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RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT IN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HONG KONG LEGISLATION TO ENABLE THE INCLUSION OF A RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT IN BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) (BN(O)) PASSPORTS AND HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY (C OF IS) WERE RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY).

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1987 AND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 8). THE LEGISLATION HAS TO BE ENACTED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 TO ALLOW ISSUE OF NEW FORMS OF IDENTITY CARDS AND BN(O) PASSPORTS TO COMMENCE FROM THAT DATE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS OR COMMENTS SHOULD WRITE TO THE OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS (OMELCO) AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

BACKGROUND

TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG RESIDENTS CAN CONTINUE TO TRAVEL ABROAD WITH THE SAME EASE AND CONVENIENCE BEFORE AND AFTER 1997, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED, THROUGH DISCUSSIONS IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, THAT BN(O) PASSPORTS AND CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY ISSUED FROM JULY 1, 1987 WILL CONTAIN AN ENDORSEMENT TO SHOW CLEARLY THAT THE HOLDER HAS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG.

THE WORDING OF THIS ENDORSEMENT AS AGREED BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENT IS:

+THE HOLDER OF THIS PASSPORT (OR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY) HAS HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD NUMBER (XYZ) WHICH STATES THAT THE HOLDER HAS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG.+

TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION, IT HAS FURTHER BEEN AGREED THAT NEW FORMS OF IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FROM JULY 1, 1987 WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY ARE REPLACED BY IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (SAR) GOVERNMENT.

THE NEW FORMS OF IDENTITY CARDS TO BE ISSUED FROM JULY 1, 1987 ARE : A HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD WHICH STATES THAT ITS HOLDER HAS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG FOR HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO WILL HAVE THAT RIGHT AND A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD WHICH DOES NOT STATE THAT ITS HOLDER HAS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG FOR OTHERS WHO WILL NOT HAVE THAT RIGHT.

/THE TERM

THE TERM +RIGHT OF ABODE+ DOES NOT EXIST IN THE PRESENT IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE. BEFORE PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS STATING THE HOLDERS' RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG CAN BE ISSUED SO AS TO SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT IN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, IT IS NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE THIS TERM INTO THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

DEFINITION OF +RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG+

THE TERM +RIGHT OF ABODE+ IS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENTER AND REMAIN IN ONE'S COUNTRY AND TO BE FREE FROM DEPORTATION. ALTHOUGH THE TERM +RIGHT OF ABODE+ DOES NOT EXIST IN THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE AT PRESENT, THE CONCEPT OF RIGHT OF ABODE IS THERE.

PERSONS WHO ARE +HONG KONG BELONGERS+ AS PRESENTLY DEFINED IN THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE (BROADLY SPEAKING 3.25 MILLION PERSONS WHO ARE BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS (BDTC'S) BY VIRTUE OF A CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG AND ARE ENTITLED TO HOLD A BN(O) PASSPORT) WHO ENJOY THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WHICH GIVE THEM THE EQUIVALENT OF RIGHT OF ABODE -

- (A) THE RIGHT TO LAND IN HONG KONG;
- (B) THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG FREE OF CONDITIONS OF STAY;
- (C) FREEDOM FROM REMOVAL; AND
- (D) FREEDOM FROM DEPORTATION.

THREE OTHER CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE ENJOY THE FIRST THREE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS IN HONG KONG BUT ARE DEPORTABLE UNDER LIMITED SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES. THEY ARE:

- (A) +CHINESE RESIDENTS+ : PERSONS OF CHINESE RACE WHO HAVE ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS, OF WHOM THERE ARE ABOUT 1.74 MILLION. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM ARE TRAVELLING ON A C OF I;
- (B) +RESIDENT BRITISH CITIZENS+ : BRITISH CITIZENS WHO HAVE ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS; AND
- (C) +RESIDENT UNITED KINGDOM BELONGERS+ : A SMALL NUMBER OF FOREIGN NATIONALS MARRIED TO BRITISH CITIZENS, AND CERTAIN OF THEIR CHILDREN, WHO HAD AT ANY TIME ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS.

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THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1987 SEEKS TO DEFINE THE +RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG+ TO INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO LAND AND TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG FREE OF CONDITIONS OF STAY AND TO BE FREE FROM REMOVAL OR DEPORTATION.

THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG AS DEFINED WILL BE ACCORDED TO A NEW CATEGORY OF PERSONS TO BE CALLED +HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENTS+ COMPRISING ALL PERSONS WHO ARE AT PRESENT DEFINED AS +HONG KONG BELONGERS+ OR +CHINESE RESIDENTS+.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO AMEND THE DEPORTATION PROVISIONS IN THE EXISTING ORDINANCE TO REMOVE +CHINESE RESIDENTS+ FROM THOSE WHO ARE DEPORTABLE FROM HONG KONG.

SUBJECT TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, ABOUT FIVE MILLION HONG KONG RESIDENTS WILL BECOME +HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENTS+ AND WILL ENJOY THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG.

THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD STATING THEIR RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG FROM JULY 1, 1987 THEIR BN(O) PASSPORTS OR C OF I'S ISSUED FROM THAT DATE WILL CONTAIN A RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT.

+RESIDENT BRITISH CITIZENS+ AND +RESIDENT UNITED KINGDOM BELONGERS+ WILL NOT BE ACCORDED THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION. BUT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE RIGHT TO LAND IN HONG KONG.

ISSUE OF PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS STATING THE HOLDERS' RIGHT OF ABODE

UNDER THE EXISTING REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD IS ONLY A PROOF OF IDENTITY. THE NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO BE ISSUED FROM JULY 1, 1987 WILL IN ADDITION REFLECT THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF THE HOLDER, THAT IS WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG.

AT PRESENT, CHILDREN UNDER 11 YEARS OF AGE AND HONG KONG RESIDENTS OVERSEAS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HOLD AN IDENTITY CARD. BUT BOTH CATEGORIES WILL FROM JULY 1, 1987 HAVE TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE THEY CAN BE ISSUED WITH OR BE INCLUDED IN BN(O) PASSPORTS OF C OF I'S WITH A RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT.

THE MAJOR PROVISIONS INTRODUCED BY THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 ARE INTENDED TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- (A) TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE OF PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS STATING THE HOLDERS' RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG TO PEOPLE WITH THAT RIGHT;
- (B) TO PROVIDE THE STATUTORY FRAMEWORK NECESSARY FOR ANOTHER IDENTITY CARD REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FROM JULY 1, 1987;

/(C) TO EMPOWER

- (C) TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION TO ISSUE PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS TO CHILDREN UNDER 11 AND HONG KONG RESIDENTS OVERSEAS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR APPLICATION FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS OR C OF I'S. (AS UNDER THE PRESENT PRACTICE, UNLESS THEY ARE APPLYING FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS OR C OF I'S, CHILDREN UNDER 11 AND HONG KONG RESIDENTS LIVING OVERSEAS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO HOLD IDENTITY CARDS);
- (D) TO PROVIDE AN APPEALS PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS FOR PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS WHO ARE REFUSED THE ISSUE OF SUCH CARDS ON THE GROUND THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. THIS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD AS PROOF OF ONE'S RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG;
- (E) TO ESTABLISH A REGISTRATION OF PERSONS TRIBUNAL TO DETERMINE SUCH APPEALS AND TO STIPULATE THAT A PERSON WHO WISHES TO APPEAL WILL HAVE TO DO SO WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HIS BEING NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION OF THE REGISTRATION OFFICER TO REFUSE TO ISSUE HIM WITH A PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS

THE ISSUE OF NEW FORMS OF IDENTITY CARDS WILL INVOLVE ARRANGEMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE ADOPTED IN THE LAST RE-ISSUE EXERCISE WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETED EARLY THIS YEAR. IDENTITY CARD HOLDERS WILL BE ASKED TO COME FORWARD IN SPECIFIED GROUPS BY AGE AND SEX TO HAVE THEIR CARDS REPLACED AND EXISTING CARDS WILL BE DECLARED INVALID PROGRESSIVELY. ADEQUATE PUBLICITY WILL BE ARRANGED.

THE EIGHT IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE CENTRES WILL REMAIN OPEN OUTSIDE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS TO PROVIDE A CONVENIENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC. THE WHOLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

AS APPLICANTS FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS AND C OF I'S FROM JULY 1, 1987 WHO ARE NOT HOLDING A PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD WILL NEED ONE IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT IN THEIR DOCUMENTS, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO ISSUE THEM WITH PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS AT THE TIME WHEN THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ARE ISSUED. THE AIM IS TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

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FURTHER LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

THE PRESENT LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS ARE ARRANGEMENTS OF A TRANSITIONAL NATURE TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF INCLUDING A RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT IN BN(O) PASSPORTS AND C OF I'S.

ON JULY 1, 1997 PEOPLE WILL ACQUIRE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN SECTION XIV OF ANNEX I TO THE JOINT DECLARATION.

TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION, FURTHER LEGISLATIVE CHANGES WILL BE INTRODUCED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1997 TO BRING THE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG COMPLETELY INTO LINE WITH THOSE SET OUT IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT ON FILM CENSORSHIP BILL
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THE FILM CENSORSHIP BILL, WHICH SEEKS TO INCORPORATE THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING FILM CENSORSHIP AND TO PROVIDE FOR A FILM CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AD HOC GROUP ON FILM CLASSIFICATION AND CENSORSHIP AT JACKSON ROAD BY MAY 15.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID FILM CENSORSHIP HAD BEEN PRACTISED IN HONG KONG SINCE 1953 AND HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE PUBLIC AS A GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

AT PRESENT, THE PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA FOR APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING A FILM ARE CODIFIED IN A +NOTE OF GUIDANCE+ ISSUED IN 1973 FOR REFERENCE BY THE FILM INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC. THESE PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA COVER A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS, FROM SEX AND VIOLENCE, TO RACE AND RELIGION, TO CONTEMPT OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND HARM TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DRAFT BILL WAS AIMED AT REGULARISING THE PRESENT FILM CENSORSHIP PROCESS AND EMBODYING IN LAW THE PRINCIPLES OF CENSORSHIP CURRENTLY EXERCISED ADMINISTRATIVELY THROUGH THE +NOTE OF GUIDANCE+.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT ONE REASON FOR THIS APPROACH WAS THAT THE PRINCIPLES WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMUNITY'S EXPECTATIONS OF FILM CENSORSHIP.

+IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE FILM INDUSTRY AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND WOULD EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR ANY EXCISION OR DISAPPROVAL,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THESE PRINCIPLES WOULD ENABLE FILMS TO BE CENSORED ON MORAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL GROUNDS.

COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES AS EMBODIED IN THE +NOTE OF GUIDANCE+, THE DRAFT BILL DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR CENSORING FILMS ON GROUNDS OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, PUBLIC DISORDER, INCITING HATRED OR CONTEMPT OF THE SYSTEM OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OR BRINGING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE INTO DISREPUTE.

THE POWER FOR CENSORING A FILM ON GROUNDS OF ITS LIKELIHOOD TO SERIOUSLY PREJUDICE GOOD RELATIONS WITH TERRITORIES OUTSIDE HONG KONG IS RETAINED. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT HONG KONG DEPENDS ON GOOD TRADING RELATIONS WITH MANY OVERSEAS TERRITORIES AND IT WOULD BE IN HONG KONG'S INTEREST NOT TO JEOPARDISE THESE RELATIONS IN THE MOST SERIOUS CASES.

AS REGARDS THE FILM CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, THE DRAFT BILL PROPOSES THAT FILMS INTENDED FOR EXHIBITION WOULD BE CLASSIFIED BY THE CENSOR INTO THE FOLLOWING THREE CATEGORIES:

- * CATEGORY I - APPROVED FOR GENERAL EXHIBITION TO PERSONS OF ANY AGE ;
- * CATEGORY II - APPROVED FOR GENERAL EXHIBITION TO PERSONS OF ANY AGE SUBJECT TO SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE VIEWING OF THE FILM BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 AS HE SHALL CONSIDER APPROPRIATE; OR
- * CATEGORY III - APPROVED FOR EXHIBITION ONLY TO PERSONS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FILMS PASSED AS CATEGORIES I AND II WOULD ONLY REQUIRE THE OCCASIONAL INSPECTION BY THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY TO ENSURE THAT THE VERSIONS SHOWN WERE THE ONES APPROVED.

+ENFORCEMENT ACTION WOULD LARGELY BE IN RESPECT OF CATEGORY III FILMS,+ HE SAID.

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CATEGORY III FILMS WOULD BE FOR RESTRICTED AUDIENCES ONLY AND CINEMA OPERATORS SHOWING THIS CATEGORY OF FILMS WOULD BE OBLIGED, UNDER THE DRAFT BILL, TO ENSURE THAT SUCH FILMS ARE VIEWED ONLY BY PERSONS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18.

THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY WOULD IN TURN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT SPOT CHECKS ON CINEMAS SHOWING CATEGORY III FILMS, FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE ENTRY OR EXIT POINTS, AND FOR TAKING PROSECUTION ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE AGAINST THE CINEMA OPERATORS CONCERNED.

IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE A DEFENCE FOR THE EXHIBITOR TO SHOW THAT HE HAS TAKEN ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT THE EXHIBITION OF THE FILM TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

THE PROPOSED MAXIMUM PENALTY WOULD BE A FINE OF \$10 000 ON FIRST CONVICTION AND FINE OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR ON SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION.

IN ADDITION, THE AUTHORITY MAY ALSO ISSUE A WARNING LETTER TO THE OFFENDING OPERATOR, SUSPEND OR REVOKE HIS CINEMA PERMIT GRANTED UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE.

ON FUTURE CENSORSHIP STANDARDS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AUTHORITY HAD COMPLETED A LARGE-SCALE OPINION STUDY THROUGH A CONSULTANCY FIRM TO FIND OUT WHAT THE CENSORSHIP STANDARDS SHOULD BE UNDER THE NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.

+ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +IT IS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE SOME RELAXATION IN STANDARDS FOR CATEGORY III FILMS, BUT THAT CATEGORY II FILMS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SIMILAR CENSORSHIP STANDARDS AS THOSE PRESENTLY APPLIED TO FILMS CONSIDERED 'NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN'.+

THE DRAFT BILL STATES THAT A CENSOR SHALL EXAMINE A FILM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FILM IS OR IS NOT SUITABLE FOR EXHIBITION. THE CENSOR SHALL ALSO EXAMINE ANY ACCOMPANYING SOUNDTRACK OF THE FILM.

THE CENSOR MAY CONSULT ANY PERSON HE CONSIDERS NECESSARY BEFORE REACHING HIS DECISION IN RESPECT OF THE FILM. AT PRESENT ABOUT 90 SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED BY ROSTER TO VIEW FILMS WITH THE CENSORS AND TO TENDER ADVICE.

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THE DRAFT BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR APPEALS. A FILM DISTRIBUTOR AGGRIEVED BY A DECISION OF A CENSOR OR THE FILM CENSORSHIP AUTHORITY MAY APPEAL TO A BOARD OF REVIEW COMPRISING THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION AS THE EX OFFICIO CHAIRMAN AND NINE OTHER PERSONS (NOT LESS THAN SIX OF WHOM SHALL BE NON-OFFICIALS) AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THIS PROVISION WILL ENABLE GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE REVIEW PROCESS THAN PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE PRESENT FILM CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

THE FILM CENSORSHIP BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 17 FOR ENACTMENT WITHIN THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

UNTIL THE BILL IS PASSED INTO LAW, FILMS SUBMITTED FOR CENSORSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES.

TO FACILITATE PUBLIC CONSULTATION, A BACKGROUND NOTE SETTING OUT THE PROPOSALS IN THE DRAFT BILL TOGETHER WITH CHINESE TRANSLATION OF THE PROVISIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

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DAY'S VISIT TO SHENZHEN
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WILL PAY A ONE-DAY VISIT TO SHENZHEN TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR FORD WILL BEGIN HIS TOUR AT SHEKOU AND WILL VISIT VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SET UPS IN THE SEZ. HE WILL ATTEND A LUNCH HOSTED BY SHENZHEN OFFICIALS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, MRS FANNY LAW, ON THE TRIP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE RETURN OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, BY HELICOPTER FROM MAN KAM TO AT HMS TAMAR TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO TAMAR BY 4.15 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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FRANCE RECOGNISES BN(O) PASSPORT
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THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF FRANCE INFORMED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO RECOGNISE THE BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORT AS A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT WHEN IT COMES INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1, 1987.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE RECOGNITION OF THE BN(O) STATUS AND PASSPORT BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. FRANCE IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS OF HONG KONG TRAVELLERS.

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WEST GERMANY RECOGNISES BN(O) PASSPORT
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE RECOGNITION OF THE BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) STATUS AND PASSPORT BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED, IS A VERY POPULAR DESTINATION FOR HONG KONG RESIDENTS TRAVELLING FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE.

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NEW SECTION OF NT CIRCULAR ROAD TO OPEN TOMORROW
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A NEW SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD NEAR KWU TUNG IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND MOTORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL FROM SHA TIN TO PAK SHEK AU IN A HIGH CAPACITY, LIMITED ACCESS TRUNK ROAD.

THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, WILL OFFICIATE AT A BRIEF CEREMONY TOMORROW AT THE PAK SHEK AU INTERCHANGE TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW SECTION FROM FAN KAM ROAD TO PAK SHEK AU.

THE SECTION, BUILT TO TRUNK ROAD STANDARD, IS A THREE-KILOMETRE DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH SPACE ALLOWED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION TO A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

SERVICE ROADS AND FIVE FOOTBRIDGES ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

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DIRECTION SIGNS HAVE BEEN PUT UP ALONG THE TRUNK ROAD AS WELL AS THE SERVICE ROADS AT APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS TO DIRECT MOTORISTS.

CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE NEW ROAD SECTION WAS ABOUT \$110 MILLION.

IT FORMS THE FIRST PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION IN FOUR PHASES OF A 12-KILOMETRE HIGH CAPACITY TRUNK ROAD FROM FAN KAM ROAD TO AU TAU, RUNNING ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD THROUGH KWU TUNG, SAN TIN, MAI PO AND SAN WAI.

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROJECT, FROM PAK SHEK AU TO MAI PO, WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC BY LATE 1988 TO COINCIDE WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE VEHICULAR BORDER LINK AT LOK MA CHAU WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, PROVIDING A HIGH CAPACITY TRUNK ROAD BETWEEN CHINA AND THE KOWLOON URBAN AREAS.

THE WHOLE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY LATE 1990.

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NEW CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE OPENS

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THE PURPOSE OF SETTING UP CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR INTERESTS, CHARACTER AND POTENTIAL THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN GROUP RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ALSO TO WIDEN THEIR HORIZON AND ENHANCE THEIR SOCIALISATION SKILLS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION'S CHUK YUEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE IN WONG TAI SIN, SHE NOTED THAT THERE WERE 38 WELFARE AGENCIES ENGAGING IN YOUTH WORK IN HONG KONG AND THEY OPERATED MORE THAN 180 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WITH SUBVENTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

+THERE ARE SOME 900 YOUTH SOCIAL WORKERS SERVING IN THESE CENTRES WHICH HAVE ABOUT 170 000 MEMBERS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW CENTRE OPENED TODAY WAS AMONG THE FIRST BATCH OF 25 WELFARE PROJECTS THE FITTING OUT OF WHICH WAS HANDLED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

SHE ALSO SAID THAT SINCE ITS COMING INTO OPERATION LAST DECEMBER, THE CENTRE HAD ALREADY ATTRACTED MORE THAN 1 400 MEMBERS WITH THE DAILY ATTENDANCE RATE OF SOME 120 YOUTHS.

+THIS SIGNIFIES A GOOD START FOR THE CENTRE AND I AM PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE ACTIVITIES OFFERED WILL BE FURTHER ENRICHED SOON WITH THE SETTING UP OF A TOY LIBRARY,+ SHE SAID.

MRS WONG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH SOCIAL WORK, NOTING THAT ITS SERVICES INCLUDED THE OPERATION OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN CENTRES, OUTREACHING TEAMS, YOUTH HOSTELS, INDOOR GAMES HALLS AND THE EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME.

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GRADUATING FIREMEN TOLD TO EMULATE SENIORS

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THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL T.A. BOAM, TODAY (THURSDAY) TOLD THREE GROUPS OF GRADUATING FIREMEN TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS EFFICIENTLY AND SELFLESSLY AS THEIR SENIOR COLLEAGUES.

ADDRESSING A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 48 RECRUITS AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES, MAJ GEN BOAM SAID THAT THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS A DISCIPLINED SERVICE THAT REQUIRED A HIGH LEVEL OF TECHNICAL COMPETENCE, INITIATIVE, PHYSICAL COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.

+THROUGH SOME OF THE SIMULATED EXERCISES YOU HAVE COMPLETED IN TRAINING YOU WILL HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT YOU MAY HAVE TO FACE IN THE FUTURE.

+IT IS WHEN YOU ARE ALONE IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION WITH A LIFE-SAVING MISSION TO COMPLETE THAT ALL YOUR SKILLS AND PHYSICAL COURAGE WILL BE CALLED UPON.

+YOUR SERVICE HAS A LONG TRADITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE, EFFICIENCY AND BRAVERY AND I KNOW YOU WILL ALL MAINTAIN THEIR TRADITION AND REPUTATION, AND ACQUIT YOURSELVES WELL,+ HE SAID.

THE BEST RECRUIT AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO FIREMAN FUNG PAK-ON.

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GRAVE-SWEEPERS URGED TO PREVENT HILL FIRES

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PEOPLE VISITING ANCESTRAL GRAVES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL PERIOD WERE URGED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HILL FIRES DESPITE THE PREVAILING HUMID WEATHER CONDITIONS.

THE COUNTRY PARK PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR C.W. LAI, SAID 19 HILL FIRES WERE REPORTED IN THE LAST CHING MING FESTIVAL PERIOD, RESULTING IN MORE THAN 1 700 TREES AND 53 HECTARES OF PLANTATION DAMAGED.

THESE FIRES, HE SAID, WERE ALL CAUSED BY HUMAN NEGLIGENCE. +ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER IS GETTING MORE HUMID NOW, THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE. THEY CAN DO SO JUST BY OBSERVING A FEW SIMPLE RULES,+ MR LAI SAID.

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THESE ARE :

- * BURN WORSHIPPING ITEMS IN METAL CONTAINERS ;
- * DO NOT LEAVE LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND PAPERS UNATTENDED; AND
- * MAKE SURE ALL BURNING ITEMS ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING THE GRAVE SITE.

MR LAI ALSO REMINDED PICNICKERS TO LIGHT FIRES ONLY AT DESIGNATED BARBECUE AREAS.

+ILLEGAL LIGHTING OF FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE UP TO \$2 000 MAY BE IMPOSED FOR CAUSING FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.+ HE SAID.

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DB TO DISCUSS CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS
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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON THE CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

A REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN ON THE DOCUMENT WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL ON THE 1987-88 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD STUDY TOUR TO EITHER THE PHILIPPINES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, OR SINGAPORE.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS, AND THE REVISED PROVISIONAL TIME-TABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2 PM, IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM AT 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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CONTRACTORS INVITED TO PRE-QUALIFY FOR HOSPITAL WORKS
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPROVED CONTRACTORS TO APPLY FOR INCLUSION TO A LIST OF PRE-QUALIFIED TENDERERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

THE NEW HOSPITAL ON HONG KONG ISLAND, OCCUPYING ABOUT 188 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA, WILL COMPRISE FIVE MAIN BUILDINGS WITH 1 550 BEDS.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE LANDS AND WORKS APPROVED CONTRACTORS LIST I GROUP +C+ FOR BUILDING WORKS OR LIST II FOR BUILDING WORKS MAY APPLY FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION.

ALSO, PLUMBING CONTRACTORS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION TO THE LIST OF APPROVED PRE-QUALIFIED PLUMBING CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD WILL BE 40 MONTHS.

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COURSE ON PUTONGHUA TEACHING ORGANISED
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF PUTONGHUA AND OTHER SUBJECTS TO ATTEND A HALF-DAY COURSE ON HOW TO TEACH PUTONGHUA MORE EFFECTIVELY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO WAYS AND MEANS OF ORGANISING EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TEACHING OF PUTONGHUA.

THE COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI, ON MAY 23.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSE SHOULD FORWARD NOMINATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CHINESE TEACHING CENTRE ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR, TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 165, MA TAU WAI ROAD, BY APRIL 10.

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KENNEDY TOWN PARK OPENING
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THE NEW SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE OPENED AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 4).

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR GERRY FORSGATE, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR PAUL LEUNG, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR WANG GUNGWU, AND THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, PROFESSOR ERIC LYE.

A COMMUNITY DAY ORGANISED BY THE BOARD TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE PARK WILL START HALF-AN-HOUR EARLIER AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND NEARBY.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO HOLD ANNUAL CONCERT
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL STAGE ITS ANNUAL CONCERT ON APRIL 18 AT 8 PM AT THE AUDITORIUM OF SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

THE ORCHESTRA WILL TREAT THE AUDIENCE TO A SUPERB MUSIC PROGRAMME UNDER THE BATON OF ITS PRINCIPAL GUEST CONDUCTOR, YIP WING-SIE.

MISS YIP WON THE FIRST PRIZE AS WELL AS THE +LYRE DOR+ TROPHY IN THE 35TH CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL DES JEUNES CHEFS D'ORCHESTRE DE FRANCE IN SEPTEMBER 1985.

SHE GUEST CONDUCTED THE HONG KONG PAN ASIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE GUANGZHOU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE CENTRAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA OF PEKING AND THE NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHESTRA DE TOULOUSE, FRANCE.

SHE WAS APPOINTED RESIDENT CONDUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA FROM SEPTEMBER 1986 AND PRINCIPAL GUEST CONDUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR 1986-87.

TICKETS AT \$5 AND \$10 EACH ARE AVAILABLE AT URBOTIX OUTLETS AT THE CITY HALL, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM, SPACE MUSEUM, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND TOM LEE MUSIC CO (CAUSEWAY BAY, CAMERON LANE, TAI KOO SHING CITY PLAZA AND MAN YEE BUILDING BRANCHES).

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FARMERS TO LEARN FROM AUSTRALIA
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A GROUP OF 15 VEGETABLE GROWERS WILL LEAVE ON MONDAY (APRIL 6) FOR AUSTRALIA ON A TEN-DAY TOUR TO STUDY MODERN TECHNIQUES IN VEGETABLE GROWING AND MARKETING AND TO SEE THE LATEST FARM MACHINERIES.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION AND THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, THE STUDY TOUR, THE TENTH SINCE 1977, IS THE FIRST TO AUSTRALIA.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, WILL PRESENT A BANNER TO THE GROUP TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MARK ITS DEPARTURE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BANNER PRESENTATION TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT THE AFD HEADQUARTERS' CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 14TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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PRESS VISIT TO GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD
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A PRESS VISIT TO THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD ORGANISED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 7).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO ATTEND THE PRESS VISIT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PIER AT PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, BY 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY.

A MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH WILL TAKE THE PRESS PARTY ACROSS THE HARBOUR TO THE DOCKYARD, LEAVING THE PIER AT 2.40 PM SHARP.

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INAUGURATION CEREMONY
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THE 1987-88 SHAM SHUI PO AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS' INAUGURATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GREGORY LEUNG, AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PAANG KUI-SAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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SEMINAR ON FEE INCREASES
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RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S +IN PERSPECTIVE+ PROGRAMME WILL HOLD AN OUTDOOR SEMINAR ON TUITION FEE INCREASE FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC PODIUM FROM 5 PM TO 6.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, PROFESSOR POON CHUNG-KWONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION, MR LEE YU-TAI; CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY OF HONG KONG SCHOLARS, DR NG CHING-FAI; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COLLEGE STUDENTS' FINANCE, MR WONG NGAN-LIN.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT FOR CHING MING

SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL TO FACILITATE GRAVE-SWEEPERS GOING TO CEMETERIES, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WO HOP SHEK ROAD FROM THE WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO THE JUNCTION OF ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PRIVATE VEHICLES FROM 4 AM TO 8 PM ON APRIL 5, 6, 12 AND 19. THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD BEYOND ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES. KIU TAU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.

FROM 7 AM TO 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SLIP ROAD AT WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION FROM NORTHBOUND NT TRUNK ROAD LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FRANCHISED BUSES.

FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND RESIDENTS FOR LOCAL ACCESS. THE FANLING KCR FORECOURT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT ITS ACCESS FROM ROAD D5 EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

IN TSUEN WAN, LO WAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM ON APRIL 4, 5, 6 AND 12. THE OLD ACCESS ROAD TO THE TSUEN WAN CEMETERY FROM TEXACO ROAD IS CLOSED AND THE NEW ACCESS IS VIA WING SHUN STREET IN KWAI CHUNG.

WING SHUN STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HEI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON APRIL 4, 5, 6, 12 AND 19. GRAVE-SWEEPERS SHOULD TAKE THE MTR AND GET OFF AT KWAI FONG MTR STATION.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, WING MING STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 AM ON APRIL 5 TO 6 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY. AT THE SAME TIME, THE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN YEE KUK WEST STREET, YU CHAU WEST STREET, KING LAM STREET, WING HONG STREET AND TAI NAN WEST STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, GRAVE-SWEEPERS GOING TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY SHOULD USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEE KUK WEST STREET AND KING LAM STREET.

RESIDENTS GOING TO THE HAMMER HILL CEMETERY SHOULD USE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE INTERCHANGE AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.

ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, KCRC AND KMB WILL STEP UP THEIR SERVICES DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD. ON APRIL 5, 6, 12 AND 19, KMB WILL OPERATE SPECIAL BUS SERVICES - ROUTES 70R AND 70S - FROM FANLING KCR STATION TO WO HOP SHEK AND FROM JORDAN ROAD FERRY BUS TERMINUS TO WO HOP SHEK RESPECTIVELY.

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