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MORE TIME FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PUBLIC ORDER BILL  
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DEBATE ON THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 WAS ADJOURNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SO THAT UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AND OTHERS MAY HAVE AMPLE TIME -- BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER -- TO STUDY THE BILL IN DETAIL.

IN MOVING THE SECOND READING, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON JOHN GRIFFITHS, SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO HEARING THEIR VIEWS AND TO RECEIVING THE OPINIONS OF THE PUBLIC ON IT.

HE SAID THAT AT FIRST SIGHT, THE AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION PROBABLY APPEARED TO MANY TO BE A COMPARATIVELY SIMPLE TASK.

+IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IN HONG KONG, AS IN EVERY OTHER FREE COMMUNITY WHERE THE RULE OF LAW PREVAILS, CITIZENS MUST BE ALLOWED TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS PUBLICLY THEIR VIEWS ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST, AND INDEED OF PUBLIC CONTROVERSY,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THEY MUST BE ABLE TOO TO ASSOCIATE FREELY TO DISCUSS SUCH THINGS.

IN A FREE SOCIETY, MR GRIFFITHS SAID, THAT RIGHT CARRIED WITH IT THE CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO WITHOUT TRESPASSING ON THE EQUAL RIGHT OF ONE'S NEIGHBOUR NOT TO BE INCONVENIENCED (STILL LESS TO HAVE HIS LIFE DISRUPTED) BY THE UNRULY EXPRESSION OF THOSE VIEWS.

THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF THE RULE OF LAW ENVISAGED THE ORDERLY RESOLUTION OF COMPETING RIGHTS BETWEEN CITIZENS, HE SAID.

HONG KONG, MR GRIFFITHS SAID, IS A CROWDED, BUSTLING PLACE WITH MANY OF ITS CITIZENS MORE CONCERNED WITH BEING ABLE TO GO ABOUT THEIR OWN BUSINESS IN PEACE AND QUIET, THAN THEY ARE WITH HAVING THE TROUBLES AND PROBLEMS OF OTHERS DRAWN, PERHAPS FORCIBLY, TO THEIR ATTENTION.

+GOVERNMENT, IN CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF PUBLIC ORDER, HAS TO BEAR THAT IN MIND,+ HE SAID, ADDING : +IT HAS TO BE REMEMBERED TOO THAT IN ALL SOCIETIES AND IN ALL PLACES, IT HAPPENS SOMETIMES THAT THOSE WHO HOLD STRONG AND CONTROVERSIAL VIEWS MAY THROUGH MISGUIDED ENTHUSIASM, OR EVEN MALICE, ATTEMPT TO INSIST UPON THEIR EXPRESSION IN PLACES AND AT TIMES WHEN TO DO SO MAY RISK OR EVEN BE DESIGNED TO CAUSE, UNREST.+

MR GRIFFITHS CONTINUED : +IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBJECT, AND THE DIFFICULTY OF KNOWING EXACTLY WHERE IT WAS MOST WISE TO DRAW THE LINE, THAT THE WORKING GROUP, THOUGH MEETING FREQUENTLY, TOOK SO MANY MONTHS TO GIVE BIRTH TO THIS BILL.+

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IN HIS OPINION, THE BILL REPRESENTED A FAIR BALANCE BETWEEN COMPETING INTERESTS. BUT BECAUSE THE BILL DEALS WITH THE LIBERTIES OF PEOPLE, HE SAID IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO HAVE A LENGTHY PERIOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON ITS PROPOSALS.

THE MAIN CHANGE THE BILL PROPOSES RELATES TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.

UNDER THE PRESENT LAW ALMOST EVERY PUBLIC MEETING, WHATEVER ITS PURPOSE, REQUIRES TO BE LICENSED BY THE POLICE. UNDER THE PROPOSED LAW THE LICENSING SYSTEM IS REPLACED BY A SIMPLER REQUIREMENT THAT THE POLICE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE INTENTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING, AT WHICH MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST ARE TO BE DISCUSSED, SEVEN WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE.

MEETINGS EXCLUSIVELY FOR SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS OR CHARITABLE PURPOSES WILL NOT REQUIRE ANY NOTIFICATION- NOR WILL MEETINGS, EVEN THOUGH TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST, WHERE THE ATTENDANCE IS LESS THAN 20 PEOPLE IN A PUBLIC PLACE, NOR MEETINGS IN PRIVATE PREMISES WHERE LESS THAN 200 PEOPLE ARE ABLE, OR EXPECTED, TO ATTEND.

MR GRIFFITHS SAID THE BILL DOES NOT AFFECT THE EXISTING POWERS OF THE POLICE TO TAKE PREVENTIVE ACTION +ON THE SPOT+ IF ANY PUBLIC MEETING BECOMES (OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME) UNRULY.

+COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ALREADY UPON THE DEFINITION OF MEETING, AND IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHAT IS OR IS NOT A 'MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST',+ HE POINTED OUT.

HE SAID HE INTENDED IN COMMITTEE TO MOVE AN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THAT SLIGHTLY SO THAT THE BILL WILL PROVIDE :

+MEETING MEANS ANY GATHERING OR ASSEMBLY OF PERSONS CONVENED OR ORGANISED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OR MATTERS OF INTEREST OR CONCERN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR A SECTION THEREOF, OR FOR THE EXPRESSION OF VIEWS ON SUCH ISSUES OR MATTERS, AND INCLUDES .....+

MR GRIFFITHS STRESSED THAT THE OBJECT OF THE BILL IS NOT TO FRUSTRATE PUBLIC DISCUSSION BUT ONLY TO ENSURE THAT SUCH PUBLIC EXPRESSION CAN TAKE PLACE CONVENIENTLY AND WITHOUT THE DISRUPTION OF THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

HE SUGGESTED THAT WHERE ANYONE WAS IN DOUBT WHETHER OR NOT A MATTER FELL WITHIN THE DEFINITION, OR WAS OUTSIDE IT BECAUSE, FOR INSTANCE, IT WAS EXCLUSIVELY FOR SOCIAL OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, THEN THE RESPONSIBLE COURSE WOULD BE TO PLAY SAFE AND NOTIFY THE POLICE OF THE MEETING.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT SUCH MEETINGS WOULD NOT BE BANNED,+ HE SAID.

MR GRIFFITHS NOTED THAT UNDER THE PRESENT ORDINANCE, IN 1977 OF 59 APPLICATIONS FOR MEETINGS ONLY TWO WERE REFUSED, AND IN 1979, OUT OF 30 ONLY ONE.

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PEOPLE PROSECUTED FOR DROPPING OBJECTS

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POLICE ARE TAKING ACTION TO PROSECUTE PEOPLE FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR DROPPING OBJECTS OR ALLOWING THEM TO FALL.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM THE HON WONG LAM AT TODAY'S (WEDNESDAY) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON LEWIS DAVIES, SAID THAT 198 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED IN 540 REPORTED INCIDENTS IN THE 12 MONTHS ENDED ON JUNE 30.

THE INCIDENTS CAUSED FIVE DEATHS AND INJURIES TO 288 PEOPLE.

MR DAVIES POINTED OUT THAT INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING OBJECTS FALLING FROM HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WAS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE IT MIGHT INVOLVE A LARGE NUMBER OF FLATS AND PEOPLE.

SUCH INVESTIGATIONS WERE +EXTREMELY TIME-CONSUMING AND NOT ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL+.

HE SAID THE POLICE ATTEMPTED TO IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS BY INVITING WITNESSES TO COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION, BY EXAMINING THE OBJECTS FOR FINGERPRINTS AND OTHER CLUES, BY CONDUCTING DOOR-TO-DOOR ENQUIRIES AND BY MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE ON PARTICULAR BUILDINGS WHERE REPEATED INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

HE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY EFFORTS WERE MADE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AGAINST THE IRRESPONSIBLE PRACTICE THROUGH THE MEDIA, CO-OPERATION WITH DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND VISITS TO HOUSING ESTATES.

+THE RECENT DEPLORABLE INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN SHAU KEI WAN,+ MR DAVIES SAID, +HAVE, VERY RIGHTLY, GENERATED A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLIC CONCERN AND INDIGNATION.+

HE HOPED THE RECENT INCIDENTS HAD BROUGHT HOME TO THE COMMUNITY THE NEED FOR MUCH GREATER CARE AND CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS IN THIS REGARD.

UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO DROPS AN OBJECT OR ALLOWS IT TO FALL FROM A BUILDING, COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10 000 AND SIX-MONTHS IMPRISONMENT, AND WHERE SUCH AN ACT RESULTS IN A PERSON BEING KILLED, THE CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER IS PUNISHABLE BY LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

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COMMODITIES BILL AIRED

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A BILL DESIGNED TO REGULATE GOLD DEALINGS BY 'FRINGE' OPERATORS, AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN OFFENCES UNDER THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE EFFECTIVE PROSECUTION WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN MOVING THE COMMODITIES TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON DAVID JEAFFRESON SAID THAT WITH MANY DRAMATIC MOVEMENTS IN THE PRICE OF GOLD IN THE PAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT IGNORE THE EMERGENCE OF SO-CALLED 'FRINGE' GOLD OPERATORS WHOSE METHODS OF DEALING REPRESENT THE SORT OF DANGER TO THE INVESTING PUBLIC AND EVEN TO HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE.

HE NOTED THAT DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING HAD RECEIVED MANY COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC WHO HAD BEEN CUSTOMERS AND POTENTIAL SUFFERERS OF THESE 'FRINGE' OPERATORS.

+ONE CAN ARGUE THAT THOSE WHO ARE TAKEN IN BY FAST TALKING IN THE CONTEXT OF GOLD, WHICH THEY ARE NEVER EVER GOING TO SEE, DESERVE ALL THEY GET.

+PERSONALLY I HAVE SOME SYMPATHY WITH THIS ARGUMENT, BUT I HAVE BEEN PERSUADED THAT WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING FALLS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF LEGISLATING TO HELP INVESTORS IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THEY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO HELP THEMSELVES.

+I AM ALSO PERSUADED THAT THIS SORT OF ACTIVITY IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ON TRADING IN COMMODITY FUTURES GENERALLY,+ MR JEAFFRESON ADDED.

HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF DEFECTS IN THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE, THE 'FRINGE' GOLD DEALERS DO NOT HAVE TO REGISTER AS DEALERS IN COMMODITIES FUTURES AND SO THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO REGULATION.

+IN ORDER TO BRING THEM UNDER PROPER AND EFFECTIVE CONTROL, WE MUST FIRST TIGHTEN THE PROVISIONS IN THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE SO THAT THEY HAVE TO BE REGISTERED.+

HE SAID THAT REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE AUTOMATIC AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING SHALL REFUSE TO REGISTER AN APPLICANT AS A DEALER UNLESS THE APPLICANT FULFILLS A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS, INCLUDING :

- \* HE MUST BE A SHAREHOLDER OF AN EXCHANGE COMPANY (EITHER THE HONG KONG COMMODITY EXCHANGE OR ANY OF THE RECOGNISED OVERSEAS EXCHANGES SPECIFIED IN THE ORDINANCE),
- \* HE HAS PAID A DEPOSIT OF \$100 000 IN CASH.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY WHO TRADE ON THE SOCIETY AS MEMBERS OF IT, WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE NEED TO REGISTER.

THOSE WHO CONTINUE TRADING UNREGISTERED WILL FACE PROSECUTION AS UNREGISTERED DEALERS, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR WHICH IS A FINE OF \$50 000,+ MR JEAFFRESON WARNED.

TURNING TO THE CONTROL OF TRADING PRACTICES, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DONE BY PROPOSING PROVISIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THAT DEALERS MUST MAKE AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS PROPER CONTRACT NOTES AND PARTICULARS OF EVERY TRANSACTION, AND THE HAWKING OF FUTURES CONTRACTS GENERALLY MUST BE PROHIBITED.

A CONTRAVENTION OF THE REQUIREMENTS WOULD MAKE A PERSON LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, HE SAID.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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#### ONE EXCHANGE BETTER THAN FOUR

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THE GROWTH OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AS A SECURITIES AND FINANCIAL MARKET HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY THE PRESENCE OF FOUR STOCK EXCHANGES, THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON D.G. JEAFFRESON STATED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION BILL 1980.

MR JEAFFRESON SAID THERE WERE THREE PARTICULARLY UNSATISFACTORY FEATURES IN HAVING FOUR EXCHANGES -- THE FACT THAT THEY COMPETE TO ATTRACT ADDITIONAL COMPANIES WHICH TENDED TO LEAD THEM TO ADOPT A FLEXIBLE INTERPRETATION OF THEIR OWN LISTING RULES- THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD GREATER DIFFICULTY IN REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE FOUR EXCHANGES THAN IT WOULD IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE EXCHANGE, AND THAT ONE EXCHANGE COULD BE RUN MORE EFFICIENTLY AND ECONOMICALLY THAN FOUR EXCHANGES.

+OBVIOUSLY,+ MR JEAFFRESON SAID, +THE ANSWER LIES IN UNIFICATION.

+AS WELL AS RECTIFYING THE THREE UNSATISFACTORY FEATURES TO WHICH I HAVE JUST DRAWN ATTENTION, ONE MARKET WOULD BE LESS ERRATIC THAN FOUR, IN THAT BROKERS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO INDULGE IN ARBITRAGE BETWEEN EXCHANGES,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE IN THAT IT WOULD HAVE GREATER LIQUIDITY.

+AND WE THINK OVERSEAS INVESTORS, IN PARTICULAR, WILL FIND ONE EXCHANGE A GREATER ATTRACTION THAN THEY DO FOUR,+ HE ADDED.

/MR JEAFFRESON.....

MR JEAFFRESON EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSED BILL PROVIDES FOR A SINGLE UNIFIED EXCHANGE AND WAS THE RESULT OF DETAILED INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION BY THE WORKING PARTY ON UNIFICATION OF THE FOUR EXCHANGES ESTABLISHED IN MAY 1977 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES.

MR JEAFFRESON ADDED THAT THE BILL ALSO REFLECTED THE ADVICE OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN RESPONSE TO TWO QUESTIONNAIRES WHICH WERE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXISTING EXCHANGES.

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### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES \*\*\*\*\*

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO MEET BOTH RECURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF APPROVED PROJECTS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, THE HON THOMAS LEE, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON LYDIA DUNN, MR LEE EXPLAINED THAT RECURRENT GRANTS FROM SOCIAL WELFARE SUBVENTIONS WERE NORMALLY ALLOCATED BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EACH FINANCIAL YEAR AND THAT UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, ONE-FOURTH OF THE APPROVED ALLOCATION FOR SERVICES IN EXISTENCE WAS AUTOMATICALLY PAID TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH QUARTER.

RELEASE OF THE APPROVED SUBVENTION, HE SAID, WAS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE AGENCIES CONCERNED THAT THE CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

+WITH EFFECT FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, STANDARDISED PRO-FORMAS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO ASSIST THEM IN REPORTING ON THE EXTENT THAT CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET,+ HE SAID.

MR LEE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT RECURRENT GRANTS FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND MAY BE APPROVED FOR EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS AND THAT THE GRANT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER'S OPERATION COULD ALSO BE RELEASED AUTOMATICALLY.

+HOWEVER, IN THE PAST, THE RELEASE OF THE GRANT FOR THE SUBSEQUENT QUARTERS WAS WITHHELD UNTIL THE AGENCY HAD PROVIDED A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRECEDING QUARTER,+ HE SAID.

THIS, MR LEE SAID, WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ANY OVERPAYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER MIGHT BE ADJUSTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

HE SAID THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY AS IT RESULTED IN DELAYS IN THE RELEASE OF FUNDS BECAUSE THE PREPARATION OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS BY THE AGENCY, THE EXAMINATION OF THE STATEMENT BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE PROCESSING OF PAYMENT THROUGH THE TREASURY ALL TOOK TIME.

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+UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, A SMALL AGENCY WHICH DEPENDS HEAVILY ON THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR RECURRENT EXPENSES WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN MEETING ITS BILLS,+ HE NOTED.

PROCEDURES WERE RECENTLY CHANGED TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM — THE GRANT OF EACH QUARTER IS NOW PAID TO AN AGENCY AT THE BEGINNING OF THAT QUARTER WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE AGENCY'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND ANY OVERPAYMENT WILL BE ADJUSTED AGAINST THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT IN THE NEXT BUT ONE QUARTER.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL ENABLE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN HAND TO DEFRAY RECOGNISED EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF THEIR EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS,+ HE SAID.

THE FUND, MR LEE SAID, IS THE MAIN FINANCIAL SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS OF A SOCIAL WELFARE NATURE.

HE SAID THAT WHEN A CAPITAL GRANT WAS APPROVED, THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY WOULD BE NOTIFIED AND AT THE SAME TIME ASKED TO CALL FOR TENDERS.

FOR BUILDING WORKS, HE SAID IT WAS ADVISABLE FOR THE AGENCY TO FORWARD THE SPECIFICATIONS AND TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR CLEARANCE WITH THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT BEFORE TENDERS WERE INVITED.

FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY SHOULD FORWARD A LIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL BEFORE CALLING FOR TENDERS.

+RELEASES FROM THE APPROVED GRANT WHILE BUILDING WORK IS IN PROGRESS OR FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED WILL BE IN THE FORM OF REIMBURSEMENTS, I.E. AGAINST RECEIPTED BILLS, OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS AGAINST ARCHITECT'S CERTIFICATES OR SUPPLIERS' INVOICES,+ MR LEE SAID.

HE ADDED: +INTERIM PAYMENTS FOR BUILDING WORKS ARE NORMALLY PAID WITHIN THREE WEEKS AND FINAL PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE IN SIX WEEKS IF ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FINAL ACCOUNT.+

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OFFENCES BEING ANALYSED

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OFFENCES UNDER INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS ARE BEING ANALYSED AND GRADED ACCORDING TO THEIR SERIOUSNESS, AND OFFENDERS WILL BE PENALISED ACCORDINGLY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, THE HON J.N. HENDERSON, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) IN MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1980.

THE BILL PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR BREACHES OF THE REGULATIONS FROM \$10 000 TO \$50 000. HOWEVER, NOT ALL OFFENCES WILL CARRY THE NEW MAXIMUM.

MR HENDERSON EXPLAINED, +I SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS AN ENABLING AMENDMENT AND DOES NOT OF ITSELF CHANGE THE PRESENT MAXIMA FOR THE VARIOUS REGULATIONS, NOR DOES IT MEAN THAT ALL PENALTIES WILL BE RAISED TO THIS LEVEL BUT ONLY THOSE FOR THE MOST SERIOUS BREACHES.

+I SHALL BE AMENDING MOST OF THE PENALTIES IN THESE REGULATIONS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND THIS WILL ENABLE THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE TO ANALYSE AND GRADE THE OFFENCES WITH APPROPRIATE MAXIMUM PENALTIES DEPENDING ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF A BREACH OF EACH PARTICULAR REGULATION.+

HE CONTINUED: +THE EXISTING MAXIMUM LIMIT OF \$10 000 WAS FIXED IN 1973. IT IS NOT ONLY OUT-OF-DATE DUE TO INFLATION BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IS CLEARLY INSUFFICIENT AS A DETERRENT.

+AS A RESULT, IN A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF RECENT COURT CASES, MAGISTRATES HAVE IMPOSED THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PENALTY.+

+WHEN THIS AMENDMENT IS ENACTED I WILL TAKE ACTION TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED IN THE VARIOUS SETS OF SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE MORE REALISTIC AND PROVIDE A SUFFICIENT DETERRENT.+

MR HENDERSON ADDED THAT AT PRESENT THE ORDINANCE PRESCRIBED A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 FOR CONTRAVENTION OF A MAGISTRATE'S ORDER TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF DANGEROUS MACHINERY AND PLANT IN AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING.

THE BILL PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY TO \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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1980'S DEMAND DIFFERENT TYPE OF SOCIAL WORKERS  
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THE 1980'S, WITH ITS FAST DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGY AND CHANGING SOCIAL NORMS AND VALUES, WILL DEMAND SOCIAL WORKERS OF A DIFFERENT TYPE FROM THE 60'S AND 70'S.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, SAID THIS TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY) WHEN HE DECLARED OPEN THE 20TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK AT THE CITY HALL.

MR LEE SAID THE PRESENT GENERATION OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WERE ARTICULATE, BETTER EDUCATED, WELL-MOTIVATED AND EAGER TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, IT REQUIRES URGENT ATTENTION AS TO HOW BEST TO HARNESS AND CHANNEL THEIR ENERGIES AND POTENTIALS DURING THEIR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN BECOMING SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE NOT ONLY JUST WELL-VERSED IN THEORIES BUT ALSO ABLE TO RESPOND TO REAL LIFE SITUATIONS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER.

+THESE ISSUES REQUIRE URGENT ATTENTION FROM OUR EDUCATIONALIST WHOSE TASK IT IS TO EDUCATE OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS,+ HE SAID.

MR LEE SAID THE CONGRESS, WITH ITS THEME ON +CONFLICTS IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY: ISSUES IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION+, WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT FORUM FOR CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND LIVELY DEBATE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EFFECTIVE SOCIAL WORK WAS LABOUR-INTENSIVE AND WITH THE GREATLY EXPANDED SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES IN RECENT YEARS, IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT DEMAND SHOULD OUTSTRIP SUPPLY.

+I DO NOT EXPECT THAT SUCH DIFFICULTIES ARE UNIQUE TO HONG KONG,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR WERE BOTH CONCERNED AND WERE PUTTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER TO SEEK A SOLUTION.

SOME REMEDIAL ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, HE SAID, BOTH TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND TO ENSURE THAT THE EXISTING TRAINED STAFF ARE USED TO BEST ADVANTAGE.

IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, THE STAFF STRUCTURE WAS REVISED LAST YEAR TO ENSURE THAT TRAINED STAFF ARE DEPLOYED IN WORK REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE AND TO PROVIDE IMPROVED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

+IN CONSULTATION WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, A SIMILAR REVIEW IS BEING CARRIED OUT ON THE STAFFING STRUCTURE AND DEPLOYMENT PATTERN IN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,+ HE SAID.

MR LEE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALWAYS ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF SOCIAL WORKERS.

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HE SAID THE HISTORY OF THE DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE EARLY 1960'S FULLY DEMONSTRATED THE GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE, INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN BRINGING ABOUT IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION IN VARIOUS LEVELS OF SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION.

TODAY, HE SAID, FIVE INSTITUTIONS PROVIDE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY AND POST-SECONDARY LEVELS TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR TRAINED PERSONNEL.

APART FROM FINANCIAL SUBSIDIES TO THE UNIVERSITIES' AND THE POLYTECHNIC'S SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PROVIDES IN-SERVICE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING AND FIELD WORK PLACEMENTS FOR THOSE UNDERGOING FORMAL SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION, HE ADDED.

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#### PERMANENT HOUSING FOR ELDERLY

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ELDERLY SINGLE TENANTS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING ARE OFFERED PERMANENT HOUSING, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, THE HON THOMAS LEE TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, MR LEE EXPLAINED THAT THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE BUT WHO NEVERTHELESS REQUIRED HELP WERE OFFERED ACCOMMODATION IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THE PART-BUILT STRUCTURES IF NECESSARY.

+THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TWO TEMPORARY HOUSING SITES FOR A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR SINGLE PEOPLE, PREDOMINANTLY ELDERLY TENANTS OF REPOSSESSED PRIVATE PREMISES,+ HE ADDED.

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#### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT LAUDABLE

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THE REQUIREMENT FOR IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS OF ALL PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS TO REGISTER IS LAUDABLE BECAUSE THIS WOULD MEAN MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THESE PRODUCTS AND BETTER PROTECTION FOR THE CONSUMERS, DR THE HON HARRY FANG SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

DR FANG SAID THIS IN SUPPORTING THE PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 WHICH WAS PASSED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HE WELCOMED THE FACT THAT THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD WILL NOW BE EMPOWERED TO DELEGATE ITS ROUTINE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION FUNCTIONS TO ITS EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEES, BEARING IN MIND THE INCREASING SCOPE AND COMPLEXITY OF ITS WORK.

+I AM ALSO GLAD TO SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF AN INDEPENDENT PHARMACY AND POISONS APPEAL TRIBUNAL,+ HE SAID.

+THE INTERMEDIATE APPEAL BODY, PROVIDING THE NECESSARY LEGAL, SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE, WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE TRADE IN THAT IT WILL EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES AND, IN THE EVENT OF APPEAL, OBLIATE THE NEED TO TAKE THE MATTER TO THE HIGH COURT WHICH IS BOTH TIME-CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE,+ HE ADDED.

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### HERBALISTS PROHIBITED FROM ADVERTISING SOME CURES \* \* \* \* \*

HERBALISTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM ADVERTISING THE TREATMENT AND CURE OF THE DISEASES AND AILMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE UNDESIRABLE MEDICAL ADVERTISEMENTS ORDINANCE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE HON JOHN GRIFFITHS SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION FROM DR THE HON HARRY FANG, MR GRIFFITHS POINTED OUT THAT HERBALISTS ARE ALSO PROHIBITED FROM ADVERTISING THEMSELVES AS BEING QUALIFIED, COMPETENT OR WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASES.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE ACKNOWLEDGES THE RIGHT OF A CHINESE TO PRACTISE MEDICINE OR SURGERY ACCORDING TO PURELY CHINESE METHODS.

THERE WERE NO PROVISIONS, HE SAID, FOR LICENSING, REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS OR OTHER CONTROLS, EXCEPT IN CHARACTERS USED IN DESCRIPTIONS.

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### NEW SCALE ON BEER DUTY \* \* \*

CERTAIN NEW BREWING PRACTICES CAN NOW BE USED IN HONG KONG BECAUSE OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980 PASSED ON JULY 9, THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON D.G. JEAFFRESON, SAID AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THESE INCLUDE THE DILUTION PROCESS WHICH, IF USED, WOULD MEAN THE GOVERNMENT LOSING REVENUE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, MR JEAFFRESON SAID IN MOVING A RESOLUTION ON A NEW SCALE OF DUTY FOR BEER.

MR JEAFFRESON EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE PRESENT LAW, DUTY WAS PAYABLE AT A FIXED RATE PER GALLON PROVIDED THE GRAVITY DID NOT EXCEED 1 055 DEGREES, ABOVE WHICH THERE WAS A GRADUATED SCALE.

THE DUTY, HE ADDED, WAS ASSESSED ON THE WORTS BEFORE FERMENTATION TOOK PLACE.

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HE SAID THE NEW SCALE PRESCRIBED THAT THE FIXED RATE WOULD APPLY TO BEER UP TO AN ORIGINAL GRAVITY OF 1 030 DEGREES RATHER THAN THE PRESENT 1 055 DEGREES AND ABOVE THIS REDUCED LEVEL, A VARIABLE SCALE WOULD APPLY.

+THE DILUTION PROCESS NORMALLY BEGINS WITH AN ORIGINAL GRAVITY OF ABOVE 1 030 DEGREES, AND THE VARIABLE SCALE HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT LOSE ABOUT \$3 MILLION IN REVENUE, + HE POINTED OUT.

MR JEAFFRESON STRESSED THAT THE NEW SCALE HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNED TO BE AS NEUTRAL AS POSSIBLE AS FAR AS THOSE NOT USING THE DILUTION PROCESS WERE CONCERNED. BUT BEER WITH AN ORIGINAL GRAVITY ABOVE 1 048 DEGREES WHICH IS THE NORM FOR HONG KONG, WILL PAY VERY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN AT PRESENT AND BEER WITH A LOWER ORIGINAL GRAVITY THAN THIS WILL PAY SLIGHTLY LESS.

TO AVOID CHARGING IN FRACTIONS OF A CENT IN THE PURSUIT OF NEUTRALITY, HE SAID THE NEW DUTY WAS FOR QUANTITIES OF 24 GALLONS RATHER THAN ONE GALLON AS UNDER THE PRESENT LEGISLATION.

+WHY 'GALLONS' AND '24' IN THIS AGE OF METRICATION? QUAIN, I AGREE BUT FOR METRICATION WE CAN ONLY TACKLE THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE AS A WHOLE AND THIS WE SHALL BE DOING SHORTLY, + MR JEAFFRESON ADDED.

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MODIFIED SCHEME FOR TSUEN WAN RECREATION PARK  
SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT  
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CONSULTANTS HAVE PUT FORWARD A MODIFIED SCHEME ON AN ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR THE PROPOSED OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AT TSUEN WAN, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE HON DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON LEUNG TAT-SHING WHO ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS ON THE PROPOSED TSO KUNG TAM RECREATION PARK AT TSUEN WAN.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE PARK HAD TWO MAIN COMPONENTS- THE FIRST WAS AN OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND THE OTHER WAS THE PARK ITSELF.

+INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE DID NOT GO SMOOTHLY AND THE ORIGINAL SITE HAS TO BE ABANDONED BECAUSE OF SERIOUS SITE STABILITY PROBLEMS, + HE SAID.

THE ALTERNATIVE SCHEME SUBMITTED BY THE CONSULTANTS WOULD NOW BE EXAMINED AS TO ITS ACCEPTABILITY FROM ALL POINTS OF VIEW. IT WOULD COST AN ESTIMATED \$40 MILLION.

WITH REGARD TO THE PARK MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE CONSULTANTS HAD JUST SUBMITTED AN INTERIM REPORT PROPOSING SUCH FACILITIES AS AN AMPHITHEATRE, A RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT, BOTANIC GARDENS, AN AVIARY, LAKES AND A MINIATURE RAILWAY.

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ANY CARRIER TO AND FROM LONDON  
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GOVERNMENT SERVANTS ARE FREE TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM LONDON BY ANY CARRIER OPERATING THE ROUTE, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WAS TOLD TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON R.H. LOBO, THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE HON MARTIN ROWLANDS SAID A CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH CIRCULAR HAS NOW BEEN ISSUED ADVISING GOVERNMENT SERVANTS THAT FROM TODAY THEY MAY CHOOSE TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM LONDON BY ANY OF THE THREE BRITISH AIRLINES LICENSED TO OPERATE THE ROUTE.

HE SAID THIS WAS THE RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ENDED ON JULY 21.

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COMPUTERISED TELEPHONE CHARGES  
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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) APPROVED A MOTION TO INCLUDE THE CHARGES FOR A NEW SERVICE BY THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY IN THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE.

IN MOVING THE MOTION, THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON DAVID JEAFFRESON SAID THE TELEPHONE COMPANY PLANS TO OFFER TO SUBSCRIBERS, ON RENTAL TERMS, A MODERN DIGITAL EXCHANGE KNOWN AS THE +COMPUTERISED BUSINESS TELEPHONE SYSTEM (40 + 144).+

EXPLAINING THE SYSTEM, HE SAID IT COULD COMPRISE AS MANY AS 40 EXCHANGE LINES AND 144 EXTENSIONS AND WOULD OFFER MODERN FACILITIES INCLUDING AUTOMATIC CALL DISTRIBUTION, CONFERENCE CALLS AND DIRECT DIALLING INTO EXTENSIONS.

THE RENTAL OF THIS PRIVATE AUTOMATIC BRANCH EXCHANGES (PABX), HE SAID, WOULD BE BASED ON A MINIMUM RENTING TERM OF ONE YEAR AND DISCOUNTS WOULD BE GIVEN TO SUBSCRIBERS WHO OPT TO SIGN LONGER TERM CONTRACTS.

THE PROPOSED CHARGES WERE CONSIDERED +REASONABLE+ BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID.

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SIX BILLS PASSED  
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SIX BILLS RECEIVED THEIR THIRD READING AND WERE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THEY WERE THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1980, THE CORONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) BILL 1980, THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, AND THE SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980.

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## HONG KONG'S BEST TO TOUR ISRAEL AND CYPRUS

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A GROUP OF YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS, INCLUDING STUDENTS FROM THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL SHORTLY BE LEAVING TO TOUR ISRAEL AND CYPRUS.

THE GROUP, HONG KONG'S +JING YING+, (WHICH MEANS MOST OUTSTANDING IN CHINESE) WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE FIRST COMMONWEALTH FILM AND TELEVISION FESTIVAL AND ARTS FESTIVAL, IN CYPRUS, AND THE ISRAEL ARTS FESTIVAL IN AUGUST.

ON SATURDAY (JULY 26) AN +EVENING WITH HONG KONG JING YING+ WILL BE HELD AT THE AC HALL OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE. APPEARING WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF THE TOURING PARTY OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC ENSEMBLE AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE TEAM. ALSO PERFORMING WILL BE THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

ONE OF THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS WILL BE ARRANGEMENTS SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR THE CONCERT BY SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS, DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON. SIR DAVID WILL BE CONDUCTING THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR, WHICH ALSO HAS AN OVERSEAS TOUR PLANNED SOON.

THE LAST ITEM ON THE PROGRAMME WILL BE A PIECE WRITTEN BY TONG LEUNG-TAK, MUSICAL DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, AND FEATURING THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, THE CHINESE ENSEMBLE, THE DANCERS AND CHOIR.

APART FROM GIVING PERFORMANCES AT THE TWO FESTIVALS IN CYPRUS AND ISRAEL, THE YOUNG HONG KONG MUSICIANS WILL ALSO ATTEND AN INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSE IN ISRAEL ARRANGED BY THE WORLD-RENOWNED VIOLINIST ISAAC STERN. ALEXANDER SCHNEIDER WILL BE THE COURSE DIRECTOR.

MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, WHO WILL BE TOUR DIRECTOR, SAID THAT THE YOUNG HONG KONG MUSICIANS WOULD BE TRAVELLING TO AN AREA, EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, WHICH HAD FOR LONG BEEN THE CROSSROADS OF THE WORLD. AS SUCH IT HAD A LOT IN COMMON WITH MODERN HONG KONG AND THE MUSICIANS OF ISRAEL, CYPRUS AND HONG KONG WOULD ALL BENEFIT BY EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND TECHNIQUES.

TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT ON SATURDAY, AT \$10, \$15 AND \$20, ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE AC HALL, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND TOM LEE.

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## CAREERS EDUCATION ESSENTIAL WITH CHANGING PATTERNS

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CAREERS EDUCATION IS ESSENTIAL IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUALLY CHANGING PATTERNS OF CAREERS AS A RESULT OF TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND THE INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR C.H. HAYE, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A TWO-DAY CAREERS EDUCATION SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

HE SAID THAT MUCH HAD BEEN DONE IN THE FIELD OF CAREERS EDUCATION BY THE LABOUR AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS, WITH CO-OPERATION OF SCHOOLS AND IN PARTICULAR THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS.

A SUCCESSFUL CAREER SERVICE, MR HAYE SAID, IMPLIED A CLOSE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH CAREERS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT JOBS.

+IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT OUR SCHOOL LEAVERS KNOW NOT ONLY WHAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF DOING BUT ALSO WHAT OCCUPATIONAL CHOICES ARE OPEN TO THEM.

+WE MUST ALL PULL TOGETHER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY. TO THIS END, I FEEL MUCH HAS BEEN DONE, BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH TO DO,+ MR HAYE ADDED.

EARLIER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, SAID IN HIS OPENING SPEECH THE SEMINAR WAS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CAREERS GUIDANCE.

THE SEMINAR WOULD CONCENTRATE ON ONLY TWO TOPICS, NAMELY +COUNSELLING+ AND +APPRAISAL SERVICE+, AND A REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF THESE SUBJECTS WAS ESSENTIAL TO CAREERS TEACHERS AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS, HE ADDED.

SIXTY CAREERS TEACHERS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND EXPERTS ON CAREERS EDUCATION ARE TAKING PART IN THE SEMINAR.

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## WELSH YOUTHS VISIT HONG KONG

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SIX YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SOUTH GLAMORGAN, WALES, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FOR A THREE WEEK VISIT DESIGNED TO PROMOTE CONTACTS AMONG YOUTHS IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

DURING THEIR STAY, THEY WILL TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING COMMUNITY WORK AND VISITS TO MANY LOCAL FACILITIES.

THEY ARE HERE ON AN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WHICH WAS STARTED LAST YEAR WHEN SEVEN GROUPS FROM HONG KONG, BERMUDA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, NIGERIA, AUSTRALIA AND MALTA WENT TO SEVEN REGIONS IN BRITAIN.

SIX HONG KONG YOUTHS, SELECTED FROM 31 NOMINATIONS REPRESENTING 17 ORGANISATIONS, VISITED SOUTH GLAMORGAN FOR THREE WEEKS.

THE SIX FROM WALES, COMPRISING TWO TEACHERS, TWO STUDENTS, A CIVIL SERVANT AND A SECRETARY, WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE PROGRAMME -- KNOWN AS 'COMMONWEALTH SPRINGBOARD' -- IS CO-ORDINATED BY THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE COUNCIL (CYEC) TO ESTABLISH CONTINUING, TWO-WAY EXCHANGE LINKS BETWEEN EDUCATION AUTHORITIES IN BRITAIN AND OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

IT ALSO ENABLES YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER BY EXCHANGING IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES.

SIX REGIONS IN BRITAIN, WHICH WERE HOSTS UNDER THE PROGRAMME LAST YEAR, WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES THIS SUMMER IN THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROGRAMME.

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#### AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JULY 26) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THE 30 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING ARE:

CD 3288	BD 3399	CE 832	CE 1698	CE 2883
CD 3228	CC 3333	7207	CC 31	CE 3360
CD 8836	CC 7667	1500	CE 11	BB 620
CD 9800	CD 8885	CF 8	BB 323	CF 688
CE 3337	CE 133	CE 280	BS 1	CF 661
CE 882	CE 283	XX 4473	CE 1689	AA 485

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, THE 55TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, WILL GO TO THE LOTTERIES FUND.

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PRISONS DISPLAY IN TSUEN WAN EXTENDED  
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN, WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL FRIDAY.

THE DISPLAY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 3 PM TO 10 PM.

THE DEPARTMENT IS MOUNTING A RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR ASSISTANT OFFICERS II. THOSE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP THE CAREER ARE WELCOME TO APPLY AT THE MOBILE RECRUITMENT STAND AT THE CENTRE. THEY MAY ALSO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITING OFFICE ON 5-938455 FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG CHUK HANG ROAD  
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THE 24-HOUR PROHIBITED ZONES ALONG THE UP-RAMP LEADING TO THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE OFF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD WILL BE SHIFTED WESTWARDS UP THE RAMP BY ABOUT 70 METRES TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORKS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 25).

WITHIN THESE ZONES, LEARNER DRIVERS AND ALL VEHICLES -- EXCEPT FOR ACCESS, AND ALL PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN OF PASSENGERS AND FOR LOADING OR UNLOADING OF GOODS -- WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ENTER THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN SHA TIN  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (JULY 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER CONNECTION WORK.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE TIN LIU VILLAGE, LEK YUEN ESTATE, WO CHE ESTATE, PAI TAU VILLAGE, SHEUNG HA WO CHE, FO TAN AREA, LOK LO HA VILLAGE, THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE, THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

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