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QUESTION TIME AT LEGCO

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THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON OSWALD CHEUNG WILL ASK ABOUT THE LATEST SITUATION REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OF ISSUE OF FURTHER BANKING LICENCES WHEN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MR CHEUNG WILL ASK WHETHER THE REVIEW OF THE CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED TO FUTURE APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IF SO WHEN ITS RESULTS ARE LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED.

TEN OTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY THE UNOFFICIALS AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.

DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI WILL WANT TO KNOW THE STEPS BEING TAKEN TO REPLACE LOST IDENTITY CARDS MORE QUICKLY, AND DR THE HON HARRY FANG WILL ASK WHAT GOVERNMENT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO MONITOR THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF MTR OPERATIONS AND WHETHER IT INTENDS TO APPOINT A SAFETY INSPECTOR.

THE HON LYDIA DUNN WILL ASK FOR THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES STILL IN CAMPS AWAITING RESETTLEMENT AND THE NUMBER AMONG THEM WHO ARRIVED THIS YEAR.

THE HON PETER C WONG WILL ASK ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF A REVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES RELATING TO CIVIL DEBTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD ANNOUNCED HE WOULD INSTITUTE.

OTHER QUESTIONS BY THE UNOFFICIALS CONCERN THE NON-OCCUPANCY OF GOVERNMENT NON-DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS, THE STANDARDS OF OVERSEAS DRIVING LICENCES WHICH HAD BEEN EXCHANGED WITHOUT EXAMINATION FOR HONG KONG LICENCES, EXPANSION OF THE POLICE PERSONAL BEAT RADIO SCHEME TO THE NEW TERRITORIES, ADEQUACY OF NT TAXI SERVICES, DECISION ON A PERMANENT EXHIBITION CENTRE IN HONG KONG, AND THE WORK OF NEW VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES.

THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1980 WHICH REMOVES THE PROHIBITION ON FORTUNE TELLING IN PLACES OTHER THAN REGISTERED CHINESE TEMPLES WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL 1980, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 AND THE EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980.

DEBATE WILL ALSO RESUME ON THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (VALIDATION) BILL 1980 INTRODUCED BY THE HON ROGER LOBO.

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MORE NURSERY PLACES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS CREATED AN EXTRA 24 PLACES IN FOUR NORMAL DAY NURSERIES FOR MILD GRADE DISABLED CHILDREN TO INTEGRATE WITH NORMAL CHILDREN OF THEIR AGE.

THESE NURSERIES, RUN BY VOLUNTEER AGENCIES IN SHAM SHUI PO, WONG TAI SIN, SHA TIN AND KWAI CHUNG, HAVE STARTED ADMITTING DISABLED CHILDREN AGED TWO TO SIX YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY ANOTHER 18 PLACES WOULD BE PROVIDED BEFORE NEXT APRIL UNDER THE INTEGRATED CHILD CARE SCHEME.

HE SAID THIS WOULD BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCH PLACES TO 180 WHICH WOULD HAVE INVOLVED A TOTAL ANNUAL SUBVENTION OF OVER \$640 000 TO MEET ADDITIONAL STAFF COSTS.

FROM NEXT YEAR ONWARDS, HE SAID, THE SCHEME WILL BE EXPANDED AT A FASTER INCREASE RATE OF 90 PLACES PER YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT ANNUAL INCREASE OF 60.

PARENTS WISHING TO FIND A PLACE FOR THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN MAY ENQUIRE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S CHILD CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE AT 44 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, OR TELEPHONE 5-754321.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME HAD PROVED IT MET A NEED TO ENABLE DISABLED CHILDREN TO ENJOY CHILD CARE WITH NORMAL CHILDREN LEADING TO SOCIAL INTEGRATION.

SUBVENTED NURSERIES JOINING THE SCHEME ARE GIVEN EXTRA SUBVENTION TO MEET ADDITIONAL STAFF COSTS, OR GRANTS OR SPECIAL FACILITIES AND STAFF TRAINING.

EACH PARTICIPATING NURSERY TAKES IN SIX DISABLED CHILDREN WHO ARE MILD GRADE MENTALLY RETARDED, PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED OR SLIGHTLY IMPAIRED IN SPEECH, HEARING OR SIGHT.

ADMISSIONS ARE BY WAY OF DIRECT APPLICATIONS OR REFERRALS FROM WELFARE AGENCIES AND FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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DOCTORS ON W.H.O. COURSE STUDY ADDICTION TREATMENT IN PRISONS

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A GROUP OF 16 DOCTORS FROM EGYPT, INDIA, INDONESIA, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA AND THAILAND TODAY BEGAN A THREE-DAY ATTACHMENT TO THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT TO STUDY ITS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR CONVICTED DRUG ADDICTS.

THE GROUP OF DOCTORS ARE IN HONG KONG TAKING PART IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION INTER-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENT PERSONS.

DURING THE ATTACHMENT, THEY WILL VISIT THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES AT HEI LING CHAU AND TAI LAM AND THE ADDICTION TREATMENT SECTION OF THE TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN.

THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S FACILITIES AND TREATMENT PROGRAMMES AND WILL STUDY RESEARCH ON DRUG ADDICTION, AFTERCARE AND COMPULSORY SUPERVISION, CASEWORK AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES.

EARLIER TODAY, THEY MET AND TALKED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR T.G. GARNER AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS.

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TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST EARNED

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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 7-1/2 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPT FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY (TUESDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

HE SAID THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 1 PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT, AND FOLLOWS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION ON SATURDAY THAT THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE INCREASED TO 7-1/2 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

A NOTICE SIGNED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY UNDER SECTION 28(1) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE TODAY.

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VILLAGERS AND VISITORS URGED TO KEEP SHA TIN CLEAN  
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NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEALTH INSPECTORS TODAY CALLED ON VILLAGERS AND SHOPKEEPERS OF TAI WAI IN SHA TIN AND ADVISED THEM TO KEEP THEIR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ALSO URGED VISITORS HOLIDAYING IN SHA TIN NOT TO TURN THE RAILWAY STATION AND A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY INTO A REFUSE DUMPING GROUND.

AS PART OF THE CURRENT ANTI-LITTER DRIVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HEALTH INSPECTORS ARE PAYING VISITS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR HOUSEWIVES AND SHOP-OPERATORS, URGING THEM TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND NOT TO THROW LITTER OUT OF THEIR PREMISES.

FIFTY-THREE PEOPLE WERE TODAY EITHER SERVED WITH NOTICES REQUIRING THEM TO REMOVE JUNK, OR BOOKED FOR LITTERING DURING THE OPERATION, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE DRIVE, CLEANSING STAFF ALSO CARRIED OUT AN EXTENSIVE CLEAN-UP AT LITTER BLACK SPOTS IN TAI WAI AREA.

THE EXERCISE WILL LAST THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

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PRIVATE CAR REGISTRATIONS IN OCTOBER  
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THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS IN HONG KONG TOPPED 186 000 AT THE END OF LAST MONTH, AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 27 000 OR 16.9 PER CENT IN 12 MONTHS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A RISE OF ABOUT 19 400 IN THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1979.

THE NUMBER OF NEW CARS REGISTERED LAST MONTH WAS 3 772, AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS WHICH LAPSED WAS 909.

THIS REPRESENTS A NET INCREASE OF 2 863 REGISTRATIONS AND BRINGS THE OVERALL TOTAL TO 185 926.

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ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE FOR TEACHER LIBRARIANS

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EIGHTY TEACHERS WHO ATTENDED THE INTRODUCTORY IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE FOR TEACHER LIBRARIANS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR WILL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) RECEIVE THEIR ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES AND BEGIN STUDIES AGAIN ON AN ADVANCED COURSE.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND THE ADVANCED COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S EXTRA MURAL TOWN CENTRE AT WING ON CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

MRS PRISCILLA TSO, SENIOR ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF EXTRA MURAL STUDIES WILL PRESENT THE CERTIFICATES AND OPEN THE NEW COURSE.

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE ONE-YEAR ADVANCED COURSE WHICH WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED TEACHER LIBRARIAN CERTIFICATES.

A SEMINAR ON +THE FUNCTION OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY+ WILL ALSO BE HELD TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY 160 SCHOOLS WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY SCHEME THIS YEAR.

MORE SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN NEXT YEAR, AND EVENTUALLY SOME 300 SCHOOLS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME, HE SAID.

A SECOND INTRODUCTORY COURSE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHER LIBRARIANS HAD ALREADY STARTED LAST MONTH AT THE EXTRA MURAL TOWN CENTRE.

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TAI PO FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO HOLD DESIGN COMPETITION

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THE NEWLY FORMED TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A STICKER DESIGN COMPETITION FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH WHEN ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE INVITED TO ENTER.

BOOK TOKENS WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS AND THE BEST DESIGNS WILL BE PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS FORMED ONLY LAST MONTH, IS ALSO ARRANGING A SERIES OF OTHER ACTIVITIES. THESE INCLUDE VISITS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CRIME PREVENTION DISPLAYS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CRIME PREVENTION TALKS AT MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEETINGS, SCHOOL TALKS, A SOCCER TOURNAMENT, FILM SHOWS, A CHARITY WALK AND A LOCAL GOOD CITIZEN AWARD. ALL ARE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PART IN PREVENTING OR REPORTING CRIME.

TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE IS MEETING SOME OF THE COST OF THESE ACTIVITIES, WHILE MORE MONEY IS EXPECTED TO BE DONATED BY LOCAL PEOPLE.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS, THE POLICE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. THE CHAIRMAN IS TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS NG.

THE NEW COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING THE REORGANISATION OF THE FORMER TAI PO DISTRICT A YEAR AGO.

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