIAL EXPERIENCES OF THIS KIND OF RELATIONSHIP, USUALLY OCCURRING AT A TIME WHEN MOST YOUNG PEOPLE ARE AT PAINS TO ADJUST TO THEIR OWN PHYSIOLOGICAL GROWTH AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, COULD RESULT IN EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY, CONFUSION, AND, IF NOT HANDLED PROPERLY, EVEN DISSIPATION OF ONE'S DRIVE AND ENERGY, SHE SAID.

THE CORRECT ATTITUDE TOWARDS FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IS BORNE OUT IN THE SECOND LAST EPISODE OF THE 'UNDER THE SAME ROOF' SERIES PRODUCED BY RTHK WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS PART OF THE CURRENT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

INSTEAD OF DEPICTING THE FOLLIES OF A REPINING LOVE-SICK TEENAGE TO WARN YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE AGAINST THE DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES OF ILL-HANDLED ROMANCE, THIS HALF-HOUR DRAMA SHOWS BY CONTRAST THE POSITIVE VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP WHEN ALLOWED TO DEVELOP IN A HEALTHY WAY.

WITH THE TITLE '15, 16' SYMBOLISING THE AGE AND MENTAL STATE OF THE LEAD CHARACTER, THE PLAY FOCUSES ON THE REASONS BEHIND THE YOUNGSTER'S YEARNING FOR A GIRL FRIEND AND OTHER PEOPLE'S INFLUENCE ON HIS SUBSEQUENT BEHAVIOUR.

TORN BETWEEN THE PRESSURE FROM AN OBSTINATE FATHER WHO WAS MOST ADAMANT IN HIS BELIEF THAT LOVE WOULD HAMPER A YOUNGSTER'S FUTURE, AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM A CLASSMATE BROUGHT UP ON EPICUREAN VALUES TO SEEK PLEASURE BY PLAYING AROUND WITH GIRLS, THE YOUNG MAN IN THE DRAMA MAKES A SERIES OF EMBARRASSING MISTAKES SINCE THE ENCOUNTER WITH HIS GRADE-SCHOOL VALENTINE, AND NEARLY LOSES HER FRIENDSHIP.

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COMMENTING ON THE DRAMA, MRS. CHEN SAID THAT THE YOUTH WAS FORTUNATE IN THAT HE HAD MET A GIRL WITH SOUND KNOWLEDGE IN VARIOUS FORMS OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIP.

+BEWILDERED AND OVERCOME BY THE ROMANTIC AND DREAM-LIKE QUALITY ENSHROUDING THE 'SUBJECT OF AFFECTION', IT IS VERY EASY FOR THE RELATIONSHIP TO VERGE ON IDOL-WORSHIP,+ SHE SAID. +THIS WOULD DEFINITELY END IN FRUSTRATION AND SORROW WHEN THE TRUTH IS FINALLY REVEALED.+

SHE POINTED OUT THAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN LOVE, FRIENDSHIP AND INFATUATION, WHICH WHEN MISTAKEN FOR ONE ANOTHER WOULD FORM THE BASIS OF MANY SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

+MANY TRAGEDIES CAUSED BY UNREQUITED LOVE, MARITAL DISCORD AND PRE-MARITAL RELATIONSHIP HAD ITS ROOTS IN THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE IN INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP,+ SHE NOTED.

TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT LOVE AND SEX, MRS. CHEN SAID, ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED AS PART OF THE CURRENT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

THIS HALF-HOUR TELEVISION DRAMA, '15, 16', WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB JADE THIS EVENING AT 8.30, ON RTV CHANNEL 1 TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 7 P.M. AND ON CTV ON SUNDAY AT 6 P.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

RTHK TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

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RTHK WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR AN EPISODE OF +THE COMMON SENSE+, WHICH DEALS WITH THE CRIME (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF RAPE VICTIMS FROM CERTAIN EMBARRASMENTS, IN STUDIO 1 OF TELEVISION PRODUCTION CENTRE, 79 BROADCAST DRIVE, AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE PRESENTER OF THE EPISODE IS A RAPE VICTIM WHO WILL RECOUNT HER PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND FEELINGS.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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SAFETY APPEAL TO WORSHIPPERS

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MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE TIN HAU TEMPLE IN JOSS HOUSE BAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MARK THE BIRTHDAY OF TIN HAU, THE PATRON GODDESS OF SEAFARERS.

AS THE ONLY WAY OF GETTING THERE IS BY SEA, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO BOAT OWNERS NOT TO OVERLOAD THEIR VESSELS. HE ALSO URGED PEOPLE TO TAKE PRECAUTION WHEN BOARDING AND GETTING OFF FERRIES AND BOATS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT POLICE AND MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES WILL BE PATROLLING THE AREA TO ENSURE SAFETY.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO GAVE THE FOLLOWING ADVICE:

- * MAKE SURE CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES, CANDLES, JOSS-STICKS AND PAPER ARE PROPERLY PUT OUT BEFORE LEAVING=
- * DO NOT EXPOSE HELIUM GAS FILLED BALLOONS TO FIRE AS IT COULD CAUSE EXPLOSION= AND
- * THROW LITTER AND RUBBISH IN THE BINS PROVIDED.

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WATER CUTS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 9 A.M. ON MONDAY (MAY 1) TO FACILITATE A WASTE DETECTION TEST.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE 1 TO 27A HIGH STREET= 1 TO 9 BONHAM ROAD= 2 TO 10 HOSPITAL ROAD AND THE MID-LEVELS POLICE STATION.

ON TUESDAY FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN AND HUNG HOM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

IN SHEUNG WAN, THE SUPPLY TO THE AREA BOUNDED BY STAUNTON STREET, SHING WONG STREET, CAINE ROAD, LADDER STREET, TAI PING SHAN STREET INCLUDING U LAM TERRACE, ROZARIO STREET AND LADDER STREET TERRACE WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY TO FACILITATE A WASTE DETECTION TEST.

IN HUNG HOM, THE SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN WUHU STREET AND STATION LANE WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 P.M. ON TUESDAY TO FACILITATE THE CONNECTION OF A FRESH WATER MAIN IN WUHU STREET NEAR CHATHAM ROAD.

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SECTION OF HONG TAK ROAD TEMPORARILY CLOSED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HONG TAK ROAD BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND TAI YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 9 P.M. ON SUNDAY (APRIL 30) AND 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM KWUN TONG ROAD TO TAI YIP STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO KWUN TONG ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROUNDABOUT, KWUN TONG ROAD, WAI YIP STREET EXTENSION TO REJOIN TAI YIP STREET.

TRAFFIC FROM HONG TAK ROAD TO KWUN TONG ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO TAI YIP STREET, WAI YIP STREET, LAI YIP STREET TO REJOIN KWUN TONG ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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