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PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE STAFF SALARIES
IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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IN A MOVE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY PRIVATE SCHOOLS NOT IN RECEIPT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR SALARY SUPPLEMENTATION, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IS PROPOSING TO BETTER THE SALARY OF STAFF, FROM THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR IN SEPTEMBER.

HIS PROPOSAL, IF ACCEPTED BY SCHOOL OPERATORS, COULD MEAN AN INITIAL OUTLAY OF OVER \$3 MILLION BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE COMING YEAR.

DETAILS OF THE OFFER OUTLINED BY THE DIRECTOR, MR KENNETH TOPLEY, WERE WELCOMED BY MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATIONS ADVISORY BOARD AT A SPECIAL MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

THE OFFER WILL BE OPEN TO ALL PRIVATE SCHOOLS NOT ALREADY RECEIVING SALARY SUPPLEMENTATION. KINDERGARTENS ARE EXCLUDED BECAUSE THEY ARE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CONSIDERATION UNDER THE RECENT GREEN PAPER.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL, THE OPERATORS OF THESE SCHOOLS MAY, IF THEY WISH, APPLY TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE UP TO THREE PER CENT ON THE TUITION FEES APPROVED FOR 1980/81 UNDER THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.

+THIS THREE PER CENT WILL SOLELY BE FOR IMPROVING STAFF SALARIES WHICH IN TURN SHOULD SURELY RESULT IN A BETTER QUALITY OF SERVICE,+ MR TOPLEY SAID.

A CIRCULAR OUTLINING THE PROPOSAL WILL BE SENT TO SCHOOLS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND OPERATORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THEIR DECISIONS.

FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN ON FULL TUITION FEES IN THESE SCHOOLS, THE PROPOSAL WILL IN THE GENERALITY OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS COST THEM AN ESTIMATED EXTRA \$4 TO \$7 PER CHILD EACH MONTH.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSING CENTRE OPENS TODAY

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE ENQUIRIES CONCERNING TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSING CAN, AS FROM TODAY, VISIT THE NEWLY OPENED TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSING CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE NEW LICENSING CENTRE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, IS AIMED AT PROVIDING A BETTER AND MORE CONVENIENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID.

THE CENTRE IS MANNED BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSPECTORS AND SUPPORTING STAFF. THE SERVICE INCLUDES ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR AND RENEWAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENCES, TESTING, AND EVALUATION OF EQUIPMENT SUBMITTED FOR LICENSING. PAYMENTS FOR LICENCES ARE ALSO ACCEPTED AT THE COUNTER.

+PEOPLE ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING US THEIR TELECOMMUNICATION PROBLEMS, SUCH AS INTERFERENCE TO RADIO AND TELEVISION. OUR INSPECTORS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LICENSING CENTRE OPENS DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE, THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY IS EMPOWERED TO GRANT AND RENEW VARIOUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENCES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE TWO MOST COMMON TYPES OF LICENCES SOUGHT BY THE PUBLIC ARE MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM LICENCES AND MODEL CONTROL LICENCES.

AT THE END OF MAY THIS YEAR, 16 369 MOBILE RADIO STATION LICENCES AND 4 538 MODEL CONTROL LICENCES WERE IN FORCE.

MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM LICENCES ARE ONLY ISSUED TO REGISTERED COMMERCIAL UNDERTAKINGS OR ORGANISATIONS WITH GENUINE NEEDS AND THE USE OF THESE SYSTEMS IS STRICTLY CONTROLLED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR THERE WERE 25 CONVICTIONS FOR ILLEGAL RADIO OPERATION AND HE WARNED THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR SUCH AN OFFENCE IS FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT OR A FINE OF \$10 000.

RADIO-CONTROLLED MODELS ARE BECOMING POPULAR NOWADAYS. BUT, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, PEOPLE SHOULD REALISE THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO OPERATE THEM WITHOUT A LICENCE.

+APPLICATION FOR THIS TYPE OF LICENCE CAN BE CONVENIENTLY MADE AT THE NEW LICENSING CENTRE. THE ANNUAL FEE IS ONLY \$10,+ HE ADDED.

OTHER LICENCES HANDLED AT THE CENTRE INCLUDE THOSE FOR AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS, RADIO PAGING SYSTEMS, RADIO DEALERS AND PRIVATE TELEGRAPH TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION.

HOLIDAY REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT IF THEY HAD NOT ALREADY DESIGNATED A DATE FOR THE FLOATING HOLIDAY -- ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THEY SHOULD GIVE EMPLOYEES THE DAY OFF EITHER ON JULY 1 (THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JULY) OR AUGUST 4 (THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST) THIS YEAR.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE FLOATING HOLIDAY MUST BE DESIGNATED BY EMPLOYERS AND NOTIFIED TO EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BY THE END OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$3 500 A MONTH, WERE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAD WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARIED FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON THE HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY.

IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTERWARDS, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY CAN BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY, HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS CAN BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638- KOWLOON WEST 3-201652- KWUN TONG 3-898520- TSUEN WAN 12-422096- TUEN MUN 12-818443 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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ROOF STRUCTURES DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF OF NO 91-95 SHUNG YAN STREET, ALSO NUMBERED 19-21 SHUI WO STREET IN KWUN TONG LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES WHICH HAD BEEN ERECTED ON THE ROOF OF THIS BUILDING NOT ONLY LACK EMERGENCY FIRE ESCAPES FOR THEMSELVES BUT ALSO OBSTRUCT THE MEANS OF ESCAPE TO THE ROOF OF THE MAIN BUILDING, WITH THE RESULTING DANGER THAT OCCUPANTS COULD BE TRAPPED IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE OCCURRING ON THE LOWER FLOORS.

THE PUBLIC IS ALREADY AWARE OF CASES OF FIRES IN BUILDINGS WHERE THE OCCUPANTS HAVE ESCAPED TO THE ROOF AND HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN RESCUED FROM THE ROOF BY FIREMEN.

THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THIS AVENUE OF ESCAPE IN BUILDINGS WITH ONLY ONE STAIRCASE IS CLEARLY OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE, HE SAID.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON JULY 21, 1980 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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SAI KUNG RESIDENTS TO HAVE TEMPORARY TENNIS COURT
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A SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG HAS AGREED TO ITS SOCCER PITCH BEING CONVERTED INTO A TEMPORARY TENNIS COURT TO INCREASE THE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE SCHOOL, SUN LUEN, WILL MAKE THE PITCH AVAILABLE AFTER SCHOOL HOURS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS UNTIL PERMANENT TENNIS COURTS ARE CONSTRUCTED IN SAI KUNG.

THE PROJECT WAS AGREED AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH GRANTED \$25 000 FROM ITS MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS VOTE.

WORK ON CONVERTING THE PITCH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

OTHER PROJECTS AGREED BY THE BOARD INCLUDE CONSTRUCTING A SITTING-OUT AREA IN SUI BIN TSUEN AND A WELL ON A CAMPING SITE AT HAP MUN BAY.

ALSO, TREES AND GRASS WILL BE PLANTED ALONG THE WATERFRONT PARK, IN THE CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND IN THE TOWN CENTRE, AND ALONG SECTIONS OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND PO TUNG ROAD.

THESE PROJECTS, AMONG OTHERS, ARE TO COST A TOTAL OF \$200 000 WHICH IS 41 PER CENT OF THE \$486 000 ALLOCATED TO THE BOARD BY THE GOVERNMENT THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

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A FURTHER 33 PER CENT HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND THE REMAINDER FOR SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BEING ORGANISED BY THE BOARD INCLUDE THE SAI KUNG FESTIVAL, A CHESS COMPETITION, PERFORMANCES BY THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR PAINTING SESSIONS.

THE SAI KUNG FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR.

HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW, TO BE STAGED BY VARIOUS LOCAL DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, AND A CANTONESE OPERA.

JOINTLY WITH THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE BOARD WILL ORGANISE A SWIMMING GALA IN SEPTEMBER AND AN ATHLETICS MEET IN NOVEMBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID IT WAS INTENDED THAT THE BUSY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES WOULD HELP CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG SAI KUNG RESIDENTS.

THE BOARD, CONSISTING OF 14 UNOFFICIAL AND SIX OFFICIAL MEMBERS, WAS ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1977, TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT AND ON THE PROVISION AND USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES.

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SPEEDPOST TO WEST GERMANY

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES TODAY THAT ITS SPEEDPOST NETWORK WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FROM JULY 2, 1980.

THIS IS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD FOR THE SERVICE WHICH IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR FAST AND RELIABLE TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS DOCUMENTS.

PRE-DETERMINED FLIGHTS OUT OF HONG KONG ARE USED AND PACKAGES ARE SPECIALLY DELIVERED TO THE OVERSEAS ADDRESSES.

THE SERVICE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL BE AVAILABLE +ON CONTRACT+ ONLY. IT MAY BE USED FOR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS OF ALL KINDS, DOCUMENTS AND COMPUTER DATA WITHOUT COMMERCIAL VALUE.

ITEMS COLLECTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DESPATCHED BY AIR ON THE SAME EVENING AND DELIVERED, EXCEPT ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS, IN THE AFTERNOON OF THE FOLLOWING DAY AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CITIES: BREMEN, HAMBURG, BONN, STUTTGART, DUSSELDORF, HANOVER, MUNCHEN, BERLIN, FRANKFURT, KOLN, OR NURNBERG.

DELIVERY TO OTHER AREAS WILL BE MADE IN THE MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING WORKING DAY.

THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE AND THE CHARGES CAN CONTACT THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-2671222, OR THE POSTAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE ON 5-2671108.

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GUIDE TO SHIPMASTERS UPDATED
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AN UPDATED BILINGUAL EDITION OF THE SHIPMASTERS GUIDE HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS NOW ON SALE.

THE BOOKLET HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCORPORATE RELEVANT EXTRACTS OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) STANDARD MARINE VOCABULARY TO BE USED IN VHF RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

ALSO ADDED TO THE NEW EDITION IS A SECTION RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

THE PUBLICATION IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE MASTERS OF VESSELS CALLING AT HONG KONG WITH INFORMATION ON SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR LOCAL MARITIME CONCERN OR APPLICATION, AND INCLUDES ADVICE ON PROCEDURES TO BE ADOPTED DURING THE PASSAGE OF TROPICAL CYCLONES.

IT IS AVAILABLE AT \$7 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GPO BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND FROM THE ENQUIRY COUNTER OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST EARNED
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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 6-1/2 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPT FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY (JUNE 23).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS REPRESENTED A REDUCTION OF ONE PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT, AND FOLLOWED THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION ON SATURDAY THAT THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE REDUCED TO 6-1/2 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE REDUCED RATE OF EXEMPTION APPLIED TO INTEREST ON ALL TIME DEPOSITS PAID ON AND AFTER TODAY.

INTEREST AT A RATE ABOVE 6-1/2 PER CENT ON ANY SUCH TIME DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX, EVEN THOUGH THE RATE OF INTEREST MAY HAVE BEEN BELOW THE EXEMPTION CEILING IN FORCE AT THE TIME WHEN THE DEPOSIT WAS PLACED, HE SAID.

A NOTICE SIGNED BY THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY UNDER SECTION 28 (1) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

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REST GARDEN IN BROADCAST DRIVE

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REST GARDEN AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN BROADCAST DRIVE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THE GARDEN WOULD BE SITUATED ON A 4 785 SQUARE-METRE SITE UNDER THE WATERLOO ROAD/LUNG CHEUNG ROAD FLYOVER.

+THERE WILL BE A FOUNTAIN, A PAVILION AND SHELTERS, AND A PUBLIC TOILET WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND,+ HE SAID.

WORK WILL START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

NIGHT CLOSURE OF PEDDER STREET

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PEDDER STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (JUNE 25 AND 26) BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM.

A FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BUILT ACROSS THE STREET ON THESE TWO NIGHTS.

MOTORISTS MAY USE CHATER ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SAN PO KONG, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY AND KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 12 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 25) FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED INCLUDE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, SHUN LEE TSUEN, THOSE AT LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING AND CHOI WAN ESTATES, AND THOSE IN HIP WO STREET, HIU KWONG STREET, KUNG LOK ROAD, HONG NING ROAD, AND HONG LEE ROAD.

ON THURSDAY (JUNE 26), FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF WAN CHAI WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, LUN FAT STREET, JOHNSTON ROAD, AND ANTON STREET.

HOUSE NUMBERS 36-84A HENNESSY ROAD, 1-29 AND 4B-10 THOMSON ROAD AND 1-5 LUARD ROAD WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED BY THE WATER CUT.

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