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COMMITMENT TO ELECTRICITY SAFETY STRESSED

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THE ENACTMENT OF THE ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE AND ITS REGULATIONS DEMONSTRATES THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING ELECTRICITY USERS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR MIAO CHI, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE FULLY AWARE OF THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE WIRING INSTALLATION AND THE SELECTION AND USE OF DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN ORDER TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS, HE ADDED.

MR MIAO WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY CARNIVAL" HELD IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE CARNIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND APPLIANCES TRADE WORKERS UNION, THE SHAM SHUI PO KAI FONG ASSOCIATION AND A PRIVATE COMPANY TO PROMOTE ELECTRICITY SAFETY.

ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S STATISTICS, IN 1991 ALONE, THERE WERE NINE CASES OF ELECTROCUTION.

IN ADDITION, OTHER REPORTED INCIDENTS INCLUDED 19 CASES OF ELECTRIC BURN, THREE CASES OF ELECTRIC SHOCK AND FOUR CASES OF FIRE DUE TO ELECTRICITY LEAKAGE.

HE BELIEVED THERE WERE ALSO MANY OTHER UNDETECTED OR UNREPORTED INCIDENTS CAUSING ELECTRIC SHOCK AND FIRE.

IN HONG KONG ELECTRICITY WAS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF THE DAILY LIFE AND WHILE PEOPLE ENJOYED ALL THE BENEFITS AND CONVENIENCE DERIVED FROM IT, ONE SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED IN ITS APPLICATION, HE SAID.

IT IS SAD TO LEARN FROM TIME TO TIME THAT ACCIDENTS DO OCCUR BECAUSE OF NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESSNESS IN THE USE OF ELECTRICITY, RESULTING IN LOSS OF PROPERTY, SERIOUS INJURY OR EVEN DEATHS, HE ADDED.

MR MIAO SAID THE NEW ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN NOVEMBER 1990 WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE USE OF ELECTRICITY.

THE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS.

HE SAID SINCE NOVEMBER 1990, HIS DEPARTMENT HAD REGISTERED ABOUT 37,000 ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND 3,000 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

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UNDER RELATED REGULATIONS AND A COMPULSORY REGISTRATION SYSTEM, FROM JUNE 1 THIS YEAR ONLY REGISTERED WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS COULD BE EMPLOYED TO CARRY OUT ELECTRICAL WORK TO ENSURE WIRING INSTALLATIONS WERE PROPERLY INSTALLED, MAINTAINED, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

IN ADDITION, THE ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, SPECIFYING ALL THE NECESSARY SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS, ARE NOW BEING DRAFTED AND, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH CONCERNED PARTIES, WILL LIKELY TO BE INTRODUCED SOME TIME NEXT YEAR.

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STUDENTS' LOAN FUNDS INVITE APPLICATIONS
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NEEDY STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR 1992/93 FROM THE HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB STUDENTS' LOAN FUND AND THE SING TAO FOUNDATION STUDENTS' LOAN FUND TO COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES.

THE TWO FUNDS PROVIDE INTEREST-FREE LOANS FOR STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE NEARING COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY A JOINT COMMITTEE FOR BOTH LOAN FUNDS.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL UNDERTAKING TO REPAY THEIR LOANS BY INSTALMENTS OF AT LEAST 10 PER CENT OF THEIR MONTHLY SALARY AFTER GRADUATION.

THE LOANS WILL BE PAID DIRECT INTO THEIR PERSONAL ACCOUNTS WITH A LOCAL BANK.

THESE LOANS ARE MADE YEARLY. NEW APPLICANTS, AND PRESENT RECIPIENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR FURTHER LOANS FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR MUST COMPLETE A PRESCRIBED FORM.

DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE ARE:

INSTITUTE WHERE APPLICANT IS STUDYING OR INTENDS TO STUDY -----	OFFICE TO OBTAIN AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FORM -----	CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION -----
* CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG	STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE	OCTOBER 15
* HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE	STUDENT FINANCIAL AID OFFICE	OCTOBER 15

- * HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC STUDENT AFFAIRS UNIT OCTOBER 15
- * LINGNAN COLLEGE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE OCTOBER 15
- * THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OCTOBER 15
 OF HONG KONG STUDENT AFFAIRS
- * THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE OCTOBER 15
 OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- * THE UNIVERSITY OF DEAN OF STUDENTS OCTOBER 15
 HONG KONG
- * OTHER POST-SECONDARY STUDENT FINANCIAL SEPTEMBER 14
 COLLEGES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY,
 INSTITUTES AND FIFTH FLOOR,
 SECONDARY SCHOOLS CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING,
 16 ICE HOUSE STREET,
 CENTRAL,
 HONG KONG.

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ISSUE OF NEW PICTORIAL AEROGRAMMES

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR MICHELANGELO PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT A NEWLY DESIGNED PICTORIAL AEROGRAMME WILL BE ISSUED ON JULY 1 TO REPLACE THE PICTORIAL AND PLAIN AEROGRAMMES CURRENTLY IN USE.

THE DESIGN OF THE AEROGRAMME FEATURES A DRAGON IN FOUR-COLOUR PRINTING.

THE NEW AEROGRAMME, AVAILABLE AT \$1.8 EACH, WAS DESIGNED BY MR COLIN TILLYER AND PRINTED BY MCCORQUODALE ENVELOPES LTD OF UK.

CURRENT PLAIN AND PICTORIAL AEROGRAMMES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PHILATELISTS, A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON JULY 1 AT ALL POST OFFICES FOR NEW AEROGRAMMES BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS.

AEROGRAMMES TENDERED FOR THE HAND-BACK SERVICE MUST BE FOLDED AND SEALED.

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OCCUPATION OF UNLEASED CROWN LAND AN OFFENCE

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THE LAND AUTHORITY REITERATED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO ILLEGALLY OCCUPY UNLEASED CROWN LAND AND CARRY OUT BUILDING WORKS ON IT.

IN ADDITION, SUCH OFFENDERS WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL WORKS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID.

THE ADVICE CAME FOLLOWING A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH AN ENGINEERING COMPANY WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$8,500 FOR BUILDING A STEEL BRIDGE OVER A RIVER IN SHA TIN AND THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE UNLEASED SITE.

THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT THE BRIDGE HAD SINCE BEEN DEMOLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY AND THE DEMOLITION COST AMOUNTING TO \$42,475 WOULD BE RECOVERED FROM THE DEFENDANT.

THE CASE CAME TO LIGHT ON FEBRUARY 24 WHEN A STEEL BRIDGE WAS FOUND BEING BUILT OVER A RIVER DIVIDING THE WONG NAI TAU AND TAI LAM LIU VILLAGES IN SHA TIN. THE SITE CONCERNED WAS FOUND TO BE UNLEASED CROWN LAND.

ENQUIRIES REVEALED THAT THE BRIDGE, MEASURING 27 FEET LONG, 12 FEET WIDE AND SEVEN FEET HIGH, WAS BEING BUILT BY AN ENGINEERING COMPANY IN ORDER TO BRING VEHICLES TO THE TAI LAM LIU VILLAGE FOR SOME CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

A NOTICE REQUIRING THE BUILDER TO DEMOLISH THE BRIDGE WITHIN TWO WEEKS WAS IMMEDIATELY POSTED ON THE SITE, BUT AN INSPECTION MADE BY THE AUTHORITY ON MARCH 9 REVEALED THAT THE BRIDGE WAS STILL THERE.

THE BRIDGE WAS DEMOLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY ON MAY 27.

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TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL OPENING HOURS EXTENDED

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THE OPENING HOURS OF THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL, WHICH SERVES BETWEEN TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN AND SAU MAU PING, WILL BE EXTENDED BY ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS TO MIDNIGHT DAILY FROM NEXT WEDNESDAY (JULY 1), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

SINCE ITS OPENING IN NOVEMBER 1990, THE TUNNEL HAS BEEN OPERATING FOR 16 HOURS EACH DAY FROM 6.30 AM TO 10.30 PM.

DURING ITS CLOSURE, VEHICLES CAN USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA PO LAM ROAD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN JUNE, AN AVERAGE OF 12,000 VEHICLES USED THE TUNNEL EACH DAY COMPARED WITH 6,500 VEHICLES DURING THE INITIAL STAGE OF OPENING.

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BID TO STEP UP SAFETY IN FACTORIES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ISSUED 152 SUMMONSES AGAINST FACTORY OWNERS WITH POOR SAFETY RECORDS OR HIGH POTENTIAL HAZARDS DURING A RECENT CAMPAIGN.

"THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN WAS AIMED AT PUTTING ACROSS THE MESSAGE THAT THESE FACTORIES ARE KEPT UNDER OUR CLOSE SURVEILLANCE AND THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN OUT AGAINST OFFENDING PROPRIETORS," DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR KAN HON-SANG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"HOWEVER, FACTORY OWNERS MUST REALISE THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT RELY ON OUR FACTORY INSPECTORS TO CONDUCT SAFETY INSPECTIONS ON THEIR BEHALF," MR KAN STRESSED.

"FACTORY OWNERS SHOULD DEVELOP THEIR OWN IN-PLANT SELF-REGULATORY SAFETY PROGRAMMES AND ADOPT SAFE SYSTEMS OF WORK TO ENSURE THAT THEIR WORKERS ARE NOT PUT TO RISK," HE ADDED.

FACTORY INSPECTORS VISITED ABOUT 800 FACTORIES DURING THE CAMPAIGN AND MOST OF THE SUMMONSES WERE ISSUED UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACES) AND (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS.

IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 600 WRITTEN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED TO FACTORY OWNERS REQUIRING THEM TO IMPROVE THEIR WORKING CONDITIONS.

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POSTER PUBLICISING FOSTER CARE SERVICE PRODUCED

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THE CENTRAL FOSTER-CARE UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A POSTER TO PROMOTE FOSTER-CARE SERVICE - A FORM OF NON-INSTITUTIONAL RESIDENTIAL CHILD-CARE SERVICE.

THE SERVICE IS AIMED AT PROVIDING A TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE FAMILY FOR CHILDREN, WHO CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY LOOKED AFTER BY THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE OF NEGLIGENCE, ILLNESS OF THE PARENTS OR OTHER SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

"THE POSTERS ARE NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE DEPARTMENT'S BRANCH OFFICES IN ORDER TO REACH MORE POTENTIAL FOSTER PARENTS," A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE POSTERS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP ON GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES LATER.

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HE SAID THROUGH FOSTERING, CHILDREN COULD GROW UNDER A NORMAL FAMILY SETTING AND ENJOY A NORMAL CHILDHOOD.

"FOSTER PARENTS CAN, ON THE ONE HAND, DO THE COMMUNITY A SERVICE AND ON THE OTHER, PUSH UP THEIR ABILITY AS PARENTS," HE ADDED.

MARRIED COUPLES WHO ARE INTERESTED TO BECOME FOSTER PARENTS CAN APPROACH THE CENTRAL FOSTER-CARE UNIT ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SERVICE COULD BE MADE ON TEL 852 4596 OR 852 4599.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ORGANISE A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS IN THE TERRITORY TO PUBLICISE FOSTER-CARE SERVICE, STARTING FROM JULY 11.

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PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PUMPING STATION UPRATING
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPROVED CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PRE-QUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR THE UPRATING OF THE TAI MEI TUK 'A' PUMPING STATION WITHIN PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR.

THE DAILY PUMPING CAPACITY OF THE STATION WILL INCREASE FROM THE EXISTING 390,000 CUBIC METRES TO 940,000 CUBIC METRES WHEN THE UPRATING WORK IS COMPLETED IN MID-1995.

THE SCOPE OF WORKS COMPRISES MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING STATION TO ENABLE THE INSTALLATION OF SIX NEW PUMPSETS WITH ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT.

THE CONTRACTOR IS ALSO REQUIRED TO BUILD A TWO-METRE DIAMETER DELIVERY MAIN FROM THE STATION TO AN EXISTING BOX CULVERT, TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL SIX NEW VERTICAL SUSPENDED CASING ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN PUMPSETS AND ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND CONTROL INSTRUMENTATION EQUIPMENT.

THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I IN GROUP C FOR WATERWORKS OR ON LIST II FOR WATERWORKS MAY APPLY FOR THE PRE-QUALIFICATION.

COMPLETED PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO CHIEF ENGINEER/CHINA WATER, WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, WANCHAI TOWER II, 46TH FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG NO LATER THAN NOON ON JULY 24.

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WATER CUT IN SAI KUNG AND HO MAN TIN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO MOST PREMISES ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD IN SAI KUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 30) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF A WASTE DETECTION METER.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG A SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD FROM FEI NGO SHAN ROAD TO SHAW'S STUDIO, INCLUDING PIK UK PRISON, CLEAR WATER BAY APARTMENTS AND THOSE AT ANDERSON ROAD AND RAZOR HILL ROAD.

FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY TO FACILITATE THE ANNUAL CLEANSING OF A SERVICE RESERVOIR.

THE WATER CUT WILL AFFECT KING GEORGE V SCHOOL, ALL PREMISES AT HO MAN TIN ESTATE, OI MAN ESTATE, CHUN MAN COURT AND VALLEY ROAD ESTATE AS WELL AS THOSE IN KING'S PARK.

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