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PORNOGRAPHY CONTROL DILEMMA NOTED

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EXISTING CONTROLS ON OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS WERE NOT NECESSARILY EITHER THE BEST OR THE MOST EFFECTIVE, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PÉTER TSAO, SAID TODAY.

WEAKNESSES INCLUDED LIMITED MANPOWER RESOURCES FOR ENFORCEMENT, PROBLEMS OF INTERPRETATION, NEWS STANDS BEING SCATTERED ALL OVER THE TERRITORY AND A LENGTHY PROSECUTION PROCESS, MR TSAO SAID AT THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING ON THE SUBJECT +THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASS MEDIA+.

+BY ALL MEANS LET US HAVE A PROTECTIVE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK.

+BUT LET US NOT SUBSTITUTE THE HEAVY HAND OF LAW FOR THE FREE EXERCISE OF OUR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES. HOWEVER MUCH WE MAY DESIRE THE ELIMINATION OF PORNOGRAPHY, WE MUST BEWARE OF ESTABLISHING A MACHINERY FOR ITS CONTROL WHICH IS LIABLE TO ABUSE,+ MR TSAO SAID.

MR TSAO SAID THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASS MEDIA WAS OBVIOUSLY A CONTENTIOUS SUBJECT. THE SETTING OF STANDARDS WOULD ALWAYS BE A MATTER OF SUBJECTIVE JUDGEMENT WITH SOME PEOPLE ARGUING THAT EVEN MODEST CONSTRAINTS WERE AN INFRINGEMENT OF PERSONAL LIBERTY AND ARTISTIC LICENCE, WHILE OTHERS INVOKED TRADITIONAL MORALITY AND LEVELLED ACCUSATIONS OF ENCOURAGED PERMISSIVENESS AND PROMISCUITY.

+THE FUNDAMENTAL DILEMMA IS THE SAME,+ HE SAID. +HOW TO ESTABLISH CONTROLS WHICH ALLOW MAXIMUM FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND YET MINIMISE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABUSE AND, THEREFORE, HARM.+

THERE WAS ALSO THE PROBLEM, PERHAPS UNIQUE TO HONG KONG, OF ENSURING THAT EXPATRIATE MAGISTRATES CORRECTLY INTERPRETED CONTEMPORARY CHINESE COMMUNITY STANDARDS.

ANOTHER MAJOR AREA OF CONCERN WAS THE LENGTHY PROSECUTION PROCESS. MANY MONTHS COULD LAPSE BETWEEN A DECISION TO PROSECUTE AND A JUDGEMENT THAT A PUBLICATION MUST CEASE.

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+IN THE INTERIM SUBSEQUENT ISSUES OF THE SAME PUBLICATION MAY STILL BE SOLD FREELY IN THE MARKET,+ HE SAID.

TO OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS, MR TSAO SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING SETTING UP AN OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS TRIBUNAL.

+ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD SUCH TRIBUNALS EXIST. THE TRIBUNAL COULD WORK IN SUCH A WAY THAT PUBLICATIONS CAN EITHER BE SUBMITTED VOLUNTARILY BY PUBLISHERS FOR SCRUTINY BEFORE ISSUE OR BE REFERRED BY THE COURTS OR THE ADMINISTRATION FOR A RULING AFTER PUBLICATION,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO FILM CENSORSHIP, MR TSAO SAID THE PRESENT SYSTEM ENFORCED BY THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY RELIED ON BOTH A PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP AND PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS.

NEVERTHELESS, THERE WERE STILL WEAKNESSES.

THERE WAS NO DISTINCTION AS TO THE MATURITY OF PARTICULAR FILM VIEWERS, SCENES WERE CUT BEFORE RELEASE WHICH INEVITABLY INTERFERED WITH THE FLOW OF THE FILM, AND THE ADVICE OF THE CENSORSHIP AUTHORITY HAD NO LEGAL FORCE.

SO WHAT THE GOVERNMENT NOW PROPOSED WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF A FILM CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM WHICH DIVIDED FILMS INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

- * APPROVED AS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES;
- * GENERAL APPROVAL BUT CONTAINING SCENES WHICH PARENTS MAY CONSIDER UNSUITABLE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN ; AND
- * APPROVED FOR VIEWING BY THOSE 18 YEARS OLD AND OVER ONLY.

+THERE WILL OF COURSE BE SOME PROBLEMS OF ENFORCEMENT,+ SAID MR TSAO, +BUT THE PRINCIPAL MERITS OF THIS, AS I SEE IT, ARE THAT A LARGE ELEMENT OF CHOICE WOULD BE RESTORED TO THE PUBLIC, TOGETHER WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PARENTS TO JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT THEIR CHILDREN MAY OR MAY NOT SEE.+

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GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY STARTED DRAFTING LEGISLATION FOR THIS PROPOSAL, HE ADDED.

TAKING PART IN THIS AFTERNOON'S DISCUSSION ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASS MEDIA ON YOUTH WERE DR MARGARET NG, EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF MING PAO DAILY NEWS; MR CHU PUI-HING, HEAD OF CHINESE PROGRAMME SERVICE, RADIO DIVISION, RTHK; AND MRS MAISIE WONG, A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD.

OTHER TOPICS COVERED IN TODAY'S CONFERENCE WERE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY BUILDING AND FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG. THE TWO SPEAKERS WERE MR PAUL LEE, PRINCIPAL LECTURER IN SOCIAL WORK, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND PROFESSOR RANCE LEE, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

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'PROTECTIONISM - A SELF-INFLICTED HANDICAP'
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PROTECTIONISM NEARLY ALWAYS HURTS THOSE PRACTISING IT IN THE LONG TERM, THOUGH IT MAY BE OCCASIONALLY JUSTIFIED IN THE SHORT TERM, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY.

+PROTECTION OF ONE'S INDUSTRIES MAY WELL BE JUSTIFIED IF THEY ARE BEING SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY SUBSIDIZED OR DUMPED GOODS.

+IT CAN ALSO BE ARGUED THAT FOR A DEVELOPING COUNTRY WITH ONLY ONE OR TWO INDUSTRIES PRODUCING FOR EXPORT, AND A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY, PROTECTION MAY BE A REASONABLE ANSWER, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT TERM,+ HE SAID.

ADDRESSING THE KOWLOON CLUB TODAY (TUESDAY), HE SAID THAT THE PROBLEM WAS THAT THIS LEGITIMATE POINT WAS BEING BLURRED IN CURRENT DEBATE INTO A MUCH WIDER CLAIM.

+IN EFFECT, THE U.S. TEXTILES INDUSTRY, FOR EXAMPLE, IS ARGUING THAT IT HAS A RIGHT TO PRESERVE ITS EXISTING SCALE OF ASSETS - OR IN SOME FORMULATIONS ITS SHARE OF THE MARKET - FOREVER.

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+AND IN SEARCH OF SOME SHRED OF INTELLECTUAL JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY LINE, IT RAISES THE BANNER OF 'FAIR TRADE', WHICH CAN BE USED AGAINST VIRTUALLY ALL IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SINCE AMONG OTHER THINGS IT REGARDS LOWER WAGES THAN IN THE U.S.A. AS UNFAIR.

+IT IS NOT A REASONABLE ARGUMENT. BUT IT HAS POLITICAL APPEAL,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

PARADOXICALLY, HE SAID, PROTECTIONISM BY OTHERS WAS NOT NECESSARILY BAD FOR HONG KONG, SINCE IN THE LONG RUN IT HANDICAPPED THE COUNTRY PRACTISING THE PROTECTION.

+FOR EXAMPLE, A COUNTRY BENT ON CRIPPLING ITS GARMENT INDUSTRY WOULD SUCCEED QUITE WELL BY PROTECTING ITS TEXTILE INDUSTRY, THE RAW MATERIAL OF THE GARMENTS. YET THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DO,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THERE WERE MANY FAIRLY BROAD +GUESSTIMATES+ OF THE COST OF PROTECTION.

A 1983 STUDY BY THE U.S. CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF BUSINESS ESTIMATED THAT AMERICAN CONSUMERS SPEND US\$58.5 BILLION MORE EACH YEAR FOR A VARIETY OF GOODS, INCLUDING TEXTILES AND APPAREL, THAN THEY OTHERWISE MIGHT HAVE, AS A RESULT OF PROTECTION.

ANOTHER U.S. STUDY SUGGESTED THAT THE COST OF TEXTILE AND APPAREL JOBS SAVED WAS ABOUT US\$35 000 PER JOB PER YEAR. THE JOBS WHICH WERE PROTECTED PAID AN AVERAGE SLIGHTLY LESS THAN US\$10 000 PER YEAR.

+THERE IS NO SINGLE, SIMPLE REASON FOR HONG KONG'S SUCCESS - A PRODUCTIVE WORKFORCE, ENTERPRISING ENTREPRENEURS, EVEN A HANDS-OFF AND REASONABLY EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT WHICH DECLINES TO SUBSIDISE ANY INDUSTRY, ALL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART - BUT THERE SEEMS NO DOUBT THAT ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS IS OUR CONTINUING ADHERENCE TO FREE TRADE.

+RESTRICTING THE CHOICE AND INCREASING THE PRICE OF IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS IS NOT A SENSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION FOR ANYONE,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

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REPORT SHOWS CMB ACTING ON PROPOSALS
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THE FIRST PROGRESS REPORT ON CMB'S PERFORMANCE IN IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAC REPORT ON THE COMPANY'S MAINTENANCE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES SHOWS POSITIVE SIGNS THAT THE COMPANY IS WILLING TO MAKE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS.

CMB HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO IMPLEMENT MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT ALTHOUGH FURTHER TIME WILL BE NEEDED BEFORE POSITIVE RESULTS CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF PROGRESS REPORTS TO THE TAC ARISING FROM MONTHLY LIAISON MEETINGS BETWEEN CMB AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. THESE REPORTS WILL ASSIST TAC IN MONITORING CMB PROGRESS IN BRINGING ITS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS TO A SATISFACTORY LEVEL.

AT THEIR MEETING TODAY, TAC MEMBERS ALSO EXAMINED PROGRESS BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE IN IMPLEMENTING THE WORKING GROUP REPORT AND NOTED STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EXAMINERS AVAILABLE FOR BUS INSPECTIONS, AND FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF AN ENGINEER TO THE POLICE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTION.

AMONG IMPROVEMENTS WHICH CMB HAS INITIATED ARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT QUALITY CONTROL SECTION AND A SIX MONTH COURSE, IN MAINTENANCE THEORY AND PRACTICES FOR 90 CRAFTSMEN IN ITS OWN TRAINING SCHOOL. AT CMB'S REQUEST, THE H.K. POLYTECHNIC IS ALSO FORMULATING A PROPOSAL FOR TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR VARIOUS GRADES OF CMB MAINTENANCE STAFF.

THE COMPANY IS SEEKING TO RECRUIT A CHARTERED ENGINEER WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE TO HEAD ITS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, AND HAS EMBARKED ON A PROGRAMME TO BUY SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT AND TO IMPROVE THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT IN ITS DEPOTS.

AT THE MEETING TODAY, TAC MEMBERS ALSO ADVISED ON GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS TO FOLLOW-UP THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A CONSULTANCY STUDY INTO THE ECONOMIC AND TRANSPORT ASPECTS OF THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY.

THE PROPOSALS ARE FOR AN ON-GOING EXERCISE TO ALLEVIATE THE SHORTAGE OF PARKING SPACES AND TO IMPROVE LOADING AND UNLOADING OPERATIONS, TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE. DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD ALSO BE CONSULTED.

THERE ARE ALSO PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST OVERLOADED GOODS VEHICLES AND TO ENSURE THAT LOADS ARE PROPERLY SECURED.

AFTER THE MEETING, TAC MEMBERS VISITED THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING CONTROL CENTRE IN PACIFIC HOUSE ON QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO TAKE A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THE OPERATION OF THE PILOT ERP SYSTEM.

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LEGCO SET FOR BUSY DAY
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NINE BILLS, 13 QUESTIONS, AND A MOTION CONCERNING THE TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES WILL BE AMONG THE MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

DUE FOR APPROVAL, FOLLOWING THREE BUDGET SITTINGS OVER FIVE DAYS, IS THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1985.

AND DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE FOLLOWING FOUR OTHER BILLS PRIOR TO FINAL READING:

PUBLIC FINANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985,

AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985,

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (JOINT LIAISON GROUP) BILL 1985, AND

HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985.

THE FOUR BILLS DUE FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ARE:

DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985,

INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1985,

ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES REGULATIONS AND REGISTRATION AND LICENCING OF VEHICLES REGULATIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, AND

OATHS AND DECLARATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985.

THERE WILL ALSO BE TWO STATEMENTS -- ONE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, ON THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT 1984, AND THE OTHER BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON F.K.HU ON THE 1983-84 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, HONG KONG, AND A MOTION BY THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, THE HON PETER TSAO, ON THE LEGAL AID IN CRIMINAL CASES (AMENDMENT) RULES 1985.

FINAL ITEM ON THE ORDER PAPER WILL BE THE MOTION BY SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON SIR ROGER LOBO, THAT +A SELECT COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES, INCLUDING CHANGES IN THE PROCEDURES BEFORE AND DURING TRIAL AND THE MODE OF TRIAL.+

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CIVIL SERVICE PAY RISE

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PAY RISE FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE WILL BE ONE OF THE SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, WHICH MEETS IN PUBLIC TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

THE PAY INCREASE PROPOSALS FOLLOW THE COMPLETION OF A PAY TREND SURVEY, WHICH COVERED THE PERIOD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1 LAST YEAR AND JANUARY 31 THIS YEAR.

THE RESULTANT PAY TREND INDICATOR, WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE PAY TREND SURVEY COMMITTEE, SHOWS THAT EMPLOYEES IN THE UPPER PAY BAND (BETWEEN \$13 165 AND \$23 555 PER MONTH) RECEIVED A PAY RISE OF 8.77 PER CENT, WITH THOSE IN THE MIDDLE BAND (BETWEEN \$4 040 AND \$12 460 PER MONTH) RECEIVING A 9.12 PER CENT PAY RISE, AND THOSE IN THE LOWER PAY BAND (BELOW \$4 000 PER MONTH) RECEIVING A 10.77 PER CENT PAY INCREASE.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE HANG SENG INDEX (FOR HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE FROM \$6 500 TO \$19 999 PER MONTH) ROSE BY 8.6 PER CENT, WHILE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX B (FOR HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE FROM \$3 500 TO \$6 499 PER MONTH) INCREASED BY 7.8 PER CENT, AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX A (FOR HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE FROM \$1 000 TO \$3 499 PER MONTH) WENT UP BY 7.4 PER CENT.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THESE FACTORS, AND AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STAFF SIDES OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL, THE MODEL SCALE I STAFF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL AND THE POLICE FORCE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED AN ADJUSTMENT OF ABOUT 8.7 PER CENT FOR THE UPPER BAND, 9.1 PER CENT FOR THE MIDDLE BAND AND 10.9 PER CENT FOR THE LOWER BAND FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

IF THE PROPOSALS ARE APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, SIMILAR ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE SCALES AND RATE OF EMPLOYEES IN DEFICIENCY-SUBVENTED AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHOSE PAY SCALES ARE NORMALLY ADJUSTED IN LINE WITH CIVIL SERVICE PAY.

THESE INCLUDE AIDED SCHOOLS AND CERTAIN HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES, AS WELL AS ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNICS.

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THE COST OF THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE ABOUT \$1 600 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, AND INCLUDES A SPECIAL GRANT ESTIMATED AT \$100 MILLION PAYABLE TO THE URBAN COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, AND REIMBURSEMENTS OF ABOUT \$25 MILLION TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR SERVICES CARRIED OUT FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

AS FOR ORGANISATIONS SUBVENTED ON A DISCRETIONARY BASIS, APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT FOR SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION ESTIMATED AT \$20 MILLION, WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE, ON APPLICATION, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE MERITS OF EACH REQUEST.

IF APPROVED, THE PAY RISE WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1985.

OTHER SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT TOMORROW'S FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING INCLUDE:

- * THE CREATION OF A NEW RECURRENT ACCOUNT SUBHEAD ENTITLED +EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE+ UNDER THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HEAD WITH SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$838 000;
- * NEW AND INCREASED COMMITMENTS TOTALLING \$663 803 000 COMPRISING \$21 782 000 FOR BUILDING PROGRAMMES AT THE UNIVERSITIES, \$321 000 FOR THE BAPTIST COLLEGE AND \$641 700 000 FOR THE CITY POLYTECHNIC PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY PREMISES;
- * APPROVAL OF HIGHER LIMITS OF OVER-COMMITMENT IN 1985-86 FOR FIVE CAPITAL ACCOUNT BLOCK VOTES FOR WHICH THE STANDARD LIMIT OF 50 PER CENT IS INADEQUATE.

AT THE SAME MEETING, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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CONTROL OVER VACATED SQUATTER STRUCTURES TIGHTENED

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TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE STRUCTURES VACATED BY SQUATTERS WHO WILL BECOME PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE NEW MEASURES WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW TO FREEZE THE OCCUPANCY POSITION OF THE SQUATTER FAMILY OR FAMILIES AS SOON AS THEY ARE CALLED FOR INTERVIEW UPON THEIR TURN COMING ON THE WAITING LIST FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

+SQUATTER CONTROL STAFF WILL UNDERTAKE A DETAILED REGISTRATION OF ALL THE FAMILIES/PERSONS LIVING IN THE STRUCTURE,+ SAID A HOUSING SPOKESMAN TODAY.

HE SAID THAT BY SO DOING, THE FUTURE REHOUSING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SHARING FAMILIES, -IF ANY, WOULD BE SAFEGUARDED WHILE ANY NEW-COMERS WOULD BE REGARDED AS +LIVING IN AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE+ AND WOULD NOT BE ENTITLED TO PUBLIC HOUSING WHEN THE STRUCTURE WAS EVENTUALLY CLEARED.

+THIS REVISED PROCEDURE WILL TIGHTEN CONTROL AND PREVENT ANY NEW-COMERS FROM JUMPING THE QUEUE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE EVENT OF SUBSEQUENT CLEARANCE OF THE AREA. THESE MEASURES SHOULD THUS DISCOURAGE PROFITEERING INVOLVING SQUATTER STRUCTURES.

+THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL STILL BE THE DEMOLITION OF THE VACATED STRUCTURE WHENEVER THIS IS POSSIBLE.

+IF THE STRUCTURE IS IN SINGLE OCCUPANCY, THE SQUATTER WILL BE REQUIRED TO SURRENDER THE STRUCTURE AND AGREE TO ITS DEMOLITION UPON HIS MOVING INTO A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.+

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, NOTICES WOULD BE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE DECLARING THAT IT WAS SUBJECT TO DEMOLITION.

+IN CASES WHERE THE STRUCTURE IS SHARED BY OTHER FAMILIES, THE NOTICE WILL CARRY THE WARNING THAT ANY PERSON COMING TO OCCUPY THE VACATED PORTION WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING WHEN IT IS CLEARED.+

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT GETTING ON TO THE WAITING LIST WAS THE PROPER CHANNEL OF ENTERING PUBLIC HOUSING.

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LATEST APPLICATION FIGURES

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LATEST STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS ELECTORS IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED SIZE OF ELECTORATE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS</u>
COMMERCIAL I	2 650	275
COMMERCIAL II	6 000	1 035
INDUSTRIAL I	800	151
INDUSTRIAL II	3 000	491
FINANCIAL	140	48
LABOUR	380	179
SOCIAL SERVICES	154	36
MEDICAL	4 300	875
LEGAL	2 185	336
TEACHING	52 340	16 643
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	3 660	1 045
<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE</u>	441	301

TOTAL: 21 415

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NEED SEEN FOR 'NEW BREED' IN ELECTRONICS

A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT BREED OF TECHNICAL MANPOWER WAS NEEDED TO KEEP UP WITH THE GROWING SOPHISTICATED AND AUTOMATION IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR ANDREW CHUANG SAID TODAY.

THERE WAS A PARTICULAR NEED FOR TECHNOLOGISTS WITH STRONG ACADEMIC BACKGROUNDS AND SOUND PRACTICAL TRAINING, HE SAID.

REFERRING TO A JUST PUBLISHED REPORT ON A SURVEY OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY CARRIED OUT BY THE BOARD, HE SAID THAT THERE WERE 8 000 VACANCIES IN JUNE LAST YEAR IN THE INDUSTRY, WHICH HAD A WORK FORCE OF 107 000.

THE WORK FORCE WAS MADE UP OF ABOUT FOUR PER CENT TECHNOLOGISTS, 12 PER CENT TECHNICIANS, NINE PER CENT CRAFTSMEN, 73 PER CENT OPERATIVES AND TWO PER CENT UNSKILLED PERSONS.

A COMPARISON OF SKILL LEVELS IN THE WORK FORCE IN THE THREE SURVEYS UP TO LAST YEAR SHOWED HIGHER PERCENTAGE GROWTHS IN THE NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGISTS, RISING FROM 2.3 PER CENT OF THE 92 500 WORK FORCE IN 1980, TO 3.5 PER CENT OF THE 103 000 WORK FORCE IN 1982 TO NEARLY FOUR PER CENT OF THE 1984 WORK FORCE.

OPERATIVES, MADE UP LARGELY OF WOMEN, WERE BY FAR THE LARGEST NUMBER, RANGING FROM ABOUT 72 PER CENT TO 75 PER CENT OF ALL WORKERS IN THE THREE SURVEY PERIODS.

A FORECAST, BASED ON THE SURVEY INDICATES THAT FOR EACH OF THE COMING SIX YEARS, THE INDUSTRY WILL NEED ADDITIONALLY, AN AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 500 TECHNOLOGISTS, 750 TECHNICIANS, 400 CRAFTSMEN AND 4 200 OPERATIVES. THIS FORECAST TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE LATEST VACANCIES, AS WELL AS SUCH OTHER FACTORS AS DIVERSIFICATION, THE DEMAND FOR COMPUTER AND COMPUTER RELATED SERVICES, AND EMPLOYERS' FORECASTS.

MR CHUANG URGED EMPLOYERS TO FORMULATE PLANS FOR THE TRAINING AND RE-TRAINING OF SUFFICIENT MANPOWER TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN MODERN PLANT AND MACHINERY SO THAT THE INDUSTRY COULD UPGRADE ITS PRODUCTS AND COMPETE IN THE WORLD MARKET.

AT THE TIME OF SURVEY, THERE WERE SOME 1 200 TRAINEES AND APPRENTICES IN THE INDUSTRY, A FIGURE CONSIDERED INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE INDUSTRY'S NEED FOR SKILLED MANPOWER.

THE 1984 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$15.50 A COPY.

URBAN COUNCIL'S +GREEN+ LETTER DAYS
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO EMBARK ON A WEEK-LONG TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME NEXT WEEK.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME ARE TO BEAUTIFY THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT AND TO AROUSE GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ESSENTIAL ROLE THAT TREES CAN PLAY IN THE DENSELY-POPULATED AREAS, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE PLANTING CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MONDAY AND SATURDAY (MAY 6-11) IN THE COUNCIL'S VARIOUS PARKS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. THE LOCATIONS COVER KO SHAN PARK (MAY 6), MORSE PARK AND VICTORIA PARK (MAY 7), KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND AND THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL APPROACH (MAY 8), TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE AND COOMBE ROAD PLAYGROUND (MAY 9), THE OPEN SPACE AT LAI CHI KOK PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL AND BREWIN PATH PLAYGROUND (MAY 10), AND THE OPEN SPACE AT BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL (MAY 11).

URBAN COUNCILLORS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN THE TREE PLANTING CEREMONIES.

AMONG THE TREES TO BE PLANTED IS THE BAUHINIA BLAKEANA - ITS FLOWER IS USED AS HONG KONG'S FLORAL EMBLEM AND THE URBAN COUNCIL'S SYMBOL. THE SPECIES HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME BECAUSE IT HAS LONG SPREADING OR DROOPING BRANCHES AND IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ORNAMENTAL TREES IN HONG KONG. FURTHERMORE, IT HAS A GREAT LANDSCAPE IMPACT BECAUSE ITS FLOWERING PERIOD IS A LONG ONE, LASTING FROM EARLY NOVEMBER TO THE END OF MARCH.

TWO LESS COMMON SPECIES -- AILANTHUS FORDII AND TERMINALIA CATAPPA -- HAVE ALSO BEEN SELECTED BECAUSE BOTH OF THEM ARE WIND-RESISTANT, THEREBY MOST SUITABLE TO HONG KONG'S CLIMATE.

THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME IS ONLY PART OF THE COUNCIL'S CONTINUING, PAINSTAKING ENDEAVOUR TO TURN HONG KONG INTO A GARDEN CITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+OVER THE YEARS, THE COUNCIL HAS PROVIDED MANY PARKS, GARDENS, SITTING-OUT AREAS AND AMENITY PLOTS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND A SYSTEMATIC EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO PLANT TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS WITH THE HOPE OF ACHIEVING GREATER IMPACT ON LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT AND RESTORING ECOLOGICAL BALANCE TO OUR HIGHLY-URBANISED CITY.

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+WITH THE PROVISION OF MORE NURSERIES AND THE STREAMLINING OF THE NURSERY SYSTEM IN RECENT YEARS, THE SCALE OF LANDSCAPE PLANTING IN THE URBAN AREAS HAS GAINED CONSIDERABLE MOMENTUM,+ HE ADDED.

LAST YEAR, OVER 789 000 TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS WERE PLANTED THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREAS. THE FIGURE REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 250 PER CENT OVER THAT OF 1978. THIS YEAR'S PLANTING PROGRAMME WILL AIM AT 890 000 TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS. THE TARGET, IF ACHIEVED, WILL MEAN AN INCREASE OF 13 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE COUNCIL'S 11TH NURSERY, THE LOWER SHOUSON HILL NURSERY, EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE PLANTING FIGURE FOR 1986 IS LIKELY TO EXCEED ONE MILLION PLANTS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

NOT ONLY DOES THE COUNCIL SEEK TO BRIGHTEN UP ITS PARKS, GARDENS, AMENITY PLOTS AND SITTING OUT AREAS, IT ALSO AIMS TO GREEN UP HONG KONG'S HIGHWAYS. THE HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION SCHEME, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED BY THE COUNCIL IN 1979 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN ENLIVENING THE BARE ROADSIDES.

SAID THE SPOKESMAN: +AMONG THE MANY SCHEMES ON THE DRAWING BOARD ARE THE LANDSCAPE AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL NEW ROADS IN ABERDEEN AND THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

+IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A BIGGER EFFECT ON HIGHWAY LANDSCAPE, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO PLANNING TO PLANT FLOWERING CREEPERS AND CLIMBERS IN FRAMES UNDER FLYOVERS AND A TRIAL SCHEME WILL BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY. AT PRESENT, MOST PLANTS GROWN UNDER FLYOVERS ARE SHRUBS.+

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED TO KEEP WAGE RECORDS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO KEEP AND MAINTAIN A RECORD SETTING OUT THE WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF EACH EMPLOYEE COVERING THE PERIOD OF HIS EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PRECEDING SIX MONTHS.

UNDER THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY ORDINANCE 1985, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON APRIL 19, THE WAGE RECORDS SHOULD BE KEPT AT THE EMPLOYER'S PLACE OF BUSINESS OR AT THE PLACE WHERE THE EMPLOYEE WAS EMPLOYED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE RECORDS SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EMPLOYEE HAD CEASED TO BE EMPLOYED, HE ADDED.

THE WAGE RECORDS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- * EMPLOYEE'S NAME AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBER;
- * DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT;
- * JOB TITLE;
- * WAGES PAID IN RESPECT OF EACH WAGE PERIOD;
- * WAGE PERIOD;
- * PERIODS OF ANNUAL LEAVE, SICK LEAVE, MATERNITY LEAVE AND HOLIDAYS ENTITLED AND TAKEN PLUS RESPECTIVE PAYMENTS MADE;
- * AMOUNT OF END OF YEAR PAYMENT PAYABLE UNDER PART IIA OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE PERIOD COVERED;
- * NOTICE PERIOD FOR TERMINATION OF CONTRACT; AND
- * DATE OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS IS LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$5 000.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OR THE WAGE SECURITY UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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MEET-THE-MEDIA

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THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR CHAU CHAM-SON; PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, MR JOSE LÉI; PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR CHRISTOPHER RILEY; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR LOUIS HALL WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (MAY 2) AT 4 PM IN GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR WONG TAI SIN

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ANOTHER PLAYGROUND MANAGED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL OPENS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE SHEK KU LUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND, COSTING ABOUT \$5.3 MILLION, IS BUILT ON A 1.3-HECTARE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF CARPENTER ROAD AND SHEK KU LUNG ROAD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT BEGAN IN MAY LAST YEAR AND HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

THE PLAYGROUND PROVIDES LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH MUCH NEEDED SPORTING FACILITIES INCLUDING FOUR TENNIS COURTS WITH FLOODLIGHTS, TWO VOLLEYBALL-CUM-BADMINTON COURTS AND TWO 5-A-SIDE SOCCER PITCHES WHICH ARE THE FIRST OF THEIR TYPE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TENNIS COURTS WILL BE OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 11 P.M. AND THE OTHER COURTS BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 11 P.M.

BOOKINGS FOR USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE PLAYGROUND'S BOOKING OFFICE.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF THE VOLLEYBALL COURTS AND THE SOCCER PITCHES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON EAST REGIONAL OFFICE, AMOY PLAZA, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD (TEL. NO. 3-7553972).

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES SOUGHT
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF TWO ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF OF 12 JUPITER STREET, HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE IS TO ENABLE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES WITHOUT DANGER TO PEOPLE.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MAY 28, 1985 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF THE EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN AUGUST, 1984 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AS A RESULT OF THE OWNERS' FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER.

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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SEMINAR PROMOTES BETTER SERVICE, COURTESY
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A SEMINAR TO PROMOTE BETTER SERVICE AND COURTESY IN THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WAS OPENED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE STAFF MANAGEMNT AND DISCIPLINE DIVISION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH AND THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, IS PART OF A CAMPAIGN TO STRESS GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES OF COMBINING COURTEOUS AND EFFICIENT SERVICE WITH MAXIMUM PRODUCTIVITY.

NINE CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND 17 SERVICE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM PILOT PROJECTS ON IMPROVEMENTS IN COURTESY CONDUCTED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH.

DURING THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS, THE OFFICERS WILL CONDUCT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THEIR OFFICES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THEIR STAFF, AND THEN DISCUSS THEIR EXPERIENCES IN ANOTHER SEMINAR IN JULY.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TORN DOWN

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TWELVE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ALONG WAN TSUI LANE IN CHAI WAN WERE DEMOLISHED IN A CLEARANCE OPERATION CARRIED OUT TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IN CO-ORDINATION WITH THE POLICE, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE STRUCTURES WERE ALL USED FOR COMMERCIAL AND STORAGE PURPOSES.

TODAY'S OPERATION WAS PART OF A CLEARANCE PROGRAMME INITIATED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO IMPROVE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENT.

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BOARD WANTS PUBLIC SESSION ON AIR

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO SCHEDULE +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ PROGRAMMES ON RADIO, AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 2) AFTERNOON.

IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL BE ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING REGULAR PROGRAMMES FOR DISTRICT BOARDS DURING THEIR MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSIONS, WHICH WILL ALSO SERVE AS A MEANS OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME AND THE WORK PLAN OF LIAISON ACTIVITIES OF THE ICAC SOONVAR OFFICE FOR 1985-86.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS, AND AN INFORMATION PAPER ON PRIVATE ROADS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 2) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF WILLIE BUILDING, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

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BOARD CHAIRMAN ELECTED
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MR MICHAEL CHENG TAK-KIN WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AT A MEETING HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON MAY 7 (TUESDAY).

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TOPPING-OUT OF NEW WORKSHOP AT PIK UK
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, WILL OFFICIATE AT A TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF THE NEW WORKSHOP BUILDING AT PIK UK PRISON ON FRIDAY (MAY 3) MORNING.

PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY, THE PRESS WILL BE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE MINIMUM SECURITY PRISON, WHICH INCLUDES A MULTI-STORY LAUNDRY CATERING FOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, TAILORING WORKSHOPS, DORMITORIES AND A HOSPITAL.

THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS DURING THE TOUR OF THE PRISON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. HOWEVER, NOMINATION IS LIMITED TO ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ONE NEWS ORGANISATION. TELEVISION STATIONS MAY SEND TWO REPRESENTATIVES.

EDITORS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THE NAME AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBER OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT BY TELEPHONING 5-756521 EXTENSION 265 OR 267 DURING OFFICE HOURS. THE DEADLINE IS 5 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 2).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 9.45 AM SHARP. THOSE TRAVELLING ON THEIR OWN SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF PIK UK PRISON, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, KOWLOON, NOT LATER THAN 10.20 AM.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON WONG WAI-CHING ON FEBRUARY 16, 1983 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

WONG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF MR LAM CHIU-FANG ON MAY 17, 1982.

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BURST WATER MAIN DISRUPTS TRAFFIC

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN NGAU TAU KOK FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORKS ON CHUN WAH ROAD AS A RESULT OF THE BURSTING OF WATERMANS.

- * CHUN WAH ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND ON WAH STREET IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * CHUN WAH ROAD RIGHT-TURNING INTO ON WAH STREET IS BANNED.
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CHUN WAH ROAD HEADING FOR NGAU TAU KOK ROAD IS DIVERTED VIA CHUN WAH ROAD, ON WAH STREET, ON TAK ROAD AND NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
- * TRAFFIC ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR ON WAH STREET VIA CHUN WAH ROAD IS DIVERTED VIA ON TAK ROAD AND ON WAH STREET.
- * KMB ROUTES NO. 2A, 23M AND 28 ARE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA CHUN WAH ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK BUS TERMINUS, JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD AND NGAU TAU KOK ROAD ON THEIR JOURNEYS FROM LOK WAH ESTATE.

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TEN-HOUR ROAD CLOSURE

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THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION AND SOUTH WEST LOOP ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 3) TO 5 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 4) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DIVERT VIA WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDBOUT AND WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 3), ALL VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING GOLDEN HILL ROAD AT KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK DURING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

FROM THE SAME DAY, RESTRICTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING ZONES IN LUEN WO HUI WILL BE LIFTED:

* THE EASTERN SIDE OF LUEN HING STREET BETWEEN WO TAI STREET AND WO FUNG STREET.

* THE WESTERN SIDE OF LUEN SHING STREET BETWEEN WO TAI STREET AND WO FUNG STREET.

AND THE TAXI STAND IN LUEN HING STREET WILL BE SHORTENED.

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