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NEW REGULATIONS ON VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE  
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EXTENSIVE CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES WILL COME INTO EFFECT IN LATE AUGUST THIS YEAR, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CHANGES ARE INCORPORATED IN THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, PROVIDING A MORE ENFORCEABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR ROADWORTHY AND LESS POLLUTING VEHICLES, HE EXPLAINED.

THE NEW REGULATIONS, BASED ON THE LATEST UK LEGISLATION ADAPTED TO SUIT HONG KONG CONDITIONS, WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING OUTDATED CONSTRUCTION AND USE REGULATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN FORCE SINCE 1956, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRE, AMONG OTHER THINGS:

- \* PROPER INFLATION OF TYRES AND A MINIMUM TREAD DEPTH OF 1 MILLIMETRE IN A CONTINUOUS BAND OVER AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF THE TYRE'S WIDTH AND AROUND THE COMPLETE CIRCUMFERENCE
- \* A BAN ON THE MIXING OF RADIAL AND CROSS-PLY TYRES ON THE SAME AXLE
- \* THAT RADIAL TYRES MUST NOT BE FITTED TO THE FRONT AXLE WHEN THE REAR AXLE IS FITTED WITH CROSS-PLY TYRES
- \* THAT WINDSCREEN WIPERS MUST HAVE WASHERS
- \* THE INSTALLATION OF AT LEAST TWO REAR-VIEW MIRRORS, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A RIGHT WING MIRROR, IN EVERY PRIVATE CAR, TAXI, LIGHT BUS, BUS, GOODS VEHICLE AND SPECIAL-PURPOSE VEHICLE.

AS ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE IN METRIC TERMS, ONE OF THE MOST NOTICEABLE CHANGES IS SPEED MEASUREMENT.

OWNERS OF VEHICLES WITH SPEEDOMETERS IN IMPERIAL UNITS ONLY ARE ADVISED TO HAVE THESE METERS CLEARLY MARKED WITH AN IDENTIFIABLE METRIC INDICATOR.

THIS MEANS THAT SPEEDOMETERS SHOULD SHOW 50 KM/H, INSTEAD OF 30 MPH, AND 70 KM/H, INSTEAD OF 40 MPH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW MAXIMUM WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS OF VEHICLES ARE GENERALLY GREATER THAN THOSE PERMITTED UNDER THE OLD REGULATIONS.

AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT FOR MEDIUM AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES IS 4.6 METRES, OR THE HEIGHT OF A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS.

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SHOPKEEPERS ARE BEING URGED TO TAKE NOTE OF THIS WHEN INSTALLING OR REPLACING OVERHANGING SIGNS.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED GROSS WEIGHT MAY BE INCREASED TO 30 TONNES FOR GOODS VEHICLES (RIGID) AND TO 38 TONNES FOR ARTICULATED VEHICLES.

GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY, ON BOTH SIDES, THE OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS, THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED AXLE WEIGHT AND THE PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT INSTEAD OF THE UNLADEN WEIGHT.

SPECIAL-PURPOSE VEHICLES, SUCH AS ROAD SWEEPERS, AND TRAILERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE SIMILARLY MARKED.

THE NEW REGULATIONS ON VEHICLE SMOKE CONTROL RETAIN THE SAME STRINGENT STANDARDS AS UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION BUT CONTAIN MORE DETAILS.

SPECIFICATIONS ARE SPELT OUT IN THE NEW REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE GOODS VEHICLES OVER 5.5 TONNES TO BE FITTED WITH SUITABLE REFLECTIVE REAR MARKINGS.

REGULATIONS FOR BUSES AND LIGHT BUSES INCLUDE NEW PROVISIONS CONCERNING GANGWAY WIDTHS, ENTRANCES AND EXITS, THE FUEL TANK POSITION AND EMERGENCY SHUT-OFF VALVES, DRIVERS' SEATS AND THEIR ACCOMMODATION AS WELL AS THE NUMBER AND POSITION OF EMERGENCY EXITS.

TO GIVE ENOUGH TIME FOR PEOPLE TO ADJUST THEIR VEHICLES TO THE NEW LEGISLATION, THE LAW PROVIDES A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FOR SOME REGULATIONS TO BE APPLIED TO VEHICLES ALREADY LICENSED.

ANY PERSON BREACHING THE REGULATIONS WILL BE LIABLE TO A \$10 000 FINE AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

COPIES OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES REGULATIONS ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

ALSO ON SALE AT THE CENTRE ARE COPIES OF THE:

- \* ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS,
- \* ROAD TRAFFIC (PARKING) REGULATIONS,
- \* ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS,
- \* ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS,
- \* ROAD TRAFFIC (SAFETY EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS, AND
- \* ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS ON EACH ARE BEING PREPARED.

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR MARCH  
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED IN MARCH 1984, ACCORDING TO A MONTHLY SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY COVERS EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR MARCH 1984.

MOST INDUSTRIES, ESPECIALLY THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS SECTOR, REPORTED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN ORDERS. THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY REPORTED NO CHANGE IN ITS ORDER POSITION.

THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT REMAINED STABLE FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE, DESPITE SLIGHT DECREASES IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND THE +OTHERS+ CATEGORY OF INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A SLIGHT INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTOR SHOWED NO CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH, APART FROM A SMALL INCREASE RECORDED IN HOTELS.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES DECREASED SLIGHTLY AS A FEW FIRMS COMPLETED SOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

INCREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED BY MOST MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

THE INCREASES WERE MAINLY DUE TO PAYMENTS FOR OVERTIME WORK AND SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ALSO INCREASED FOR THE SAME REASON.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE BANKING SECTOR RECORDED A SLIGHT DECLINE IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS, REPORTEDLY DUE TO STAFF MOVEMENT AT THE SENIOR LEVEL IN A FEW BANKS COVERED BY THE SURVEY.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLES.

WHEN RELEASING THE SURVEY RESULTS, THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

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AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7212832).

#### ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>			<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR MARCH 1984</u>
	<u>JAN. 1984</u>	<u>FEB. 1984</u>	<u>MAR. 1984</u>	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-1	-1	3	5.12
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	2	*	2.61
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	1	4	4	4.06
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	2	3	4	3.52
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	1	*	5	5.73
OTHERS	-X	2	4	4.36
<u>ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4.74</u>

#### EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

<u>INDUSTRY/SERVICE</u>	<u>PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR MARCH 1984 HK\$</u>
	<u>(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>						
	<u>JAN. 1984</u>	<u>FEB. 1984</u>	<u>MAR. 1984</u>	<u>JAN. 1984</u>	<u>FEB. 1984</u>	<u>MAR. 1984</u>	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>-29</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2 636</u>

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FOOD AND DRINKS	*	*	*	18	-28	-3	3 223
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-1	*	-1	22	-27	7	2 292
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-1	*	-1	43	-40	14	2 743
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-2	1	1	47	-34	12	2 472
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-1	*	47	-33	5	2 201
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-1	-2	*	43	-29	3	2 474
OTHERS	*	*	-1	40	-26	1	3 635
CONSTRUCTION **	-1	1	-1	21	-26	9	4 059
<u>SERVICES</u>	*	*	*	26	-34	2	<u>4 711</u>
BANKS	*	*	*	-6	-35	-1	4 099
HOTELS	-1	-1	1	38	-37	1	3 202
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	45	-35	2	4 635
OTHERS	*	*	*	33	-30	4	6 368

\* CHANGES WITHIN +0.5%

\*\* PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE  
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, LEFT HONG KONG THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON FOR VANCOUVER TO ATTEND THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMIC COUNCIL (PBEC).

THE MEETING WILL BE FROM MAY 21 TO 24.

MR YAXLEY WILL ADDRESS THE FINAL PLENARY SESSION OF THE MEETING ON MAY 24 AT WHICH SOME 400 SENIOR BUSINESS EXECUTIVES FROM MORE THAN 20 COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

THE THEME OF HIS SPEECH WILL BE +HONG KONG: BUSINESS AS USUAL+.

MR YAXLEY AND THE GOVERNMENT PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION CONSULTANT IN NORTH AMERICA WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH LEADING INDUSTRIALISTS AT THE CONFERENCE AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO INVEST IN HONG KONG.

BESIDES MR YAXLEY, OTHER HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES ARE MR J.D. MCGREGOR, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE= MR S.H. SUNG, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF UNION METAL WORKS LIMITED, AND MR LOUIS E. SAUBOLLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE HONG KONG LTD.

THE THEME OF THE VANCOUVER MEETING IS +EXPANSION OF PACIFIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT+.

THE LAST THREE PBEC GENERAL MEETINGS WERE HELD IN HONG KONG, NAGOYA (JAPAN) AND SANTIAGO (CHILE). NEXT YEAR'S MEETING WILL BE IN AUCKLAND (NEW ZEALAND).

PBEC WAS CREATED IN 1967 AND ITS BASIC PURPOSE IS TO FOSTER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND SOCIAL PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC REGION.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, PBEC STRIVES TO IMPROVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTS AND INCREASE TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITHIN THE PACIFIC BASIN.

PBEC HAS A HONG KONG GROUP, THE CHAIRMAN OF WHICH IS MR M.G.R. SANDBERG, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

AFTER ATTENDING THE PBEC MEETING, MR YAXLEY WILL VISIT HIS DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR TALKS WITH THE PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, MR R.A. ASHWORTH.

MR YAXLEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON MAY 26.

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SURVEY ON OVERSEAS INVESTMENT TO START SOON

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THE PROMOTION CONSULTANCY DIVISION OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL SOON CONDUCT A SURVEY ON OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE SURVEY IS A PERIODICAL EXERCISE TO UPDATE THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD ON INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH OVERSEAS INTERESTS IN TERMS OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT.

OVERSEAS INVESTORS ARE ALSO INVITED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF MATTERS RELATING TO LOCAL INDUSTRY.

+THE INFORMATION GATHERED IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FURTHER INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROMOTION CONSULTANCY DIVISION WILL SHORTLY SEND OUT QUESTIONNAIRES TO MANUFACTURING COMPANIES BELIEVED TO INVOLVE OVERSEAS INTERESTS.

THEY ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF JUNE.

STAFF OF THE INDUSTRY AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE FOLLOW-UP VISITS TO THOSE FACTORIES WHICH HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES OR HAVE NOT RETURNED THEM BY THE END OF JUNE.

+ALL THE RETURNS WILL BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE DESTROYED AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN EXTRACTED,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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RATEPAYERS REMINDED THAT AUTOPAY IS AVAILABLE

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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CAN MAKE USE OF THE AUTOPAY SERVICE TO SETTLE THEIR QUARTERLY RATES.

THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS A CURRENT OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH ANY LICENSED BANK IN HONG KONG.

+BY MAKING USE OF THE SERVICE, RATEPAYERS DO NOT HAVE TO QUEUE UP TO MAKE PAYMENT, WORRY WHETHER THEIR CHEQUES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON TIME, OR PAY A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE BECAUSE OF LATE PAYMENT. THE RATES PAYABLE WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DEBITED TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON THE DUE DATE,+ A TREASURY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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OVER 48 000 RATEPAYERS ARE NOW USING THIS SERVICE.

THOSE WHO WISH TO USE THE AUTOPAY SERVICE CAN OBTAIN A DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION FORM FROM ANY MAJOR BANK, DISTRICT OFFICE OR TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICE.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TREASURY, G.P.O. BOX 8 000, HONG KONG.

+ANY RATEPAYER WHO WISHES TO SETTLE HIS RATES OF THE THIRD QUARTER (JULY - SEPTEMBER) BY AUTOPAY SHOULD APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT TAKES ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO PROCESS AN APPLICATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+UNTIL A RATEPAYER RECEIVES A RATES DEMAND SHOWING THE WORDS : PAYMENT BY AUTOPAY AS AUTHORISED IN THE LOWER LEFT HAND CORNER, HE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY HIS RATES IN THE USUAL WAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THOSE WHO HAVE ENQUIRIES MAY CALL 5-951051.

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CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MEETING  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) TO ATTEND THE 63RD AND 64TH SESSIONS OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN SEOUL FROM MAY 21 TO 25.

ABOUT 80 COUNTRIES ARE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING IS HELD ALTERNATELY AT THE COUNCIL'S HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS AND IN A MEMBER COUNTRY.

+THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE INVITATION OF THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA TO HOLD THIS YEAR'S MEETING IN SEOUL INDICATES THE IMPORTANCE AND INTEREST OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA REGION,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID.

DISCUSSIONS WILL CENTRE ON TECHNICAL MATTERS CONCERNING CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

MR JORDAN WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON MAY 25.

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FIRST CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG  
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ABOUT 200 STUDENTS OF EIGHT RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SAI KUNG WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PROPER SCHOOLING IN A BETTER-EQUIPPED BUILDING THIS SEPTEMBER.

THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL - THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG - IS IN HO CHUNG NEAR THE HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

IT IS A GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDISED UNI-SESSIONAL SCHOOL WITH ABOUT 500 PLACES FOR BOTH STUDENTS OF THE EIGHT RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SCHOOL WITH AN AREA OF 3 900 SQUARE METRES HAS 12 STANDARD CLASSROOMS, A TEACHERS' ROOM, A MUSIC ROOM, AN ARTS AND CRAFTS ROOM, A BASKETBALL COURT, A LIBRARY, A PLAYGROUND AND A SCHOOL HALL.

THE IDEA OF COMBINING SUB-STANDARD RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS INTO A CENTRAL ONE WAS RECOMMENDED IN THE EDUCATION WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED A FEW YEARS AGO. IT AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OF VILLAGE CHILDREN AND RAISING THEIR EDUCATIONAL STANDARD.

CONSTRUCTION COST OF THIS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS WHOLLY FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE, A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO RUN THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE AND SUPERVISORS OF THE EIGHT RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

PARENTS WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN ENROLLED CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AT 1, PO TUNG ROAD IN SAI KUNG.

THE EIGHT RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE CHIK SIN SCHOOL IN HO CHUNG, KAU SAI SCHOOL IN PAK SHA WAN, LIM CHUEN SCHOOL IN KAI HAM, LOK YUK SCHOOL IN WO MEI, MAN SENG SCHOOL IN PAK KONG, NAM CHEUNG SCHOOL IN NAM WAI, SZE WO SCHOOL IN CHI KING TUK AND HONG YING SCHOOL IN TAI NAM WOO.

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### DRAGON BOATS READY FOR RACE

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ELEVEN NEW DRAGON BOATS, TO BE USED IN SHA TIN'S FIRST DRAGON BOAT RACE EARLY NEXT MONTH, WERE LAUNCHED ON THE SHING MUN RIVER THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE TRADITIONAL CEREMONY BEGAN WITH A LION DANCE, FOLLOWED BY THE OFFERING OF ROASTED PIGS AND THE BURNING OF JOSS-STICKS BY COMMUNITY LEADERS TO SHOW THEIR RESPECT TO THE GODS.

A VILLAGE ELDER THEN READ OUT THE PRAYERS BEFORE THE EYE-DOTTING OF THE DRAGON BOATS, PERFORMED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG.

THE CEREMONY WAS ROUNDED OFF WITH THE PLAYING OF DRUMS AND GONGS.

THE DRAGON BOATS, MADE OF FIBRE-GLASS, WERE DONATED TO THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION BY THE SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES COMPANY LIMITED.

THE RACE WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING OF JUNE 3, THE DAY BEFORE THE FESTIVAL.

EIGHTEEN TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN THE 1 000-METRE RACE FROM THE MOUTH OF THE SHING MUN RIVER TO ITS EASTERN COURSE NEAR THE SHA TIN FLOATING RESTAURANT.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

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### YOUNG DESIGNER OF THE YEAR AWARD COMPETITION

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FORM FIVE STUDENTS WHO ARE TAKING TECHNICAL SUBJECTS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG YOUNG DESIGNER OF THE YEAR AWARD COMPETITION.

ORGANISED FOR THE THIRD YEAR BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND AT IDENTIFYING OUTSTANDING DESIGNERS.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE SITTING FOR ONE OR MORE TECHNICAL SUBJECTS INCLUDING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, METALWORK, WOODWORK AND PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION THIS YEAR.

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IN ADDITION TO THE HONG KONG YOUNG DESIGNER AWARD OF THE YEAR, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO OUTSTANDING DESIGNERS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES : METAL, WOOD, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, AND MULTI-MEDIA (INCLUDING PLASTICS).

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE FORM OF REAL SIZE WORKING MODELS AND BE SUPPORTED BY DRAWINGS AND ANY OTHER DATA WHICH CONVEY THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVOLVED.

ENTRY FORMS, OBTAINABLE FROM ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, MUST BE SIGNED AND COMPLETED IN DUPLICATE FOR EACH DESIGN SUBMITTED.

ONE COPY SHOULD BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND AFFIXED FIRMLY TO THE MODEL, AND THE OTHER SUBMITTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER WHEN THE PROJECT IS DELIVERED TO THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT RENFREW ROAD, KOWLOON TONG, KOWLOON.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON JUNE 29 (FRIDAY) BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND NOON AND 2 PM AND 4 PM.

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### YOUTHS GET A GLIMPSE OF THE WORKING WORLD \* \* \* \*

THE WORLD OF WORK WILL NO LONGER BE A MYSTERY TO MANY SECONDARY STUDENTS AFTER THIS MONTH.

A PIONEERING WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE (YEAS) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL GIVE SOME 400 SECONDARY STUDENTS IN TUEN MUN AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING AIRLINE COMPANIES, BANKS, HOTELS, TELEVISION STATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY AND THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

DURING THESE VISITS, STUDENTS CAN SEE AND FEEL THE REAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT, OBSERVE PEOPLE AT WORK, AND OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND PROMOTION PROSPECTS OF A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE VISITED WILL ALSO PROVIDE BRIEFINGS OR SLIDE PRESENTATIONS TO SHOW STUDENTS THEIR ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT.

'THIS IS A STEP FORWARD FROM EXHIBITIONS AND TALKS IN ENRICHING STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE REAL SITUATION OF THE WORKING WORLD,' SAID MRS CATHERINE HO, A LABOUR OFFICER OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE. 'AND THE YEAS PLANS TO EXTEND THE PROGRAMME TO OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY,' MRS HO ADDED.

SET UP IN 1968, THE YEAS HAS BEEN ADOPTING A DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH IN CAREERS EDUCATION WHICH AIMS AT INITIATING STUDENTS' CAREERS AWARENESS IN THE FIRST PLACE, THEN HELPING THEM IN CAREERS EXPLORATION AND FINALLY PREPARING THEM FOR TAKING UP A JOB.

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'AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR, A CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CENTRES. ACCORDING TO THEIR REQUIREMENTS SHOWN IN THE RETURN SLIPS, WE WILL ARRANGE CAREERS TALKS, GROUP VISITS TO OUR CENTRES, AS WELL AS OTHER CAREERS-ORIENTED PROGRAMMES,' SAID MRS HO.

THE TALKS COVER A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS FROM SUBJECT SELECTION, SELF UNDERSTANDING, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO TECHNIQUES IN APPLYING FOR A JOB. THE CAREERS PROGRAMMES ARE VERY OFTEN SUPPLEMENTED BY CAREERS FILMS OR SLIDES AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR THE YEAS ORGANISED 537 CAREERS TALKS AND PROGRAMMES FOR SCHOOLS AND 45 OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH CENTRES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. TOTAL PARTICIPANTS AMOUNTED TO 106 282.

'THOSE IN NEED OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE ARE WELCOME TO USE OUR CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES IN TO KWA WAN, CAUSEWAY BAY AND TSUEN WAN,' SAID MRS HO.

'THEY CAN REFER TO OUR VIDEO TAPES AND UP-TO-DATE WRITTEN REFERENCE MATERIALS CONTAINING JOB OPPORTUNITIES, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND PROMOTION PROSPECTS OFFERED IN VARIOUS FIELDS. THERE ARE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS ON JOB VACANCIES AND INFORMATION ON FURTHER STUDIES.

'WE ARE ALSO INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING JOB INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON COMPUTER,' MRS HO SAID.

IN 1983-84, 23 461 PERSONS MADE ON-THE-SPOT ENQUIRIES AT THE CENTRES AND 25 697 ENQUIRED IN WRITING OR BY PHONE.

THE ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION IS ANOTHER GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTHS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON VARIOUS JOBS OFFERED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

IN THE CAREERS '84 EXHIBITION HELD JOINTLY WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL LAST NOVEMBER, THERE WERE 23 EXHIBITORS AND 104 000 VISITORS.

'WE ALSO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN COLLECTING CAREERS INFORMATION. IN THE REGIONAL CAREERS CONVENTIONS WE HOLD EACH YEAR, STUDENTS ARE USUALLY REQUIRED TO COLLECT CAREERS INFORMATION TO STAGE THE MINI-EXHIBITIONS,' MRS HO SAID.

AT SUCH CONVENTIONS, THERE ARE NORMALLY ALSO FILM-SHOWS, SLIDE PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS.

SEVEN REGIONAL CONVENTIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH THIS YEAR AND 27 800 STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THEM.

THE YEAS IS ALSO ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING OF CAREERS TEACHERS. THE FIRST PART-TIME CERTIFICATE TRAINING COURSE FOR THEM WAS HELD JOINTLY WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FROM AUGUST 1983 TO APRIL 1984 AND THE SECOND ONE WILL START IN AUGUST.

CAREERS TEACHERS CAN ALSO EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND TECHNIQUES AT THE SIXTH RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR ON CAREERS EDUCATION TO BE HELD IN JULY.

LOOKING FORWARD, MRS HO SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS PLANS TO OPEN FIVE MORE CENTRES IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, MAKING CAREERS SERVICE EASILY AVAILABLE TO THOSE LIVING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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#### GROUP STUDYING KWUN TONG YOUTH PROBLEMS

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A WORKING GROUP HAS DRAWN UP A THREE-PHASED PLAN TO STUDY YOUTH PROBLEMS IN KWUN TONG WITH A VIEW TO FINDING POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THEM, ITS CHAIRMAN, MR EDDIE LAMB, SAID TODAY.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE HOLDING TALKS WITH YOUNG WORKERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THEIR EXPERIENCE, VISITING SPOTS PLACES WHERE PROBLEM YOUTHS GATHER, AND CONDUCTING A SURVEY.

THE WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP UNDER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

MR LAMB SAID THAT IN THE FIRST PHASE PEOPLE WORKING ON THE 'FRONT LINE' WILL BE ASKED TO PASS ON +THEIR VALUABLE EXPERIENCES+ TO THE GROUP.

THESE PEOPLE WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTREACH TEAMS AND YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WORKERS, JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS AND THE POLICE.

+WE WILL THEN CALL ON LOCAL BODIES, SUCH AS AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, TO SEEK THEIR VIEWS, MR LAMB SAID.

AT THIS STAGE, GROUP MEMBERS WILL ALSO VISIT SOME OF THE TEENAGE NIGHT HAUNTS, HE SAID.

IN THE THIRD STAGE, QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE SENT OUT TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AND YOUTH BODIES TO OBTAIN MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

+ALTHOUGH OUR WORK SCHEDULE IS QUITE TIGHT, WE HOPE A REPORT WILL BE READY BY THE END OF THIS YEAR,+ MR LAMB ADDED.

THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISES FIVE UNOFFICIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, POLICE, SOCIAL WELFARE, RECREATION AND CULTURE, AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS.

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DENTAL CLINIC TO BE EXPANDED

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THREE EXTRA FLOORS ARE TO BE ADDED TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC IN ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON, AT A COST OF \$6.6 MILLION.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT TO CHEUNG KEE FUNG CHEUNG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.

THE FLOORS WILL BE BUILT ABOVE THE EXISTING TWO-STOREY CLINIC AND PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 3 300 SQUARE METRES OF SPACE.

THE EXTENSION WILL BE USED TO DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF TREATMENT SPACES TO 60, AND ACCOMMODATE TWO MORE DENTAL SUITES AND AN X-RAY SECTION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT WITH A LECTURE ROOM, AN EXHIBITION HALL, A DEMONSTRATION ROOM AND AN ORAL HEALTH CLINIC.

THE CLINIC WILL REMAIN FULLY OPEN THROUGHOUT THE NEXT 14 MONTHS OF THE EXTENSION WORK.

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KWAI CHUNG TO HOLD TREE PLANTING DAY

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COMMUNITY LEADERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN IN KWAI CHUNG WILL LAUNCH A DISTRICT-WIDE TREE-PLANTING DAY ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 23).

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, FORMS PART OF THE MEI FA (BEAUTIFICATION) PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE.

IT IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE COMMUNITY TO PLANT MORE TREES TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE ROADSIDE OF CHING HONG ROAD ON TSING YI ISLAND ON WEDNESDAY, AND ABOUT 100 SEEDLINGS WILL BE PLANTED THERE BY MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS FROM TWO LOCAL SCHOOLS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHOW SUM; THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG, MR LEE SHEUNG-YEE; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN TIN-SUNG, WILL JOINTLY PLANT A YOUNG TREE TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI CHUNG TREE PLANTING DAY TO BE HELD AT THE ROADSIDE OF CHING HONG ROAD, TSING YI ISLAND, ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 23) AT 11 AM.

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SPORTS GROUND KIOSK OFFERED  
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE OPERATION OF A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS RECREATION GROUND IS ONE OF THE POPULAR RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS CENTRES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF NORTH DISTRICT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

FACILITIES AT THE RECREATION GROUND INCLUDE A TURFED SOCCER PITCH, TWO 100-METRE RUNNING TRACKS, SAND PITS FOR TRACK-AND-FIELD EVENTS, A ROLLER-SKATING RINK, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, A VOLLEYBALL COURT AND A LANDSCAPED REST GARDEN.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY START BUSINESS ON AUGUST 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

TENDER FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF GARAGE NO. 1 AT TAI YUEN ESTATE IN TAI PO.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE) AT 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE 9 AM ON JUNE 29 (FRIDAY).

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE NORTH DISTRICT URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-6570588 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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SLOPES TO BE STABILISED  
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STABILISATION WORK ON TWO SLOPES AT KWAI SHING ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG, WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH.

A \$6-MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED TO GAMMON (HONG KONG) LIMITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT TO DRAINAGE, AND BRING THE SLOPES UP TO CURRENT SAFETY STANDARDS.

THE 200 METRE LONG SLOPES ARE AT THE REAR OF LOK SIN TONG KU CHIU MAN SECONDARY SCHOOL AND SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION LEE SHAU KEE COLLEGE, SITUATED BETWEEN KWAI SHING CIRCUIT AND KWAI LUEN ROAD.

WORK WILL TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP DRIVE  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS NOW CARRYING OUT A BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP IN WONG TAI SIN, KWUN TONG AND EASTERN DISTRICTS.

EARLIER THIS YEAR THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONCENTRATED ITS CLEANSING EFFORTS ON THE SQUATTER AREAS OF THESE THREE DISTRICTS.

THE DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO 72 SECTIONS - 25 IN WONG TAI SIN, 25 IN KWUN TONG AND 22 IN EASTERN.

A FULL-DAY CLEANSING DRIVE IS BEING CONDUCTED IN EACH SECTION AND TEMPORARY JUNK AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE OPERATION.

RESIDENTS OF THE THREE DISTRICTS MAY CALL THE LITTER HOT LINE -- 5-95555 -- OR THEIR LOCAL URBAN SERVICES OFFICE TO FIND OUT THE OPENING HOURS OF THE COLLECTION POINTS IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOODS.

THE CLEAN-UP DRIVE WILL END ON JUNE 8.

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FOOTBRIDGE TO EASE WAN CHAI TRAFFIC  
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GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS HENNESSY ROAD AT PERCIVAL STREET, WAN CHAI.

THIS IS TO EASE THE SERIOUS PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION, WHICH WOULD BECOME WORSE WHEN THE ISLAND LINE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY BECOMES OPERATIONAL IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE PLAN IS TO BUILD A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE FOUR METRES WIDE AND 35 METRES LONG, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE NORTHERN END OF THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AT CAUSEWAY BAY, BUT UNTIL THEN A TEMPORARY STAIRCASE WILL BE PROVIDED.

A NOTICE ABOUT THE PROJECT HAS APPEARED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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A PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE FOOTBRIDGE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE JULY 17.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONES  
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 22), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN KOWLOON WILL BE MADE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

THE SECTIONS ARE:

- \* SHANGHAI STREET BETWEEN NING PO STREET AND NANKING STREET, AND
- \* NANKING STREET BETWEEN SHANGHAI STREET AND BATTERY STREET.

WITHIN THESE ZONES, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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