



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 842 8777

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

CONTENTS

PAGE NO.

TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS DECLINE BY ONE PER CENT	1
DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION DESIRABLE: SHA	2
STUDENTS URGED TO SPREAD CONSERVATION MESSAGE	4
CHILD SPONSORSHIP SCHEME PRAISED	5
MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROMOTION IN KWUN TONG	5
SURVEY OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS STRUCTURE COMPLETED	6
EMPLOYMENT PERIOD OF WOMEN MUST BE SPECIFIED	7
DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	8
DREDGING OF TUEN MUN RIVER	8
SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION	9
TAXI URBAN CLEARWAY IN TSIM SHA TSUI	10
TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI	10

TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS DECLINE BY ONE PER CENT

* * * * *

DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 2,108 COMPLAINTS, A DROP OF ONE PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TCU SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE COMPLAINTS WERE RELATED MAINLY TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT.

AS REGARDS THE ADEQUACY OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, HE SAID, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 148 COMPLAINTS COVERING HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, THERE WAS A RISE OF 21 CASES OR 17 PER CENT.

ON THE STANDARD OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 353 COMPLAINTS, AN INCREASE OF FIVE PER CENT COMPARED WITH 337 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE COMPLAINTS WERE INDIVIDUALLY TAKEN UP WITH THE BUS COMPANIES CONCERNED.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI SERVICE DECLINED BY EIGHT PER CENT FROM 363 CASES TO 333 CASES.

THE NUMBERS OF COMPLAINTS RELATED TO RAIL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND FERRY SERVICES DROPPED FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER'S 68 CASES TO 66 CASES AND FROM 25 CASES TO 21 CASES, RESPECTIVELY.

THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDED INADEQUATE FREQUENCY, REGULARITY OF SERVICE, AND PASSENGER SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION DROPPED BY SIX PER CENT TO 199 CASES -- 74 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 52 IN KOWLOON, 71 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TWO IN TUNNELS OR OTHER AREAS.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION AND ROAD WORKS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES DROPPED FROM 205 CASES TO 183, A DECLINE OF 11 PER CENT.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN INCLUDED PHASING OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC LANE ARRANGEMENT, AND ADDITION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND AIDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT FROM 186 CASES TO 163 CASES.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACES, FAULTY TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS OR AIDS.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES STOOD AT 329 -- A DECLINE OF 29 CASES OR EIGHT PER CENT ON THE NUMBER RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE WERE RELATED MAINLY TO REQUESTS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING AND MOTORISTS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

- 2 -

DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION DESIRABLE: SHA

* * * * *

IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR LEGISLATION ON COMPUTER DATA PROTECTION TO BE INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A JOINT LUNCH MEETING OF LIONS CLUBS OF DISTRICT 303, MR TSAO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD COME TO THIS CONCLUSION AFTER STUDYING SIMILAR LEGISLATION AND EXPERIENCE OF SOME SELECTED COUNTRIES.

MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT THE INCREASING USE OF COMPUTERS TO STORE, RETRIEVE AND PROCESS INFORMATION HAD, FROM TIME TO TIME, GIVEN RISE TO CALLS FOR SOME PROTECTION ON THE DATA KEPT IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS.

HE DEFINED DATA PROTECTION AS "THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS, FREEDOM AND ESSENTIAL INTERESTS OF PERSONS VIS-A-VIS THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THEM, PARTICULARLY WHEN COMPUTERS AID IN THE PROCEDURE".

SOME COUNTRIES, HE ADDED, HAD INTRODUCED REGULATORY MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE RIGHTS AND PRIVACY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

IN SOME CASES, THE MEASURES INCLUDED RESTRICTIONS ON "TRANSBORDER DATA FLOWS" WITH LEGISLATION WHICH MIGHT PROHIBIT ORGANISATIONS FROM TRANSFERRING COMPUTER-BASED PERSONAL DATA TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NOT ENACTED DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONCLUDED THAT DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR TWO MAJOR REASONS, NAMELY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS, FREEDOM AND ESSENTIAL INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUALS AS DATA SUBJECTS; AND TO REMOVE ANY RISK OF HONG KONG BEING DENIED "TRANSBORDER DATA FLOWS" SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDISE HONG KONG'S POSITION AS AN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE, HE NOTED.

MR TSAO SAID THE GOVERNMENT SET UP A WORKING GROUP IN JULY 1988 TO EXAMINE THE DATA PROTECTION LAWS AND EXPERIENCE OF SOME SELECTED COUNTRIES, AND ON THE BASIS OF THE STUDY, FURTHER TO EXAMINE THE DIRECTION TO BE TAKEN IN DRAFTING HONG KONG'S LEGISLATION.

"SO FAR THE WORKING GROUP HAS COMPLETED ITS STUDIES OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF DELIBERATING THE BASIC FEATURES WHICH HONG KONG'S LEGISLATION WOULD ENSHRINE," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION NORMALLY INVOLVED A LENGTHY AND COMPLEX PROCESS OF DELIBERATION, MR TSAO SAID DIFFERENT COUNTRIES HAD ADOPTED DIFFERENT APPROACHES.

/"AS FAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

- 3 -

"AS FAR AS HONG KONG IS CONCERNED, WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONSCIOUS OF THE REQUIREMENT TO BALANCE, ON THE ONE HAND, THE NEED OF DATA USERS TO ENJOY A FREE FLOW OF THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONDUCT OF THEIR BUSINESS AND, ON THE OTHER, THE RIGHTS OF THOSE PEOPLE ABOUT WHOM SUCH DATA ARE COLLECTED TO ENJOY A PROPER DEGREE OF PROTECTION AND PRIVACY.

"OUR AIM IS TO DEVISE LEGISLATION WITH MINIMUM COMPLEXITY AND WITH NO GREATER BURDEN ON OUR RESOURCES THAN IS NECESSARY AND WHICH WILL NONETHELESS BALANCE THE INTERESTS OF THE DATA USER, THE DATA SUBJECT AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE," HE SAID.

MR TSAO SAID THAT AT PRESENT THE GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL VIEW WAS THAT DATA PROTECTION FOR HONG KONG SHOULD COVER COMPUTERISED RECORDS AND APPLY MAINLY TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

ITS APPLICATION TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON, AND LIMITED TO, REGULATING DATA USERS WHO HELD DATA IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR DATA SUBJECTS TO BE PROTECTED AND WHO HAD THE CAPACITY TO COPE WITH THE REGULATORY PROVISIONS.

"WE MAY HAVE TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITY IN HONG KONG AND TO DEVISE PROVISIONS TO REGULATE CERTAIN TRANSBORDER FLOWS OF DATA," HE NOTED.

EARLIER, MR TSAO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ISSUED A SET OF DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES BOTH TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTORS.

ONE PRINCIPLE STIPULATED THAT PERSONAL DATA SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH HAD BEEN SPECIFIED, EXCEPT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE DATA SUBJECT OR BY THE AUTHORITY OF LAW.

ANOTHER PRINCIPLE STATED THAT AT REASONABLE INTERVALS AND WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY OR EXPENSE, A PERSON SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF WHETHER OR NOT HIS DATA WERE HELD, TO HAVE ACCESS TO SUCH DATA AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO HAVE SUCH DATA CORRECTED OR ERASED.

"THE PROPER OBSERVANCE OF SUCH PRINCIPLES WILL HELP AVOID THE MISUSE OF PERSONAL DATA OR ERRONEOUS ENTRIES," MR TSAO SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/4

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

- 4 -

STUDENTS URGED TO SPREAD CONSERVATION MESSAGE

* * * * *

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IS AS IMPORTANT AS THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE SOUVENIR PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) 1990 COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME AT THE HOK TAU MANAGEMENT CENTRE OF THE PAT SIN LENG COUNTRY PARK.

HE COMMENDED THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AND URGED THEM TO HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TO THEIR SCHOOL MATES, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT THE COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AMONG STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTARY WORK IN COUNTRY PARKS.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE FIVE CYC REGIONS EACH ADOPTS A COUNTRY PARK AND ORGANISES STUDENTS FROM THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS INTO SERVICE GROUPS OF 20 TO 40 STUDENTS TO CARRY OUT VOLUNTARY SERVICES SUCH AS LITTER COLLECTION, GRASS CUTTING, TREE TENDING, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND TREE PLANTING.

IN ADDITION, THE PARTICIPANTS ALSO PATROL THE POPULAR RECREATIONAL SITES ON HOLIDAYS TO URGE THE PUBLIC TO KEEP THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND PREVENT HILL FIRES.

DR LEE NOTED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME WAS ALSO DUE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE FOUNDER OF THE LAW'S FOUNDATION TRUST, MR LAW TING-PONG, THE 19 REGIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE CYC AND THE PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, NOTED THAT SOME 2,800 PARTICIPANTS FROM 10 SCHOOLS HAD JOINED THE SCHEME THIS YEAR.

HE HOPED THAT THE SCHEME COULD BE EXTENDED NEXT YEAR TO INCLUDE ALL THE PARTICIPATING SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF THE CYC SO THAT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN THIS MEANINGFUL SCHEME.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

- 5 -

CHILD SPONSORSHIP SCHEME PRAISED

* * * * *

A CHILD SPONSORSHIP SCHEME BEING RUN BY A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION HELPED TO GIVE THE SPONSORED CHILDREN A SENSE OF LOVE AND AFFECTION THAT WAS SO IMPORTANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVERY CHILD, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE PO LEUNG KUK SPONSORS' DAY AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, MR CARTLAND NOTED THAT THE SCHEME ALSO GAVE THE CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AND WIDEN RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

WHILE SAYING THAT CHILD CARE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN HAD ALWAYS COMMANDED A HIGH PRIORITY IN OUR COMMUNITY, HE ADDED THAT THE SCHEME NOT ONLY BROUGHT HAPPINESS TO THE CHILDREN IN CARE, BUT ALSO HELPED TO PREPARE THE CHILDREN FOR THEIR EVENTUAL REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.

IN CONCLUSION, MR CARTLAND EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY, AS WELL AS THEIR CONCERN FOR THE CHILDREN.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROMOTION IN KWUN TONG

* * * * *

A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES AIMED AT PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF MENTAL ILLNESS AMONG SECONDARY STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN KWUN TONG WILL BE ORGANISED LATER THIS YEAR.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR LOK MAN-PAN, AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION HELD AT A TSIM SHA TSUI HOTEL.

THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED EARLY THIS YEAR.

ITS MEMBERS ARE REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, AS WELL AS OFFICERS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

MR LOK SAID: "WE CHOSE STUDENTS AS OUR TARGET GROUP BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO FACE PRESSURES FROM SCHOOL AND OPEN EXAMINATIONS AS WELL AS A CHANGING SOCIETY.

/"WE HOPE

"WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THESE PROGRAMMES THEY COULD OBTAIN ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECT PERCEPTION OF LIFE IN MEETING THE FUTURE CHALLENGE AND BECOMING A CITIZEN WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND CIVIC-MINDEDNESS."

AT THE SEMINAR, A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, A PSYCHIATRIST AND A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER GAVE TALKS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS TO MORE THAN 130 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND YOUTH WORKERS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SURVEY OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS STRUCTURE COMPLETED
* * * * *

THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED AN INSPECTION SURVEY OF ALL PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE URBAN AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE BUILT-UP AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SURVEY HAS IDENTIFIED 210 BUILDINGS AS BEING IN A DANGEROUS STRUCTURAL CONDITION REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION.

OF THESE, A TOTAL OF SEVEN HAVE ALREADY BEEN CLOSED UNDER COURT ORDERS AND DEMOLITION ORDERS SERVED AGAINST THEM.

ANOTHER 16,700 BUILDINGS WERE FOUND TO BE IN A SUSPECT STRUCTURAL CONDITION, NECESSITATING A MORE IN-DEPTH SURVEY TO ASCERTAIN THE EXTENT OF DETERIORATION.

UNDER THE SURVEY, WHICH TOOK MORE THAN EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE, A TOTAL OF 55,500 BUILDINGS WERE INSPECTED.

THE REMAINING 38,600 BUILDINGS WERE CONSIDERED TO BE IN A REASONABLE CONDITION AND UNLIKELY TO REQUIRE ANY MAJOR REPAIRS WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID THE COMPLETION OF THIS PRELIMINARY EXTERNAL INSPECTION REPRESENTED ONLY THE FIRST PHASE OF THE EXERCISE.

IT WAS NECESSARY IN A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO FOLLOW UP AND INVESTIGATE ALL THOSE BUILDINGS FOUND TO BE IN A SUSPECT CONDITION.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

DETAILS OF THE INSPECTION SURVEY WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR TONY SAMSON, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (JUNE 11) AT ROOM 1119, 11TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

- 7 -

EMPLOYMENT PERIOD OF WOMEN MUST BE SPECIFIED

* * * * *

EMPLOYERS ARE TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO FIX AND SET OUT IN A NOTICE THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT AND REST INTERVALS OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS THEY EMPLOY.

IN A RECENT COURT CASE, YAMADA ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING (HK) CO. LTD IN WONG CHUK HANG WAS FINED \$5,000 BY A CENTRAL MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT.

SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTION), MR TSANG KIN-WOO, SAID THE COMPANY WAS FOUND DURING A VISIT BY LABOUR INSPECTORS TO HAVE FAILED TO PUT UP A NOTICE SETTING OUT THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT AND BREAKS FOR ITS 49 WOMEN EMPLOYEES.

MR TSANG EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, AN EMPLOYER MUST FIX THE PERMISSIBLE HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT, THE INTERVALS FOR MEALS OR REST AND THE ARRANGEMENT OF REST DAYS FOR WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS EMPLOYED IN AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING.

"THIS INFORMATION SHOULD ALSO BE SET OUT IN A PRESCRIBED FORM AND DISPLAYED CONSPICUOUSLY IN THE WORKPLACE," HE ADDED.

ANY EMPLOYER FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT WILL COMMIT AN OFFENCE AND BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

MR TSANG ALSO REMINDED EMPLOYERS OF THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPENSATING THEIR EMPLOYEES IN CASE OF INJURY AT WORK.

HE WAS REFERRING TO ANOTHER COURT CASE IN WHICH THE PROPRIETOR OF KIU YUEN HAIR SALOON IN TUEN MUN, CHAN HAU-WAH, WAS FINED \$2,500 BY A TUEN MUN MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO TAKE OUT AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR HER TWO EMPLOYEES.

UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, ALL EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES TO COVER THEIR FULL LIABILITIES TO COMPENSATE THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR INJURY OR DEATH AT WORK.

"THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT AN INJURED EMPLOYEE WILL OBTAIN COMPENSATION TO WHICH HE IS ENTITLED UNDER THE LAW," MR TSANG EXPLAINED.

"AN EMPLOYER WHO BREACHES THIS PROVISION IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT," HE WARNED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

- 8 -

DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
* * * * *

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL ON MONDAY (JUNE 11) CONSIDER ALLOCATING \$190,000 FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT FOUR LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO A PLAYGROUND IN TAI TAM TUK VILLAGE, BUILDING A RAIN SHELTER NEAR TIN WAN ESTATE AND RESURFACING A FOOTPATH IN HOK TSUI VILLAGE AND ANOTHER LINKING WONG MA KOK ROAD AND SUN PAT KAN.

THE FOUR PROJECTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (JUNE 11) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

----- 0 -----
DREDGING OF TUEN MUN RIVER
* * * * *

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE DREDGING OF TUEN MUN RIVER CHANNEL BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND WONG CHU ROAD.

SEDIMENT TO AN AVERAGE DEPTH OF 1.5 METRES WILL BE DREDGED FROM THE TUEN MUN RIVER CHANNEL TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY AND THE CHANNEL FLOW.

THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FOR THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON JUNE 22.

----- 0 -----

/9

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

- 9 -

SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION
* * * * *

FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$663,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER CR88 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$190,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER AB338 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$58,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR EF8990, EF8555, EE8358 AND EE3872.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

EE2888	\$ 20,000	EH323	\$ 14,000	EF388	\$ 25,000	EF6618	\$ 7,000
EF802	5,000	AU2829	13,000	EF1233	5,000	AW2112	7,000
DB319	4,000	EF3893	3,000	EF198	25,000	EE8038	5,000
EH4	12,000	EF238	23,000	AW222	45,000	EH747	5,000
EE9238	4,000	EE8088	9,000	EE6366	5,000	EF8990	1,000
EF189	6,000	2877	20,000	EF32	27,000	EF8555	1,000
1952	12,000	BB192	23,000	EE8898	15,000	CC350	6,000
EF618	6,000	EF3228	13,000	DH900	10,000	EE8358	1,000
EF3033	5,000	EE8003	6,000	EE9283	12,000	EE3872	1,000
AB338	58,000	CR88	190,000	EF832	7,000	EE9333	7,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 151ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$102,336,305.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/10

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

- 10 -

TAXI URBAN CLEARWAY IN TSIM SHA TSUI

* * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 11), THE SECTION OF CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH NORTHBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH OBSERVATORY ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, IN TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL BE DESIGNATED A TAXI URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ALL TAXIS, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

CONCURRENTLY, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY TAXI URBAN CLEARWAY DESIGNATED ON THE SECTION OF CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH NORTHBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES TO THE NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH OBSERVATORY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE CANCELLED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI

* * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 11), THE SECTION OF OBSERVATORY ROAD BETWEEN KIMBERLEY ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT KIMBERLEY ROAD.

MOTORISTS ON KIMBERLEY ROAD HEADING FOR CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH CAN TRAVEL VIA OBSERVATORY ROAD EASTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT OF ALL VEHICLES FROM AUSTIN ROAD WESTBOUND INTO KWUN CHUNG STREET WILL BE BANNED.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA AUSTIN ROAD EASTBOUND INTO KWUN CHUNG STREET.

- - - - 0 - - - -