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UN SANCTIONS AGAINST SERBIA & MONTENEGRO

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ON MAY 30 THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION 757 IMPOSING A RANGE OF SANCTIONS ON SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO.

THESE HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO HONG KONG BY TWO UK ORDERS IN COUNCIL TO COME INTO FORCE FROM 7 AM (HONG KONG TIME) ON JUNE 5.

THE FIRST ORDER IN COUNCIL PROHIBITS ANY AIRCRAFT FROM TAKING OFF FROM, LANDING IN OR OVERFLYING THE TERRITORY IF THEY ARE DESTINED FOR, OR HAVE TAKEN OFF FROM, SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO.

THE SECOND ORDER IN COUNCIL:

- * PROHIBITS THE SUPPLY AND EXPORT OF GOODS TO SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO AND PERSONS CONNECTED THEREWITH, AND THE IMPORT OF GOODS THEREFROM;
- * PROHIBITS CERTAIN RELATED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE CARRIAGE OF PROHIBITED GOODS IN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT;
- * PROHIBITS THE SERVICING AND INSURING OF AIRCRAFT OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO;
- * PROHIBITS THE MAKING OF PAYMENTS UNDER ANY BOND IN RESPECT OF A CONTRACT THE PERFORMANCE OF WHICH IS UNLAWFUL BY VIRTUE OF THIS ORDER AND PROHIBITS THE MAKING OR OBTAINING PAYMENTS UNDER CERTAIN INDEMNITIES IN RESPECT OF SUCH BONDS;
- * IMPOSES RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN ACTIONS MAKING AVAILABLE OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRING FUNDS OR OTHER FINANCIAL OR ECONOMIC RESOURCES TO, OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF, PERSONS CONNECTED WITH SERBIA OR MONTENEGRO.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT FULLY ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ORDERS IN COUNCIL.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE WILL BE ISSUING GUIDANCE TO THOSE CONCERNED ON THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL & PRESS ENQUIRIES:
DUTY OFFICER,
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
(TEL NO.: 842 8747)

FLIGHTS & AVIATION RELATION MATTERS:
AIR SERVICES DIVISION,
CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT
(TEL NO.: 867 4210)

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SHIPPING MATTERS
MULTILATERAL POLICY DIVISION,
MARINE DEPARTMENT
(TEL NO.: 852 4408)

TRADE RELATED MATTERS:
TRADE LICENSING (NON-TEXTILES) BRANCH
TRADE DEPARTMENT
(TEL NO.: 398 5556)

MATTERS RELATING TO INSURANCE,
CONTRACTS, BONDS AND INDEMNITIES:
MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH
(TEL NO.: 528 1890)

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TENDERS INVITED FOR 26 FRANCHISED BUS ROUTES

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A PUBLIC BUS SERVICE ON 24 HONG KONG ISLAND ROUTES AND TWO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES.

DETAILS OF THE TENDER WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND WILL BE REPEATED IN THE GAZETTE NEXT FRIDAY (JUNE 12).

THE ROUTES INCLUDED 16 SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROUTES, FIVE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ROUTES, THREE WAN CHAI ROUTES AND TWO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES, LINKING KOWLOON BAY AND ABERDEEN AND SHA TIN KCR STATION AND WAH FU RESPECTIVELY.

TENDER DOCUMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED ON THE PRODUCTION OF A COMPANY LETTER INDICATING INTEREST IN TENDERING FOR THE FRANCHISE.

THESE CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE BUS DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, 40/F, WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, DURING OFFICE HOURS.

COMPLETED TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX SITUATED ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL BEFORE NOON ON JULY 17.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON TEL 829 5321, 829 5304 OR 829 5302.

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HK CELEBRATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

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HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY) CELEBRATED THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED) WITH A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PROTECT THE SEAS AGAINST POLLUTION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WED ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (ECC) AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE, THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON, SAID. "SAVE OUR SEAS" WAS AN APPROPRIATE THEME.

THIS WAS BECAUSE MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND ITS MAGNIFICENT HARBOUR IN GOOD CONDITION WERE ESSENTIAL TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND THE HEALTH OF ITS PEOPLE, HE SAID.

"IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG DESERVES A VERY HIGH PRIORITY AMONG OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES," MR EASON SAID.

OUTLINING MAJOR STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, MR EASON SAID LIKE MANY OTHER MAJOR CITIES, HONG KONG WAS FINDING ADEQUATE SEWAGE SERVICES DID NOT COME CHEAP.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIAL SUMS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE, MORE WOULD NEED TO BE SPENT.

"WE ARE THEREFORE CONSIDERING VARIOUS WAYS OF PAYING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS BADLY NEEDED PART OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.

"THIS IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO CLEAN UP OUR HARBOUR AND OUR MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECT AND KEEP THESE VALUABLE COMMUNITY ASSETS FOR OUR USE," HE SAID.

MR EASON POINTED OUT THAT IN MANY MODERN CITIES, USERS, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND ORDINARY RESIDENTS, PAID REASONABLE CHARGES FOR THESE SERVICE AND THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY TOO SHOULD THINK ABOUT THIS.

"BETTER THAT WE ALL START TO PAY MODEST AMOUNTS NOW THAN WAIT UNTIL THE PRICE BECOMES TOO HIGH TO BE AFFORDABLE AND THE PROBLEM UNMANAGEABLE," MR EASON SAID.

HE REFUTED SUGGESTIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD SHELVED THE OVERALL SEWAGE STRATEGY. "IT HAS NOT BEEN SHELVED AND WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF SHELVING IT," HE ADDED.

"MUCH PRELIMINARY WORK, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION OF SYSTEMS WHICH NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE BEFORE THE MAJOR ENGINEERING WORK IS DONE AND THE PLANNING AND OTHER PREPARATORY WORK NEEDED AHEAD OF THE MAJOR PROJECT - IS BEHIND US OR NOW BEING DONE.

"WE MUST GET ON WITH IT AND WE INTEND TO," HE ADDED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS PEGGY LAM, RENEWED HER APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIALISTS TO JOIN HANDS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST SEA POLLUTION.

SHE URGED TENANTS, BUILDING OWNERS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND INDUSTRIALISTS TO CHECK IF THEIR SEWAGE PIPES WERE PROPERLY CONNECTED AND MAINTAINED.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MOVIE STARS, MISS DO DO CHENG AND MR CHOW YUN-FAT TOGETHER WITH OTHER ARTISTS, TOOK PART IN A DRAMA PERFORMANCE "SOS" STAGED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO 1 IN SUPPORT OF THE WED.

MR EASON, MRS LAM AND OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS TOURED THE EXHIBITION AND GAME STALLS BEFORE BOARDING A FERRY FOR A CRUISE AROUND THE HARBOUR.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WED ACTIVITIES INCLUDED FREE FERRY CRUISES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. DR JOHN HODGKISS, DEAN OF SCIENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND DR RICHARD CHEUNG, SENIOR LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SCIENCE OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC CONDUCTED WATER QUALITY TESTS ON BOARD.

A RESEARCH STUDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR MICHAEL LAU, GAVE A TALK ON THE CONSERVATION OF ENDEMIC ROMER'S TREE FROGS AND STUDENTS FROM CARMEL BUNNAN TONG SECONDARY SCHOOL TALKED ABOUT THE PROJECT ON THE CONSERVATION OF TUEN MUN RIVER DURING THE FERRY CRUISES.

THE CONVENER OF THE ECC WED ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR VINCENT WONG, THANKED SPONSORS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE EVENT.

MAJOR SPONSORS INCLUDED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SCHWARZKOPF BONA-CURE, CALTEX GREEN FUND, ATLANTA SPORTSWEAR LTD, THE HONG KONG FERRY HOLDINGS LTD, RECKITT AND COLMAN TRADING LTD, CANON HONG KONG TRADING CO. LTD AND SINO PUBLISHING HOLDINGS LTD.

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TREE-PLANTING EXERCISE IN WONG TAI SIN

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A GROUP OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL JOIN 80 OTHER LOCAL YOUNGSTERS IN A TREE-PLANTING EXERCISE IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THEY WILL PLANT SOME 70 TREES ALONG WING CHUK STREET AND CHUI CHUK STREET NEAR CHUK YUEN NORTH ESTATE.

THE YOUNGSTERS CAME FROM LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING BOY SCOUTS, JUNIOR POLICE CALL, AREA COMMITTEES, THE GIRLS BRIGADE AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE ACTIVITY, WHICH AIMS AT BEAUTIFYING WONG TAI SIN AND COMMEMORATING THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, IS THE THIRD PHASE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

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MORE THAN 5,000 TREES HAD BEEN PLANTED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE DISTRICT SINCE THE SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

NEWS MEDIA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN TREE-PLANTING EXERCISE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT WING CHUK STREET AND CHUI CHUK STREET NEAR CHUK YUEN NORTH ESTATE.

A SOUVENIR PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SITE AROUND 3.30 PM.

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SEMINARS ON PAINT SAFETY FOR TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE FOUR SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS OF ART, DESIGN AND CRAFT IN JUNE AND JULY TO PROMOTE SAFE USE OF PAINTS IN SCHOOLS.

THE SEMINARS ARE ORGANISED IN VIEW OF CONCERN OVER TOXIC SUBSTANCES SUCH AS LEAD IN PAINTS.

SPEAKERS WILL BE AN OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENIST FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

TWO SEMINARS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT ON JUNE 20 AND 27.

ANOTHER TWO WILL BE HELD ON JULY 7 AT THE TEACHER'S CENTRE IN NORTH POINT.

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WATER CUT IN YUEN LONG

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FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN YUEN LONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 8 PM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 7) TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, WANG LOK STREET, WANG YIP STREET SOUTH, KWAN LOK SAN TSUEN, SHAN PUI CHUNG HAU TSUEN, LONG YIP STREET AND YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT TERMINUS.

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EARLY WELFARE PAYMENT

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE HOLDING CASH ORDER BOOK COUPONS MAY RECEIVE THEIR WELFARE PAYMENT EARLIER IF THEIR PAY-DAY FALL ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS NEXT WEEK.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID PAYMENT SCHEDULED ON JUNE 13 TO 15 WOULD BE ADVANCED TO JUNE 10 TO 12 RESPECTIVELY.

ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR RECIPIENTS TO COLLECT THEIR WELFARE PAYMENT AT THE DESIGNATED POST OFFICES AND TREASURY SUB-OFFICES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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