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CIVIL SERVICE DIRECTORATE REVIEW

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THE 10TH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORATE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE HAS BEEN RELEASED FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

THE COMMITTEE CONDUCTS AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE CIVIL SERVICE DIRECTORATE STRUCTURE, SALARIES AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF SERVICE EVERY FEW YEARS. THE NINTH REVIEW WAS COMPLETED IN MID-1985.

THE REPORT OF THE 10TH REVIEW, WHICH BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 1988, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR THIS MONTH.

"THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ACCEPTED THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT CONCERNING THE GROUPING OF DEPARTMENTS, RANKING OF INDIVIDUAL POSTS, AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, BUT HAS DEFERRED A DECISION ON PROPOSALS FOR A RE-STRUCTURING OF THE DIRECTORATE PAY SCALE," THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, SAID.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED BY GOVERNMENT INCLUDE:

- (A) UPGRADING THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FROM GROUP III TO GROUP II;
- (B) UPGRADING THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY TO A GROUP III DEPARTMENT;
- (C) UPGRADING THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID FROM DL4 TO DL5;
- (D) UPGRADING THE POST OF COMMISSIONER OF BANKING FROM D4 TO D5; AND
- (E) ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR DIRECTORATE OFFICERS AGED 40 AND ABOVE.

MR GREWAL SAID ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION IN THE REPORT, TO EXTEND THE COUNTRY COVERAGE OF THE OVERSEAS EDUCATION ALLOWANCE, HAD BEEN ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE SUBJECT TO THE DETAILS AND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS BEING SATISFACTORILY WORKED OUT.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORATE PAY SCALE AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, THE DIRECTORATE (LEGAL) PAY SCALE :

- (A) TWO 3 PER CENT INCREMENTS TO BE AWARDED AFTER TWO AND FIVE YEARS' SERVICE RESPECTIVELY IN RANKS ON THE BOTTOM THREE POINTS OF THE SCALES;
- (B) ONE 3 PER CENT INCREMENT TO BE AWARDED AFTER TWO YEARS' SERVICE IN RANKS ON THE FOURTH POINT OF THE SCALES;
- (C) THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW POINT SO AS TO RANK HEADS OF GROUP III DEPARTMENTS ABOVE ALL DEPUTY HEADS;

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- (D) THE INTRODUCTION OF A SECOND NEW POINT SO AS TO RANK HEADS OF SECRETARIAT BRANCHES ABOVE HEADS OF GROUP I DEPARTMENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE WHO WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AT THE SAME RANK AS A BRANCH SECRETARY;
- (E) A WIDER GAP IN SALARY BETWEEN THE TOP OF THE MASTER PAY SCALE AND THE BOTTOM OF THE DIRECTORATE PAY SCALES.

"THESE STRUCTURAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE TO RECOGNISE THE INCREASINGLY COMPLEX RESPONSIBILITIES CARRIED AT DIRECTORATE LEVEL AND FOR MANAGEMENT REASONS SET OUT IN THE REPORT," MR GREWAL SAID.

"THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THAT THE MOVE INTO SENIOR MANAGEMENT WHICH PROMOTION TO THE DIRECTORATE USUALLY REPRESENTS SHOULD BE RECOGNISED BY A DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN THE TOP POINT OF THE MASTER PAY SCALE AND THE BOTTOM POINT OF THE DIRECTORATE SCALE OF NOT LESS THAN 15 PER CENT.

THE TWO NEW POINTS ON THE DIRECTORATE SCALE ARE INTENDED TO ALLOW CLEAR DISTINCTIONS IN PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY BETWEEN BRANCH SECRETARIES, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, AND DEPUTY HEADS TO BE REFLECTED IN SALARIES.

"THE PROPOSALS FOR INCREMENTS ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE SOME RECOGNITION TO EXPERIENCED DIRECTORATE OFFICERS WHO HAVE REMAINED IN ONE RANK FOR SOME YEARS.

"IN OTHER RESPECTS, THE COMMITTEE IS SATISFIED THAT THE EXISTING STRUCTURE IS SATISFACTORY."

THE COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE REVISED PAY SCALES WHICH INCORPORATE THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES AS WELL AS THE 1989 PAY ADJUSTMENT OF 14.5 PER CENT FOR THE DIRECTORATE WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1989.

"HOWEVER, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES SHOULD BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY FROM THE ANNUAL PAY ADJUSTMENT EXERCISE AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED LATER THIS YEAR WHEN THE FIRST REPORT OF THE TIME-SCALE SALARY STRUCTURE REVIEW NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE IS AVAILABLE."

"THIS WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO EXAMINE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORATE SALARY STRUCTURE IN CONJUNCTION WITH POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE NON-DIRECTORATE SALARY STRUCTURE.

"IT IS THE INTENTION THAT CHANGES TO SALARY STRUCTURES, IF APPROVED, SHOULD TAKE EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1989," MR GREWAL SAID.

ALSO RELEASED IS THE FIRST REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

THIS COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1987 AND CURRENTLY HAS THE SAME MEMBERSHIP AS THE DIRECTORATE STANDING COMMITTEE.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT COVER THE RANKING OF JUDICIAL OFFICER POSTS, CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, AND THE JUDICIAL OFFICERS SALARY SCALE.

AS WITH THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE, IT IS INTENDED THAT THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE JUDICIAL OFFICERS SALARY SCALE WILL BE CONSIDERED LATER THIS YEAR AND, IF APPROVED, WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1989.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION OF FUNDS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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OMELCO NATIONALITY WORKING GROUP REPORTS ON WORK
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FOLLOWING IS THE CONTENT OF TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING BY ROSTER MEMBERS OF THE OMELCO SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON NATIONALITY. MRS RITA FAN, MR CHENG HON-KWAN, MR DAVID CHEUNG AND MRS ELSIE TU:

"TODAY'S PROGRAMME OF OUR TWO SENIOR MEMBERS PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN THEIR MISSION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM -- THEY WILL BE HAVING A MEETING WITH SIR GEOFFREY HOWE IN THE MORNING, AND A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE AFTERNOON. THE TWO MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED ALL THE SUBMISSIONS (SOME IN THE FORM OF LETTERS AND OTHERS IN THE FORM OF SIGNATURES) FROM HONG KONG IN SUPPORT OF HONG KONG'S CASE, AS WELL AS THE RESULT OF THE SRH PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY. THESE MATERIALS SHOULD BE HELPFUL TO THEM IN PUTTING ACROSS HONG KONG'S CASE AT THE MEETINGS.

"YESTERDAY, THE TWO SENIOR MEMBERS ATTENDED A MEETING ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG LINK WHERE THEY OUTLINED HONG KONG'S CASE. THEY WERE ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED BY AN ESTIMATED AUDIENCE OF 200, INCLUDING EUROPEANS. EARLIER, THEY HAD A PRIVATE SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG LINK WHO PLEDGED THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT, AND PROMISED TO FOLLOW UP ON THE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY OMELCO.

"THE SRH SURVEY FINDINGS SHOWED THAT 97 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THEY WOULD TAKE UP THE RESPONSIBILITY OF UPHOLDING THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG. THIS FULLY ILLUSTRATES A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING OF HONG KONG PEOPLE TO HONG KONG, AND WE FIND THIS POINT ENCOURAGING.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SURVEY RESULT HAS SHOWN THAT THERE IS UNDOUBTEDLY A CONFIDENCE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG. AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, ONLY 48 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ITS FUTURE, AND THE PERCENTAGE RISES TO 71 PER CENT IN A SITUATION WHERE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN BRITAIN IS SECURED. THE NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO THE SAME QUESTION DROPPED CORRESPONDINGLY FROM 47 PER CENT TO 23 PER CENT.

"WHEN RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED WHAT ACTIONS THEY WOULD TAKE IF THEY ARE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN BRITAIN, ONLY SIX PER CENT SAID THEY WOULD EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, 62 PER CENT SAID THEY WOULD STAY IN HONG KONG, AND 15 PER CENT SAID THEY WERE UNDECIDED.

/"THE FINDINGS

"THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY HAVE CONFIRMED OMELCO'S BELIEF THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WANT TO STAY HERE AND WORK FOR THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF OUR OWN COMMUNITY. BUT TO BE ABLE TO DO SO, OUR ANXIETIES MUST BE ALLAYED AND WE SEE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF BOOSTING HONG KONG PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SURVEY RESULT TALLIES WITH THE MESSAGE WE PUT ACROSS TO BRITAIN.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO BRIEF YOU ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 12 NOON. ASSUMING THERE IS NO LAST-MINUTE CHANGE. THE TWO SENIOR MEMBERS WILL LEAVE LONDON TOMORROW AND ARRIVE IN HONG KONG AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY. ONCE THE PRESS ARRANGEMENT ON THEIR ARRIVAL IS CONFIRMED, THE PRESS SECTION WILL INFORM YOU THROUGH THE GIS NETWORK.

"ON BEHALF OF THE TWO SENIOR MEMBERS AND ALL MEMBERS OF OMELCO, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO REPORTING HONG KONG'S CASE DURING THE WEEK, AND WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE WITH THE GOOD WORK."

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COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 GAZETTED
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A BILL SEEKING TO RAISE CERTAIN FEES COLLECTED BY THE COMPANIES REGISTRY OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND TO INTRODUCE SOME NEW FEES IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPLAINING THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF A COSTING EXERCISE AND A REVIEW OF THE VARIOUS FEES PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO INCREASE SOME EXISTING FEES AND TO INTRODUCE SOME NEW FEES IN ORDER TO RECOVER THE FULL COST INCURRED BY THE COMPANIES REGISTRY IN CARRYING OUT ITS STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

THE BILL PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE FOLLOWING NINE FEES IMPOSED BY THE EIGHTH SCHEDULE TO THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND THE COMPANIES (FEES) REGULATIONS -

	EXISTING FEE ----- \$	PROPOSED FEE ----- \$
- FOR REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTUS	3,000	A SCLAE OF FEES RANGING FROM \$5,000 TO \$30,000 DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF PROSPECTUS.

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- FOR A CONSENT UNDER SECTION 20(2) FOR USE OF COMPANY NAME INCLUDING SPECIFIED WORDS	100	500
- FOR A LICENCE UNDER SECTION 21 TO DISPENSE WITH "LTD" IN COMPANY NAME	100	1,000
- FOR AN APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 22(1) OF CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME	100	200
- FOR A LICENCE UNDER SECTION 93(2) TO DISPENSE WITH THE CHINESE EQUIVALENT OF "LTD" IN COMPANY'S CHINESE NAME	100	200
- FOR AN APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 20A(1) FOR RESERVATION OF A COMPANY NAME	30	50
- FOR AN APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 20A(4) FOR EXTENSION OF RESERVATION	15	25
- FOR ISSUING UNDER SECTION 305(1) A CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION	25	100
- FOR CERTIFYING A COPY OR EXTRACT OF A DOCUMENT	50	75

"THESE NINE FEES WERE LAST REVISED IN 1985 OR EARLIER AND ARE WELL OUT OF DATE. THE PROPOSED INCREASES ARE DESIGNED TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN COST OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED SINCE THEN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING TWO NEW FEES :

	NEW FEE

	\$
- FOR THE REGISTRAR TO ACT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF A DEFUNCT COMPANY UNDER SECTION 291B	1,150
- FOR THE REGISTRAR TO AUTHORISE UNDER SECTION 111(1) A COMPANY TO HOLD AN AGM MORE THAN 15 MONTHS AFTER THE PREVIOUS AGM	500

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THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE OPPORTUNITY WAS ALSO TAKEN TO STREAMLINE SOME ARRANGEMENTS FOR SETTING FEES RELATING TO COMPANY MATTERS.

ONE OF THE PROPOSALS WAS TO INCORPORATE THE COMPANIES (FEES) REGULATIONS INTO THE EIGHTH SCHEDULE TO THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, HE SAID.

"BOTH THE COMPANIES (FEES) REGULATIONS AND THE EIGHTH SCHEDULE PRESCRIBE FEES ARE SET BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

"TO SIMPLIFY THE LEGISLATION IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE TWO SETS OF FEES BE COMBINED TO FACILITATE FUTURE AMENDMENT," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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BILL TO STREAMLINE INVESTOR PROTECTION LAW

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS ORDINANCE TO STREAMLINE AND IMPROVE THE AUTHORISATION PROCEDURES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (CD) AND COMMERCIAL PAPER (CP).

"THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS (AMENDMENT) BILL GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY)," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE BILL IS TO SIMPLIFY THE PRESENT AUTHORISATION PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL CAPITAL MARKET AND TO RELIEVE THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) OF UNNECESSARY WORK, WHILE ENSURING ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR THE ORDINARY INVESTOR," HE SAID.

EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE PURPOSE OF THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS ORDINANCE IS TO PROVIDE THE ORDINARY INVESTOR IN SECURITIES AND OTHER PROPERTY WITH PROTECTION THROUGH THE ADEQUATE DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT INFORMATION."

"SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, SECTION 4(1) OF THE ORDINANCE PROHIBITS THE ISSUE OF ADVERTISEMENTS RELATING TO INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THESE EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, ADVERTISEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED BY THE SFC," HE SAID.

"CD AND CP ISSUES FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AND ADVERTISEMENTS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ISSUES MUST BE AUTHORISED BY THE SFC BEFORE THE ISSUES CAN BE MARKETED IN HONG KONG.

"AS THE NUMBER OF RELEVANT ADVERTISEMENTS SEEKING AUTHORISATION HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN RECENT YEARS, THIS HAS CREATED EXTRA WORK FOR THE SFC AND LED TO SOME DELAYS IN AUTHORISATION," THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED.

/"THE AMENDMENT

"THE AMENDMENT BILL PROPOSES THAT IN ADDITION TO THE EXEMPTIONS ALREADY SPECIFIED IN SECTION 4(2) OF THE ORDINANCE, ADVERTISEMENTS RELATING TO CD AND CP ISSUES SHOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE AUTHORISATION PROCEDURES SUBJECT TO COMPLYING WITH A REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND TO MINIMUM DENOMINATION AND CAPITALISATION TESTS AS APPROPRIATE.

"ADVERTISEMENTS CONCERNING ISSUES THAT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTION WILL NEED TO OBTAIN AUTHORISATION FROM THE SFC IN THE NORMAL WAY."

ELABORATING ON THE PROPOSALS IN THE BILL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID ADVERTISEMENTS IN RESPECT OF THREE MAIN CLASSES OF CAPITAL MARKET ISSUE WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM AUTHORISATION.

"FIRST, CD ISSUES BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER THE BANKING ORDINANCE WILL BE WHOLLY EXEMPT AS AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO SUPERVISION BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING.

"SECONDLY, CD ISSUES BY FOREIGN BANKS NOT LICENSED IN HONG KONG AND SPECIFIED MULTILATERAL AGENCIES (E.G. THE WORLD BANK) WILL BE EXEMPT SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM DENOMINATION OF HK\$1 MILLION OR EQUIVALENT AND, IN THE CASE OF FOREIGN BANKS, ADEQUATE SUPERVISION IN THE PLACE OF INCORPORATION OR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.

"THIRDLY, CP ISSUES BY SPECIFIED BODIES (INCLUDING LISTED COMPANIES, GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES, AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS AND MULTILATERAL AGENCIES) WILL ALSO BE EXEMPT SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM DENOMINATION OF HK\$1 MILLION OR EQUIVALENT AND, IN THE CASE OF A CORPORATION WITH A SHARE CAPITAL, THE ISSUER OR PARENT COMPANY GUARANTEEING THE ISSUE HAVING A MINIMUM PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL OF HK\$75 MILLION," HE ADDED.

"THE MINIMUM DENOMINATION REQUIREMENT IS INTENDED TO KEEP SUCH ISSUES OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE ORDINARY INVESTOR. HOWEVER, WHERE A SMALLER DENOMINATION IS SOUGHT, THE ISSUER CAN ALWAYS APPROACH THE SFC FOR EXPRESS AUTHORISATION," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE SAID THAT ALL EXEMPT ISSUES WOULD NEED TO BE REPORTED TO THE SFC WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS OF THE DATE OF ISSUE TO ENABLE IT TO MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARKET.

"FAILURE TO REPORT WOULD BE AN OFFENCE," HE STRESSED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE OPPORTUNITY WAS ALSO BEING TAKEN TO REMOVE AN ANOMALY IN THE ORDINANCE.

"IT IS PROPOSED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE EXEMPTION AT PRESENT AVAILABLE TO PROFESSIONAL PERSONS TO MARKET 'SECURITIES' DOES NOT EXTEND TO ANY UNITS OF UNIT TRUSTS OR SHARES IN MUTUAL FUNDS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORISED BY THE SFC UNDER THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE."

THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS (AMENDMENT) BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 5.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS AT ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER II, 24TH FLOOR, OR TO OMELCO AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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LOOSE-LEAF EDITION OF LAWS OF HK PROPOSED

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A WORKING GROUP IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS HAS PROPOSED THAT THE EXISTING EDITION OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG BE PHASED OUT AND REPLACED BY A NEW LOOSE-LEAF EDITION STARTING IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS.

IN ITS REPORT, THE WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY A DEPUTY LAW DRAFTSMAN, MR ALAN PIERCE, PROPOSED THAT THE PRESENT BOOKLET SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE "REVISED EDITION" OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG BE REPLACED BY A LOOSE-LEAF EDITION TO BE PREPARED AND PHASED IN, HOPEFULLY FROM MID-1991.

FOLLOWING A SIX-MONTH STUDY, THE GROUP CONCLUDED THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW LOOSE-LEAF EDITION OF THE LAWS WAS PRACTICABLE, AND THAT IT WOULD HELP TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF MAINTAINING THE SETS OF LAWS UP TO DATE, DEALING WITH BILINGUAL TEXTS AND FURTHER EXPANSION.

THE REPORT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR ISSUE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COPIES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE JUDICIARY, THE BAR ASSOCIATION, LAW SOCIETY, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

MR PIERCE SAID THAT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROPOSAL COULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATER THIS YEAR.

THE WORKING GROUP FAVOURED A NEW LOOSE-LEAF EDITION BECAUSE IT BELIEVES THAT FROM THE USER'S POINT OF VIEW, THIS WOULD BE THE MOST EFFICIENT MEANS OF PRESENTING THE CURRENT STATUTE LAW IN PRINTED FORM.

THERE ARE TWO MAIN ADVANTAGES. ONE IS A CLEAR, EASY-TO-READ CONSOLIDATED TEXT. THE OTHER IS THAT LOOSE PAGES ARE EASY TO REMOVE AND REPLACE WITH UP-TO-DATE AMENDMENTS.

THE NEW EDITION WOULD ENABLE BOTH THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE TEXTS OF BILINGUAL LEGISLATION TO BE PUBLISHED ON FACING PAGES IN A4 SIZE AND DISPLAYED IN A "LANDSCAPE" FORMAT, THAT IS, WITH THE LONG SIDES OF THE PAGE AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM.

THE WORKING GROUP FOUND THAT ONE OF THE MAIN PROBLEMS WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM WAS THE DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING THE SETS OF LAWS UP TO DATE.

"WITHIN MONTHS OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE REVISED EDITION IN 1967, IT WAS REALISED THAT THE ANNUAL EDITION WAS INSUFFICIENTLY UP TO DATE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF USERS AND A SEPARATE NOTER UP SERVICE WAS RESUMED FOR THOSE WISHING TO SUBSCRIBE," THE REPORT SAID.

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THIS SERVICE CONSISTED OF REGULAR ISSUES OF MINOR AMENDMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN THE FORM OF INSERT SLIPS WHICH COULD BE CUT AND PASTED ON APPROPRIATE PAGES.

HOWEVER, "THE CUT-AND-PASTE NOTER UP SERVICE IS VERY LABOUR INTENSIVE FOR SUBSCRIBERS TO MAINTAIN, IS THREE TO FOUR MONTHS IN ARREARS OF AMENDMENTS AND THE INSERT SLIPS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW, PARTICULARLY IF THE ORDINANCE IS FREQUENTLY AMENDED AND THE SLIPS ARE OVERLAID," THE REPORT SAID.

THE WORKING GROUP BELIEVES THAT "A GOOD PROPORTION" OF THE 1,800 SETS OF THE REVISED EDITION THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO LAWYERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LIBRARIES, ARE NOT KEPT FULLY UP TO DATE.

AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A LOOSE-LEAF EDITION WOULD HELP SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, IT IS PROPOSED THAT AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES BE ISSUED IN THE FORM OF REPLACEMENT PAGES RATHER THAN INSERT SLIPS. THIS WOULD DO AWAY WITH THE CUMBERSOME TASK OF CUTTING AND PASTING.

IN ADDITION, IT IS PROPOSED THAT REPLACEMENT PAGES BE ISSUED AS FREQUENTLY AS PRACTICABLE.

"THERE WOULD BE A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF REPLACEMENT PAGES EVERY YEAR WHICH WOULD CONSOLIDATE EXISTING LEGISLATION AS IT IS AMENDED, ADD NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION, AND BRING TOGETHER BOTH LANGUAGE TEXTS OF TRANSLATED LEGISLATION," MR PIERCE SAID.

THE WORKING GROUP FOUND THAT THE STAFF COSTS FOR MAINTAINING A LOOSE-LEAF SYSTEM WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN FOR THE EXISTING SYSTEM.

SET AGAINST THE ADVANTAGES HOWEVER, IS THE CAPITAL COST OF REPLACING EXISTING SETS OF THE REVISED EDITION. THE 1988 PRICE FOR A SET WAS \$15,400.

HOWEVER, MR PIERCE POINTED OUT THAT THE COST OF INTRODUCING A NEW EDITION WOULD BE REASONABLE BEARING IN MIND THAT ADDITIONAL EXPENSE WAS INEVITABLE IN ANY EVENT.

"AS THE LAWS OF HONG KONG ARE PROGRESSIVELY ENACTED IN, AND TRANSLATED INTO, BILINGUAL FORM, AND UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION PRESENTLY APPLICABLE IN HONG KONG IS LOCALISED, THE PRESENT REVISED EDITION WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE INCREASED FROM 32 VOLUMES TO ABOUT 80 VOLUMES TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE CHANGES.

"THIS WOULD LEAD TO AN UNWIELDY NUMBER OF VOLUMES AND WOULD HAVE RENDERED THE PRESENT CUT-AND-PASTE NOTER UP SYSTEM TOTALLY IMPRACTICABLE," HE SAID.

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REVISION OF FEES AND CHARGES

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE REGULATIONS TO REVISE THE FEES FOR THE ENROLMENT, REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION OF PROFESSIONALS IN THE MEDICAL FIELD AND CHARGES FOR OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

THE NEW FEES AND CHARGES ARE INTRODUCED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THE REGULATIONS, IN NINE SETS, WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY AMEND THE FEES AND CHARGES UNDER THE DENTISTS (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS, THE ANCILLARY DENTAL WORKERS (DENTAL HYGIENISTS) REGULATIONS, AND THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS.

THEY ALSO AMEND THE FEES AND CHARGES UNDER THE MIDWIVES (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS, THE NURSES (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS, THE ENROLLED NURSES (ENROLMENT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS, THE DANGEROUS DRUGS REGULATIONS, THE ANTIBIOTICS REGULATIONS AND THE MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES REGULATIONS.

"IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT THESE FEES AND CHARGES SHOULD BE SET AT A LEVEL WHICH ENSURES FULL COST-RECOVERY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID.

"BUT SINCE MOST OF THE FEES AND CHARGES HAVE NOT BEEN REVIEWED FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME; WE PROPOSE TO INCREASE THEM BY STAGES UNTIL FULL COST-RECOVERY IS ACHIEVED."

THE PROPOSED FEE INCREASES WILL GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF ABOUT \$2.2 MILLION A YEAR. THESE FEES WILL BE REVIEWED AGAIN IN 1991 WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING FULL COST-RECOVERY IN THAT YEAR.

PEOPLE WHO WISH TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THE NEW FEES AND CHARGES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. (TEL. 5-8900673)

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PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MEMBERS OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION ORDINANCE TO INCREASE TO NINE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF THE CORPORATION.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDED LEGISLATION WERE CONTAINED IN THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO HKIEC'S BOARD WOULD ENABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF ANOTHER NON-OFFICIAL MEMBER, THUS ALLOWING THE BOARD TO BENEFIT FROM A BROADER RANGE OF PROFESSIONAL, COMMERCIAL EXPERTISE.

"THIS WILL ALSO ENABLE THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, WHO HAS SERVED AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE BOARD SINCE 1985, TO BE APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT FOLLOWING A RECENT REVIEW OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE BOARD HAD RECOMMENDED AND THE GOVERNOR APPROVED THAT, WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1989, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HKIEC WOULD REPLACE THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

"HOWEVER, AS THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE CORPORATION HAVE TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER IN MANY AREAS, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE DIRECTOR CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD," HE SAID.

UNDER THE HKIEC ORDINANCE, THE HKIEC BOARD CONSISTS OF THE CHAIRMAN, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, OF WHOM NOT MORE THAN FOUR SHOULD BE PUBLIC OFFICERS.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 5.

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IMPROVEMENTS SOUGHT FOR TRUST FUND INVESTMENT OPERATIONS
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A BILL AIMED AT REMOVING RESTRICTIONS AND IMPROVING THE INVESTMENT OPERATIONS OF VARIOUS TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION INCORPORATED WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDING LEGISLATION, ENTITLED THE CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1989, SEEKS TO INTRODUCE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND ORDINANCE, THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND ORDINANCE, THE SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TRUST FUND ORDINANCE AND THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED ON THE ADVICE OF THE COMMITTEES OR BOARD SET UP TO ADMINISTER THE FUNDS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT UNDER EXISTING LAWS GOVERNING THE SIR ROBERT BLACK AND LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS, TO MAKE INVESTMENTS WHICH WERE NOT TRUST INVESTMENTS AUTHORISED BY THE TRUSTEE ORDINANCE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S PRIOR APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED.

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"THIS REQUIREMENT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT INVESTMENT DECISIONS QUICKLY IN CHANGING MARKET CONDITIONS, WHEN INVESTMENTS WHICH ARE NOT TRUST INVESTMENTS ARE TO BE MADE," HE SAID.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO AMEND THE SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TRUST FUND ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION THAT INVESTMENT CAN BE MADE ONLY IN HONG KONG.

THIS AMENDMENT BRINGS THE ORDINANCE IN LINE WITH OTHER ORDINANCES GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF TRUST FUNDS, AS SIMILAR RESTRICTION DOES NOT EXIST IN THE OTHER ORDINANCES.

"THE COMMITTEES CONCERNED HAVE CONSIDERED THESE RESTRICTIONS ON INVESTMENTS IN THE VARIOUS ORDINANCES AND CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS NO NECESSITY FOR THEM TO CONTINUE TO APPLY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS REGARDS THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND, THE BILL PROPOSES THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO APPOINT A PROFESSIONAL PERSON OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO MANAGE THE INVESTMENTS OF THE FUND SUBJECT TO WRITTEN DIRECTIONS OF THE BOARD.

"THIS AMENDMENT ADDS FLEXIBILITY TO THE INVESTMENT OPERATIONS OF THE FUND AND IS IN ITS INTEREST." THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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AMENDMENT TO LI PO CHUN FUND LAW PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO AMEND THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND ORDINANCE SO THAT THE FUND CAN BE USED MORE FLEXIBLY TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF HONG KONG.

THE PROPOSALS AER CONTAINED IN THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSALS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THAT UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE THE INCOME OF THE FUND WAS USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AND THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS. HOWEVER, THE LAW DID NOT CONTAIN ANY PROVISION FOR APPLYING THE CAPITAL OF THE FUND.

"IN CONSIDERING HOW THE FUND MIGHT BE USED MORE FLEXIBLY TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE ORDINANCE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO EMPOWER THE TRUSTEE TO APPLY, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMITTEE, THE CAPITAL OF THE FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT THE CAPITAL OF THE FUND, WHICH AMOUNTED TO OVER \$170 MILLION NOW, HAD GROWN TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT ITS ANNUAL INCOME HAD EXCEEDED THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY APPLIED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AND THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS.

"THE FUND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO PRESERVE ITS ORIGINAL OBJECTS AND THE BENEFITS IT OFFERS TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN BOTH THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD AND THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS AFTER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT," HE ADDED.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES CERTAIN OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE TO IMPROVE THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE FUND.

THESE INCLUDE A PROPOSAL TO ENABLE THE FUND'S INCOME TO BE APPLIED MORE FLEXIBLY, AT THE COMMITTEE'S DISCRETION, BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AND THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS. THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT IS THAT THE INCOME SHOULD BE SPENT GENERALLY ON A 50-50 BASIS BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL AND RELIEF PURPOSES.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE SCHEDULE TO THE ORDINANCE BE AMENDED TO ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO USE THE INCOME OF THE FUND FOR OTHER EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, RATHER THAN JUST FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AS AT PRESENT.

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LOW POWER WIRELESS DEVICES EXEMPT FROM LICENSING
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED TWO NEW ITEMS OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION TO FACILITATE THE LEGAL USE OF LOW POWER WIRELESS DEVICES.

DEVICES OF THIS NATURE THAT DO NOT CAUSE INTERFERENCE TO OTHER USERS OF THE RADIO SPECTRUM WILL GENERALLY BE EXEMPT FROM LICENSING UNDER THE NEW TELECOMMUNICATION (LOW POWER DEVICES) (EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING) ORDER 1989 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THIS ORDER LISTS THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE EXEMPT DEVICES AND COVERS MOST SUCH DEVICES CURRENTLY IN DAILY USE, SUCH AS REMOTE CONTROL DEVICES FOR OPERATING TELEVISION," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"FOR THOSE DEVICES THAT DO NOT MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS LAID DOWN IN THE ORDER, THE NEW RADIODETERMINATION AND CONVEYANCE OF COMMANDS, STATUS AND DATA LICENCE (ALSO GAZETTED TODAY) CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LICENSING AUTHORITY, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL," HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE POST OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH ON 5-8529671 OR 5-8529672.

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COPIES OF INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS BEING DISTRIBUTED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS DISTRIBUTING COPIES OF THE TWO INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AS WELL AS INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON THE SUBJECT, TO SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

COPIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE NEED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE COVENANTS WAS HIGHLIGHTED AT THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN GENEVA LAST NOVEMBER, WHEN THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE UNITED KINGDOM'S REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ITS DEPENDENT TERRITORIES.

IN REPLYING TO A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION IN MARCH THIS YEAR, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE TWO COVENANTS AS WELL AS INFORMATION LEAFLETS, ESPECIALLY TO SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

HE ALSO SAID THAT FURTHER EFFORTS TO AROUSE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AND AWARENESS OF THE TWO COVENANTS WOULD BE MADE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE LAW SOCIETY'S COMMITTEE ON PROMOTING LEGAL AWARENESS.

"THE UK GOVERNMENT RATIFIED THE TWO COVENANTS (I.E. THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS) IN 1976," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEY WERE EXTENDED TO BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, INCLUDING HONG KONG.

"AT PRESENT, THE COVENANTS ARE IMPLEMENTED IN HONG KONG, AS IN THE UK, THROUGH A COMBINATION OF COMMON LAW, LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

"AS HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED PREVIOUSLY, ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO THE ENACTMENT OF A SEPARATE HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE."

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KCRC TO PROVIDE FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME ON LRT OPERATION
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989, REQUIRING THE CORPORATION TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO THE OVERALL CO-ORDINATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WITHIN THE NORTH-WEST TRANSIT SERVICE AREA (NWTSA) SERVING TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

THE NWTSA IS SERVICED BY THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM (LRT) AND ITS FEEDER BUSES OPERATED BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (KCRC) AND OTHER FRANCHISED BUSES, FERRIES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

THE NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRE THE KCRC, WITH EFFECT FROM 1989, TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, EACH YEAR, A PROGRAMME OF THE OPERATIONS OF ITS RAIL AND BUS SERVICES WITHIN THE NWTSA FOR THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS.

AT PRESENT, FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMMES ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ARE BEING SUBMITTED ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSIONER BY FRANCHISED BUS AND FERRY OPERATORS WHILE ROUTEINGS OF GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES ARE DETERMINED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

HOWEVER, UNDER THE KCRC ORDINANCE, THE CORPORATION HAS FULL AUTHORITY OVER ROUTEING, FREQUENCY AND FARES OF BOTH ITS RAIL AND BUS SERVICES WITHIN THE NWTSA AND INFORMATION OF FUTURE OPERATION IS NOW SUPPLIED BY THE CORPORATION TO THE COMMISSIONER ON AN INFORMAL AND VOLUNTARY BASIS.

TO ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER TO BETTER CO-ORDINATE THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WITHIN THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA, IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR KCRC TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER WITH THE RELEVANT INFORMATION.

THE PROGRAMME OF OPERATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY KCRC WILL INCLUDE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT AS TO THE DETAILS ON ROUTES TO BE OPERATED, FREQUENCY OF SERVICES AND VEHICLE ALLOCATION TO EACH ROUTE.

ALSO CONTAINED IN THE PROGRAMME WILL BE ESTIMATES OF THE TYPES AND OVERALL NUMBERS OF LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES AND BUSES REQUIRED FOR DAILY SERVICES TO MEET THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WITH REASONABLE ALLOWANCE FOR CONTINGENCY AND VEHICULAR BREAK-DOWNS.

MOREOVER, THE CORPORATION HAS TO INFORM THE COMMISSIONER OF ANY CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME OF OPERATIONS AT LEAST ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE. IN EMERGENCIES, IMMEDIATE SUBMISSION OF NOTIFICATION AND EXPLANATION IS REQUIRED.

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CONSULTATIONS SOUGHT ON EC ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING FORMAL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT), OVER THE IMPOSITION OF DEFINITIVE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF VIDEO CASSETTE TAPES.

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR STUART HARBINSON, SAID THE TRADE DEPARTMENT MADE THE DECISION AFTER EXAMINING THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S REGULATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

"ALTHOUGH, AS WE SAID EARLIER, THE DEFINITIVE FINDINGS REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS, WE REMAIN DEEPLY DISSATISFIED WITH MANY ASPECTS OF THE INVESTIGATION," MR HARBINSON SAID.

"THEREFORE, HONG KONG'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GATT YESTERDAY HANDED OVER A NOTE TO THE HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE GATT, ASKING FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE GATT ANTI-DUMPING CODE.

"WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THESE TALKS TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. WE AWAIT THE COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE."

MR HARBINSON CITED A NUMBER OF GROUNDS FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S TAKING THIS ACTION. THESE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:-

- * THE LACK OF WEIGHT GIVEN IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY INVESTIGATION TO THE OPEN ECONOMIC CONTEXT WITHIN WHICH HONG KONG COMPANIES OPERATE.
- * DISSATISFACTION THAT ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES WILL APPLY TO ALL BUT ONE HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS OF VIDEO CASSETTE TAPES, WHICH AMOUNTS TO A FINDING OF GUILT AGAINST A WHOLE SECTOR OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY, AND ALSO THAT HIGH RATES OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES STILL APPLY TO MANY INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES.
- * THE BASING OF A SO-CALLED "RESIDUAL DUTY" ON THE VERY HIGH ANTI-DUMPING DUTY APPLYING TO ONE COMPANY WHICH HAS HAD MINIMAL EXPORTS TO EUROPE.
- * THE APPLICATION OF THIS VERY HIGH "RESIDUAL DUTY" EVEN TO NEW COMPANIES WHICH MIGHT WISH TO BEGIN EXPORTING TO EUROPE, BUT HAD NOT EXPORTED AT THE TIME THAT EUROPEAN INDUSTRY LODGED ITS ORIGINAL COMPLAINT.
- * LACK OF LOGICAL METHODOLOGY AND OBJECTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE ALLEGATIONS OF INJURY TO EUROPEAN INDUSTRY.

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"IN THE COMPLETELY OPEN TRADING ENVIRONMENT WHICH EXISTS IN HONG KONG, WE HAVE NO PROTECTED DOMESTIC MARKET, AND THERE ARE NO SUBSIDIES TO DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. CONDITIONS HERE ARE SIMPLY NOT CONDUCTIVE TO EXPORTERS SELLING GOODS AT DUMPED PRICES IN OVERSEAS MARKETS," MR HARBINSON SAID.

"SEEN IN THIS LIGHT, THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED DEFINITIVE FINDINGS TOTALLY LACK CREDIBILITY AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED.

"WE ARE THEREFORE COMMITTED TO UPHOLDING THE INTEGRITY OF HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AS A BASTION OF FREE TRADE AND COMPETITION, AND ARE DETERMINED TO SUPPORT HONG KONG VIDEO-TAPE MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS BY CONTESTING THE DUMPING DUTIES.

"WE WILL PRESS FOR THE CASE AGAINST HONG KONG TO BE REVIEWED AND CLOSED."

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GOVERNMENT ASSISTING HOUSE-BOAT DWELLERS
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THE CLEARANCE DIVISION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO SPEED UP ALLOCATION OF RENTAL PUBLIC HOUSING TO THOSE UNLICENSED DWELLING-BOAT FAMILIES IN YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

FAMILIES LIVING ON DWELLING-BOATS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER WILL BE CLEARED FROM THE SHELTER AFTER IT IS DECLARED A CLOSED AREA FOR ALL DWELLING-BOATS ON JULY 7.

A SPOKESMAN FOR AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP SET UP TO HELP DWELLING-BOAT FAMILIES SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT UNDER THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S EXISTING "ANTICIPATORY REHOUSING" POLICY, PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CLEARANCE OPERATIONS MIGHT BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING SIX MONTHS BEFORE THEIR TURNS ON THE PUBLIC HOUSING GENERAL WAITING LIST WERE DUE.

THE CLEARANCE DIVISION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, HAD LOOKED INTO THE APPLICATIONS FOR RENTAL PUBLIC HOUSING BY 25 UNLICENSED DWELLING-BOAT FAMILIES TO SEE IF THEY COULD BENEFIT FROM THE "ANTICIPATORY REHOUSING" POLICY.

THE DIVISION HAD FOUND THAT UNDER THE POLICY 19 FAMILIES WERE ELIGIBLE FOR ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN FANLING ONLY, AND THREE WERE NOT YET ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING IN ANY PART OF THE TERRITORY.

THREE OTHER FAMILIES WERE FOUND UNABLE TO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

OF THE 19 ELIGIBLE FAMILIES, FIVE HAVE ACCEPTED OFFERS OF HOUSING IN FANLING, 12 WERE NOT INTERESTED IN MOVING TO FANLING, AND THE REMAINING TWO FAILED TO ATTEND INTERVIEWS BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT UNLICENSED DWELLING-BOAT FAMILIES WHO COULD BECOME HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF SURRENDERING THEIR BOATS TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FOR DISPOSAL, WOULD BE REHOUSED IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS, WHICH ARE REPRESENTED ON THE WORKING GROUP, ARE LOOKING AFTER THE OTHER NEEDS OF UNLICENSED DWELLING-BOAT FAMILIES, SUCH AS EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN AREAS TO WHICH THEY MAY BE REHOUSED, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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FARMERS TO MAKE EUROPEAN STUDY TOUR

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A GROUP OF 15 VEGETABLE FARMERS WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRANCE AND UNITED KINGDOM ON A 13-DAY TOUR TO STUDY MODERN TECHNIQUES IN VEGETABLE GROWING AND WHOLESALE MARKETING.

THE STUDY TOUR, THE 12TH SINCE 1977 AND THE FIRST TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION AND THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

SPEAKING AT A BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE AFD HEADQUARTERS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THESE TOURS WAS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL VEGETABLE GROWERS TO BROADEN THEIR FARMING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE BY ACQUAINTING THEMSELVES WITH ADVANCED VEGETABLE CULTIVATION TECHNIQUES AND EXCHANGING VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES WITH THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS.

"FURTHERMORE, THESE VISITS ENABLE THEM TO HAVE AN INSIGHT INTO THE MARKETING PRACTICES FOR VEGETABLES ADOPTED BY ADVANCED COUNTRIES.

"THESE TOURS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPATING FARMERS HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING. PARTICIPANTS HAVE BROUGHT BACK USEFUL TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW AND SHARED IT WITH THEIR FELLOW FARMERS," HE SAID.

THE GROUP, ACCOMPENIED BY THE AFD'S SENIOR AGRICULTURE OFFICER, MISS VERA SO, WILL VISIT FARMS MARKETS, HORTICULTURAL INSTITUTES AND PLACES OF AGRICULTURAL INTEREST DURING THEIR TRIP.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS IN THE GROUP'S ITINERARY WILL BE A VISIT TO THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP AGRICULTURAL SHOWS, WHERE THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND ADVANCED EQUIPMENT USED IN AGRICULTURE ARE DISPLAYED.

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1.5 MILLION YOUNGSTERS TO JOIN SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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ABOUT 1.5 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE WILL PARTICIPATE IN OVER 11,000 ACTIVITIES IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND CONTINUE TO SEPTEMBER.

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME WERE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MR PETER S.T. LEE.

MR LEE SAID THAT SINCE 1969 SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES HAD ATTRACTED LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, WITH THE FIGURE GROWING FROM ONE MILLION IN 1986 TO 1.45 MILLION LAST YEAR.

"IN LINE WITH THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES WHICH IS TO 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY', THE COMMITTEE HAS ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES." HE SAID.

"THESE WILL PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THEM WITH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH TO SHARE THE FUN."

ON FUNDING OF THE PROGRAMME, MR LEE SAID THAT APART FROM LIMITED REVENUE FROM NOMINAL FEES CHARGED FOR TAKING PART IN THE ACTIVITIES, MOST OF THE FUNDS CAME FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS.

"I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE JOCKEY CLUB, WHICH HAS INCREASED ITS CONTRIBUTION FROM LAST YEAR'S \$8.95 MILLION TO THIS YEAR'S \$9.7 MILLION," HE SAID.

MR LEE SAID THAT IN ORDER TO ATTRACT MORE YOUNGSTERS TO TAKE PART IN PLANNING AND PROMOTING SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES AS VOLUNTARY WORKERS, THE COMMITTEE WOULD AGAIN PROVIDE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A 18-DAY DIPLOMA COURSE AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL.

"THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE YOUNGSTERS WHO GIVE AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN PROMOTING SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES WHILE WORKING AS VOLUNTARY WORKERS," HE SAID.

ON CO-ORDINATION AND PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAMME, A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MRS STELLA HUNG, SAID THAT A SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HAD BEEN FORMED IN EVERY DISTRICT.

"THIS YEAR A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$3,300,000 WILL COME FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARDS, THE MAIN PURPOSE BEING TO ENCOURAGE YOUNGSTERS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAYS BY ENJOYING THEMSELVES IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON THE ONE HAND, AND BY PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS ON THE OTHER," SHE ADDED.

THE INFORMATION SECRETARY OF THE JOCKEY CLUB, MR DAVID YAU, SAID THE CLUB HAD DONATED OVER \$70 MILLION TOWARDS THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1969.

THE OPENING EVENT OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A LIVE TELEVISION VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE ON JULY 1. THE SHOW WILL BE PRODUCED BY TVB.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS. ADMISSION WILL BE FREE, AND ABOUT 10,000 SPECTATORS ARE EXPECTED.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM TVB, RTHK AND COMMERCIAL RADIO ALSO ATTENDED THE PRESS CONFERENCE. THESE MEDIA WILL HELP TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAMME TO THE PUBLIC.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CAN BE MADE AT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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ACAN SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUG DAY

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A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK IN HONG KONG WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, IS ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING ON JUNE 26.

SUPPLEMENTED BY A VIDEO SHOW, THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF PANEL DISPLAYS DEPICTING HONG KONG'S OVERALL ANTI-DRUG WORK AND AN IN-PERSPECTIVE LOOK AT THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ABUSING PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITS SHOWING SEIZED DRUGS AND A MOBILE X-RAY SCAN VEHICLE FROM THE CUSTOMS AS WELL AS DRUG EXHIBITS AND OPIUM-SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA SEIZED BY THE POLICE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A QUIZ IN WHICH SOUVENIRS WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO SCORED THE CORRECT ANSWERS.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM DAILY UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 26.

A COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME VENUE AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 25). IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DRUG-SEARCH DEMONSTRATION BY THE CUSTOMS DOG UNIT AND PERFORMANCE BY THE CAPE COLLISON MARCHING BAND.

OFFICIATING AT THE COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN, DR GERALD CHOA; THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, MR PAO PING-WING; AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 25) AT THE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF THE NEW WORLD CENTRE PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

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SPIRIT OF SELF-HELP FOSTERED

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IN TODAY'S COMPLEX WORLD, MANY PEOPLE SUFFER FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL PROBLEMS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER, MANY OF WHICH CAN BE ALLEVIATED IF PEOPLE IN THE SAME SITUATION CAN GET TOGETHER AND SHARE THEIR FEELINGS AND EXPERIENCES, AND HELP EACH OTHER.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE ZONTA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY ORGANISED BY THE ZONTA CLUB AT THE FURAMA HOTEL.

MR CHAU NOTED THAT THE THEME OF THE ZONTA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR 1989 WAS "SELF HELP, BEST HELP".

"ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO SELECT A SELF-HELP GROUP WITH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT SO THAT IT WILL SERVE AS A GOOD MODEL FOR OTHERS IN THE INITIATION OF THE SELF-HELP SPIRIT," HE SAID.

"THE VARIOUS SELF-HELP GROUPS NOMINATED FOR THIS YEAR'S AWARD WERE SET UP EITHER BY THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED OR BY THE PARENTS OF DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN.

"THEY COMPRISE WARM-HEARTED AND GENEROUS INDIVIDUALS WHO, IN SPITE OF THEIR OWN PLIGHT, HAVE GIVEN THEIR TIME AND EFFORT UNSELFISHLY TO HELP OTHERS SUFFERING FROM SIMILAR PROBLEMS."

MR CHAU SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THROUGH EXTENDING THEIR HELP AND FRIENDSHIP TO OTHERS IN NEED, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF ALL THE SELF-HELP GROUPS WOULD HAVE FOUND A GREATER MEASURE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE AND GRATIFICATION IN THEIR DAILY LIFE.

HE HOPED THAT THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF THIS AWARD AND THE SERIES OF RELATED ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CLUB THIS YEAR, BOTH THE SPIRIT AND THE REWARDS OF SELF-HELP WOULD BE GIVEN THE MUCH WIDER RECOGNITION IN THE COMMUNITY WHICH THEY DESERVED.

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SURVEY ON DEMAND FOR HOME HELP SERVICE

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL START A SURVEY NEXT MONTH TO ASCERTAIN THE ACTUAL DEMAND FOR THE HOME HELP SERVICE, THE DEPARTMENT'S DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN/ISLANDS), MRS KATHERINE SHIN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG WESTERN CENTRE (ISLANDS) HOME HELP OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, MRS SHIN SAID THE SURVEY WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON HOME HELP SERVICE SET UP BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

SHE SAID DATA COLLECTION WOULD TAKE ABOUT HALF A YEAR AND THE REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1990.

"I HOPE THAT BASING ON A SCIENTIFIC AND SYSTEMATIC STUDY, A LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SERVICE COULD BE DRAWN UP TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC," SHE SAID.

MRS SHIN SAID THE HOME HELP SERVICE HAD BEEN SUBVENTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1976 AND THAT THERE WERE NOW 50 HOME HELP TEAMS PROVIDED BY 12 VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE SERVICE AIMED AT PROVIDING APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES WITH ELDERLY, DISABLED OR YOUNG MEMBERS WHO WERE UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES OR MAINTAIN THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD, SHE SAID.

SERVICES RENDERED BY HOME HELP TEAMS INCLUDED MEAL DELIVERY, LAUNDRY SERVICES, HOUSEHOLD CLEANING, DELIVERY AND PURCHASE OF DAILY NECESSITIES.

MRS SHIN COMMENDED THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS.

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ASSOCIATION COMMENDED FOR SERVING MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, TODAY (FRIDAY) COMMENDED THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS SERVING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED FOR ITS UNCEASING EFFORTS IN PROMOTING EDUCATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

"APART FROM SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, THE INITIATIVE, ENTHUSIASM AND HIGH QUALITY OF THE PERSONNEL SERVING THE DISABLED ARE INDISPENSABLE IN THE SUCCESS OF REHABILITATION SERVICES," MR KWOK SAID.

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HE NOTED THAT THE RECENT ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION ENABLED THE PERSONNEL SERVING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED TO ACQUIRE NEW THEORIES AND TEACHING TECHNIQUES, AND ENHANCE PARENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN AS WELL AS TO STEP UP THE COMMUNITY'S AWARENESS OF THESE SERVICES.

MR KWOK WAS PRESENTING CERTIFICATES TO MEMBERS OF A COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE ORFF-SCHULWERK CLINIC -- MUSIC THERAPY FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

BY INTEGRATING MUSIC AND MOVEMENT, MR KWOK SAID THE COURSE ASSISTED IN THE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION, MOTOR DEVELOPMENT AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

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NEW ID CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1949-52

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MEN BORN IN 1949, 1950, 1951 OR 1952 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM JULY 3 TO SEPTEMBER 2 THIS YEAR, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS," HE SAID.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO. 5-747070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK
ROAD.
TEL. NO. 3-7553679

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. NO. 3-7232424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-4981259

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SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, 11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN. TEL. NO. 0-6059108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD. TEL. NO. 0-4771543

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN. TEL. NO. 0-4580862

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI. TEL. NO. 0-6727191

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1951, 1952 OR 1953 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON JULY 1.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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SWD FIELD OFFICES MOVE

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A NUMBER OF FIELD OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT WILL BE MOVED TO NEW PREMISES IN THE SOUTHORN CENTRE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW OFFICES FOR THE WAN CHAI FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE, THE WAN CHAI SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT, THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE (WAN CHAI), THE REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY OFFICE (EASTERN/WAN CHAI) AND THE CENTRAL PROBATION OFFICE ARE LOCATED ON THE 22ND FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD.

THE NEW ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE 5-8351907 AND 5-8351897. THE OFFICES WILL RESUME OPERATION ON MONDAY (JUNE 26).

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JULY

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 22 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
JULY 3 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 4 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 5 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JULY 6 (THURSDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 11.59 PM
JULY 7 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 10 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 11 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 12 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 13 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 14 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 17 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JULY 18 (TUESDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 11.59 PM
JULY 19 (WEDNESDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 11.59 PM
JULY 20 (THURSDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
JULY 21 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 24 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 25 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 26 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 27 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 28 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 29 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 31 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC MOVES TO SOUTHORN CENTRE
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THE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC, NOW LOCATED AT HARCOURT ROAD, WILL BE MOVED TO SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI NEXT WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE POLYCLINIC CONSISTS OF AN OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, THE GENERAL PRACTICE UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE NARCOTICS AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FROM JULY 3, THE OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT AND THE GENERAL PRACTICE UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WILL BE LOCATED ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE BUILDING RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THE NARCOTICS AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE VIOLET PEEL METHADONE CLINIC, NOW LOCATED AT 21 STONE NULLAH LANE IN WAN CHAI, WILL OPERATE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF SOUTHORN CENTRE.

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CREMATORIUM AND COLUMBARIUM PROJECT AT WO HOP SHEK
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CREMATORIUM AND COLUMBARIUM AT WO HOP SHEK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEVEN-STOREY COLUMBARIUM BUILDING PROVIDING 18,000 NICHES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 14.

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GOVT PROPERTY TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF THE GROUND FLOOR AT 11 KI LING LANE IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

MEASURING ABOUT 49.95 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, THE PROPERTY IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL) PURPOSES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 21.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MEZZANINE FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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WORKS TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY FOR TWO SHA TIN AREAS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN AREA 11, SHA TIN, AND MA ON SHAN WILL BE MUCH IMPROVED AFTER THE LAYING OF ABOUT 2,000 METRES OF WATERMAINS BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE FRESH WATERMAINS, WHICH STRETCH FROM A KUNG KOK TO HANG ON ESTATE IN MA ON SHAN, WILL ALSO FORM PART OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM TO MEET THE DEMAND GENERATED BY THE PROPOSED MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT.

WORKS FOR THE PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 14.

FORMS OF TENDERS AND FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE WATER AUTHORITY, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 11TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

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