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DANGER OF FISH KILL LOOMS
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON ADVISED MARICULTURISTS IN THE FISH CULTURE ZONES OF YIM TIN TSAI EAST AND WEST, AND YUNG SHUE AU OF A POSSIBLE LOW DISSOLVED OXYGEN CONDITION THIS EVENING.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SITUATION MIGHT GIVE RISE TO A HIGH MORTALITY OF MOST OF THE FISH SPECIES UNDER CULTURE IN THESE AREAS. HE STRONGLY ADVISED FISH FARMERS IN THESE AREAS TO AERATE THEIR FISH CAGES IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS PARTICULARLY THIS EVENING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONDITION CAME TO LIGHT WHEN FISHERIES RESEARCH STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT, IN THE COURSE OF THEIR REGULAR MONITORING OF THESE AREAS THIS MORNING, DISCOVERED AN ABNORMALLY HIGH DISSOLVED OXYGEN LEVEL, AT OVER 15 PARTS PER MILLION (PPM), IN THE SURFACE LAYER DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF A RELATIVELY LARGE POPULATION OF PHYTOPLANKTON-SKELETONEMA-IN THE WATER.

THE NORMAL DISSOLVED OXYGEN CONTENT ON THESE AREAS AT CURRENT TEMPERATURE IS WITHIN THE RANGE OF 4 TO 8 PPM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ABNORMALITY WAS THE RESULT OF THE PHYTOPLANKTON'S PHOTOSYNTHETIC ACTIVITIES WHICH RELEASED OXYGEN INTO THE WATER DURING DAYTIME.

"AT NIGHT, PHOTOSYNTHESIS CEASES AND THE PHYTOPLANKTON BEGINS TO CONSUME OXYGEN AS A RESULT OF RESPIRATION WHICH WILL MARKEDLY DEplete THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN IN THE WATER AND WILL RESULT IN FISH KILL," HE SAID.

"IT IS IN FISH FARMERS'S INTEREST THAT THEY SHOULD HEED OUR ADVICE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NEED TO COMBINE PRODUCTIVITY AND SAFETY
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WELL-MANAGED OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAMMES PROVE NOT ONLY PROFITABLE TO COMPANIES BUT ALSO BENEFICIAL TO EMPLOYEES, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR MAK SAI-YIU, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THIS WAS NOT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE WHILE THE COMPANIES AVOIDED THE DAMAGE TO PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, THE EMPLOYEES PRESERVED THEIR LIVES AND LIMBS, HE ADDED.

/MR MAK

MR MAK WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE "CONTAINER COMPANIES SAFETY AWARD" AND THE "SPREADER DESIGN" COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CONTAINER HANDLING SAFETY COMMITTEE TODAY.

HE SAID THERE WAS A WIDELY-HELD BELIEF AMONG EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES OF "A TRADE-OFF BETWEEN PRODUCTIVITY AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY".

"AND THAT IS: IF YOU WANT SPEED, YOU HAVE TO CUT CORNERS; IF YOU WANT HIGH PRODUCTIVITY, YOU CANNOT USE SAFE BUT ELABORATE PROCEDURES.

"PRODUCTIVITY HAS OFTEN BEEN USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR IGNORING SAFETY," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO STATISTICS, MR MAK SAID THE CONTAINER HANDLING INDUSTRY HAD REGISTERED 387 ACCIDENTS IN 1985 AND 201 IN 1986. THE DECREASING TREND HAS CONTINUED THIS YEAR.

"YOU ACHIEVED THIS DRASTIC DROP IN ACCIDENT WHILE HONG KONG MOVED FROM THE THIRD TO THE SECOND BUSIEST CONTAINER PORT OF THE WORLD.

"YOUR INDUSTRY BEARS LIVING TESTIMONY TO THE HAPPY UNION OF PRODUCTIVITY AND SAFETY," MR MAK SAID.

HE CALLED ON THOSE CONCERNED TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING SAFETY AS "SAFETY IS NOT A STATIC CONDITION".

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CONTAINER HANDLING SAFETY COMMITTEE, MR A. MILLIKEN, SAID THE PRIZE PRESENTATION ALSO MARKED THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMMITTEE'S YEAR-LONG SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE AN AWARENESS OF SAFETY WITHIN THE CONTAINER HANDLING INDUSTRY.

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS INCLUDED A SLOGAN COMPETITION, A LOGO COMPETITION AND A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE FIRST AND SECOND PRIZES IN THE CONTAINER COMPANIES SAFETY AWARD COMPETITION WENT TO THE HK INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS LIMITED AND THE FAT KEE STEVEDORES LIMITED RESPECTIVELY.

THE WINNER OF THE SPREADER DESIGN COMPETITION WAS MR SVEN-OLOF LUNDGERN WHO HAS SPECIALLY FLOWN IN FROM AUSTRALIA TO RECEIVE HIS AWARD, AND THE FIRST RUNNER-UP WAS MR K.K. LO FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND MARINE ENGINEERING, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

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THREE SUBSIDISED COURSES FOR BANKING PERSONNEL
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THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL ORGANISE THREE UPGRADING COURSES IN SEPTEMBER TO MEET TRAINING DEMANDS FROM HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL SECTOR.

THE COURSES ARE CONDUCTED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE HONG KONG CITY POLYTECHNIC, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS IN HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SHIPPING LTD FOR BANKING PERSONNEL AT DIFFERENT LEVELS.

"FRAUD CASES IN BILLS" IS A NEW COURSE INTRODUCED TO SENIOR BANKING OFFICERS. IT WILL EXAMINE THE PROBLEM AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE FINANCE SO THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPLEXITIES AND FRAUDULENT CASES INVOLVED.

THE FOUR-SESSION COURSE WILL BE HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 21 AND 24 AND LECTURERS WILL INCLUDE A MARINE ARBITRATOR AND EXPERTS FROM FREIGHT AND INSURANCE INDUSTRIES.

THE COURSE ON "FOREIGN EXCHANGE" WILL BE CONDUCTED TWICE A WEEK, STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 3 TO 24. DESIGNED FOR JUNIOR STAFF WORKING IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE, TREASURY AND RELATED DEPARTMENTS, THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE IS TO INTRODUCE PARTICIPANTS TO THE BASIC CONCEPTS AND TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET.

THE 12-SESSION "LEGAL ASPECTS OF BANKING LENDING" WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM SEPTEMBER 3 TO OCTOBER 2 FOR OFFICERS IN THE LENDING AND LEGAL DEPARTMENTS OR THOSE WITH LENDING RESPONSIBILITY.

COURSE FEE RANGES FROM \$200 TO \$950. THE COUNCIL WILL REIMBURSE HALF OF THE FEE TO QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WITH 80 PER CENT ATTENDANCE. ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE SPONSORED BY EMPLOYERS. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS AUGUST 17.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, CONTACT SECRETARY OF THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD AT 5-8932341 EXT. 255 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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DIVING SAFETY TRAINING FOR FISHERMEN

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FORTY FISHERMEN LEARNED MORE ABOUT DIVING SAFETY AT A HALF-DAY SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AT ITS ABERDEEN FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

THE SEMINAR, THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF THREE ORGANISED THIS MONTH, AIMS AT IMPROVING THE KNOWLEDGE OF FISHERMEN ON SAFETY AT WORK AND ON HOW DIVING ILLNESS COULD BE PREVENTED.

CONTENTS OF THE SEMINAR INCLUDED LECTURES BY AN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EXPERT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND A TRAINING INSTRUCTOR FROM THE HONG KONG UNDERWATER FEDERATION. THESE WERE FOLLOWED BY A DEMONSTRATION ON THE SAFE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF DIVING EQUIPMENT AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

THE OTHER TWO SEMINARS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 6 AND 10 AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CHEUNG CHAU FISH DEPOT AND FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION'S SHA TAU KOK WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RESPECTIVELY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF FISHERMEN THERE.

THESE SEMINARS ARE AMONG A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO HELP LOCAL FISHERMEN IMPROVE THEIR FISHING EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY AND TO ENHANCE THEIR SAFETY AT WORK.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA RECEIVES SPONSORSHIP

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MEMBERS OF HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 1986-87 OF THE MUSIC OFFICE TODAY (MONDAY) RECEIVED THEIR UNIFORMS AND HANDBOOKS, SPONSORED BY DHL INTERNATIONAL LTD.

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT THE COMPANY HAS SUPPORTED THE ORCHESTRA.

AT A CEREMONY AT THE NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE, WHERE THE ORCHESTRA IS UNDERGOING TRAINING, THE MARKETING MANAGER OF DHL, MR JEREMY NG, PRESENTED THE CARDIGANS AND HANDBOOKS TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ORCHESTRA.

AT THE CEREMONY, THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, THANKED DHL FOR ITS EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE YOUTH IN HONG KONG IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS AND SAID THAT SHE HOPED OTHER COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS WOULD FOLLOW DHL'S LEAD.

SIXTY-EIGHT ORCHESTRA MEMBERS WILL BE ON A CONCERT TOUR TO THE UNITED KINGDOM LATER THIS MONTH.

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SHEK WU HUI DISTRICT OPEN SPACE

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A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT SHEK WU HUI TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA.

SITUATED AT SAN FUNG AVENUE, THE OPEN SPACE IS ADJACENT TO THE BUS TERMINUS AND WILL COVER ABOUT TWO HECTARES.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, A ROLLER SKATING RINK, PUBLIC TOILETS, FLOWER AND ROCK GARDENS AND SHADED SITTING AREAS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON AUGUST 21.

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AMBULANCE DEPOT FOR TSUEN WAN

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AN AMBULANCE DEPOT IS TO BE BUILT IN TSUEN WAN TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

THE DEPOT WILL OCCUPY A SITE OF 1,920 SQUARE METRES ON WAI TSUEN ROAD, BEHIND LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN.

IT WILL BE A STANDARD AMBULANCE DEPOT WITH A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING AND DRILL YARD.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE OFFICES, A FOUR-BAY APPLIANCES ROOM, COMMUNICATIONS ROOM, MEDICAL AND LINEN STORE, WORKSHOP, BARRACK AND DINING ACCOMMODATION, AN EXERCISE ROOM AND STORES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY NOON ON AUGUST 21.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN STANLEY

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SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN STANLEY WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 6).

THE 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE:

- * A 27-METRE STRETCH ALONG STANLEY MARKET ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH STANLEY NEW STREET;
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE OF STANLEY NEW STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT SIX METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH STANLEY MARKET ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 57 METRES NORTH OF THAT JUNCTION, AND
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE OF STANLEY NEW STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT EIGHT METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH STANLEY MARKET ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES SOUTH OF THAT JUNCTION.

IN ADDITION, A SIX-METRE STRETCH ALONG THE WESTERN KERBSIDE OF STANLEY NEW STREET SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD AND A 15-METRE STRETCH ALONG THE WESTERN KERBSIDE OF STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH STANLEY NEW STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

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

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN MONG KOK AND YUEN LONG

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THE SECTION OF RECLAMATION STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 5).

ALL PLBS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS THERE.

IN YUEN LONG, LONG YIP STREET AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM FROM THE SAME DAY FOR FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION.

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FROM AUGUST 5 TO 8, ABOUT 30 METRES OF THE SECTION OF LONG YIP STREET WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE REDUCED FROM THREE-LANE TO TWO-LANE TRAFFIC, WHILE ABOUT SIX METRES OF THE SECTION OF THE EASTBOUND CASTLE PEAK ROAD EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE REDUCED FROM TWO-LANE TO ONE-LANE TRAFFIC.

MEANWHILE, ABOUT 45 METRES OF THE SECTION OF THE WESTBOUND CASTLE PEAK ROAD EAST OF THE ABOVE JUNCTION WILL BE REDUCED FROM THREE-LANE TO ONE-LANE TRAFFIC FROM AUGUST 10 TO 13.

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SALT WATER CUT IN NORTH POINT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 6) FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, CLOUD VIEW ROAD, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, YEE KING ROAD AND LAI TAK TSUEN.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 74.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 434.448 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 369.893 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 63.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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