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'GO METRIC' DRIVE BEGINS

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THE METRICATION COMMITTEE TODAY ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCHING OF A MASSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE USE OF METRIC UNITS.

PROF S.Y. KING, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE GOAL OF COMPLETE METRICATION IN HONG KONG MIGHT YET TAKE A FEW YEARS, HIS COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS TIMELY TO CONDUCT A GENERAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

PUBLICITY MATERIAL PRODUCED FOR THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDES A 30-MINUTE TV PROGRAMME, TELEVISION SHORT FILMS, RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, POSTERS AND A METRIC HANDBOOK.

THE 30-MINUTE TV PROGRAMME, WHICH AIMS AT ENCOURAGING EDUCATORS TO ADOPT METRIC UNITS IN THEIR SYLLABUSES, IS EXPECTED TO BE SCREENED IN JULY THIS YEAR.

THE METRIC HANDBOOK IS IN THE FORM OF A WALLET CONTAINING THE FIRST THREE OF A SERIES OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON THE USE OF THE METRIC SYSTEM. THE THREE LEAFLETS - +EVERYDAY METRIC UNITS+, +MORE EVERYDAY METRIC UNITS+ AND +WORKING IN METRIC+ USE ILLUSTRATIONS AND EXAMPLES TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF WHAT THEY PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW AND ALSO TO REASSURE THEM OF THEIR ALREADY ACQUIRED ABILITY TO ADAPT TO THE CHANGE.

TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE METRIC SYSTEM, THE COMMITTEE HAS CONDUCTED TWO FACT-FINDING SURVEYS, ONE ON METRICATION IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND THE OTHER ON THE INROADS OF METRICATION IN THE CONSUMER SECTOR.

IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, PROF KING SAID, IT WAS FOUND THAT METRIC UNITS WERE ALREADY BEING WIDELY USED.

+THE COMMITMENT WAS GREATER IN ELECTRICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INDUSTRIES AND AMONG LARGER FIRMS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SURVEY ON THE CONSUMER INDUSTRY SHOWED THAT WHOLESALERS WERE ALREADY WELL INVOLVED WITH METRIC DIMENSIONED PRODUCTS AND THERE WAS ALREADY A SURPRISING POTENTIAL IN METRIC WEIGHING EQUIPMENT.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE INSTANCES WHERE WHOLESALING WAS BEING CONDUCTED IN METRIC UNITS WHILST RETAILING WAS BEING CONDUCTED IN NON-METRIC UNITS.

REFERRING TO THE BUILDING INDUSTRY, THE COMMITTEE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS NOW LARGELY METRIC. THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS, IN FACT, NOT ACCEPTED ANY NON-METRIC DESIGNS SINCE APRIL 1977 AND THE PERIOD OF GRACE DURING WHICH PLANS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO APRIL 1977 COULD BE CONSTRUCTED IN NON-METRIC UNITS HAD ALREADY EXPIRED ON JANUARY 1 OF THIS YEAR.

MEANWHILE, THE TIMBER MERCHANTS ASSOCIATIONS IS NOW PLANNING THE METRICATION OF RETAIL SALE OF TIMBER, AND THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF METRIC SIZED ELECTRIC CABLES IS ALSO WELL IN ADVANCE.

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REGARDING PETROL SALES, PROF KING SAID THAT THE OIL COMPANIES HAD INDICATED THAT METRIC PETROL SALES WOULD LIKELY TAKE PLACE VERY EARLY NEXT YEAR. IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT TYRE PRESSURE PUMPS WILL DISPENSE AIR IN METRIC UNITS RATHER THAN THE CUSTOMARY IMPERIAL UNITS.

METRIC ROAD SPEED UNITS ARE ALSO UNDER DISCUSSION AND IT IS INEVITABLE THAT TAXI FARES WILL ALSO GO METRIC.

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ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN.

DETAILS OF THE SANCTIONS ARE CONTAINED IN THE IRAN (TRADING SANCTIONS) ORDER 1980 AND THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1980 PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DECISION TO IMPLEMENT SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN FOLLOWED SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM LAST WEEK.

THE IRAN (TRADING SANCTIONS) ORDER 1980 WAS MADE IN THE UK AND AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED TO HONG KONG. THIS ORDER PROHIBITS:

* THE MAKING OR PERFORMANCE OF A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OR SUPPLY OF EMBARGOED GOODS TO IRAN= AND

* THE MAKING OR PERFORMANCE OF A CONTRACT FOR THE TRANSPORT OF GOODS (OTHER THAN PERSONAL EFFECTS OR PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT) TO IRAN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WERE THREE MAIN EXEMPTIONS LAID DOWN IN THE ORDER:

* EMBARGOED GOODS DO NOT INCLUDE FOODSTUFFS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, PERSONAL EFFECTS AND PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT OF PASSENGERS TRAVELLING BY AIR, SEA OR LAND=

* WHERE THE SALE OR SUPPLY OF GOODS IS MADE IN PURSUANCE OF A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BEFORE MAY 30, OR IN PURSUANCE OF ESTABLISHED BUSINESS LINKS=

* SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT OPERATING ON SCHEDULED SERVICES.

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IN UK EXPORTS TO IRAN ARE PROHIBITED BY THE EXPORT OF GOODS (CONTROL) (IRAN SANCTIONS) ORDER 1980 INTRODUCED LAST FRIDAY. THIS ORDER WAS NOT EXTENDED TO HONG KONG. TO ENABLE HONG KONG TO TAKE PARALLEL ACTION, THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS WERE MADE.

THESE REGULATIONS PROHIBIT ALL EXPORTS TO IRAN FROM HONG KONG EXCEPT UNDER A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN CONSIDERING EXPORT LICENCE APPLICATIONS, LICENCES WOULD GENERALLY BE ISSUED TO COVER EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, GOODS AND PRODUCTS EXPORTED IN PURSUANCE OF CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BEFORE MAY 30 OR IN PURSUANCE OF ESTABLISHED BUSINESS LINKS. IN ADDITION, EXPORT LICENCES WOULD ALSO BE ISSUED IN RESPECT OF TRANSHIPMENT GOODS.

TRADERS WHO WISH TO EXPORT UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE SECOND OF THE THREE MAIN EXEMPTIONS LAID DOWN IN THE ORDER (AS DESCRIBED ABOVE) SHOULD PROVIDE WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE LICENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF A CONTRACT OR OF AN ESTABLISHED BUSINESS LINK.

CIRCULARS COVERING THE DETAILS OF LICENSING PROCEDURES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM OFFICES OF THE TICD AT :

GENERAL ENQUIRIES DESK, GROUND FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON, OR

COUNTER 1, ROOM 11, GROUND FLOOR, FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING, 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE PROHIBITIONS APPLY TO EMBARGOED GOODS EXPORTED FOR THE USE OF ANY PERSON IN IRAN, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, ANY IRAN GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION AND ANY BODY, WHETHER CORPORATE OR UNINCORPORATE.

HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN HAD BEEN INTRODUCED +TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES OVER THE CONTINUED DETENTION OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES.+

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SIR MURRAY VISITS CUSTOMS TRAINING SCHOOL

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY VISITED THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE'S TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG, AND ITS HEADQUARTERS IN RUMSEY STREET.

ARRIVING BY HELICOPTER, SIR MURRAY WAS MET AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN- SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT, MR P.L. WONG, AND THE SCHOOL COMMANDANT, MR H.L. KWONG.

SIR MURRAY FIRST WATCHED REBEL AND DEWARS, TWO DOGS DEMONSTRATING THEIR ABILITY TO DETECT NARCOTICS HIDDEN IN SUITCASES AND BOXES.

HE THEN TOURED THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SAW INSPECTOR AND CUSTOMS OFFICER RECRUITS UNDERGOING THEIR INDUCTION TRAINING, WHICH INCLUDES SHOOTING PRACTICE ON THE PISTOL RANGE, LIFE-SAVING, UNARMED COMBAT, FOOTDRILL, IN ADDITION TO TRAINING IN TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

AFTER TOURING THE SCHOOL'S MUSEUM, WHICH HOUSES A VARIETY OF INGENIOUS SMUGGLING DEVICES, NARCOTICS PARAPHERNALIA AND DISTILLING APPARATUS, THE GOVERNOR LEFT BY HELICOPTER FOR THE SERVICE'S HEADQUARTERS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT, WHERE HE MET SENIOR OFFICERS BEFORE LUNCHING WITH THEM IN THE MESS.

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TSUEN WAN TO SPEND $1.3 MILLION ON CULTURE AND RECREATION

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS TO SPEND MORE THAN HALF ITS FUNDS ON PROMOTING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR.

AT A RECENT BUDGET MEETING, THE BOARD AGREED TO SPEND NEARLY $1.3 MILLION ON THESE ACTIVITIES OUT OF A TOTAL $2 MILLION ALLOCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

A FURTHER $527 000 IS TO BE SPENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE ALLOCATION OF SUCH A LARGE PROPORTION OF FUNDS TO CULTURE AND RECREATION SHOWED THE IMPORTANCE BEING ATTACHED IN TSUEN WAN TO STIMULATING INTEREST IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

HE SAID THE BOARD HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING A RICH AND VARIED CULTURAL LIFE TO THE COMMUNITY OF TSUEN WAN.

AMONG THE MAJOR PROJECTS OF THE BOARD THIS YEAR ARE AN ARTS AND A SPORTS FESTIVAL.

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THE ARTS FESTIVAL, THE THIRD, WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND THE SECOND SPORTS FESTIVAL AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION, CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION, SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

THESE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE SPORTS COMPETITIONS, PICNICS, SINGING CONTESTS, VARIETY SHOWS, CAMPS, CARNIVALS FOR OLD PEOPLE AND CHILDREN AND ESTATE DAYS.

ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID WORK WOULD BEGIN SOON ON CONSTRUCTING SITTING-OUT AREAS AT LAI KING HILL BUS TERMINUS, CHE FONG STREET PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT AND PING LAI PATH.

PROJECTS COMPLETED LAST YEAR INCLUDED A PLAYGROUND AT SHAM TSENG TUNG CHUEN, A BASKETBALL COURT AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE AND OPEN SPACES AT OLD HOI PA VILLAGE AND ON A SITE NEAR THE LADY MACLEHOSE PLAYGROUND.

THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS WERE ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER, 1977, TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS OF DISTRICTS AND ON THE PROVISION AND USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS SET UP SEVEN SUB-COMMITTEES -- RECREATION AND SPORTS, CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, INDUSTRIAL, AND FINANCE.

THE BOARD CONSISTS OF 23 UNOFFICIAL AND NINE OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF LOCAL LEADERS INCLUDING RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, DOCTORS AND BUSINESSMEN.

TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES HAYES, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. OTHER OFFICIAL MEMBERS REPRESENT PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING, URBAN SERVICES, RECREATION AND SPORT, SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS.

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NEW BOOK ON BUTTERFLIES CULMINATES FIVE-YEAR STUDY

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THE BEAUTY AND VARIETY OF HONG KONG'S MANY BUTTERFLIES ARE CAPTURED IN FULL COLOUR IN A NEW BOOK NOW ON SALE.

FOR THE AUTHORS -- GWENETH AND BERNARD JOHNSTON -- THE BOOK IS THE CULMINATION OF A FIVE-YEAR STUDY DURING WHICH THEY SUCCESSFULLY REARED A LARGE NUMBER OF BUTTERFLIES, INCLUDING THE LESS COMMON VARIETIES, TO GATHER FIRST-HAND INFORMATION.

THEIR EFFORTS HAVE RESULTED IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST MAJOR WORK OF REFERENCE ON HONG KONG BUTTERFLIES AND THEIR LIFE CYCLE.

PUBLISHED UNDER THE TITLE, +THIS IS HONG KONG: BUTTERFLIES+, THE BOOK HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

IT IS ON SALE AT $95 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, LEADING BOOKSHOPS, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE BOOK CONTAINS MORE THAN 260 PICTURES IN FULL COLOUR PLUS 28 PLATES WITH TRANSPARENT OVERLAYS TO HELP IDENTIFY LOCAL SPECIES.

DETAILED APPENDICES INCLUDE THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE LISTS OF HONG KONG BUTTERFLIES AND FOOD PLANTS WITH CHINESE, ENGLISH AND LATIN NAMES.

+WE CONSIDER THIS BOOK WILL BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO BOTH NATURALISTS AND THE NON-EXPERT WHO WANTS TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT HIS OWN ENVIRONMENT,+ COMMENTED A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

+THERE IS A DEMAND FOR BOOKS WHICH PUT ON RECORD SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF HONG KONG AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FULFIL THIS BY PRODUCING PUBLICATIONS ON TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

+THIS IS WHY WE INTRODUCED OUR 'THIS IS HONG KONG' SERIES TO WHICH THE NEW BOOK ON BUTTERFLIES IS A WELCOME ADDITION.+

IN AN INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER TO THE BOOK THE AUTHORS EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT IT WILL CREATE A WIDER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF NATURE'S EFFORTS TO STOCK AND BEAUTIFY OUR COUNTRYSIDE.

THEY ALSO HOPE IT WILL +BRING ABOUT A GREATER AWARENESS OF HOW WE, THE HUMAN RACE, WHILE PURSUING THE NEED FOR BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS AND GREATER INDUSTRIAL EFFORT, CAN SOMEHOW HELP TO CONSERVE THE BEST FEATURES OF THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH SURROUNDS US.+

ONCE GONE, THEY NOTE, THIS QUALITY OF OUR DAILY LIFE CAN ONLY BE RESTORED WITH DIFFICULTY, AND EVEN THEN TO DO SO CAN ONLY BE PROBLEMATICAL.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IS SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS MONTH TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

THE SURVEY, THE SIXTH OF ITS KIND, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL FROM JUNE 16 TO 23 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BASED ON THE SURVEY'S FINDINGS, THE BOARD WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER TRAINING FOR THE INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WERE SENT YESTERDAY TO ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICERS WILL CALL AT EACH OF THEM DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, IF NECESSARY, AND TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY, FOR EACH PRINCIPAL JOB OF THE INDUSTRY, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED, AS WELL AS THOSE UNDER TRAINING, THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, DR ANDREW S.L. CHUANG, SAID TODAY THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN STATISTICAL SUMMARIES ONLY, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

MR CHUANG URGED THE SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS TO OFFER THEIR CO-OPERATION, ADDING THAT THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE SURVEY WAS IMPORTANT FOR FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY.

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WARNING ON USE OF MOORING HOOKS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY ISSUED A WARNING ON THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN THE USE OF MOORING HOOKS.

A SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT A FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURRED RECENTLY DURING A WARPING OPERATION ON A LIGHTER. IT OCCURRED WHEN THE ATTACHMENT TO WHICH A SYNTHETIC FIBRE WARPING ROPE HAD BEEN HOOKED FAILED, AND BECAUSE OF THE ELASTICITY OF THE ROPE, THE HOOK CATAPULTED.

+OPERATORS AND CREWS OF LOCAL CRAFT ARE STRONGLY ADVISED NEVER TO USE SUCH HOOKS FOR TOWING PURPOSES BUT TO USE SOFT EYE SPLICED ROPES PASSED OVER SUBSTANTIAL BOLLARDS FOR MOORING OR WARPING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+EXTRA PRECAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN SYNTHETIC FIBRE ROPE IS USED IN OPERATIONS SUCH AS MOORING, WARPING, TOWING AND TRAWLING.

+BECAUSE OF THE IMPOSED LOADS, SUDDEN FAILURE MAY CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY DUE TO THE 'WHIP LASH' EFFECT OF A PARTED SYNTHETIC ROPE,+ HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT AT ANY TIME WHEN A ROPE IS UNDER LOAD, MEN ESSENTIAL TO THE OPERATION SHOULD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BE IN A PROTECTED POSITION AND OTHERS SHOULD KEEP CLEAR OF THE AREA.

IMMEDIATE ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE LOAD SHOULD SIGNS OF EXCESSIVE STRAIN APPEAR IN ANY PART OF THE ROPE SYSTEM, HE SAID.

COPIES OF A NOTICE ENTITLED +USE OF SYNTHETIC FIBRE ROPES FOR MOORING AND TOWING+ ARE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEAD OFFICE IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND FROM ANY OF ITS DISTRICT MARINE OFFICES.

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COMMONWEALTH YOUNG ARTISTS GIVE LOCAL SHOW

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THE WORKS OF YOUNG ARTISTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, INCLUDING ENTRIES FROM HONG KONG, WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE ARTS CENTRE NEXT MONTH.

THE COLLECTION COMES FROM A COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE, LONDON, AND WAS SHOWN LAST YEAR IN LONDON AND EDINBURGH.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE ARTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

+IT CONSISTS OF ART WORKS BY YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 19 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND REGIONS, AND WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE TO SEE THE WORK OF THEIR OVERSEAS CONTEMPORARIES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

HONG KONG STUDENTS ARE REGULAR PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMPETITION, AND THEIR WORK HAD WON PRAISES, HE ADDED.

A TOTAL OF 154 PIECES WILL BE SHOWN, 31 OF WHICH ARE ENTRIES BY HONG KONG STUDENTS.

THEY INCLUDE PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, PRINTS, COLLAGES, APPLIQUES AND WEAVINGS.

+THE WORKS BY OUR STUDENTS COMPARE FAVOURABLY WITH THAT FROM OVERSEAS, AND IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF PRIZES AWARDED, HONG KONG TOPS THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND REGIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 4 TO 26 AT THE PAO SIU LOONG ART GALLERIES, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM DAILY. ADMISSION IS FREE, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME.

IN ADDITION TO THE EXHIBITION, ART TEACHERS WHOSE STUDENTS' WORKS ARE REPRESENTED IN THE EXHIBITION HAVE BEEN INVITED TO GIVE A SERIES OF TALKS TO THEIR COLLEAGUES SO THAT THEY CAN SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN ART TEACHING.

THESE TALKS WILL BE HELD ON JULY 17 AND 18 IN THE RECITAL HALL OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

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CHANGE IN LICENCE ISSUING AUTHORITY

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING IS NOW THE ISSUING AUTHORITY FOR TRADE PROMOTION COMPETITION LICENCES.

THIS FOLLOWS THE PASSING OF A RESOLUTION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH TRANSFERRING TO HIM THE AUTHORITY WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO APPLY FOR SUCH LICENCES SHOULD NOW SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, WHOSE OFFICE IS ON THE 24TH FLOOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY CHANGE IN THE EXISTING LICENSING POLICY AND THAT THE POLICE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE LICENCES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A POLICY TO TRANSFER NON-CONSTABULARY LICENSING FUNCTIONS FROM THE POLICE TO ENABLE IT TO DEVOTE ITS RESOURCES TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

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TRAIN DELAY FOR TRACK WORK

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL BE CARRYING OUT TRACK WORK BETWEEN KOWLOON AND MONG KOK STATIONS ON FIVE DAYS STARTING THIS SATURDAY (JUNE 7).

THE WORK IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF KCR MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION.

TRAINS WILL BE DELAYED DURING THIS PERIOD BUT A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE EFFECT ON COMMUTERS WILL BE MINIMAL.

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PLB RESTRICTION

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING GREIG ROAD AND YAU MAN STREET IN QUARRY BAY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 7).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE PLB DRIVERS.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR SIX HOURS OVERNIGHT ENDING AT 6 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 6) FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, PEKING ROAD, CANTON ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD.

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