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## AFTERCARE SUPERVISION SCHEME FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS PROPOSED

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A BILL SEEKING TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF CERTAIN YOUNG OFFENDERS DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD AFTER THEIR RELEASE WAS TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR SECOND READING.

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON LEWIS DAVIES, SAID EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT OFFENDERS WERE MOST LIKELY TO REVERT TO CRIME IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR RELEASE, WHEN THEY MIGHT RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THEIR FORMER CRIMINAL ASSOCIATES.

+EXISTING SCHEMES FOR THE AFTERCARE AND SUPERVISION OF FORMER INMATES OF DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES, DETENTION CENTRES AND TRAINING CENTRES HAVE PROVED TO BE A USEFUL AID TO THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD FOLLOWING RELEASE,+ MR DAVIES SAID.

THEREFORE, HE SAID, IT IS PROPOSED TO INTRODUCE A SIMILAR SCHEME OF SUPERVISION GENERALLY FOR 12 MONTHS FOR PERSONS WHO, BEFORE THEIR 21ST BIRTHDAY, ARE SENTENCED TO SERVE A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF THREE MONTHS OR MORE AND ARE RELEASED FROM PRISON BEFORE THE AGE OF 25.

THE BILL MAKES THE ISSUE OF A SUPERVISION ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS MANDATORY, THOUGH IT SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER TO CANCEL OR VARY THE TERMS OF THE ORDER IF HE SHOULD SO DESIRE.

AS A GENERAL RULE, PERSONS WHO ARE THE SUBJECT OF A SUPERVISION ORDER WILL BE REQUIRED:

- \* TO INFORM THE AFTERCARE OFFICER OF CHANGES IN RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT ADDRESSES=
- \* TO LEAD AN HONEST LIFE AND REFRAIN FROM ASSOCIATING WITH KNOWN BAD CHARACTERS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF UNLAWFUL SOCIETIES=
- \* TO SEE THE AFTERCARE OFFICER AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH= AND
- \* TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE AFTERCARE OFFICER.

MR DAVIES SAID FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE TERMS OF THE ORDER WOULD RENDER THE PERSON LIABLE TO RECALL TO PRISON TO SERVE ANY PERIOD OF REMISSION OF SENTENCE EARNED DURING THE ORIGINAL SENTENCE.

+IN ADDITION, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A SUPERVISION ORDER WOULD IN ITSELF BE AN OFFENCE CARRYING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF A \$5 000 FINE AND 12 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT,+ MR DAVIES SAID.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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GOVERNMENT AUTHORISED TO RAISE ANOTHER LOAN FROM ADB  
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THE GOVERNMENT WAS AUTHORISED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (THURSDAY) TO RAISE A LOAN EQUIVALENT TO US\$20 MILLION FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO FINANCE PART OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COST OF THE SECOND SHA TIN URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THIS IS THE FIFTH LOAN TO BE RAISED BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE LOAN WAS REPAYABLE OVER 10 YEARS FROM MAY 15, 1983 AT A RATE OF INTEREST OF 8.1 PER CENT PER ANNUM CHARGEABLE ON THE AMOUNT OF THE LOAN WITHDRAWN AND OUTSTANDING FROM TIME TO TIME. THERE IS ALSO A COMMITMENT CHARGE OF 0.75 PER CENT.

SIR PHILIP SAID THE NECESSARY GUARANTEE FOR THE LOAN WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

THE FOUR PREVIOUS LOANS WERE MADE IN 1972, 1975, 1977 AND 1978, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WAS AUTHORISED TO RAISE SUMS EQUIVALENT TO US\$21.5 MILLION, US\$20 MILLION, US\$20.5 MILLION AND US\$19.5 MILLION RESPECTIVELY TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DESALTING PLANT AT LOK ON PAI, THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT PROJECT, THE SHA TIN URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HOUSING) PROJECT AND THE SHA TIN HOSPITAL-POLYCLINIC PROJECT.

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SIR JACK CATER ACTING GOVERNOR  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER HAS ASSUMED THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR MURRAY LEFT FOR MANILA THIS AFTERNOON TO ADDRESS THE INTERTANKO SHIPPING ORGANISATION GENERAL MEETING.

DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES, SIR MURRAY WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER, GENERAL CARLOS ROMULO. SIR MURRAY WILL ALSO VISIT THE REFUGEE PROCESSING CENTRE AT BATAAN.

THE GOVERNOR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, DR DAVID WILSON WILL RETURN ON SATURDAY (APRIL 19).

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STIFFER PENALTIES PROPOSED FOR  
NON-DISCLOSURE OF TRAFFIC OFFENDER'S IDENTITY

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VEHICLE OWNERS WHO REFUSE TO IDENTIFY DRIVERS SUSPECTED OF HAVING COMMITTED TRAFFIC OFFENCES MAY SOON FACE STIFFER PENALTIES, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HON DEREK JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR JONES SAID THE BILL SOUGHT TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE BY ANY PERSON TO MAKE THE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAME OF A DRIVER SHOULD CARRY THE SAME LIABILITY TO DISQUALIFICATION AS THE REPORTED OFFENCE.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE COURT WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACTS OF THE ALLEGED OFFENCE, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF ANY FINE OR PERIOD OF IMPRISONMENT TO BE IMPOSED, AND ANY PERIOD OF DISQUALIFICATION, IN DETERMINING SENTENCE FOR THE OFFENCE OF NON-DISCLOSURE OF DRIVER.

IN ADDITION, THE AMENDING LEGISLATION WILL EMPOWER THE COURT TO ORDER AN OFFENDER TO MAKE THE REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.

IF SUCH AN ORDER IS DISOBEYED, MR JONES SAID, IT WOULD RENDER THE OFFENDER LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF \$50 A DAY, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5 000, AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

MR JONES POINTED OUT THAT AT PRESENT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR FAILING TO DISCLOSE THE NAME OF A DRIVER INVOLVED IN AN OFFENCE WAS LIKELY TO BE MUCH LOWER THAN THE PENALTY FOR THE OFFENCE ITSELF.

+THERE IS THEREFORE NO EFFECTIVE DETERRENT AGAINST NON-DISCLOSURE BY AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE OF THE PARTICULARS OF A DRIVER WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE COMMITTED AN OFFENCE, ESPECIALLY WHERE THE OFFENCE IS A SERIOUS ONE,+ MR JONES SAID.

MR JONES ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE NEW PROPOSALS WOULD, IF ENACTED, SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE MAXIMUM PENALTIES AGAINST VEHICLE OWNERS OR DRIVERS, THEY WOULD NOT CREATE ANY NEW OFFENCES OR RENDER LIABLE TO THE NEW PENALTIES PERSONS WHO, UNDER THE PRESENT LAW, WOULD BE ENTITLED TO AN ACQUITTAL.

+IN ORDER TO BE ACQUITTED OF THE CHARGE OF NON-DISCLOSURE A DEFENDANT WOULD NEED TO PROVE THAT HE DID NOT KNOW AND COULD NOT WITH REASONABLE DILIGENCE HAVE ASCERTAINED THE NAME, ADDRESS OR DRIVING LICENCE NUMBER OF THE PERSON INVOLVED IN THE REPORTED OFFENCE,+ MR JONES SAID.

+THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS ALSO SATISFIED THAT THE BILL WOULD NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF VISITING THE PROPOSED INCREASED PENALTIES ON THOSE WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE ABSENT FROM HONG KONG WHEN THE REQUEST IS MADE,+ HE ADDED.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

IMMIGRATION SERVICE EXPANDS RAPIDLY  
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THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE HAS EXPANDED RAPIDLY IN RECENT YEARS TO COPE WITH TRAVEL BY HONG KONG RESIDENTS, VISITORS TO HONG KONG AND RECENTLY WITH THE SHARP INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON LEWIS DAVIES TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (THURSDAY).

+AS A RESULT,+ HE SAID, +WE HAVE REVIEWED THE WORK OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LEVELS AT WHICH IT IS PERFORMED. THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION HAS CONCLUDED THAT SOME OF THE DUTIES PRESENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICER CADRE COULD BE PERFORMED BY THE SUBORDINATE RANKS OF IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT AND SENIOR IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT.+

MR DAVIES WAS SPEAKING AT THE SECOND READING OF THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 WHICH SEEKS TO PROVIDE THESE GRADES OF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WITH CERTAIN STATUTORY POWERS IN ORDER TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROPOSED DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.

HE SAID THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION WOULD ENSURE THAT THE POWERS TO BE CONFERRED WERE EXERCISED UNDER THE CLOSE SUPERVISION OF OFFICER RANKS AND THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE LEVEL AT WHICH THE RESPONSIBILITY WAS DISCHARGED DID NOT RESULT IN ANY DETERIORATION IN THE STANDARD OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OR UNNECESSARY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO TRANSFER CERTAIN POWERS STIPULATED IN THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE FROM THE GOVERNOR AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY.

MR DAVIES ALSO MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 PROPOSING THAT WARRANT CARDS ISSUED TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE SHOULD NO LONGER BE SIGNED PERSONALLY BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION.

DEBATE ON THE TWO BILLS WAS ADJOURNED.

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BILL TO CATER FOR SETTING UP OF MINI-CINEMAS  
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THE PRESENT PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT REGULATIONS, WHICH CAME INTO FORCE IN 1934, ARE BY NOW, IN MANY RESPECTS OBSOLETE AND DO NOT, IN PARTICULAR, CATER FOR SMALL 500 TO 2 000-SEAT CINEMAS ABOVE GROUND LEVEL IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HON DEREK JONES SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE SECOND READING OF THE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, MR JONES SAID THE BILL AIMED AT DISPELLING ANY DOUBTS AS TO THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO MAKE REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LOCATION OF PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT WITHIN BUILDINGS WHICH ARE USED ALSO FOR OTHER PURPOSES AND TO LAY DOWN APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS.

/HE SAID .....

HE SAID THAT WITH THE FALL IN MASS CINEMA AUDIENCES, AS WELL AS WITH RISING LAND VALUES AND BUILDING COSTS MINI-CINEMAS, WHOSE NUMBERS HAVE GROWN IN RECENT YEARS, HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO SET UP THROUGH THE BUILDING AUTHORITY MODIFYING THE EXISTING REGULATIONS BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.

+THIS PROCEDURE IS, HOWEVER, UNSATISFACTORY AND IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT REGULATIONS TO REGULARISE THE POSITION,+ MR JONES SAID.

IF THE BILL IS PASSED, NEW REGULATIONS WILL BE MADE TO PERMIT AND REGULATE THE LOCATION OF SMALL PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT, PARTICULARLY CINEMAS, IN NON-DOMESTIC MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS OR THE NON-DOMESTIC PARTS OF SUCH BUILDINGS.

MR JONES SAID THAT THE NEW REGULATIONS WOULD INCORPORATE THE RELEVANT TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO BUILDING STRUCTURES AND FIRE SAFETY PROVISIONS AND HE STRESSED THAT EXITS FROM PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT WOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE SAME BUILDING IN DIFFERENT USE.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL  
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A BILL PROPOSING TO REDESIGNATE THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS AS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WAS TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR SECOND READING TODAY.

AT PRESENT, THE LAW DESIGNATES THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS AS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

SPEAKING AT THE SECOND READING OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, THE HON WILLIAM DORWARD SAID, +THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IS PART OF THE CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS DEPARTMENT AND THE ANOMALOUS SITUATION EXISTS WHERE THE COMMISSIONER OF THAT DEPARTMENT IS NOT THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

+NOT SURPRISINGLY, THIS CAUSES CONFUSION AND IS MISLEADING INSOFAR AS THAT OFFICER'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE CONCERNED.+

THE BILL THEREFORE PROPOSED, SAID MR DORWARD, THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS NOW BE THE OFFICER DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR TO BE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE AND, AS SUCH, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF THAT SERVICE.

+IN THESE DUTIES HE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR AND OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS,+ MR DORWARD ADDED.

/ +IT IS .....

+IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO REFLECT CURRENT RANK TITLES BY PRESCRIBING THAT A DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, BEING THE HOLDER OF THE POST OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, AND AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, BEING THE HOLDER OF THE POST OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, BE DESIGNATED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE RESPECTIVELY,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WAS REORGANISED IN 1979 INTO A FEDERAL STRUCTURE OF THREE CONSTITUENT DEPARTMENTS: THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS. EACH DEPARTMENT IS HEADED BY AN OFFICER IN THE RANK OF COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS WHO IS ASSISTED BY ONE OR MORE DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS AND A NUMBER OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AWARDED MBE  
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AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR ROBERT RONALD LESLIE POGUE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MBE) BY THE QUEEN.

MR POGUE SERVED WITH THE MALAYSIA CIVIL SERVICE FROM 1951 TO 1962 AND WITH THE SABAH GOVERNMENT FROM 1964 TO 1966 BEFORE JOINING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1967.

AFTER SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND AS A CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, HE JOINED THE RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT IN 1970 AND HAS SINCE SPECIALISED IN HOUSING FIELD.

BETWEEN 1970 AND 1973 HE WAS ENGAGED IN CLEARING ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE 25 RESETTLEMENT ESTATES, AND SINCE 1974 HE HAS BEEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CLEARANCE).

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OATHS AND DECLARATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF A JUDICIAL OFFICER TO TAKE THE OATH AGAIN WHEN HE IS APPOINTED TO ANOTHER JUDICIAL OFFICE.

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE OATHS AND DECLARATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE LAW DRAFTSMAN, THE HON G.P. NAZARETH SAID THAT UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, SUPREME COURT JUDGES, DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, MAGISTRATES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND THE JUDICIAL OATH ON FIRST APPOINTMENT AND THEN AGAIN IF THEY ARE APPOINTED TO ANOTHER JUDICIAL OFFICE WHETHER IN A SUBSTANTIVE OR ACTING CAPACITY.

+THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAS COMMENTED THAT TIME IS WASTED IN RE-SWEARING JUDICIAL OFFICERS,+ MR NAZARETH SAID.

MR NAZARETH SAID THE LIST OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE OATHS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT OF THE LANDS TRIBUNAL AND CORONERS.

+SINCE CORONERS HAVE SO FAR ALL BEEN MAGISTRATES, THEY HAVE TAKEN THE OATHS IN QUESTION IN THE LATTER CAPACITY,+ MR NAZARETH SAID.

+BUT AGAINST THE DAY WHEN WE MAY HAVE CORONERS WHO ARE NOT MAGISTRATES, THE LIST SHOULD INCLUDE CORONERS,+ HE ADDED.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE SURVEY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS IN 1979.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE ANALYSED AND COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE 1977 SURVEY. INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR IN DECISION MAKING, TRADE PROMOTION AND MARKET ANALYSIS. IN ADDITION THE RESULTS WILL BE USED TO UP-DATE THE ESTIMATE OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

INFORMATION SOUGHT INCLUDES TYPES OF OWNERSHIP, EMPLOYMENT, EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES, SALES AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

/QUESTIONNAIRES .....

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO ABOUT 5 000 ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY, WHICH COVERS ALL WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS ENGAGING 50 OR MORE PEOPLE AND A SAMPLE OF SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS RANDOMLY SELECTED. CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS BEARING GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS WILL, UPON REQUEST, VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST RESPONDENTS IN COMPLETING THESE QUESTIONNAIRES.

MANAGEMENTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORMS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1980.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR C.C. GREENFIELD, STRESSED THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN STATISTIC FORM WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

HE ALSO URGED THE MANagements CONCERNED TO CO-OPERATE BY RETURNING THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY.

THE 1979 SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER, 1980, MADE UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND GAZETTED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 9 OF 1980.

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ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON MONDAY  
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THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON MONDAY (APRIL 21) WHICH IS A GENERAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

THIRTY-TWO POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, AND THE POST OFFICES IN TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON THAT DAY.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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MACHINERY CONTRACT AWARDED FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) LET A \$14 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MACHINERY FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE YUEN LONG SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AT WANG CHAU.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO JARDINE ENGINEERING CO LTD, IN ASSOCIATION WITH WHITEHEAD AND POOLE (HK) LTD AND WAS SIGNED BY MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, AND MR ALAN MILLS OF JARDINE.

MR OSBORNE SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST OF FIVE MACHINERY CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED FOR THE PROJECT.

+IT COMPRISES THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PUMPING AND SCREENING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR SLUDGE SETTLEMENT TANKS,+ HE SAID.

+THE DESIGN OF THE MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ASPECTS OF THE PLANT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONTRACT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.+

MEANWHILE, THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE LET IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THIS INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUMPING STATIONS, SCREEN CHAMBERS, GRIT REMOVAL TANKS, PRIMARY AND FINAL SETTLEMENT TANKS, AERATION TANKS, AND ANCILLARY DRAINAGE.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FOR ROADWORKS AND THE LAYING OF ABOUT 1 000 METRES OF PIPES, RANGING FROM 100 MM TO 1 800 MM IN DIAMETER.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL PROVIDE FULL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND PART OF THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM GIS PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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NEW ARMORIAL BEARINGS FOR UC

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A BILL SEEKING TO GIVE LEGAL STATUS TO THE NEW ARMORIAL BEARINGS RECENTLY GRANTED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL BY GARTER KING OF ARMS AND LETTERS PATENT TO REPLACE THE EXISTING URBAN COUNCIL EMBLEM WAS READ SECOND TIME IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SECOND READING OF THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, WAS MOVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HON DEREK JONES. DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF ANOTHER GROUP OF ITS RECRUITS AT THE PRISON STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY (APRIL 19).

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JOHN GRIFFITHS, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT GOLDEN WHISTLES TO TWO BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE 13 PRISON OFFICERS AND 75 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE PRISON STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 19).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED LEAVING THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 9.15 AM SHARP.

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