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CLOSE LOOK AT DAMAGE BY RED TIDE

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, AND AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, DR HO KAM-FAI, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE FISH FARMS IN YIM TIN TSAI THAT WERE BADLY AFFECTED BY THE RECENT RED TIDES.

THEIR AIM WAS TO HAVE A LOOK AT PRESENT CONDITIONS AND TO SEE AT FIRST HAND THE DAMAGE TO FISH FARMS.

THEY ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE FARMERS THEIR PLANS FOR GETTING BACK ON THEIR OWN FEET AND ASSESSED WHAT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE TO HELP THEM.

FOR DR HO IT WAS HIS FIRST VISIT TO A FISH MARICULTURE FARM AND HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO +LOOK AND LEARN+ AND TO TALK TO THE FISH FARMERS ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THE OCCURRENCE OF RED TIDE.

HE AND MR RIDDELL-SWAN BOTH AGREED WITH THE FISH FARMERS THAT GREATER EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE IN RESEARCH TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE FACTORS LEADING TO IT.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN HOPED THAT IN TIME SOME SORT OF AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM COULD BE DEvised.

HE SAID: +WE ARE AT PRESENT INVESTIGATING EVERY OUTBREAK IN AN EFFORT TO GET CLOSER TO THE FACTORS LEADING TO RED TIDES AND CARRYING OUT REGULAR MONITORING OF THE SEA WATER IN CERTAIN AREAS. FISH FARMERS CAN HELP US IN THIS BY LETTING US KNOW OF OUTBREAKS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.+

THE FIRST OCCURRENCE OF RED TIDE BETWEEN APRIL 17 AND 19 AFFECTED 320 FISH FARMS IN SHA TAU KOK, AP CHAU, KAT O, SAI LAU KONG, WONG WAN, TAP MUN, KAU LAU WAN AND SHAM WAN.

THE SECOND OCCURRENCE BETWEEN APRIL 27 AND 30 AFFECTED ANOTHER 322 FISH FARMS IN YIM TIN TSAI, HA HANG, TAI MEI TUK, WU KAI SHA, TAP MUN, SHAM WAN AND KAU SAI.

ABOUT 37 TONNES OF CULTURED FISH WORTH OVER \$1 MILLION WERE REPORTED LOST IN THE TWO OUTBREAKS.

IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT VISITED ALL THE AFFECTED FARMS TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE AND TO GIVE ADVICE AND INITIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FISH FARMERS.

FURTHER VISITS WERE MADE WHERE NECESSARY AND, IN CASES OF EXTREME HARDSHIP WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WAS GIVEN FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S EMERGENCY RELIEF TRUST FUND.

TO DATE, A TOTAL OF SOME \$46 000 HAS BEEN GIVEN TO 22 FISH FARMERS.

A FURTHER 100 APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF ARE NOW BEING QUICKLY PROCESSED AND PAYMENTS, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$200 000, ARE EXPECTED TO BE PAID IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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NEW WATER AGREEMENT WITH GUANGDONG
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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD LEFT FOR GUANGZHOU TODAY TO SIGN A NEW WATER AGREEMENT WITH THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

THE AGREEMENT FOLLOWS THE TALKS IN GUANGZHOU LAST DECEMBER WITH THE WATER CONSERVANCY AND ELECTRIC POWER BUREAU OF GUANGDONG.

MR MCDONALD AND MR TUCKER ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG LATER THIS WEEK.

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TWELVE LEGCO QUESTIONS TOMORROW
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL RAISE 12 QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE HON WONG LAM WILL ASK FOR THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT, ON DRAINAGE INSTALLATIONS AND THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BEING TAKEN AGAINST FLOODING FROM HEAVY RAINS.

THE HON ALEX WU WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT WHAT RESPONSE HAS BEEN OR WILL BE MADE TO BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS' REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LONDON/HONG KONG AIR ROUTE APPEAL.

THE HON FRANCIS TIEN WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S TRADING INTERESTS ARE FULLY PROTECTED IN THE RENEWAL OF THE MFA.

ON HONG KONG'S FOREIGN TRADE DEFICIT DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, THE HON WONG PO-YAN WILL ASK FOR A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED CONCERN STATISTICS ON THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS BY POLICE OFFICERS, EXISTING LETTER B LAND EXCHANGE COMMITMENT, MEASURES TAKEN TO IMPROVE SLOPE STABILITY, PROGRESS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT REGIONALISATION SCHEME AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DENTAL HEALTH SERVICE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE QUESTIONS ON THE ADEQUACY OF MARRIAGE REGISTRIES, THE ONE-YEAR TEACHER TRAINING COURSE, AND THE SETTING UP OF A ROAD SAFETY/ACCIDENT RESEARCH UNIT WITHIN THE PWD HIGHWAY OFFICE.

/THE SECRETARY

THE SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION, THE HON DAVID FORD WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE SEVENTH REPORT OF THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD TO BE TABLED TOMORROW.

THE HON ROGER LOBO WILL SPEAK ON THE ANNUAL REPORT BY THE ICAC COMMISSIONER FOR 1979.

TWO BILLS, THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 AND THE FIRE INVESTIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. DEBATE ON THE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 WILL RESUME.

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FUNDS BEING SOUGHT FOR TAI PO SPORTS CENTRE
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A COMMITTEE IS BEING SET UP IN TAI PO TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A LOCAL INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE COSTING \$12 MILLION.

THE PROJECT ALREADY HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WHICH IS TO DONATE \$4 MILLION, AND THERE IS A PRIVATE DONATION OF \$3 MILLION. A FURTHER \$150 000 HAS BEEN DONATED BY HONG LOK YUEN ESTATES LTD TO MARK THE OPENING OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT AT TAI PO RECENTLY.

THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION LTD, A NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATION ESTABLISHED BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE AND FOSTER SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, IS UNDERTAKING THE PROJECT. THE ASSOCIATION'S HONORARY PATRON IS SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

THE CENTRE WILL BE BUILT ON A 2 500-SQUARE-METRE SITE WHICH GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING GRANTING TO THE ASSOCIATION BY PRIVATE TREATY. IT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FUTURE CENTRE OF TAI PO NEW TOWN WHERE 220 000 PEOPLE WILL EVENTUALLY BE LIVING.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE CENTRE WILL START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CENTRE WILL HAVE THREE STOREYS WITH A BOWLING ALLEY AND RESTAURANT ON THE GROUND FLOOR, AND AN OFFICE, A CONFERENCE ROOM, A RECREATIONAL ROOM AND A DANCE STUDIO ON THE MIDDLE FLOOR. A SPORT HALL WILL BE BUILT ON THE TOP FLOOR WHICH CAN BE USED AS EITHER A BASKETBALL COURT, TWO VOLLEY BALL COURTS OR NINE BADMINTON COURTS. A SPECTATOR STAND WILL BE PROVIDED.

OTHER ACTIVITIES PROVIDED AT THE CENTRE WILL INCLUDE TENNIS, GYMNASTICS AND FENCING.

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REGISTER OPENS FOR AIDED SCHOOL SURPLUS TEACHERS
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THE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL START TO REGISTER SOME 480 SURPLUS TEACHERS FROM AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS FROM THURSDAY (MAY 15).

THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SERVICE, MR CHAN YAM-PANG SAID TODAY THE TEACHERS HAD BEEN NOTIFIED IN WRITING THAT THEY SHOULD REGISTER BY 4.30 PM ON MAY 27.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ABOUT 300 TEACHING VACANCIES WILL ARISE IN SEPTEMBER RESULTING FROM RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATION.

+THESE, TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER 200 VACANCIES FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF NEW ORDINARY AND SPECIAL CLASSES, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE SURPLUS TEACHERS IN SEPTEMBER,+ MR CHAN SAID.

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE IS ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF THE MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

FOR ENQUIRIES, TEACHERS CAN CONTACT MR Y.P. CHAN (TEL. NO. 3-017187), MR S.K. LUK (3-038135), MR K.C. NG (3-038004), OR MR M.T. CHAN (3-038584).

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COMBINED EFFORTS IN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S EASTERN AND WANCHAI DISTRICT OFFICE HAS JOINED FORCES WITH LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE PROMOTION OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

THEY HAVE SET UP A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS HENRIETTA CHEN, TO FURTHER EXPLORE SOCIAL NEEDS IN THE DISTRICT AND TO PLAN APPROPRIATE SERVICES.

MRS CHEN TODAY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING AND STRENGTHENING UNITY IN THE FAMILY, PARTICULARLY IN THESE DAYS OF RAPID SOCIAL CHANGES ARISING FROM INDUSTRIALISATION AND MODERNISATION.

SHE SAID THESE CHANGES, TOGETHER WITH POPULATION GROWTH, HAD GREAT IMPACT ON THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE.

+THE TRADITIONAL BIG FAMILY SYSTEM IS GIVING WAY GRADUALLY TO THE CONCEPT OF SMALL NUCLEUS FAMILY, WHICH INEVITABLY CHANGES THE MODE OF LIFE OF MANY PEOPLE,+ SHE SAID.

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IN RECENT YEARS, SHE ADDED, THE GOVERNMENT HAS EMBARKED ON COMMUNITY-WIDE PROGRAMMES TO FOSTER HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS AND TO FORESTALL FAMILY BREAKDOWNS.

MRS CHEN SAID THAT WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES OPERATING IN THE DISTRICT, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN WORKED OUT FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THESE ACTIVITIES, TO BE HELD THIS MONTH AND IN JUNE, INCLUDE WEEKLY SEMINARS ON THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF OLD PEOPLE, FAMILY VARIETY SHOWS, DISPLAYS ILLUSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN, AND YOUTH CAMPS AIMED AT EDUCATING THE PARTICIPANTS ON HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS.

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CONTRACT FOR WATER PROJECT SIGNED

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WATER SUPPLY TO EXISTING INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND FUTURE MAJOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN TSUEN WAN WEST WILL BE IMPROVED.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL LAY A NEW 2 800-METRE MAIN WITH A DIAMETER OF 300 MM BETWEEN CHAI WAN KOK AND YAU KOM TAU.

A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT, COSTING \$2.2 MILLION, WAS SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION) OF THE DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SANG LEE CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, MR LEE SAID, WATER SUPPLIES TO TING KAU WHERE LOW WATER PRESSURE WAS EXPERIENCED DURING PERIODS OF PEAK DEMAND, WOULD BE IMPROVED.

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TEACHERS MEET TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL COURSES

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MORE THAN 70 CAREERS TEACHERS WILL BE ATTENDING A DISCUSSION SESSION ON THURSDAY (MAY 15) TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH COURSES OFFERED AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THIS KNOWLEDGE WILL HELP THEM IN GIVING COUNSEL TO STUDENTS.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION AND THE CAREERS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN CHEUNG SHA WAN.

+CAREERS TEACHERS AND STAFF OF THE INSTITUTES AND THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE CAN ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ANY PROBLEM THEY WISH TO RAISE, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DIVISION SAID.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS WILL MAINLY CENTRE ON THE VARIOUS DISCIPLINES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, TEXTILE AND CLOTHING, COMMERCE AND DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, HOTEL AND OTHER SERVICES, AND TECHNICAL TEACHER TRAINING.

STAFF FROM THE INSTITUTES AND THE COLLEGE WILL LEAD THE DISCUSSIONS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SLIDE SHOW ON THE COURSES AVAILABLE, AND A PLENARY SESSION IN WHICH MR I.T. TSANG, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION, WILL ANSWER QUERIES FROM PARTICIPANTS AND SUM UP THE SESSION.

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TRADE DISPUTES SETTLED LAST MONTH

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THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HELPED SETTLE A TOTAL OF 15 TRADE DISPUTES AND 1 101 CLAIMS LAST MONTH.

IN MARCH THE NUMBER OF DISPUTES AND CLAIMS SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH BY THE DIVISION WAS 13 AND 1 078 RESPECTIVELY.

LAST MONTH'S DISPUTES AFFECTED A TOTAL OF 1 786 WORKERS, MOSTLY IN ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS, COTTON TEXTILES, WOOLLEN KNITTING AND SPINNING, GARMENTS, METAL AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, AND RESTAURANTS.

A BREAKDOWN OF CAUSES OF THE DISPUTES SHOWS THAT MOST CONCERNED PAYMENT OF WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE AND SEVERANCE PAY. OTHERS INVOLVED WAGE ARREARS, ANNUAL BONUSES, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER MATTERS.

OF THE CLAIMS, 765 INVOLVED SUMS OF MONEY UP TO \$2 000, 204 BETWEEN \$2 001 AND \$5 000 AND 132 ABOVE \$5 000.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DISABLED SPORTSMEN REPRESENT HK OVERSEAS

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HONG KONG IS SENDING A TEAM OF EIGHT DISABLED SPORTSMEN AND SKILLED COMPETITORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OITA GAMES AND SKILL CONTEST IN JAPAN FROM MAY 15 TO 20.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL PRESENT THE HONG KONG FLAG TO THE TEAM LEADER, DR HARRY S.Y. FANG, PRESIDENT OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 15), PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE TEAM, IN FRONT OF THE CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS' CHECK-IN COUNTER AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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URBAN CLEARWAY NEAR ADMIRALTY EXTENDED

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THE URBAN CLEARWAY ON QUEENSWAY WILL BE EXTENDED ONTO TWO SUBSIDIARY ROADS NEAR MTR ADMIRALTY STATION FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 16).

THEY ARE THE EASTERN ACCESS ROAD FROM QUEENSWAY TO THE ADMIRALTY STATION (EAST) BUS TERMINUS, AND A 20 METRE SECTION OF THE SLIP ROAD NORTH OF THE UNITED CENTRE.

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR TO LOAD OR UNLOAD GOODS WITHIN THIS 24 HOUR RESTRICTION ZONE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE EXACT BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON CITY
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 16) FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY JUNCTION ROAD, GRAMPIAN ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, LA SALLE ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD.

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