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PRELIMINARY REPORT BY PAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE RELEASED ITS PRELIMINARY REPORT TODAY (TUESDAY).

INTRODUCING THE REPORT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE, MR A.L. RENNIE, SAID ITS PURPOSE WAS TO SHOW THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING METHODS, TO REPORT ITS PROGRESS AND WORK SO FAR, AND TO PRESENT THE FACTS GATHERED BY THE COMMITTEE.

THE REPORT ALSO SUMMARISED THE REPRESENTATIONS THE COMMITTEE HAD RECEIVED AND INDICATED THE COURSE IT WOULD FOLLOW IN ITS FUTURE WORK, HE SAID.

MR RENNIE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRELIMINARY REPORT CONTAINED NO DEFINITIVE CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS AT THIS STAGE, IT PRESENTED THE MAIN QUESTIONS THE COMMITTEE WOULD PURSUE IN THE PREPARATION OF ITS FINAL REPORT.

"THE REPORT IS INTENDED TO OFFER INTERESTED PARTIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON WHAT THE COMMITTEE HAS FOUND, AND WHAT IT NOW INTENDS TO DO," MR RENNIE SAID.

THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR THROUGH THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE ON JULY 7, AND PUBLISHED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

MR RENNIE DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE REPORT, WHICH LISTS A FEW MATTERS ON WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS FORMED PROVISIONAL VIEWS, AND THE MAIN QUESTIONS WHICH IT INTENDS TO ANSWER IN ITS FINAL REPORT.

ALTHOUGH THE REPORT CALLS FOR RESPONSES BY AUGUST 2, THE COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED THIS DEADLINE AND EXTENDED IT TO AUGUST 9.

THE FINAL REPORT, CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

DIVIDED INTO 10 CHAPTERS, THE PRELIMINARY REPORT BEGINS WITH A BRIEF GENERAL ACCOUNT OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES AND THE SPECIAL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS WHICH ESTABLISH THEIR DISCIPLINED STATUS.

IT ALSO GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE SERVICES' PAY HISTORY AND BACKGROUND INCLUDING EARLIER REVIEWS BY DIFFERENT SALARIES COMMISSIONS AND A REVIEW OF PAY COMPARISONS BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS INCLUDING THE 1986 PAY LEVEL SURVEY, AND INTERNATIONAL AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX COMPARISONS.

OTHER CHAPTERS EXAMINE THE VARIOUS ALLOWANCES PAID TO THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES, THE FACTORS SUCH AS STRESS, RISK, HARDSHIP AND PERSONAL RESTRICTIONS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN SETTING PAY, AND THE ARGUMENTS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF PAY DETERMINING MACHINERY.

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THE REVIEW COMMITTEE RECEIVED 122 FORMAL SUBMISSIONS FROM DISCIPLINED SERVICES MANagements, STAFF ASSOCIATIONS, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF STAFF, AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS, AND THE REPORT CONTAINS A CHAPTER SUMMARISING THE VARIOUS REPRESENTATIONS.

THE TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE VIEWS ON PAY, THE NATURE OF THE WORK INCLUDING THE DANGERS AND STRESSES OF THE VARIOUS DUTIES, PERSONAL RESTRICTIONS ON STAFF, AND HOURS OF WORK.

"THE COMMITTEE FELT SOME CONCERN THAT THE RELEASE OF THE SUMMARIES OF THE SUBMISSIONS MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED BECAUSE THEY NATURALLY TENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON THOSE FEATURES OF THE SERVICES' WORK THAT WOULD APPEAR TO JUSTIFY HIGHER PAY," MR RENNIE SAID.

"HOWEVER, FROM OUR VISITS, DISCUSSIONS AND EXAMINATIONS OF SUBMISSIONS, WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT THERE ARE MANY REWARDING FEATURES IN THE WORK OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

"WITH CAPABLE AND VIGOROUS STAFF, THE SERVICES SERVE THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG EXTREMELY WELL."

HOWEVER, MR RENNIE SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO MADE AWARE THAT MEMBERS OF SOME SERVICES FELT THAT WHAT THEY DID WAS NOT WELL APPRECIATED BY OUTSIDERS.

THEY ALSO FELT THEIR PRESENT PAY AND THE ASSESSMENT OF PAY WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE DID NOT PROPERLY RECOGNISE THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THEIR TASKS AND THE DISRUPTION TO THEIR PERSONAL LIVES.

THE DISRUPTION WAS LARGELY CAUSED BY THE LONG AND IRREGULAR HOURS AND THE LIABILITY TO ON-CALL DUTIES INSEPARABLE FROM THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES 24 HOURS A DAY FOR 365 DAYS A YEAR.

IT IS THE COMMITTEE'S INTENTION, THE REPORT SAYS, "TO ENSURE THAT THE STAFF OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES ARE PROPERLY PAID, IN RELATION TO THE REST OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO."

THE COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED IN APRIL THIS YEAR BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S FIVE DISCIPLINED SERVICES - ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

IT WAS ALSO ASKED TO CONSIDER THE BASIS FOR DETERMINING PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES, THE MACHINERY FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF REMUNERATION FOR THEM IN RELATION TO THE REST OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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IN ADDITION TO MR RENNIE, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE SCOTTISH HOME AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AS CHAIRMAN, THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES AS MEMBERS THE FORMER EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR AND FORMER SENIOR UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, SIR ROGER LOBO, AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS RITA FAN.

THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO HAVING A SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS, AND DISCUSSION MEETINGS WITH THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF ASSOCIATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR COMPUTERISING FINGERPRINT RECORDS

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF COMPUTERISING THE MORE IMPORTANT FINGERPRINT RECORDS IN THE POLICE IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, ESTIMATED AT \$40,819,000 IN NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND \$744,000 IN ANNUALLY RECURRENT EXPENDITURE.

IT WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE A NEW NON-RECURRENT COMMITMENT OF \$34,730,000 FOR THE EQUIPMENT, SITE PREPARATION, TRAINING AND INITIAL CONSUMABLES OF A COMPUTER ASSISTED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE SYSTEM BE INTRODUCED IN TWO PHASES: TO COMPUTERISE FIRST THE FINGERPRINT RECORDS OF THE BUREAU'S SCENE OF CRIME SECTION (ABOUT 160,000 RECORDS) AND THEN ITS "MAIN COLLECTION" (ABOUT 610,000 RECORDS) AFTER A FAVOURABLE POST-IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW OF THE FIRST PHASE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LINGNAN COLLEGE, WITH EFFECT FROM 1988-89, IN RESPECT OF ITS THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR POST-SIXTH-FORM PLACES.

THE INCREASE WOULD BE FROM THE PRESENT LEVEL OF 120 PER CENT OF THE UNIT COST OF A SIXTH FORM PLACE IN AN AIDED SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOL TO 190 PER CENT OF THAT UNIT COST, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM STUDENT NUMBER OF 800.

UNDER THE SAME ITEM, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A FURTHER INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COLLEGE, WITH EFFECT FROM 1989-90.

THIS WOULD INCLUDE ITS FIFTH YEAR POST-SIXTH-FORM PLACES ALSO AT 190 PER CENT OF THE UNIT COST OF A SIXTH-FORM PLACE IN AN AIDED SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM STUDENT NUMBER OF 1,200 IN YEARS THREE TO FIVE.

MEMBERS WILL

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, ESTIMATED AT \$4,630,000 IN 1988-89 AND RISING TO \$16,570,000 IN 1992-93, OF INCREASING GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COLLEGE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, ESTIMATED AT \$1,060,000 FOR GRANTS AND \$970,000 FOR LOANS, OF EXTENDING THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO THE YEAR FIVE POST-SIXTH-FORM STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE WITH EFFECT FROM 1989-90, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM ENROLMENT OF 1,200 STUDENTS.

FURTHERMORE, THEY WILL CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A CAPITAL GRANT OF UP TO \$1.1 MILLION IN 1988-89 TO ENABLE LINGNAN COLLEGE TO PURCHASE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT TO HELP MEET THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT OF THE UK COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS.

OTHER ITEMS ON TOMORROW'S AGENDA INCLUDE:

- * A INCREASE IN COMMITMENT FOR AN INTEGRATED RADIO SERVICES SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE FROM \$196 MILLION BY \$96 MILLION TO \$292 MILLION.
- * APPROVAL OF A NON-RECURRENT COMMITMENT OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT A SUM OF \$3.7 MILLION TO MEET THE COST OF A HEAVY DUTY RECOVERY VEHICLE FOR TUNNEL OPERATIONS.
- * APPROVAL OF THE CREATION OF A NEW SUBHEAD "REPLACEMENT OF DISC DRIVES IN THE TREASURY COMPUTER" WITH A PROJECT ESTIMATE OF \$2,150,000 TO ACQUIRE THREE FIXED DISC DRIVES TO REPLACE EIGHT EXISTING EXCHANGEABLE DISC DRIVES.

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16 QUESTIONS, 10 BILLS BEFORE LEGCO

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK 16 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER 10 BILLS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ALL THE 10 BILLS ARE EACH DUE TO BE GIVEN A SECOND READING, AND THEN TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

THEY ARE THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS BILL 1988, BANKING (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1988, MONEY LENDERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, TRAVEL AGENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1988, TELEVISION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL BILL 1988, QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED BILL 1988, NOISE CONTROL BILL 1988 AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1988.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE.

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TAC DEFERS DECISION ON FIXED PENALTY FINES

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY) DEFERRED DECISION ON WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE A GENERAL INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF FIXED PENALTY FINES FOR TRAFFIC OFFENCES AND WHETHER FIXED PENALTY FINES FOR OVERLOADING OFFENCES SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM \$200 TO \$450.

NOTING THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN ALARMING INCREASE IN OVERLOADING OFFENCES FROM 1,644 IN 1985 TO 23,641 IN 1987, THE TAC AGREED THAT AN INCREASE IN THE PENALTY LEVEL SHOULD LEAD TO FEWER DRIVERS AND COMPANIES TREATING THE PENALTY AS A ROUTINE OPERATIONAL EXPENSE.

HOWEVER, THE TAC COULD NOT COME TO A DECISION TODAY BECAUSE IT BELIEVED THAT THE DRIVING OFFENCE POINTS SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE RULED OUT ALTOGETHER IN RESPECT OF OVERLOADING OFFENCES.

THE TAC RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SHOULD RECONSIDER THE MATTER SO THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD IN DUE COURSE TAKE A LOOK AT HOW TO COMBINE THE FIXED PENALTY INCREASE WITH A POSSIBLE PENALTY UNDER THE DRIVING OFFENCE POINTS SYSTEM.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TAKE STEPS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM AT SOURCE AND TO ENSURE THAT EVERY DRIVER IS AWARE OF THE WEIGHT OF THE LOAD HE CARRIES.

THE TAC ALSO APPROVED THE APPLICATION FROM THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (HYF) TO WITHDRAW THE PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TSING YI.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT FOLLWING THE OPENING OF THE TSING TSUEN BRIDGE IN DECEMBER 1987 AND THE INTRODUCTION OF BUS ROUTE NO. 43B FROM CHEUNG CHING TO TSUEN WAN FERRY IN FEBRUARY 1988, PATRONAGE ON THE TSUEN WAN - TSING YI FERRY SERVICE DECREASED SHARPLY FROM 4,400 PASSENGERS PER DAY IN 1987 TO 700 PASSENGERS PER DAY IN APRIL-MAY THIS YEAR.

THE PROPOSED SERVICE WITHDRAWAL IS PART OF HYF'S OVERALL PLAN TO RATIONALISE ITS SERVICE. SUCH RATIONALISATION SHOULD REDUCE UPWARD PRESSURE ON FARES AND RESULT IN A HEALTHIER AND MORE EFFICIENT FERRY SERVICE.

THE TAC WAS ALSO INFORMED OF HYF'S PROPOSAL TO OPERATE A RECREATIONAL SERVICE TO CHEUNG CHAU FROM THE KOWLOON POINT FERRY PIER AT WEEKENDS AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM AUGUST 1.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE DEMAND FOR EXISTING CHEUNG CHAU - CENTRAL FERRY SERVICE DURING WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS HAD INCREASED BY MORE THAN 50 PER CENT FROM 1983 TO THIS YEAR. HYF'S PROPOSAL WOULD HELP TO RELIEVE EXCESSIVE CONGESTION AT THE OUTLYING DISTRICTS SERVICES FERRY PIER IN CENTRAL.

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THE SCHEDULES OF THE KOWLOON POINT TO MUI WO SERVICE WILL BE ADJUSTED TO INCORPORATE THE CHEUNG CHAU SAILINGS SO AS TO KEEP THE OPERATION OF OUTLYING DISTRICTS SERVICES FROM KOWLOON POINT AT HOURLY INTERVALS.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE AIMS OF THE METROPLAN.

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LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME MAKES GAINS

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HONG KONG SHOULD BUILD UP A WELL RESPECTED LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY SO THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF TEST RESULTS BY CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES IN THE TERRITORY CAN BE ENHANCED, THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS), DR L.H. NG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ADDRESSING MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES, DR NG EXPLAINED THAT HOKLAS WAS LAUNCHED IN 1985 AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDUSTRY.

IN THE THREE YEARS SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION, THE SCHEME HAD PROGRESSED FROM ONE WHICH CATERED PRINCIPALLY FOR THE TESTING OF EXPORT PRODUCTS TO ONE WHICH WAS BROADER-BASED, COVERING TESTING SERVICES PERFORMED FOR THE BENEFIT OF A WIDER RANGE OF HONG KONG INTERESTS.

THE ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES WERE INITIALLY ORGANISED UNDER FOUR PRODUCT CATEGORIES - TEXTILES, TOYS, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND FOOD, IN ADDITION TO A COMMON SERVICE FOR LABORATORY TESTING CALIBRATION.

"IN 1987, THE SCHEME WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND, AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE TURNING OUR ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING," SHE SAID.

DR NG DESCRIBED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HOKLAS IN THE PAST THREE YEARS AS REMARKABLE AND SAID THAT THIS RESULTED FROM THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THE SCHEME GIVEN BY LABORATORY TESTING COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG.

SHE ALSO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING ENACTING LEGISLATION FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE AREAS CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND TOYS.

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"WHEN SUCH LEGISLATION IS ENACTED, HOKLAS ACCREDITED LABORATORIES WILL NO DOUBT HAVE A GREATER ROLE TO PLAY IN THE TESTING OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS," SHE SAID.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT, DR NG SAID THAT EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO ESTABLISH BILATERAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENTS WITH MAJOR OVERSEAS SCHEMES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF HONG KONG'S TRADING PARTNERS.

IN CONCLUSION, SHE SAID THAT AS THE SCHEME BECAME FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND THE BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION MORE WIDELY APPRECIATED, INTEREST IN LABORATORY ACCREDITATION WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW.

"THE SCOPE OF THE SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED TO EMBRACE OTHER AREAS AS THE NEED ARISES.

"THUS, IN ADDITION TO THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED COMMODITY GROUPS, THERE MAY BE A NEED TO CONSIDER CATERING FOR ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE TESTING OF PLASTICS, METALS, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND OPTICAL GOODS AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER MANUFACTURING SECTORS," SHE ADDED.

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URBAN COUNCIL GETS CREDIT FOR SCIENCE MUSEUM PROJECT

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THE URBAN COUNCIL WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) PRAISED FOR ITS "DYNAMISM" WHICH HAS MADE POSSIBLE THE BUILDING OF HONG KONG'S WORLD-CLASS MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

SPEAKING AT A CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY FOR WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE MUSEUM TO START NEXT MONTH, THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI, SAID: "I THINK POSTERITY, AND CERTAINLY I AS A CITIZEN WHO HAPPENS TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROJECT, WILL BEAR OUT THAT IT IS ENTIRELY DUE TO THE CREDIT AND DYNAMISM OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WHICH HAVE MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE."

IN THANKING MR LEI, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, SAID THE COUNCIL WAS PLEASED THAT THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS CONCERNED "WILL ENSURE THE SUPERSTRUCTURE IS COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1990, TO HAVE IT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON THE FIRST OF AUGUST OF THAT YEAR. A VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE."

MR FORSGATE SAID THE EXHIBITS AND FACILITIES IN THE MUSEUM WOULD HELP PEOPLE KEEP ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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THIS URBAN COUNCIL PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$322.5 MILLION, OF WHICH \$195.5 MILLION IS FOR PILING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE AND ABOUT \$127 MILLION FOR EXHIBITS.

VISITORS TO THE FOUR-STOREY BUILDING WILL BE ABLE TO TOUCH AND OPERATE MOST OF THE EXHIBITS - ABOUT HALF OF WHICH WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE BEST MUSEUMS AROUND THE WORLD AND THE OTHER HALF "ORIGINAL DESIGNS" CREATED JOINTLY BY LOCAL AND OVERSEAS TALENTS.

EMPHASIS WILL BE MADE ON SELECTING EXHIBITS WHICH SHOW INTERESTING SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES AND PHENOMENA, IN PARTICULAR TO BRING OUT THE MODERN TECHNOLOGY USED IN HONG KONG AS SEEN AGAINST CHINA'S TECHNOLOGICAL HERITAGE.

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WAYS TO IMPROVE NON-TUNNEL TRAFFIC IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO IMPROVE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON VICTORIA PARK ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM SATURDAY (JULY 23), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SCHEME WILL ALLEVIATE THE CHAOTIC TRAFFIC PREVAILING ON THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LANES OF GLOUCESTER ROAD OUTSIDE EXCELSIOR HOTEL AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THE CHAOTIC TRAFFIC SITUATION IS MAINLY DUE TO THE KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC MAKING USE OF THE HAPPY VALLEY LANE TO JUMP THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL QUEUES, THUS BLOCKING THE NON-TUNNEL TRAFFIC, HE EXPLAINED.

"THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO AVOID SUCH BLOCKAGE BY USING ROAD MARKINGS TO SEPARATE THE KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC AND THE HAPPY VALLEY-BOUND TRAFFIC," HE ADDED.

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THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * A SOLID-CUM-BROKEN WHITE LINE WILL BE DESIGNATED ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD SO THAT HAPPY VALLEY-BOUND TRAFFIC CANNOT CUT ACROSS TO THE KOWLOON-BOUND LANE.

THE ROAD MARKING ON VICTORIA PARK ROAD BETWEEN HING FAT STREET AND THE PETROL STATION OUTSIDE EXCELSIOR HOTEL WILL BE IN PLACE ON JULY 23 WHILE THE ONE ON GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN EXCELSIOR HOTEL AND ITS JUNCTION WITH PERCIVAL STREET WILL BE COMPLETED ON JULY 24.

- * A SHORT-SECTION OF BUS-ONLY LANE WILL BE DESIGNATED ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND NEAR PERCIVAL STREET TO FACILITATE ACCESS OF BUSES TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND CENTRAL.
- * THE JUNCTION OF GLOUCESTER ROAD WITH PERCIVAL STREET WILL BE MODIFIED SO THAT VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON THE GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD HEADING FOR HAPPY VALLEY, WAN CHAI AND CENTRAL CAN CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEYS ON THIS SERVICE ROAD OR TURN TO PERCIVAL STREET.
- * THE LAYOUT OF THE EXISTING BUS BAY OUTSIDE EXCELSIOR HOTEL WILL BE MODIFIED TO FACILITATE BUS OPERATIONS.
- * AS VEHICLES CAN NO LONGER JUMP THE TUNNEL QUEUE VIA THE GATE NEXT TO THE BUS BAY, THE GATE WILL BE CLOSED SO THAT VEHICLES WILL NOT CUT ACROSS THE BUSES LEAVING THE BUS BAY.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED MOTORISTS TO WATCH OUT FOR THE NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AREA.

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RENT FOR 57 POST-1973 ESTATES TO BE REVISED IN SEPTEMBER
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DOMESTIC RENT FOR 57 POST-1973 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL BE REVISED FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A HOUSING SPOKESMAN SAID THE REVISION WILL AFFECT 158,069 FLATS, MOST OF WHICH HAD THEIR RENTS REVIEWED IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

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"IN REVISING RENTS, THE AUTHORITY HAS TAKEN TENANTS' AFFORDABILITY INTO CONSIDERATION, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE 15 PER CENT MEDIAN RENT/INCOME RATIO AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DOMESTIC RENT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"AFTER THE REVISION, THE INCREASE FOR 99 PER CENT OF THESE TENANTS WILL RANGE FROM \$14 TO \$125 A MONTH, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF THREE TO 18 PER CENT OF THEIR EXISTING RENTS.

"THE NEW AVERAGE RENTS ARE ESTIMATED TO REPRESENT ONLY 10.3 PER CENT OF THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF THE TENANTS CONCERNED, AND WILL REMAIN CONSIDERABLY BELOW RENT LEVELS PAYABLE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR."

NEW INCLUSIVE RENT LEVELS WILL REMAIN REASONABLE AT \$12.58 TO \$22.80 A SQUARE METRE, COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT \$10.50 TO \$21.24 A SQUARE METRE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE LAST RENT REVIEW, RATES HAVE BEEN INCREASED ON AN AVERAGE OF 14.3 PER CENT FOLLOWING THE PHASING OUT OF THE RATES RELIEF SCHEME IN APRIL 1987 AND THE GENERAL REVALUATION OF ALL DOMESTIC PROPERTIES IN THE TERRITORY IN APRIL 1988.

THE TOTAL ADDITIONAL RATES OF THIS PARTICULAR GROUP OF ESTATES PAYABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT BETWEEN APRIL 1987 AND AUGUST 1988 WILL AMOUNT TO \$30.5 MILLION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OTHER FACTORS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE BIENNIAL RENT REVIEW INCLUDED ESTATE VALUE AND RATE OF INFLATION.

"THE ESTATES ARE AMONG THE NEWEST OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES, AND ARE PROVIDED WITH MODERN FACILITIES AND SERVED BY A WIDE RANGE OF COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMPARABLE TO THE LATEST ESTATES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RATE OF INFLATION DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS HAS RISEN BY 10.5 PER CENT AND THE EXISTING RENT LEVELS OF THESE ESTATES REPRESENT ONLY 17 TO 38 PER CENT OF THE ASSESSED CURRENT MARKET VALUE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TENANTS WILL BE INFORMED TODAY OF THE NEW RENTS AND RATES TOGETHER WITH AN EXPLANATORY NOTE.

HE ADDED THAT TENANTS WITH FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY MAY APPLY FOR TRANSFER TO CHEAPER FLATS. ESTATE STAFF WILL ALSO REFER THEIR CASES TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF 57 POST-1973 HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES:

AP LEI CHAU	OI MAN
BUTTERFLY	ON TING
CHAK ON	PAK TIN
CHEUNG CHING	POK HONG
CHEUNG HONG	SAM SHING
CHEUNG KWAI	SHA KOK
CHEUNG WAH	SHAN KING
CHOI WAN	SHEK KIP MEI
CHOI YUEN	SHEK LEI (I)
CHUK YUEN (SOUTH)	SHEK WAI KOK
CHUN SHEK	SHUI PIN WAI
FU SHIN	SHUN LEE
HIN KENG	SHUN ON
HING WAH (II)	SHUN TIN
HUNG HOM	SUN CHUI
JORDAN VALLEY	SUN TIN WAI
KAI YIP	TAI HANG TUNG
KWAI SHING (WEST)	TAI HING
KWONG FUK	TAI WO HAU CON.
LAI KING	TAI YUEN
LAI YIU	TUNG TAU (I)
LEI MUK SHUE	TUNG TAU (II)
LEK YUEN	WANG TAU HOM (II)
LOK FU	WO CHE
LUNG HANG	WONG TAI SIN, LOWER (I)
MEI LAM	WONG TAI SIN, LOWER (II)
MEI TUNG	WU KING
NAM SHAN	YAU OI
	YUE WAN

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PEDESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME STARTS

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NEGLIGENCE AND MALPRACTICE OF PEDESTRIANS IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

IN THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 1,846 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, OF WHICH 801 CASES RESULTED IN DEATHS AND INJURIES OF PEDESTRIANS. AND 66.4 PER CENT OF THE CASUALTIES WERE CAUSED BY NOTHING OTHER THAN NEGLIGENCE OF THE PEDESTRIANS THEMSELVES.

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THESE FIGURES WERE REVEALED BY THE ACTING POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER OF HONG KONG ISLAND, MR WONG TSAN-KWONG, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PEDESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

MR WONG SAID THE FIGURE FOR THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 6.4 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

HE POINTED OUT THAT JAYWALKING WAS STILL A PRIMARY FACTOR OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE PEDESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME WAS ORGANISED TO REMIND PEDESTRIANS TO OBSERVE THE ROAD SAFETY CODES WHEN CROSSING THE ROADS.

DURING THE TWO-DAY CAMPAIGN PERIOD (JULY 19 AND 20), MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS WILL, UNDER POLICE GUIDANCE, BE DEPLOYED AT SEVEN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT BLACK SPOTS IN EASTERN, WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS TO DISTRIBUTE A LEAFLET TO PEDESTRIANS, IN PARTICULAR JAYWALKERS.

THE LEAFLET CONTAINS ADVICE ON ROAD SAFETY AND FEATURES SIX COMMON PEDESTRIAN IRREGULARITIES.

- (A) USING THE ROAD NEGLIGENTLY TO ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF OTHER PEOPLE;
- (B) CROSSING WITHIN A ZEBRA CONTROLLED AREA WITHOUT MAKING USE OF THE ZEBRA CROSSING;
- (C) CROSSING WITHIN 15 METRES OF A LIGHT SIGNAL CROSSING WITHOUT OBSERVING THE LIGHT SIGNAL INSTRUCTION;
- (D) CROSSING WITHIN 15 METRES OF A FOOTBRIDGE OR A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY WITHOUT USING THE FACILITIES;
- (E) CLIMBING OVER/THROUGH A ROAD FENCE OR A CENTRAL RESERVATION ONTO A CARRIAGEWAY; AND
- (F) OVERSTAYING ON A CROSSING FACILITY.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE TRAFFIC HONG KONG ISLAND OF THE POLICE, IT IS THE FIFTH TIME THE EDUCATION PROGRAMME IS HELD. MORE THAN 20,000 PEDESTRIAN OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN EXHORTED IN THE PREVIOUS EXERCISES SINCE 1985.

EMPLOYERS URGED TO MAKE TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS

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EMPLOYERS ARE TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED TO MAKE PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES ON WORKING ARRANGEMENTS DURING TYPHOON.

SUCH AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE RULES FOR REPORTING TO WORK AND RELEASING EMPLOYEES FROM WORK, AND THE METHOD OF CALCULATING WAGES UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID ALTHOUGH THE LAW DID NOT LAY DOWN ANY PARTICULAR PROVISIONS, IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR AGREEMENTS TO BE REACHED.

HE SAID EMPLOYERS SHOULD GIVE PRIOR CONSIDERATION TO THEIR WORKERS' SAFETY, BOTH AT THE WORKPLACE AND WHILE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM HOME DURING A TYPHOON.

"NORMALLY, EMPLOYERS SHOULD NOT REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO REPORT FOR DUTY OR TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR WORK WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NO. 8 OR A HIGHER SIGNAL IS HOISTED, OR WHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS ABOUT TO STOP," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT APPLY TO THOSE WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL OR EMERGENCY DUTIES DURING A TYPHOON."

EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN DRAFTING OR PREPARING TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS CAN APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE FOR ADVICE.

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YUEN LONG DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EDUCATION REPORT

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S NO. 3 REPORT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING A SCHEME UNDER WHICH ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT CAN ENJOY PREFERENTIAL SERVICES IN SUCH AREAS AS MEDICAL CARE, TRANSPORT AND SHOPPING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC WATER PIPES AND THE ASSOCIATED WATER WASTAGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL START AT 3 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE SETTLED BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR 1988-89 AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PROGRAMME, PREPARED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL FORM THE BASIC GUIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUS SERVICES IN THE NORTH DISTRICT IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON A PROPOSAL TO SCRAP THE CURRENT REQUIREMENT OF PROVIDING TWO PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE ISSUE AND RENEWAL OF A DRIVING LICENCE.

THE RESULTS OF A REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BLACK SPOTS IDENTIFIED IN THE DISTRICT LAST YEAR WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR ALLOTMENT OF PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG SHUI FOR THE DISABLED, AS WELL AS A SUGGESTION TO PROVIDE A LOADING AND UNLOADING BAY ALONG LUNG SUM AVENUE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE RELOCATION OF A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN TSUN FU STREET, SHEUNG SHUI; PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 53K; AND IMPROVEMENT TO THE JUNCTION OF PO SHEK WU ROAD AND CHOI YUEN ROAD, AND TO A FOOTBRIDGE LINKING SHEK WU HUI AND CHOI YUEN ESTATE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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KCR SERVICES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS MEASURES TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS, AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE AND THE KCRC WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO ANSWER MEMBERS' QUERIES.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE THE PROVISION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE SEAFRONT OFF MA TAU KOK ROAD, IMPROVEMENT WORK TO THE RAILINGS AND FOOTSTEPS AT VALLEY ROAD AND REPAIRS TO THE SITTING-OUT AREA AT HO KAR YUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

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NEW SITTING-OUT AREA AT KORNHILL

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RESIDENTS IN QUARRY BAY WILL HAVE A NEW PLACE FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES WHEN THE SITTING-OUT AREA, LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF HONG YUE STREET AND HONG ON STREET IN KORNHILL, OPENS ON SATURDAY (JULY 23).

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SITTING-OUT AREA, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$196,000, WAS FUNDED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SITTING-OUT AREA, WHICH HAS A CHINESE PAVILION, SOME FLOWER-BEDS AND BENCHES, WILL PROVIDE A GOOD RECREATIONAL VENUE FOR NEARBY RESIDENTS.

IN SUPPORT OF THE 1988 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED), PLANTING ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT THE SITTING-OUT AREA AFTER ITS OFFICIAL OPENING AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE WED WORKING GROUP OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR WAN SHEK-LUN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS BETTY YEUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KORNHILL SITTING-OUT AREA AND WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY PLANTING ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAY (JULY 23) AT THE JUNCTION OF HONG ON STREET AND HONG YUE STREET NEAR SAI WAN TERRACE, QUARRY BAY. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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SAFETY GLASS MANUFACTURER SETS UP PLANT IN HONG KONG

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HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES WILL BE MUCH BENEFITTED FROM THE PRESENCE OF HONG KONG TOUGH GLASS LIMITED AS A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF TOUGHENED GLASS, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR C.L. CHU, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR CHIU WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS MANUFACTURING PLANT IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WOULD BE A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG. HE ANALYSED THE MARKET SITUATION TO GUESTS WHEN SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF HONG KONG TOUGH GLASS LIMITED.

HE SAID HONG KONG DEPENDED ON OVERSEAS SUPPLIERS FOR TOUGHENED GLASS AND THE AMOUNT OF IMPORTS HAD DOUBLED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS.

"TOUGHENED GLASS IS OFTEN SPECIFIED WHERE THE SITUATION DEMANDS STRENGTH, SAFETY AND RESISTANCE TO HIGH TEMPERATURE CHANGES.

"ITS SAFETY PROPERTIES INCLUDE THAT IT IS UP TO FIVE TIMES STRONGER UNDER LOAD, THAN ORDINARY GLASS; AND IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF IT BEING BROKEN, FRAGMENTS ARE SMALL, HAVE BLUNT EDGES AND ARE RELATIVELY HARMLESS.

"IT IS THEREFORE THAT THERE IS A GROWING PREFERENCE FOR TOUGHENED GLASS," MR CHU EXPLAINED.

HE CONGRATULATED TOKYO TEMPERED GLASS, THE PARENT COMPANY OF HONG KONG TOUGH GLASS, ON THIS SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF THEIR PRESENCE INTO HONG KONG.

"YOU ARE OPENING FOR BUSINESS AT AN AUSPICIOUS TIME PARTLY BECAUSE THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHICH YOU SERVE IS IN A PERIOD OF HIGH ACTIVITY AND PARTLY BECAUSE THE DEMAND FOR YOUR PRODUCT IS STEADILY GROWING," HE SAID.

MR CHU ADDED THAT THIS LOCAL PLANT OF TOKYO TEMPERED GLASS WAS SET UP THROUGH THE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IN TOKYO. THE FIRST CONTACT WAS MADE IN MARCH 1985.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON LAM HON-WING ON FEBRUARY 10, 1987 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF 30 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

LAM WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF KWOK YEE-MAN.

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WATER CUTS IN TO KWA WAN, NGAU TAU KOK, HUNG HOM

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TO KWA WAN AND NGAU TAU KOK AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO HUNG HOM WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR WATER WORKS LATER THIS WEEK.

THE SUSPENSION IN TO KWA WAN WILL BE FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 21) TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 22).

THE WATER CUT WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY LOK SHAN ROAD, TO KWA WAN ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND THE SEAFRONT.

THE SUSPENSION IN NGAU TAU KOK WILL BE FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 21) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOING DAY.

AFFECTED WILL BE NOS. 7, 15, 33 AND 55 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD; BLOCKS A TO G, AMOY GARDENS AND BLOCKS 8 TO 14 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

IN ADDITION, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE OF HUNG HOM DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 4 PM ON FRIDAY (JULY 22) TO 10 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS ON TSING FUNG STREET, NORTH POINT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TSING FUNG STREET IN NORTH POINT WILL BECOME 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 22):

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TSING FUNG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 14 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE LAY-BY ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TSING FUNG STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 14 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION OF TSING FUNG STREET WITH KING'S ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 78 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

THIS MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT 10 WEEKS FOR ROADWORKS.

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