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QUESTIONS ON VIOLENT CRIMES IN LEGCO

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THE QUESTION OF THE ADEQUACY OF SENTENCES FOR VIOLENT CRIMES WILL BE BROUGHT UP AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

DR. THE HON. HARRY FANG WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN TWO RECENT SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE LAST YEAR TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

THE HON. JOHN BREMRIDGE WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT FOR A LIST OF THE SENTENCES FOR VIOLENT CRIMES AWARDED BY THE SUPREME COURT AND THE DISTRICT COURTS DURING THE YEAR ENDED LAST SEPTEMBER.

STILL ON THE PROBLEM OF CRIME, THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL PROPOSE FOR CONSIDERATION THE USE OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE DISCHARGED PRISONERS AID SOCIETY, TO SUPERVISE AND HELP YOUNG FIRST OFFENDERS AFTER THEIR RELEASE.

THE HON. JAMES WU WILL ASK IF AN INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF MURDER WAS IN FACT INNOCENT.

DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT WILL ALSO COME UP IN THE COUNCIL.

THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER GIVING AT AN EARLY DATE A GENERAL LICENCE TO TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES TO USE THE TSING YI BRIDGE.

THE HON. LI FOOK-WO WILL WANT TO KNOW IF KCR HAS ENOUGH LOCOMOTIVES AND EQUIPMENT TO COPE WITH INCREASING GOODS TRAFFIC FROM CHINA, AND DR. THE HON. HARRY FANG WILL URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE VENTILATION IN THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

ON OTHER MATTERS, THE HON. MISS KO SIU-WAH WILL ASK FOR STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS FOR EMPLOYING CHILDREN UNDER 14 IN ANY INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING OR DANGEROUS TRADE. THE HON. Q.W. LEE WILL ASK HOW THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES ARE BEING HELPED TO COLLECT MAINTENANCE FEES FROM BUILDING OCCUPIERS.

THE HON. ROGER LOBO WILL ASK FOR THE NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR AND THE NUMBER OF CASES WHERE THE DRIVERS WERE UNLICENSED OR HELD ONLY A PROVISIONAL LICENCE.

TWO NEW BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED AT TOMORROW'S SITTING OF THE COUNCIL.

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THEY ARE THE PLANT (IMPORTATION AND PEST CONTROL) BILL 1976, WHICH SEEKS TO PREVENT PLANT PESTS AND DISEASES FROM SPREADING TO HONG KONG, AND THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, WHICH GENERALLY PROHIBITS THE OPERATION OF REGISTRABLE WORKPLACES IN NEW NON-INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE SECOND READING OF THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, THE WILD ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL 1976 AND THE APPRENTICESHIP BILL 1975.

THE HON. IAN PRICE WILL MOVE A MOTION FOR THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1976 TO BE APPROVED. THESE REGULATIONS ENSURE BETTER STANDARDS OF CLEANLINESS, AND STATE MORE PRECISELY THE PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED AGAINST FIRE IN REGISTRABLE WORKPLACES.

DR. THE HON. S.Y. CHUNG WILL RAISE THE SUBJECT OF METRICATION IN AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE.

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WELFARE BUILDING'S 7TH ANNIVERSARY  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING AT LAM TIN ESTATE IN KOWLOON WILL MARK ITS 7TH ANNIVERSARY ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 23).

TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION, A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION ON ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VARIOUS AGENCIES IN THE ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING WILL BE HELD.

DURING A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY, WINNERS OF COMPETITIONS ORGANISED OR SPONSORED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WELFARE BUILDING WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE HALL OF THE LAM TIN ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING (EAST) AT PING TIN STREET, LAM TIN ESTATE AT 3 P.M. ON FRIDAY.

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MARRIAGE STATISTICS FOR 1975

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THE NUMBER OF MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1975 WAS 36,192, 1,442 FEWER THAN THE 1974 ALL-TIME RECORD OF 37,634, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR. W. HUME, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

+THE TOTAL INCLUDED 4,041 MARRIAGES BETWEEN PARTIES ALREADY PREVIOUSLY MARRIED IN OTHER WAYS, AS COMPARED WITH 3,864 MARRIAGES OF THIS CATEGORY IN 1974. EXCLUDING THESE 'REMARRIAGES', THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED MARRIAGES DECREASED BY 1,619 FROM 33,770 TO 32,151,+ MR. HUME SAID.

THE SLIGHT DECREASE MAY HAVE BEEN PARTLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT LUNAR YEAR, WHICH BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 11, 1975, IS NOT AN AUSPICIOUS YEAR FOR MARRIAGES AMONGST THE CHINESE BECAUSE IT IS A 'BLIND YEAR', THAT IS TO SAY, A YEAR IN WHICH THERE IS NO FIRST DAY OF SPRING (LAP CHUN), WHEREAS THE PRECEDING LUNAR YEAR WAS A PARTICULARLY AUSPICIOUS YEAR WITH TWO FIRST DAYS OF SPRING.

THERE WAS A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHURCH MARRIAGES IN 1975, THE TOTAL BEING 2,413 AS COMPARED WITH 2,641 IN 1974. MOST OF THE REGISTERED MARRIAGES WERE, AS USUAL, CELEBRATED AT THE MARRIAGE REGISTRIES. THE TOTAL OF SUCH MARRIAGES WAS 33,779, 1,214 FEWER THAN THE 1974 FIGURE.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, REGISTERED MARRIAGES CONTINUED TO INCREASE, WITH A TOTAL OF 6,910 MARRIAGES CELEBRATED, UP BY 868 OR 14 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH 6,042 IN 1974. THERE ARE NOW FOUR FULL-TIME REGISTRIES AND 13 PART-TIME REGISTRIES OPERATING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TWO PRINCIPAL MARRIAGE REGISTRIES AT THE CITY HALL AND THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES REMAIN THE MOST POPULAR REGISTRIES, WITH 35 PER CENT OF ALL REGISTRY MARRIAGES CELEBRATED THERE. ANOTHER POPULAR REGISTRY WAS THE SAN PO KONG REGISTRY, WHERE 6,466 MARRIAGES TOOK PLACE DURING THE YEAR.

THE CITY HALL MARRIAGE REGISTRY CONTINUED TO OPERATE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS DURING THE YEAR AND A TOTAL OF 536 SUNDAY MORNING MARRIAGES WERE PERFORMED. IN MANY CASES, SUNDAY WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE IT HAPPENED TO BE A LUCKY DAY ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR= IN OTHERS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF CONVENIENCE FOR WORK OR OTHER REASONS.

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NEW SALES OUTLETS FOR GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

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SALES OUTLETS FOR GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS, SAID TODAY: +WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR NEW OUTLETS AND THE INCLUSION OF CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN ENSURING THAT PEOPLE CAN OBTAIN GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS WITHOUT HAVING TO GO OUT OF THEIR WAY.+

THE TITLES OBTAINABLE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES INCLUDE NEW PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS +THE QUEEN IN HONG KONG+ AND THE 1976 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOUVENIR BOOKLET.

ALTOGETHER A TOTAL OF 15 PUBLICATIONS WILL BE ON SALE AT C.D.O. OFFICES, RANGING FROM THE HONG KONG YEARBOOK TO BOOKS ABOUT DIFFERENT FEATURES OF LIFE IN HONG KONG AND OFFICIAL GUIDE MAPS. OTHER TITLES WILL BE ADDED IN THE LIGHT OF MARKET DEMAND.

SINCE G.I.S. TOOK OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO, THE VALUE OF SALES HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 50 PER CENT, TOTALLING \$3.4 MILLION IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

SALES IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ARE ALREADY WELL IN EXCESS OF THOSE FOR 1974-75 AND AN INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT ON THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR IS PREDICTED.

THE CREATION OF NEW SALES OUTLETS, WHICH NOW NUMBER 80 ALTOGETHER AND INCLUDE LEADING BOOKSHOPS, HAS BEEN A KEY FACTOR IN BOOSTING INCOME, WHICH GOES INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

AS WELL AS MARKETING HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS, THE G.I.S. IS ALSO THE SALES AGENT FOR PUBLICATIONS PUBLISHED BY THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (O.E.C.D.) AND HER MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE (H.M.S.O.) IN BRITAIN.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW BEING MADE FOR PUBLICATIONS PUBLISHED BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (E.E.C.) AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (W.H.O.) TO BE MARKETED IN HONG KONG IN THE SAME WAY.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERCHANGE OPENING  
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE JUNCTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND NAM CHEONG STREET FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 24) WITH THE OPENING OF THE NAM CHEONG INTERCHANGE.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE TAI WOR PING AREA NORTH OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL USE A NEW FLYOVER WHILE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL GAIN ACCESS TO TAI WOR PING ROAD BY A NEW GROUND-LEVEL SLIP ROAD.

A VEHICULAR SUBWAY, PART OF THE NAM CHEONG INTERCHANGE, WAS OPENED LAST THURSDAY TO ALLOW EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO TURN INTO NAM CHEONG STREET WITHOUT INTERRUPTING WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FLOW.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 23), LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING TSING CHAU STREET FROM MA TAU WEI ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PROHIBITION ON LEARNER DRIVERS ENTERING PUI CHING ROAD FROM WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE REMOVED.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO FACILITATE THE CONDUCT OF DRIVING TESTS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP IN THE AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER STOPPAGE  
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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 22) TO ALLOW A LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT.

PREMISES NORTH OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND THOSE IN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WHICH ARE BOUNDED BY EASTERN STREET, SUTHERLAND LANE AND THE SEAFRONT WILL BE AFFECTED.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST BOUNDED BY WESTERN STREET AND EASTERN STREET, INCLUDING THOSE IN WESTERN STREET, CHUNG CHING STREET, KI LING LANE, SAI YUEN LANE, CENTRE STREET, KWAI HEUNG STREET AND MUI FONG STREET.

IN SHEK KIP MEI, KOWLOON, WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 9 P.M. ON THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY TO ALLOW WATERWORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

PREMISES WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED ARE HONG KONG SETTLERS HOUSING CORPORATION LTD. AT TAI HANG SAI ESTATE, TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE BLOCKS 4-6, TAI HANG SAI WELFARE CORPORATION AND TAI HANG TUNG ROAD CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL.

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