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GOVERNOR DISCUSSES VARIOUS ISSUES WITH PM

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID IN LONDON YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) EVENING THAT HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN USEFUL AND THAT HE HAD BROUGHT HER UP TO DATE ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A ONE-HOUR MEETING WITH MRS THATCHER, SIR DAVID SAID THE PRIME MINISTER TOOK A GREAT INTEREST IN ISSUES CONCERNING HONG KONG.

THE ISSUES DISCUSSED INCLUDED THE STATE OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, MAJOR PROJECTS FOR THE FUTURE, VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, THE TERRITORY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA AND THE COMING VISIT TO PEKING BY THE MINISTER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, MR FRANCIS MAUDE.

SIR DAVID EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORT MADE BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE DESPITE POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN BRITAIN.

ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY INDICATION OF AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PASSPORTS TO BE ISSUED, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE BILL WAS GOING THROUGH THE HOUSE OF LORDS ON JUNE 29 AND THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF CHANGING IT.

HE SAID THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE WAS ONE OF THE WAYS OF TACKLING THE BRAIN DRAIN IN HONG KONG. THE OTHER WAY WAS DEVELOPING LOCAL TALENTS, INCREASING THE TERRITORY'S OWN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES, BUILDING UNIVERSITIES AND SO ON.

BUT SIR DAVID SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD CAUSE A PROBLEM WITH MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS.

AS FOR CHINA'S OBJECTION TO THE NATIONALITY BILL, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS A QUESTION OF EXPLAINING TO THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP THE PURPOSE OF THE PACKAGE WHICH WAS TO KEEP PEOPLE IN HONG KONG SO THAT THEY CONTRIBUTED TO ITS SUCCESS AND THERE WAS NO HIDDEN AND SINISTER MOTIVE BEHIND IT.

HE HOPED THE CHINESE WOULD REALISE THAT THE PACKAGE WOULD GENUINELY BE A BENEFIT TO HONG KONG.

ON THE BILL OF RIGHTS, HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING UNDERHAND ABOUT IT AND THERE WAS NOTHING IN IT THAT CONFLICTED WITH THE BASIC LAW.

HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTACT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA AND HE THOUGHT THE ATMOSPHERE NOW WAS BETTER THAN IT WAS SIX MONTHS AGO.

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ON THE VBP ISSUE, THE GOVERNOR SAID WE HAD A MANAGEABLE SITUATION BUT WE STILL HAD A LONG-TERM PROBLEM.

THE PRIME MINISTER FULLY UNDERSTOOD HONG KONG'S POLICY AND WAS FULLY SUPPORTIVE, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THEY HAD NOT TALKED ABOUT THE FANG LIZHI ISSUE BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT AN ISSUE WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECTED HONG KONG. HE ALSO SAID HE AND MRS THATCHER DID NOT TALK ABOUT THE TERM OF HIS APPOINTMENT.

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SECOND READING OF NATIONALITY BILL IN HOUSE OF LORDS WELCOMED

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A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) WELCOMED THE PASSAGE OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) BILL THROUGH ITS SECOND READING IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE BILL TO GO THROUGH ITS COMMITTEE STAGE, REPORT STAGE AND THIRD READING.

"WE ARE STILL AIMING TO OBTAIN ROYAL ASSENT TO THE BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT RISES FOR THE SUMMER RECESS. THIS WILL PROBABLY BE AT THE END OF JULY," HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE THAT THEY MUST BE HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS (BDTC'S), BRITISH NATIONALS (OVERSEAS) (BN(O)'S), BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENS (BOC'S), BRITISH PROTECTED PERSONS (BPP'S), OR BRITISH SUBJECTS (BS'S) AND SETTLED IN HONG KONG.

"OTHER HONG KONG RESIDENTS MUST APPLY FOR NATURALISATION BEFORE THE BILL IS GIVEN ROYAL ASSENT IF THEY WISH TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE SCHEME," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

"ANY PERSON WHO HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO LIMIT OF STAY CAN APPLY FOR NATURALISATION, IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE," HE SAID.

"THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY BEFORE YOU CAN APPLY FOR NATURALISATION," HE SAID.

"IF ANY PERSON HAS ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING NATURALISATION REQUIREMENTS, HE SHOULD DIRECT HIS ENQUIRIES TO THE INFORMATION SECTION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, TELEPHONE NUMBER 829 3333 OR 824 6111," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ADVANCE FOR PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY APPROVED

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) APPROVED A COMMITMENT OF \$20 MILLION AS AN ADVANCE TO THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO FINANCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND INITIAL OPERATION.

ON OCTOBER 10 LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ORDERED, INTER ALIA, THAT A PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY SHOULD BE SET UP TO PREPARE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AND THAT SUBSEQUENTLY AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO CARRY FORWARD THE PLANNING, FUNDING, DEVELOPMENT, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE AIRPORT.

A BILL PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 4 THIS YEAR AND THE RESULTANT ORDINANCE WAS GAZETTED ON APRIL 6.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY WERE ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 15 AND THE FIRST MEETING WAS HELD ON THE SAME DAY.

DURING ITS TENURE THE MAIN TASK OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY WILL BE TO ESTABLISH A CORE MANAGEMENT GROUP, HEADED BY A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THAT WILL BE CAPABLE OF OVERSEEING THE CONSULTANTS ENGAGED TO PREPARE THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR THE AIRPORT, ESTABLISHING POLICIES ON FINANCIAL AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT, DETERMINING PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING PROCEDURES, AND GENERALLY PLANNING FOR THE ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

THE LEGISLATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY WILL PROVIDE FOR THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO TAKE OVER ALL THE ASSETS, LIABILITIES, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

THE LATTER WILL BE DEEMED TO BE DISSOLVED ON THE DATE WHEN THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY COMES INTO EXISTENCE.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL ADVANCES MADE TO THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT DIRECT EXPENDITURE WHICH IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE NEW AIRPORT WILL BE CONVERTED INTO GOVERNMENT EQUITY IN THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

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SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN AIR QUALITY EXPECTED

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PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN KWUN TONG, KWAI TSING, TSUEN WAN AND OTHER MIXED INDUSTRIAL/RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN HONG KONG CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN AIR QUALITY FROM JULY.

AIR POLLUTION BY SULPHUR DIOXIDE, WHICH ATTACKS THE LUNGS, IS EXPECTED TO DROP BY ALMOST 80 PER CENT IN HONG KONG'S MAIN INDUSTRIAL AREAS AFTER THE FUEL (RESTRICTION) REGULATIONS COME INTO EFFECT ON SUNDAY (JULY 1).

THE USE OF HIGH SULPHUR HEAVY FUEL OIL WILL BE BANNED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AS FROM SUNDAY, UNDER THESE REGULATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) SAID THAT BY LIMITING THE SPECIFICATION OF LIQUID FUELS TO NO MORE THAN 0.5 PER CENT BY WEIGHT OF SULPHUR AND A MAXIMUM VISCOSITY OF SIX CENTISTOKES, THE REGULATIONS SHOULD REMOVE ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE SULPHUR DIOXIDE AND UP TO 90 PER CENT OF SMOKE AND PARTICULATES EMITTED FROM INDUSTRIES.

"RESIDENTS LIVING IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS SURROUNDED BY CHIMNEYS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BREATHE MUCH MORE EASILY VERY SOON," HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, ABOUT 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN AREAS WHERE THE HEALTH-RELATED AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR SULPHUR DIOXIDE ARE NOT BEING MET. MANY PEOPLE ARE AT THE SAME TIME AFFECTED BY HIGH LEVELS OF SMOKE AND PARTICULATES EMITTED FROM FACTORY CHIMNEYS.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FUEL RESTRICTION REGULATIONS WILL MEAN THAT MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO FUEL-BURNING APPLIANCES ARE REQUIRED IN ABOUT 1,000 FACTORIES AS WELL AS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND HOSPITALS.

THE EPD SENT OUT LETTERS IN MARCH TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED TO INFORM THEM OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW REGULATIONS AND TO REMIND THEM TO MAKE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS IN TIME TO MEET THE TARGET DATE OF JULY 1.

FOLLOW-UP ENQUIRIES TO BOTH END USERS AND SUPPLIERS HAVE SHOWN THAT OVER 90 PER CENT OF THE FACTORIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED HAVE ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONVERTING THEIR BOILERS TO USE THE LIGHT DIESEL OIL BY JULY 1.

"SO FAR, ONLY A HANDFUL OF FACTORIES HAVE RUN INTO PROBLEMS IN MODIFYING THEIR APPLIANCES, AND IN MOST CASES THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN SOLVED AFTER WE WERE CALLED IN FOR ADVICE," HE SAID.

"IT IS GOOD TO SEE THAT THE BULK OF INDUSTRY IS DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT," THE EPD SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT EPD INSPECTORS WOULD BE OBLIGED BY THE LAW TO PROSECUTE ANYBODY FOUND USING HEAVY FUEL OIL AFTER JULY 1.

EPD OFFICERS HAVE BEEN EXAMINING THEIR AIR QUALITY DATA CLOSELY FOR SIGNS OF THE CHANGE IN POLLUTION LEVELS THAT IS EXPECTED.

THE SITUATION IS COMPLICATED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE MEASURED POLLUTION LEVELS DEPEND NOT ONLY ON POLLUTING EMISSIONS BUT ALSO ON WIND DIRECTION AND OTHER ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS, SO IT MAY BE A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE REAL EXTENT OF THE IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE CONCLUDED RELIABLY FROM THE MONITORING DATA.

WITH THIS IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL SHORTLY TO BE IMPLEMENTED, THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW PRESSING FORWARD WITH PLANS TO CONTROL THE POLLUTING EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES.

"THE BENEFITS FROM OUR MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL PROGRAMME WILL SHOW UP MUCH MORE SLOWLY IN TERMS OF AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS THAN THE CONTROLS ON INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS, BUT THIS PROGRAMME IS A VITAL ELEMENT OF OUR PLAN TO LET EVERYBODY BREATHE EASIER IN HONG KONG," THE EPD SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW REGULATIONS TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY AND FACILITATE POLICE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

UNDER THE AMENDMENTS, CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING BRAKE FAILURE WARNING DEVICES, SIDEGUARDS AND REARGUARDS WILL BE INTRODUCED, AND ALTERATIONS TO VEHICLES WHICH INCREASE THE REFLECTING EFFECT OF SAFETY GLASS OR GLAZING WILL BE PROHIBITED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENT REGULATIONS SPECIFIED STANDARDS REGARDING THE DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE OF BRAKING SYSTEMS.

"THE NEW AMENDMENTS REQUIRE VEHICLES WITH A HYDRAULIC BRAKING SYSTEM ALSO TO BE FITTED WITH A WARNING DEVICE TO INDICATE IMPENDING BRAKE FAILURE," HE SAID.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT REQUIRES VEHICLES WITH A FULL AIR BRAKING SYSTEM TO BE FITTED WITH AN AUDIBLE DEVICE TO INDICATE LOW PRESSURE AND DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE DRIVER WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE CONCENTRATING ON THE ROAD AHEAD.

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THE NEW REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY ONLY TO ALL NEW VEHICLES MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1990 AND REGISTERED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1990.

"THE MAJORITY OF THESE VEHICLES ARE EXPECTED TO BE FITTED ALREADY WITH THE REQUIRED WARNING DEVICES AS STANDARD EQUIPMENT FROM MANUFACTURERS BECAUSE THE MAJOR VEHICLE IMPORTERS WERE ADVISED OF THE PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS BEFORE 1989," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO REINFORCE EXISTING REGULATIONS, AN AMENDMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO PROHIBIT ANY ALTERATION OR ADDITION TO ANY WINDSCREEN, WINDOW OR PARTITION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH INCREASES THE REFLECTING EFFECT OF THE SAFETY GLASS OR GLAZING.

UNTIL RECENTLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE EXISTING PROVISION HAD BEEN ADEQUATE IN PREVENTING THE GENERAL APPLICATION OF TINTED FILM WHICH, WHILE REDUCING THE SUN'S HEATING EFFECT, ALSO REDUCES THE VISIBILITY OF A CAR'S OCCUPANTS TO PEOPLE OUTSIDE.

"THERE IS A NEED TO STOP THE USE OF TINTED FILM FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON SIDEGUARDS AND REARGUARDS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW AMENDMENTS REQUIRE THOSE GOODS VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS WITH A LARGE OPEN GAP BETWEEN THE AXLES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH PROTECTIVE DEVICES KNOWN AS SIDEGUARDS SO AS TO PREVENT PEDESTRIANS OR CYCLISTS BEING RUN OVER IN AN ACCIDENT.

IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CLASSES OF GOODS VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH ROBUST REARGUARD PROTECTION.

THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1990. VEHICLES WHICH ARE REGISTERED OR LICENSED BEFORE JULY 1, 1990 WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. THE GRACE PERIOD WILL ALLOW OWNERS OF EXISTING VEHICLES SUFFICIENT TIME TO INSTALL SIDEGUARDS AND REARGUARDS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

A BILINGUAL LEAFLET, "A GUIDE TO NEW TRAFFIC RULES ON VEHICLE SAFETY", GIVING GENERAL DETAILS ON THE NEW REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED. IT IS AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICES.

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AGE ORDINANCE COMES INTO EFFECT IN OCTOBER

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THE AGE OF MAJORITY (RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE 1990 WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 16 THIS YEAR, LOWERED THE AGE OF MAJORITY FROM 21 TO 18 FOR MOST PURPOSES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID SECTION 2 OF THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT A PERSON REACHES THE AGE OF MAJORITY AT 18. IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT A PERSON WHO IS OVER 18 AND UNDER 21 AT THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE ATTAINS FULL AGE ON THAT DATE.

SECTION 5 MAKES IT CLEAR THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE, WHERE A PERSON HAS BEEN BORN ON FEBRUARY 29 OF A LEAP YEAR, HIS OR HER BIRTHDAY SHALL BE MARCH 1 IN ANY YEAR OTHER THAN A LEAP YEAR.

SECTION 11 AND 12 PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS 18 OR OVER CAN NOW MAKE A VALID WILL.

SECTION 13 REDUCES FROM 21 TO 18 THE AGE AT WHICH A PERSON IS CAPABLE OF BEING APPOINTED A DIRECTOR OF A COMPANY.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO THE LAW IN RELATION TO CONTRACTS MADE BY MINORS.

ON THE LAW IN RELATION TO GUARANTEES OF MINORS' CONTRACTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID SECTION 3 OF THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT A GUARANTEE OF AN OBLIGATION INCURRED BY A MINOR SHALL NO LONGER BE UNENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE GUARANTOR ON THE GROUND OF AGE ALONE.

AN AMENDMENT IN RELATION TO MINORS' CONTRACTS IS MADE TO SECTION 46 OF THE DISTRICT COURT ORDINANCE, WHICH REMOVED THE DEFENCE OF MINORITY IN RESPECT OF CLAIMS IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

SECTION 18 RESTORES THE DEFENCE OF INFANCY IN ALL ACTIONS BROUGHT IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN RESPECT OF AGREEMENTS MADE AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

AS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY OR GOODS TO MINORS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A DISHONEST MINOR COULD TAKE AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE UNDER A CONTRACT WHICH WAS UNENFORCEABLE AGAINST HIM BECAUSE OF HIS MINORITY.

SECTION 4 THUS PROVIDES A REMEDY FOR THE OTHER PARTY OF THE CONTRACT BY EMPOWERING A COURT TO REQUIRE A MINOR TO RESTORE PROPERTY TO THE OTHER PARTY WHEN THE COURT CONSIDERS IT JUST AND EQUITABLE TO DO SO.

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WHILE THE AGE AT WHICH A PERSON CAN MARRY WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT REMAINS AT 21, SECTION 17 PROVIDES THAT ANY PERSON AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 21 WHO NEEDS TO HAVE THE CONSENT OF A PARENT OR A GUARDIAN TO MARRY CAN APPLY TO A COURT FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY IF THAT CONSENT IS WITHHELD.

THERE ARE SOME TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE ORDINANCE. ON FUNDS IN COURTS, SECTION 20 PROVIDES THAT A REFERENCE TO THE AGE OF 21 IN COURT ORDERS ALREADY IN FORCE RELATING TO MONEY RECOVERED BY OR ON BEHALF OF AN INFANT SHOULD BE READ AS A REFERENCE TO THE AGE OF 18.

WHEN CONSIDERING THE VALIDITY OF A DISPOSITION UNDER ANY INSTRUMENT MADE BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT DATE, SECTION 23 PROVIDES THAT THE AGE OF MAJORITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE 21 IN SO FAR AS PERMISSIBLE PERIODS FOR ACCUMULATION OF INCOME UNDER THE PERPETUITIES AND ACCUMULATIONS ORDINANCE ARE CONCERNED.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO AGE INCORPORATED INTO ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE ORDINANCE ARE TO BE CONSTRUED AS IF THE AGE OF MAJORITY REMAINED AT 21.

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TWO SHIPPING AMENDMENT BILLS GAZETTED

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TWO AMENDMENT BILLS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE OPERATION OF TWO EXISTING ORDINANCES RELATING TO SHIPPING HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 AND THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, BOTH OF WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SOON.

ONE OBJECT OF THE AMENDMENT BILLS IS TO EXTEND THE APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF COLLISIONS AT SEA (COLREGS) TO INCLUDE ALL HONG KONG VESSELS OPERATING WITHIN AND OUTSIDE HONG KONG WATERS.

THESE PROVISIONS CLOSE EXISTING LOOPHOLES FOR CERTAIN VESSELS.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT AMENDMENT WILL BE TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVE WILFUL DEFAULT IN ESTABLISHING AN OFFENCE UNDER COLREGS.

THE BILL WILL PROVIDE FOR A DEFENCE ON THE GROUND OF HAVING TAKEN ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS.

THIS AMENDMENT SHOULD ASSIST PROSECUTION CASES FOR CONTRAVENTION WHICH WILL ENHANCE THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THE REGULATIONS AND SO ENSURE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA.

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ADDITIONALLY THE FINE FOR SUCH AN OFFENCE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$10,000 TO \$20,000.

THE BILLS WILL ALSO COVER PROVISIONS TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO SPECIFY TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND FOR HIM TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REGULATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THE BILLS WOULD HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON THE GENERAL PUBLIC APART FROM THOSE CONNECTED WITH COLREGS.

"THESE BILLS WILL HELP IN ENSURING THAT THE SAFETY OF SHIPPING WILL NOT BE JEOPARDISED BY THE FOOLHARDY ACTS OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE BOATING COMMUNITY.

"FOR INSTANCE, OPERATORS OF VESSELS ENGAGED IN FISHING IN AREAS WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED UNDER COLREGS FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF STRONGER ACTION AGAINST THEM," HE SAID.

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PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE TELEPOINT SERVICES INVITED
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THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY IS INVITING INTERESTED PARTIES TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE TELEPOINT SERVICES IN HONG KONG BASED ON THE SECOND GENERATION CORDLESS TELEPHONE (CT2) TECHNOLOGY.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE INTRODUCTION OF CT2 AND TELEPOINTS WILL GIVE THE PUBLIC A WIDER CHOICE OF VOICE TELEPHONE SERVICES," THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, SAID.

"HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE AMONG THE MOST SOPHISTICATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS USERS IN THE WORLD, AND HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY."

UNLIKE FIRST GENERATION CORDLESS TELEPHONES, WHICH CAN BE OPERATED ONLY WITHIN HOMES AND OFFICES, CT2 HANDSETS CAN BE USED AT ANY LOCATION WITHIN 100 METRES OF A TRANSMITTING BASE STATION KNOWN AS A TELEPOINT.

"THE FUTURE PROVIDERS OF A TELEPOINT SERVICE WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUILD A LARGE NUMBER OF SUCH TELEPOINTS ALL OVER HONG KONG, SO THAT THE HANDSETS WILL BECOME A FORM OF PORTABLE TELEPHONE," MR WONG SAID.

ALTHOUGH CT2 HANDSETS CANNOT NORMALLY RECEIVE CALLS WHEN USED OUTSIDE THE HOME OR PLACE OF WORK, THEY CAN LINK UP WITH RADIO PAGING SYSTEMS TO ALLOW USERS TO RECEIVE MESSAGE IF DESIRED.

"WITH THIS IN MIND, WE WILL RESERVE SOME RADIO PAGING CHANNELS FOR EVENTUAL TELEPOINT OPERATORS," MR WONG ADDED.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN SETTING UP AND OPERATING TELEPOINT SERVICES SHOULD APPLY TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY AT TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, SINCERE BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.

ALL PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 28 THIS YEAR.

PARTIES WHOSE PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY WILL BE INVITED TO SUBMIT FORMAL APPLICATIONS.

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WESTERN MARKET, OLD PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE DECLARED MONUMENTS
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TWO OLD BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE WESTERN MARKET AND THE OLD PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE IN CAINE LANE, WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) GAZETTED AS HISTORICAL BUILDINGS UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE.

THE WESTERN MARKET, AT THE JUNCTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, IS THE OLDEST SURVIVING MARKET IN THE TERRITORY.

THE WESTERN MARKET CONSISTED ORIGINALLY OF TWO BUILDINGS, THE SOUTH AND NORTH BLOCKS, WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SAME STYLE BUT AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND ON SEPARATE STREETS.

THE SOUTH BLOCK WAS BUILT IN 1858 AND DEMOLISHED IN 1980, WHILE THE EXISTING NORTH BLOCK NOW IN SHEUNG WAN WAS BUILT IN 1906.

THE WESTERN MARKET HAS WALLS OF RED BRICK ON A GRANITE BASE, A LARGE AND HANDSOME GRANITE ARCH OVER ITS MAIN ENTRANCE, AND FOUR CORNER TOWERS HIGHLIGHTED IN "BANDAGED" BRICKWORK.

THE FLOORS ARE OF CEMENT CONCRETE AND THE ROOF IS SUPPORTED BY CAST-IRON COLUMNS.

THE MARKET STANDS PROMINENTLY, AMONG HIGH-RISE SURROUNDING STRUCTURES OF MUCH LATER VINTAGE, AS A SMALL BUILDING OF FINE QUALITY AND STYLE.

ALL STALL TENANTS OF THE MARKET HAVE ALL MOVED TO THE NEW URBAN COUNCIL SHEUNG WAN COMPLEX.

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THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HAS PLANNED TO RESTORE THE OLD MARKET BUILDING AND RECREATE WITHIN IT SOME TRADITIONAL TRADES DISPLACED BY THE CORPORATION'S URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS.

WORKS TO TURN THE MARKET INTO A BAZAAR SIMILAR TO THE COVENT GARDEN IN LONDON WILL SOON BE CARRIED OUT. ON COMPLETION, THERE WILL BE SHOPS, FOODS STALLS AND EXHIBITION SPACE.

THE OLD PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE IN CAINE LANE, SHEUNG WAN, WAS BUILT IN 1905.

IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY, BACTERIOLOGICAL STUDIES IN HONG KONG WERE STILL IN THEIR INFANCY. THE PURSUIT OF THIS BRANCH OF SCIENCE WAS VERY MUCH HANDICAPPED BY THE LACK OF PROPER LABORATORIES AND THE INADEQUACY OF EQUIPMENT.

IN 1905, A BACTERIOLOGICAL INSTITUTE WAS COMPLETED IN CAINE LANE. THE INSTITUTE WAS RENAMED THE PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

IT CONSISTED OF A TWO-STOREY MAIN BLOCK WITH A BASEMENT AND TWO SUBSIDIARY BLOCKS, ONE FOR SERVANTS' QUARTERS AND THE OTHER FOR STABLES AND ANIMAL HOUSES.

THE BALCONIES OF THE BUILDING EXTEND ALONG THE WHOLE OF THE NORTH FACADE ON THE GROUND AND UPPER FLOORS AND THERE ARE VERANDAHS ON THE EAST, SOUTH AND WEST FRONTS.

THE RED BRICK BUILDINGS ARE BUILT IN LIME MORTAR AND POINTED EXTERNALLY IN CEMENT MORTAR.

THE MAIN BLOCK OF THE INSTITUTE IS STILL STRUCTURALLY SOUND, BUT THE STABLE AND ANIMAL HOUSES WERE DEMOLISHED IN 1982.

THE BLOCK FOR SERVANTS' QUARTERS, WHICH IS NOW IN A DILAPIDATED CONDITION, WILL BE REPAIRED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE MOVED OUT IN 1964, AND THE HISTORIC MEDICAL COMPLEX IS NOW USED AS A MEDICAL STORE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. IT IS A GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AGENCY WILL EXPLORE MORE SUITABLE FUTURE USES FOR THE OLD PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AFTER THE MEDICAL STORE IS REPROVISIONED ELSEWHERE.

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OZP AMENDED TO FACILITATE ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSZ WAN SHAN, DIAMOND HILL AND SAN PO KONG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A NUMBER OF SITES IN TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE ARE TO BE REZONED TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ESTATE IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE MANNER.

THESE SITES INCLUDE A SLOPE NORTH OF TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE, THE CURRENT TSZ WAN SHAN BUS TERMINUS WHICH WILL BE RELOCATED, AND A "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" SITE WEST OF TSZ LOK ESTATE.

A SITE AT LOK WAH STREET IS REZONED FROM "OPEN SPACE" TO "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" AND IT WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

OTHER AMENDMENTS COMPRISE REVISIONS TO THE ALIGNMENTS OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND THE ASSOCIATED ROAD NETWORK IN THE VICINITY OF DIAMOND HILL FOLLOWING MORE DETAILED PLANNING AND DESIGN.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED UNTIL AUGUST 29 THIS YEAR AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG;
- THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, BY AUGUST 29.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 FOR EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 FOR EACH COLOURED COPY.

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AREA IN SHEUNG WAN TO BE REDEVELOPED

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A SMALL AREA OF DILAPIDATED TENEMENTS AND WORKSHOPS IN SHEUNG WAN IS TO BE REDEVELOPED INTO A MODERN RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH LOWER FLOOR COMMERCIAL UNITS.

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE 450 SQUARE METRE SITE WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY AS ONE OF ITS URBAN IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME PROJECTS.

WHEN THE SCHEME IS COMPLETED IN 1992, IT WILL PROVIDE 69 DOMESTIC UNITS FOR SALE, A LANDSCAPED PODIUM FOR THE USE OF FUTURE RESIDENTS AND ABOUT 350 SQUARE METRES OF COMMERCIAL FLOOR SPACE.

THE PROJECT IS SEEN AS AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE IN UPGRADING AND REVITALISING A PORTION OF SHEUNG WAN.

TO ENABLE THE SCHEME TO GO AHEAD, THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ORDERED THE RESUMPTION OF ONE PRIVATE LOT AT 2 UPPER STATION STREET AND 182A-182C HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

THOSE TENANTS GENUINELY AFFECTED WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING WILL BE REHOUSED IN EXISTING RENTAL ESTATES OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY OR, ALTERNATIVELY, THEY CAN ELECT TO PURCHASE AT A DISCOUNT A FLAT IN ONE OF THE HOUSING SOCIETY'S URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME DEVELOPMENTS.

AS REGARDS THE AFFECTED NON-DOMESTIC OCCUPANTS, THEIR ENTITLEMENT TO COMPENSATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE STATUTORY PROVISIONS UNDER THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 124 OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG).

THE GOVERNMENT WILL OFFER STATUTORY COMPENSATION TO THE LOT OWNERS.

IN KOWLOON, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED THE RESUMPTION OF THREE PRIVATE LOTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT CANTON ROAD.

THE LOTS, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 220.64 SQUARE METRES, ARE SITUATED AT NOS. 912, 914 AND 916 CANTON ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE OPEN SPACE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-1991 AND WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

RESUMPTION NOTICES WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE LOTS WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE POSTING OF NOTICES ON THE LOTS.

BENEFITS OF GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT STRESSED

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, TODAY (FRIDAY) UNDERLINED THE BENEFITS ARISING FROM GOOD MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

WELL-MAINTAINED BUILDINGS WERE SAFER AND CONDUCIVE TO A MUCH BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR RESIDENTS AND THE NEIGHBOURING AREAS, HE SAID.

THE BUILDINGS WOULD ALSO HAVE THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF RETAINING THEIR VALUE.

MR BARCLAY MADE THE REMARKS AFTER PRESENTING CERTIFICATES TO ABOUT 80 MEMBERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WHO HAD COMPLETED A BUILDING MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE.

REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT MATTERS, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE A SUITABLE LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK TO ENABLE FLAT OWNERS AND RESIDENTS TO LOOK AFTER THEIR PROPERTIES.

THERE WAS ALSO THE NEED TO HELP RESIDENTS UNDERSTAND THE SOMETIMES COMPLEX LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND PROCEDURES THEY HAD TO FOLLOW.

MR BARCLAY URGED PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED FROM THE COURSE AND TO SHARE IT WITH FELLOW FLAT OWNERS AND FRIENDS.

THE COURSE WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS.

IT WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE RESIDENTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT SUCH AS THE SUPERVISION OF A MANAGEMENT COMPANY, DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT AND THE PROBLEM OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

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24 TRADERS FINED FOR USING INACCURATE INSTRUMENTS

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A TOTAL OF 24 TRADERS HAVE BEEN FINED FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS SINCE THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 LAST YEAR.

ALL THESE TRADERS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AFTER A SIX-MONTH GRACE PERIOD FROM THE ENFORCEMENT DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE FIGURE REPRESENTED A MONTHLY AVERAGE OF TWO TRADERS BEING BROUGHT TO COURT IN THE 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE GRACE PERIOD.

"OF THESE TRADERS PROSECUTED, 20 WERE RETAILERS OF VARIOUS FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS SEAFOOD, FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND ROAST MEAT WHILE THE OTHER FOUR WERE SCRAP DEALERS.

"A TOTAL FINE OF \$57,050 HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON THESE OFFENDERS," HE SAID.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IS A FINE OF \$20,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THE LATEST CASES INVOLVED A ROAST MEAT RETAILER AND TWO SCRAP DEALERS, WHO WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$7,000 FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

THE DEFENDANTS, WHO ALL PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGES, WERE MR CHU KIN-WAH, A ROAST MEAT RETAILER ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF BO WAH BUILDING, 5 TAI MING LANE, TAI PO HUI, NEW TERRITORIES, MR YIU CHUNG-HING OF SO KEE WASTED PAPER METAL ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 306 UN CHAU STREET, KOWLOON; AND MR YUNG WONG-FU OF LUEN FAT WASTE PAPER HO ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 142 YEE KUK STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON.

IN ALL THESE CASES, THE DEFENDANTS' WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE INACCURATE ON PRELIMINARY CHECKS.

TESTS BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY LATER REVEALED THAT THE HIGHEST ERRORS OF TWO CHINESE STEELYARDS OWNED BY THE ROAST MEAT RETAILER WERE 10.4 PER CENT AND 12.5 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT RESPECTIVELY.

AS FOR THE TWO PLATFORM WEIGHING MACHINES OWNED BY THE SCRAP DEALERS, THE HIGHEST ERRORS WERE 24 PER CENT AND 31.49 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY LESS THAN ACTUAL WEIGHT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANY PERSON WHO WANTS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SHOULD CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 714 6146) OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

HE SAID COMPLAINTS COULD ALSO BE MADE TO DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 852 3185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

COPYRIGHT PROTECTION EXTENDS TO WORKS OF TAIWANESE ORIGIN

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THE COPYRIGHT (TAIWAN) ORDER 1990 AIMED AT EXTENDING COPYRIGHT PROTECTION TO WORKS OF TAIWANESE ORIGIN IN HONG KONG WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

THE EFFECT OF THE ORDER IS BASICALLY THAT, FROM AUGUST 1 ONWARDS, LITERARY, DRAMATIC, MUSICAL OR ARTISTIC WORKS, SOUND RECORDINGS, CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS OR PUBLISHED EDITIONS FIRST PUBLISHED IN TAIWAN WILL ENJOY COPYRIGHT PROTECTION IN HONG KONG.

THE ORDER ALSO CONTAINS TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS WHICH ARE AIMED AT HELPING PERSONS WHO HAVE INCURRED FINANCIAL OR CONTRACTUAL LIABILITIES IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ORDER.

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CAREERS FILMS TO BE SHOWN ON TV

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A SERIES OF 12 CAREERS EDUCATION FILMS PRODUCED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE BROADCAST ON TELEVISION STARTING ON MONDAY (JULY 2).

THE FILM SERIES WILL GO ON AIR EVERY MONDAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17 ON TVB (TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED) JADE CHANNEL FROM 5.40 PM TO 6.15 PM.

"THE FILMS ARE PRODUCED BY THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE AS PART OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR TALENTS, INTERESTS AND ABILITIES," THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE), MR LEUNG LIT-CHEONG, SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AND PREVIEW TODAY (FRIDAY).

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE MANAGER (ENRICHMENT) OF TVB, MR CHEUNG CHE-KWOK, AND ABOUT 40 CAREERS TEACHERS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

"THE FILMS PROVIDE THE LATEST INFORMATION ON A WIDE SELECTION OF TRADES AND PROFESSIONS AND ARE ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, PARENTS, CAREERS TEACHERS AND YOUTH WORKERS," MR LEUNG SAID.

"THE FIRST OF THE 12 EPISODES WILL GIVE SOME BASIC GUIDELINES ON CHOOSING A CAREER, WHILE THE LAST ONE OFFERS HELPFUL ADVICE ON THE SKILLS IN SEEKING JOBS AND ON ATTENDING JOB INTERVIEWS," HE ADDED.

THE OTHER 10 FILMS WILL TOUCH ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN VARIOUS TRADES AND PROFESSIONS NAMELY, AIRLINES, HOTEL INDUSTRY, MASS COMMUNICATION, INTERIOR DESIGN, SECRETARIAL WORK, NURSING, TOURISM, SOCIAL WORK, BANKING AND ACCOUNTING.

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"TO ENHANCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN THE FILM SERIES, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND TVB WILL ORGANISE THREE QUIZZES, WITH ATTRACTIVE PRIZES," MR LEUNG SAID.

"QUESTIONS WILL BE SET ON EACH OF FOUR EPISODES FOR EACH QUIZ, AND ENTRY FORMS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE 'HONG KONG TELEVISION' MAGAZINE BEFORE BROADCASTING OF THE FILMS," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG ALSO THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FOR FUNDING THE PRODUCTION OF THE FILMS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR NW KOWLOON SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROJECT

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTFALL AS PART OF THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME, WHICH SERVES TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WITHIN AND AROUND VICTORIA HARBOUR.

WORKS ON THE CONTRACT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF :

- * A TWIN CELL BOX CULVERT ON THE SEABED ALONG THE WESTERN COASTLINE OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR CARRYING EFFLUENT FLOWS TO THE WESTERN EXTREMITY OF THE ISLAND; AND
- * TWIN SUBMARINE PIPELINES (EACH OF 2,200 MILLIMETRES INTERNAL DIAMETER) LAID IN A DEEP TRENCH DREDGED IN THE SEABED, TO BE CONNECTED TO THE CULVERT BY MEANS OF A CHAMBER ON THE SEABED CLOSE TO THE WESTERN END OF THE ISLAND.

THE PIPELINES WILL CARRY EFFLUENT FLOWS OUT TO THE NORTHERN FAIRWAY FOR DISCHARGE TO SEA.

THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME IS BEING IMPLEMENTED AT A TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATE OF \$1.2 BILLION WITH THE TARGET COMMISSIONING DATE BEING IN SEPTEMBER 1992.

THE CULVERT AND SUBMARINE PIPELINES WILL FORM THE FINAL PART OF THE SYSTEM IN WHICH CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE WORKS AND PUMPING STATIONS TO INTERCEPT SEWAGE FLOWS DRAINING FROM YAU MA TEI/TAI KOK TSUI, SHAM SHUI PO AND LAI CHI KOK IS ALREADY WELL ADVANCED.

A CONTRACT HAS ALSO BEEN RECENTLY AWARDED AND WORK HAS COMMENCED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINES TO TRANSFER FLOWS FROM KOWLOON TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR TREATMENT BY A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, WHICH IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE SAME CONTRACT.

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WHEN BROUGHT INTO OPERATION THE SCHEME WILL INTERCEPT SEWAGE FLOWS WHICH ARE AT PRESENT DISCHARGED TO SEA AT NUMEROUS POINTS CLOSE TO THE KOWLOON COASTLINE.

THESE FLOWS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO A MORE REMOTE LOCATION WHERE THE PREVAILING CURRENTS AND GREATER DEPTHS OF SEA WATER WILL ENSURE THEY ARE MORE RAPIDLY DISPERSED AND ASSIMILATED INTO THE MAIN BODY OF SEA WATER.

AT THE SAME TIME, TREATMENT WILL REMOVE MOST OF THE FLOATING AND SUSPENDED SOLIDS CONTAINED IN THE SEWAGE FLOWS.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE PROJECT WILL RESULT IN A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF MARINE CONDITIONS ALONG THE WEST KOWLOON COASTLINE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SLUDGE DISPOSAL

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF WATER TREATMENT SLUDGE FROM PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS AT SAI KUNG TO JUNK BAY SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AT TSEUNG KWAN O FOR DISPOSAL.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, THE OPERATOR IS REQUIRED INITIALLY TO EMPLOY THREE ROAD TANKER VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF SLUDGE.

THESE VEHICLES SHOULD BE OF A CAPACITY OF NOT LESS THAN 7.5 CUBIC METRES AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A 24-HOUR SERVICE ON A THREE SHIFT BASIS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD COVERS 12 MONTHS AND IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDER IS NOON ON JULY 20 THIS YEAR.

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AMS PARADE AND RECRUITMENT DAY IN SAI KUNG

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) WILL HOLD ITS SAI KUNG DISTRICT PARADE INSPECTION AND RECRUITMENT DAY ON SUNDAY (JULY 1) MORNING AT THE SUNKEN PLAZA OF PO LAM ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR K.S. TONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE RECRUITMENT DAY'S OPENING CEREMONY AND INSPECT THE PARADE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11.30 AM.

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A DISPLAY OF FIRST AID EQUIPMENT AND PICTURES INTRODUCING THE ACTIVITIES OF AMS WILL BE STAGED AT THE PARADE VENUE.

RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN FIRST AID SERVICE COULD APPLY FOR ENROLMENT AT THE SCENE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AMS PARADE INSPECTION AND RECRUITMENT DAY IN SAI KUNG WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11.30 AM ON SUNDAY (JULY 1) AT THE SUNKEN PLAZA OF PO LAM ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BREAKWATER MODIFICATION WORKS
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR MODIFICATION WORK ON THE SOUTH CAMBER BREAKWATER AT TSIM SHA TSUI IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE FULL UTILISATION OF BERTHING FACILITIES FOR LARGER VESSELS AT THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL.

THE WORKS WILL COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 60 METRES OF NEW BREAKWATER, 95 METRES OF EXTENSION, AND DEMOLITION OF 107 METRES OF EXISTING BREAKWATER.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 20.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PORT WORKS DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, EIGHTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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REVISION OF PARKING METER CHARGES IN EASTERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM JULY, THE PARKING METER CHARGES IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE INCREASED FROM 50 CENTS AND \$1 TO \$1 AND \$2 RESPECTIVELY FOR 30 MINUTES OF PARKING TIME.

THIS CHARGE REVISION PROGRAMME WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TWO PHASES.

PHASE I STARTING FROM SUNDAY (JULY 1) WILL COVER JAVA ROAD, KING WAH ROAD, LAU LI STREET, LAU SIN STREET, NORTH POINT ROAD, OIL STREET, TIN CHONG STREET, TSING FUNG STREET, VICTORIA PARK CARPARK, WANG ON ROAD, WATSON ROAD, WHITFIELD ROAD AND YUET YUEN STREET.

PHASE II WILL START FROM JULY 8 AND WILL COVER CHAI WAN ROAD, CHEUNG LEE STREET, HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL, HEALTHY STREET WEST, HOLY CROSS PATH, LAI YIN LANE, LEE CHUNG STREET, MARBLE ROAD, NGOI MAN STREET, ON YIP STREET, SAI WAN HO STREET, SHING ON STREET, SHUN FU STREET, SUN SING STREET, TAI FOO STREET, TAI LOK STREET, TAI NING STREET, TAI SHEK STREET AND TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON CHEUNG CHAU

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM SUNDAY (JULY 1) TO AUGUST 19, THE SECTION OF MAN SHUN LANE BETWEEN SAN HING STREET AND SAN HING BACK STREET ON CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE CLOSED TO VILLAGE VEHICLES TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR WORKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, VILLAGE VEHICLES HEADING FOR TUNG WAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWOK MAN ROAD AND CHEUNG CHAU BEACH ROAD.

THE OPERATING HOURS OF THIS ALTERNATIVE VILLAGE VEHICLE ROUTEING WILL BE RESTRICTED TO 7 AM TO 11.30 AM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 1) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN YIP SHING STREET.

PREMISES BOUNDED BY WO YI HOP ROAD, LEI MUK ROAD, CHUN PIN STREET AND TA CHUEN PING STREET, INCLUDING SHEK KIN STREET AND LAM TIN STREET WILL EXPERIENCE WEAK WATER PRESSURE.

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