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GAS SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN DRAWN UP

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THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) A NEW PACKAGE OF GAS SAFETY MEASURES WHICH IT WILL BE INTRODUCING, FOLLOWING A DETAILED STUDY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SAFETY STANDARDS CONTAINED IN THE GAS CONSULTANTS REPORT ISSUED FIVE MONTHS AGO.

IT HAS NOW DRAWN UP A GAS SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN BASED ON THE EXPERT ADVICE OF ITS OWN GAS ENGINEERS AND AS A RESULT OF INTENSIVE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION, AND CONSULTATION WITH THE LPG SUPPLIERS AND THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ONE OF THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSULTANTS WAS THE SETTING UP OF A SPECIALIST OFFICE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH GAS SAFETY.

FOR THE PAST FIVE MONTHS, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, MR G.J. OSBORNE, HAS BEEN ASSISTED BY TWO EXPERT ENGINEERS FROM OVERSEAS WHILE A GAS ADVISER'S OFFICE WAS BEING SET UP.

THIS OFFICE IS NOW ESTABLISHED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE AND WILL INTRODUCE AND IMPLEMENT THE GAS SAFETY PLAN, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE LPG SUPPLIERS AND THE GAS COMPANY.

+THE GAS ADVISER AND A CHIEF ENGINEER HAVE BEEN SELECTED AND WILL SHORTLY BE TAKING UP THEIR PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS, AND ADDITIONAL STAFF ARE BEING RECRUITED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GAS ADVISER, MR KEN TUNNAH, FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING OF NORTHERN GAS, UK, HAS BEEN ONE OF THE EXPERT ADVISERS TO MR OSBORNE.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT, WHILE THERE WAS A NEED FOR INCREASED GOVERNMENT CONTROL TO ENSURE GAS SAFETY, A GREAT DEAL WAS ALREADY BEING ACHIEVED VOLUNTARILY WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF ALL PARTS OF THE GAS INDUSTRY.

WATER HEATERS

A VOLUNTARY CODE COVERING THE INSTALLATION OF TOWNGAS AND LPG WATER HEATERS HAS ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED AND THIS WILL EVENTUALLY BE BACKED BY LEGISLATION. THE CODE PROVIDES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) FLUELESS HEATERS WILL NOT BE INSTALLED IN BATHROOMS, AND WHEN INSTALLED OUTSIDE BATHROOMS THEY WILL ONLY BE USED FOR SINKS.
- (B) NO ORDINARY OPEN-FLUED WATER HEATERS WILL BE INSTALLED, EVEN AS REPLACEMENTS.

/(C) BALANCED

- (C) BALANCED FLUE HEATERS WHICH ARE HEATERS WITH THE FLUE OUTLET AND AIR INLET CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE OUTSIDE AIR, AND WHICH ARE COMPLETELY SEALED FROM THE ROOM WILL BE USED FOR ALL NEW INSTALLATIONS AND, WHERE PRACTICABLE, FOR REPLACEMENT INSTALLATIONS. THE GAS COMPANY HAS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE A FAN-ASSISTED FLUED HEATER. THIS EXPELS BURNT GASES SAFELY IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND CAN BE USED FOR REPLACEMENT WORK OR NEW INSTALLATIONS WHERE BALANCED FLUE HEATERS CANNOT EASILY BE FITTED FOR STRUCTURAL REASONS.

VENTILATION

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJOR ADVANTAGE OF INSTALLING A BALANCED FLUE OR FAN-ASSISTED HEATER WAS THAT THERE WAS THEN NO NEED TO RELY ON ROOM VENTILATION. STEPS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE GAS INDUSTRY TO ENCOURAGE ALL CUSTOMERS TO CHANGE OVER TO THESE APPLIANCES, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO SHOWER SAFELY WITHOUT NEEDING TO OPEN A WINDOW.

+IT CANNOT BE EMPHASISED TOO STRONGLY HOWEVER THAT IN ALL OTHER CASES, VENTILATION IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. WINDOWS OR DOORS MUST BE OPENED WIDE,+ HE SAID.

LPG CYLINDERS

THE GAS CONSULTANTS' REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A PROGRAMMED WITHDRAWAL OF LPG CYLINDERS FROM EXISTING MULTI-STOREY DOMESTIC BUILDINGS AND THAT CYLINDERS SHOULD NOT BE USED IN FUTURE IN SUCH BUILDINGS.

+ESSENTIALLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, +THE REASONING BEHIND THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT, IN A FIRE, LPG CYLINDERS CAN OVERHEAT, EXPLODE AND CAUSE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, WHICH MAY ENDANGER ADJOINING FLATS.+

AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT THIS RECOMMENDATION. IN REACHING THIS DECISION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS HAD REGARD TO THE OPINION OF EXPERT ENGINEERS AND RELEVANT HONG KONG AUTHORITIES THAT REINFORCED CONCRETE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG ARE SO STRONG THAT THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO SUFFER THE EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE IMPLIED BY THE CONSULTANTS. THERE WOULD ALSO BE GREAT PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY IN SEEKING TO REPLACE SOMETHING LIKE ONE MILLION LPG CYLINDERS CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION.

RATHER THAN SEEKING TO WITHDRAW AND BAN LPG CYLINDERS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED, FIRST, TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF PIPED GAS WHEREVER POSSIBLE AND, SECOND, TO ENSURE THAT STEPS ARE TAKEN TO MAKE CYLINDER LPG A SAFER FUEL TO STORE, HANDLE AND USE.

+THE SAFETY OF LPG CYLINDERS, WHICH AT PRESENT ACCOUNT FOR THE LARGEST PART OF THE GAS MARKET IN HONG KONG, WILL BE IMPROVED WITH A SERIES OF MEASURES ALREADY AGREED WITH THE OIL COMPANIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MEASURES, WHICH AGAIN WILL BE BACKED BY LEGISLATION, WILL COVER AMONG OTHER THINGS CYLINDER INSPECTION, CHECKWEIGHING, ODOURISING AND LEAK DETECTION.

+ALL THESE, COMBINED WITH PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS IN HANDLING AND STORAGE, SHOULD DO MUCH TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THIS FORM OF GAS SUPPLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF SENSIBLE HANDLING BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC THEMSELVES CANNOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED.

+CYLINDERS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SUFFER IMPACT DAMAGE AND MUST AT ALL TIMES BE KEPT AWAY FROM ANY SOURCE OF HEAT,+ HE STRESSED.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL INTRODUCE A SUSTAINED CAMPAIGN OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO COVER THESE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

EXPANSION OF SUPPLIES OF PIPED GAS

THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECOGNISED THAT A PIPED FORM OF GAS SUPPLY (WHETHER BY TOWNGAS OR FROM LOCAL BULK LPG INSTALLATIONS) IS INHERENTLY MUCH SAFER THAN CYLINDERS. SO THE IMPORTANT DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN THAT, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE THE PROVISION OF PIPED GAS SUPPLIES TO ALL NEW DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS.

THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED PARTLY BY MAKING A PIPED GAS SUPPLY ONE OF THE CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE TO BE MET TO OBTAIN BUILDINGS ORDINANCE APPROVAL FOR NEW BUILDINGS, AND PARTLY BY ENCOURAGING THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXTENSIVE SUPPLY OF PIPED GAS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, +WE ARE AWARE THAT THE GAS COMPANY ARE PLANNING A MAJOR EXTENSION OF THEIR SUPPLY NETWORK PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION CAPACITY. ALONG WITH BULK LPG INSTALLATIONS, THESE EXPANSION PLANS WILL ENSURE THAT WE ACHIEVE OUR AIM OF MAKING PIPED GAS AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS. THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THESE EXPANSION PLANS AND WILL PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE,+ HE SAID.

INSTALLATION WORK

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO INTENDS TO INTRODUCE CONTROLS OVER GAS INSTALLATION WORK WHERE, PARTICULARLY IN THE LPG SECTOR, UNIFORMLY HIGH SAFETY STANDARDS ARE NOT ALWAYS ACHIEVED BECAUSE OF THE FRAGMENTED NATURE OF THE BUSINESS.

IN FUTURE AN INSTALLER WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE WORK HE CARRIES OUT COMPLIES WITH APPROPRIATE CODES OF PRACTICE= ALSO THAT HE EMPLOYS OPERATIVES WHO ARE PROPERLY QUALIFIED IN BASIC GAS FITTING SKILLS.

LEGISLATION

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO BACK UP MEASURES FOR ENSURING GAS SAFETY. THIS WILL INCLUDE AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE AND A NEW BILL COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF GAS SAFETY.

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SO FAR

THE SPOKESMAN REPORTED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE MEASURES TAKEN ON GAS WATER HEATERS AND LPG CYLINDERS, SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS ALSO BEEN MADE IN OTHER ASPECTS OF GAS SAFETY.

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+VERY DETAILED SURVEYS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT ON MANY BULK DOMESTIC LPG INSTALLATIONS, AND THEIR ASSOCIATED PRESSURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND PIPING. DEFECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED ON A NUMBER OF THEM AND ARE BEING CORRECTED BY THE COMPANIES CONCERNED.

+PENDING THE PRODUCTION OF NEW CODES OF PRACTICE COVERING THIS WORK, ESSENTIAL INTERIM AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING SPECIFICATIONS ARE BEING INTRODUCED TO MAKE SURE THAT NEW INSTALLATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO BETTER STANDARDS WITHOUT DELAY,+ HE SAID.

+A SERIES OF SHORT COURSES COVERING BASIC GAS FITTING SKILLS FOR LPG OPERATIVES HAS ALREADY BEEN DRAWN UP FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE NEXT COLLEGE YEAR. THE GAS COMPANY HAVE BEEN RUNNING THEIR OWN TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION PLEASE REFER TO THE GAS CONSULTANTS' REPORT. THIS WAS ISSUED IN FULL IN ENGLISH AND THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS IN CHINESE ON JANUARY 21 THIS YEAR. TRANSLATION INTO CHINESE OF THE ENTIRE REPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND COPIES WILL SHORTLY BE AVAILABLE.

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WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE
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THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IN HENNESSY ROAD AND DISCUSSED JUVENILE CRIME AND VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WAS ASSUMING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME MOVE, AND HAD ORGANISED NUMEROUS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES IN A BID TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN COMBATING CRIME.

HE SAID ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR WILL INCLUDE A BEAT CRIME QUIZ CONTEST, A WALKATHON AND VISIT TO THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

PRESENT AT TODAY'S MEETING WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR A.G. COOPER, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WAN CHAI); MR D.G. ROBINSON, DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE WAN CHAI POLICE DIVISION; MR LAU KIN-YEUK, A POLICE COMMUNITY RELATION OFFICER AND 11 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE UNOFFICIALS WERE LATER PRESENTED WITH LETTERS OF APPRECIATION AND APPOINTMENT BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR ROBINSON. THEY WERE DR CHUNG CHI-YUNG, MR HO CHOI-CHIU, MR CHOW SUK-BUT, MISS NG SUI-HING, MR LO YICK-SUN, MR LEE KON, MR CHU WING-KEE, MR CHENG HOK-YIN, MR HO YUK-WING, MR NG SAI-YING AND MR HO FOOK-CHU.

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SUPERVISION OF BOILERS AND STEAM RECEIVERS

OWNERS OF BOILERS AND STEAM RECEIVERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT OPERATION OF THEIR EQUIPMENT MUST BE SUPERVISED BY PEOPLE HOLDING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THIS REQUIREMENT WAS LAID DOWN IN THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE.

HE WARNED THAT ANY BOILER OWNER WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THIS STATUTORY REQUIREMENT WAS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND TO A FINE OF \$30 000 ON CONVICTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT EARLY LAST YEAR THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT UNIT BEGAN TO HELP OWNERS OF BOILERS TO OVERCOME A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED BOILER OPERATORS BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SESSIONS FOR A WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE IN ORDER TO REDUCE CANDIDATES' WAITING PERIOD.

THE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS WERE LATER DISCONTINUED WHEN DEMAND DROPPED.

THE UNIT ALSO REQUESTED THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO RUN A SPECIAL EVENING COURSE FOR BOILER OPERATORS.

CANDIDATES WHO COMPLETED THE COURSE AND WERE SUCCESSFUL IN AN EXAMINATION WERE ISSUED WITH CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE BY THE UNIT WITHOUT HAVING TO SIT THE UNIT'S EXAMINATION.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED BOILER OWNERS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE COURSE IN ORDER TO SECURE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL FOR SAFE OPERATION OF THEIR EQUIPMENT.

THOSE INTERESTED CAN CONTACT THE INSTITUTE FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON TELEPHONE 3-615161 EXT. 119.

CANDIDATES WISHING TO SIT FOR THE UNIT'S EXAMINATION SHOULD CONTACT THE UNIT AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON TELEPHONE 3-688111 EXT. 352.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES, PASSED ON CHAN PO-KWONG, LEUNG KAM-YIU AND HO CHI-CHAU AND THE DEATH SENTENCE, PASSED ON TSE KIN-FAI, SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT RESPECTIVELY.

CHAN, LEUNG AND HO WERE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF LAU CHAK-MO IN A FLAT IN SHAM SHUI PO ON MARCH 2, 1978. THEY WERE CONVICTED ON FEBRUARY 20, 1979.

TSE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF TSANG FAN-CHUNG IN WESTERN DISTRICT ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1980. HE WAS CONVICTED ON JULY 28, 1981.

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CAS MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM GOES OVERSEAS FOR TRAINING

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FOUR OFFICERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT WILL LEAVE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO UNDERGO INTENSIVE ADVANCED TRAINING IN MOUNTAIN LEADERSHIP, SEARCH AND RESCUE.

THEY WILL BE SEEN OFF BY THE CAS CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR J.A. FORTUNE, AND THE COMMANDER OF THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT, MR LEE SHU-WING, AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

THE FOUR OFFICERS ARE MESSRS CHOW KA-PO, LI YAN-KI, LAW KAM-WING, AND PAU HON-KWAN.

THEY WILL RECEIVE TRAINING FROM THE RAF MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNITS IN WALES AND SCOTLAND, AND FROM THE SCOTTISH SPORTS COUNCIL.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL LAST ONE AND A HALF MONTHS, AND THE FOUR WILL BE BACK IN HONG KONG ON AUGUST 6.

SPEAKING ON THE WORK DONE BY THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT, A CAS SPOKESMAN SAID IT RESCUED MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE WHO WERE IN TROUBLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES LAST YEAR.

+MANY OF THEM WERE GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAD NOT PLANNED THEIR EXPEDITION PROPERLY, AND HAD BECOME HOPELESSLY LOST AS NIGHT FELL OR CLOUDS DESCENDED, THUS MAKING TREKING OVER THE HILLS BOTH DIFFICULT AND HAZARDOUS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IN CASE OF EMERGENCY,+ HE ADDED, +ASSISTANCE CAN BE SOUGHT BY CALLING THE PRINCIPAL TRAINING OFFICER OR DUTY OFFICER OF THE CAS DURING OFFICE HOURS ON TELEPHONE 5-763236.

+ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT IS ON STANDBY DUTY FROM 1 PM TO 9.30 PM AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE AND THEIR ASSISTANCE CAN BE SOUGHT BY TELEPHONING 3-7115011 OR 999.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CAS TEAM WILL ARRIVE AT KAI TAK AIRPORT AT 7 PM, AND LEAVE BY THE BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT BA20 ETD 9 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE TEAM.

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NATURAL DISASTERS A BIG LEGCO TOPIC

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CONCERN ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF NATURAL DISASTERS IN HONG KONG WILL BE THE MAJOR ISSUE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS IN QUESTIONS AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FIVE OUT OF THE 13 QUESTIONS WILL DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SQUATTERS LIVING ON SLOPES CONSIDERED TO BE VULNERABLE TO LANDSLIDES AND THE PLANS TO EVACUATE THEM IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY, THE LOCATION OF THE MAIN LANDSLIPS AND DRAINAGE DANGER AREAS AND THE EFFORT BEING MADE TO MINIMISE THE DANGERS FROM THESE.

OTHER QUESTIONS WILL DEAL WITH THE EXTENT OF PUBLIC WARNINGS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE RECENT RAINSTORMS, AND THE AMOUNT OF EMERGENCY RELIEF PAID TO FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK AND CROP DAMAGE. THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO CONSIDER ENCOURAGING FARMERS, LIVESTOCK BREEDERS AND FISH-POND OPERATORS WHO ARE REPEATEDLY AWARDED RELIEF AS VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS, +TO INTRODUCE SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST OR TO COMPENSATE THEMSELVES FOR DAMAGE.+

THERE WILL ALSO BE QUESTIONS ON PYRAMID SELLING, UK UNIVERSITY FEES, THE BUS SERVICE, DEFEDERALISATION OF THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, THE NUMBER OF FILIPINA WOMEN PERMITTED TO LIVE AND WORK IN HONG KONG AND WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL CHANGE ITS POLICY REGARDING THEIR ENTRY TO HONG KONG FOR DOMESTIC SERVICE.

TWO NEW BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS: THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BILL 1982, AND THE SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982.

DEBATE WILL BE RESUMED ON SIX BILLS.

THEY ARE: THE COMMODITIES TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 AND BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982.

THESE BILLS WILL THEN GO THROUGH THEIR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READINGS, TOGETHER WITH THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) BILL 1982, WHICH HAD ITS COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING ADJOURNED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO ORGANISE +RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY WEEK+

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND 26 ORGANISATIONS IN THE AREA WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE A +RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY WEEK+ FROM JUNE 20 TO 26, IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGING.

THE AIM IS TO EDUCATE THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO RESPECT THE ELDERLY THROUGH A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES. SINGLED OUT FOR ATTENTION WILL BE PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 60.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A CANTONESE CONCERT AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL OF BAPTIST COLLEGE ON WATERLOO ROAD ON JUNE 20. A CANTONESE OPERA AND A CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT CARITAS CENTRE IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD ON JUNE 26.

BOY SCOUTS WILL HELP THE AGED CROSS THE ROAD AT VARIOUS POINTS IN THE DISTRICT AND PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE A HELPFUL ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ELDERLY WILL BE CIRCULATED.

DUMPLINGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE AGED WHO ARE WITHOUT FAMILY CARE ON THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL.

FREE MEDICAL CHECKUPS WILL BE PROVIDED AT EVANGEL HOSPITAL ON JUNE 20 AND JUNE 26, AND AT THE TO KWA WAN WELFARE ASSOCIATION CLINIC FROM JUNE 20 TO 26.

DISCOUNTS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE AGED AT THREE SPECIFIED CHINESE RESTAURANTS DURING JUNE. OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO THE AGED AND TOURS FOR THEM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOMED TO COVER EVENTS TO BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, BAPTIST COLLEGE AT 7.30 PM ON JUNE 20, 1982.

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WATER CUTS FOR MAINS CONNECTION

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FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 17) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE THOSE ALONG SAN FUNG AVENUE, FROM SAN HONG STREET TO SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATION, INCLUDING NORTH TSOI YUEN TSUEN AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE SHEUNG SHUI TREATMENT WORKS.

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NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX
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A NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL SOON BE BUILT IN LAI WAN ROAD ON LAI CHI KOK RECLAMATION.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE COMPLEX WILL CONSIST OF EIGHT SWIMMING POOLS - ONE HEATED MAIN POOL, ONE SECONDARY POOL, ONE DIVING POOL, ONE TRAINING POOL, TWO TEACHING POOLS, ONE CHILDREN'S POOL AND ONE PADDLING POOL.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS, A RESTAURANT AND A REFRESHMENT BOOTH.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START AT THE END OF JULY AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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