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GOVERNOR TO VISIT LONDON

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IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WOULD MAKE A VISIT TO LONDON ON MAY 12 ON PRIVATE BUSINESS AND WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY WHILE THERE TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON HONG KONG MATTERS AND TO TAKE A SHORT BREAK BETWEEN ROUNDS OF TALKS IN PEKING.

HE WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOWARDS THE END OF THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 21.

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APPROPRIATION BILL DUE FOR FINAL READING

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THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1984 IS DUE FOR ITS COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW, CONCLUDING THREE EARLIER DAYS OF DEBATE ON THE BUDGET.

IT WILL BE AMONG 13 BILLS, ONE AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S BILL, TO BE DEALT WITH AT THE MEETING, TOGETHER WITH NINE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

SIX BILLS ARE DUE FOR THEIR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS:

* DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, CORRECTING CERTAIN INACCURACIES IN THE TEXT OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE;

* MONEY-LENDERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, STRENGTHENING CONTROL OVER LOAN SHARKS;

* IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE IMMIGRATION TRIBUNAL;

* SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO CIGARETTE ADVERTISING;

* APPRENTICESHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, PROVIDING THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, WITH POWER TO MAKE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REGULATIONS; AND

* PUBLIC OMNIBUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, TO IMPROVE CONTROL OVER THE OPERATION AND PLANNING OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES.

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DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READING ARE:

* APPROPRIATION BILL 1984;

* EXCHANGE FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, PROVIDING IN EXPLICIT TERMS FOR PAYMENT OF AND REDEMPTION IN RELATION TO CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO BE MADE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE;

* ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, TO PROMOTE HONG KONG AS AN ARBITRATION CENTRE;

* MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, PROVIDING NEW PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE THE WAY MINOR OFFENCES ARE DEALT WITH BY THE COURTS;

* EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 PROVIDING INCREASED SICK LEAVE FOR WORKERS; AND

* ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE +HIGHWAY CODE+ TO +ROAD USERS' CODE+.

ALSO DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING IS AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S BILL, THE MATILDA AND WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIALS DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN TRANSIT CENTRES, COLLECTION OF REFUSE NEAR BEACHES, PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE MTR CONSTRUCTION, AND THE PROMOTION OF POLITICAL AWARENESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

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U.S. MAKES FIFTH TEXTILE 'CALL'

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE UNITED STATES MADE AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION CALL ON CATEGORY 651 (MAN-MADE FIBRE PYJAMAS AND OTHER NIGHTWEAR) AT 10.15 AM TODAY.

THIS IS THE FIFTH EXPORT AUTHORISATION CATEGORY CALLED BY THE UNITED STATES SO FAR THIS YEAR.

PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS FOR THIS CATEGORY AS FROM 10.15 AM TODAY.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL HOWEVER CONTINUE TO APPROVE AND ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FOR THIS CATEGORY AGAINST VALID EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF RETAIL SALES FOR JANUARY

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN JANUARY 1984 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE $5 895 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 174, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX INCREASED BY 13 POINTS OR 8 PER CENT OVER DECEMBER 1983, AND BY 37 POINTS OR 27 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1983.

THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX, AT 123, WAS 9 POINTS OR 8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1983, AND 13 POINTS OR 12 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1983.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1983, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AND 23 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS, AND THOSE OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS BY 20 PER CENT AND 22 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 8 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. THOSE OF FUELS AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS, HOWEVER, DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1983, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS ROSE BY 34 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS BY 30 PER CENT, OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS BY 25 PER CENT, OF CONSUMER DURABLES BY 23 PER CENT AND OF FUELS BY 17 PER CENT.

CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN SALES VOLUME (18 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (15 PER CENT), OTHER CONSUMER GOODS (12 PER CENT) AND CONSUMER DURABLES (8 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES AND MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS OVER DECEMBER 1983.

SUPERMARKETS ALSO SHOWED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RETAIL SALES.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES, HOWEVER, RECORDED ONLY SLIGHT INCREASES.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1983, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

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THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES ALSO ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY IN VALUE TERMS, BUT TO A LESSER EXTENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

MOTOR VEHICLES SHOWED AN INCREASE IN SALES VALUE, BUT NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE FINAL FIGURE FOR DECEMBER 1983 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JANUARY 1984.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF JANUARY 1984 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF DECEMBER 1983 AND JANUARY 1983 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE FINAL TOTAL RETAIL SALES ESTIMATES FOR JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1983 AND THE RESPECTIVE RETAIL SALES VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3, WHICH IS BEING TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL 3-7216024.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JANUARY 1984 (PROVISIONAL FIGURE) = HK$5 895 MILLION

FOR DECEMBER 1983 (FINAL FIGURE) = HK$5 454 MILLION

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR DECEMBER 1983 AND JANUARY 1984

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	INDEX OF RETAIL SALES	DEC 1983 (FINAL FIGURES)	JAN 1984 (PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	JAN 1984 COMPARED WITH DEC 1983		JAN 1984 COMPARED WITH JAN 1983	
				POINTS	%	POINTS	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	VALUE	161	174	13	8	37	27
	VOLUME	114	123	9	8	13	12
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS							

/FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC .....

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	VALUE	162	202	40	25	51	34
	VOLUME	108	133	25	23	17	15
FUELS	VALUE	193	190	- 3	- 2	28	17
	VOLUME	124	122	- 2	- 2	4	3
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	VALUE	192	230	38	20	53	30
	VOLUME	134	163	29	22	25	18
CONSUMER DURABLES	VALUE	132	142	10	8	27	23
	VOLUME	100	108	8	8	8	8
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	VALUE	164	162	- 2	- 1	32	25
	VOLUME	119	118	- 1	- 1	13	12
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES							
SUPERMARKETS	VALUE	258	292	34	13	99	51
	VOLUME	162	182	20	12	36	25
MOTOR VEHICLES	VALUE	60	73	13	22	9	14
	VOLUME	38	46	8	21	SAME	SAME
CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES	VALUE	180	189	9	5	40	27
	VOLUME	143	150	7	5	13	9
DEPARTMENT STORES	VALUE	190	238	48	25	76	47
	VOLUME	138	173	35	25	42	32

NOTES: 1. +FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO+ INCLUDES +SUPERMARKETS+.

2. +CONSUMER DURABLES+ INCLUDES +MOTOR VEHICLES+.

3. +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCLUDES +DEPARTMENT STORES+.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

INDIAN PRESIDENT TO VISIT HK

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INDIAN PRESIDENT GIANA AZAIL SINGH IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG FROM HONOLULU ON A PRIVATE VISIT ON THURSDAY (MAY 3) AT 7.15 PM.

THE PRESIDENT IS SCHEDULED TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG OVERNIGHT.

A PRESS POSITION WILL BE ARRANGED FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS ON THE APRON IN THE LONG-PARKING AREA. ADDITIONAL FLOOD LIGHTING WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL SHOULD REPORT TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE ARRIVAL LOUNGE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT AT 6 PM ON THURSDAY. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR ID CARDS OR PASSPORTS.

IT MIGHT ALSO BE ADVISABLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS TO CONSIDER BRINGING TELEPHOTO LENSES WITH THEM ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PLACE THE PRESS POSITION NO MORE THAN ONE WING LENGTH AWAY FROM THE DOOR OF THE AIRCRAFT.

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IMMIGRATION AIMS AT BETTER SERVICE, PRODUCTIVITY

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A TWO-AND-A-HALF DAY WORKSHOP ON +IMPROVEMENT OF PRODUCTIVITY IN THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT+ WAS OPENED TODAY BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION (ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING), MR M.Y. LEUNG.

RUN JOINTLY BY THE STAFF MANAGEMENT AND DISCIPLINE DIVISION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH AND THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, THE WORKSHOP IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY AND THE QUALITY OF SERVICE, PARTICULARLY AT THE POINT OF DELIVERY TO THE PUBLIC, AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID. IT IS BEING HELD IN THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, KOWLOON.

+SENIOR OFFICERS HOLDING RESPONSIBLE POSTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO ATTEND. THEY INCLUDE FIVE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND 12 CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS DIVISIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

/+THESE OFFICERS .....

+THESE OFFICERS ARE HEADS OF VARIOUS PUBLIC-ORIENTED SECTIONS WHO WILL BE IN THE BEST POSITION TO JUDGE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STAFF, HOW TO REDEPLOY EXISTING RESOURCES AND WHAT STEPS TO TAKE TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY,+ HE SAID.

TODAY AND TOMORROW MORNING, THE OFFICERS ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THE PILOT PROJECTS CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH ON PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT.

THEY WILL THEN BE GIVEN AN INTERVAL OF EIGHT WEEKS TO DO RESEARCH WORK AND SURVEYS WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS ON INCREASING AND IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY AND SERVICES RENDERED TO THE PUBLIC.

A FINAL SESSION ON +PROJECT PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION+ WILL THEN BE HELD ON JULY 2, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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RAF HELPS REMOVE DUMPED VEHICLES

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THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IS HELPING TO REMOVE VEHICLES DUMPED IN INACCESSIBLE AREAS, AS EFFORTS ARE BRING STEPPED UP BY THE GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF ABANDONED VEHICLES.

THE RAF BEGAN ITS FIRST MISSION TODAY (TUESDAY) REMOVING SEVERAL BATTERED AND RUSTED CARS FROM LUNG HA WAN IN SAI KUNG FOR SCRAPPING.

SIMILAR PROBLEMS WITH ABANDONED CARS ARE FOUND IN FEI NGO SHAN AND MA ON SHAN, AND PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO DEAL WITH THEM ALSO.

+MEANWHILE THE PROBLEM OF ABANDONED VEHICLES ON STREET IS BEING CONTAINED,+ A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

IN 1983, THE POLICE REMOVED 6 351 VEHICLES FROM ROADS, BUT HAD TO DEAL ONLY WITH 589 IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

WHILE THE PROBLEM OF ABANDONED VEHICLES HAD NOT BEEN FULLY SOLVED, THE SITUATION WAS STEADILY IMPROVING DUE TO THE JOINT EFFORTS OF SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPAND ITS EXISTING CAR SURRENDER FACILITIES AND OPEN UP MORE CENTRES FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO GIVE UP THEIR CARS, HE ADDED.

PLANS ARE IN HAND TO OPEN UP A NUMBER OF POLICE VEHICLE POUNDS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AS TEMPORARY SURRENDER CENTRES AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE SURRENDER METHODS ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OPERATES A CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY WHICH CAN TAKE UP TO 150 VEHICLES AT A TIME IN ITS 2 000 SQUARE METRE SITE. ABOUT 1 000 VEHICLES HAVE BEEN SURRENDERED AT THE CENTRE SINCE IT OPENED IN MAY 1983, OR JUST UNDER 10 PER CENT OF VEHICLES HANDLED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S CRUSHING CONTRACTOR.

PEOPLE WISHING TO SURRENDER THEIR CARS FOR SCRAPPING MAY OBTAIN A LEAFLET ENTITLED +HOW TO SURRENDER YOUR UNWANTED VEHICLE+ FROM ANY OF THE FOUR LICENSING OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OR CALL THE ENQUIRY SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 5-8933111.

AND THOSE WHO COME ACROSS ABANDONED VEHICLES MAY CALL THE URBAN COUNCIL LITTER HOT-LINE 5-95555 OR REPORT IT TO THE LOCAL POLICE STATION.

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NEW ROAD FOR TUEN MUN

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A DUAL SINGLE-LANE ROAD IS TO BE BUILT NEAR TSENG TAU TSUEN HA TSUEN IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE EXTENSION TO TUEN MUN WATER TREATMENT WORKS.

A $6.4-MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING THE ROAD HAS BEEN AWARDED TO RANKINE ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 14 MONTHS.

THE 600-METRE-LONG ROAD WILL ALSO SERVE A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE AREA AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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HYGIENE IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED WHEN A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT MOON STREET IS COMPLETED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A $597 000 CONTRACT TO YAN KUEN KEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED TO BUILD IT.

OCCUPYING A 150-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF MOON, SUN AND STAR STREETS, IT WILL BE A PERMANENT OFF-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A REFUSE COLLECTION AREA, A LOADING BAY, A ROLL-CALL ROOM, AN OFFICE AND STOREROOM.

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SEMINAR FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

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A SEMINAR AND AN EXHIBITION FOR KINDERGARTEN HEAD-TEACHERS ON A TRY-OUT SCHEME INVOLVING A NEW TEACHING APPROACH WILL BE HELD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON SATURDAY (MAY 5).

THE NEW +THEMATIC APPROACH+ HAD BEEN ADOPTED IN 12 MONITORED KINDERGARTENS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE WORK AND EXPERIENCE OF THE 12 KINDERGARTEN HEADS WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN THE TRY-OUT SCHEME.

HEAD-TEACHERS WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD FIRST CONTACT THE SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ON 5-8392486/2487/2489.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO ALL KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS AND WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 4.30 PM. BOTH THE SEMINAR AND THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE TACK CHING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 101 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON.

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BADMINTON UMPIRING COURSE OFFERED

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A COURSE ON THE UMPIRING OF BADMINTON GAMES WILL BE HELD FROM MAY 18 AT THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S MEI WAN SPORTS CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN.

JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION, THE SIX-SESSION COURSE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS BETWEEN 7.30 PM AND 9.30 PM, AND IS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF BADMINTON, AND WHO MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION IN QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND AT THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OFFICE ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT COOMBE ROAD

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AT COOMBE ROAD, FOLLOWING A ROAD SUBSIDENCE ON SATURDAY (APRIL 28).

THE MEASURES, WHICH WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL 10 AM ON MAY 5, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* A SMALL SECTION OF COOMBE ROAD OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 7 HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR REPAIRS;

* ACCESS TO HOUSE NOS. 1 TO 7 WILL BE VIA THE MAGAZINE GAP APPROACH; AND

* ACCESS TO HOUSE NOS. 9 - 34 WILL BE VIA THE WAN CHAI GAP APPROACH.

FROM 10 AM ON MAY 5, ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MODIFIED TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORK.

UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT A MONTH, ACCESS TO HOUSE NOS 1 - 3 WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED VIA THE MAGAZINE GAP APPROACH, AND TO HOUSE NOS 5 - 34 VIA THE WAN CHAI GAP APPROACH.

MEANWHILE, BETWEEN 0.30 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM MAY 3 TO MAY 20, HARBOUR VIEW STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THE ERECTION OF BEAMS ACROSS THE STREET.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS OUTSIDE THE HYF VEHICULAR FERRY PIER WILL BE CLOSED.

IN ADDITION, NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PLB TERMINUS NEAR EXCHANGE SQUARE, BUT EXIT WILL BE PERMITTED.

QUEEN VICTORIA STREET NORTH OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL LEADING TO THE CENTRAL BUS STATION WILL BE RESTRICTED TO FRANCHISED BUSES.

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