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APPOINTMENT TO EXCO  
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED THE HON ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI, OBE, JP TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT UNTIL AUGUST 31, 1988.

MR LEE HAS SERVED ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SINCE 1978.

AS ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 5, MR LEE HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD UP TO AUGUST 31, 1988.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL BILL 1985 PUBLISHED  
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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BILL 1985, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL TO COME INTO EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL NEXT YEAR, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL DETAILS THE MEMBERSHIP, FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WHICH WILL, LIKE ITS URBAN COUNTERPART, BE A FINANCIALLY AUTONOMOUS EXECUTIVE BODY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD HAVE LEGALLY DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING SERVICES RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, HYGIENE, RECREATION AND CULTURE IN THE AREAS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+IN THIS SENSE ITS FUNCTIONS WILL BE DISTINCT FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK,+ HE SAID.

+THESE WILL CONTINUE TO FULFIL AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT ON A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES.+

ALTHOUGH, IN THE MAIN, THE PROVISIONS IN THE BILL FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ORDINANCE, THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP.

WHEREAS THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS A TOTAL OF 30 MEMBERS - OF WHOM 15 ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND 15 ARE DIRECTLY ELECTED - THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL COMPRISE 36 MEMBERS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT OF THESE 12 WOULD BE APPOINTED, NINE WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF EACH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES' DISTRICT BOARDS, AND THE CHAIRMAN AND TWO VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK WOULD BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

/+FURTHERMORE, THERE .....

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+FURTHERMORE, THERE WILL BE 12 CONSTITUENCY-BASED MEMBERS WHO WILL BE DIRECTLY ELECTED BY THE PUBLIC IN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE NEW COUNCIL IN MARCH 1986,+ HE ADDED.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEEK WHEN IT WILL BE INITIALLY DEBATED. THE SECOND READING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 10.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT TO UMELCO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12/F, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES AT HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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#### BILL PAVES WAY FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL

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A BILL PAVING THE WAY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND FOR THE RETURN OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE NEW COUNCIL IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ELECTIONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON JUNE 26. THE SECOND READING DEBATE IS EXPECTED TO BE RESUMED ON JULY 10.

+IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE BILL TO BE ENACTED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH SO THAT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES COULD BE DECLARED BY THE END OF THE MONTH AND THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS COULD BEGIN ON AUGUST 15,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ELABORATING ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT, THE ELECTORATE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL COINCIDES WITH DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

+BUT THESE BOUNDARIES DO NOT COINCIDE PRECISELY WITH THE DEMARCATION BETWEEN NEW KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE BILL SEEKS TO AMEND THE LAW SO THAT THE DELINEATION OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL COINCIDE WITH THEIR ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES.

+FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION, IT IS PROPOSED TO NAME THE AREAS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE TWO COUNCILS THE 'URBAN COUNCIL AREA' AND THE 'REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA',+ HE SAID.

+THE TERMS FOR THE TWO AREAS COULD STILL BE AMENDED IF THERE ARE BETTER SUGGESTIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT IS HAPPY TO CONSIDER OTHER NAMES THAT MAY DIFFERENTIATE THE TWO AREAS MORE APPROPRIATELY,+ HE SAID.

/THE BILL .....

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TO DECLARE, BY REFERENCE TO DISTRICTS, ANY AREA TO BE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL OR REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

+AFTER THE 1986 ELECTIONS, FURTHER CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN AS TO WHETHER THE POWER TO DECLARE THE JURISDICTIONAL AREAS OF THE TWO COUNCILS SHOULD REST WITH THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL OR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO FURTHER EXTEND EXISTING LEGISLATION TO REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS, AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE TO ENABLE THE ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS TO BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BILL AND THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

+THE PROHIBITION OF CANDIDATES FROM STANDING FOR AND ACCEPTING ELECTIONS TO A DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE REMOVED,+ HE NOTED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES ORDINANCE WILL STILL APPLY TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS BUT REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS, WHO WILL BE ELECTED ON A BOARD-BY-BOARD BASIS TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ELECTION EXPENSES ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE CEILING ON ELECTION EXPENSES FOR CANDIDATES TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO BE SET AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THAT FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+SUBSEQUENT TO A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE POST OFFICE REGULATIONS, CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OR TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL, AS DO THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, BE ABLE TO DISPATCH ONE LETTER TO EACH REGISTERED ELECTOR IN THEIR CONSTITUENCY FREE OF POSTAGE,+ HE SAID.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT TO UMEICO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12/F, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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PROVISIONAL RC SETS UP COMMITTEE STRUCTURE  
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THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY) DECIDED ON ITS OVERALL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, WHICH WILL CENTRE ON THREE SELECT COMMITTEES AND NINE DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED THIS MONTH AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE 21 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL INDICATED THEIR PREFERENCES AT THE MEETING AS TO WHICH SELECT COMMITTEES THEY WISHED TO SERVE ON. THIS WOULD SERVE AS THE BASIS ON WHICH THE COMPOSITION OF THE SELECT COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THEIR CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN, WOULD BE DECIDED AT THE COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 28.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SELECT COMMITTEES WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS, WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICERS BEING INVITED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AND OUTSIDE EXPERTS CO-OPTED AS AND WHEN REQUIRED.

ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF SELECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAS NOT BEEN FIXED, IT WAS DECIDED ABOUT 10 IN EACH COMMITTEE WOULD BE PRACTICAL.

THE NINE DISTRICT COMMITTEES TO SERVE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF DISTRICTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS WOULD BE SET UP BY SEPTEMBER AND EACH WOULD BE COMPOSED OF ABOUT FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THREE NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE NINE DISTRICT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL SHOULD BE APPOINTED AS THE CHAIRMEN OF THE NINE DISTRICT COMMITTEES RESPECTIVELY, AS THIS WOULD HELP STRENGTHEN THE LINKS BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THERE WAS NO EXISTING PRECEDENT IN HONG KONG FOR DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND THEY WOULD TEND TO BE EXPERIMENTAL. THEY WILL BE MORE LOCALISED IN THEIR FUNCTION THAN THE SELECT COMMITTEES AND THEY WILL REQUIRE A STRONG LOCAL INPUT.

THE MAIN SOURCES OF THIS INPUT WILL INCLUDE LEADING MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS DISTRICT BOARDS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS. THE AIM IS TO ACHIEVE AS WIDE AND AS REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION OF MEMBERS IN EACH DISTRICT AS POSSIBLE.

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AMENDMENT PLAN SUPPORTED

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THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL HAS GIVEN SUPPORT TO A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE TO EMPOWER THE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS UPON THE RENEWAL OF ANY REGISTRATION, LICENCE OR PERMIT.

THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 125 OF THE ORDINANCE WHICH WAS DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, WOULD ALSO EXTEND FROM SEVEN DAYS TO 14 DAYS THE PERIOD FOR THE LODGING OF AN APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF A DECISION OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

SECTION 125 OF THE ORDINANCE GOVERNS THE MANNER IN WHICH LICENCE, REGISTRATION AND PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THE ORDINANCE ARE TO BE GRANTED, RENEWED, REFUSED, SUSPENDED OR CANCELLED, A REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF NEW LICENSING CONDITIONS OR CHANGES TO EXISTING ONES UPON THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE.

IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR EXAMPLE TO UPGRADE THE HYGIENE STANDARD OF A RESTAURANT, THERE IS OFTEN A NEED TO IMPOSE NEW CONDITIONS OR TO VARY EXISTING ONES UPON THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE OR PERMIT. THE PRESENT PROCEDURE IS FOR THE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO SERVE A 90 DAYS' NOTICE STATING THE INTENTION TO REFUSE RENEWAL AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND AT THE SAME TIME TO ISSUE ANOTHER NOTICE INVITING A FRESH APPLICATION, SO THAT WHEN A NEW LICENCE IS ISSUED THE NEW CONDITIONS MAY BE INCLUDED, HE SAID.

THE COUNCIL WAS TOLD THAT THIS PROCEDURE IS CUMBERSOME AND IS NOT WELL-UNDERSTOOD BY THE AVERAGE LICENSEE. IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO AMEND SECTION 125 TO EMPOWER THE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE NEW CONDITIONS, OR VARY EXISTING ONES, WHEN ANY LICENCE, REGISTRATION OR PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE IS DUE FOR RENEWAL.

THE URBAN COUNCIL IN THE URBAN AREAS AND THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS ARE THE LICENSING AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF JURISDICTION.

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NEW I.D. CARDS FOR MEN BORN 1933-36  
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MEN BORN BETWEEN 1933 AND 1936 WILL HAVE TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS STARTING FROM JULY 1.

THIS PHASE WILL LAST UNTIL AUGUST 3, DURING WHICH APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES, BRINGING ALONG THEIR OLD CARDS.

THE EIGHT OFFICES, OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.
- SHA TIN : SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.

AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THESE OFFICES DO NOT DEAL WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED OR LOST CARDS.

+SUCH APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED BY THE REGULAR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES,+ HE SAID.

HE REITERATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. ONCE DETECTED, THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED.

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ROUTINE VISIT  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF A ROUTINE VISIT TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) TO LISTEN TO STAFF MEMBERS AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

MR ROWLANDS STARTED HIS MORNING VISIT WITH A MEETING WITH THE DIRECTORATE BEFORE TOURING THE NEWS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISIONS.

HE STOPPED TO CHAT WITH STAFF OF THE VARIOUS SECTIONS, BEFORE DROPPING IN ON A MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND THE ISD STAFF CLUB.

MR ROWLANDS LISTENED TO THE NUMEROUS TOPICS DISCUSSED AND ALSO BRIEFED THEM ON ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST.

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EPCOM DISCUSSES EMISSION CONTROL PROPOSALS  
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TENTATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AIMED AT REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES IN HONG KONG WERE CONSIDERED BY MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) AT A MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN AN INTERIM REPORT OF A STUDY ON HONG KONG MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS PROBLEM COMMISSIONED BY THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (UNIDO) IN 1984.

THE UNIDO CONSULTANT, MR MICHAEL WALSH, WHO COMPILED THE REPORT AFTER A MONTH-LONG PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION IN HONG KONG LAST NOVEMBER ALSO ATTENDED THE EPCOM MEETING FOR DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT.

THE STUDY SHOWED THAT THERE WAS A WIDESPREAD PARTICULATE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG CAUSED MAINLY BY COMMERCIAL DIESEL VEHICLES.

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PROPOSED TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAMME AS REGARDS THE CONTROL OF SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM VEHICLES AND TO STREAMLINE THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROL OF THE PROBLEM.

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THE REPORT ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE INTRODUCTION OF UNLEADED PETROL. MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE LEVEL OF LEAD IN PETROL WAS REDUCED FROM 0.4 GM/LITRE TO 0.25 GM/LITRE ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THESE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE RESEARCHED AND REFINED DURING THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROJECT TO BE CARRIED OUT LATER THIS YEAR. THEY WILL FORM THE BASIS OF A FINAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE EPCOM MEETING ALSO NOTED THE ACTION TAKEN TO IMPROVE POLLUTION CONTROL AT POPULAR BEACHES AND THE STUDIES INITIATED BY THE BEACH POLLUTION ACTION COMMITTEE ON BOOMING OF BEACHES TO PREVENT MARINE REFUSE FLOWING INTO BATHING AREAS.

THE TRIAL BOOMING SCHEME AT REPULSE BAY, IMPLEMENTED DURING THE LAST SWIMMING SEASON, HAS RECENTLY BEEN EVALUATED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IN VIEW OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO EXTEND THE SCHEME TO STANLEY MAIN BEACH AND DEEP WATER BAY THIS SUMMER.

MEMBERS ALSO LEARNED THAT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, HAS REVIEWED THE EFFICIENCY OF ITS REFUSE COLLECTION VESSELS (+SEACATS+) OPERATING WITHIN GAZETTED BEACH LIMITS AND NEW DESIGNS AIMED AT GREATER OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY ARE BEING DEVELOPED.

ALSO DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WAS A STUDY REPORT PREPARED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON ASBESTOS LEVELS IN AMBIENT AIR IN HONG KONG.

THIS STUDY OF 24 LOCATIONS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE CHOSEN FOR THEIR PROXIMITY TO POTENTIAL ASBESTOS SOURCES, HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AMBIENT AIR ASBESTOS CONCENTRATIONS IN HONG KONG ARE CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN THOSE FOUND IN OTHER MAJOR CITIES.

THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT COMPARISON OF THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY WITH SIMILAR STUDIES CARRIED OUT OVERSEAS, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH KNOWN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA FOR ASBESTOS EXPOSURE, STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT PRESENT LEVELS OF AMBIENT AIR ASBESTOS LEVELS SHOULD NOT GIVE RISE TO CONCERN.

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FANLING BYPASS OPENED  
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IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT IN PROMOTING TRADE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, SIR ROGER LOBO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SIR ROGER WAS SPEAKING WHEN OPENING THE FANLING BYPASS, WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT AS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROUTE TO LINK DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS.

+THIS ROAD, TOGETHER WITH OTHER RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN RAIL AND SEA LINKS, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE OF GREAT MUTUAL BENEFIT TO CROSS BORDER TRADE,+ HE SAID.

THE BYPASS, A 3.9-KILOMETRE STRETCH OF DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, IS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE SMOOTH FLOW OF GROWING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE TERRITORY AND ACROSS THE BORDER.

+I KNOW THAT THIS ROAD WILL REMOVE THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM THE TOWN CENTRE WHILE PROVIDING LINKS TO FANLING NEW TOWN AND THAT IT WILL ALSO FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD SCHEME,+ SIR ROGER SAID.

+I AM SURE THAT THE FANLING BYPASS WILL PROVE A VALUABLE ASSET TO BOTH THE NORTH DISTRICT AND THE TERRITORY AS A WHOLE.

+I AM EQUALLY CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF A MAJOR PART OF THE TRUNK ROAD FROM SHA TIN TO FANLING LATER THIS YEAR AND THEN ON TO AU TAU NEXT YEAR, EVEN GREATER BENEFITS WILL ENSUE,+ SIR ROGER SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973, SIR ROGER SAID: +THE COMPLETION OF THIS MAJOR ROAD PROJECT REPRESENTS ANOTHER OF HONG KONG'S ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT WHILE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS IS WELL KNOWN BOTH HERE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD= HONG KONG CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF ITS ACHIEVEMENTS.+

EARLIER, IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE, SAID THE PROJECT WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING NEW TOWN WHICH HAD BEEN GROWING AT AN EVER-INCREASING RATE SINCE 1978.

THE GROWTH WAS CONTINUING WITH A FURTHER \$160 MILLION WORTH OF NEW PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN FANLING TO BE ADDED TO THOSE ALREADY IN HAND.

THE BYPASS HAD BEEN BUILT TO THE LATEST HIGHWAY STANDARDS TO ALLOW SAFE DRIVING AT REASONABLY HIGH SPEED - SPECIAL SKID-RESISTANT SURFACING, IMPROVED ROAD SIGNS, EMERGENCY TELEPHONES AND OBSERVATION PLATFORMS FOR POLICE VEHICLES.

/THE ROAD .....

THE ROAD HAD ALSO BEEN GENEROUSLY LANDSCAPED AND EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

MR O'RORKE SAID FANLING BYPASS RESULTED FROM SEVERAL YEARS OF CAREFUL PLANNING, DESIGN, CO-ORDINATION AND CONSTRUCTION ON THE PART OF CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS AND SEVERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. IT COST \$180 MILLION, AND IT HAD TAKEN TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS TO CONSTRUCT.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME LAUNCHING  
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THE 1985 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE LAUNCHED AT 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 23) AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG CAMP.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME POLICY COMMITTEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE PRECEDED BY A GUIDED TOUR OF THE CAMP ACTIVITIES INVOLVING SOME 300 YOUNG PARTICIPANTS.

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TWO DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS CHANGED  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT SHA TIN AND WAN CHAI OUTLINE ZONING PLANS.

IN SHA TIN, A REVISION OF THE GENERAL ZONING OF THE SIU LEK YUEN VALLEY AREA TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED KWONG YUEN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IS PROPOSED.

OTHER AMENDMENTS IN THE DISTRICT CONCERN RAILWAY LAND AND ITS ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH SIMILAR ZONING IN THE MAIN URBAN AREAS, ALL RAILWAY LAND ON THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN HAD BEEN ZONED +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+ AND GIVEN THE APPROPRIATE ANNOTATION TO REFLECT THE EXISTING OR INTENDED DEVELOPMENT.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE AMENDMENT IN WAN CHAI INVOLVES THE REZONING OF A SITE OF ABOUT 1.27 HECTARES TO THE SOUTH OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND EAST OF SHIP STREET FROM +OPEN SPACE+, +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY+, +RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)+ AND +RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)+ TO +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS REZONING WAS TO FACILITATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WITHIN THE AREA WHICH WAS PARTLY OCCUPIED BY DILAPIDATED PRE-WAR BUILDINGS.

+REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN THIS SITE WILL REQUIRE PLANNING PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF OPEN SPACE WOULD BE PROVIDED WITHIN THIS SITE UPON COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS IN SHA TIN AND WAN CHAI MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE JULY 11.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR THE KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE AT 382 NATHAN ROAD AT \$10 FOR UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR COLOURED ONE.

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#### FORESHORE, SEA BED IN SHA TIN TO BE LEASED

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO GRANT A LEASE OF 1 330-SQUARE METRE OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED AT SHING MUN RIVER CHANNEL, NEAR TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESTAURANT.

AN ADJACENT PIECE OF CROWN LAND OF ABOUT 6 379 SQUARE METRES WILL ALSO BE GRANTED TO THE LESSEE FOR LANDSCAPING, PARKING, LOADING AND UNLOADING PURPOSES.

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HOWEVER, THE LESSEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN AT HIS OWN EXPENSE FOOTBRIDGES LINKING THE FORESHORE AND SEA BED AREA WITH THE CROWN LAND.

OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL AND/OR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 21.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN SHOWING THE AREA AFFECTED CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE WHILE THE PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG= SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN= AND SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN.

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#### LANGUAGE LEARNING NEEDS RIGHT MOTIVATION

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THE WEAKEST STUDENTS COULD BE MOTIVATED TO LEARN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IF THE TEACHER PROVIDED THE RIGHT CONDITION FOR LEARNING, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID PARTICIPANTS IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME HAVE PROVED THAT NEW TEACHING TECHNIQUES AND MATERIALS COULD MOTIVATE CHILDREN TO LEARN CHINESE AND ENGLISH BETTER.

MR LEUNG WAS ADDRESSING 310 TEACHERS AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE SIXTH REFRESHER COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THE FIRST REFRESHER COURSE FOR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION.

+PARTICIPANTS IN THE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS PROGRAMME HAVE REPORTED VERY ENCOURAGING RESULTS IN THEIR EXPERIMENTAL TEACHING,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

HE SAID A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY CONDUCTED BEFORE THE COURSE BEGAN ENABLED THE INSTITUTE TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION WHICH IT USED TO DESIGN A TAILOR-MADE COURSE MEETING THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND THE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

+THE FINAL PROGRAMME WAS ACTUALLY A JOINT EFFORT OF THE TUTORS AND THE PARTICIPANTS,+ HE CONTINUED.

+THROUGH CONSTANT FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS, THE INSTITUTE WAS ABLE TO MODIFY THE CURRICULUM AND READJUST THE TIMETABLE TO MAKE THE PROGRAMME MORE PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC,+ MR LEUNG ADDED.

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THE REFRESHER COURSES, EACH OF 16 WEEKS, ARE ORGANISED EVERY YEAR FOR EXPERIENCED TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH.

UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR PETER WONG, WHO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF GRADUATES.

MR WONG ALSO OFFICIATED AT ANOTHER CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE END-OF-COURSE EXHIBITION OF LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING MATERIALS AT THE INSTITUTE. THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY (JUNE 24 TO 27).

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#### MORE STUDENTS TAKING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS \* \* \* \* \*

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS TAKING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION HAS INCREASED GREATLY AND THE GROWTH OF THESE SUBJECTS IS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS EDUCATION, MR LEUNG SAID TECHNOLOGISTS, TECHNICIANS, CRAFTSMEN, MANAGERS, ACCOUNTANTS, SECRETARIES AND CLERICAL STAFF WERE NEEDED AS HONG KONG HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MAJOR MANUFACTURING AND FINANCIAL CENTRES OF THE WORLD.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MR LEUNG SAID, WE MUST PRODUCE THE SKILLED MANPOWER REQUIRED IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE BECOMING MORE SOPHISTICATED.

WHILE THE ONUS RESTED ON THE UNIVERSITIES, THE POLYTECHNICS AND THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR THE TRAINING OF TECHNOLOGISTS, TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN, MR LEUNG SAID SECONDARY SCHOOLS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN HELPING STUDENTS TO ACQUIRE BASIC SKILLS, THUS OPENING UP FOR THEM A MULTITUDE OF DIFFERENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

+COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN FORMS 4 AND 5 PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A SOUND FOUNDATION OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND AN INTRODUCTION TO BROAD-BASED COMMERCIAL SKILLS UPON WHICH FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAY BE BASED,+ HE SAID.

+VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE FORM 5 LEAVERS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES IN COMMERCIAL EDUCATION AND THOSE WHO PREFER A MORE ACADEMIC APPROACH MAY CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES IN FORMS 6 AND 7.

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+COURSES IN ACCOUNTING, MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS STUDIES EXIST IN THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND PRACTICALLY ALL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING OF COURSE THE TWO POLYTECHNICS.

+STUDENTS WHO PREFER TO FOLLOW MORE VOCATIONALLY-BIASED COURSES MAY JOIN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES,+ HE SAID.

RECALLING THE 1978 WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, MR LEUNG SAID IT RECOMMENDED SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE PRACTICAL OR TECHNICAL SUBJECT, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS, IN THE SENIOR SECONDARY CURRICULUM.

+WHILE THE EXISTING PRACTICE OF LEAVING DECISIONS ON THE CURRICULUM TO THE SCHOOLS THEMSELVES WILL CONTINUE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASSISTING SCHOOLS TO OFFER PRACTICAL, TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY RESOURCES,+ HE SAID.

+THE RESPONSE FROM SCHOOLS HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING,+ HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT THE AIM OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS EDUCATION WAS TO ADMIT AS MEMBERS TEACHERS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THOSE IN FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION, MR LEUNG SAID IT WAS A GOOD IDEA SINCE IT ALLOWED TEACHERS TO MEET FROM TIME TO TIME TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SHARE EXPERIENCES.

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32 COMMENDED FOR GOOD WORK  
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THIRTY-TWO STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO DUTY AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN WORK BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

THEY WERE AWARDED THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES AT A DINNER HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICERS' CLUB IN WAN CHAI.

THE 32 RECIPIENTS COMPRISED CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, MEDICAL OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN STAFF.

MOST WERE PRAISED FOR THEIR INITIATIVE, DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS HELD IN HONG KONG LAST MARCH.

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OVER 450 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND THEIR SPOUSES ATTENDED THE DINNER TO BID FAREWELL TO MR GARNER WHO IS GOING TO RETIRE AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

MR GARNER WAS APPOINTED A LIFE MEMBER AND VICE-PATRON OF THE OFFICERS' CLUB FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE STAFF AND WAS PRESENTED WITH A PLAQUE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OFFICERS' CLUB, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT CHENG CHI-LEUNG.

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FISHERMEN GOING ON EUROPEAN STUDY TOUR  
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A DELEGATION OF TEN FISHERMEN WHO WILL BE LEAVING ON MONDAY ON A 12-DAY STUDY TOUR OF EUROPE WAS PRESENTED WITH A BANNER TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN.

THE TOUR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANIZATION.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION, DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THAT SINCE 1981 THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANIZATION HAD BEEN ORGANISING STUDY TOURS TO ENABLE LOCAL FISHERMEN TO SEE NEW, ADVANCED AND UP-TO-DATE FISHING TECHNOLOGY IN OVERSEAS COUNTRIES.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THESE VISITS WILL BROADEN LOCAL FISHERMEN'S OUTLOOK ON FISHERIES AND ENABLE THEM TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS AS WELL AS INCREASE THEIR TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE.

+THIS YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ORGANISE A VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NORWAY TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AND MARINE EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND AT THE END OF JUNE,+ HE SAID.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT THE FISH MARKET AND FISH PORT AT GRIMSBY, THE SCHOOL FOR FISHING STUDIES AT HULL, FISHING GEAR AND FISH UNLOADING EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS IN OSLO AND A MARINE ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURER IN HORTEN.

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REFRESHMENT KIOSK TENDERS INVITED  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND.

THE SPORTS GROUND IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN TONNOCHY ROAD. IT IS USED BY SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER ORGANISED BODIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, CLUBS AND FIRMS TO HOLD ATHLETIC MEETS.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE AWARDED A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT STARTING FROM THE DATE OF SIGNING THE DOCUMENT. AT PRESENT, THE KIOSK CARRIES A MONTHLY RENTAL OF \$2 230.

TENDER FORMS AND OTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE (LEISURE SERVICES), 16TH FLOOR, HONEST MOTORS BUILDING, 9-11 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE AND PUT BY HAND IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECEPTION COUNTER, 12TH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET BEFORE 9 AM ON FRIDAY, JULY 5. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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TRAFFIC REROUTING AT FANLING  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING SECTION), ALSO KNOWN AS FANLING BYPASS, FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 24).

THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN HO KA YUEN AND SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT WILL BE DESIGNATED AS 80 KILOMETRE-PER-HOUR SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTED ZONE.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONES:

- \* TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN THE ACCESS ROAD TO TONG HANG AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDABOUT.
- \* WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE, NORTHEAST SLIP ROAD, SOUTHWEST LOOP ROAD AND NORTHWEST LOOP ROAD.
- \* TAI PO ROAD (FANLING SECTION) BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT AND A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES WEST OF HO KA YUEN.

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\* KAI LENG INTERCHANGE.

\* SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT.

ALL VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE PROHIBITED TO LEARNER DRIVERS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES:

\* TAI PO ROAD (FANLING SECTION) BETWEEN THE SOUTHWEST LOOP ROAD OF WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AND SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT.

\* SLIP ROADS AT KAI LENG ELEVATED ROUNDABOUT.

THREE NEW PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGES NEAR FANLING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, FANLING KCR STATION AND CHOI YUEN ESTATE WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC.

CYCLE PATHS HAVE ALSO BEEN CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE NEW ROAD.

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR YUEN LONG AND SHEK KONG CAN USE THE NEW ROAD INSTEAD OF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

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+MUSIC FOR MILLIONS+ FROM TRAMS  
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A CHINESE MUSIC ENSEMBLE AND A BRASS QUINTET FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH MADE MUSIC FROM TWO TRAMS PLYING BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND WESTERN MARKET THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

THE TWO MUSICAL TRAMS ALSO STOPPED AND GAVE 10 TO 15 MINUTES RECITALS AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY, NORTH POINT AND WESTERN MARKET TRAM LOOPS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE FRINGE CLUB TO MARK THE PASSING IN EUROPE OF THE SUMMER SOLSTICE, WHICH SIGNIFIES FERTILITY AND GROWTH, ESPECIALLY IN A FARMING COMMUNITY.

IT ALSO SERVES AS ONE OF OUR REGULAR +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ CONCERTS FOR THE COMMUNITY, BUT DEFINITELY IT IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE PERFORMED FROM A TRAM AND TAKEN MUSIC TO THE STREETS, HE SAID.

/THE PROGRAMME .....

THE PROGRAMME TONIGHT INCLUDED BACH TO SCOTT JOPLIN, THE ALL-TIME PIPA SOLO PIECE, THE AMBUSH, AND THE THEME SONG FROM THE FAMOUS +ANGEL OF THE ROAD+.

PART OF THE PROGRAMME WAS TRANSMITTED BY RTHK VIA SATELLITE TO RADIO NETWORKS IN FRANCE AND EUROPE.

THE EVENT WAS ALSO AN ATTEMPT TO TAKE MUSIC-MAKING INTO THE STREETS, AWAY FROM CONCERT HALLS, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS. IT WAS HOPED THAT STARTING THIS YEAR, THIS DAY WOULD BE MARKED FOR MUSIC-MAKING IN THE TERRITORY AS IN MOST EUROPEAN CITIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE IDEA ORIGINATED IN PARIS THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN THE FETE DE LA MUSIQUE WAS ORGANISED SO THAT MUSIC COULD BE HEARD IN THE PARKS, STREET CORNERS AND COURTYARDS ONCE EVERY YEAR ON JUNE 21, THE DAY BEFORE THE PASSING OF SUMMER SOLSTICE.

IN ADDITION TO THE MUSICAL TRAMS, A PIANO RECITAL BY MISS CHEN SU-CHEN, AND A CHINESE MUSIC CONCERT BY THE INSTRUCTORS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WERE LATER HELD AT THE NEW ALLIANCE FRANCAISE CENTRE IN JAVA ROAD.

A LATE-NIGHT RECITAL OF BRASS MUSIC OF THE BEST BRASS PLAYERS FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE WAS ALSO HELD AT THE FRINGE CLUB.

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YUEN LONG STADIUM HIRING CHARGES BEING REVISED  
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FOLLOWING A COSTING OF THE OPERATION OF THE YUEN LONG STADIUM, IT WAS DECIDED TO INCREASE BY AN AVERAGE OF 27 PER CENT THE HIRING CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE STADIUM, THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WAS INFORMED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEE INCREASE HAD BEEN DEFERRED BY ONE YEAR TO APRIL 1, 1986 TO ALLOW TIME FOR SCHOOLS, CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS - WHICH NORMALLY PLAN THEIR ACTIVITIES ON A YEARLY BASIS - TO BUDGET FOR THE INCREASE. FOR OTHER HIRERS, THE NEW FEE SCALE WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE COSTING SHOWED THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF FEES COVERED ONLY ABOUT TWO PER CENT OF THE OPERATING COSTS, RESULTING IN A DEFICIT OF \$1 MILLION A YEAR.

THE COUNCIL WAS TOLD THAT THE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN REVISED FOR 11 YEARS.

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HOWEVER, THE REVISED FEES WOULD MEAN THAT A TYPICAL HIRER OF THE STADIUM WOULD ONLY HAVE TO PAY MARGINALLY MORE, FOR EXAMPLE \$50 FOR AN ATHLETIC MEET, AND \$20 FOR A FOOTBALL MATCH.

THE CHARGING METHOD HAS, AT THE SAME TIME BEEN SIMPLIFIED. WHERE GATE RECEIPT IS CHARGED, A HIGHER PERCENTAGE ON THE GATE RECEIPT IS AIMED FOR.

AS THE ONLY GAZETTED STADIUM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE YUEN LONG STADIUM HAS A USAGE RATE OF 55 PER CENT, AND THE NEW CHARGES WERE NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT THIS TO ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RECORDS SHOWED THAT SCHOOLS, CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS MADE UP 40 PER CENT OF THE HIRERS OF THE STADIUM, HE SAID.

THE NEW CHARGES WERE EXPECTED TO BRING IN AN ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$17 000 IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1985-86 AND \$24 000 FROM 1986-87 ONWARDS.

THE FEES WILL FROM NOW ON BE REVIEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

THE COUNCIL ALSO APPOINTED MR LAM KIM-MING AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

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#### OBSOLETE SIGNBOARDS REMOVED \* \* \*

ELEVEN OBSOLETE SIGNBOARDS WERE REMOVED FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SIGNBOARDS, LOCATED IN FIVE BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, WOULD HAVE BEEN DANGEROUS IN THE EVENT OF TYPHOONS.

THE OPERATION WAS FUNDED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND CARRIED OUT BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS.

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#### ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI \* \* \*

SPRING GARDEN LANE BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 25 AND 35 WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 24) FOR ABOUT A MONTH TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON SPRING GARDEN LANE WILL BE DIVERTED INTO CROSS STREET TO REJOIN THE NORTHERN END OF SPRING GARDEN LANE.

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