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GOVERNOR VISITS KOWLOON CITY
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BRAVING HEAVY RAIN, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SPENT AN AFTERNOON VISITING KOWLOON CITY TODAY (FRIDAY), WHICH WAS THE FOURTH OF HIS FAMILIARISATION TOURS TO THE DISTRICTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU- KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON FIRST TOOK A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE DISTRICT FROM A NEARBY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

SIR DAVID LEARNT THAT A SIX-HECTARE URBAN COUNCIL PARK WAS BEING DEVELOPED ON A NEARBY SITE TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS INCLUDING JOGGING AND CYCLING TRACKS, VOLLEYBALL COURTS, BASKETBALL COURTS, AND A ROCK GARDEN.

THE SITE WAS FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY ABOUT 14 000 PEOPLE OF SAI TAU VILLAGE AND WAS COMPLETELY CLEARED IN JULY LAST YEAR.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT A ROAD WIDENING PROJECT TO PROVIDE A ONE WAY THREE-LANE ROAD TO ALLEVIATE THE PRESENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA WOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1988 ALONG CARPENTER ROAD.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ALSO BRIEFED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR H T LUI, ON THE PROGRESS OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY CLEARANCE.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN TO SEE THE DIFFERENCES IN ROAD SURFACE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY CONDITIONS BETWEEN A RESUMED AND AN UNRESUMED PRIVATE STREET. EIGHT PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN WERE RESUMED UNDER A PILOT SCHEME IN 1983 AND THREE MORE WOULD BE RESUMED LATER THIS YEAR.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT THERE WERE 37 PRIVATE STREETS IN KOWLOON CITY, REPRESENTING 13 PER CENT OF ALL THE PRIVATE STREETS IN THE TERRITORY AND MOST OF THEM WERE IN TO KWA WAN AND HUNG HOM SUB-DISTRICTS.

THE PARTY WALKED THROUGH A PRIVATE STREET WHICH WAS PARTIALLY BLOCKED BY STRUCTURES AND VEHICLES.

SIR DAVID LATER WENT TO THE HOUSING SOCIETY'S KA WAI CHUEN IN HUNG HOM WHICH WAS BEING REDEVELOPED FROM THE PRESENT NINE SIX-STOREY BLOCKS TO EIGHT 17-STOREY BLOCKS IN FOUR PHASES.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT PHASES I AND II OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THE FINAL PHASE WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1991.

/THE GOVERNOR

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON ALSO VISITED A FAMILY AT KA LAI HOUSE AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE ON HOW THE COMMITTEE HELPED FOSTER NEIGHBOURLINESS AND THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AMONG RESIDENTS.

SIR DAVID LEARNT THAT THE BUILDING HAD JOINED THE +NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME+ WHICH WAS FIRST LAUNCHED IN THE DISTRICT IN 1985. A TOTAL OF 1 823 HOUSEHOLDS IN 27 BUILDINGS HAD JOINED THE SCHEME SINCE THEN.

THE PARTY ALSO WENT TO THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN AND TOURED A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, A NURSERY, A WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED.

SIR DAVID CONCLUDED HIS VISIT AT A RECEPTION IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF THE CENTRE WHERE HE MET KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

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WALLED CITY PLAN 'A MAJOR STEP FORWARD'

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THE RE-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR KOWLOON WALLED CITY IS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF HIS FOURTH DISTRICT VISIT, TO KOWLOON CITY, SIR DAVID SAID THE WALLED CITY HAD BEEN A PROBLEM FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

NOTING THAT HE HAD SEEN THE PROBLEMS IN THE WALLED CITY IN THE PAST, HE SAID, +WHAT INTERESTS ME NOW IS THE PROGRESS IN REDEVELOPING THAT AREA, ALL OF THAT IS AT THE MOMENT GOING VERY WELL.+

+I'D SEEN THE APPALLING PROBLEMS THERE FOR MANY MANY YEARS. IT'S BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH THOSE PROBLEMS. THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOW TACKLING THEM IS I BELIEVE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD AND SOMETHING ABOUT WHICH I PERSONALLY AM DELIGHTED,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT HIS CONCERN WAS TO SEE THAT THE WALLED CITY BE PROPERLY RE-DEVELOPED AND TO SEE THAT THE PROGRAMME WENT AHEAD WELL.

ASKED IF HE WOULD GO INTO THE WALLED CITY AREA SOME OTHER DAY, HE SAID THERE WERE MANY PLACES IN HONG KONG HE HAD GOT TO VISIT.

+THE POPULATION OF KOWLOON WALLED CITY IS SOMETHING LIKE 33 000, EIGHT PER CENT OF THE DISTRICT WE ARE NOW IN. THERE ARE MANY OTHER PLACES TO VISIT. AS I SAY, WHAT MATTERS TO ME IS TO SEE THAT RE-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME GOING AHEAD WELL,+ HE ADDED.

ON THE QUESTION OF UNLICENSED DOCTORS AND DENTISTS INSIDE THE WALLED CITY, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING VARIOUS WAYS TO HELP THEM.

+AT THE MOMENT WHAT IS BEING PLANNED IS VARIOUS WAYS OF TRYING TO HELP THEM TO RE-DEVELOP TRADES WHICH ARE NOT ILLEGAL BUT WHICH MAKES USE OF SOME OF THEIR TALENTS, THAT I THINK IS THE RIGHT WAY TO APPROACH THE PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH MEMBERS OF A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE TO HEAR ABOUT THE WORK THEY WERE DOING, AND ALSO HEARD ABOUT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEMES TO FIGHT CRIME.

+BOTH OF THOSE ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE HERE. AND IT'S ENCOURAGING TO SEE HOW MUCH WORK IS DONE AT GRASSROOTS LEVEL LIKE THAT BY A LARGE NUMBER OF VERY DEDICATED PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

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POLLUTION COMPLAINTS HOTLINE SET UP
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO LODGE THEIR COMPLAINTS AND DIRECT THEIR ENQUIRIES ON POLLUTION MATTERS TO A NEW +HOTLINE+ SERVICE FROM MONDAY (MAY 25).

THE +POLLUTION HOTLINE+ NUMBER IS 5-8152244.

THE SERVICE IS INTRODUCED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT BECAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS ARE OFTEN COMPLEX, AND CAN INVOLVE SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. AS A RESULT, THE PUBLIC ARE SOMETIMES BEWILDERED AS TO WHERE OR HOW THEY SHOULD LODGE THEIR COMPLAINTS ON POLLUTION PROBLEMS.

THE HOTLINE SERVICE WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO LODGE COMPLAINTS AND WILL ALSO SPEED UP REMEDIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED. FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HOTLINE AND THE USE OF A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO MONITOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND INITIATE REMEDIAL OR PREVENTIVE ACTIONS MORE EFFICIENTLY.

THE HOTLINE WILL BE MANNED BY STAFF OF THE COMPLAINTS AND LIAISON SECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT'S SINCERE BUILDING OFFICE. A RECORDING FACILITY WILL BE USED TO TAKE COMPLAINTS OUTSIDE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

AS EACH COMPLAINT IS RECEIVED IT WILL BE CATEGORISED AND RECORDED IN A COMPUTER TO ENABLE MORE EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP ACTION AND REGULAR ANALYSIS OF COMPLAINT RECORDS.

THE SECTION WAS SET UP WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING GROUP (EAPG) OF THE EPD IN JUNE LAST YEAR FOLLOWING A REORGANISATION OF THE THEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. APART FROM DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS ON ALL POLLUTION, THE SECTION IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING THE DEPARTMENT'S LIAISON WITH OMELCO, THE DISTRICT BOARDS, AND WITH THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THE SECTION HAD RESPONDED TO OVER 5 000 COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES CONCERNING POLLUTION MATTERS.

+WITH THE PUBLIC'S GROWING AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND THE PROGRESSIVE INTRODUCTION OF POLLUTION CONTROLS, THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE FURTHER IN THE COMING YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

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MACLEOD STRESSES HK'S AFFINITY WITH WEST COAST
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (MAY 23) PRAISED THE FORMATION OF THE NEW HONG KONG-SEATTLE ASSOCIATION AS A MEANS TO FOSTER CLOSER LINKS BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE AND HONG KONG.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING IN SEATTLE CO-SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG-SEATTLE ASSOCIATION, THE WASHINGTON COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE, THE WASHINGTON STATE CHINA RELATIONS COUNCIL AND THE PORT OF SEATTLE, MR MACLEOD EMPHASISED HONG KONG'S AFFINITY TO THE WEST COAST OF THE USA.

HE NOTED THE SIMILARITY IN THE PERSPECTIVES OF THE TWO PLACES, BOTH BELIEVING IN THE BENEFITS OF FREE TRADE.

+IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THERE IS PARTICULAR AWARENESS HERE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PACIFIC BASIN, AND OF THE BENEFITS TO YOUR ECONOMY FLOWING FROM INTERNATIONAL TRADE,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

ADMITTING THAT PROTECTIONISM IN THE USA CASTS A SHADOW OVER HONG KONG'S OTHERWISE EXCELLENT TRADING PROSPECTS, MR MACLEOD REFUTED THE ARGUMENTS AND MYTHS PRESENTED TO JUSTIFY TRADE BARRIERS, SUCH AS IMPORTS MEANING LOST JOBS IN THE UNITED STATES, OR THAT THE UNITED STATES IS BEING DE-INDUSTRIALISED.

/HE SAID

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG IS APPRECIATIVE OF THE EFFORTS OF WASHINGTON STATE'S POLITICAL LEADERS, AS WELL AS TRADE AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS FROM THE STATE, IN EXERTING PRESSURE AGAINST ANY EXTREME PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION. HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THEIR INFLUENCE OVER EVENTS IN WASHINGTON DC AGAINST THE JENKINS BILL LAST YEAR.

HE NOTED TOO THAT HONG KONG'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USA IS A LONG STANDING AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ONE WHICH GOES BEYOND TRADE.

+ONE ONLY HAS TO THINK OF THE LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF HONG KONG STUDENTS WHO HAVE BENEFITTED FROM EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND RETURNED TO THE TERRITORY WITH WARM FEELINGS TOWARDS THE USA.

+THIS RELATIONSHIP ALSO INVOLVES A VERY SUBSTANTIAL US PRESENCE AND INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG. THE US CONSULATE HAS ESTIMATED THE TOTAL US INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG AT ABOUT US\$6 BILLION (ABOUT HK\$46.8 BILLION),+ HE SAID. +THERE ARE ABOUT 15 000 US CITIZENS RESIDENT IN HONG KONG AND AROUND 900 US FIRMS NOT JUST IN BUSINESS, BUT IN THE SERVICE SECTOR TOO.

+NEVERTHELESS, TRADE IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE RELATIONSHIP, AND THE USA IS OUR LARGEST MARKET,+ MR MACLEOD EMPHASISED.

HE REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE TRADE BALANCE IS IN HONG KONG'S FAVOUR, THE TERRITORY'S MARKET IS OPEN WITHOUT QUOTA OR TARIFF TO US AND OTHER GOODS- AND THAT OVERALL HONG KONG - IN ITS TRADE WITH THE WORLD - DOES NOT RUN A SURPLUS.

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HK MARKET OPEN TO U.S. PRODUCTS
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THE POTENTIAL FOR SALES OF U.S. GOODS IN HONG KONG IS FAR FROM EXHAUSTED, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE BUY MORE THAN \$4 000 WORTH A YEAR PER CAPITA ALREADY, THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK, MR BILL DORWARD, SAID YESTERDAY (MAY 21).

MR DORWARD WAS SPEAKING AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FORUM OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS IN NEW YORK.

THE TRADE GROUP'S FORUM IS ONE OF THE MOST HIGH-POWERED IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH THIS YEAR'S MEETING FEATURING SUCH NAMES AS U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, CLAYTON YEUTTER, AND EEC AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., SIR ROY DENMAN.

/MR DORWARD

MR DORWARD SAID THAT ANYONE IN THE U.S. WHO THOUGHT HE HAD PRODUCTS OR SERVICES WHICH WERE WORLD COMPETITIVE HAD A WIDE-OPEN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST OUT HIS BELIEF IN HONG KONG.

BUT NO ONE WAS GOING TO HAND IT TO THEM ON A PLATTER, HE SAID. +HONG KONG IS A TOUGH, COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT, WHERE SUCCESS IN SELLING DEPENDS MAINLY ON THE THREE BASIC CRITERIA OF PRICE, QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY.+

AS AN EXAMPLE, MR DORWARD POINTED TO THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN TEXTILE COMPANIES TO INCREASE THEIR SHARE OF THE HONG KONG MARKET, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ADVANTAGE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE RISING JAPANESE YEN. HE POINTED OUT THAT JAPAN NOW PROVIDES ABOUT 17 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TEXTILE IMPORTS, WHICH ARE VALUED AT MORE THAN \$20 BILLION A YEAR.

+THAT IS ASSUMING (THE AMERICAN TEXTILE COMPANIES) HAVE THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF COURSE- BUT IF THEIR PRODUCTION IS ALREADY TOO FULLY COMMITTED TO TRY FOR A SHARE OF SUCH A HUGE MARKET, WHY ARE THEY MAKING SUCH NOISY DEMANDS FOR STILL MORE PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS? THEY SURELY CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THREATS OF AMERICAN PROTECTIONISM AGAINST FOREIGN IMPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM HONG KONG, MR DORWARD SAID THAT THE TERRITORY LOOKED WITH MOUNTING CONCERN AT THE ATTEMPTS CURRENTLY BEING MADE TO RESTRICT SUCH IMPORTS EVEN FURTHER.

+THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL MANUFACTURERS IN THE U.S. AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE NOW ENJOYED GREATER PROTECTION, TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF, FOR MORE YEARS THAN ANY OTHER SECTOR SINCE THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION.

+I THINK MOST OF THOSE PRESENT WOULD AGREE THAT THE TEXTILE PROTECTIONISTS ARE STILL FIGHTING YESTERDAY'S WAR. THE FUTURE HAS TO LIE WITH THE REDUCTION OF BARRIERS, NOT THEIR INCREASE- WITH EXPANSION OF TRADE, NOT REDUCTION,+ HE SAID.

MR DORWARD SAID THAT THE IDEA OF A COMMUNITY LIKE HONG KONG MAINTAINING BALANCED TRADE WITH ALL ITS MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS WAS LUDICROUS.

+IN FACT THE WHOLE IDEA OF BALANCING TRADE BY COUNTRY OR BY PRODUCT SECTOR IS A NONSENSE, BECAUSE IT DENIES THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE TO ALL CONCERNED OF BUYING AND SELLING IN THE BEST MARKETS. TO TRY TO FORCE BILATERAL TRADE BALANCES BY GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN TRADE, TO EVERYBODY'S DISADVANTAGE,+ HE SAID.

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ASBESTOS REMOVAL SPECIALISTS INVITED FOR INTERVIEWS
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING LOCAL AND OVERSEAS CONTRACTORS WITH CAPABILITIES IN THE SPECIALIST WORK OF ASBESTOS REMOVAL TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE FACILITIES THEY ARE ABLE TO OFFER.

A NOTICE OF THE INVITATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THIS IS PART OF AN OVERALL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPED TO ENSURE THAT ASBESTOS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IS PROPERLY DEALT WITH,+ SAID A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.

HE SAID CONTRACTORS WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE ASBESTOS REMOVAL CONTRACTS IF THEY WERE ABLE TO SHOW THAT THEY WERE PROPERLY EQUIPPED AND THAT NOT ONLY PROFESSIONALS, BUT ALSO SUPERVISORS AND WORKMEN WERE FULLY TRAINED.

+THE DEPARTMENT PLACES SPECIAL EMPHASIS UPON SAFETY STANDARDS AND PROTECTION OF BOTH THE OPERATIVES EXECUTING REMOVAL WORKS AND THE USERS OF BUILDINGS.

+CONTRACTORS WHO MEET THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE GAZETTE NOTICE WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

+IF THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY WIN REMOVAL CONTRACTS THROUGH OPEN TENDERING, THEIR PERFORMANCE WILL BE CAREFULLY MONITORED TO ENSURE GOOD STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED,+ HE ADDED.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING DETAILS BY CONTRACTORS IS JUNE 19.

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WAGE CEILING RAISED TO \$11 500
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A MOTION PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY TO RAISE THE WAGE CEILING FOR NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE FROM \$10 500 TO \$11 500 BECOMES EFFECTIVE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

HE SAID THE WAGE CEILING FOR NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES HAD BEEN REVISED PERIODICALLY TO MAINTAIN ITS ORIGINAL VALUE AND THE LAST REVISION WAS MADE ABOUT A YEAR AGO.

ENQUIRIES RELATING TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE MAY BE MADE AT ANY OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION.

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BUS LANE SCHEME ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO BE INTRODUCED

A BUS-ONLY LANE SCHEME WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY (MAY 25) ON THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD DURING MORNING PEAK HOURS ON WEEKDAYS TO SPEED UP THE FLOW OF PASSENGERS TRAVELLING TO WORK, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LANE SPECIALLY EARMARKED FOR BUSES WILL BE ABOUT 670 METRES LONG EXTENDING FROM WORLDWIDE GARDENS TO THE TOLL PLAZA OF THE TUNNEL. IT WILL BE OPERATING BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 9 AM EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE BUS LANE SCHEME WILL REDUCE THE BUS JOURNEY TIME BY ABOUT FOUR MINUTES BY ALLOWING BUSES TO BYPASS TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID KMB ROUTES 48, 70X, 72B, 72X, 73X, 74A, 74X, 75X, 82M, 82X, 87 AND 89C MAY BE DIVERTED VIA CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, HUNG MUI KUK ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD ON KOWLOON-BOUND JOURNEYS DURING THE MORNING PEAK PERIOD IN THE EVENT OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD ON THE APPROACHES TO THE BUS LANE.

IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE FOR ANY VEHICLE, OTHER THAN A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE BUS OR A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WITH PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO ENTER THE BUS LANE. GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 61M, WHICH PROVIDES A SCHEDULED SERVICE FROM TAI WAI TO KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION, WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE BUS LANE.

TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE SCHEME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL MONITOR THE TRAFFIC SITUATION FOLLOWING ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND WILL CARRY OUT A REVIEW IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

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MEMORIAL FUND COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) APPOINTMENTS TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND COUNCIL.

INDUSTRIALIST AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR STEPHEN CHEONG KAM-CHUEN HAS BEEN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

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THE OTHER FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL INCLUDE LADY YOUDE, WIDOW OF THE LATE GOVERNOR, MR ANTHONY KAN YUET-MING, PROFESSOR LEUNG WAI-SUN, DR LUI MING-WAH AND DR BENJAMIN TSOU KA-YIN. THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER IS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLYING THE RECURRENT INCOME OF THE FUND FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE EDUCATION AND LEARNING OF, AND RESEARCH BY, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

MR ANTHONY KAN IS AN ECONOMIST BY TRAINING AND IS AT PRESENT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ASIA) OF NEW ZEALAND REINSURANCE CO. LTD. DR LUI MING-WAH OBTAINED HIS DOCTORATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE BACK IN 1973 AND IS NOW THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KEYSTONE ELECTRONICS CO. LTD.

THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS ARE FROM THE LOCAL ACADEMIC CIRCLE. PROFESSOR LEUNG WAI-SUN IS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WHILE DR BENJAMIN TSOU IS HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG.

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FIRST JOINT MEETING OF MEMORIAL FUND

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THE FIRST JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE COUNCIL OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), CENTRAL.

AFTER THE MEETING, LADY YOUDE, WHO IS A MEMBER OF BOTH THE BOARD AND THE COUNCIL; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MR LEE QUO-WEI, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN CHEONG KAM-CHUEN WILL TALK TO THE PRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE LOBBY OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT 11.15 AM.

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IMPORTANT ROLES OF AREA COMMITTEES STRESSED
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

ADDRESSING 22 NEWLY APPOINTED AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT A GATHERING AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, MR LAM SAID THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AREA COMMITTEES WHICH HAD PROVED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE TWO-WAY CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.

HE SAID THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF AREA COMMITTEES WERE TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND MEASURES, TO REFLECT THEIR VIEWS TO DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AND TO IDENTIFY SHORTFALLS AND DEFICIENCIES OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THEIR AREA.

+PAST RECORD SHOWED THAT THEIR VIEWS WERE VERY OFTEN CONSTRUCTIVE AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD CONSIDERABLE REGARD FOR THEM,+ HE SAID.

+AREA COMMITTEES HAVE ALSO PROVED TO BE ESSENTIAL IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY SPIRIT,+ HE ADDED.

MR LAM HOPED THAT AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO COME FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE COULD LIAISE MORE CLOSELY WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ACT AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCALS.

HE ALSO REMINDED THEM TO REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHER 'KAIFONGS' TO DO THE SAME IN A MAJOR EXERCISE DUE TO START IN AUGUST.

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RESOURCE CENTRE FOR GUIDANCE TEACHERS TO BE SET UP
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP A RESOURCE CENTRE TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION MATERIALS ON CAREERS EDUCATION AND GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR CAREERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS, THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICE AND INSTITUTIONS), MR BRIAN FRENCH, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 21ST CAREERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS' SEMINAR, MR FRENCH SAID THE RESOURCE CENTRE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED ONCE ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES WERE AVAILABLE.

THE ANNUAL SEMINAR ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 150 TEACHERS WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS AND THE HANG SENG BANK.

REFERRING TO THE FIVE ADDITIONAL TEACHERS MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH STANDARD-SIZE SCHOOL IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, MR FRENCH SAID THE ADDITIONAL GRADUATE TEACHER PROVIDED IN 1983 WAS SPECIFICALLY TO ENABLE SCHOOLS TO ALLOCATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CAREERS EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE TO THEIR TEACHING STAFF.

+THE YEAR ALSO SAW THE OPENING OF THE CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN ANNUAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE FOR CAREERS TEACHERS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+ALONGSIDE CAREERS EDUCATION, GUIDANCE WORK IS BEING PROMOTED IN SCHOOLS AND A SUGGESTED GUIDE ON GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.+

+AT THE SAME TIME, A PILOT SCHEME - SCHOOLS SUPPORT SCHEME - AIMED TO STRENGTHEN GUIDANCE SERVICES IN INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AND SERVICES AND EXPERTISE OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS WERE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE PROJECT,+ MR FRENCH SAID.

TO PROVIDE IN-SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUIDANCE TEACHERS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO SPONSORED COURSES TO BE RUN BY TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS OF WHICH THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG HAS OFFERED A CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SCHOOL COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR WHILE BOTH THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WOULD MOUNT SPECIAL COURSES FOR GUIDANCE TEACHERS IN AUGUST.

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MORE WELFARE FACILITIES FOR YUEN LONG

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEEDS OF YUEN LONG, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1987-89, MRS WONG ADDED THAT THERE WERE REGULAR REVIEWS OF THE EXISTING FACILITIES AS WELL AS PLANNING AHEAD AS HOW TO MEET THE NEEDS.

+IT IS PLANNED THAT BETWEEN 1987 AND 1990, WELFARE FACILITIES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE BOOSTED WITH THE ADDITION OF THREE MORE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, FOUR DAY CHILD CARE CENTRES, A MULTI-SERVICES CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, A HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY, A HALF-WAY HOUSE AND TWO SHELTERED WORKSHOPS WITH RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES,+ SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID THE LONG PING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE TO BE OPENED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHORTLY WAS AMONG THE PROJECTS BEING DEVELOPED TO MEET THE DISTRICT NEEDS.

SHE TRACED THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WHICH DATED BACK TO 1970 AND COMPLIMENTED THE OFFICE-BEARERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY AND GROUP ACTIVITIES, YOUTH WORK AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES.

SHE SAID THE DEPARTMENT FULLY SUPPORTED THESE ACTIVITIES AND SUBVENTION TO THE TOWN HALL IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$2.3 MILLION.

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TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO BE EXPANDED * * * * *

THE AREA OF TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS TO BE INCREASED BY 2.9 HECTARES ACCORDING TO AN AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO THE DRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE SITE, SITUATED TO THE EAST OF TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WAS ORIGINALLY RESERVED FOR EXPANSION OF AN ADJOINING SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID EXPANSION OF THE PLANT WAS NO LONGER NECESSARY AS SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES IN THE AREA WERE SUFFICIENT.

+THE LAND RELEASED CAN NOW BE INCORPORATED INTO TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AT THE REQUEST OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CORPORATION,+ HE SAID.

IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO AMEND THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN BY CHANGING THE ANNOTATION OF THE SITE FROM 'OTHER SPECIFIED USES (SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT)' TO 'OTHER SPECIFIED USES (INDUSTRIAL ESTATE)'.

THE AMENDMENT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) AND A RELATED NOTICE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY JUNE 11.

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TALKING ON LAND SPORTS SAFETY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE 1987 LAND SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR P.E. BIRNEY, SAID ALTHOUGH LAND-BASED SPORTS ARE INTRINSICALLY LESS RISKY THAN THOSE WHICH ARE WATER-BASED, PEOPLE DO FALL OFF ROCKS, OR LOSE THEIR WAY IN THE HILLS, OR OTHERWISE END UP DEAD OR INJURED.

+WHILST THERE ARE DOUBTLESS MANY FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO ACCIDENTS IN SPORT, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT IGNORANCE, OR SHEER LACK OF CARE, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH, ARE THE PRIME CAUSES,+ MR BIRNEY SAID.

HOWEVER, THESE CAN ALL BE REMEDIED BY TAKING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BEFOREHAND, HE STRESSED.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS COMMITTEE WILL STAGE TWO MAJOR PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES TO PUT ACROSS THE +PLAY SAFE+ MESSAGE.

THE FIRST OF THESE WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH THE WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD AT THE EAST TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE ON SUNDAY (MAY 24) TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY MESSAGE THROUGH WATER SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS, EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS AND A MAGNIFICENT SEA PARADE.

THE SECOND ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR WILL BE THE LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER IN THE FORMAT OF SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TO CONCENTRATE THE MESSAGE DIRECTLY ON GROUPS AND AGENCIES INSTRUCTING AND TRAINING PARTICIPANTS IN LAND SPORTS.

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NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SHEK WU HUI
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A STANDARD PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SCHOOL WILL OCCUPY A SITE MEASURING ABOUT 3 600 SQUARE METRES IN AREA 7, SHEK WU HUI, FANLING. IT IS ABOUT 10 MINUTES' WALK FROM SHEUNG SHUI KCR STATION.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. IT WILL INCLUDE A SEVEN-STORY SCHOOL BLOCK COMPRISING 24 CLASSROOMS, A COVERED PLAYGROUND, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND FIVE OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSE ROOMS.

OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE QUARTERS, A BASKETBALL COURT, CAR PARK AND PLANTING AREAS.

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REVIEW ON CONTROL AND LICENSING OF CRAFT UNDER WAY
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EXISTING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING AND CONTROL OF LOCAL CRAFT UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE WILL BE AMENDED, OR REPLACED BY NEW LEGISLATION.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, WHILE ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR HALL NOTED THAT THE PURPOSE OF LICENSING LOCAL CRAFT WAS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO MONITOR AND REGULATE THE OPERATION OF VESSELS. IT WAS ALSO A DEVICE FOR RECOVERING THE COSTS OF PROVIDING VARIOUS MARINE SERVICES.

HE, HOWEVER, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE EXISTING MERCHANT SHIPPING REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAUNCHES AND FERRY VESSELS, MISCELLANEOUS CRAFT AND PLEASURE VESSELS WERE +ARCHAIC+, +LACKED PRECISION+ AND WERE +LARGELY INCOMPREHENSIVE TO NEWCOMERS FROM OVERSEAS+.

HE SAID THIS WAS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO HONG KONG'S LEGISLATION REGARDING INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING (AT EIGHT MILLION TONS GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE HONG KONG HAS THE 11TH LARGEST REGISTRY IN THE WORLD) WHICH WAS BY AND LARGE UP TO THE MINUTE AND HIGHLY EFFICIENT IN OPERATION.

+WE THEREFORE INTEND TO CARRY OUT A ZERO-BASE REVIEW WITH THE INTENTION OF PRODUCING A SYSTEM BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS SHOULD BE THE MINIMUM, CONSISTENT WITH SAFETY AND GOOD ORDER,+ SAID MR HALL.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE AN OPEN MIND ON THE MATTER AND WOULD WELCOME IDEAS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR, THE HONG KONG COMMERCIAL AND PLEASURE VESSEL COMMUNITY.

HE SAID AN OFFICER WOULD BE APPOINTED TO CARRY OUT THE REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY, TO CONSIDER THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES AND TO PRODUCE PROPOSALS.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT AND MANNING WOULD, HOWEVER, BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NEW TECHNICAL POLICY DIVISION TO BE FORMED IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED.

ANOTHER FUNCTION OF THE NEW TECHNICAL POLICY DIVISION WOULD BE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SETTING UP AND OPERATION OF THE NEW SHIPPING REGISTER.

/MR HALL

MR HALL POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS AT PRESENT A BRITISH PORT OF REGISTRY AND THAT A +MODIFIED+ REGISTER WAS BEING CREATED CAPABLE OF CARRYING ON AFTER 1997 UNDER THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

+THE MAIN PRINCIPLES TO BE ADOPTED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE NEW REGISTRY HAVE ALREADY BEEN AGREED WITH THE CHINESE. THE DETAILS ARE NOW BEING DEVELOPED BY A STEERING GROUP,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT MANY +LOCAL CRAFT+ USING THE PORT WERE NOT REGISTERED OR LICENSED IN HONG KONG AND THE DIVISION WOULD EXAMINE THE EXTENT HONG KONG STANDARDS SHOULD DOVETAIL WITH THE STANDARDS IN CHINA.

+WHATEVER IS DECIDED, I HOPE THAT BY THE VERY EARLY 1990'S WE WILL HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INTRODUCE COMPREHENSIVE, SENSIBLE AND SOUND REGULATIONS FOR ALL LOCAL CRAFT,+ MR HALL SAID.

NOTING THE IMPORTANCE IN THE CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE NEW TECHNICAL POLICY DIVISION AND OTHER OPERATIONAL DIVISIONS, MR HALL SAID A SMALL STEERING GROUP CHAIRED BY HIMSELF WOULD BE SET UP TO CO-ORDINATE THE TWO FUNCTIONS AND TO MONITOR PROGRESS.

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VESSEL OWNERS REMINDED OF RADIO LICENCE
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THE POST OFFICE TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED PLEASURE VESSEL OWNERS THAT UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN LICENCES FOR ALL RADIO EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING RADARS AND NAVIGATIONAL RECEIVERS, INSTALLED ON BOARD PLEASURE VESSELS.

+A PLEASURE VESSEL RADIO NETWORK STATION LICENCE IS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH ALL RADIO STATIONS FITTED ON LOCAL PLEASURE VESSELS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH BOAT CLUBS, MARINAS AS WELL AS FOR MAKING TELEPHONE CALLS TO SHORE SUBSCRIBERS,+ A SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE, POSSESSION OR USE OF ANY APPARATUS FOR RADIOCOMMUNICATION WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE WAS AN OFFENCE.

+THE OFFENDER WILL BE LIABLE, ON SUMMARY CONVICTION, TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND TO TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT,+ HE SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ENFORCEMENT OF THIS REQUIREMENT WOULD BE STRENGTHENED DURING THIS BOATING SEASON.

INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION OF A LICENCE COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH OF THE POST OFFICE AT FIFTH FLOOR, SINCERE BUILDING, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, OR BY CALLING 5-8529608, HE SAID.

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WAN CHAI YIN NGAI SOCIETY PRAISED

WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, PRAISED THE WAN CHAI YIN NGAI SOCIETY FOR BRINGING TOGETHER WOMEN IN THE DISTRICT AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY BY ORGANISING VARIOUS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI YIN NGAI SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY), MR GARCIA SAID THE SOCIETY HAD ENCOURAGED WOMEN TO USE THEIR LEISURE TIME TO BECOME INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, APART FROM TAKING CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1983, THE SOCIETY HAD PROMOTED THE SPIRIT OF +SELF-HELP AND MUTUAL AID+ AND ORGANISED VARIOUS FUNCTIONS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHARITY AND CONDUCTED VISITS TO THE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLIES, HE ADDED.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE SOCIETY WOULD CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THAT MORE WOMEN IN THE DISTRICT WOULD BENEFIT FROM ITS WORK, MR GARCIA SAID.

HE ALSO CONGRATULATED MISS ANNA TANG WHO WAS RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRD TERM OF THE WAN CHAI YIN NGAI SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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HK-MACAU FERRY PIER DECK FOR RENT

THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TENANCY OF PORTIONS OF DECK 1 ON THE INNER AND OUTER PIERS OF THE HONG KONG-MACAU FERRY TERMINAL.

THE PORTIONS, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 7.5 SQUARE METRES, ARE TO BE USED FOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINES FOR THE SALE OF NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

THE TENANCY WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE YEARLY AFTERWARDS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 26.

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AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS

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THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION HAS SELECTED THREE OUTSTANDING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS FROM A NUMBER OF ENTRIES AND THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ALL THE PARTICIPATING PROJECTS WERE SUBSIDISED BY THE FIRST TERRITORY-WIDE CIVIC EDUCATION COMMUNITY PROJECTS SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE LAST YEAR.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR PETER TAM; CONVENOR OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE, MR MAK HOI-WAH AND THE SPONSOR OF THE OUTSTANDING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT AWARD, MR SHEUNG HOK-MING.

THE WINNERS WILL ALSO PRESENT THEIR PROJECTS AT THE FUNCTION AND EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OUTSTANDING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2.45 PM IN THE FANLING ROOM, LOWER LEVEL 1, SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

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ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES PRESS CONFERENCE

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THE 1987 ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (MAY 24) AT THE JUMBO FLOATING RESTAURANT IN SHUM WAN, ABERDEEN, TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S RACES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LIU LIT-FOR, WILL HOST THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

AN EYE-DOTTING AND EMBLEM HANGING CEREMONY FOR FOUR DRAGON BOATS WILL BE PERFORMED BY MR LIU, MR KEUNG YIN-MAN, MR YUNG CHEK-CHOW AND MR JOSEPH CHAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, AND OFFICIALS FROM THE POLICE, MARINE POLICE AND MARINE DEPARTMENT.

/PRESS BADGES

PRESS BADGES FOR COVERING THE RACES TO BE HELD IN ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER ON MAY 31 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE. THE OFFICIATING GUEST FOR THE RACES IS THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD.

THE RACES ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY.

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**COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WORK CONDITIONS FOR WOMEN
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THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY (MAY 25) TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP WORK TO A SURVEY ON THE CONDITIONS OF WORK FOR WOMEN WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1987/88. THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS APPROVED FUNDS AMOUNTING TO \$155 000 TO THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, 2/F., TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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**TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, ARGYLE STREET

SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET FROM MONDAY (MAY 25) FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN PUI CHING ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES ON MAY 25 AND 26 FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SLIP ROAD TO PUI CHING ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD.

VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE PREMISES ALONG THIS SECTION OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE MAINTAINED.

MOTORISTS CAN USE THE FOLLOWING ROUTES:

- * PUI CHING ROAD, SHEUNG SHING STREET, SHEK KU STREET, PERTH STREET AND THE ACCESS ROAD UNDERNEATH THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER; OR**
- * PUI CHING ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND, U-TURN LOOP NEAR THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND THE ACCESS ROAD UNDERNEATH THE FLYOVER OPPOSITE PERTH STREET.**

ARGYLE STREET EASTBOUND UNDERNEATH THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES ON MAY 26 AND 27 FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM.

DURING THIS ROAD CLOSURE PERIOD, THE FOLLOWING DIVERSION ROUTES ARE AVAILABLE:

- * MOTORISTS IN ARGYLE STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR KOWLOON CITY WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE FLYOVER ACROSS PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD; OR**
- * MOTORISTS IN WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND AND PUI CHING ROAD HEADING FOR ARGYLE STREET EASTBOUND MAY USE SOARES AVENUE, ARGYLE STREET AND THE FLYOVER ACROSS PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD. THEY CAN ALSO TRAVEL VIA WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND, U-TURN LOOP NEAR THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND ARGYLE STREET.**

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GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 73 TO BE EXTENDED

NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 73 PLYING BETWEEN YUEN LONG (FOOK TAK STREET) AND TONG YUEN IN SUNG SHAN SAN TSUEN WILL BE EXTENDED FROM MONDAY (MAY 25) TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE FOR PASSENGERS.

THE EXTENDED ROUTE WILL TERMINATE OUTSIDE TUNG KONG STORE IN SUNG SHAN SAN TSUEN. TO COINCIDE WITH THE MOVE, A SHORT WORKING ROUTE FROM YUEN LONG (FOOK TAK STREET) TO TONG TAU PO WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 7 AM TO 9.15 AM AT 15-MINUTE INTERVAL.

MEANWHILE, THE FREQUENCY OF THE SERVICE WILL BE ADJUSTED FROM THE EXISTING EIGHT MINUTES TO 12 MINUTES. THE FARE AND OTHER OPERATING DETAILS OF THE SERVICE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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