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DISCRETION ON DISCLOSURE GIVEN IN HANG LUNG BANK CASE

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE HANG LUNG BANK (COMPENSATION OF FORMER SHAREHOLDERS) REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY INCORPORATED TO PUBLISH THE DECISION OF THE COMPENSATION TRIBUNAL AND TO GIVE IT DISCRETION TO DISCLOSE MATTERS RELATED TO THE DECISION.

UNDER THE PREVIOUS REGULATIONS, ANY MATTER COMING BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL COULD NOT BE PUBLISHED OR DISCLOSED BY ANY PERSON.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE SECRECY PROVISIONS WERE INCLUDED IN THE REGULATIONS BECAUSE THERE WAS A NEED TO SAFEGUARD THE CONFIDENTIAL ASPECTS OF THE OPERATION OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE TAKEOVER OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PROSPECTIVE CLAIMANTS IN THE CASE OF THE OTB SHOULD AT LEAST BE TOLD OF THE DECISION OF THE HANG LUNG BANK COMPENSATION TRIBUNAL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMPENSATION TRIBUNAL WAS APPOINTED ON OCTOBER 30, 1984 AND COMPRISED THE HON MR JUSTICE MANTELL, MRS BARBARA THOMAS, A MERCHANT BANKER AND MR MICHAEL KAN, A FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF A LOCALLY INCORPORATED BANK.

THE FUNCTION OF THE TRIBUNAL WAS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION, IF ANY, TO WHICH ANY FORMER SHAREHOLDER OF THE HANG LUNG BANK IS ENTITLED, BASED ON THE VALUE OF A SINGLE SHARE AS AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HANG LUNG BANK (ACQUISITION) ORDINANCE, THAT IS SEPTEMBER 28, 1983, MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF SHARES HELD BY THAT SHAREHOLDER IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THAT DATE TOGETHER WITH INTEREST FROM THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT TO THE DATE OF PAYMENT.

IN THE COURSE OF REACHING ITS DECISION, THE TRIBUNAL CONDUCTED SIX HEARINGS AND HEARD REPRESENTATIONS BY COUNSEL FOR THE COLONIAL TREASURER INCORPORATED (SINCE RETITLED FINANCIAL SECRETARY INCORPORATED) AND THOSE FORMER SHAREHOLDERS OR THEIR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD ASKED TO BE HEARD.

THE UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL WAS THAT AT THE MATERIAL DATE A SINGLE SHARE HAD NO VALUE AND, THEREFORE, THAT NO COMPENSATION WAS PAYABLE TO ANY FORMER SHAREHOLDER.

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THREE LEGCO NOMINATIONS

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THREE NOMINATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH WERE RECEIVED TODAY (FRIDAY, AUGUST 9) UP TO 5 PM, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER RECEIVED SINCE THE OPENING OF NOMINATIONS TO 13.

FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATION FORMS WERE RECEIVED TODAY:

| <u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SEX</u> | <u>AGE</u> | <u>OCCUPATION</u> | <u>CONTACT TEL. NO.</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. LEGAL | EDMUND CHOW WAI-HUNG | M | 60 | SOLICITOR | 5-214488 |
| 2. SOCIAL SERVICES | HUI YIN-FAT | M | 49 | SOCIAL WORKER | 5-282124 |
| 3. LABOUR | TAM YIU-CHUNG | M | 36 | VICE-CHAIRMAN, HK FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS | 3-7156671 |

FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR:

| <u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY</u> (NO. OF SEATS IN BRACKETS) | <u>NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED</u> |
|---|--|
| 1. URBAN COUNCIL (1) | |
| 2. PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL (1) | |
| DISTRICT BOARDS: | |
| 3. HK ISLAND (EAST) (1) | 1 |
| 4. HK ISLAND (WEST) (1) | |
| 5. KWUN TONG (1) | |

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| 6. | WONG TAI SIN (1) | |
| 7. | KOWLOON CITY (1) | |
| 8. | SHAM SHUI PO (1) | |
| 9. | SOUTH KOWLOON (1) | |
| 10. | NEW TERRITORIES (EAST) (1) | |
| 11. | NEW TERRITORIES (WEST) (1) | |
| 12. | NEW TERRITORIES (SOUTH) (1) | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | 1 |

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY

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|----|--|----|
| 1. | COMMERCIAL I (1) | 1 |
| | COMMERCIAL II (1) | 1 |
| 2. | INDUSTRIAL I (1) | 1 |
| | INDUSTRIAL II (1) | |
| 3. | FINANCIAL (1) | |
| 4. | LABOUR (2) | 2 |
| 5. | SOCIAL SERVICES (1) | 2 |
| 6. | MEDICAL (1) | |
| 7. | TEACHING (1) | 3 |
| 8. | LEGAL (1) | 2 |
| 9. | ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL SURVEYING AND PLANNING (1) | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | 12 |

TOTAL: 13

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RSD FEES, HIRE CHARGES TO GO UP
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THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY) ENDORSED THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED REVISION OF FEES CHARGED FOR THE USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN NON-URBAN AREAS.

THE REVISION, WHICH WOULD LATER BE PUT TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL, WOULD AFFECT THE ADMISSION FEES AND HIRE CHARGES FOR TWO INDOOR GAMES HALLS, 22 TENNIS COURTS, 23 SQUASH COURTS AND SIX PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS), MR GEOFFREY ORR, SAID THE OBJECT OF THE PROPOSED REVISION WAS TO SET CHARGES AT LEVELS CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF OPTIMISING THE USAGE OF THE FACILITIES BY RESIDENTS OF NON-URBAN AREAS AND COMPARABLE WITH CHARGES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

MR ORR SAID THE PRESENT FEES AND CHARGES, INTRODUCED IN JANUARY LAST YEAR, HAD FALLEN BELOW CORRESPONDING CHARGES IN URBAN AREAS, WHICH WERE LAST REVISED IN APRIL 1984 FOR TENNIS AND SQUASH COURTS, IN JUNE 1984 FOR GAMES HALLS AND IN JUNE 1985 FOR SWIMMING POOLS.

+ADMISSION FEES AND HIRE CHARGES FOR THESE FACILITIES ARE SET AT LEVELS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED AFFORDABLE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ARE THUS CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S AIM OF ENCOURAGING THEIR OPTIMUM USE BY RESIDENTS OF THE NON-URBAN AREAS WHILE RECOUPING PART OF THE OPERATING COSTS,+ HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, THE LEVELS OF SUBSIDY FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN NON-URBAN AREAS WERE 82.4 PER CENT FOR INDOOR GAMES HALLS, 69 PER CENT FOR TENNIS COURTS, 52 PER CENT FOR SQUASH COURTS AND 81.1 PER CENT FOR SWIMMING POOLS.

+IF THE PROPOSED NEW CHARGES ARE APPROVED, FEES AND CHARGES AS WELL AS THE METHOD OF CHARGING, WILL BE IN LINE WITH THE URBAN AREA PRACTICE,+ HE SAID.

+THIS WILL BRING THE SUBSIDY LEVELS IN 1986/87 DOWN TO 81.9 PER CENT FOR INDOOR GAMES HALLS, 62 PER CENT FOR TENNIS COURTS, 51 PER CENT FOR SQUASH COURTS AND 79.6 PER CENT FOR SWIMMING POOLS.+

THE REVISION EXERCISE WILL ALSO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ALLOCATING THE USE OF GAMES HALLS. AS SPECIFIED IN PART I OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE PLEASURE GROUNDS (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS, ALLOCATION OF FACILITIES IN AN INDOOR GAMES HALL IN NON-URBAN AREAS IS BY SESSIONS OF EITHER 90 MINUTES OR TWO HOURS, ACCORDING TO A FIXED SCALE OF FEES.

+THIS RIGID METHOD OF CHARGING, WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM THE REVISED PRACTICE IN THE URBAN AREAS, MEANS THAT A USER HAS TO BOOK A WHOLE SESSION, EVEN THOUGH HE MAY ONLY NEED PART OF IT.

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+SHOULD A USER FINISH HIS GAME EARLY, OTHERS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE UP WHATEVER IS LEFT OF THE SESSION AND BE CHARGED FOR IT. IN SUCH A CASE THE FACILITY IS UNDER-UTILISED AND THE USAGE FIGURE FOR IT IS DISTORTED,+ MR ORR SAID.

THE NEW SCALE OF FEES IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO EFFECT FOR CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER USERS, EXCEPT SCHOOLS, ONE MONTH AFTER APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL AND FROM APRIL 1, 1986 FOR SCHOOLS, SO AS TO ALLOW THEM TIME FOR BUDGETTING.

THE PRESENT AND PROPOSED NEW ADMISSION FEES AND HIRE CHARGES FOR THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES MANAGED BY THE RSD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>FACILITIES</u> | <u>PRESENT FEES</u> | <u>PROPOSED NEW FEES</u> |
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| (I) <u>INDOOR GAMES HALL</u> | | |
| (A) <u>MULTI-PURPOSE HALL</u> | | |
| 1) WHOLE OF A ONE BASKETBALL COURT-SIZE HALL OR HALF OF A TWO-BASKETBALL COURT-SIZE HALL | \$15-\$45 PER SESSION OF 1-1/2 - 2 HOURS (I.E. \$10-\$22.5 PER HOUR) | \$20 PER HOUR |
| II) BADMINTON | \$12 PER HOUR PER COURT | \$14 PER HOUR PER COURT |
| III) TABLE TENNIS | \$3 PER HOUR PER TABLE | \$4 PER HOUR PER TABLE |
| IV) P.A. SYSTEM | \$45 PER SESSION OR PART THEREOF (I.E. \$22.5 PER HOUR) | \$25 PER HOUR OR PART THEREOF |

/(B) ACTIVITY

(B) ACTIVITY ROOM

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| I) WHOLE ACTIVITY ROOM (100 SQ. M AND ABOVE) | FREE IN REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA | \$20 PER HOUR |
| II) PART OF USE OF ACTIVITY ROOM OR WHOLE ROOM BELOW 100 SQ. M | FREE IN REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA | \$4 PER HOUR |
| III) P.A. SYSTEM | FREE IN REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA | \$10 PER HOUR OR PART THEREOF |
| IV) AIR-CONDITIONING IN ACTIVITY ROOM | - " - | \$6 SURCHARGE PER HOUR |

(II) TENNIS COURT

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| (A) TENNIS COURT | \$9 TO \$12 PER HOUR | \$15 PER HOUR |
| (B) TENNIS COURT WITH FLOODLIGHTING | \$24 PER HOUR | \$30 PER HOUR |

(III) SQUASH COURT

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| (A) COURT WITHOUT AIR-CONDITIONING | \$6 TO \$8 PER 1/2 HOUR PER COURT | \$8 PER 1/2 HOUR |
| (B) COURT WITH AIR-CONDITIONING | \$8 TO \$10 PER 1/2 HOUR | \$12 PER 1/2 HOUR |

/(IV) SWIMMING

(IV) SWIMMING POOL

(A) ADMISSION FEES

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| I) ADULT | \$5 PER PERSON | \$6 PER PERSON |
| II) CHILD | \$2 PER PERSON | \$3 PER PERSON |

(B) SWIMMING POOL COMPOUND FEES

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| EXCLUSIVE USE (FOR SWIMMING GALA, WATER CARNIVAL, COMPETITIONS ETC) | FROM \$22 TO \$2 620 PER SESSION | NO CHANGES PROPOSED |
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| RESERVED USE (FOR TEACHING AND TRAINING DURING NORMAL SESSIONS) | FROM \$18 TO \$165 PER HOUR | NO CHANGES PROPOSED |
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| RESTRICTED USE (FOR TEACHING AND TRAINING DURING THE LAST SESSIONAL BREAK) | FROM \$18 TO \$190 PER HOUR | NO CHANGES PROPOSED |
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| (C) P.A. SYSTEM | FIRST HOUR \$50 | \$65 |
| | EACH ADDITIONAL HOUR OR PART THEREOF \$17 | \$22 |

PROPER LABELLING REQUIRED FOR PREPACKAGED FOOD
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THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1985, WHICH WILL FURTHER THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONSUMER BY REQUIRING PREPACKAGED FOODS TO BE PROPERLY LABELLED, HAVE BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

+IN THESE REGULATIONS, 'PREPACKAGED FOOD' MEANS ANY FOOD PACKAGED, WHETHER COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY, IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE CONTENTS CANNOT BE ALTERED WITHOUT OPENING OR CHANGING THE PACKAGING AND THE FOOD IS READY FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CONSUMER OR A CATERING ESTABLISHMENT,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

APART FROM SOME MINOR EXEMPTIONS, THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR A PROPER LABEL ARE:

- * THE NAME OF THE PRODUCT SHALL NOT BE FALSE OR MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE AS TO THE NATURE OF THE FOOD;
- * A LIST OF INGREDIENTS SHALL BE DECLARED;
- * THE MINIMUM DURABILITY SHALL BE INDICATED;
- * WHERE SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS OR INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE ARE REQUIRED, THEY SHALL BE STATED;
- * THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MANUFACTURER OR PACKER SHALL BE GIVEN;
- * THE QUANTITY OF THE CONTENTS SHALL BE DECLARED IN TERMS OF COUNT, WEIGHT OR VOLUME AS THE CASE MAY BE; AND
- * EITHER THE ENGLISH OR THE CHINESE LANGUAGE OR BOTH LANGUAGES SHALL BE USED.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS IS A \$10 000 FINE AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT. TO ALLOW THE TRADE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW LABELLING REQUIREMENTS, A GRACE PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER THE REGULATIONS ARE GAZETTED IS PROVIDED.

+THESE REGULATIONS WILL BRING HONG KONG IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FAO (FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS), WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE EEC WITH MODIFICATIONS TO SUIT LOCAL CONDITIONS IN RESPECT OF PROPER LABELLING FOR PREPACKAGED FOODS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION TO PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH, THESE REGULATIONS ALSO PROTECT THE CONSUMER FROM FALSE OR MISLEADING LABELS. THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS HAVE BEEN WIDELY CONSULTED AND THEIR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN FINALISING THE REGULATIONS.

THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH HAS ARRANGED FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF TO ENSURE PROPER ENFORCEMENT OF THESE REGULATIONS AND ITS FOOD SECTION WILL ADVISE ON ANY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.

\$77-MILLION WATER PROJECT CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED A \$77-MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO WATER TUNNELS AND THE LAYING OF FRESH WATER MAINS IN PAK KONG, SAI KUNG.

THE WORK IS PART OF A SCHEME TO SUPPLY WATER TO THE PROPOSED JUNK BAY NEW TOWN AND ITS HINTERLAND IN SAI KUNG, AND TO SUPPLEMENT THE PRESENT SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS BY SUPPLYING WATER TO THE EASTERN PARTS OF NEW KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE TWO TUNNELS, TOTALLING 5.9 KILOMETRES AND 1.1 KILOMETRES OF TWO-METRE DIAMETER WATER MAINS ACROSS THE HO CHUNG AND PAK KONG VALLEYS, WILL LINK UP THE PROPOSED PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS AND THE PROPOSED JUNK BAY PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR.

THE TREATMENT WORKS AND PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL BE BUILT UNDER SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

INCLUDED IN THIS CONTRACT IS SITE FORMATION WORK FOR THE PROPOSED PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS. THIS INVOLVES EXCAVATING ABOUT 230 000 CUBIC METRES OF MATERIALS TOGETHER WITH SLOPE STABILISATION AND ANCILLARY SITE WORKS.

WORK WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WONG KWOK-LAI, AND THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF KUMAGAI GUMI (HONG KONG) LIMITED, MR C.P. YU.

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DRAFT PLAN FOR MID-LEVELS EAST PUBLISHED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS PUBLISHED A NEW DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR MID-LEVELS EAST, AN AREA OF 62.49 HECTARES BOUNDED BY KENNEDY ROAD ON THE NORTH, STUBBS ROAD ON THE EAST, BOWEN DRIVE ON THE WEST AND THE 200-230 METRE CONTOURS ON THE SOUTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE PLAN'S MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO PROVIDE A STATUTORY LAND USE PATTERN AND ROAD NETWORK AS A BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

ZONINGS ON THE PLAN PRIMARILY REFLECT EXISTING DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE AREA. OF THE 62.49 HECTARES, 12.1 ARE ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE, 6.37 FOR GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY USES- AND 0.95 FOR OPEN SPACE.

ANOTHER 39.69 HECTARES ARE RESERVED FOR GREEN BELT AREAS TO PRESERVE THE WELL-WOODED SLOPES OF THE AREA. THE REMAINING 3.38 HECTARES ARE OCCUPIED BY ROADS.

THE PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG= THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG= AND WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, GROUND, FIRST AND EIGHTH FLOORS, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 FOR UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$120 FOR COLOURED ONE.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY OCTOBER 8.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY REVOKED THE REGISTRATION OF SHUN LEE FINANCE CO. LTD. AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE COMPANY HAS CEASED TO CARRY ON A BUSINESS OF TAKING DEPOSITS AND THAT IT APPEARS TO HIM THAT THE COMPANY IS NOT A FIT AND PROPER BODY TO REMAIN REGISTERED.

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BAN ON IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA LIFTED
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WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL RESUME PROCESSING OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR IMPORTS OF GOODS FROM ARGENTINA OR GOODS OF ARGENTINIAN ORIGIN.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS FOLLOWED A DECISION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THAT THE IMPORT PROHIBITION (ARGENTINA) REGULATIONS ENACTED IN 1982 SHOULD BE REVOKED IN LINE WITH SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING IMPORTS OF GOODS FROM ARGENTINA WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE GOVERNING IMPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND IMPORT LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORMAL LICENSING PROCEDURES.

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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR STUDY SUBSIDIES

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CHILDREN OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE SECONDARY SCHOOLING WERE REMINDED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THEY WERE ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDIES UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH SUBSIDIES IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 16.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE STUDENTS IN FORMS 4 TO 7 AND SUBSIDIES CAN BE USED FOR ANY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG. SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED A STANDARD OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, HE SAID.

+STUDENTS APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO COVER TUITION FEES AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND SUCH APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A FINANCIAL NEED BASIS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AND FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES LIAISON OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURE MAY BE MADE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT 3-688111 EXT. 510.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OFFER EVENING COURSES

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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL BE OFFERING EVENING COURSES IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

APPLICANTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO MISSED THE ENROLMENT PERIOD IN APRIL, ARE INVITED TO CHOOSE FROM ABOUT 50 COURSES STILL HAVING VACANCIES.

COURSES ON OFFER COVER A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, MARINE AND FABRICATION AND MOTOR VEHICLE DISCIPLINES.

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DETAILS OF THESE COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW (SATURDAY), AND APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN REMINDED THOSE WHO APPLIED IN APRIL NOT TO APPLY AGAIN. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS AUGUST 17.

HE SAID EVENING COURSES AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE PROVIDED AT CRAFT OR POST-FORM 3 LEVEL AND TECHNICIAN OR POST-FORM 5 LEVEL.

+THE PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE ONE TO THREE YEARS' COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION FOR THOSE WORKING IN THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS TO UPDATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL,+ HE ADDED.

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CUSTOMS REMINDER FOR SEOUL-BOUND RESIDENTS * * * * *

HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO INTEND TO TRAVEL TO SEOUL WERE REMINDED TODAY BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY MUST DECLARE GOLD AND JEWELLERY ITEMS IN THEIR POSSESSION AS REQUIRED BY SOUTH KOREAN CUSTOMS ON ARRIVAL IN THAT COUNTRY.

+IN CASE OF FAILURE TO DO SO, NOT ONLY WILL THE GOLD AND JEWELLERY ITEMS BE SUBJECT TO SEIZURE BUT THE TRAVELLER WILL BE DETAINED, PROSECUTED AND PUNISHED BY THE KOREAN AUTHORITIES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT FROM JANUARY TO JUNE THIS YEAR, 38 PERSONS INCLUDING 14 HONG KONG RESIDENTS, HAD BEEN ARRESTED THERE FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE CUSTOMS REQUIREMENT.

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DB TAKES FIRST-HAND LOOK AT BUS TERMINUS * * * * *

SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED REPULSE BAY TO INSPECT THE PROPOSED SITE FOR A NEW BUS TERMINUS.

AT AN EARLIER MEETING OF THE BOARD, MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE ORIGINAL SITE PROPOSED FOR THE TERMINUS AT THE WESTERN END OF REPULSE BAY BEACH WOULD INVOLVE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES AND LAND ACQUISITION PROBLEMS.

/A REVISED

A REVISED PLAN WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS DECIDED TO VISIT THE SITE TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PROJECT'S IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE AREA.

ACCOMPANIED AT TODAY'S VISIT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANGELA TSE, THE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE LAYOUT DESIGN OF THE NEW SITE BY OFFICIALS OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED CARRIAGEWAY TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC SO THAT A SECTION OF REPULSE BAY ROAD CAN BE DESIGNATED FOR FRANCHISED BUSES ONLY.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD THE NEW DESIGN WOULD ENSURE THAT THE LANDSCAPE AND TRAFFIC PATTERN IN THE AREA WOULD REMAIN BASICALLY UNCHANGED AND THAT THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD STARTING IN OCTOBER NEXT YEAR CAN BE SHORTENED FROM 18 MONTHS TO 14 MONTHS.

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NEWSPAPER HAWKERS TO HAVE LARGER PITCH IN NON-URBAN AREAS
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THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY) ENDORSED A PROPOSAL BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW A LARGER PITCH FOR NEWSPAPER HAWKERS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

AS PRESCRIBED BY THE HAWKER (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS, THE PRESENT MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DIMENSIONS ARE 1200MM X 250MM X 120MM (APPROXIMATELY 4' X 11" X 4'). THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR ENLARGING THE DIMENSIONS TO 1800MM X 450MM, WITH NO RESTRICTION ON HEIGHT.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE), MR ARTHUR JOHNSON, NOTED THAT CURRENT LIMITS WERE SET SOME 20 YEARS AGO WHEN FAR FEWER NEWSPAPERS AND EVEN FEWER PERIODICALS WERE ON SALE.

MR JOHNSON SAID THAT +THE RECOMMENDED SIZE IS THE SAME STANDARD AS IN THE URBAN AREA.+

THE COUNCIL ALSO AGREED THAT TO OBTAIN THE NEED TO AMEND THE HAWKER (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS EACH TIME THE PERMITTED SIZE OF A NEWSPAPER HAWKER STALL IS CHANGED, THE REGULATION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ENABLE THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES (IN FUTURE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL) TO SPECIFY THE SIZE OF A NEWSPAPER STALL AS A CONDITION OF THE LICENCE.

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MARKET STALL UPSET PRICES SET

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PRICES FOR THE RESTRICTED AUCTION OF MARKET STALLS AND SHOP UNITS IN THE NEW KWU TUNG MARKET, SHEUNG SHUI IN NORTH DISTRICT WERE SET AT 50 PER CENT OF THE CURRENT MARKET RATE BY THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR ARTHUR JOHNSON, SAID THAT THE NEW MARKET COMPLEX HAD BEEN BUILT PRIMARILY FOR THE 92 PERSONS FROM KWU TUNG, WHO HAD OCCUPIED A LARGE NUMBER OF STRUCTURES THAT WERE CLEARED FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

THE MARKET WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION NEXT MONTH. IT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE AREAS, OFFERING THE USUAL MARKET FACILITIES, AS WELL AS SHOP SPACES FOR TRADE AND SERVICES, SUCH AS TAILORS, BARBERS, INTERIOR DECORATORS, BICYCLE REPAIRING, AND AIR-CONDITIONING.

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MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR HOUSING PROFESSIONALS

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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING A MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT COURSE FOR ITS PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS WITH A VIEW TO ENHANCING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

THE COURSE ALSO AIMS AT BROADENING PARTICIPANTS' APPRECIATION OF MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

THE FIVE-DAY PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF TALKS BY EXPERTS ON PLANNING, OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS, COMMUNICATION, HUMAN RELATIONS, FINANCE, POLITICAL STUDIES AND MARKETING, AS WELL AS A SERIES OF SEMINARS.

+EMPHASIS OF THE COURSE WILL BE ON THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS RATHER THAN ON BOOK LEARNING OR DISPENSATION OF THEORIES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

HE ADDED: +THIS IS BUT ONE OF THE MANY TRAINING COURSES THE DEPARTMENT ORGANISES FOR THE STAFF EVERY YEAR.+

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LUNG CHEUNG ROAD SECTION TO BE CLOSED
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THE SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, BETWEEN FUNG WO STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET IN KOWLOON, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 12) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPOSED:

- * TRAFFIC FROM NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE CORNWALL STREET.
- * TRAFFIC FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE NAM CHEONG STREET.
- * TRAFFIC FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE WATERLOO ROAD.
- * TRAFFIC FROM FUNG MO STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE FU MEI STREET.
- * TRAFFIC FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE FUNG MO STREET.

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