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NEED FOR COMMON SENSE ON ROADS STRESSED

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COMMON SENSE, CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS AND A REGARD FOR SAFETY ARE THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION WHICH WILL COME INTO FORCE IN AUGUST, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF TSUEN WAN ON THE EFFECTS OF THE NEW LEGISLATION ON MOTORISTS, ON PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS AND BUSINESSMEN ENGAGED IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT, AND ON PEDESTRIANS.

MR SO SAID THAT A DRIVING OFFENCE DEMERIT POINTS SYSTEM WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN AUGUST WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC LAWS, IN THE INTEREST OF ROAD SAFETY.

+THE PURPOSE OF THIS SCHEME IS NOT TO MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT FOR MOTORISTS, BUT TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY BY INDUCING MORE CAREFUL AND CONSIDERATE DRIVING,+ HE SAID.

UNDER THE SYSTEM, A DRIVER WHO ACCUMULATES 15 POINTS WITHIN TWO YEARS MAY, INITIALLY, BE DISQUALIFIED FROM DRIVING FOR THREE MONTHS.

AND TO SERVE AS A DETERRENT, PENALTIES FOR MOST MOVING TRAFFIC OFFENCES, IN PARTICULAR RECKLESS AND CARELESS DRIVING CAUSING INJURY AND DEATH, HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED.

NEW REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS THE FITTING OF AT LEAST TWO REAR VIEW MIRRORS, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE, AND THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF 1 MM TREAD DEPTH FOR TYRES, ARE ALSO LAID DOWN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES, TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY.

ALSO UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION, WHICH IS GENERALLY AIMED AT STREAMLINING AND UPDATING THE PRESENT ROAD TRAFFIC LAWS, TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SIMPLIFIED BY THE USE OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED SYMBOLS.

BUT DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC SIGNS INVOLVED, THE CHANGEOVER WILL TAKE TWO TO THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

+UNTIL THE OLD SIGNS ARE ALL REPLACED BY NEW ONES, THEY WILL REMAIN IN FORCE,+ MR SO SAID.

MR SO SAID THAT GOODS VEHICLES LICENCES WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO LIGHT, MEDIUM, HEAVY AND ARTICULATED CATEGORIES, AND SEPARATE LICENCES WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE DRIVING OF ARTICULATED GOODS VEHICLES.

DRIVERS OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE ARTICULATED GOODS VEHICLES FOR UP TO THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE THE NEW LEGISLATION COMES INTO FORCE. HOWEVER, DISCUSSION WAS BEING HELD WITH THE TRADE TO SEE IF QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED DRIVERS COULD BE EXEMPTED FROM TAKING A TEST AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THE THREE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD.

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+I AM SURE MANY PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS ALSO ACCEPT THAT ADVANCES IN MODERN TECHNOLOGY REQUIRE NEW SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES IN THE HANDLING OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, AND, ESPECIALLY, ARTICULATED GOODS VEHICLES,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW LAW WILL EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO REQUIRE ANY DRIVING INSTRUCTOR WHOM THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS TO BE NOT UP TO STANDARD, TO BE RETESTED.

+HOWEVER, THIS POWER WILL NOT BE USED LIGHTLY,+ MR SO SAID.

TO HELP DRIVING INSTRUCTORS KEEP UP WITH DRIVING TECHNIQUES AND TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE MORE REFRESHER COURSES FOR THE INSTRUCTORS.

REFERRING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE SYSTEM, MR SO SAID ALL PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES, EXCEPT TAXIS AND FRANCHISED BUSES, WOULD REQUIRE TO TAKE OUT A PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE.

+THE PURPOSE OF THIS REQUIREMENT IS BASICALLY TO STREAMLINE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRADE, AND TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO PASSENGERS BY ENSURING THAT THEIR SAFETY IS NOT NEGLECTED BY THE OPERATORS,+ HE SAID.

+AS FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN FOR THEIR OPERATIONS ARE IN FACT GENERALLY NO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE CURRENTLY IN FORCE.

+SO LONG AS PLB OPERATORS COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN IN THEIR LICENCES, AND MOST OF THEM DO NOW, THEY NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT THE RENEWAL OF THEIR LICENCES,+ MR SO SAID.

TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THE NEW LEGISLATION, A ROAD USERS' CODE, CONTAINING INFORMATION ON HOW MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS CAN USE THE ROADS PROPERLY AND SAFELY, IS BEING PREPARED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR PEKING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL LEAVE FOR PEKING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO TAKE PART IN ANOTHER ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CA 106, ETD 1.50 PM.

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INDUSTRY URGED TO USE MORE COMPUTERS

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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY TODAY (MONDAY) URGED MANUFACTURERS TO CONSIDER THE ADVANTAGES OF USING COMPUTERS TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THE CADTECH (COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN TECHNOLOGY) SEMINARS AND EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, MR YAXLEY SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT SOME PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN THE ADOPTION OF COMPUTER TO AID THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING PROCESS.

+BY THE END OF LAST YEAR, ABOUT 10 COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN SYSTEMS HAD BEEN INSTALLED IN HONG KONG FACTORIES FOR PATTERN GRADING AND MARKERS MAKING PURPOSES AND TWO OTHERS FOR PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD DESIGNS. HOWEVER BEARING IN MIND THAT THERE ARE AT PRESENT ABOUT 10 000 GARMENT FACTORIES AND 1 500 ELECTRONICS FACTORIES, WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO,+ HE SAID.

MR YAXLEY SAID THAT ONE OBSTACLE TO THE ADOPTION OF THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR APPEARED TO BE THE HIGH COST OF EQUIPMENT.

OTHER INHIBITING FACTORS WERE THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG SOME MANUFACTURERS ABOUT HOW A COMPUTERISED SYSTEM WORKED AND THE ABSENCE OF LOCAL SERVICING SUPPORT AND TRAINING.

THE EXHIBITION AND THE ACCOMPANYING SERIES OF SEMINARS WERE DESIGNED TO SHOW HOW THESE OBSTACLES COULD BE OVERCOME, HE SAID.

ON DISPLAY IN THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL ARE TWO COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN SYSTEMS, DESIGNED AND BUILT BY LOCALLY TRAINED ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS AT A LOWER COST THAN THAT OF EXISTING IMPORTED COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS.

ONE SYSTEM IS FOR THE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD INDUSTRY AND THE OTHER FOR THE GARMENT INDUSTRY.

DEMONSTRATIONS OF THESE SYSTEMS SHOWED HOW PCB DESIGN TIME COULD BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED AND HOW COMPLEX PCB PATTERNS COULD BE ACCURATELY AND AUTOMATICALLY PRODUCED ON PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM. THEY ALSO SHOWED HOW FASHION DESIGNERS COULD GRADE THEIR STANDARD DESIGN UP AND DOWN SIZE AND OBTAIN BETTER CONTROL IN THE UTILISATION OF THE FABRICS.

THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, WHICH BACKS THESE PROJECTS, IS READY TO ADVISE MANUFACTURERS ON THE SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS OF THE SYSTEMS IN THEIR PRODUCTION PROCESSES, AND TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

+THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE HAS ONCE AGAIN SHOWN US WHAT IT CAN DO TO PROMOTE PRODUCTIVITY, IN THIS CASE, BY BRINGING THE BENEFITS OF COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN WITHIN THE REACH OF OUR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED MANUFACTURERS.

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HE CONGRATULATED THE ENGINEERS WHO DEVELOPED THESE TWO SYSTEMS FOR THEIR INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS.

+THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED YET AGAIN THE QUALITIES OF FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY WHICH HAVE MADE HONG KONG SUCH A SUCCESS.

+THESE QUALITIES ARE ALSO SHARED BY OUR LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS AND MANUFACTURERS, AND I AM SURE THAT THEY, TOO, WILL EXERCISE THEIR FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY BY ADOPTING THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES DEMONSTRATED IN TODAY'S EXHIBITION AND SEMINARS,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

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MOVING TO NT INCREASINGLY POPULAR  
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THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD MADE A MOVE THERE AN INCREASINGLY POPULAR SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF URBAN LIFE IN HONG KONG, A SENIOR HOUSING OFFICIAL SAID TODAY.

MR FUNG TUNG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, TOLD A LUNCH MEETING OF TSIM SHA TSUI EAST ROTARY CLUB THAT MORE THAN THREE QUARTERS OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS, ABOUT 4 500 OUT OF 6 000, WHO OPTED FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS IN THE NEW TOWNS, ORIGINALLY LIVED IN THE URBAN AREAS.

SHA TIN WAS NOW SO COMPREHENSIVELY DEVELOPED THAT IT WAS REGARDED VIRTUALLY AS AN EXTENSION OF THE URBAN AREA, HE SAID.

HE PREDICTED THAT TAI PO AND SHEUNG SHUI WOULD SOON BECOME EQUALLY POPULAR NEW TOWNS BECAUSE OF THEIR GOOD FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENT.

AND TUEN MUN WAS ALREADY A PROVEN SUCCESS, HE SAID, BECAUSE MORE THAN 9 000 HOS FLATS IN THE NEW TOWN HAD BEEN SOLD.

HE ATTRIBUTED THE NEW TREND TO THE SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG.

+MANY PARENTS ARE ANXIOUS TO PROVIDE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT WITH AMPLE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THEIR CHILDREN. ONE SOLUTION TO THIS IS TO MOVE TO THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

MR FUNG SAID THAT THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HAD MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO REDUCING THE LONG QUEUE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING EVER SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

+NO LESS THAN 27 PER CENT OF THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR THE 35 000 HOS UNITS SOLD SO FAR HAVE BEEN ON THE WAITING LIST FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

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+AND THE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF HOS BUYERS WHO HAVE RELINQUISHED PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS WHEN THEY MADE THEIR PURCHASE HAVE HELPED THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT EFFORTS TO MOVE MORE NEEDY FAMILIES INTO PUBLIC HOUSING.+

MR FUNG SAID THAT THE PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE SCHEME HAD ALWAYS BEEN ENCOURAGING AND ALL THE SALES INVITATIONS WERE HEAVILY OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

+THIS SHOWS THAT THE 'DEMAND EXCEEDED SUPPLY' AND HAS GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT THE CONFIDENCE TO CONTINUE WITH THE SCHEME,+ HE ADDED.

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ROAD CONTROL SCHEME FOR ESTATE  
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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS TO INTRODUCE A ROAD CONTROL SCHEME IN LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE THIS WEEK TO KEEP IT FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY ILLEGAL PARKING.

+SIMILAR SCHEMES ARE BEING ENFORCED IN 90 OTHER ESTATES AND HAVE SUCCESSFULLY RESTORED PLEASANT LIVING ENVIRONMENTS TO THE DELIGHT OF TENANTS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY.

FROM FRIDAY, HE SAID ENTRY TO LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO AUTHORISED VEHICLES AND ILLEGAL PARKING IN THE ESTATE WOULD BE BANNED.

+THE SCHEME HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG AREA COMMITTEE.

+ALSO WELCOMING THE SCHEME ARE TENANTS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY COMPLAINED AGAINST INDISCRIMINATELY PARKED VEHICLES BLOCKING PAVEMENTS, ROADS AND OPEN SPACE.

+THEY WANT TIGHTER CONTROL TO BRING BACK ORDER AND A SMOOTH FLOW OF TRAFFIC WHICH IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR EMERGENCY AND REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES.+

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID VEHICULAR ENTRY TO THE ESTATE WOULD BE THROUGH NGONG HOM ROAD ONLY.

+IN ADDITION TO FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE IN THE ESTATE, PUBLIC LIGHT BUS SERVICE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT A NEW STAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LEI SHU ROAD JUST OUTSIDE THE ESTATE.

+A ROUNDABOUT HAS BEEN BUILT AT LEI SHU ROAD TO ENABLE VEHICLES TO TURN ROUND AND EXIT TO WO YI HOP ROAD.

/+SPECIAL SQUADS .....

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+SPECIAL SQUADS WILL BE ON PATROL ON THE ESTATE TO BOOK PERSISTENT OFFENDERS AFTER REPEATED WARNINGS.

+THE CONTROL SCHEME WILL ALSO ENABLE 301 OPEN-AIR PARKING SPACES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TENANTS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEXT MOVE WOULD BE FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO MOUNT AN INTENSIFIED OPERATION TO KEEP THE ESTATE CLEAR OF ILLEGAL HAWKERS.

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#### CHECK ON SQUATTER CLEANLINESS

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MR HOWARD YOUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE, WILL TOUR THE SHAU KEI WAN SQUATTER AREA ON FRIDAY (JUNE 29) TO ASSESS THE STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS, BEFORE THE UC'S PILOT SCHEME FOR PRIVATE CLEANSING SERVICES BEGINS ON JULY 1.

MR YOUNG, ACCOMPANIED BY MR MICHAEL SUEN, DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES, WILL ARRIVE AT SUN SHING STREET AT THE ENTRANCE OF LAM ON FONG AT 9.15 AM WHERE HE WILL BE JOINED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SQUATTER VILLAGES.

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#### SURVEY REPORT OUT

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A CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT REPORT, ENTITLED +1982 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS+, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE REPORT, AT \$9 A COPY, CONTAINS COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICAL TABLES ON THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR; REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT; ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES; AND THE REAL ESTATE LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES SECTOR.

THE INFORMATION, RELATING TO THE YEAR 1982, WAS COLLECTED FROM ESTABLISHMENTS IN THESE SECTORS IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM APRIL 1983 TO EARLY 1984.

THE STATISTICS ARE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR POLICY MAKING, AND BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE REPORT MAY BY DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE 3-7213846.

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GANGS OUT QUICKLY TO CLEAR FALLEN TREES  
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FIFTY STAFF MEMBERS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S TREE GANGS AND LANDSCAPE SECTION WERE DEPLOYED ON EMERGENCY DUTIES WHEN THE NO. 8 SIGNAL WAS HOISTED.

THERE WERE FOUR REPORTS OF FALLEN TREES CAUSING ROAD OBSTRUCTION ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

A LARGE TREE CAME DOWN IN PEAK ROAD, BLOCKING ONE SIDE OF THE ROAD. IN BORRETT ROAD, BRANCHES FROM A LARGE TREE FELL ON THE ROAD BUT WERE REMOVED BY POLICEMEN TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD PENDING CLEARANCE BY THE TREE GANGS.

BOTH STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD AND STANLEY GAP ROAD WERE REPORTED TO BE BLOCKED BY FALLEN TREES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE USD SAID EVERYTHING WAS BEING DONE TO CLEAR THE ROADS AND CLEAR UP OTHER DEBRIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE STAFF OFFICER (GARDENS), MR ROGER POLLARD, SAID THAT APART FROM ONE OR TWO SMALL TREES WHICH CAME DOWN DURING THE PASSAGE OF THE STORM, THERE WAS NO SERIOUS DAMAGE REPORTED AT THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

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OLYMPIC DRAWING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN  
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CHILDREN UNDER 14 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND.

THE DRAWING COMPETITION IS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO GIVE ARTISTIC EXPRESSION TO WHAT THE OLYMPIC GAMES MEAN TO THEM.

+THE THEME OF THE ENTRIES SHOULD BE 'THE OLYMPIC GAMES', WHICH MAY BE DEVELOPED IN ITS INITIAL SENSE, OR FROM DIFFERENT ASPECTS FREELY CHOSEN, SUCH AS 'SPORT MEANS FREEDOM', 'SPORT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER', 'I MET A CHAMPION', OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT ASPECT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH SCHOOLS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL SELECTION BY JULY 14, AND EACH SCHOOL SHOULD NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN FIVE ENTRIES.

ENTRIES CHOSEN IN THE FINAL SELECTION BY THE ORGANISER WILL LATER BE PUT ON DISPLAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE ART SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ON 5-621967 OR 5-621006.

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SHARE DISCLOSURES  
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS UNDER RULE 29 OF THE HONG KONG CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS ADVISES THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT OFFER BY FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED TO ACQUIRE THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL OF FIRST PACIFIC FINANCE LIMITED THAT THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURES HAVE BEEN MADE TO HIM:

- (1) MAYWEATHER CORPORATION PURCHASED ON JUNE 14, 103 037 SHARES AND 46 125 SHARES IN FIRST PACIFIC FINANCE LIMITED AT \$1.37 PER SHARE AND \$1.38 PER SHARE RESPECTIVELY.
- (2) JARDINE FLEMING (SECURITIES) LIMITED SOLD ON BEHALF OF INVESTMENT CLIENTS ON JUNE 21, 36 000 SHARES AND 4 000 SHARES IN FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED AT \$2.75 PER SHARE AND \$2.80 PER SHARE RESPECTIVELY.

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NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY IN YUEN LONG  
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THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S YUEN LONG PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON JUNE 27 (WEDNESDAY) AND COME INTO SERVICE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE 1 543-SQUARE-METRE LIBRARY IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE TAI KIU MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, SAU FU STREET, YUEN LONG. IT WILL HAVE AN INITIAL STOCK OF 70 000 BOOKS AND WILL ALSO PROVIDE READERS WITH CASSETTE TAPES, NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS.

OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 8 PM FROM TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS, 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAYS, AND 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED EVERY MONDAY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES, MR DARWIN CHEN; CHAIRMAN OF YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MADAM LEUNG SING-TAK; CHAIRMAN OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CULTURE COMMITTEE, MR MA NING-HEI; CHAIRMAN OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE, DR TANG SIU-TONG; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (YUEN LONG), MR RICHARD YUEN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT. AN URBAN COUNCIL VAN FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1.30 PM SHARP.

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SLOPE WORK STARTING SOON AT CREMATORIUM  
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SLOPE PROTECTION WORK AROUND THE CREMATORIUM AT WING HAU STREET, KWAI CHUNG, WILL START AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A CONTRACT FOR THE WORK, VALUED AT OVER \$11.2 MILLION, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO LUEN CHEONG TAI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT TO DRAINAGE, AND IS DESIGNED TO BRING THE SLOPES UP TO CURRENT SAFETY STANDARDS.

THE COMPLETED SLOPES WILL BE HYDROSEEDED AND REPLANTED TO PROVIDE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

THE WORK WILL TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DURING THE WORK PERIOD, THE CREMATORIUM WILL REMAIN OPEN AND ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC TO THE COLUMBARIUM AND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE WILL BE MAINTAINED.

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KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE STATION  
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KITCHEN EQUIPMENT WORTH \$92 460 IS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE CANTEENS OF THE NEW DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION NOW BEING BUILT AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

A CONTRACT FOR THIS WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED TO HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE POLICE STATION CONSISTS OF A COMPOSITE BLOCK, PARTLY 10 STOREYS AND PARTLY SIX STOREYS HIGH, AND A SINGLE STOREY ANCILLARY BUILDING SURROUNDING THE COMPOUND.

BESIDES THE CANTEENS, FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE NEW STATION INCLUDE A DUTY/LECTURE ROOM, ARMOURY, MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICE, BARBER SHOP, CELLS, REPORT ROOM AND OFFICES.

BARRACKS, RECREATION AND LAUNDRY SECTIONS, DOG KENNELS, STORES AND EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION FOR INSPECTORS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

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240 +FAMILY-TYPE+ NICHE AVAILABLE SOON  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO ALLOCATE SOME 240 +FAMILY-TYPE+ NICHE AT THE DIAMOND HILL CREMATORIUM TO THE PUBLIC IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

THESE NICHE FORM PART OF THE EXTENSION PROJECT TO THE CREMATORIUM, WORK ON WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

THE STAFF OFFICER (CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA) OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR SZETO LIM, SAID THERE IS AN OBVIOUS DEMAND FOR THIS TYPE OF NICHE AS A NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY.

HE SAID EACH FAMILY NICHE IS PRICED AT \$5 200 AND IS CAPABLE OF HOLDING FOUR CINERARY URNS.

DETAILS OF APPLICATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER, HE ADDED.

TO KEEP PACE WITH THE INCREASE IN CREMATIONS, THE COUNCIL IS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COLUMBARIUM NICHE, OF WHICH THERE ARE NOW 33 300.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE PLANS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CREMATION FURNACES FROM FOUR TO SIX AT THE DIAMOND HILL CREMATORIUM EARLY NEXT YEAR.

MEANWHILE, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE REVISION OF FEES CHARGED BY AUTHORISED SUPPLIERS OF PLAQUES AT ITS TWO CREMATORIA.

THE REVISED CHARGES FOR VARIOUS ITEMS AND SERVICES ARE: \$110 FOR A TRAVERTINO MARBLE PLAQUE FOR A +FAMILY TYPE+ NICHE; \$70 FOR A PLAQUE FOR A STANDARD TYPE NICHE; \$60 FOR AN URN; \$80 FOR A PORCELAIN PORTRAIT OF 75 MM BY 100 MM; \$150 FOR THE INSCRIPTION OF UP TO 50 CHARACTERS OR LETTERS; AND \$100 FOR FIXING A PLAQUE.

MR SZETO WARNED THAT AN AUTHORISED SUPPLIER FOUND TO BE OVERCHARGING WILL BE DE-REGISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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BALLET COURSE FOR CHILDREN  
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CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO JOIN AN INTRODUCTORY BALLET COURSE TO BE HELD IN KWAI CHUNG NEXT MONTH (JULY).

THE COURSE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (KWAI CHUNG OFFICE) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

THE 10-SESSION COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL BETWEEN 3 PM AND 5 PM ON 10 CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS, STARTING ON JULY 8.

IT IS OPEN TO CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 12 WHO LIVE IN KWAI CHUNG OR ON TSING YI ISLAND.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (KWAI CHUNG OFFICE) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF KWAI CHUNG CENTRE, 412 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FRESH, SALT WATER MAINS WORK  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO WAN CHAI AND FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLIES TO CERTAIN AREAS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED ON THURSDAY (JUNE 28) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

IN HONG KONG, FRESH WATER TO SOME PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THAT DAY (THURSDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY LOCKHART ROAD, O'BRIEN ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD, FENWICK STREET, JOHNSTON ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD, INCLUDING 156-258 HENNESSY ROAD, 1-31 AND 93-149 THOMSON ROAD AND 25-61 AND 183-211 JOHNSTON ROAD.

ALSO TO ALLOW FOR LEAKAGE TESTS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS, FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TAI WO HAU ROAD, WO TONG TSUI STREET, HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI HING ROAD, INCLUDING KWAI HING ESTATE.

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IN YUEN LONG, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES AND VILLAGES WILL BE CUT OFF FOR 11 HOURS - FROM 8 PM TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE THOSE ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN KIK YEUNG ROAD AND AU TAU, INCLUDING POK OI HOSPITAL, AND ALL PREMISES AND VILLAGES IN TAI TONG.

AND IN KOWLOON ON THAT SAME DAY (THURSDAY), SALT WATER TO PREMISES IN CERTAIN AREAS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM TO FACILITATE MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING, CHOI WAN ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE AS WELL AS HONG LEE ROAD, HONG NING ROAD AND KUNG LOK ROAD IN KWUN TONG.

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#### WATER STORAGE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 77.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 454.669 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 521.041 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 88.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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#### ROAD CLOSURE

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THE SECTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 11.15 PM AND 12 MIDNIGHT FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY (JUNE 27-29) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING ROAD CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED ONTO THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY.

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