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VACANCIES AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN MARCH 1990 WAS 74,177 AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VACANCIES WAS 3,047, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY OF VACANCIES AT CONSTRUCTION SITES CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY COVERED SOME 424 PUBLIC SECTOR SITES AND 921 PRIVATE SECTOR SITES WHICH WERE ACTIVE IN MARCH 1990.

THE VACANCY RATE, WHICH IS THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE SUM TOTAL OF THE NUMBER OF MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED AND THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES, WAS 3.9 PER CENT IN MARCH 1990.

OF THE 3,047 VACANCIES REPORTED FROM THE SITES ENUMERATED, 2,235 WERE FOUND IN PUBLIC SECTOR SITES AND 812 IN PRIVATE SECTOR SITES. THE VACANCY RATES FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND PRIVATE SECTOR SITES WERE RESPECTIVELY 7.0 PER CENT AND 1.8 PER CENT.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS IS GIVEN IN THE TABLE BELOW :

	PUBLIC SECTOR SITES	PRIVATE SECTOR SITES	TOTAL
NO. OF ACTIVE SITES	424	921	1,345
NO. OF MANUAL WORKERS	29,652	44,525	74,177
AVERAGE NO. OF WORKERS PER SITE	69.9	48.3	55.2
NO. OF VACANCIES	2,235	812	3,047
AVERAGE NO. OF VACANCIES PER SITE	5.3	0.9	2.3
VACANCY RATE (PER CENT)	7.0	1.8	3.9

WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989, THERE WERE DECREASES IN BOTH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VACANCIES AND THE VACANCY RATE. IN MARCH 1989, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VACANCIES WAS 5,715 AND THE VACANCY RATE WAS 7.3 PER CENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN DEFINING AND OBTAINING ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, DUE NOTE SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE DEFINITION OF VACANCY ADOPTED AND THE LIMITATIONS OF THE SURVEY WHEN INTERPRETING THE SURVEY RESULTS.

IN THE SURVEY, VACANCIES REFER TO THOSE UNFILLED, IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE JOB OPENINGS FOR WHICH ACTIVE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO RECRUIT THE WORKERS. THIS DEFINITION IS CONSISTENT WITH THAT ADOPTED IN OTHER SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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"HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL SUBSTITUTION AND RE-SCHEDULING POSSIBILITIES IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF WORKERS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, IN RESPONSE TO CHANGES IN LABOUR SUPPLY AND WORK REQUIREMENTS," HE SAID.

"CONSEQUENTLY, THE CONCEPT OF VACANCIES TAKES ON A MUCH LOOSER SENSE AS FAR AS BUILDING CONTRACTORS ARE CONCERNED. THIS ALSO HAS THE CONSEQUENCE THAT VACANCY DATA SUPPLIED BY CONTRACTORS OR SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE LIKELY TO BE SUBJECT TO RELATIVELY LARGE VARIATION IN REPORTING BEHAVIOUR," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

AMONG THE SITES SURVEYED IN MARCH 1990, SOME WERE FOUND TO HAVE NO VACANCIES AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHETHER IN THESE SITES THE CONTRACTORS WERE ABLE TO FILL ALL VACANCIES OR THEY HAD IN FACT DELAYED THE PROJECTS INSTEAD.

DETAILS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS, TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY, ARE PUBLISHED IN A "REPORT OF VACANCIES AT CONSTRUCTION SITES". COPIES OF THIS REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$7 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY, PLEASE CONTACT THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 4758 OR 823 4753.

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FIRST QUARTER SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS RELEASED

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IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990, 4,431 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 26.3 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 337 (OR 8 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 1.7 MILLION NRT (OR 7 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

THIS IS CONTAINED IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT JANUARY - MARCH 1990" PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+163), OIL TANKERS (+84), DRY BULK CARRIERS (+39), CONVENTIONAL CARGO VESSELS (+32) AND GAS CARRIERS/TANKERS (+19).

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WHEN ANALYSED BY FLAG OF VESSELS, MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+174), PANAMA (+42), LIBERIA (+39), WEST GERMANY (+32), NORWAY (+19) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+15), WHILE MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN THE PHILIPPINES (-14) AND JAPAN (-11).

THE NUMBER OF INCOMING SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS INCREASED BY 210 WHILST THE NUMBER OF THOSE WITH A LARGER CAPACITY INCREASED BY 127.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990, THERE WERE 4,437 OUTGOING SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 26.2 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 322 (OR 8 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 1.4 MILLION NRT (OR 6 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 6 PER CENT. ABOUT 69 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 86 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 14 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO. OF THE CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, 61 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AND 39 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE SINGAPORE (17 PER CENT), JAPAN (15 PER CENT), SOUTH AFRICA (11 PER CENT), CHINA (11 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (7 PER CENT), AND TAIWAN (7 PER CENT), WHILE THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE USA (19 PER CENT), CHINA (15 PER CENT), TAIWAN (14 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (5 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (5 PER CENT).

TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (35 PER CENT) AND THE USA (18 PER CENT), AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN THE USA (14 PER CENT) AND CHINA (13 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM INDONESIA (+46 PER CENT), MALAYSIA (+40 PER CENT), THE USA (+18 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+11 PER CENT); WHILE MAJOR DECREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA (-31 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (-28 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (-20 PER CENT).

AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF LOGS AND TIMBER (+34 PER CENT), CORK AND WOOD MANUFACTURES (EXCLUDING FURNITURE) (+32 PER CENT), ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (+22 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PRODUCTS (+20 PER CENT); WHILE A MAJOR DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (-23 PER CENT).

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COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT.

MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY (+45 PER CENT), THAILAND (+39 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+24 PER CENT), CHINA (+23 PER CENT) AND THE PHILIPPINES (+11 PER CENT); WHILE MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO SOUTH KOREA (-29 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (-13 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (+42 PER CENT), FOOTWEAR (+33 PER CENT), PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+29 PER CENT), TOYS (+23 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+22 PER CENT); WHILE A MAJOR DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF PULP AND WASTE PAPER (-15 PER CENT).

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE IMPORTS AND INWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 35 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO. OF THOSE LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS AND OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 79 PER CENT WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 29 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE USA (89 PER CENT), WEST GERMANY (83 PER CENT), TAIWAN (78 PER CENT) AND THE NETHERLANDS (63 PER CENT).

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE IMPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 ROSE BY 12 PER CENT OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR, IN TONNAGE TERMS, 98 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, 94 PER CENT OF TEXTILES OF MIXED MATERIALS AND OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED, 94 PER CENT OF TEXTILE FIBRES AND 94 PER CENT OF PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD.

FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 71 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR ALL SEABORNE EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS, AND ALMOST ALL TO THE USA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 ROSE BY 10 PER CENT OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

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SEABORNE EXPORTS OF SOME PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES WERE ALL OR NEARLY ALL CONTAINERISED. THESE INCLUDED COTTON GARMENTS; GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; TOYS; COTTON TEXTILES; FOOTWEAR; PLASTIC MANUFACTURES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPMASTERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 ARE CONTAINED IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT JANUARY TO MARCH 1990", WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$26.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRADE SURVEYS AND SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 4887.

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ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE 1990 EXPLAINED

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THE ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE 1990 ENACTED ON MARCH 23 THIS YEAR PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR NEW STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS COVERING ELECTRICITY-RELATED MATTERS, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR MIAO CHI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO EXPLAIN DETAILS OF THE SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS UNDER THE ORDINANCE, MR MIAO SAID FIVE SETS OF REGULATIONS WERE ENACTED ON JULY 6, 1990 WHICH INCLUDED THE ELECTRICITY (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS 1990, ELECTRICITY (WIRING) REGULATIONS 1990, ELECTRICITY (EXEMPTION) REGULATIONS 1990, ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990 AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (SPECIAL AREAS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990.

HE SAID: "THESE FIVE NEW SETS OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION ARE MAINLY AIMED AT INTRODUCING MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY STANDARDS IN RELATION TO ELECTRICAL WORK AND FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS."

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IN ORDER TO ENSURE FUTURE ELECTRICAL WORK WAS ONLY UNDERTAKEN BY QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS, A REGISTRATION SYSTEM WHICH ENTAILED COMPULSORY REGISTRATION FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS AND REQUIRED CONSUMERS TO ENGAGE REGISTERED WORKERS THROUGH REGISTERED CONTRACTORS TO PERFORM ELECTRICAL WORK WAS BEING PROVIDED UNDER THE NEW ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE, HE SAID.

THE ELECTRICITY (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS 1990, THEREFORE SET OUT IN DETAILS THE PROCEDURES, QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS, GENERATING FACILITIES, THE TERMS OF REGISTRATION, RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION, FEES FOR APPLICATIONS AND CERTIFICATES, HE EXPLAINED.

ON THE ELECTRICITY (WIRING) REGULATIONS 1990, MR MIAO SAID: "THE REGULATIONS SET OUT THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WIRING OF FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS WHICH ALL REGISTERED ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS HAVE TO COMPLY IN THEIR WORK.

"TO ENSURE THAT NEW ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED ARE SAFE FOR USE, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO BE INSPECTED, TESTED AND CERTIFIED BY REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS BEFORE BEING ENERGISED FOR USE."

THE REGULATIONS ALSO REQUIRE SPECIFIED TYPES OF FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS TO BE PERIODICALLY TESTED AT LEAST EITHER ONCE EVERY YEAR OR ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE INSTALLATIONS.

HOWEVER, UNDER THE ELECTRICITY (EXEMPTION) REGULATIONS 1990, EXEMPTION MIGHT BE GRANTED TO SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR CERTAIN TYPES OF FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

THESE REGULATIONS ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES TO EXEMPT THOSE FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS OF SPECIALISED NATURE AND FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES, SUCH AS FOR GENERATING AND SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY, OPERATING AND RUNNING OF A RAILWAY AND PROVISION OF PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES.

THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990 AND THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (SPECIAL AREAS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990, ARE ONLY MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING REGULATIONS.

REFERRING TO THE TIMING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGULATIONS, MR MIAO SAID THE REGISTRATION REGULATIONS WOULD TAKE EFFECT FIRST.

HE SAID: "THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO REGISTER EXISTING ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS WITHIN A PERIOD OF ABOUT 18 MONTHS. REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS WILL COMMENCE FROM NOVEMBER 2, 1990. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, WHICH WILL BE ABOUT 12 MONTHS LATER, THAT IS AROUND NOVEMBER 1991."

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AFTER THE 18 MONTHS PERIOD, IN MID-1992, THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTRICAL WORK ON FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS CAN ONLY BE CARRIED OUT OR SUPERVISED BY REGISTERED CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS WILL BE EFFECTED. THE WIRING REGULATIONS WILL ALSO BE MADE EFFECTIVE AT THE SAME TIME.

"AROUND SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1990, A PUBLICITY PROGRAMME WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO FULLY FAMILIARISE THE ELECTRICAL TRADE WITH THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM OF WORKERS," MR MIAO SAID.

THE EXEMPTION REGULATIONS WOULD BE EFFECTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE REGISTRATION REGULATIONS WHILE THE TWO SETS OF AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO TIE IN WITH THE REPEAL OF THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS IN THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ORDINANCE, HE ADDED.

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EXCO ENDORSES PROPOSED TITLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS IN PRINCIPLE ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO CONVERT THE PRESENT LAND REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO A TITLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE SECURITY OF TITLE TO LAND AND SIMPLIFYING THE LEGAL PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER OF LAND AND PREMISES.

"THE PROPOSED SYSTEM WOULD BRING HONG KONG INTO LINE WITH MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND WOULD HELP TO KEEP DOWN CONVEYANCING COSTS AND EXPENSES AND FACILITATE PROPERTY TRADING IN THE LONG RUN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO EXAMINE THE CONVERSION PROCESS IN DETAIL, FURTHER STUDIES ON THE ACTUAL CONVERSION TO AND THE OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE SUPPORTING LEGAL FRAMEWORK, WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY A WORKING PARTY CHAIRED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL.

AREAS WHICH REQUIRED DETAILED STUDY INCLUDE PRIORITY OF DEALINGS, ENCUMBRANCES, SHORT TERM TENANCIES, CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, OVERRIDING INTERESTS, MISTAKES, CORRECTIONS AND RECTIFICATIONS.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL, THE EXISTING LAND REGISTER WOULD BE CONVERTED TO A TITLE REGISTER ON A DAY TO BE APPOINTED.

"THIS MEANS THAT THE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES WERE ON THE REGISTER ON THAT DAY WOULD THEN BE DEEMED BY LAW TO BE THE FULL OWNERS SUBJECT ONLY TO THE REGISTERED ENCUMBRANCES," HE SAID.

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"SINCE NOT ALL TITLES ON THE REGISTER ARE GOOD TITLES, THERE WOULD BE A LEAD-IN PERIOD, PROBABLY THREE YEARS, BEFORE FULL CONVERSION OF ALL TITLES TO ABSOLUTE TITLES WOULD TAKE PLACE," HE ADDED.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE PROPOSAL INCLUDE THE ISSUING OF A TITLE CERTIFICATE FOR EACH PROPERTY OWNER WHO WANTS ONE.

"THE CERTIFICATE WOULD REPLACE ALL OLD DOCUMENTS OF TITLE AND WOULD ITSELF BECOME THE SOLE DOCUMENT OF TITLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS FOR CONVEYANCING, THIS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SOLICITORS AS UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM, HE ADDED.

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STUDENT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE SCHEME REVISED

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STARTING FROM THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR, STUDENTS COMMUTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL WILL BE SUBSIDISED UNDER A MODIFIED STUDENT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE SCHEME.

THE REVISED SCHEME, WHICH HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, IS BASED ON ACTUAL STUDENT TRAVEL PATTERNS ACQUIRED THROUGH A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

"THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED TO SEEK IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PRESENT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE SCHEME WHICH WAS IMPLEMENTED IN 1988," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE AREAS COVERED BY THE SURVEY WERE IN THE METHOD OF CALCULATING AVERAGE FARES WITHIN AND BETWEEN THE 19 DISTRICT BOARD AREAS; THE DISCREPANCY OVER THE LEVEL OF SUBSIDY BETWEEN SHORT TRIPS WHICH CROSSED BOUNDARIES AND LONGER TRIPS WITHIN THE SAME DISTRICT; ACTUAL TRAVEL PATTERNS AND ACTUAL NUMBER OF SCHOOL AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY TRIPS THAT STUDENTS MADE EACH WEEK COMPARED WITH THE 14 TRIPS ALLOWED FOR UNDER THE EXISTING SCHEME.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SURVEY COVERED 10 PER CENT OF ALL FULL-TIME STUDENTS, INCLUDING SIXTH FORMERS, ATTENDING SECONDARY DAY SCHOOLS AND THOSE ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY AND TERTIARY INSTITUTES WHO HAD APPLIED FOR THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE IN THE 1988 SCHOOL YEAR.

THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE REVISED SCHEME ARE:

- * MORE REFINED GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS - THE 271 TERTIARY PLANNING UNITS - WILL REPLACE THE CURRENT LARGER 19 DISTRICT BOARD AREAS, THUS ENSURING A FAIRER AND MORE REALISTIC CALCULATION OF ALLOWANCE;

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- * SUBSIDY FOR TRAVELLING ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, CURRENTLY BASED ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE STUDENT FARE AND HALF THE ADULT FARE, WILL BE REVISED TO HALF OF THE STUDENT FARE;
- * BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE WILL BE CALCULATED ON 11 SCHOOL TRIPS AND ONE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY (ECA) TRIP EACH WEEK FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS AND 11 SCHOOL AND THREE ECA TRIPS EACH WEEK FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS; AND
- * THE REVISED SCHEME WILL COST ABOUT \$7.6 MILLION MORE PER ANNUM, ASSUMING THE SAME NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS AND THE SAME FARE LEVELS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE REVISED SCHEME, BECAUSE OF THE MORE REFINED ZONING ARRANGEMENTS AND THE MORE REALISTIC TRAVEL PATTERNS USED, STUDENTS WHO SHOULD RECEIVE MORE SUBSIDY PER TRIP COMPARED WITH NOW WILL GET MORE AND THOSE WHO SHOULD RECEIVE LESS WILL GET LESS.

"THE REVISED SCHEME IS THEREFORE A MUCH FAIRER ONE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED SCHEME WILL BE SOUGHT.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION. THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.

GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE ECOLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "4" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS. SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

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THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES
IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 12.7.90)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 26.7.90)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	3	3
CHUNG HOM KOK	1	1
DEEP WATER BAY	1	2
HAIRPIN	2	2
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	3	2
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	2	2
TURTLE COVE	2	2
STANLEY MAIN	2	1
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1
TUEN MUN DISTRICT -----		
OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	2	3
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	3	3
BUTTERFLY	3	3

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CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	2	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	1	1
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	1	1
TONG FUK	1	1
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	1	1
SILVERMINE BAY	3	2
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	1	1
TUNG O*	2	1

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	2	2
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	2	2
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	2	2
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	2	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	3	2
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	3	2

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	4	4
APPROACH	3	3
CASAM	2	3
GEMINI	2	2

HOI MEI WAN	2	3
LIDO	2	3
TING KAU	4	4
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	1	2

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.
 * NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

STANLEY MAIN, KIU TSUI AND TUNG O, FROM "2" TO "1"; SHEK O, SILVERMINE BAY, SILVERSTRAND AND TRIO (HEBE HAVEN), FROM "3" TO "2"; DEEP WATER BAY AND TUNG WAN ON MA WAN, FROM "1" TO "2"; CASAM, HOI MEI WAN, LIDO AND NEW CAFETERIA, FROM "2" TO "3".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

RIGHT FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF THE EPD, MR PAUL R. HOLMES, ON TEL. 835 1234.

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HEALTH LEADERS HELP BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITY
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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR MARGARET CHAN, TODAY (THURSDAY) APPEALED TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN HELPING TO ESTABLISH A HEALTHY COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 11TH YOUNG HEALTH LEADER TRAINING PROJECT, SHE SAID THERE WERE ABOUT 1,500 YOUNG HEALTH LEADERS FROM 131 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY DISSEMINATING HEALTH MESSAGES AT HOMES, IN SCHOOLS AND IN THE SOCIETY, ALL IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE HEALTH EDUCATION.

THE YOUNG HEALTH LEADER TRAINING PROJECT WAS INTRODUCED IN 1983 WITH AN AIM TO TEACH YOUTHS WAYS OF KEEPING FIT, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY, SO THAT THEY COULD PASS ON WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT, THROUGH HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, TO THEIR SCHOOLMATES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, THUS HELPING THEM ENJOY GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.

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IN THE LATEST TRAINING PROJECT, A TOTAL OF 247 HEALTH LEADERS FROM 45 SCHOOLS GRADUATED, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 1,477.

"WE HOPE THESE YOUNG HEALTH LEADERS WILL INITIATE A DRIVE TO HELP BUILD A HEALTHY COMMUNITY," SHE ADDED.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE WEEK-LONG TRAINING PROJECT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, COMPRISED A SUBJECT ON ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION IN ADDITION TO OTHER FUNDAMENTAL ONES SUCH AS CONCEPTS OF HEALTH AND HEALTH EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, GOOD HABITS OF HEALTHY LIFE, PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, ADOLESCENCE AND SEX AS WELL AS SKILLS IN COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP.

MEANWHILE, TO COINCIDE WITH THIS YEAR'S WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION SLOGAN - "OUR PLANET, OUR HEALTH; THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY", PARTICIPANTS WERE ALSO GIVEN AN IN-DEPTH AND COMPREHENSIVE INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

TO FURTHER BROADEN THE SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, TRAINED HEALTH LEADERS, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT (CHEU), WILL TAKE PART IN PROMOTING HEALTH EDUCATION IN DISTRICTS AND HELP IMPLEMENT AN ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH CARNIVAL IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

DR CHAN ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT TO THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND CHEU AND THE SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

SHE ALSO THANKED THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS FOR THEIR UNRESERVED SUPPORT.

"WITH THE FULL SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY, WE HAVE MOVED A GREAT STEP FORWARD IN OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE HEALTH FOR EVERYBODY IN HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

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WOMEN'S TURN TO GET NEW IDENTITY CARD
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WOMEN BORN IN 1950 OR BEFORE WILL SOON BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

"THOSE BORN IN 1947, 1948, 1949 AND 1950 WILL BE THE FIRST GROUP TO BE CALLED UPON TO COME FORWARD FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE URGED WOMEN OF THIS AGE GROUP TO WATCH OUT FOR THE EXACT DATES FOR THEIR APPLICATION.

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"FULL DETAILS OF THE DIFFERENT PHASES FOR THE ISSUE OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR WOMEN WILL BE WIDELY PUBLICISED THROUGH TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND IN NEWSPAPERS IN DUE COURSE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING IDENTITY CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE *** SYMBOL.

HOWEVER, IF AN APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE *** SYMBOL, SHE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOFS.

IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HER EXISTING IDENTITY CARD, SHE MUST PRODUCE HER TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) -- HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW "FLEXI DESIGN" SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN.

LOCATED AT A 11,170-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN AREA 2B, LEUNG TIN ESTATE, EACH SCHOOL WILL CONSIST OF A SEVEN-STOREY CLASSROOM BLOCK, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, A SEVEN-STOREY SPECIAL CLASSROOM BLOCK AND AN ANCILLARY BUILDING INCLUDING STAFF QUARTERS.

THERE WILL BE 26 GENERAL CLASSROOMS, 14 SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, TWO COVERED PLAYGROUNDS, A BASKETBALL COURT AND A CARPARK IN EACH SCHOOL.

WORK ON BOTH SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE AROUND OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 17.

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DB TO STUDY DIRECT ELECTION

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT ELECTION FOR DISTRICT BOARDS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED INTRODUCING FULLY-ELECTED DISTRICT BOARDS AND IF THERE WILL BE ANY CHANGE IN THE RATIO BETWEEN APPOINTED AND ELECTED DB MEMBERS FOR THE 1991-1994 TERM.

THEY WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE IMPACT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HOUSING SUBSIDY POLICY ON PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS IN SHA TIN.

THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL SUBMIT A PAPER ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE WHICH WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CONCERN GROUP ON WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TOURISM PROMOTION

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THE TOURISM PROMOTION CAMPAIGN FOR THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE TARGETTED AT BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS VISITORS. PUBLICITY WILL INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF A VIDEO ON THE SCENIC SPOTS ON OUTLYING ISLANDS AND MOBILE EXHIBITIONS ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PRESERVATION OF THE ROCK INSCRIPTION AT TAI SHEK HAU, CHEUNG CHAU AND THE PROVISION OF PARKING FACILITIES AT LANTAU COUNTRY PARK.

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OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF TOURIST MAP BOARDS AND THE PREVENTION OF NUISANCE CAUSED BY HOLIDAY-MAKERS ON BOARD FERRIES TO OUTLYING ISLANDS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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URBAN CLEARWAY AND TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF UNDERPASS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 28), THE FOLLOWING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN HUNG HOM:

- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PO LOI STREET BETWEEN HUNG HOM WAN STREET AND BULKELEY STREET;
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BAKER STREET BETWEEN PO LOI STREET AND MING ON STREET.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

IN ADDITION, THE WINSLOW STREET VEHICULAR UNDERPASS THE DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM DAILY FROM SATURDAY (JULY 28) TO AUGUST 14 TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON WINSLOW STREET HEADING FOR TO KWA WAN ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA WINSLOW STREET, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, COOKE STREET, GILLIES AVENUE AND WUHU STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SLIP ROAD ADJOINING JUNK BAY ROAD EASTBOUND AND LIN TAK ROAD SOUTHBOUND, IN KWUN TONG, WILL BE CLOSED FOR TRAFFIC FROM 1 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 28) TO 1 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 29) TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES EXCEEDING SIX METRES LONG ARE ADVISED TO USE LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD FOR ACCESS TO LAM TIN.

VEHICLES BELOW THAT LENGTH MAY MAKE USE OF JUNK BAY ROAD, SAU MAU PING ROAD, THE MINI-ROUNDBOUT AT THE JUNCTION WITH SAU MAU PING ROAD, PO LAM ROAD AND SAU MAU PING ROAD FOR ACCESS TO LIN TAK ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, KMB ROUTES 16 AND 16M, ON LAM TIN BOUND JOURNEYS, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SAU MAU PING ROAD, HIU KWONG STREET, HIU KWONG STREET BUS TERMINUS, HIU KWONG STREET, SAU MAU PING ROAD AND LIN TAK ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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BAN ZONE IN TSING YI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 28), THE ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN CHING KING ROAD AND TAM KON SHAN ROAD, ON TSING YI ISLAND, WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES (SCHEDULED) SERVICE AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ACCESS ROAD 24 HOURS DAILY.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN CENTRAL
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT CHIU LUNG STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 2 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 28) TO 6 AM ON JULY 30 TO FACILITATE TELEPHONE DUCT LAYING WORKS.

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