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## PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MAY

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HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS OF GOODS IN MAY GREW BY 16 PER CENT, OR \$1 647 MILLION COMPARED WITH MAY LAST YEAR, TO REACH \$12 261 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS TOTAL WAS MADE UP OF \$8 003 MILLION FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND \$4 258 MILLION FOR RE-EXPORTS.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT OR \$1 149 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 13 PER CENT OR \$498 MILLION COMPARED WITH MAY 1982.

WITH IMPORTS AT \$13 933 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 23 PER CENT OR \$2 593 MILLION OVER MAY 1982, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR MAY THIS YEAR WAS \$1 672 MILLION.

THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP - THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS - WAS THUS 12 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH SIX PER CENT IN MAY LAST YEAR.

PUTTING MAY'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WERE 11 PER CENT AND NINE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. AS THE GROWTH RATE OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WAS EIGHT PER CENT, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR NARROWED SLIGHTLY TO 13 PER CENT FROM 14 PER CENT RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1982.

COMMENTING ON THESE COMPARATIVE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID,

+IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT THE RAPID GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN MAY WAS AT LEAST IN PART DUE TO THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES. IT IS, THEREFORE, LIKELY THAT DOMESTIC EXPORT PERFORMANCE WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.+

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR MAY 1983:-

<u>MERCHANDISE</u>	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$ 8 003 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 4 258 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$12 261 MILLION
	IMPORTS	:	\$13 933 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 1 672 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

/COMPARATIVE FIGURES .....

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	<u>MARCH - MAY 1983</u>	<u>MARCH - MAY 1982</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	22 236	19 953	+2 283	+11.4
RE-EXPORTS	12 427	11 055	+1 372	+12.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	34 663	31 008	+3 655	+11.8
IMPORTS	39 898	35 786	+4 112	+11.5
TRADE BALANCE	- 5 235	- 4 778	- 457	
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	<u>MAY 1983</u>	<u>MAY 1982</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	8 003 (65.3%)	6 854 (64.6%)	+1 149	+16.8
RE-EXPORTS	4 258	3 760	+ 498	+13.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	12 261	10 614	+1 647	+15.5
IMPORTS	13 933	11 340	+2 593	+22.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 672	- 726	- 946	
<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>MAY 1983</u>	<u>APRIL 1983</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	8 003 (65.3%)	7 612 (64.6%)	+ 391	+ 5.1
RE-EXPORTS	4 258	4 171	+ 87	+ 2.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	12 261	11 783	+ 478	+ 4.1
IMPORTS	13 933	13 533	+ 400	+ 3.0
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 672	- 1 750	+ 78	

/CALENDAR YEAR .....

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JANUARY - MAY		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	1983	1982	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	34 245 (63.6%)	30 885 (63.2%)	+3 360	+10.9
RE-EXPORTS	19 580	17 970	+1 610	+ 9.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	53 825	48 855	+4 970	+10.2
IMPORTS	61 601	57 028	+4 573	+ 8.0
TRADE BALANCE	- 7 776	- 8 173	+ 397	

LAST 12 MONTHS	JUNE 1982 TO MAY 1983		JUNE 1981 TO MAY 1982		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	86 391	82 531	+3 860	+ 4.7		
RE-EXPORTS	45 963	43 439	+2 524	+ 5.8		
TOTAL EXPORTS	132 354	125 970	+6 384	+ 5.1		
IMPORTS	147 466	141 204	+6 262	+ 4.4		
TRADE BALANCE	-15 112	-15 234	+ 122			

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GOVERNOR CONFERS WITH UMELCO  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, MET WITH UNOFFICIALS AT THE UMELCO OFFICE THIS MORNING. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR AND THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO BE BROUGHT FULLY UP-TO-DATE ON THE VIEWS OF ALL UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS BEFORE THE GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE FOR LONDON THIS EVENING.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON OVER THE WEEKEND. WHILE IN LONDON THEY WILL CALL ON MINISTERS AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FLIGHT CHANGE FOR GOVERNOR  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG FOR LONDON THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING ON FLIGHT BR 381 (REPEAT BR 381 AND NOT BA 20 AS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY), ETD 9.30 PM.

THERE WILL BE A FACILITY FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE DEPARTURE. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 8.15 PM TODAY.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR LONDON  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR LONDON THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING FOR CONSULTATION; WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

HE WILL BE JOINED BY UNOFFICIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS TOMORROW.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE; SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG; SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO; AND THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, SIR JOHN CURLE WERE AT THE AIRPORT TO SEE THE GOVERNOR OFF.

DURING THE ABSENCE OF SIR EDWARD, SIR PHILIP WILL BE ACTING GOVERNOR.

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SIR PHILIP TOURS ISLANDS  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED CHEUNG CHAU, TAI O AND DISCOVERY BAY TO SEE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PROGRESS.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP.

ON CHEUNG CHAU, SIR PHILIP TOURED THE CENTRAL PRAYA AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE HAWKER-REORDERING SCHEME BEING IMPLEMENTED THERE.

THE 160 LICENSED HAWKERS OPERATING IN THE AREA WILL BE RESITED TO A NEARBY THREE-STOREY MARKET COMPLEX WHICH WILL BE READY BY 1986-1987.

THE MARKET COMPLEX IS PART OF A DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE FOR CHEUNG CHAU WHICH INCLUDES A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, AN ABATTOIR, A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, A MARINE FUELLING STATION, A LOADING AND UNLOADING AREA AND A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THESE PROJECTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE PARTY THEN STOPPED AT CHEUNG CHAU SPORTS GROUND WHERE SIR PHILIP SAW ITS VARIOUS FACILITIES, INCLUDING A FOOTBALL PITCH, BASKETBALL COURTS, A RUNNING TRACK, CHANGING ROOMS AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

ON TAI O, SIR PHILIP TOURED LUNG TIN ESTATE, THE FIRST RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

THE ESTATE, WHICH CONSISTS OF 184 FLATS WITH A CURRENT POPULATION OF 1 360, WAS COMPLETED IN 1980 AT A COST OF \$24.5 MILLION. IT ALSO PROVIDES FACILITIES SUCH AS SHOPS, MARKET STALLS AND COOKED FOOD KIOSKS.

A SIMILAR ESTATE IS BEING BUILT ON CHEUNG CHAU AND IS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR OCCUPATION BY APRIL NEXT YEAR.

SIR PHILIP THEN PROCEEDED TO THE ROOFTOP OF WING CHOR SCHOOL WHERE HE HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF TAI O AND WAS BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENTS WHICH INCLUDE A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND A PUMPING STATION.

THE PARTY LATER LEFT FOR DISCOVERY BAY TO SEE THE MAJOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT THERE.

FROM A VANTAGE POINT, SIR PHILIP WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR A POPULATION OF BETWEEN 20 000 AND 25 000 PEOPLE.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS ON EX-MENTAL PATIENTS  
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THE WORKING GROUP SET UP BY THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES IN JUNE LAST YEAR FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT AT THE ANN ANN KINDERGARTEN HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED ITS WORK, AND COPIES OF ITS REPORT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION.

THE AIM OF THE WORKING GROUP, IN ITS SIMPLEST TERMS, WAS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF AN EX-MENTAL PATIENT COMMITTING AN ACT OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE. THE WORKING GROUP HAS RECOGNISED THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE COMPLETELY THE RISK OF ANY INDIVIDUAL COMMITTING A VIOLENT ACT, BUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT SHOULD REDUCE THE RISK.

ONLY A MINORITY OF EX-MENTAL PATIENTS HAVE A KNOWN DISPOSITION TO VIOLENCE AND OF THESE ONLY A VERY SMALL PROPORTION SUBSEQUENTLY COMMIT VIOLENT OFFENCES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL PATIENT TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY WHEN HIS TREATMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE WORKING PARTY REVIEWED:

- \* THE PREVALENCE OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE AMONG EX-MENTAL PATIENTS;
- \* THE AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS OF EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WITH A HISTORY OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE, OR ASSESSED DISPOSITION TO VIOLENCE;
- \* THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY RECORDS OF SUCH PERSONS;
- \* THE PROCEDURES FOR THE AFTERCARE OF EX-MENTAL PATIENTS;
- \* THE PRESENT AND PLANNED RESOURCES FOR AFTERCARE AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES;
- \* THE PROVISIONS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ORDINANCE (CAP. 136) WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING PROVISIONS THEREIN TO PERMIT THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF A MENTAL HOSPITAL TO RECALL A DISCHARGED PATIENT FOR OBSERVATION OR FURTHER TREATMENT; AND TO REQUIRE DISCHARGED PATIENTS TO ATTEND REGULARLY AT PSYCHIATRIC OUT-PATIENT CLINICS.

THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUMMARISED IN CHAPTER 6 OF THE REPORT. THE MORE IMPORTANT ARE BRIEFLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:-

/(A) THE REPORT .....

- (A) THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL REGISTER OF THE CASE SUMMARY RECORDS OF ALL EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WITH A RECORD OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE OR AN ASSESSED DISPOSITION TO VIOLENCE. IT EXPLAINS THAT THIS WOULD FACILITATE THE MONITORING OF AFTERCARE TREATMENT AND THE PROVISION OF PROMPT INFORMATION IN EMERGENCIES. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO ESTABLISH A CONFIDENTIAL CENTRAL REGISTER WITHIN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT (PARA 6.1).
- (B) THE REPORT RECOMMENDS A SYSTEM OF CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE AND RECALL BY WHICH CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF OFFENDERS AND NON-OFFENDER PATIENTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OBSERVE, UPON DISCHARGE, SUCH CONDITIONS AS THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OR A CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRIST CONSIDER NECESSARY. BREACH OF THESE CONDITIONS, WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL RENEWAL, WOULD MAKE THE PATIENT LIABLE TO RECALL TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL (PARAS 6.5 AND 6.6).
- (C) DISCHARGE TO HALFWAY HOUSES FOR ALL CONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED PATIENTS IS RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT. THE REPORT ENVISAGES THAT THESE HALFWAY HOUSES WOULD BE STAFFED TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE PATIENTS AND WOULD PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT INTERMEDIATE PHASE IN THE REHABILITATION PROCESS OF THIS CATEGORY OF PATIENT. CERTAIN UNCONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED PATIENTS WOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND TIME AT A HALFWAY HOUSE PRIOR TO THEIR FULL RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY (PARA 6.8).
- (D) THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SIMPLIFIED ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND SUGGESTS THAT SECTION 31 OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ORDINANCE BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC OFFICERS WITH THE POWER TO ADMIT MENTALLY DISORDERED PERSONS TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC AGREEMENT OF THE RELATIVES (WHO WOULD, HOWEVER, BE GIVEN AN EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS FOR ANY SUCH ADMISSION). THE REPORT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT SECTION 31 SHOULD BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THE POWER TO ADMIT A MENTALLY DISORDERED PERSON TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL FOR ONE WORKING DAY, ON THE COMPLETION OF THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FORM WITH A CERTIFICATE FROM THE MEDICAL OFFICER, PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION BY A JP FOR A FULL SEVEN-DAY ADMISSION (PARAS 6.26 AND 6.27).
- (E) THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT A NEW APPEAL TRIBUNAL SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO REPLACE THE PRESENT HOSPITAL ORDER APPEAL TRIBUNAL. THE NEW TRIBUNAL WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO DISCHARGE PATIENTS CONDITIONALLY OR UNCONDITIONALLY AND WOULD HEAR APPEALS AGAINST CONTINUED DETENTION, CONDITIONS OF DISCHARGE AND THEIR CONTINUATION (PARAS 6.30 AND 6.31). THIS WILL IN ADDITION SAFEGUARD THE RIGHTS OF PATIENTS.

(F) THE REPORT .....

- (F) THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT A NEW DEFINITION OF MENTAL DISORDER TO INCLUDE PSYCHOPATHIC DISORDER, BASED ON THAT IN THE UK MENTAL HEALTH ACT, SHOULD BE ADOPTED, AND THAT PSYCHOPATHIC OFFENDERS WITH ABNORMALLY AGGRESSIVE OR SERIOUSLY IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR SHOULD IN FUTURE BE GIVEN HOSPITAL ORDERS. ANY PRISONER WITH A FIXED PRISON SENTENCE WHO IS FOUND TO BE SUFFERING FROM SUCH A PSYCHOPATHIC DISORDER WOULD BE REFERRED BACK TO THE SENTENCING COURT WITH THE AIM OF THE SENTENCE BEING REVIEWED FOR CONVERSION TO A HOSPITAL ORDER.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE ASSESSMENT, DISCHARGE, AFTERCARE AND MONITORING OF PATIENTS INCLUDE:-

- \* MORE EXTENSIVE USE OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CASE CONFERENCES AT WHICH A COLLECTIVE OPINION ON THE CONDITION OF THE PATIENT IS FORMED BY THE TEAM OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN TREATING HIM (PARA 6.4).
- \* PROVISION OF HALFWAY HOUSES (INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL HALFWAY HOUSES FOR THOSE PATIENTS REQUIRING CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE) (PARA 6.22).
- \* MORE POSITIVE REACHING OUT BY COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSES AND SOCIAL WORKERS (PARA 6.9).
- \* PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL MEDICAL AND WELFARE STAFF (PARAS 6.14 TO 6.19, 6.23 AND 6.24).
- \* IMPROVED ADVICE AND COUNSELLING FOR PATIENTS' FAMILIES (PARA 6.10).
- \* ACCELERATION OF THE PROJECT TO EXPAND SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE (PARA 6.20).
- \* IMPROVED FACILITIES IN THE SECURITY WARD IN CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL (PARA 6.21).

ATTENTION IS ALSO DRAWN TO THE WORKING GROUP'S CONCLUSION THAT STATISTICAL EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT MENTALLY ILL PERSONS GENERALLY ARE NO MORE VIOLENT OR DANGEROUS THAN OTHER PERSONS, AND THAT THEY COMPRISE ONLY A VERY SMALL MINORITY OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT CRIMES.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT WILL NOW BE CONSIDERED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. COMMENTS ON THE REPORT WILL BE WELCOMED AND CAN BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

/THE ADVICE .....

THE ADVICE OF THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE SOUGHT TO ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATION TO DECIDE WHICH RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE PURSUED, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION OF SUCH RESOURCES AS ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

CHINESE COPIES OF THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF JULY. MEANWHILE, ENGLISH COPIES OF THE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MRS CHRISTINE FUNG, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TEL. 5-95650.

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AMENDMENT ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT TOMORROW  
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ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982, EXCEPT THOSE RELATING TO COMPULSORY INSURANCE, COME INTO OPERATION TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AMONG THE MAJOR PROVISIONS, ONE CONCERNS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TWO-TIER EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT BOARD, CONSISTING OF AN ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD AND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING MACHINERY FOR ASSESSMENT OF LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

ALL CLAIMS LIKELY TO INVOLVE PERMANENT INCAPACITY WILL BE REFERRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD, WHICH WILL, IN MOST CASES, PROCEED TO ASSESS THE PERCENTAGE OF LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCALES LAID DOWN IN THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

IF THE ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD CONSIDERS THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION HAS TO BE GIVEN TO SUCH FACTORS AS THE EMPLOYEE'S OCCUPATION, QUALIFICATIONS, PREVIOUS TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, IT WILL REFER THE CLAIM TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD, WHICH WILL ASSESS THE ACTUAL LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY BY TAKING THESE FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION.

BOTH BOARDS ARE EMPOWERED TO ISSUE +CERTIFICATES OF ASSESSMENT+.

IF AN EMPLOYEE HAS AN ACCIDENT, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, THE EMPLOYER SHOULD NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNIT BY MEANS OF A PRESCRIBED FORM (FORM 2) WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO FAILS TO DO SO OR WHO PROVIDES INCORRECT OR MISLEADING INFORMATION IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE ORDINANCE INTRODUCES A SIMPLER AND QUICKER PROCEDURE FOR SETTLEMENT OF MINOR CLAIMS INVOLVING TEMPORARY INCAPACITY OF NOT MORE THAN 14 DAYS.

IF AN EMPLOYEE GETS HURT WHILE AT WORK ON OR AFTER JULY 1 WITHOUT SUFFERING FROM PERMANENT INCAPACITY AND IS GIVEN SICK LEAVE OF NOT MORE THAN 14 DAYS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A +CERTIFICATE OF COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT+ TO THE INJURED EMPLOYEE AND THE EMPLOYER, SPELLING OUT DETAILS OF ASSESSMENT AND THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION.

THE COMPENSATION SHOULD BE PAID WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED, OTHERWISE A SURCHARGE WOULD BE IMPOSED.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS GIVEN SICK LEAVE OF MORE THAN 14 DAYS, THE EMPLOYER SHOULD ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF COMPENSATION WITH THE EMPLOYEE WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A +NOTIFICATION OF CESSATION OF PERIOD OF TEMPORARY INCAPACITY+ FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

IF THE EMPLOYEE SUFFERS FROM PERMANENT INCAPACITY, THE EMPLOYER SHOULD ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A +CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT+ FROM THE BOARDS.

THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER IT IS SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES.

COMPENSATION SHOULD BE PAID WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED, OTHERWISE A SURCHARGE WILL BE IMPOSED.

ANY EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYEE WHO DISAGREES WITH THE +CERTIFICATE OF COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT+ OR THE +CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT+ MAY, BY WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED, ASK FOR A REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE BOARDS RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE LEVELS OF EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES RECEIVED BY EMPLOYEES DURING ACCIDENTS THAT OCCUR ON OR AFTER JULY 1, ARE TO BE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY.

THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR DEATH IS TO BE INCREASED FROM \$168 000 TO \$242 000 AND THAT FOR PERMANENT TOTAL INCAPACITY FROM \$192 000 KTO \$276 000.

ANYONE WHO HAS INQUIRIES ABOUT THE ORDINANCE MAY CONTACT THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION DIVISION ON THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONES:

5-795592 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND;

3-688468 FOR KOWLOON WEST;

3-688662 FOR KOWLOON EAST AND NEW TERRITORIES EAST;

3-7562303 FOR KWUN TONG;

0-439781 FOR TSUEN WAN; AND

0-467744 FOR KWAI CHUNG.

MORE TAXI LICENCES TO BE OFFERED  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING TENDERS FOR A FURTHER 301 URBAN TAXI LICENCES AND 151 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT TENDER FORMS FOR THE 452 TAXI LICENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION TOMORROW (FRIDAY), FROM EITHER THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, CENTRAL, OR THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE AT DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

PINK TENDER FORMS WILL BE USED FOR URBAN TAXI LICENCES AND YELLOW FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+PROSPECTIVE TENDERERS CANNOT USE ANY OTHER FORMS ISSUED PREVIOUSLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT \$25 000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH URBAN TAXI LICENCE AND \$15 000 FOR EACH NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCE.

THE TENDERER MAY SUBMIT ONE TENDER FORM FOR ANY NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES NOT EXCEEDING 301 FOR THE URBAN AREA AND 151 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERERS WHO OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1983.

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TRAM FARE INCREASE  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT NEW TRAM FARES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE NEW CHARGES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- ADULT ..... 60 CENTS ;
- CHILD ..... 20 CENTS ;
- STUDENT TRAVEL  
CARD HOLDER ..... 30 CENTS ; AND
- MONTHLY PASS ..... \$50

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EXHIBITION ON DISEASES OPENS  
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HONG KONG HAD BEEN FREE FROM MAJOR EPIDEMICS FOR MANY YEARS AS A RESULT OF IMMUNISATION AND HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.F. LAM, SAID TODAY.

DR LAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EXHIBITION ON THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES BEING HELD AT THE CITY HALL.

DR LAM SAID THAT IN SPITE OF HONG KONG'S GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAKE IT VULNERABLE TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, THE TERRITORY HAD BEEN FREE FROM MAJOR EPIDEMICS FOR MANY YEARS.

+TWO TO THREE DECADES AGO, DISEASES SUCH AS MEASLES, DIPHTHERIA AND POLIO WERE PREVALENT AMONG CHILDREN, AND THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS IN INFANTS WAS ALSO HIGH,+ HE RECALLED.

+TODAY, THESE ONCE COMMON DISEASES ARE ALL UNDER CONTROL,+ HE ADDED.

DR LAM SAID THAT THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WERE DUE, IN NO SMALL MEASURE, TO THE JOINT EFFORTS OF DOCTORS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE AND THOSE IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN IMMUNISING CHILDREN AND IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

+HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL SOME GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES SUCH AS TYPHOID, PARATYPHOID AND DYSENTERY WHICH MAKE THEIR APPEARANCE IN THE SUMMER,+ DR LAM WARNED.

+THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THESE DISEASES ARE TO PRACTISE GOOD PERSONAL, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE,+ HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION IS ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE CAMPAIGN ON THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH BEGAN IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, INCLUDES OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, A POSTER DESIGN AND SLOGAN COMPETITION, A QUIZ COMPETITION AND DISTRICT EXHIBITIONS.

IN DECLARING THE EXHIBITION OPEN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR PETER C. WONG, PRAISED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ITS STAFF FOR THEIR UNRELENTING EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS IN CONTROLLING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND KEEPING HONG KONG RELATIVELY FREE FROM EPIDEMICS.

+THROUGH THE VARIOUS DISPLAYS AND VISUAL PRESENTATIONS AT THIS EXHIBITION, THE MESSAGE ON THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES WILL BE EFFECTIVELY CONVEYED TO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

/MR WONG .....

MR WONG STRESSED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE EXHIBITION AND THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELD OF PREVENTIVE MEDICAL CARE WOULD DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC.

+SUCH SIMPLE RULES AS GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICE AND ENSURING THAT OUR CHILDREN COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY IMMUNISATION WILL NO DOUBT GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS MEETING THE AIMS OF THIS EXHIBITION,+ HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION IN THE EXHIBITION HALL, LOW BLOCK OF THE CITY HALL, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM DAILY FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO NEXT WEDNESDAY (JULY 6).

THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE THE COMMON FORMS OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN HONG KONG, ILLUSTRATIONS ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND INFORMATION ON THE TREATMENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE VIDEO AND SLIDE SHOWS, AND GAMES DESIGNED TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON THE VARIOUS FORMS OF DISEASES, ON HOW THEY ARE TRANSMITTED AS WELL AS ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST DISEASES.

A SPECIAL ATTRACTION WILL BE A COMPUTER GAME WHICH IS PROGRAMMED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE CAUSES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, IMMUNISATION FOR CHILDREN AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST DISEASES.

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#### TALLEST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE COMPLETED \* \* \* \*

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BUILDING COMMITTEE TODAY SAW HOW PROGRESS ON PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WAS RAPIDLY CHANGING THE FACE OF CHAI WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THEY INSPECTED THE HING MAN ESTATE RECENTLY COMPLETED AS HONG KONG'S TALLEST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, AND THE MODERN BLOCKS AT WAN TSUI ESTATE WHICH WERE REPLACING OLD ONES UNDER A REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME AT THE FORMER CHAI WAN (II) ESTATE BUILT SOME 20 YEARS AGO.

HEADED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, MEMBERS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR BERNARD WILLIAMS- THE DIRECTOR (DESIGNATE), MR DAVID FORD, AND OTHER SENIOR HOUSING OFFICIALS.

THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENTS ON THESE TWO NEW ESTATES AND THEIR LAYOUT DESIGNS, PARTICULARLY THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

+IT IS AN AMBITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HAVING REGARD TO THE BASIC NEEDS OF TENANTS,+ SAID MR FORSGATE.

/+THE COMPREHENSIVE .....

+THE COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK OF ELEVATED WALKWAYS AT WAN TSUI HAS BECOME A FOCAL POINT OF CHAI WAN AND WILL BE A FEATURE OF MODERN HOUSING ESTATES.+

UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, HERSELF AN ESTATE TENANT, SAID THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HAD BROUGHT ABOUT REMARKABLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS NOT ONLY TO THE RESIDENTS BUT ALSO TO THE DISTRICT.

+THE DESIGNS OF THE NEW BLOCKS ARE GOOD, AND I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE CONCEPT OF OPEN CENTRAL CORRIDORS ON THE TOP FLOORS WHICH NOT ONLY GREATLY IMPROVES VENTILATION BUT ALSO GIVES MORE NATURAL LIGHTING TO THE CORRIDORS.+

ANOTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, SAID: +THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS BEEN WORKING VERY HARD AND PUTTING A LOT OF MONEY IN UPGRADING THE LIVING CONDITIONS BY WAY OF REDEVELOPMENT.+

AT HING MAN ESTATE, THE PARTY TOURED AROUND ITS THREE DOMESTIC BLOCKS EACH RISING TO A MASSIVE 44 STOREYS WITH ALTOGETHER 1 991 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS FOR 12 000 PEOPLE, AND A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK-CUM-COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

THE THREE BLOCKS HAVE BEEN PROGRESSIVELY COMPLETED SINCE LAST DECEMBER AND INTAKES OF TENANTS ARE CONTINUING SMOOTHLY.

AT WAN TSUI ESTATE, MEMBERS WERE UPDATED ON THE LATEST PROGRESS AND DETAILS OF A LARGE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WHICH WAS COMPLETELY OVERHAULING THE CHAI WAN (II) ESTATE TO UPGRADE THE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE TENANTS.

IN THE FIRST TWO PHASES OF THE PROGRAMME, FIVE OLD BLOCKS HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED AND REPLACING THEM ARE SIX HIGH-RISE RENTAL AND TWO HOME OWNERSHIP BLOCKS PROVIDING MODERN HOMES FOR 11 300 PEOPLE, PLUS TWO CONVERTED BLOCKS WITH SELF-CONTAINED FACILITIES.

IN ADDITION, AN ULTRA-MODERN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX HAS BEEN BUILT AND IS FAST BECOMING A LANDMARK FOR CHAI WAN DISTRICT.

THE THIRD, AND FINAL, PHASE WILL SEE THE DEMOLITION OF FIVE MORE BLOCKS TO MAKE WAY FOR TWO NEW ONES TO BE COMPLETED BY 1986.

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### LABOUR LAW OFFENCES

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A TOTAL OF 636 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS BY THE COURTS LAST (MAY) MONTH AND FINES IMPOSED AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$730 000.

MOST OF THE CASES CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS TOTALLED 236, WITH \$463 500 IN FINES. THESE INCLUDED 105 CASES (WITH \$127 850 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 67 CASES (WITH \$264 950 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

CASES RELATING TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS ACCOUNTED FOR 352 WITH \$234 450 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, 13 CASES WERE RELATED TO FAILURE TO KEEP RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$9 750 IN FINES.

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### TEACHER TRAINING COURSES START IN SEPTEMBER

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THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION ARE NOW INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THREE-YEAR AND TWO-YEAR TEACHER TRAINING COURSES WHICH WILL START IN SEPTEMBER.

ALL THE THREE COLLEGES ARE OFFERING A THREE-YEAR COURSE IN ENGLISH.

IN ADDITION, A THREE-YEAR COURSE IN CHINESE WILL BE OFFERED BY THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND A TWO-YEAR COURSE IN ENGLISH BY THE NORTHCOTE AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

+THE OBJECTIVES OF THESE COURSES ARE TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS TO TEACH GENERAL SUBJECTS AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL AND TO TEACH THREE ELECTIVE SUBJECTS UP TO THE FORM 3 LEVEL,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TWO FULL-TIME THREE-YEAR COURSES WILL COMPRISE A COMPULSORY PROGRAMME OF STUDIES, TWO SUBJECTS ELECTED ON A MAJOR ELECTIVE BASIS AND ONE SUBJECT ON A MINOR ELECTIVE BASIS.

APPLICANTS FOR THE ENGLISH COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION AT AN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL AND THOSE FOR THE CHINESE COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION AT A CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THEY MUST BE 17 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 30.

/THEY SHOULD .....

THEY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST SIX SUBJECTS AT THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, OBTAINING AT LEAST GRADE C IN TWO SUBJECTS, AT LEAST GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT AND AT LEAST GRADE E IN ANOTHER THREE SUBJECTS.

+CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES MUST BE AMONG THE SIX SUBJECTS TAKEN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR A MAJOR ELECTIVE SUBJECT IS NORMALLY A PASS IN THAT SUBJECT AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL,+ THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

APPLICANTS FOR THE TWO-YEAR COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF EDUCATION BEYOND FORM 5 IN AN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL, AND SHOULD HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 18 BY SEPTEMBER 30.

THEY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST SIX SUBJECTS IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE E OR ABOVE AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL IN AT LEAST TWO SUBJECTS, PLUS AT LEAST GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT AND AT LEAST GRADE E IN ANOTHER THREE SUBJECTS AT THE HKCEE LEVEL.

CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE MUST BE INCLUDED AMONG THE SIX SUBJECTS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT EACH APPLICANT SHOULD APPLY FOR ONLY ONE COURSE AND SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION.

+ANY APPLICANT WHO HAS SUBMITTED MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED,+ HE SAID.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST REACH THE COLLEGE BY 1 PM ON AUGUST 19.

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STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICE POPULAR

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ABOUT 400 000 PEOPLE MADE USE OF THE STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICE AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S 60 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE (PES) CENTRES LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE MORE POPULAR STATUTORY DECLARATIONS ADMINISTERED WERE OF TRUE COPIES (26.3 PER CENT), EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS (9.7 PER CENT), SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS (9.2 PER CENT) AND HOUSING (8.4 PER CENT).

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE PROCEDURE FOR MAKING A STATUTORY DECLARATION WAS VERY SIMPLE AND THE SERVICE WAS FREE OF CHARGE.

+A DECLARATION MAY BE MADE, TAKEN OR RECEIVED EITHER IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE AT THE OPTION OF THE DECLARANT+, HE SAID.

+THE DECLARANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CONTENTS OF HIS STATEMENT IN A SPECIFIED STATUTORY DECLARATION FORM, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL PES CENTRES, OR HE MAY ASK THE STAFF TO PREPARE THE DECLARED DOCUMENTS FOR HIM.

+AFTER FILLING IN THE DECLARED CONTENTS, THE DECLARANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO SWEAR IN FRONT OF A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS AT ANY OF THE CENTRES.

+THE ONLY DOCUMENT REQUIRED IS THE DECLARANT'S IDENTITY CARD OR ANY DOCUMENT THAT CAN PROVE HIS IDENTITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT STATUTORY DECLARATIONS WERE MADE BY THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY COULD NOT PRODUCE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTARY PROOF TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIM OR TO SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATION FOR DOCUMENTS OF ANY TYPE FROM GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE SERVICE OF ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS HAS BEEN EXPANDED FROM THE COURT TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

HE ADDED THAT ANY PERSON WHO WISHED TO SEEK ADVICE OR MAKE A STATUTORY DECLARATION COULD APPROACH ANY OF THE 60 PES CENTRES.

## THIRD CROSS-HARBOUR WATER MAIN COMPLETED

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THE LAYING OF A THIRD CROSS-HARBOUR MAIN TO INCREASE THE TRANSFER CAPACITY OF WATER SUPPLY FROM KOWLOON TO HONG KONG ISLAND WAS COMPLETED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, WHO WAS AT THE WAN CHAI WATERFRONT WITNESSING THE LOWERING OF THE MAINS INTO THE HARBOUR AFTER JOINTING WITH THE LANDFALL SECTION, DESCRIBED THE OPERATION AS +A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN BOOSTING SUPPLY TO HONG KONG ISLAND.+

THE TWIN 1 000-MM DIAMETER SUBMARINE MAINS, EACH MEASURING 1.4 KILOMETRES AND MADE UP OF 220 PIPE LENGTHS WELDED TOGETHER AND LAID ON THE SEABED FROM TSIM SHA TSUI WERE PULLED ACROSS THE HARBOUR BY A HYDRAULIC WINCH LOCATED AT THE WAN CHAI WATERFRONT. THE WORK COST \$40 MILLION.

+THE NEW PIPELINE WILL HAVE A CARRYING CAPACITY OF 180 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY,+ MR TOMLINSON SAID.

THE TWO EXISTING CROSS-HARBOUR MAINS FROM KOWLOON -- ONE FROM TSIM SHA TSUI TO CENTRAL AND THE OTHER FROM HUNG HOM TO NORTH POINT -- HAVE A COMBINED CAPACITY OF 335 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY.

MR TOMLINSON POINTED OUT THAT THE LAYING OF THE SUBMARINE PIPELINE FORMED PART OF A \$100 MILLION PROJECT TO CATER FOR THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR WATER SUPPLY TO HONG KONG ISLAND.

OTHER WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT INVOLVE THE LAYING OF SEVEN KILOMETRES OF LAND MAINS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR AND THE COMPLETE SYSTEM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

IN KOWLOON, THE MAINS BEING LAID TO LINK UP WITH THE CROSS-HARBOUR PIPELINE EXTEND FROM BOUNDARY STREET TO TSIM SHA TSUI AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM CHATER ROAD TO WAN CHAI.

THE CONSULTANT ENGINEERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BINNIE AND PARTNERS (HK), THE CONTRACTOR FOR LAYING THE SUBMARINE MAIN IS MCCONNELL DOWELL CONSTRUCTORS (ASIA) LTD., AND FOR THE LAND SECTION LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY. LTD.

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## PARENTS URGED TO HELP WITH ROAD SAFETY

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PARENTS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO WORK OUT A SAFETY ROUTE TO AND FROM SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

PAMPHLETS SHOWING PROPER CROSSING FACILITIES IN THE SCHOOL VICINITY, SUCH AS PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, WALKWAYS, FOOTBRIDGES AND SUBWAYS, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS IN MID-SEPTEMBER WHEN CLASSES RESUME.

THE +PLAN YOUR SAFETY ROUTE+ SCHEME IS ONE OF THE PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT'S MONTH-LONG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AND IS DESIGNED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON SUNDAY (JULY 3) AFTERNOON. THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LOLLY CHIU, AND THE DISTRICT'S POLICE COMMANDERS, MR LAU TO-YEE AND MR D.M. HODSON, WILL BE PRESENT.

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, GAME STALLS, A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN, A MOBILE ROAD SAFETY BUS DISPLAY, AND A BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE.

AND CHILDREN WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH WITH CAPTAIN SAFETY, WHO WILL BE PRESENT TO EXPLAIN ROAD SAFETY RULES AND CODES.

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## NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 1 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 3) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, CENTRAL.

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## COURSE TO TRAIN TENNET COACHES

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THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG TENNET ASSOCIATION ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING AN ELEMENTARY TENNET COACHES COURSE FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY.

THOSE AT THE AGE OF 18 OR ABOVE AND WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN PLAYING TENNET, TENNIS OR SQUASH ARE URGED TO APPLY BEFORE JULY 13.

+THE COURSE IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT THROUGH TRAINING MORE COACHES,+ AN RSS SPOKESMAN SAID.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE CLASSES REGULARLY AND HAVE PASSED AN EXAMINATION.

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CLASSES WILL BE HELD EVERY SATURDAY FROM JULY 30 TO SEPTEMBER 3 AT THE ABERDEEN INDOOR COMPLEX GAMES HALL.

INSTRUCTORS WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE ASSOCIATION, RACKETS AND BALLS WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE FEE FOR THE COURSE IS \$20. APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS HEAD OFFICE, 11/F, WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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MAN BEHIND MANY BUILDING PROJECTS RETIRES  
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD, WILL PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE TOMORROW AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS (DESIGNATE), MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, THIS AFTERNOON PRESENTED HIM WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH.

SPEAKING AT THE FAREWELL RECEPTION, MR CHAN SAID MR MCDONALD HAD WORKED FOR A PRIVATE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM IN DUNDEE BEFORE JOINING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN 1955.

IN HONG KONG, MR MCDONALD WAS INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF MANY IMPORTANT BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RAILWAY STATION, MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ABOVE THE HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINUS FOR WHICH HE PRODUCED THE ORIGINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY.

IN 1972, MR MCDONALD BECAME PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT. FIFTEEN MONTHS LATER, HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, AND IN JANUARY 1974 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

+SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN AT THE HELM OF PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES FOR UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOST INTENSE DECADE OF BUILDING AND ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY,+ MR CHAN SAID.

+THE ENORMOUS INCREASE IN WORKLOAD EVENTUALLY LED TO HIS OVERSEEING OF THE REORGANISATION OF THE FORMER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN SIX AUTONOMOUS DEPARTMENT - ITSELF NO SMALL ACHIEVEMENT.+

MR CHAN SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS MR MCDONALD WON THE RESPECT OF ALL FOR HIS ABILITY AND INTEGRITY. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE, HE WAS APPOINTED A COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE IN 1978.

+MR MCDONALD CAN BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

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