



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 5-8428777

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
GOVERNOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF BASIC LAW FORMULATION	1
BALANCED AND CAREFUL DEVELOPMENT OF OUTLYING ISLANDS	2
CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS MARINE DEPARTMENT	3
OMELCO NATIONALITY WORKING GROUP REPORTS ON WORK	4
STI REITERATES CONFIDENCE IN HK'S FUTURE	5
IMPORTANT TO STRENGTHEN HK'S LONG-TERM ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS	7
PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS KEY TO MEETING FUTURE TRAVEL DEMAND	9
REVIEW OF RENT CONTROL ON DOMESTIC UNITS	11
PENALTY FOR TAXI MALPRACTICES TO BE INCREASED	13
INSURERS' FEE TO GO UP FROM TOMORROW	14
SURVEY ON STRUCTURES IN FISH CULTURE ZONES	15
IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY MAXIMISES LABOUR RESOURCES	16
SDA PRAISES ROLE OF HEUNG YEE KUK	17
DB MEMBERS VISIT LRT DEPOT	18
TSUEN WAN CLEAN-UP OPERATION STARTS TOMORROW	18
AIR QUALITY UPDATE FOR DB COMMITTEE	19
BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA	19
GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY	20
URBAN CLEARWAYS ON LEE TUNG STREET, WAN CHAI	24

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 1 -

GOVERNOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF BASIC LAW FORMULATION

* * * * *

THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG SHOULD NOT NEGLECT THE OPPORTUNITY NOW TO GET THE BASIC LAW AS GOOD AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN, BECAUSE IT WILL STILL BE THE FUNDAMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE TERRITORY IN THE FUTURE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, THE GOVERNOR SAID IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR MOST PEOPLE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE BASIC LAW BECAUSE IT WAS A COMPLICATED AND LONG DOCUMENT.

"THEY SEE IT AS SOMETHING WHICH IS HAPPENING EIGHT YEARS IN THE FUTURE, SO IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A MINORITY INTEREST IN HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WHAT I WOULD SAY IS THAT FOR THAT MINORITY, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STUDYING IT THOROUGHLY, IT IS STILL VERY IMPORTANT THAT THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO THAT," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID WHEN ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED RECENTLY AND THE TRAGEDIES OF THE PAST TWO WEEKS HAD GONE INTO THE HISTORY BOOKS, THE BASIC LAW WOULD STILL BE THE FUNDAMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID REITERATED THAT SINCE THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW HAD BEEN DELAYED, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DRAFTING WOULD WANT TO LOOK AT THE IDEA OF EXTENDING THE PROCESS.

"IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO DO SO BECAUSE THEN PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WOULD HAVE A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO BE CONSULTED AND TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT IN A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR HONG KONG, A SENSE OF UNITY, WHICH WAS IMPORTANT, WAS BEING ACHIEVED.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT WHILE THERE MIGHT BE DISAGREEMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL IDEAS, HE HOPED THAT ON LARGER QUESTIONS THE COMMUNITY WOULD TRY, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT, TO BE UNITED AND TO FORM A COMMON VIEW.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ISSUE, THE GOVERNOR SAID : "WE ARE GOING ON PRESSING OUR POINT OF VIEW AND I HOPE TO MAKE PROGRESS WITH THAT. AT THE VERY LEAST, AND TO START WITH, I HOPE TO MAKE PROGRESS WITH GETTING A GENEROUS, A VERY GENEROUS RESPONSE FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT."

"WHAT I'VE BEEN PRESSING FOR IS SOMETHING WHICH WOULD COVER ALL BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS HERE."

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 2 -

BALANCED AND CAREFUL DEVELOPMENT OF OUTLYING ISLANDS

* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROCEEDING WITH THE BALANCED AND CAREFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE OUTLYING ISLANDS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID: "THE GOVERNMENT IS CARRYING OUT A SERIES OF PACKAGE DEVELOPMENTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE ISLANDERS."

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, SIR DAVID FIRST FLEW TO LAMMA ISLAND TO VISIT THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY AT YUNG SHUE WAN.

THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE COMPANY'S ASH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WHICH AIMS TO MARKET PULVERISED FUEL ASH (PFA) TO INDUSTRIAL USERS AND TO LANDFILL SITES.

THE STRATEGY INCLUDES THE USE OF PFA AS FILL TO RESTORE THE LAMMA QUARRY SITE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LAGOON TO DISPOSE OF PFA AS ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE.

SIR DAVID WAS ASSURED THAT THE STRATEGY WAS ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE AND STUDIES WOULD BE CONTINUED TO IDENTIFY DETAILED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO PO LIN MONASTERY ON LANTAU ISLAND BY HELICOPTER.

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT THE WORLD'S TALLEST OPEN AIR BUDDHA STATUE - CONSTRUCTED BY THE MONASTERY - WOULD BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE BRONZE STATUE, 33.95 METRES TALL AND WEIGHING 250 TONS, COSTS ABOUT \$68 MILLION TO BUILD. OTHER FACILITIES SUCH AS A CONVENTION HALL, A HOSTEL FOR BUDDHIST SCHOLARS AND AN AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY OF BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

SIR DAVID LEARNT THAT, AS THE BIG BUDDHA STATUE WILL ATTRACT THOUSANDS OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN PILGRIMS AND TOURISTS, THE THREE KILOMETRES LONG NGONG PING ACCESS ROAD WOULD BE IMPROVED TO ENABLE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO COPE WITH THE INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS.

OTHER RELATED FACILITIES SUCH AS A LARGER BUS TERMINUS, A PUBLIC CARPARK AND A TAXI STAND WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED NEAR THE MONASTERY.

THE PARTY THEN LEFT FOR MUI WO TO TOUR THE NGAN WAN ESTATE WHICH STARTED ITS INTAKE OF RESIDENTS IN JULY LAST YEAR AND WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN 460 FLATS TO HOUSE ABOUT 1,650 PEOPLE.

/SIR DAVID

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 3 -

SIR DAVID VISITED ONE OF THE FAMILIES THERE AND WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT ISLANDERS WERE ENJOYING AN IMPROVED LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING.

THE GOVERNOR THEN WENT TO THE ROOFTOP OF THE ESTATE WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT AT MUI WO WHICH WOULD COST A TOTAL OF \$550 MILLION.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STOREY GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND A SWIMMING POOL AND SPORTS COMPLEX ARE NOW IN PROGRESS. ALSO, PROJECTS LIKE A SPORTS GROUND, A REGIONAL COUNCIL COMPLEX, AND A NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL WILL START SOON.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID MET WITH ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THE NGAN WAN ESTATE PLAZA.

- - - - 0 - - - -

CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS MARINE DEPARTMENT

* * * * *

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WAS GIVEN A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING ON THE PORT OF HONG KONG DURING A VISIT TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID, WHO WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, ALSO SPENT PART OF THE VISIT ON A GOVERNMENT LAUNCH TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE OPERATIONS OF THE PORT AND THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS TOLD BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT WHILE THE PORT HANDLED 56 MILLION TONNES OF CARGO IN 1986, THE PORT WAS FORECAST TO HANDLE 449 MILLION TONNES BY 2011.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS BRIEFED ON THE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS OF PORT FACILITIES IN ORDER TO COPE WITH DEMAND AS WELL AS THE RELATED CONSTRAINTS.

HE ALSO LOOKED AT THE HANDLING OF CARGO AT THE WESTERN PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA (PCWA) AND LEARNT THAT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT MANAGED IN TOTAL 10 PCWA'S, THREE PUBLIC WATERFRONTS AND THREE PERMITTED SEAFRONTS.

SIR DAVID WAS FURTHER TOLD THAT MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF THE MORE THAN 8,300 METRES OF SEA FRONTAGE.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY THEN VISITED THE VESSEL TRAFFIC CENTRE SITUATED AT THE OUTER PIER OF THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL.

/THE \$160

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 4 -

THE \$160 MILLION RADAR-CUM-COMPUTER VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEM WOULD COMMENCE OPERATION IN TWO MONTHS, BY WHICH TIME THE PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE WOULD BE REPLACED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY ALSO VISITED THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD IN CANTON ROAD WHICH PROVIDED MAINTENANCE WORK TO A FLEET OF ABOUT 500 GOVERNMENT CRAFT.

HE UNDERSTOOD FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD HAD UNDERGONE A RESTRUCTURING IN ORGANISATION AND WOULD CARRY OUT A SIX-PHASE PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE PHYSICAL FACILITIES, THE FIRST THREE OF WHICH WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS AT A COST OF ABOUT \$70 MILLION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

OMELCO NATIONALITY WORKING GROUP REPORTS ON WORK

* * * * *

FOLLOWING IS THE CONTENT OF TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING BY ROSTER MEMBERS OF THE OMELCO SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON NATIONALITY, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MR CHAN YING-LUN, DR LEUNG CHE-HUNG AND MRS NELLIE FONG:

"MEMBERS OF THE OMELCO SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON NATIONALITY ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE HON DAME LYDIA DUNN, HAS FULLY RECOVERED FROM A MINOR DISCOMFORT AND IS WELL ENOUGH TO CARRY ON WITH HER ACTIVITIES.

"TODAY (THURSDAY), DAME LYDIA AND THE HON ALLEN LEE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THE UK MEDIA AND POLITICAL LEADERS. THEY WILL ALSO SPEND MUCH TIME AND EFFORT IN PREPARING FOR TOMORROW'S IMPORTANT MEETINGS WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND THE PRIME MINISTER.

"OUR OVERALL IMPRESSION OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE ON HONG KONG IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN PUTTING HONG KONG'S CASE TO BRITAIN AND MADE AN IMPACT ON THE UK MEDIA, THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS POLITICIANS; THERE WAS CLEARLY A LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT, AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF, HONG KONG'S PROBLEM. MANY OF THE SPEAKERS ALSO RECOGNISED THAT BRITAIN DOES HAVE A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG. AS TO HOW THIS COULD BE DONE, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE LORDS NEED MORE TIME TO DIGEST THE PROBLEMS AND THINK OF A WORKABLE SOLUTION.

"WE ARE GLAD THAT LORD GLENARTHUR HAS IN THE DEBATE REAFFIRMED HMG'S COMMITMENT TOWARDS MAINTAINING THE STABILITY, PROSPERITY AND WELFARE OF HONG KONG. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT IMAGINATIVE SOLUTION HE COULD COME UP WITH.

"MEANWHILE, LETTERS TO THE UK GOVERNMENT FROM THE HK COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT OF OMELCO'S MISSION HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE TWO SENIOR MEMBERS.

"WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM MANY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS.

/"AMONG THEM

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 5 -

"AMONG THEM IS THE HEUNG YEE KUK. THE KUK HAS WRITTEN TO THE TWO SENIOR MEMBERS IN LONDON TO EXPRESS THEIR STRONGEST SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORT IN PRESENTING OUR CASE FOR THE RIGHT OF ABODE OF BRITISH SUBJECTS AND A SAFE AND SECURE FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. THE KUK HAS ALSO WRITTEN THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON TO ALL HONG KONG PEOPLE AND CHINESE ORGANISATIONS IN THE UK, APPEALING FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE OMELCO DELEGATION IN LONDON.

"OTHER ORGANISATIONS INCLUDED THE TEXTILE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG, TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, HONG KONG SOCIAL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG SOCIAL WORKERS' GENERAL UNION, AND MANY PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS BODIES.

"WE ARE THANKFUL TO THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS SUPPORT TO THE EFFORTS OF OUR TWO SENIOR MEMBERS IN PRESENTING OUR CASE IN LONDON IN HIS SPEECH DELIVERED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY.

"WE SHARE HIS VIEW THAT UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY IS PARTICULARLY ESSENTIAL AT THIS POINT OF TIME."

- - - - 0 - - - -

STI REITERATES CONFIDENCE IN HK'S FUTURE

* * * * *

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, HAS REITERATED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WILL BE FULLY AND FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED.

MR CHAN WAS ADDRESSING SENIOR EXECUTIVES AND PROFESSIONALS IN BUSINESS AND ACADEMIA AT THE TOWN HALL OF CALIFORNIA IN LOS ANGELES YESTERDAY (JUNE 21) DURING THE FINAL WEEK OF HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

MR CHAN TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT CHINA HAD AN EXCELLENT TRACK RECORD IN ABIDING BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO WHICH SHE WAS A PARTY, AND HAD ALWAYS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF HONG KONG.

"HISTORY HAS PROVED THAT, EVEN DURING THE DARKEST DAYS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, CHINA IN PRACTICE ABIDED BY THE TREATIES UNDER WHICH HONG KONG WAS PARTLY CEDED AND MOSTLY LEASED TO BRITAIN, DESPITE HER VIEW THAT THESE TREATIES WERE UNEQUAL AND THEREFORE INVALID.

"AND THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES MADE SURE THAT HONG KONG CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND WATER.

"IF ANYTHING, THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN CHINA HAVE SERVED TO ACCENTUATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JOINT DECLARATION TO HONG KONG, NOT DETRACT FROM IT," HE SAID.

/MR CHAN

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 6 -

MR CHAN OUTLINED THREE TRENDS IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY WHICH HE BELIEVED WOULD BRING HONG KONG CONTINUED PROSPERITY.

THEY INCLUDED THE RE-EMERGENCE OF HONG KONG AS AN ENTREPOT, THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A SERVICE AND SOURCING CENTRE FOR THE REGION AND HONG KONG'S GROWING TRADE WITH EAST ASIA.

HE NOTED THAT CALIFORNIANS WERE PARTICULARLY WELL-PLACED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROMISE AND OPPORTUNITIES REPRESENTED BY HONG KONG.

"ALREADY CALIFORNIANS HAVE FOCUSED ON HONG KONG," MR CHAN SAID.

"THERE ARE OVER 50 LARGE MULTINATIONAL CALIFORNIAN COMPANIES OPERATING IN HONG KONG, AND IN 1988 CALIFORNIA'S EXPORTS TO HONG KONG WENT UP BY AN IMPRESSIVE 42 PER CENT TO US\$2.42 BILLION.

"HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE MAJOR DESTINATIONS FOR EXPORTS OF CALIFORNIAN FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS AND WE IMPORTED ALMOST US\$120 MILLION WORTH OF THEM LAST YEAR.

"THERE IS A GREAT POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER GROWTH IN ALL THESE PRODUCT AREAS AND IN MANY OTHERS," MR CHAN SAID.

IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, CALIFORNIA WAS A LONG-ESTABLISHED MARKET FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS, HE ADDED.

"OUR EXPORTS TO CALIFORNIA LAST YEAR WERE UP 5.3 PER CENT TO US\$3.57 BILLION.

"THE TRADE BALANCE IS IN HONG KONG'S FAVOUR BUT THE GAP IS CLOSING. MORE IMPORTANT THOUGH IS THE FACT THAT MANY OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO CALIFORNIA WERE MANUFACTURED IN HONG KONG BY U.S. COMPANIES.

"THERE ARE 162 FACTORIES IN HONG KONG KNOWN TO BE WHOLLY OR PARTLY OWNED BY U.S. INTERESTS. ALMOST 10 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR BY THESE FACTORIES," MR CHAN SAID.

ELABORATING ON HONG KONG'S TRADING POLICY, MR CHAN SAID HONG KONG HAD A COMPLETELY OPEN ECONOMY PRACTISING FREE TRADE AND IT MADE GOOD COMMERCIAL SENSE TO HAVE CLOSE LINKS WITH THE WORLD'S LARGEST CAPITALIST STATE.

MR CHAN YESTERDAY LEFT LOS ANGELES FOR SACRAMENTO WHERE HE WILL MEET CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEIJIAN AND BE INTRODUCED TO THE STATE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. TODAY HE TRAVELS TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE FINAL LEG OF HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/7

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 7 -

IMPORTANT TO STRENGTHEN HK'S LONG-TERM ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS
* * * * *

THE EVENTS IN CHINA HAVE UNDERLINED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN ITS LONG-TERM ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW K.P. LEUNG, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A PANEL DISCUSSION AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HE SAID: "IN THIS REGARD, CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN HONG KONG IS LIKELY TO SUSTAIN A BASE OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL WHICH WILL REINFORCE OUR UNIQUE ECONOMIC ROLE REGIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

"HOWEVER, IN AN AGE OF RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, THIS BASE OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL MUST NOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED AND MUST BE CONTINUALLY UPGRADED IF HONG KONG IS TO MAINTAIN ITS DISTINCT ROLE."

MR LEUNG ADMITTED THAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WAS A VERY BROAD SUBJECT AND OUR RESOURCES WERE LIMITED.

"WE SHOULD AVOID WHITE ELEPHANTS OR IVORY TOWERS. NOR SHOULD WE BLINDLY FOLLOW THE MODELS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

"IN SCIENCE," HE SAID, "WE SHOULD ONLY REALISTICALLY AIM AT DEVELOPING NICHES OF REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN AREAS THAT ARE LIKELY TO BENEFIT THE ECONOMY."

"LIKEWISE, DEFINED AS THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE TO PRACTICAL OR INDUSTRIAL SITUATIONS, TECHNOLOGY MUST BE MARKET-LED.

"AND MANY ECONOMIES, INCLUDING HONG KONG, THRIVE ON IMPORTED OR ADOPTED TECHNOLOGIES. IT WOULD BE THUS MORE MEANINGFUL TO TALK ABOUT IMPROVED TECHNOLOGIES RATHER THAN 'HIGH TECHNOLOGY', WHICH IS A SOMEWHAT NEBULOUS TERM," MR LEUNG SAID.

SIMILARLY, HE ADDED, HONG KONG'S UNIQUE ROLE WOULD BE MORE SAFELY ANCHORED IF A COMPETITIVE MANUFACTURING SECTOR EXISTED AS A VITAL COMPONENT OF A DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY.

MANUFACTURING ALREADY DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED 22 PER CENT TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) AND IT FURTHER CONTRIBUTED TO THE SERVICE SECTOR BY USING FINANCIAL, INSURANCE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND OTHER SERVICES, MR LEUNG SAID.

ELABORATING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MANUFACTURING, HE NOTED THAT IT ACCOUNTED FOR A THIRD OF THE WORKFORCE AND IT ALSO HELPED DEVELOP HONG KONG'S LINKAGE INDUSTRIES AND VARIOUS MANUFACTURING-RELATED SKILLS AND SERVICES SUCH AS PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT, LABORATORY SERVICES AND QUALITY ASSURANCE.

/"THESE ENABLE

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 8 -

"THESE ENABLE HONG KONG TO MANAGE AND BENEFIT FROM OFFSHORING MANUFACTURING, INCLUDING THAT IN GUANGDONG.

"ALTERNATIVELY, IF OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING IN CHINA OR ELSEWHERE BECOMES LESS ATTRACTIVE FOR VARIOUS REASONS, A COMPETITIVE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WOULD HELP CAPTURE SOME OF THE HIGH-VALUE ADDED PRODUCTION WHICH DOES NOT RELY FOR ITS PROFITABILITY ON ACCESS TO CHEAP LABOUR," MR LEUNG SAID.

"IN ADDITION, BOTH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN STRENGTHENING HONG KONG'S POSITION AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY WITH A SEPARATE ECONOMIC ENTITY UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"WE HAVE ALREADY BECOME A CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) AND A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANISATIONS IN OUR OWN RIGHT BEYOND 1997," MR LEUNG SAID.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE SOURCING OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE WORLDWIDE AND THE UPGRADING OF OUR MANUFACTURING BASE THROUGH FOREIGN INVESTMENT WOULD FURTHER UNDERLINE THIS LONG-TERM ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTAL FOR HONG KONG'S CONTINUED VIABILITY.

TURNING TO THE EVENTS IN CHINA, MR LEUNG SAID OUR CONFIDENCE HAD BEEN SHAKEN AND SO HAD THAT OF SOME OF OUR OVERSEAS INVESTORS. "BUT THE GENERAL PICTURE IS FAR FROM ONE OF TOTAL COLLAPSE," HE SAID.

HE SAW THAT IT WAS MORE ONE OF TEMPORARY WITHDRAWALS, OF PUTTING MAJOR DECISIONS ON HOLD, OF WAIT-AND-SEE.

INDEED, HE SAID THE ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE GUANGDONG APPEARED TO BE LESS AFFECTED THAN OTHER REGIONS AND JAPAN APPEARED TO BE LESS DISHEARTENED THAN OTHER OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

"THE SITUATION IS STILL FLUID.

"IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HONG KONG MUST NOT LOSE HEART OR LET OUR EMOTIONS BLIND US TO OUR INNATE STRENGTHS.

"ABOVE ALL, WE MUST RESIST THE TEMPTATION OF RUSHING INTO DOING THINGS THAT MAY TAMPER WITH THE PROVEN FORMULA OF OUR SUCCESS: OUR FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM," HE SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/9

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 9 -

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS KEY TO MEETING FUTURE TRAVEL DEMAND

* * * * *

PUBLIC TRANSPORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE BACKBONE OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN THE NEXT DECADE IN VIEW OF PROJECTED RAPID GROWTH IN TRAVEL DEMAND AND THE NEED FOR THE ROAD NETWORK TO CATER FOR INCREASING COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN HE SPOKE ON TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT INTO 2001 AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF PO LEUNG KUK DIRECTORS.

MR LEUNG SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT MASS CARRIERS SUCH AS THE RAILWAYS AND BUSES SHOULD BE GREATLY USED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE EXPANSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK PROPOSED IN THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANT SHIFT OF POPULATION TO THE NEW TOWNS AND THE EXPANDED RAILWAYS SYSTEM WOULD RELIEVE SUBSTANTIAL ROAD CAPACITY FOR OTHER MODES.

HE SAID BUSES PROVIDING A CHEAP AND REASONABLE SERVICE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE PRIME MODE OF TRAVEL FOR AREAS NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY RAIL.

FERRY SERVICES WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A USEFUL SUPPLEMENT AND ALTERNATIVE TO RAIL AND ROAD TRANSPORT.

HE EXPECTED THAT THE THREE MASS CARRIERS - BUSES, RAIL AND FERRIES - WOULD CARRY 71 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT DEMAND BY 2001.

ON FUTURE TRAFFIC DEMAND, MR LEUNG SAID THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY PROJECTED THAT THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES WOULD INCREASE BY ABOUT 150 PER CENT BETWEEN 1986 AND 2001.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSON TRIPS WOULD INCREASE BY 40 PER CENT, TOTAL DAILY PUBLIC TRANSPORT BOARDINGS BY 36 PER CENT, AND TOTAL GOODS VEHICLE TRIPS BY 140 PER CENT.

THE STUDY'S PROJECTED INCREASE OF ABOUT ONE MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TOWNS AND 277,000 NEW JOBS ON HONG KONG ISLAND BETWEEN 1986 AND 2001 WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LONG TRIPS BETWEEN THE NEW TOWNS AND THE URBAN CENTRES AS WELL AS CROSS HARBOUR JOURNEYS.

WITH THE SHARP INCREASES IN VEHICLE NUMBERS, TRAVEL DEMAND AND TRIPS LENGTH, THE TOTAL DAILY KILOMETRES TRAVELLED BY ALL VEHICLES IN 2001 WOULD DOUBLE THE LEVEL IN 1986.

MR LEUNG STRESSED THAT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO MANAGE THE GROWTH AND USAGE OF GOODS VEHICLES AND PRIVATE CARS WHICH WOULD ACCOUNT FOR 78 PER CENT OF TOTAL ROAD TRAFFIC BY 2001, LEAVING ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE ROAD SPACE FOR THE MOST EFFICIENT MASS CARRIER - THE BUSES.

/HE SAID

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 10 -

HE SAID THAT TO TACKLE FUTURE CHALLENGES THE GOVERNMENT MAPPED OUT A TRANSPORT STRATEGY IN THE GREEN PAPER.

THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT DECADE, COSTING \$29 BILLION WOULD FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- * ROUTE 3 PROVIDING A HIGH CAPACITY ROAD LINK CONNECTING THE BORDER, YUEN LONG, THE EXISTING CONTAINER PORT, AND THE URBAN AREAS;
- * A NEW RAIL CONNECTING THE NEW TOWNS IN THE NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION IN TSUEN WAN;
- * EXTENDING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TO JUNK BAY AND ROUTE 16 TO CATER FOR THE TRAVEL NEEDS OF THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN AND THE CONTINUOUS GROWTH OF THE NEW TOWNS IN EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES;
- * HUNG HOM BYPASS AND THE SECOND AIRPORT TUNNEL PROVIDING A NEW ROUTE CONNECTING TSIM SHA TSUI AND KWUN TONG;
- * ROUTE 7 AND CENTRAL-WAN CHAI BYPASS PROVIDING AN EXPRESSWAY ALONG THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN SHORES OF HONG KONG ISLAND; AND
- * A THIRD CROSS HARBOUR RAIL LINK CATERING FOR THE ANTICIPATED RAPID GROWTH IN CROSS HARBOUR TRIPS AND TO RELIEVE CONGESTION ALONG THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR AND THE INTERCHANGE WITH KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AT KOWLOON TONG.

MR LEUNG STRESSED THAT THERE WAS A LIMIT AS TO HOW MUCH HONG KONG COULD REDUCE CONGESTION BY BUILDING MORE ROADS AND EXPANDING PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

HE SAID THE GREEN PAPER HAD PROPOSED A WIDE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVE MEASURES TO MANAGE THE GROWTH AND USAGE OF VEHICLES SUCH AS INCREASING TAXES ON LIGHT VANS AND PRIVATE CARS, AND ADJUSTING TUNNEL TOLLS.

BEING FULLY AWARE OF THE NATURAL OBJECTIONS OF MOTORISTS TO ANY RESTRAINT MEASURES, MR LEUNG SAID ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN TASKS WAS TO MINIMISE THE NEED FOR SUCH MEASURES.

MR LEUNG ALSO CALLED ON LAND USE PLANNERS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH TRANSPORT PLANNERS TO AVOID PROBLEMS NOW BEING EXPERIENCED AT THE LION ROCK AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNELS.

"THE PLANNERS SHOULD IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADJUSTING LAND USE PROPOSALS TO REDUCE PRESSURE ON THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES," HE SAID.

"CURRENT LAND USE STUDIES SUCH AS THE METROPLAN AND THE MAJOR HARBOUR RECLAMATIONS WOULD ADDRESS THESE ISSUES TO FIND BETTER SOLUTIONS," HE SAID.

/MR LEUNG

MR LEUNG ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO INTRODUCE AND APPLY MODERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING MEASURES TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF ROAD SPACE SUCH AS THE EXPANSION OF THE COMPUTERISED AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM TO COVER THE NEW TOWNS.

"THERE IS A CONTINUING SEARCH FOR SITES SUITABLE FOR USE AS UNDERGROUND CARPARKS," HE SAID.

"PLANS FOR LAUNCHING A PILOT SCHEME OF HILLSIDE ESCALATORS CONNECTING CENTRAL WITH THE MID-LEVELS ARE BEING FINALISED," HE ADDED.

"MEASURES WILL CONTINUE TO BE INTRODUCED TO MINIMISE TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY DEFECTIVE VEHICLES, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY WORKS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO KEEPING ABREAST OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER PLACES TO SEE IF THEY MET HONG KONG'S NEEDS.

HE SAID THAT TO HELP RELIEVE THE PEAK HOUR CONGESTION PROBLEM, THE COMMUNITY SHOULD EMPLOY SUCH MEANS AS ADOPTING AND PROMOTING A GREATER USE OF FLEXI-TIME AND STAGGERED WORKING HOURS.

HE NOTED THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS ACTIVELY PROMOTING THIS AMONG EMPLOYERS.

MR LEUNG SAID FULL DETAILS WERE GIVEN IN THE GREEN PAPER WHICH COULD BE OBTAINED FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICES.

HE CALLED ON THE COMMUNITY TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT FINALISE A LONG TERM TRANSPORT STRATEGY BY GIVING THEIR VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

- - - - 0 - - - -

REVIEW OF RENT CONTROL ON DOMESTIC UNITS

* * *

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO UPDATE THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

UNDER THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 1989, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 12, PART II OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE WILL BE EXTENDED BY TWO YEARS FROM DECEMBER 19, 1989 TO DECEMBER 18, 1991.

THE RESOLUTION ALSO PROPOSES TO RAISE THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE COMPONENT IN THE RENT INCREASE MECHANISM IN PART II FROM 60 PER CENT TO 65 PER CENT OF THE PREVAILING MARKET RENT, EFFECTIVE FROM DECEMBER 19, 1989.

/IT WILL

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 12 -

IT WILL ALSO INCREASE FROM 39 TO 43 TIMES THE STANDARD RENT FOR THE PERMITTED RENT OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES.

IN ANNOUNCING THESE PROPOSALS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE DRAWN UP FOLLOWING ANOTHER REVIEW OF THE WORKING OF THE ORDINANCE, AN ASSESSMENT OF MARKET CONDITIONS AND HAVING REGARD TO THE INTERESTS OF BOTH LANDLORDS AND TENANTS.

THESE MEASURES ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S PREVIOUSLY STATED INTENTION TO PHASE OUT RENT CONTROL WITHOUT CAUSING ADVERSE SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES, HE SAID.

DESPITE A SERIES OF ADJUSTMENTS TO THE RENT INCREASE SYSTEM WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF RAISING CONTROLLED RENTS CLOSER TO THE MARKET LEVEL, THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CONTROLLED AND MARKET RENTS CONTINUES.

THE REMOVAL OF RENT CONTROL AT THIS STAGE WOULD MEAN THAT THESE TENANTS WOULD HAVE TO FACE RENT INCREASES OF VARIOUS MAGNITUDE - APPROXIMATELY 20 PER CENT WOULD HAVE THEIR RENTS DOUBLED. THE LIKELY HARDSHIP AND DISLOCATION COULD BE SERIOUS AND SOCIALLY DISRUPTIVE.

THE EXTENSION OF THE LIFE OF PART II OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 18, 1989 BY TWO YEARS WILL CONTINUE THE DUAL PROTECTION OF RENT CONTROL AND SECURITY OF TENURE TO TENANTS OF ABOUT 60,000 WHOLLY-LET DOMESTIC UNITS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF LETTINGS AND SUB-LETTINGS OF SUB-DIVIDED ACCOMMODATION.

IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF PROGRESSIVE DECONTROL, IT IS PROPOSED TO INCREASE, WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 19 THIS YEAR, THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE COMPONENT IN THE RENT INCREASE MECHANISM IN PART II FROM 60 PER CENT TO 65 PER CENT OF THE PREVAILING MARKET RENT, A LEVEL TO BE REACHED BY ALL CONTROLLED RENTS.

ASSUMING THAT MARKET RENTS REMAIN RELATIVELY STABLE, THIS WILL HAVE A NET EFFECT OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TENANCIES AFFECTED BY THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE COMPONENT BY 883 AND INCREASING THE AVERAGE CONTROLLED RENTS BY \$18 PER MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN HOWEVER POINTED OUT THAT THIS INCREASE WOULD ONLY AFFECT TENANTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY PAYING LESS THAN HALF OF THE MARKET RENTS AND HAVE IN FACT BEEN PROTECTED FOR A LONG TIME. EVEN THEN, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PAY SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN NEW TENANTS FOR COMPARABLE PREMISES, HE SAID.

FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHED POLICY OF ALLOWING ANNUAL INCREASES OF THE PERMITTED RENT OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES, THE FACTOR TO BE APPLIED TO THE "STANDARD RENT" (THAT IS, RENT AS AT DECEMBER 25, 1941) TO ARRIVE AT THE PERMITTED RENT WILL BE CHANGED FROM 39 TO 43.

THE PROPOSED INCREASE WILL AFFECT ABOUT 1,350 PRE-WAR DOMESTIC UNITS EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED UNDER PART I OF THE ORDINANCE.

/RAISING THE

RAISING THE FACTOR FROM 39 TO 43 WOULD RESULT IN AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF ABOUT 10 PER CENT OR \$150 PER MONTH OVER CURRENT PERMITTED RENTS, AND WOULD BRING SUCH RENTS TO ABOUT 79 PER CENT OF THE PREVAILING MARKET LEVEL.

IF APPROVED, THIS PROPOSAL WOULD TAKE EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1989.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THESE PROPOSED CHANGES CAN APPROACH THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

PENALTY FOR TAXI MALPRACTICES TO BE INCREASED

* * * * *

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE INCREASE IN PENALTY FOR TAXI OFFENCES TO CURB MALPRACTICES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR SOME TAXI MALPRACTICE OFFENCES WOULD BE INCREASED FROM \$3,000 TO \$5,000. THE MAXIMUM IMPRISONMENT TERM OF SIX MONTHS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS TO INCREASE THE PENALTY AGAINST TAXI MALPRACTICE OFFENCES UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS WILL BE GAZETTED AND COME INTO FORCE ON JUNE 30 THIS YEAR.

THE OFFENCES UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS THAT WOULD CARRY HEAVIER PENALTIES INCLUDE:

- * REFUSING HIRE;
- * FAILURE TO TAKE PASSENGERS TO THEIR DESIRED DESTINATIONS;
- * REFUSING TO CARRY SUCH NUMBER OF PASSENGERS, NOT EXCEEDING THE NUMBER SPECIFIED IN THE VEHICLE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF THE TAXI, AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO CARRY BY THE HIRER;
- * FAILURE TO TAKE THE MOST DIRECT PRACTICABLE ROUTE;
- * PERMITTING OTHER PASSENGERS TO ENTER TAXI WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE HIRER;
- * SOLICITING PASSENGERS;
- * LOITERING OR STOPPING ELSEWHERE THAN AT A TAXI STAND WHILE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE;
- * OVERCHARGING; AND
- * METER RELATED OFFENCES.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 14 -

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TAXI SERVICES RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WERE ALSO IN HAND, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THESE INCLUDE:

- * REVISING THE TAXI DRIVING LICENCE WRITTEN TEST TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF TAXI REGULATIONS AND LOCATIONS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TAXI DRIVERS;
- * PREPARING AN INFORMATION LEAFLET ON TAXI SERVICE TO HELP BOTH THE TAXI DRIVERS AND THE PUBLIC TO BE BETTER AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. SOME 150,000 COPIES OF THE LEAFLET HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED RECENTLY; AND
- * REQUIRING THE TAXI DRIVERS TO DISPLAY AT ALL TIMES IDENTIFICATION PLATES INSIDE TAXIS WHILST ON DUTY AND SPECIFYING THE DESIGN AND POSITIONING OF FARE TABLES INSIDE TAXIS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

INSURERS' FEE TO GO UP FROM TOMORROW
* * * * *

THE AUTHORISATION AND ANNUAL FEE PAYABLE BY AUTHORISED INSURERS WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$25,000 TO \$35,000 WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INCREASE FOLLOWED THE APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 13) REGULATIONS 1989.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE FEE REVISION WAS TO RECOVER A GREATER PROPORTION OF THE COST OF PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION OF AUTHORISED INSURERS BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY.

THE REGULATIONS WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/15

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- . 15 -

SURVEY ON STRUCTURES IN FISH CULTURE ZONES

* * * * *

MARICULTURISTS IN HONG KONG'S 28 FISH CULTURE ZONES WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO A SURVEY BEING CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IN RESPECT OF STRUCTURES ON FISH RAFTS IN ALL DESIGNATED ZONES.

THEY WERE ALSO REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH SURVEY STAFF IN THEIR REGISTRATION WORK IN THE COURSE OF THE SURVEY WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

MAKING THE APPEAL, THE SENIOR FISHERIES OFFICER OF THE AFD'S AQUACULTURE FISHERIES DIVISION, MR K.W. CHAN, SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY WAS TO GATHER ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION OF STRUCTURES ON MARICULTURE RAFTS, THE USAGES OF THESE STRUCTURES AND THE PEOPLE USING THEM.

"THIS INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY IN ENABLING THE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE MORE EFFECTIVELY, BUT ALSO IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEAL OF FISH CULTURE ZONES AND IN PREVENTING ANY POLLUTION PROBLEM WHICH MAY BE CAUSED BY DWELLINGS ON RAFTS," MR CHAN SAID.

THE SURVEY, WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY, WILL COVER ALL 1,800 LICENCES IN THREE STAGES WITH THOSE IN LEUNG SHUEN WAN, SHAM WAN, YIM TIN TSAI, YIM TIN TSAI (EAST) AND SOK KWU WAN BEING INCLUDED IN THE FIRST STAGE.

THE REMAINING ZONES WILL BE COVERED IN THE FOLLOWING STAGES.

MR CHAN SAID THAT THE SURVEY STAFF WOULD VISIT EACH AND EVERY FISH RAFT IN THE FISH CULTURE ZONES TO REGISTER AND PAINT REGISTRATION NUMBERS AND DIMENSIONS ON THE STRUCTURES SURVEYED.

"THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE CAREFULLY ASSESSED AND WILL BE USED AS A BASELINE FOR FUTURE CONTROL PURPOSES," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN EMPHASISED THAT THE ERECTION OF ANY STRUCTURE ON A FISH RAFT WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE MARINE FISH CULTURE REGULATIONS.

"OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000 IN ADDITION TO THE CANCELLATION OF THEIR MARICULTURE LICENCES," HE WARNED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/16

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 16 -

IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY MAXIMISES LABOUR RESOURCES

* * * * *

A SATISFIED, WELL-MOTIVATED AND DEDICATED WORKFORCE SHOULD ALWAYS BE THE FIRST TARGET FOR EMPLOYERS WHO AIM TO IMPROVE THE PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THEIR BUSINESS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST OF TWO SYMPOSIA ON EFFICIENT UTILISATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

MR HAMMOND STRESSED THAT IMPROVEMENT IN PRODUCTIVITY COULD NEVER BE ACHIEVED COMPLETELY WITHOUT DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE HUMAN FACTOR.

"IN OTHER WORDS, IN ANY SCHEME TO BOOST PRODUCTIVITY, THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE EMPLOYEES MUST BE SECURED, AND WITHOUT WHICH, MACHINES AND PROCEDURES CANNOT BE PUT TO THEIR BEST USE," HE SAID.

MR HAMMOND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A TIGHT LABOUR SUPPLY AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER WERE A PREDICTABLE RESULT OF PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS IN A FREE MARKET ECONOMY LIKE HONG KONG'S.

"IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE COMPANIES HAVE TO COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER FOR SCARCE HUMAN RESOURCES, MUCH HAS TO BE DONE BY EMPLOYERS NOT ONLY TO ATTRACT AND RECRUIT EMPLOYEES OF THE RIGHT CALIBRE, BUT ALSO TO TRAIN THEM AND RETAIN THEM.

"WHILE AN IMPROVED REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR EMPLOYEES AND INCREASED TRAINING UNDOUBTEDLY ADD TO THE RUNNING COSTS OF A BUSINESS, IT IS UP TO THE EMPLOYER TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS OF UTILISING HIS SCARCE HUMAN RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY SO THAT HIS BUSINESS CAN REMAIN BUOYANT AND RETAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE OVER OTHERS.

"IN THIS RESPECT IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY BECOMES A KEY ISSUE."

MR HAMMOND SAID IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT THE TWO SYMPOSIA WERE ORGANISED TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR INTERESTED PARTIES FROM DIFFERENT TRADES AND INDUSTRIES TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEMS COMMONLY FACED BY THEM.

PROMINENT GUEST SPEAKERS FROM VARIOUS SECTORS WHO HAVE TRIED OUT DIFFERENT SCHEMES TO IMPROVE LABOUR EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TALK IN THE SYMPOSIA.

/TODAY'S SYMPOSIUM,

TODAY'S SYMPOSIUM, ATTENDED BY 250 PEOPLE, FOCUSSES ON THE SITUATION IN THE COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS, WHILE THE ONE TOMORROW CONCENTRATES ON THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, WILL ADDRESS THE OPENING SESSION OF THE SECOND SYMPOSIUM AT 9.15 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE GOLDEN MILE HOLIDAY INN IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SESSION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SDA PRAISES ROLE OF HEUNG YEE KUK
* * * * *

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1926, THE HEUNG YEE KUK HAS ALWAYS ACTED AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE GOVERNMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR LIAO WAS SPEAKING AT THE UNVEILING OF A PLAQUE TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF RENOVATIONS AT THE KUK'S MEETING HALL.

HE SAID THE HEUNG YEE KUK, AS A STATUTORY ADVISORY BODY, HAD ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION, THUS ENABLING THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT.

OVER THE YEARS, THE KUK HAD GIVEN FULL SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT IN PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF RURAL RESIDENTS, HE SAID.

MR LIAO NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD INTRODUCED LEGISLATION IN 1959 TO ESTABLISH THE KUK AS A STATUTORY BODY. SINCE THEN IT HAD BECOME AN IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVE BODY REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF RESIDENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT CONSULTED THE KUK, THROUGH THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, ON ALL MAJOR DECISIONS INVOLVING THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT AND THE PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD.

MR LIAO BELIEVED THE KUK WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE LIVING STANDARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 18 -

DB MEMBERS VISIT LRT DEPOT
* * * * *

MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD VISITED THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) DEPOT IN TUEN MUN THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE OPERATION OF THE LRT SYSTEM.

LED BY THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG, THE PARTY WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL AT THE DEPOT BY LIGHT RAIL DIRECTOR, MR JONATHAN YU.

THE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE LRT SYSTEM AND WERE SHOWN A DOCUMENTARY ON LRT SERVICES.

THEY THEN TOURED THE OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTRE AND WORKSHOP.

THE PARTY ALSO TOOK A RIDE ON A LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE TO THE SIU HONG STOP WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE FACILITIES OF THE STOP AND THE OPERATION OF THE TICKET VENDING MACHINES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TSUEN WAN CLEAN-UP OPERATION STARTS TOMORROW
* * * * *

A BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN TSUEN WAN.

THE MONTH-LONG OPERATION, ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, IS AIMED AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEAN AND HEALTHY LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW WILL BE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN; CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE, MR CHAN LAU-FONG; AND CHAIRMEN OF TSUEN WAN'S AREA COMMITTEES.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

- - - - 0 - - - -

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 19 -

AIR QUALITY UPDATE FOR DB COMMITTEE

* * * * *

AN UPDATED REPORT ON AIR QUALITY IN KWUN TONG WILL BE PRESENTED AT A MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE LATEST STUDY WAS CARRIED OUT AT A MONITORING STATION ON THE ROOFTOP OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER NINE APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, TOTTALLING \$319,600, FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

IN ADDITION, IT WILL CONSIDER REPORTS BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON OPERATIONS OF THE JORDAN VALLEY LANDFILL, AND A PROGRESS REPORT ON WORKS PROJECTS IN KWUN TONG.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

* * * * *

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE SETTLED BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND ON YUEN LONG HONG LOK ROAD.

OTHER TOPICS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROPOSED FARE INCREASES FOR THREE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES AND THE CONGESTION PROBLEM CAUSED BY CONTAINER TRUCKS USING TIN HA ROAD AND PING HA ROAD.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 20 -

GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

* * * * *

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG DURING RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

/NORMALLY,

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-OPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSE, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS. THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW :

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 9.6.89)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 22.6.89)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	B	B
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	B	B
MIDDLE BAY	B	B
REPULSE BAY	B	B
SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST. STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	B	A
STANLEY MAIN	B	B
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 22 -

ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	A	A
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	B	B
TUNG O*	A	A

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	B	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	B	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	B	C
TRIO (HEBEHAVEN)	B	B

/TSUEN WAN

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	B	B
CASAM	B	B
GEMINI	A	A
HOI MEI WAN	B	B
LIDO	B	B
TING KAU	X	X
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	B	B
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.
 * NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

TURTLE COVE, FROM "B" TO "A".
 THE CHANGE FROM "B" TO "A" IS WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF
 FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THE BEACH.

SILVERSTRAND, FROM "B" TO "C".
 THE USUAL GRADING OF SILVERSTRAND BEACH IS EITHER "A" OR "B".
 THE BEACH IS AFFECTED BY STREAMS CARRYING SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT
 FROM THE BUILDINGS IN ITS HINTERLAND. THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS
 CAUSED THE POLLUTANTS IN THE STREAMS BEING WASHED TO THE BEACH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR WALLACE CHEUNG,
 ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF
 EPD, ON 5-8351234.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

- 24 -

URBAN CLEARWAYS ON LEE TUNG STREET, WAN CHAI
* * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 24), THE FOLLOWING TWO SECTIONS OF LEE TUNG STREET IN WAN CHAI WILL BE DESIGNATED 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * THE WESTERN KERSIDE LANE BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST; AND
- * THE EASTERN KERSIDE LANE BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES TO THE SOUTH.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

- - - - 0 - - - -