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PLANNING STANDARDS FOR HOMES FOR AGED UNDER REVIEW

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS REVIEWING THE PLANNING STANDARDS FOR HOMES FOR THE AGED AND CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG PENINSULA LIONS CLUB HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY IN TSING YI RUN BY THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL.

MR CARTLAND SAID TO FACILITATE A SPEEDIER PROVISION OF THESE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT WAS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-SUPPORTING, NON-PROFIT-MAKING HOMES TO ALLEVIATE THE DEMAND FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

AS AT FEBRUARY 1, THERE WERE 27 SUCH NON-SUBVENTED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, MAINLY OPERATED BY RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS, PROVIDING 2,074 PLACES.

"THESE SELF-SUPPORTING, NON-PROFIT-MAKING HOMES HAVE THE ADVANTAGES OF DRAWING ON COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY CONCERN TOWARDS THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE ELDERLY POPULATION IS INCREASING STEADILY, MR CARTLAND SAID THE PERCENTAGE WOULD INCREASE TO ABOUT 15 PER CENT BY THE YEAR 2000.

"IN THE LIGHT OF EXPECTED DEMOGRAPHIC AND OTHER SOCIAL CHANGES IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ACTIVELY EXAMINING HOW BEST THE ELDERLY CAN BE CARED FOR IN OUR SOCIETY," HE SAID.

"IN JULY 1987, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY WAS SET UP TO REVIEW EXISTING POLICY AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE PROVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

"IN NOVEMBER 1988, THE WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY WAS ESTABLISHED TO DETERMINE HOW THE POLICY ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY COULD BEST BE ALIGNED WITH THE HOUSING POLICY TO ENSURE A MORE INTEGRATED APPROACH.

"CURRENTLY, IN FORMULATING THE WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND, THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IS BEING THOROUGHLY REVIEWED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL BE MET ADEQUATELY IN THE COMING YEARS," HE ADDED.

MR CARTLAND COMMENDED THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL FOR PROVIDING VALUABLE SERVICES TO DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE AREAS OF MEDICAL, CHILD CARE, EDUCATION AND ELDERLY SERVICES.

THE HOSTEL OPENED TODAY IS THE AGENCY'S SECOND OF ITS TYPE, CATERING FOR 157 ELDERLY PERSONS.

THE CAPITAL COST FOR SETTING UP THE HOSTEL, AT ABOUT \$3.5 MILLION, COMES FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND, THE PENINSULA LIONS CLUB AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL.

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GOVT LAND SOLD FOR \$303.5M

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FOUR PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$303.5 MILLION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT THE LAST PUBLIC AUCTION IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR TODAY (FRIDAY).

TOPPING THE LIST IS A LOT AT ON LAI STREET IN SHA TIN, WHICH WAS BOUGHT BY CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$145 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$65 MILLION.

THE LOT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN, EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE, PURPOSES. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,380 SQUARE METRES.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 19,266 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1994.

THE SECOND LOT IS IN AREA 2A, TUEN MUN, WHICH IS DESIGNATED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, EXCLUDING GODOWN, PURPOSES.

IT WAS SOLD TO PEONY CITY DEVELOPMENT LIMITED FOR \$117 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$90 MILLION.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE PLOT RATIO SHOULD BE 9.5/5 AND THE MAXIMUM SITE COVERAGE 66.6 PER CENT. A BUILDING OR BUILDINGS AT THE 4,949-SQUARE-METRE SITE HAVE TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 31, 1994.

THE THIRD LOT, WHICH IS DESIGNATED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, IS AT RAZOR HILL ROAD IN SAI KUNG AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,575 SQUARE METRES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$14 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY WAH WEN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$31 MILLION.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 2,058 METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1994.

THE FOURTH LOT IS A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LOT LOCATED IN SHA HA IN SAI KUNG.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$5 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY TRUE MANNER LIMITED FOR \$10.5 MILLION.

THE LOT COVERS AN AREA OF 1,860 SQUARE METRES, AND THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 670 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1993.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ACTING GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR ROGER HARDING.

MR HARDING SAID HE WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THE PRICES. HE SAID THE PRICES REFLECTED THE UNDERLYING STRENGTH OF THE PROPERTY MARKET.

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BILL PROVIDES MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL ON IVORY TRADE

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A BILL TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO PROHIBIT MORE EFFECTIVELY COMMERCIAL IMPORT AND EXPORT OF IVORY AND OTHER HIGHLY ENDANGERED ANIMAL OR PLANT PARTS OR SPECIES WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 4.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE IS THE LOCAL LEGISLATION WHICH GIVES EFFECT TO REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

HONG KONG IS A PARTY TO CITES THROUGH THE UK'S MEMBERSHIP.

UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT, SECTION 7B OF THE ORDINANCE WILL EXPLICITLY STATE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (DAF) MUST REFUSE INDIVIDUAL LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL IMPORT OR EXPORT OF HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES WHICH ARE LISTED IN A NEW SIXTH SCHEDULE.

THIS NEWLY INSERTED SCHEDULE WILL BE REVISED FROM TIME TO TIME TO TALLY WITH THE CITES APPENDIX I SPECIES, I.E. FAUNA AND FLORA SPECIES WHICH ARE THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION.

"CURRENTLY, SECTION 7 PROVIDES DAF WITH THE POWER TO ISSUE A LICENCE TO IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS ENDANGERED SPECIES.

"WHEN HONG KONG NEEDS TO BAN COMMERCIAL TRADE IN A CERTAIN ENDANGERED SPECIES IN ORDER TO FULFIL ITS CITES OBLIGATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY DO SO BY REFUSING INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENCES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

"THAT IS WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DOING SINCE JUNE 16 LAST YEAR WHEN IVORY IMPORT INTO THE TERRITORY WAS BANNED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT SHOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 17 THIS YEAR, THE DAY WHEN HONG KONG IS OBLIGED TO PUT A HALT TO ALL INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN IVORY THROUGH THE TERRITORY.

CITES DECIDED AT A CONFERENCE LAST OCTOBER TO BAN INTERNATIONAL IVORY TRADE IN A BID TO CONSERVE THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT, WHICH IS FAST DECLINING IN NUMBERS.

BECAUSE OF HONG KONG'S UNIQUE POSITION AS THE BIGGEST IVORY PROCESSING CENTRE IN THE WORLD, THE UK ENTERED A SIX-MONTH RESERVATION TO THE CITES DECISION ON THE TERRITORY'S BEHALF.

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THIS WAS TO ENABLE LOCAL TRADERS TO EXPORT THEIR LEGALLY HELD IVORY STOCKS TO NON-CITES PARTIES PRIOR TO THE EXPIRY OF THE RESERVATION PERIOD ON JULY 17 THIS YEAR AND TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR WORKERS TO BE RETRAINED OR TO FIND ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT DESPITE THE RESERVATION ENTERED, THE BAN ON IVORY IMPORTS INTO HONG KONG STILL REMAINS IN FORCE.

REFERRING TO THE BILL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDED LEGISLATION WOULD STILL ALLOW DAF TO ISSUE IMPORT OR EXPORT LICENCES FOR HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

"THESE CIRCUMSTANCES PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED IMPORT AND EXPORT OF PERSONAL POSSESSIONS, OF PRE-CITES CONVENTION STOCK, OF SCIENTIFIC SPECIMENS, EXHIBITIONS INCLUDING CIRCUSES AND OTHER, NON-COMMERCIAL PURPOSES IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST," HE NOTED.

"THE BILL FULLY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE TERRITORY HAS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF EXTENDING IVORY TRADE BEYOND THE SIX-MONTH RESERVATION PERIOD," THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED.

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BILL TO CHANGE LAW ON EVIDENCE BY SPOUSES  
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THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), PROPOSES TO AMEND THE LAW OF EVIDENCE EXTENDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH SPOUSES ARE COMPETENT AND COMPELLABLE TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL CASES.

THE BILL PROVIDES THAT A SPOUSE OF AN ACCUSED PERSON WOULD BE FREE TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE ACCUSED OR A CO-ACCUSED.

WHERE THE ACCUSED CALLS HIS OR HER SPOUSE, THAT SPOUSE WILL ALSO BE COMPELLABLE TO GIVE EVIDENCE ON HIS OR HER BEHALF. THE SPOUSE IS ALSO FREE TO GIVE EVIDENCE FOR THE PROSECUTION EXCEPT WHERE HE OR SHE STANDS JOINTLY CHARGED AND IS STILL AWAITING TRIAL.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES THAT A WIFE OR HUSBAND UNWILLING TO GIVE EVIDENCE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO DO SO IN CERTAIN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

A HUSBAND OR WIFE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO TESTIFY FOR THE PROSECUTION AGAINST HER OR HIS ACCUSED SPOUSE OR SPOUSE'S CO-ACCUSED, OR ON BEHALF OF THE CO-ACCUSED IN CASES OF THE FOLLOWING OFFENCES:

- \* ASSAULT ON, OR INJURY OR THREAT OF INJURY TO SPOUSE OR THEIR CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE;

/\* SEXUAL OFFENCES .....

\* SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST A CHILD OF THE FAMILY UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE; AND

\* ATTEMPTING, CONSPIRING TO COMMIT, AIDING, ABETTING, COUNSELLING OR PROCURING OR INCITING THE COMMISSION OF SUCH AN OFFENCE.

THE CHANGES, HOWEVER, WILL NOT CAUSE A PERSON, WHO IS JOINTLY CHARGED WITH AN OFFENCE WITH HER OR HIS SPOUSE, TO LOSE THE RIGHT OF ALL ACCUSED PERSONS NOT TO GIVE EVIDENCE AND NOT TO INCRIMINATE HER OR HIMSELF.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT OF A SPOUSE NOT TO DISCLOSE ANY COMMUNICATION MADE BY HER OR HIS SPOUSE DURING THE MARRIAGE EXCEPT IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROPOSED CHANGES WERE BASED ON THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WERE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL LAST YEAR.

THE AMENDMENTS ARE TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE RIGIDITY OF THE CURRENT MIXTURE OF COMMON LAW AND STATUTORY RULES GOVERNING COMPETENCE AND COMPELLABILITY OF SPOUSES GIVING EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN THE CASE OF CRIMES AFFECTING THE FAMILY ITSELF, THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE SHOULD PREVAIL OVER THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY HARMONY.

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MOVE TO RELAX CRITERIA FOR GRANTING OF GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO WIDEN THE ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE GRANTED UNDER THE GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN THE PAST, SCHOLARSHIPS WERE GRANTED UNDER THE ORDINANCE TO STUDENTS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

UNDER THE AMENDING LEGISLATION - THE GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - SCHOLARSHIPS MAY IN FUTURE ALSO BE GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF ACADEMIC AND OTHER RELEVANT ACHIEVEMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE AMENDMENTS HAVE HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND COMMITTEE.

HE SAID THAT AS THE RESULT OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE INCOME LEVEL OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION, THE DEMAND FOR SCHOLARSHIPS BY STUDENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED HAS DECREASED IN RECENT YEARS, WHILE THE ANNUAL INCOME OF THE GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND HAS BEEN INCREASING STEADILY.

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THIS HAS LED TO A GROWING ANNUAL SURPLUS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN 1984-85 WAS 890, COMPARED TO 595 IN 1988-89, WHILST THE ANNUAL SURPLUS IN 1984-85 WAS \$6,000, COMPARED TO \$1,954,000 IN 1988-89.

"TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS DECLARED OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING LOCAL EDUCATION, IT IS NECESSARY TO AMEND THE GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND ORDINANCE, SO THAT IN FUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE GRANTED NOT ONLY TO STUDENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED, BUT ALSO TO THOSE WITH ACADEMIC AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENT," HE SAID.

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DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE TO BE EXAMINED

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL PUBLICLY EXAMINE THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 1990-91 AT THREE SPECIAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK -- ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (MARCH 27-29).

DURING THE MEETINGS, THE CONTROLLING OFFICERS MAY BE CALLED UPON TO ANSWER SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN POINTS IN THEIR WRITTEN REPLIES SUBMITTED TO MEMBERS EARLIER.

EACH MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND DEAL WITH PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT ESTIMATES, AS FOLLOWS:

- \* TUESDAY (MARCH 27) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, INDUSTRY, TRADE AND LABOUR EDUCATION
- \* WEDNESDAY (MARCH 28) MEDICAL AND HEALTH, HOUSING, WELFARE AND RECREATION AND CULTURE
- \* THURSDAY (MARCH 29) GENERAL SERVICES SECURITY SERVICES

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE WRITTEN REPLIES PROVIDED BY CONTROLLING OFFICERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GIS NEWS DIVISION, ROOM 615, SIXTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL, AT 11 AM ON THE DAY OF EACH MEETING.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PAPERS FOR EACH MEETING WILL BE EMBARGOED UNTIL 2.30 PM.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ORDINANCE

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND LAND COMMISSION) ORDINANCE SO AS TO EXTEND PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO THE DEPENDANTS OF CERTAIN JLG AND LAND COMMISSION OFFICIALS WHILE THEY ARE IN HONG KONG.

THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND LAND COMMISSION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 4.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE GRANTS PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO THE CHINESE MEMBERS, EXPERTS AND SUPPORTING STAFF OF THE JLG WHILE THEY ARE IN HONG KONG.

IT ALSO GRANTS PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO THE CHINESE MEMBERS AND SUPPORTING STAFF OF THE LAND COMMISSION.

AT PRESENT DEPENDANTS OF THESE OFFICIALS ARE NOT COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE AND ARE THEREFORE NOT ENTITLED TO ANY PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES WHILE IN HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE FOR THE RELEVANT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO BE GRANTED TO DEPENDANTS OF DIPLOMATS AND TO DEPENDANTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF IN A DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THEREFORE ALREADY EXTENDS APPROPRIATE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO DEPENDANTS OF THESE CHINESE OFFICIALS WHILE THEY ARE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM; THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT DOES THE SAME WHILE THE BRITISH TEAM ARE IN CHINA.

THE AMENDMENT BILL WOULD BRING HONG KONG'S PRACTICE INTO LINE WITH THAT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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8 AMENDMENT TO DRAFT NGAU CHI WAN OZP PUBLISHED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT NGAU CHI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID REZONINGS WERE MADE ON NGAU CHI WAN NORTH VILLAGE FROM "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT AND GREEN BELT" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B), COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL, OPEN SPACE GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY AND ROAD".

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THIS REZONING WAS CARRIED OUT IN VIEW OF THE GROWING PRESSURE FOR DEVELOPMENT, THE NEED TO RESOLVE THE DETERIORATING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN THE VILLAGE, AND TO IMPROVE THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO MEET THE LOCAL NEED.

THE OTHER AMENDMENTS ARE MAINLY UPDATING OF THE LAND USE ZONINGS IN THE AREA, SUCH AS THE HAMMER HILL ROAD SPORTSGROUND AND SWIMMING POOL, THE HAMMER HILL HIGH LEVEL SERVICE RESERVOIR, AND THE NGAU CHI WAN FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION.

THE PLAN HAS ALSO INCLUDED A SCHOOL SITE AND A PART OF A NEW ROAD, THE REVISED ALIGNMENT OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND THE HAMMER HILL ROAD GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGE.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PLAN CAN NOW BE INSPECTED AT:

- THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND
- THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, 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 APRIL 13 THIS YEAR.

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, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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#### RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE LOTS FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT

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A TOTAL OF 60 PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE WAY FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

IN POK WAI, 22 LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 4,493 SQUARE METRES WILL BE RESUMED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 150-METRE OPEN DRAINAGE CHANNEL. THIS CHANNEL WILL BE TWO METRES WIDE.

IN HA SAN WAI VILLAGE, 11 LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 3,488 SQUARE METRES WILL BE RESUMED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 120-METRE OPEN CHANNEL TO LINK THE EXISTING DRAINAGE CHANNELS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF HA SAN WAI VILLAGE. THE CHANNEL WILL BE THREE METRES WIDE.

THE WORK ON THESE TWO PROJECTS WILL START IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR AND BE DUE FOR COMPLETION EARLY NEXT YEAR.

IN CHAU TAU, 27 LOTS HAVING A TOTAL AREA OF 8,234 SQUARE METRES WILL BE RESUMED TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A 900-METRE OPEN CHANNEL AND THREE BOX CULVERTS TO DIVERT THE MAIN STORM WATER AT CHAU TAU. THE CHANNEL WILL BE THREE METRES TO FIVE METRES IN DIAMETER.

WORK WILL START IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR AND BE DUE FOR COMPLETION IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

RESUMPTION NOTICES WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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

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SUBMARINE CABLE LAYING AND POWER STATION CONSTRUCTION  
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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT THE CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LIMITED TO LAY A SUBMARINE CABLE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 27.5 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED FROM LOBSTER BAY, CAPE D'AGUILAR TOWARDS TAIWAN.

THE CABLE SYSTEM IS FOR EXTENDING TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND TAIWAN.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 22 NEXT YEAR.

ON LANTAU ISLAND, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PERMIT THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED TO USE AN AREA OF ABOUT 6.58 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT CHOK KO WAN FOR A GAS TURBINE POWER STATION.

THE AREA WILL BE USED AS WORKS AREA FOR RECLAMATION OF LAND, DREDGING OF SEABED AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE POWER STATION.

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ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE MAY 22 THIS YEAR.

DETAILS OF THE AREA AFFECTED BY THE TWO PROJECTS ARE DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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NEW PARKING CHARGES AT HK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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A NEW SCALE OF FEES WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC CARPARK AND SPECIAL CARPARK FACILITIES AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM APRIL 1.

THE REVISED PARKING FEES FOR THE PUBLIC CARPARK WILL BE \$10 PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST TWO HOURS AND \$20 PER HOUR THEREAFTER. THE PRESENT RATES ARE \$7 FOR EACH OF THE FIRST TWO HOURS AND \$14 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT HOUR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE NEW FEES WOULD BRING PARKING RATES AT THE PUBLIC CARPARK AT THE AIRPORT MORE INTO LINE WITH MARKET RATES AT OTHER PRIME PARKING LOCATIONS.

"THE CURRENT RATE STRUCTURE WHICH PROVIDES FOR A DOUBLING OF THE HOURLY FEE AFTER THE FIRST TWO HOURS HAS EFFECTIVELY DISCOURAGED LONG-STAY PARKING AND MADE AVAILABLE MORE PARKING SPACES FOR SHORT-TERM USERS OF THE AIRPORT MULTI-STOREY PUBLIC CARPARK," HE ADDED.

IN 1989, ONLY ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THE VEHICLE THROUGHPUT OF THE AIRPORT MULTI-STOREY PUBLIC CARPARK INVOLVED VEHICLES PARKING FOR OVER TWO HOURS.

AS PART OF THE REVIEW APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE MONTHLY FEE FOR THE USE OF THE SPECIAL CARPARKS WILL ALSO BE INCREASED AS FROM APRIL 1 FROM \$650 TO \$1,100 FOR A PRIVATE CAR AND FROM \$850 TO \$1,400 FOR A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE.

THE SPECIAL CARPARKS ARE RESERVED FOR USE BY AIRPORT TENANTS, THEIR EMPLOYEES AND OWNERS OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES SERVING THE AIRPORT.

A RECENT REVIEW INDICATED THAT MONTHLY PERMITS FOR PARKING IN AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRPORT CURRENTLY RANGE FROM \$1,000 TO \$1,500.

THE NEW RATES FOR THE AIRPORT SPECIAL CARPARKS HAVE, THEREFORE, BEEN INTRODUCED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CURRENT MARKET RATES.

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FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW IN NORTH DISTRICT  
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A NUMBER OF POPULAR SINGERS AND ARTISTES WILL TURN OUT IN NORTH DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING TO HELP PUT ACROSS THE ANTI-SHOP THEFT MESSAGE TO YOUNGSTERS AT A FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS VARIETY SHOW.

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW, TO BE HELD AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND, IS SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

"IT WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR THE YEAR 1989-90," THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TAO MAN-KWONG, SAID.

"ABOUT 16,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SHOW WHICH WILL BE PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG. ADMISSION IS FREE," MR TAO SAID.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS SALLY YEH, CHAN CHUNG-LING, NG YUEN-FONG, LAU SIK-MING, AND THE GROUPS GRASSHOPPERS AND ECHO.

ARTISTES SIMON YAM, AMY YIP, SANDRA LANG, POON BING-SHEUNG, AND SZE KAI-KEUNG WILL PERFORM IN A DRAMA TO TEACH A LESSON ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF COMMITTING CRIME.

COMPERES OF THE SHOW WILL BE DISC JOCKEYS ERIC NG AND KITTY TAI. THE SHOW WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK'S RADIO 1, FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM.

PRIOR TO THE SHOW, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO RECIPIENTS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT GOOD CITIZEN AWARD, AND WINNERS OF AN INTER-SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION ON THE FIGHT CRIME THEME.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; THE FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN; AND FRONTIER POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MICHAEL WATSON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND. THE OPENING AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL START AT 7 PM.

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NEW POST OFFICE OPENS ON TSING YI

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A NEW CHEUNG FAT POST OFFICE, LOCATED AT UNITS 113 AND 114, GROUND FLOOR, CHUN FAT HOUSE, CHEUNG FAT ESTATE, TSING YI OPENED FOR BUSINESS AT NOON TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS POST OFFICE PROVIDES THE NORMAL RANGE OF COUNTER SERVICES.

ITS BUSINESS HOURS ARE:-

MONDAY TO FRIDAY : 9.30 AM TO 1 PM  
2.15 PM TO 5 PM

SATURDAY : 9.30 AM TO 1 PM

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 495 3822.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS HELD THIS MORNING WITH THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG, AND TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN TIN-SUNG, OFFICIATING.

WITH THE OPENING OF THIS NEW OFFICE, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG IS NOW 113.

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14 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN VARIETY SHOW IN TUEN MUN

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WINNERS OF A HEALTHY YOUTH SCHEME WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM OF TUEN MUN TOWN HALL.

THE FIVE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO A FREE TRIP TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES THIS SUMMER, A TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE SCHEME AIMED AT ENCOURAGING LOCAL YOUTHS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME AND PROMOTING THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY.

PARTICIPANTS WERE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE TRAINING COURSES ON SPORTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ATTEND AN ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW.

DURING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, 14 CIVIC-MINDED CITIZENS WHO ASSISTED THE POLICE IN COMBATING CRIME WILL ALSO RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR HUI CHIU-YIN; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN; A FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR WONG MAN-KONG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE YAN OI TONG 10TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MR YEUNG SIU-WAI.

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## NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 1989-90 TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE AUDITORIUM OF TUEN MUN TOWN HALL.

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## FIRING PRACTICE IN APRIL

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN - CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 18 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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APRIL 2 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 3 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 9 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 10 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 11 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 12 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 17 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 18 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 19 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 20 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 21 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 23 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 24 (TUESDAY)	00.01 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 25 (WEDNESDAY)	00.01 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 26 (THURSDAY)	00.01 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 27 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 10 PM
APRIL 28 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 10 PM
APRIL 30 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF APPROACH ROADS NEAR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL INTERCHANGE IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 25) TO THURSDAY (MARCH 29) TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS:

- CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EASTBOUND DOWN RAMP LEADING TO NORTH POINT WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 PM ON SUNDAY UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

TRAFFIC FROM ABERDEEN, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST OR HAPPY VALLEY HEADING FOR NORTH POINT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND, MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, HENNESSY ROAD, YEE WO STREET AND CAUSEWAY ROAD, AND

- GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER CONNECTING GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND TO CANAL ROAD FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 27) TO THURSDAY (MARCH 29) BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC ON GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR ABERDEEN OR HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA VICTORIA PARK ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND AND CANAL ROAD FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES OF THE KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR SIU LAM INTERCHANGE WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF MONTHS FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 25).

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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