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STATEMENT BY BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING

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THE FOLLOWING IS A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING THIS (MONDAY) MORNING FOLLOWING THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG:

SIR RICHARD EVANS, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND MR ZHOU NAN, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ON 27 MAY 1985 IN PEKING EXCHANGED INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG WHICH WAS SIGNED ON 19 DECEMBER 1984 BY PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER AND PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG AND WHICH HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY THE TWO SIDES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGAL PROCEDURES. THE JOINT DECLARATION HAS ENTERED INTO FORCE AS OF TODAY.

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SPEECH BY SIR RICHARD EVANS

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A SPEECH MADE BY SIR RICHARD EVANS, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, AT THE CEREMONY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG THIS (MONDAY) MORNING:

+YOUR EXCELLENCY THE VICE MINISTER, WE HAVE JUST EXCHANGED THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG. THIS EXCHANGE SIGNIFIES THE COMPLETION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LEGAL PROCESS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE JOINT DECLARATION TO ENTER INTO FORCE. THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND ITS ANNEXES ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR HONG KONG TO CONTINUE TO ENJOY STABILITY AND PROSPERITY, BOTH BEFORE 1997 AND WHEN IT WILL BECOME A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA THEREAFTER.

+THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA IN NEGOTIATING THE JOINT DECLARATION HAS BEEN WIDELY WELCOMED INTERNATIONALLY: BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF MANY COUNTRIES AND BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS IS MOST ENCOURAGING. IT IS ENCOURAGING IN ITSELF; AND IT IS ENCOURAGING BECAUSE INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG IN THE FUTURE.

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+THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL ABIDE STRICTLY BY THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND ITS ANNEXES. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS CERTAIN THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL DO LIKEWISE.

+THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO COOPERATING CLOSELY WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

+AS THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER SAID IN HER SPEECH AFTER THE SIGNATURE OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ON 19 DECEMBER, 1984, '.... I AM CONVINCED THAT AS WE WORK TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE WE SHALL BE LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR AN EVEN CLOSER AND DEEPER RELATIONSHIP. THAT IS GOOD FOR BRITAIN; GOOD FOR CHINA; AND GOOD FOR THE WORLD. ABOVE ALL, IT IS GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.'

+YOUR EXCELLENCIES, THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IS AN EVENT OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. IT IS ALSO AN EXCELLENT AUGURY FOR THE VISIT WHICH PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG IS ABOUT TO MAKE TO MY COUNTRY.+

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TRIBUNAL IDEA ON PUBLICATIONS 'WELL ADVANCED'

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A WORKING GROUP WAS WELL ADVANCED IN DEVISING A SUITABLE SCHEME FOR A TRIBUNAL TO OPERATE IN HONG KONG TO DEAL WITH OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID TODAY.

THE WORKING GROUP, CHAIRED BY HIS ASSISTANT, MR BILL MARSHALL, HAD BEEN LOOKING INTO THIS IDEA SINCE HE SPOKE ON THE SUBJECT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE WORKING GROUP'S PRINCIPAL PROPOSAL WOULD, HE THOUGHT, BE THAT THE TRIBUNAL SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A LAWYER, BUT OTHERWISE COMPOSED OF LAYMEN AND LAYWOMEN, PREDOMINANTLY DRAWN FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO RULE WHETHER OR NOT THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION WAS OBJECTIONABLE, MR THOMAS SAID.

THIS WOULD ENABLE A PRELIMINARY DECISION TO BE MADE IN A VERY SHORT TIME ON ANY DOUBTFUL PUBLICATION SUBMITTED TO IT.

MR THOMAS WAS SPEAKING AT THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT TODAY.

+ANYONE WOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT A DOUBTFUL ARTICLE FOR DECISION, EITHER THE POLICE OR THOSE CONCERNED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR PUBLISHERS, WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS OF PUBLICATIONS WHO WISH TO KNOW WHERE THEY STAND IF THEY DEAL IN THE ARTICLE.

+ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO PREVENT PRE-PUBLICATION VETTING FROM HOLDING UP DECISIONS ON PUBLISHED MATERIAL. IF THE TRIBUNAL APPLYING THE LEGAL DEFINITION DECIDED THAT THE ARTICLE WAS OBJECTIONABLE, THEN THEY WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO ORDER IMMEDIATE SEIZURE OF IDENTICAL ARTICLES,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

TO SAVE TIME, A PRELIMINARY RULING COULD BE GIVEN BY THE CHAIRMAN OR THE DÉPUTY CHAIRMAN, BUT ANY INTERESTED PARTY WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK THE DECISION OF THE FULL TRIBUNAL CONSISTING OF FOUR PERSONS IF THEY WERE DISSATISFIED, MR THOMAS SAID.

ONCE THE TRIBUNAL HAD RULED THAT AN ARTICLE WAS OBJECTIONABLE, THEN IT WOULD BECOME A DECISION BINDING UPON THE COURTS IN THE EVENT OF PROSECUTION. IN SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS, IT WOULD STILL BE FOR THE PROSECUTION TO PROVE THAT THE PERSONS ACCUSED HAD COMMITTED AN OFFENCE BY PUBLISHING OR DEALING IN THE ARTICLES, BUT IT WOULD NOT THERE BE OPEN FOR ANY PERSON TO CHALLENGE THE CORRECTNESS OF THE TRIBUNAL'S DECISION THAT THE ARTICLE WAS OBJECTIONABLE. IN A CONVICTION, THE COURT COULD PROCEED TO PASS AN APPROPRIATE SENTENCE, MR THOMAS SAID.

THE CURRENT THINKING OF THE WORKING GROUP WAS THAT SOME ADDITIONAL PROTECTION WAS NEEDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

+ACCORDINGLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THEY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT POWERS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE TRIBUNAL TO RULE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT AN ARTICLE IS NOT OBJECTIONABLE PROVIDED ITS SALE IS RESTRICTED TO THOSE OF ADULT YEARS, SAY OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE, AND, ADDITIONALLY, TO IMPOSE OTHER RESTRICTIONS UPON THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SUCH MATERIAL,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

THESE PROPOSALS, HE STRESSED, WERE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE WORKING GROUP, AND WERE INTENDED TO REMEDY SHORTCOMINGS IN THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

MR THOMAS SAID THAT MACHINERY OF THIS KIND WOULD NOT REMOVE FROM HONG KONG ALL PUBLICATIONS THAT OFFENDED THE SENSIBILITY OF +PORNOGRAPHY'S SEVEREST CRITICS+.

+BUT AT LEAST THEY WOULD STENGTHEN THE POWER TO ENFORCE THE LAW, THEY WOULD CUT DOWN THE TIME TAKEN TO DETERMINE THAT AN ARTICLE IS OBJECTIONABLE, AND THEY SHOULD INCREASE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE CONSISTENCY OF STANDARDS APPLIED AND ENSURE THAT THEY REFLECT THOSE PREVAILING IN THE COMMUNITY,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

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THE PROBLEM OF DECIDING WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF SEXUAL CURIOSITY, ESPECIALLY IN PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL, WAS FACED BY EVERY MODERN SOCIETY.

THREE MAIN REASONS FOR THIS WERE:

- * FIRST, WITH THE SPREAD OF EDUCATION THERE WAS GREATER FREEDOM OF THOUGHT.
- * SECOND, WITH THE INCREASED QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF PRINTING PROCESSES AND THE CHEAP REPRODUCTION OF COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY, MAGAZINES HAD BECOME ATTRACTIVELY GLOSSY AND CHEAP, AND
- * THIRD, THE PROFITS TO BE MADE FROM THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS WITH A PRURIENT APPEAL HAD INCREASED THEIR SUPPLY TO A NEW MASS MARKET FOR BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

ANY CONSIDERATION OF CONTROL OF PORNOGRAPHY HAD TO START BY RECOGNISING THESE FACTORS, HE SAID.

+IT IS NOT JUST SIMPLY A MATTER OF DECLINING STANDARDS OR WEAKNESS ON THE PART OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE PROFITEERS HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN PORNOGRAPHY.

+THEY SPEND MONEY ON LAWYERS AND ON PUBLIC RELATIONS IN ORDER TO DEFEND THEIR RIGHT TO PRINT THE MATERIAL WHICH THEIR CUSTOMERS DEMAND,+ HE SAID.

THE EMPHASIS ON FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN LIBERAL COUNTRIES TENDED TO MAKE ALL FORMS OF CENSORSHIP OBJECTIONABLE, AND THE DIFFICULTY OF DRAWING THE LINE BETWEEN WHAT WAS OBJECTIONABLE UNDER THE LAW AND WHAT WAS PERMITTED MADE PROSECUTORS RELUCTANT TO BRING INTO COURT RESPECTABLE PUBLISHERS AND DISTRIBUTORS, UNLESS THE CASE WAS A CLEAR-CUT ONE.

IT WAS USUALLY THE LAW IN MOST SOCIETIES THAT A LINE HAD TO BE DRAWN, EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT IN ANY PARTICULAR CASE TO SAY WHEN MATERIAL FELL ON ONE SIDE OF THE LINE OR THE OTHER.

IN HONG KONG, MR THOMAS EXPLAINED, UNDER THE OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS ORDINANCE IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PUBLISH OR DEAL IN ANY OBJECTIONABLE ARTICLE.

AN OBJECTIONABLE ARTICLE WAS DEFINED AS ANY ARTICLE WHICH CONTAINED +MATTER OF AN INDECENT, OBSCENE OR REVOLTING NATURE+.

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NEARLY ALL PROSECUTIONS FOR PORNOGRAPHY WERE BROUGHT UNDER THIS PROVISION AND IN EVERY CASE, THE CONVICTION DEPENDED ON THE COURT BEING SATISFIED THAT THE ARTICLE WAS EITHER INDECENT OR OBSCENE OR REVOLTING.

THESE ORDINARY WORDS PROBABLY MEANT DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE, MR THOMAS SAID. THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY PRECISE MEANING WHICH COULD BE APPLIED SCIENTIFICALLY TO THE WRITTEN WORD OR TO A PHOTOGRAPH.

ALL THAT THE LAWYERS HAD TO GO ON IN DECIDING WHETHER TO PROSECUTE, OR IN ADVISING CLIENTS WHETHER THEY WERE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE IN SELLING AN ARTICLE, OR IN ADVISING THOSE ACCUSED WHETHER OR NOT TO PLEAD GUILTY WAS A 1977 HONG KONG COURT OF APPEAL DECISION THAT IN INTERPRETING THESE WORDS THE MAGISTRATE HAD TO EXERCISE THE COMMUNITY'S CONSCIENCE AND TREAT HIMSELF AS REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY'S FEELINGS IN THE MATTER.

+SMALL WONDER THEN THAT SO MANY HAWKERS AND DEALERS HAD RECENTLY BEEN UP IN ARMS BECAUSE THE POLICE HAD MOVED IN TO PROSECUTE PUBLICATIONS WHICH FOR SOME TIME APPEARED TO HAVE GAINED RESPECTABILITY FROM THE FACT THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.

REFERRING TO RECENTLY PUBLISHED GUIDELINES THAT WERE USED FOR DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO REFER DOUBTFUL PUBLICATIONS TO THE CROWN PROSECUTOR FOR LEGAL ADVICE, MR THOMAS SAID, +THESE MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE DISPLAY OF A HUMAN BODY IN ITSELF IS NOT OBJECTIONABLE, BUT MIGHT BECOME SO IF MINORS ARE INCLUDED OR IF SEXUAL ACTS OF ANY FORM INCLUDING HOMOSEXUAL OR LESBIAN PRACTICES ARE DISPLAYED.

+PERVERTED BEHAVIOUR, EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE, CRUELTY AND MATTERS OF A REVOLTING NATURE WILL ALSO JUSTIFY ACTION ON HIS PART.

+A STRICT VIEW WILL BE TAKEN WHERE MAGAZINES ARE LIKELY TO BE READ BY CHILDREN.+

WHILE THESE GUIDELINES MIGHT WELL ASSIST THOSE WHO TRADED IN SALACIOUS MATERIAL, IT WOULD STILL REMAIN FOR THE CROWN PROSECUTOR IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS TO TAKE A FINAL VIEW ON THE PROSPECTS OF SECURING A CONVICTION.

MR THOMAS ALSO SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK THAT THERE WAS ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE THOUGHT SOMETIMES THAT EXPATRIATE MAGISTRATES APPLIED MORE LIBERAL STANDARDS THAN THOSE PREVAILING IN THE COMMUNITY.

MANY CASES WERE TRIED BY HONG KONG CHINESE MAGISTRATES AND THE RESULTS WERE THE SAME, HE SAID.

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DEAK PERERA FAR EAST LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

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RESPONDING TO ENQUIRIES FROM ITS METAL TRADING CUSTOMERS THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, TODAY RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FORMER PRECIOUS METAL TRADING BUSINESS OF DEAK PERERA FAR EAST LIMITED (DPFE).

DPFE FORMERLY CARRIED ON THE BUSINESS OF PRECIOUS METAL TRADING AND PROVIDED A STORAGE SERVICE FOR CUSTOMER'S METAL HOLDINGS. THE METAL TRADING DIVISION WAS OPERATED LARGELY INDEPENDENTLY OF THE REST OF THE DPFE'S BUSINESS AND APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED PROFESSIONALLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

AT THE TIME THAT DPFE WENT INTO LIQUIDATION, LARGE QUANTITIES OF METAL, HAVING A TOTAL VALUE AT PRESENT OF ABOUT \$40M., WERE AND STILL ARE STORED IN FIVE BANKS IN HONG KONG, UNITED STATES, LONDON, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA. THEY REPRESENT THE HOLDINGS OF SOME 600 CUSTOMERS, MANY RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG AND MANY OVERSEAS. THOSE BANKS NOW HOLD THE METAL TO THE ORDER OF THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AS LIQUIDATOR OF DPFE.

AFTER LIQUIDATION, QUESTIONS OF OWNERSHIP OF THE METAL AROSE AND IT APPEARED FOR SOME TIME THAT THERE WAS A PROSPECT OF A CHALLENGE TO THE METAL CUSTOMERS' OWNERSHIP CLAIMS. IN THE END THE CHALLENGE DID NOT MATERIALISE AND THAT QUESTION HAS NOW BEEN RESOLVED BY A DIRECTION FROM THE HIGH COURT IN FAVOUR OF THE METAL CUSTOMERS.

IT NOW REMAINS FOR THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER TO DISCHARGE THE OBLIGATIONS OF DPFE TO ITS METAL CUSTOMERS. IN VIEW OF THE NUMBERS AND COUNTRIES OF RESIDENCE OF THE CUSTOMERS AND THE QUANTITY AND LOCATIONS OF THE METAL, IT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED THAT THE BEST SOLUTION WILL BE FOR ANOTHER METAL TRADING COMPANY TO ACT AS THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S AGENT SO THAT THE DPFE METAL CUSTOMERS' REQUIREMENTS, WHETHER TO SELL, TAKE POSSESSION OF OR TRANSFER SAFE CUSTODY OF THE METAL TO THE NEW COMPANY CAN BE MET.

WITH THAT OBJECTIVE IN MIND, THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER HAS REACHED AN ADVANCED STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A HONG KONG COMPANY WHICH INTENDS TO ESTABLISH A PRECIOUS METAL TRADING SCHEME. THAT COMPANY HAS EMPLOYED SOME OF THE FORMER DPFE METAL TRADING MANAGERS WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE FORMER DPFE CUSTOMERS, THEIR METAL HOLDINGS AND THE NET-WORK OF BANKS WHICH ACTED IN THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF METAL AND AS SAFE CUSTODIANS.

TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER TO AUTHORISE THE NEW COMPANY TO DEAL WITH THE EXISTING METAL STOCKS, VARIOUS SAFEGUARDS, INCLUDING A BANK INDEMNITY, WILL BE ARRANGED TO PROTECT THE OWNERS' INTERESTS. METAL CUSTOMERS WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NEW COMPANY HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED AND THE NEW COMPANY IS IN A POSITION TO DEAL WITH THEM.

FINAL AGREEMENT ON THIS WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO THE NEW COMPANY OBTAINING THE NECESSARY CONSENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING UNDER THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE.

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PROVISIONAL RC TO CONSIDER COUNCIL BILL

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THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 29) MORNING TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS.

AMONG THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL BE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BILL 1985, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MEMBERSHIP, FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FULL REGIONAL COUNCIL. THE BILL, TO BE PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR, IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1, 1986 WHEN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE WILL BE REPEALED.

THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO DISCUSS ITS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.

ANOTHER TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE THE WAY THE COUNCIL'S AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK SHOULD BE HANDLED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ITS EXECUTIVE ARM - THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN DISCHARGING THEIR FUNCTIONS IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1985/86. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR THE COUNCIL IS \$5.39 MILLION AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT, \$456 MILLION.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL THEN EXAMINE THE MAJOR PROVISIONS IN THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR BOTH THE COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ACCOUNTS AND SUPPLIES SYSTEM, THE BUDGETARY SYSTEM AND THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE EXPLAINED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AT THE MEETING.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION UNTIL THE COUNCIL'S OWN CHAMBER IN TSUEN WAN IS READY FOR OCCUPATION IN AUGUST.

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HONG KONG TEAMS FETED AT RECEPTION

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THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, TODAY (MONDAY) HOSTED A RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL TEAM AND HONG KONG TABLE TENNIS TEAM IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR RECENT SUCCESSES.

THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL TEAM SCORED A HARD FOUGHT 2-1 VICTORY OVER CHINA AT THE WORKERS' STADIUM IN PEKING ON MAY 19. THEY WILL NOW BE MEETING JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA IN THE NEXT ROUND OF QUALIFYING MATCHES IN THE ASIAN ZONE FOR THE WORLD CUP FINALS TO BE HELD IN MEXICO NEXT YEAR.

THE HONG KONG TABLE TENNIS TEAM TOOK PART IN THE EIGHTH COMMONWEALTH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN, AND AT THE 38TH WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN, WITH OUTSTANDING RESULTS.

SPEAKING AT THE RECEPTION, MR BARNES SAID THAT THEIR EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS WERE THE RESULT OF DEDICATION, DETERMINATION AND WILL-POWER AND SHOWED THAT HONG KONG HAD A SPIRIT AND IDENTITY OF ITS OWN.

ADDRESSING MEMBERS OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM, MR BARNES SAID, + I WISH YOU THE SAME SUCCESS IN YOUR GAMES AGAINST JAPAN LATER THIS YEAR. IF YOU GET THROUGH TO THE WORLD CUP FINALS IN MEXICO, I THINK I CAN PROMISE YOU A BIG SEND-OFF.+

HE ALSO PRAISED THE TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS FOR RETAINING THEIR PLACES IN THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FIRST DIVISION IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BEING ABLE TO REACH THE LAST FOUR OF THE MEN'S SINGLES FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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TRAFFIC PLAN FOR MTR ISLAND LINE OPENING
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE READJUSTED TO COPE WITH THE OPENING OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE ON FRIDAY (MAY 31).

THE DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TRAMS

A NEW CIRCULAR ROUTE LINKING HAPPY VALLEY AND CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM 6.32 AM ON MAY 31 TO SERVE AS A FEEDER SERVICE FOR THE CAUSEWAY BAY MTR STATION. TRAMS ON THIS ROUTE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 6.30 AM AND 7.30 PM DAILY AND THE FARE IS SET AT 60 CENTS.

BUSES

FROM 2 PM ON MAY 31, TWO NEW FEEDER SERVICES FOR THE ISLAND LINE WILL BE INTRODUCED :

- * ROUTE 88M (CHAI WAN (ON YIP STREET) TO CHAI WAN MTR STATION) - BUSES ON THIS ROUTE DEPARTING FROM ON YIP STREET WILL OPERATE VIA SUN YIP STREET, CHAI WAN ROAD, ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR SLIP ROAD AND NING FOO STREET; WHILE THOSE ON THEIR RETURN JOURNEYS FROM CHAI WAN MTR STATION WILL TRAVEL VIA KUT SHING STREET, CHAI WAN ROAD, SUN YIP STREET, SUN ON STREET AND ON YIP STREET. THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY AT A FARE OF 80 CENTS.
- * ROUTE 25M (CAUSEWAY BAY TO BRAEMAR HILL (CIRCULAR)) - BUSES ON THIS ROUTE WILL OPERATE VIA CANAL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, HENNESSY ROAD, YEE WO STREET, CAUSEWAY ROAD, NGAN MOK STREET, LAU LI STREET, KING'S ROAD, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, CLOUD VIEW ROAD, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, TUNG LO WAN ROAD, MORETON TERRACE, CAUSEWAY ROAD, IRVING STREET, PENNINGTON STREET, YEE WO STREET, HENNESSY ROAD AND CANAL ROAD. THE ROUTE PROVIDES A PEAK HOUR SERVICE BETWEEN 6.55 AM TO 9.25 AM AND BETWEEN 3.35 PM AND 7.05 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AT A FARE OF \$1. ON SATURDAYS, THERE WILL ONLY BE A MORNING PEAK SERVICE.

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ALSO FROM 2 PM ON MAY 31, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES WILL BE REORGANISED AS LISTED BELOW :

- * THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 14 LINKING KESWICK STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY WITH PURVES ROAD, JARDINE'S LOOKOUT WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT PAK SHA ROAD TO SERVE THE CAUSEWAY BAY MTR STATION AND RE-NUMBERED AS 14M.
- * THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 16 PLYING BETWEEN STANLEY VILLAGE, CHUNG HOM KOK AND CHAI WAN EAST WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT THE CHAI WAN MTR STATION AND RE-NUMBERED AS 16M.
- * THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 18 LINKING CAPE COLLINSON AND CHAI WAN CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT THE CHAI WAN MTR STATION AND RE-NUMBERED AS 18M.
- * THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 20 WILL REMAIN LARGELY UNCHANGED TO MAINTAIN A LINK BETWEEN CHAI WAN FERRY AND SAI WAN HO FERRY, BUT ITS PRESENT SHORT-WORKING SERVICE BETWEEN CHAI WAN FERRY AND HING MAN ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE CHAI WAN MTR STATION ENROUTE AND RE-NUMBERED AS 20M.
- * THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 21 PLYING BETWEEN TAI HANG DRIVE AND KESWICK STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT PAK SHA ROAD TO SERVE THE CAUSEWAY BAY MTR STATION AND RE-NUMBERED AS 21M.
- * THE SERVICE OF THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 24 LINKING MOUNT BUTLER AND ADMIRALTY MTR STATION WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED BUT RE-NUMBERED AS 24M.
- * THE EXISTING SERVICE ON ROUTE NO. 25 BETWEEN UPPER BRAEMAR HILL AND ADMIRALTY MTR STATION WILL BE OPERATED AT REDUCED FREQUENCY, AND A MTR FEEDER SERVICE BETWEEN UPPER BRAEMAR HILL AND THE QUARRY BAY MTR STATION (CIRCULAR) NUMBERED AS 25M WILL BE INTRODUCED.
- * THE MAIN SERVICE OF THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 30 BETWEEN PATERSON STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY AND WATFORD ROAD WILL BE CUT SHORT TO TERMINATE AT THE ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (TAMAR STREET) AND RE-NUMBERED AS 30M, AND A ROUTE BETWEEN WATFORD ROAD AND CAUSEWAY BAY (LOCKHART ROAD) VIA HAPPY VALLEY NUMBERED AS 30 WILL BE INTRODUCED.

- * THE SERVICE OF THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 32 BETWEEN CHEUNG HONG STREET IN NORTH POINT AND LAMBETH WALK IN CENTRAL WILL BE CANCELLED. A NEW ROUTE LINKING KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT WITH SHAU KEI WAN MTR STATION (MONG LUNG STREET) NUMBERED AS 32 WILL BE INTRODUCED.
- * THE SERVICE OF THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 33 BETWEEN HEALTHY STREET EAST, NORTH POINT, AND HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, WILL BE CANCELLED. A NEW ROUTE LINKING KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT AND NORTH POINT FERRY (MARBLE ROAD) NUMBERED AS 33 WILL BE INTRODUCED.
- * THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 35 BETWEEN ABERDEEN CENTRE AND LUN FAT STREET, WAN CHAI, WILL BE DIVERTED TO SERVE THE WAN CHAI MTR STATION ENROUTE WHILE HEADING FOR LUN FAT STREET AND RE-NUMBERED AS 35M.

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BOARD WORKS OUT +MEET PUBLIC+ PLAN
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RESIDENTS CAN NOW MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE NEW DISTRICT BOARD.

A ROSTER HAS BEEN DRAWN UP FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SESSIONS FROM NOW TO THE END OF DECEMBER. THERE ARE FOUR SESSIONS EACH WEEK, WITH A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AT EACH SESSION.

TWO SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S MAIN OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE ON TUESDAYS FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM, AND ON FRIDAYS FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM. ONE SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE WAH FU AND STANLEY SUB-OFFICES ON TUESDAYS FROM 8 PM TO 9 PM.

RESIDENTS CAN EITHER CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 5-524429 OR AT ITS PUBLIC ENQUIRIES COUNTERS AT THE THREE SUB-OFFICES FOR APPOINTMENTS.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME HAD PROVED TO BE A USEFUL CHANNEL FOR RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS OR MAKE SUGGESTIONS.

+IT HELPS TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ENABLES BOARD MEMBERS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT AND COLLECT OPINIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES,+ HE SAID.

+THE SCHEME HAS BEEN QUITE WELL RECEIVED IN THE DISTRICT. AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR, 407 CASES WERE HANDLED WHICH REPRESENTS AN AVERAGE OF 12 CASES PER MONTH,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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DISTRICT BOARD GROUPS LOOK INTO HOUSING PROBLEMS

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THREE WORKING GROUPS HAVE BEEN SET UP UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD TO LOOK INTO THE DISTRICT'S HOUSING AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

THEY WILL DEAL WITH ISSUES INCLUDING THE REVISED DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT, PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AND WELL-OFF TENANTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, MR WONG PING-HON, SAID TWO OF THE WORKING GROUPS WOULD ENGAGE IN IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE IN SHAM SHUI PO LIVE IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS, MANY OF WHICH ARE POORLY MANAGED AND PLAGUED BY ENVIRONMENTAL AND MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS.

MR WONG SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HOPED TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

THE FIRST WORKING GROUP, CHAIRED BY MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, WOULD LOOK INTO THE PROPOSED REVISION OF THE DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND ASSESS ITS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT.

THE SECOND WORKING GROUP, CHAIRED BY MR RAYMOND CHOY, WOULD CARRY OUT INVESTIGATIVE STUDIES ON THE ENVIRONMENT, MANAGEMENT AND RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

THE OTHER WORKING GROUP, CHAIRED BY MR FUNG KIN-KEE, WOULD GATHER PUBLIC OPINIONS ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FORTHCOMING GREEN PAPER ON WELL-OFF TENANTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

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ACCESS ROAD TO MA CHAI HANG, CHUK YUEN PLANNED

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT AN EASTERN ACCESS ROAD TO CONNECT MA CHAI HANG AND CHUK YUEN WITH THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORK IN THE WONG TAI SIN AREA.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE PROVISION OF A DIRECT CONNECTION AT LUNG FUNG STREET BETWEEN THE UPPER SECTION OF SHATIN PASS ROAD AND CHUK YUEN ESTATE AS WELL AS INTRODUCING A GYRATORY SYSTEM IN FUNG WONG NEW VILLAGE AS PART OF AN AREA-WIDE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AND TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC DEMAND GENERATED BY DEVELOPMENT IN CHUK YUEN, MA CHAI HANG AND DIAMOND HILL.

WORK WILL INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MING FUNG STREET AND THE MODIFICATION OF SHATIN PASS ROAD, MING FUNG STREET, FUNG TAK ROAD AND SHEUNG FUNG STREET.

NEW ROADS TO BE CONSTRUCTED WILL LINK SHATIN PASS ROAD NEAR LUNG FUNG STREET WITH CHUK YUEN DEVELOPMENT ESTATES AND YING FUNG LANE WITH FUNG TAK ROAD. FUNG TAK ROAD EAST OF SHEUNG FUNG STREET WILL ALSO BE WIDENED.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, THE PORTION OF KAM FUNG STREET BETWEEN SHEUNG FUNG STREET AND NGAN FUNG STREET WILL BE CLOSED AND DEVELOPED AS A LANDSCAPED EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING SITTING OUT AREA.

A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY WITH ACCESS BY STAIRS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BENEATH SHATIN PASS ROAD NEAR FUNG TAK ROAD. THIS WILL PROVIDE A SAFE GRADE-SEPARATED CROSSING FOR PEDESTRIANS AND PERMIT FREE TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN FUNG TAK ROAD AND SHATIN PASS ROAD BY REMOVING THE EXISTING SIGNALS AT THE JUNCTION OF THESE ROADS.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG= THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON= AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND AND FOURTH FLOORS, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JULY 23.

230 FAMILIES FROM CHAI WAN THA TO BE REHOUSED
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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REHOUSING 230 FAMILIES FROM THE CHAI WAN II (EXTENSION) TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WHICH WILL MAKE WAY FOR A NEW PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT.

+THESE FAMILIES, TOTALLING 643 PEOPLE FROM 11 BLOCKS REMAINING IN THE THA, ARE REHOUSED ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY,+ SAID A HOUSING SPOKESMAN TODAY.

HE SAID ALTOGETHER 171 FAMILIES WERE ELIGIBLE FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC HOUSING, AND 42 OTHERS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING.

+AMONG THE 230 FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING ARE 85 SINGLE PERSONS WHO HAVE PAID RENTS FOR THEIR NEW HOMES. ELEVEN OTHER SINGLE PERSONS HAVE OPTED FOR CASH ALLOWANCE OF \$5 800 EACH IN EXCHANGE FOR REHOUSING.

+THE SAME OFFERS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ANOTHER SIX SINGLE PERSONS WHO HAVE YET TO TAKE UP THE OPTIONS.

+APART FROM CASH ALLOWANCE, THE OPTIONS INCLUDE SPECIALLY-DESIGNED FLATS OR SHARED ACCOMMODATION IN ESTATES, OR NEW HOSTEL UNITS IN THAS, ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID 21 FAMILIES OF 44 PEOPLE WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING AS THEY WERE EITHER UNAUTHORISED PERSONS IN THE THA OR THEY WERE FOUND TO HAVE ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION.

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VISITORS SEE REDEVELOPMENT OF OLDER ESTATES
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR ITS OLDER ESTATES HAS MET WITH FAVOURABLE APPRAISAL FROM A VISITING HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE DELEGATION.

THE EIGHT-MEMBER GROUP FROM THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AND RURAL CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF CHINA, SPENT A MORNING AT THE LOK FU AND WANG TAU HOM ESTATES LOOKING AT THE REDEVELOPMENT WORKS THERE.

THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE LARGE SCALE OF WORKS INVOLVING INSITU-CONVERSION OF OLD BLOCKS, BUILDING OF NEW BLOCKS AND THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

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LEADER OF THE GROUP, VICE MINISTER CHU CHUAN-HENG, WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND LIVING CONDITIONS FOR TENANTS AT THE TWO ADJOINING ESTATES.

THE GROUP ALSO TOURED LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE, WHICH WAS NEWLY COMPLETED AS THE LARGEST COMMERCIAL HUB IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE VISIT FOLLOWED A BRIEFING ON THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ADMINISTRATION), MISS ELAINE CHUNG, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HOUSING ARCHITECT), MR BONA CHEUNG, AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S EXHIBITION HALL.

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BUILDING TO BE CLOSED
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A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING IN ON LAN STREET, CENTRAL, HAS BEEN DECLARED DANGEROUS FOLLOWING A FIRE LAST SATURDAY WHICH DAMAGED PART OF THE STAIRCASE AND THE UPPER FLOORS.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE INTENDS TO APPLY FOR AN EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 9.30 AM TO CLOSE THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS OF THE BUILDING.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION WAS PUT UP ON THE AFFECTED BUILDING TODAY (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID A REPAIR ORDER WOULD BE ISSUED SHORTLY REQUIRING REPAIRS TO THE STAIRCASES AND THE AFFECTED AREA.

THE CLOSURE ORDER WOULD BE LIFTED ON COMPLETION OF REPAIR WORK.

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WORKSHOP ON REMEDIAL ENGLISH TEACHING
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JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP ON REMEDIAL ENGLISH TEACHING IN JULY.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THREE CONSECUTIVE AFTERNOONS BETWEEN JULY 3 AND 5.

DIFFERENT MATERIALS FOR TEACHING READING AND WRITING IN ENGLISH TO REMEDIAL GROUPS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE WORKSHOP. LISTENING AND ORAL SKILLS WILL ALSO BE DEALT WITH.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DESIGN OR ADAPT TEACHING MATERIAL FOR USE IN THEIR OWN CLASSES.

HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOULD SUBMIT A NAME LIST OF TEACHERS WISHING TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE JUNE 20.

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PARKING METERS IN TAI PO
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A TOTAL OF 360 PARKING METERS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TAI PO MARKET ON THURSDAY (MAY 30) TO REGULATE THE UTILISATION OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES.

PARKING FEE WILL BE \$1 PER 30 MINUTES FOR PRIVATE CARS AND 50 CENTS PER 30 MINUTES FOR GOODS VEHICLES.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
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KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND KAM HONG STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MAY 30 TO JUNE 8 BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM DAILY FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND BUSES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NORTH POINT ROAD AND JAVA ROAD.

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WATER CUT IN TWO AREAS

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FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN AND CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR ABOUT SEVEN TO EIGHT HOURS ON THURSDAY (MAY 30) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS AND WATER MAINS WORK.

IN HO MAN TIN, PREMISES BOUNDED BY WATERLOO ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND PUI CHING ROAD WILL BE WITHOUT FRESH WATER FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 30) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES BOUNDED BY KING'S ROAD, LAU SIN STREET, HING FAT STREET, WHITFIELD ROAD, WATSON ROAD, ELECTRIC ROAD AND MERLIN STREET WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THE SAME DAY TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 54.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 320.002 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 401.759 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 68.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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