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STIFFER PENALTIES FOR COMMODITIES TRADING OFFENCES
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PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE CONTROL OF TRADING IN COMMODITY FUTURES CONTRACTS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 2).

THE MEASURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE COMMODITIES TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 WHICH PROVIDES FOR AN INCREASE IN PENALTIES FOR A RANGE OF OFFENCES WHICH EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN ARE NO LONGER ADEQUATE. THESE RELATE TO UNREGISTERED DEALERS AND UNREGISTERED DEALERS' REPRESENTATIVES, FRAUD AND BREACHES BY REGISTERED DEALERS OF REGULATORY PROVISIONS WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD.

THE PENALTIES HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE THE ENACTMENT IN 1976 OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE, WHICH PROVIDES PROTECTION FOR INVESTORS BY ALLOWING ONLY SUITABLE PERSONS TO BE REGISTERED AS DEALERS AND BY THE OPERATION OF A SCHEME FOR COMPENSATION IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT BY A DEALER. HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF AN UNREGISTERED DEALER WHO IS FOUND GUILTY OF FRAUD, HIS ASSETS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE REGULATORY PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE AND HIS CUSTOMERS DO NOT HAVE RECOURSE TO THE COMPENSATION SCHEME.

INVESTIGATIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT VERY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY ARE HANDLED BY UNREGISTERED DEALERS AND THEREFORE THE EXISTING LEVELS OF PENALTIES DO NOT SERVE AS A DETERRENT.

THE BILL, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, PROVIDES FOR LARGE INCREASES IN THE PENALTIES FOR UNREGISTERED DEALERS AND UNREGISTERED DEALERS' REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL INTRODUCES FOR THE FIRST TIME THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT. IN ORDER TO DETER AN UNREGISTERED DEALER WHO IS IN THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP, THE ALTERNATIVE OF A PENALTY ON SUMMARY CONVICTION IS ALSO PROVIDED FOR.

COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSALS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING, MR ROBERT FELL, SAID THE PENALTIES TOGETHER WITH CONTINUED POLICE ACTION SHOULD PUT THESE OPERATORS OUT OF BUSINESS ONCE AND FOR ALL.

DETAILS OF THE PRESENT LEVEL OF PENALTIES AND THE PROPOSED INCREASES ARE AS FOLLOWS :

	PRESENT -----	PROPOSED -----
* FALSE TRADING I.E. CREATING A FALSE MARKET AS REGARDS PRICES OR VOLUME OF TRADING	A FINE OF \$100 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS	A FINE OF \$1 MILLION AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS

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| * EMPLOYMENT OF A FRAUDULENT OR DECEPTIVE DEVICE E.G. MARKET RIGGING IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF FUTURES CONTRACTS | A FINE OF \$100 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS | A FINE OF \$1 MILLION AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS |
| * FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDUCING THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF FUTURES CONTRACTS | A FINE OF \$100 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS | A FINE OF \$1 MILLION AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS |
| * ACTS RELATING TO ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS DONE WITH INTENT TO FALSIFY OR MISLEAD | A FINE OF \$20 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR | A FINE OF \$500 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS |
| * FAILURE TO PAY MONEY INTO A SEGREGATED ACCOUNT AND TO COMPLY WITH RULES CONCERNING THAT ACCOUNT WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD | A FINE OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS | A FINE OF \$500 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS |
| * DESTROYING, CONCEALING OR ALTERING ANY BOOK OF ACCOUNT WITH INTENT TO DELAY OR OBSTRUCT AN EXAMINATION OR AUDIT | A FINE OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS | A FINE OF \$500 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS |
| * LEAVING HONG KONG WITH INTENT TO PREVENT, DELAY OR OBSTRUCT AN EXAMINATION OR AUDIT | A FINE OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS | A FINE OF \$500 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS |
| * UNREGISTERED DEALING | A FINE OF \$50 000 AND A DAILY PENALTY OF \$500 | (1) ON INDICTMENT. A FINE OF \$500 000, IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS AND A DAILY PENALTY OF \$1 000 |

(2) ON SUMMARY
CONVICTION.
A FINE OF
\$50 000,
IMPRISONMENT
FOR ONE YEAR
AND A DAILY
PENALTY OF
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* UNREGISTERED DEALERS'
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A FINE OF
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A DAILY
PENALTY OF
\$500

TO DISCOURAGE OFFENDERS FROM OBSTRUCTING INVESTIGATIONS, THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THIS OFFENCE FROM A FINE OF \$20 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS TO A FINE OF \$100 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

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NEW RULE FOR OPERATORS OF SMALL PLEASURE CRAFT
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OPERATORS OF LICENSED PLEASURE VESSELS NOT EXCEEDING THREE METRES IN LENGTH AND HAVING AN ENGINE NOT EXCEEDING THREE KILOWATTS IN POWER WILL NOW BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY, A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXEMPTION CAME WITH A DECISION BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PERCY DAVY, UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PLEASURE VESSELS) REGULATIONS.

+THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXEMPTION IS TO RELIEVE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SUCH A SMALL CRAFT FROM THE NECESSITY OF OBTAINING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY.

+THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE CRAFT, HOWEVER, MUST NOT BE LESS THAN 16 YEARS OF AGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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LEGAL AID ALLOWANCES REVISED

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THE ALLOWANCES FOR CALCULATING THE DISPOSABLE INCOME OF LEGAL AID APPLICANTS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS WILL BE INCREASED FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 1) TO BRING THEM INTO LINE WITH THE RECENTLY REVISED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RATES.

THE NEW RATES OF ALLOWANCES UNDER THE LEGAL AID (ASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>EXISTING RATE</u>	<u>NEW RATE</u>
(I) PERSON WITH NO DEPENDANT	\$350	\$450
(II) PERSON AND FIRST 2 DEPENDANTS	\$250 EACH	\$325 EACH
(III) THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH DEPENDANTS	\$215 EACH IN ADDITION TO (II)	\$280 EACH IN ADDITION TO (II)
(IV) SIXTH AND ADDITIONAL DEPENDANTS	\$165 EACH IN ADDITION TO (II) AND (III)	\$215 EACH IN ADDITION TO (II) AND (III)

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT IN CALCULATING THE DISPOSABLE INCOME OF A LEGAL AID APPLICANT, THE AMOUNT OF RENT AND RATES PAID BY HIM FOR HIS DWELLING HOUSE, AND PERSONAL ALLOWANCES IN RESPECT OF HIMSELF AND DEPENDANTS WHOLLY MAINTAINED BY HIM ARE DEDUCTED FROM HIS GROSS INCOME. +IT IS THESE ALLOWANCES THAT ARE INCREASED BY THE REGULATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+THESE INCREASES ARE DESIGNED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INFLATION AND TO ENSURE THAT THE STATUS QUO IS MAINTAINED FOR THAT SECTION OF THE PUBLIC WHOSE INCREASES IN INCOME, INTENDED TO OFFSET THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING, MAY ALSO AFFECT THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL AID,+ HE ADDED.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN TSUEN WAN

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THE NORTHBOUND KERBSIDE LANE ON SAI LAU KOK ROAD FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO MEI WAN STREET IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 31).

WITHIN THE CLEARWAY, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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GOVERNOR BRIEFED ON NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE, CALLED AT THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON WHERE THEY WERE GIVEN AN HOUR-LONG BRIEFING ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE NEW TOWNS.

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO MAKE THE TRIP TO SHA TIN BY HELICOPTER, BUT HAD TO CHANGE THEIR PLANS DUE TO THE BAD WEATHER, AND TRAVELLED BY CAR INSTEAD.

THEY WERE MET AT SHA TIN BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON- THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR JOHN DON- THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, AND THE SHA TIN PROJECT MANAGER, MR KENNETH KWOK.

TOPICS DEALT WITH INCLUDED PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS, DISTRICT BOARD ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY BUILDING, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AND THE LIFESTYLE OF PEOPLE SETTLING IN THE NEW TOWNS.

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HONG KONG-KOREA CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION CONFERENCE
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A DELEGATION FROM THE KOREAN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION WILL ARRIVE NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND A CO-OPERATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FROM JUNE 1 TO JUNE 5.

THIS IS THE THIRD CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND HONG KONG.

AT THE CONFERENCE, DELEGATES WILL EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON THE WORK OF THEIR SERVICES AND DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND FURTHERING CO-OPERATION AND TRAINING.

THE DELEGATION, LED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF KOREAN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION, MR CHANG YOUNG-CHUL WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE OPERATION ASPECTS OF THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS SERVICE, INCLUDING SHIP RUMMAGERS AT WORK.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL, THE AIRPORT AND THE CUSTOMS TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE THIRD CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND HONG KONG WILL BE HELD FROM JUNE 1-5. THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 9.55 AM ON JUNE 1, ROOM 1503, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND. TV AND RADIO STATION REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT BY 9.40 AM.

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LAND RESUMPTION FOR MTR ISLAND LINE

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THREE PRE-WAR TWO-STOREY BUILDINGS AT 84-88 SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST WILL BE RESUMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

THE RESUMPTION ORDER, MADE UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A TOTAL OF 12 FAMILIES WILL BE AFFECTED. DOMESTIC TENANTS WILL BE OFFERED REHOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S POLICY. STATUTORY COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE.

ALSO GAZETTED TODAY IS A NOTICE ON THE RESUMPTION OF PORTIONS OF NEW MARKET STREET, A PRIVATE STREET IN WESTERN DISTRICT. THE PORTIONS TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE AT THE REAR OF 3 CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, AND IN FRONT OF 13-15 AND 19-27 NEW MARKET STREET. NO PROPERTIES WILL BE INVOLVED.

THE RESUMPTION MADE UNDER THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE AIMS TO IMPROVE THE STREET TO AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO SERVE THE PROPOSED ADJOINING MTR DEVELOPMENT.

THE PLAN OF THE RESUMPTION SHOWING THE AFFECTED PORTIONS OF THE STREET CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

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NEW METHADONE CLINIC IN HUNG HOM

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A NEW EVENING METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CLINIC WILL BE OPENED IN HUNG HOM NEXT WEEK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE NEW CLINIC WILL OPERATE DAILY FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 1).

THE METHADONE CLINIC IS LOCATED INSIDE THE HUNG HOM GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC AT NO. 22 STATION LANE, HUNG HOM, KOWLOON.

THE DEPARTMENT NOW RUNS A TOTAL OF 22 METHADONE CLINICS PROVIDING TREATMENT TO DRUG ADDICTS.

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TENANCY TRIBUNAL TO BE ABOLISHED

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A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY ANNOUNCED THE COMING INTO OPERATION ON JUNE 11, 1982, OF VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE.

THE EFFECT OF THE AMENDMENTS, WHICH WERE ENACTED LAST DECEMBER BUT HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE, IS TO ABOLISH THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL, WHICH HAS HITHERTO EXERCISED JURISDICTION UNDER PART I OF THE ORDINANCE DEALING WITH PRE-WAR BUILDINGS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE ABOLITION OF THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL AND THE TRANSFER OF ITS JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL WAS A FURTHER MOVE TOWARDS MAKING THE LANDS TRIBUNAL THE SOLE FORUM FOR ADJUDICATING IN LANDLORD AND TENANT MATTERS. THE PROCESS WAS LIKELY TO BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR WHEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH MATTERS UNDER PART II OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH DEALS WITH POST-WAR PREMISES SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL, IS EXPECTED TO PASS FROM THE DISTRICT COURT TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL.

IN RECENT YEARS THE MAIN WORKLOAD OF THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL HAS INVOLVED APPLICATIONS FOR PREMISES TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROTECTION GIVEN BY PART I OF THE ORDINANCE, USUALLY BECAUSE THE LANDLORD WISHES TO REDEVELOP THE SITE, AND THE DETERMINATION OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO AFFECTED TENANTS. UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS THE LANDS TRIBUNAL IS EMPOWERED TO MAKE EXCLUSION ORDERS RATHER THAN, AS FORMERLY, RECOMMENDING TO THE GOVERNOR THAT THEY BE MADE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR PHILIP TO INSPECT
PASSING-OUT PARADE OF +THE VOLUNTEERS+
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 83 RECRUITS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) ON SUNDAY (MAY 30).

HE WILL ALSO PRESENT PRIZES TO RECRUITS AND MEDALS TO LONG-SERVING VOLUNTEERS DURING THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE RHKR(V) HEADQUARTERS, SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE RHKR(V) HEADQUARTERS PARADE GROUND NOT LATER THAN 9.40 AM. CAPTAIN FRANCIS CHAN OF THE REGIMENT WILL ASSIST THE PRESS.

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SAFETY PLEA TO PLASTICS INDUSTRY

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, DR J.W. HAYES, TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED EMPLOYERS OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TO ATTACH MORE IMPORTANCE TO SAFETY AT WORK.

MAKING THE PLEA AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE, DR HAYES ALSO WARNED THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD KEEP UP THE PRESSURE ON EMPLOYERS WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE GUARDS FOR MACHINERY AND MAINTAIN FIRE ESCAPES AND FIRE-FIGHTING APPLIANCES IN THEIR PREMISES.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE WAS THE FOURTH ONE FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AND MORE MIGHT BE FORMED FOR OTHER INDUSTRIES IN THE FUTURE, HE SAID.

DR HAYES SAID THERE WERE 38 FIRES IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY BETWEEN 1979 AND 1981, ONLY SECOND TO THE GARMENT INDUSTRY, WITH 64 FIRES.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, THERE WERE 918 ACCIDENTS IN WHICH WORKERS HAD THEIR HANDS CRUSHED WHILE OPERATING PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES.

HE TOLD THE MEETING: +IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT A SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED FOR THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

+YOUR TERMS OF REFERENCE REQUIRE YOU TO PRODUCE CODES OF SAFE WORKING PRACTICE FOR THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY AND TO ESTABLISH A FORUM FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ALL KINDS OF SUGGESTIONS PERTAINING TO SAFETY IN THE INDUSTRY.

+THEY ALSO REQUEST YOU TO RECOMMEND THE BEST MEANS OF PROVIDING A TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE AND SAFETY TRAINING FOR WORKERS AS WELL AS STIMULATING INTEREST IN SAFETY IN THE INDUSTRY.+

THE SUB-COMMITTEE COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE, EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

REFERRING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE, DR HAYES NOTED THAT WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATIONS AND UNIONS, THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD LACK SUBSTANCE AND THE MEANS TO SPREAD ITS INFLUENCE.

IN ADDITION TO EDUCATION, PERSUASION AND ADVICE, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROSECUTE OFFENDERS FOR BREACH OF INDUSTRY SAFETY REGULATIONS.

/LAST YEAR,

LAST YEAR, FOR INSTANCE, THE DEPARTMENT TOOK OUT 1 128 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST EMPLOYERS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES WHO FAILED TO EFFECTIVELY GUARD PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES AND POWER PRESSES.

+HOWEVER, WE HOPE THAT THROUGH YOUR INTEREST AND EFFORTS A MUCH GREATER INFLUENCE CAN BE EXERTED IN THE INDUSTRY THAN CAN EVER BE ACHIEVED BY PROSECUTION ALONE,+ DR HAYES CONCLUDED.

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NEI KWU CHAU DETENTION CENTRE NOW A CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS
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NEI KWU CHAU DETENTION CENTRE ON HEI LING CHAU WILL CHANGE ITS ROLE TO A CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT WITH EFFECT FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 1).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE CHANGE IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE REDUCING NUMBER OF YOUNG OFFENDERS BEING SENTENCED BY THE COURTS TO A DETENTION CENTRE.

IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE NUMBER OF YOUNG OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO THE +SHORT SHARP SHOCK+ DETENTION CENTRE TRAINING HAS DECREASED BY ABOUT 15 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR- WHILE THE NUMBER OF YOUNG OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT INCREASED BY ABOUT 25 PER CENT.

+AS LESS THAN 200 OFFENDERS ARE NOW UNDERGOING THE DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME, THE MAINTAINING OF TWO DETENTION CENTRES IS NOT JUSTIFIED IN VIEW OF THE DEMAND FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR OTHER TYPES OF PROGRAMMES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOW CENTRALISE ALL THOSE SENTENCED TO DETENTION CENTRE TRAINING AT SHA TSUI DETENTION CENTRE WHICH IS SITUATED ON LANTAU ISLAND,+ HE ADDED.

FURTHERMORE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE USE OF NEI KWU CHAU AS A PRISON WILL HELP TO RELIEVE THE GROWING PRESSURE ON OTHER INSTITUTIONS CAUSED BY AN INCREASE IN THE PRISON POPULATION, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PRISONERS, AND THE LOSS OF ACCOMMODATION USED TO HOUSE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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TREE PLANTING DAY

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THE SUCCESS OF THE BEAUTIFICATION SCHEME OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN WILL VERY MUCH DEPEND ON THE DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT AND CO-OPERATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY AT CLEAR WATER BAY BEACH CARPARK.

HE SAID THE TREES PLANTED THERE TODAY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GROW WELL AND MATURE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC.

COMMENTING ON THE PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES WHO PLANTED SOME 100 EVERGREEN TREES AT THE NEWLY BUILT CARPARK NEAR THE BEACH, MR SWEETMAN SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE NATURAL BEAUTY WILL BE ENHANCED WHEN THE TREES GROW MATURE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THE DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING EXERCISE, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN GROWING TREES.

MR SWEETMAN PLANTED A YOUNG TREE AT THE CARPARK TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE EVENT WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG PUN, THE CHAIRMAN OF HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR YAU KEI, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR LAM CHUNG-HUEN.

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LANE OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES

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THE BUS-ONLY LANE ALONG THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TSING FUNG STREET AND JAVA ROAD WILL REMAIN OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES UNTIL JUNE 28.

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RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES,
DR WONG CHEN-TA, RETIRES FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE NEXT MONTH AFTER
33 YEARS SERVICE IN PROMOTING THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

DR WONG STARTS HIS PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON JUNE 1, AND IS
EXPECTED TO TAKE UP A NEW APPOINTMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG
KONG LATER IN THE YEAR.

DR WONG, 59, GRADUATED IN FORESTRY FROM KWANGSI UNIVERSITY
IN 1948 AND JOINED THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT
THE FOLLOWING YEAR AS AN AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANT. HE WAS PROMOTED
TO ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL OFFICER IN 1954, AGRICULTURAL OFFICER
IN 1961, SENIOR AGRICULTURAL OFFICER IN 1969 AND ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE) IN 1977. HE BECAME DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN 1980.

DR WONG WAS THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT A DINNER PARTY THIS
(FRIDAY) EVENING ATTENDED BY STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND
FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS
AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIMARY PRODUCERS.

IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR WONG, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND
FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN SAID DR WONG STARTED BUILDING UP
HIS CONTACTS WITH THE FARMING COMMUNITY DURING HIS EARLY YEARS
WORKING ON AGRICULTURAL STATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+DR WONG HAS MANY STERLING QUALITIES BUT OUTSTANDING IS
HIS EASY, FRIENDLY MANNER AND ABILITY TO GET ALONG WELL WITH
PEOPLE ESPECIALLY WITH THE RURAL LEADERS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
FARMING COMMUNITY.

+DURING HIS CAREER, DR WONG HAS ALSO BEEN VERY INTERESTED IN
THE ACADEMIC SIDE OF AGRICULTURE AND IN 1958 WAS SENT TO THE
THEN IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE IN TRINIDAD WHERE
HE GAINED THE DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL AGRICULTURE. SUBSEQUENTLY,
AS A RESULT OF HIS THESIS ON VEGETABLE FARMING IN HONG KONG,
HE WAS AWARDED THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

DR WONG HAD RENDERED LONG AND VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND +THIS SERVICE WAS PUBLICLY
ACKNOWLEDGED WHEN HE WAS AWARDED THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THE
IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER BY THE QUEEN IN 1981,+ MR RIDDELL-SWAN ADDED.

APART FROM THE FAREWELL DINNER THIS EVENING, DR WONG WAS
EARLIER FETED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION EMPLOYEES UNION,
IMPORTERS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES AND FISH MERCHANTS ASSOCIATIONS.

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MOVE TO IMPROVE KING'S ROAD TRAFFIC

WORK ON IMPLEMENTING A +GYRATORY SYSTEM+ IN NORTH POINT TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON KING'S ROAD IS GATHERING MOMENTUM, A SENIOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICER, MR ALDOUS CHUNG, SAID TODAY.

FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 1), CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF HIGHLY-SOPHISTICATED SIGNAL CONTROLS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ALONG A FURTHER SECTION IN THE AREA WHICH WILL RESULT IN SOME TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS, HE ADDED.

FROM 10 AM THAT MORNING, THE SECTION OF ELECTRIC ROAD BETWEEN GORDON ROAD AND OIL STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

CENTRAL BOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KING'S ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF ELECTRIC ROAD AND OIL STREET WHILE THOSE ON THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF MERLIN STREET WILL BE REQUIRED TO TURN RIGHT AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ELECTRIC ROAD.

ON THE GYRATORY SYSTEM, MR CHUNG EXPLAINED THAT IT SIMPLY MEANT ONE-WAY TRAFFIC - EASTBOUND VEHICLES USING ELECTRIC ROAD AND JAVA ROAD AND WESTBOUND MOTORISTS USING KING'S ROAD.

+UNDER THE COMPLETE KING'S ROAD PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME OF WHICH THE GYRATORY FORMS AN INTEGRAL PART, THE EASTBOUND LANE ON KING'S ROAD BETWEEN HING FAT STREET AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR BUSES, TRAMS AND ACCESS VEHICLES,+ MR CHUNG SAID.

HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GYRATORY SYSTEM IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY, TRAM TRACKS IN NORTH POINT WILL BE MOVED TO THE NORTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL WESTBOUND LANE.

TECHNICAL TEACHING COURSE

THE HONG-KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR A ONE-YEAR, FULL-TIME, TECHNICAL TEACHING COURSE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TEACHING AS A PROFESSION.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS OF \$1 650 TO \$2 500 A MONTH WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COURSE, THE AMOUNT DEPENDING ON THE EXPERIENCE OF INDIVIDUAL COURSE MEMBERS.

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APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS A HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (PRODUCTION/AUTOMOBILE/AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION) OR PRINTING INDUSTRY OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED BY EITHER THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, THE POLYTECHNIC, A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR AN EQUIVALENT EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT.

APPLICANTS HOLDING A HIGHER DIPLOMA SHOULD POSSESS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' RELEVANT POST-QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE, AND SIX YEARS FOR AN ORDINARY DIPLOMA OR HIGHER CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BEFORE JUNE 10.

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OPENING OF KOWLOON BAY POST OFFICE
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A NEW POST OFFICE LOCATED ON THE PODIUM OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, TELFORD GARDENS, KOWLOON WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT NOON ON THURSDAY (JUNE 3), THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG TO 84.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THERE WILL BE A SHORT OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

MR CHEUNG SEK-FU, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST NGAU TAU KOK AREA COMMITTEE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING TOGETHER WITH THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR T.H. BARMA, AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, KWUN TONG, MR P. PANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 3).

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON EIGHT DAYS AT THE HA TSUEN/
CASTLE PEAK RANGE NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN
RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIMES OF PRACTICE.

PRACTICE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE 1 (TUESDAY)	9 AM TO 11 PM
9 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM TO 11 PM
10 (THURSDAY)	9 AM TO 5 PM
11 (FRIDAY)	9 AM TO 4 PM
14 (MONDAY)	9 AM TO 5 PM
15 (TUESDAY)	8 AM TO 11 PM
29 (TUESDAY)	9 AM TO 5 PM
30 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM TO 4.30 PM

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