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ISLAND POLICE COMMANDER SPEAKS ON CROWD CONTROL

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SINCE MAY 19, POLICE TERRITORY-WIDE HAVE CONTROLLED OVER 90 PROTEST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MASS RALLIES, SLOW DRIVES, PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS.

DESPITE THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TAKING PART IN THESE EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH STUDENT PROTESTS THERE HAVE BEEN, INCREDIBLY, NO REPORTED INCIDENTS, NO CROWD DISORDER, NO CRUSHING AND ONLY A COUPLE OF MINOR INJURIES AND A FEW CASES OF FAINTING. THE POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, MR JOHN CLEMENCE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+IT IS A GREAT COMPLIMENT TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG THAT THEY CAN BE RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH TO MAKE THEIR FEELINGS KNOWN IN SUCH DEPTH YET WITH SUCH DEFERENCE TO THE POLICE,+ HE ADDED.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISERS OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS, MR CLEMENCE SAID THAT FOR THE MOST PART THEY HAD NOTIFIED THE POLICE OF THEIR INTENTIONS, ALBEIT AT VERY SHORT NOTICE, AND HAD NEGOTIATED ROUTES WHICH HAD BEEN AMENDED AT THE REQUEST OF THE FORCE IN THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

EXPLAINING THE POLICE TOLERANCE IN ALLOWING PROCESSIONS AND MEETINGS TO GO AHEAD, HE SAID THERE WAS A GENERAL MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE TERMS OF THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE PARTICULARLY AMONG THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

+THERE IS A GENERAL PERCEPTION THAT NOTHING CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE OF AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS BEING GIVEN TO THE POLICE IN EACH AND EVERY INSTANCE.

+THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE. THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE DOES NOT SEEK TO PROHIBIT SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS, AND IN THE EVENTS OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS OR SO IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LUDICROUS TO SUGGEST THAT ANYBODY HAD TO GIVE SEVEN DAYS NOTICE OF THEIR INTENTION TO PROTEST AND SEEK MAXIMUM PUBLICITY FOR THE GRIEVANCES THEY WISHED TO EXPRESS.

+HERE WE WERE DEALING WITH AN EMOTIONALLY CHARGED ATMOSPHERE BUT NOT ONE THAT THREATENED THE PEACE OF HONG KONG.

+RATHER MORE IT WAS A QUESTION OF THE POTENTIAL DANGER LIKELY TO BE CAUSED BY THE SHEER NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE STREETS AT ONE TIME. THIS REQUIRED POLICING BEARING IN MIND THAT IN THE UK A MATTER OF ONLY WEEKS AGO OVER 90 PEOPLE WERE KILLED DUE TO CROWD CRUSHING.+

COMPLIMENTING THE FORCE AS A WHOLE ON THE SPEED AT WHICH IT HAD BEEN ABLE TO REACT, MR CLEMENCE SAID THAT ON THE FIRST OCCASION WHEN IT WAS SUSPECTED THAT SOMETHING BIG WOULD HAPPEN ON THE SUNDAY (MAY 21) PLANS HAD BEEN FINALISED AT MID-DAY LEAVING THE ORGANISERS AND THE POLICE LESS THAN TWO HOURS TO GET DUTIES DEPLOYED AND THE ROUTE FINALISED.

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THROUGHOUT, ORGANISERS OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO MEET THE POLICE. NOT WITH A VIEW TO IMPOSING WHAT COULD BE DONE, BUT TO INTRODUCE THEM TO OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DUTIES ON THE GROUND SO THAT IF IN DIFFICULTY THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHOM TO TALK TO IN ORDER THAT DECISIONS COULD BE MADE.

+I MUST EXPRESS MY CONSIDERABLE APPRECIATION FOR THE WILLINGNESS AND SPEED AT WHICH AUXILIARY POLICE WERE TURNED OUT TO ASSIST US. ALSO TO THE OTHER REGIONS WHO WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE. EVERY DAY WE HAD EITHER A TRAINING COMPANY, OR COMPANIES FROM KOWLOON, NEW TERRITORIES OR MARINE PRESENT.

+THEY WERE COMMITTED WILLINGLY AND RAPIDLY AND ALTHOUGH, ON OCCASIONS THEY STOOD ON RESERVE, IT DID NOT DIMINISH THE IMPORTANCE OF THEM BEING THERE.+

MR CLEMENCE'S FINAL WORD WAS FOR THE TRAFFIC POLICE.

+THEY NEVER FAILED US. THEY NEVER SHUT OR OPENED A ROAD TOO EARLY, AND THE PUBLIC ON THE MARCH NEVER CAME INTO CONFLICT WITH VEHICLES.

+FOR PART OF THE TIME THE WEATHER WAS ATROCIOUS AND TRAFFIC OFFICERS WERE HAVING TO WORK SOME DAYS ON DOUBLE SHIFTS, OTHERS FOUR HOURS ON AND FOUR HOURS OFF. AT ONE TIME THEY WERE UNABLE TO GET THEIR UNIFORMS DRY AND WERE COMING BACK ON DUTY AND CLIMBING INTO WET UNIFORMS WHICH DIDN'T SEEM TO DIMINISH THEIR ENTHUSIASM OR AFFECT THEIR PROFESSIONALISM.+

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GOVT FORCED TO USE SOKO ISLAND FOR VBP

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THE GOVERNMENT WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) FORCED TO USE TAI AH CHAU IN THE SOKO'S ISLANDS AS A TEMPORARY "STOPOVER" FOR FURTHER VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ARRIVALS.

"WITH A CONTINUING LARGE INFLUX OF VBP WHICH TOTALLED MORE THAN 2,300 IN THE LAST THREE DAYS. WE HAVE RUN OUT OF SPACE AT THE GREEN ISLAND RECEPTION CENTRE WHERE VBP ARRIVALS ARE PROCESSED FOR PORT HEALTH CLEARANCE." SAID REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR MIKE HANSON.

"THE ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE IS FOR NEW ARRIVALS, ON INTERCEPTION, TO BE TOWED TO TAI AH CHAU FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION.

"THEY WILL BE GIVEN FOOD AND WATER, AND STAY THERE UNTIL SPACE BECOMES AVAILABLE AT GREEN ISLAND AS VBP THERE ARE PROCESSED FOR PORT HEALTH CLEARANCE."

MR HANSON STRESSED THAT THERE WAS SIMPLY NO MORE ACCOMMODATION FOR NEW ARRIVALS.

"THE RATE OF ARRIVALS HAS FAST OUTSTRIPPED THE PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR THEM." HE SAID.

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FIRST BATCH OF APPEAL CASES FROM VBP

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) CONSIDERED THE FIRST BATCH OF APPEALS TOTALLING SEVEN CASES FROM EIGHT VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE (VBP) WHO HAD BEEN REFUSED REFUGEE STATUS AFTER SCREENING.

IN ALL SEVEN CASES COMPRISING THREE MEN AND FIVE WOMEN, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION TO REFUSE THEM REFUGEE STATUS UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

THESE VBP WILL REMAIN IN DETENTION CENTRES PENDING RETURN TO VIETNAM.

SINCE THE SCREENING POLICY WAS INTRODUCED IN JUNE LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED SCREENING FOR 1,594 VBP.

OF THEM, 1,429 VBP WERE SCREENED OUT AS NON-REFUGEES, AND THE REMAINING 165, OR 10.4 PER CENT, WERE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS.

OF THOSE VBP SCREENED OUT, 1,298 HAVE OBJECTED TO THE DECISION TO REFUSE THEM REFUGEE STATUS.

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MAJOR CAMPAIGN ON REHABILITATION

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A MAJOR REHABILITATION EDUCATION CAMPAIGN - THE "IN TOUCH WITH REHABILITATION CAMPAIGN" - WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH AND CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER.

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE TWO TERRITORY-WIDE COMPETITIONS, A THREE-DAY REHABILITATION EXHIBITION, AND A SERIES OF DISTRICT PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL LAST TWO WEEKS.

DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN WERE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, AND MISS MARION FANG.

MR KWOK SAID ONE OF THE TWO TERRITORY-WIDE COMPETITIONS WOULD BE A "DESIGN AWARD FOR THE MOST ACCESSIBLE BUILDING FOR THE DISABLED".

THE OTHER WOULD BE A YOUTH PROJECT ON A TOPIC OF INTEREST RELATED TO REHABILITATION.

BOTH COMPETITIONS WOULD BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH, AND RESULTS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER IN THE YEAR.

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THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS WOULD COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF A THREE-DAY REHABILITATION EXHIBITION AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON DECEMBER 2.

"THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE VARIOUS REHABILITATION SERVICES, INCLUDING MEDICAL SERVICES, PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, ADULT SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT," MR KWOK ADDED.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND INFORMATION MATERIALS ON REHABILITATION SERVICES WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

A NOVEL ATTRACTION WILL BE A TUNNEL, IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPERIENCE THE EFFECTS OF BEING DISABLED BY GOING THROUGH THE TUNNEL AND CLIMBING UP THE RAMP BY WHEEL CHAIR.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PROGRAMMES FOR THE DISABLED AT DISTRICT LEVELS, BETWEEN DECEMBER 2 AND 17.

DURING THIS PERIOD, A SPORTS DAY, FAMILY CAMPS, A MOBILE EXHIBITION, OPEN DAYS, GAMES DAYS, TALENT CONTESTS, SEMINARS AND DESIGN COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD.

MISS FANG SAID THE CAMPAIGN WOULD ENHANCE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE FACT THAT DISABLED PERSONS WERE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

IT WOULD ALSO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIAL ABILITIES OF DISABLED PERSONS, AND HELP THE DISABLED TO UNDERSTAND BOTH THEIR DISABILITIES AND THEIR POTENTIAL.

"THE CAMPAIGN WILL ALSO HELP PROMOTE REHABILITATION SERVICES AND AGENCIES WHICH RUN THEM," SHE ADDED.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG SHUMEI CHURCH OF DIVINE GUIDANCE LTD, THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE YOUTH FESTIVAL, AND THE NEW WORLD CENTRE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

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EIGHT BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER EIGHT BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

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THEY ARE THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989; THE CONTROL OF EXEMPTION CLAUSES BILL 1989; THE PEAK TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989; THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989; THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989; THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1989; THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION BILL 1989 AND THE TEMPORARY CONTROL OF DENSITY OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (KOWLOON) BILL 1989.

AFTER BEING READ A SECOND TIME, THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1989 IS SCHEDULED TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL TABLE A GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG, AND THE REPORT OF THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE 1988 WILL ALSO BE TABLED.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS - ONE UNDER THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION ORDINANCE AND THE OTHER UNDER THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA IS A MEMBER'S MOTION, TO BE MOVED BY THE SENIOR MEMBER, THE HON ALLEN LEE.

THIS MOTION READS: "THAT THIS COUNCIL CALLS ON THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON 'THE BASIC LAW OF HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (DRAFT)' AND URGES THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TO TAKE SUCH VIEWS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE THE PROMULGATION OF THE BASIC LAW."

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MEETING AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

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ROAD SAFETY PATROLS A SUCCESS
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THE DEDICATION OF THE ROAD SAFETY PATROLS AND THE GOOD EXAMPLE THEY SET WERE CLEARLY BORNE OUT BY THEIR EXEMPLARY RECORD IN THAT NOT A SINGLE CHILD HAD BEEN INJURED AT A CROSSING UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION IN THE PAST 26 YEARS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE PRESENTATION OF ROAD SAFETY PATROLS SCHOLARSHIPS, MR SO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD SPARED NO EFFORT IN PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY AND IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION WORK, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN LESSENING THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WAS THE BEHAVIOUR OF ROAD USERS.

MR SO

MR SO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE MUCH IN PAST YEARS TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY THROUGH PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION. BUT THE MAIN EFFORT HAD TO COME FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, AND IT WAS THE VERY USEFUL WORK DONE BY COMMUNITY GROUPS SUCH AS THE ROAD SAFETY PATROLS THAT HELPED TO INSTIL IN ROAD USERS A SENSE OF PROPER BEHAVIOUR.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THE WORK OF THE ROAD SAFETY PATROLS BEING RECOGNISED WITH THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO SO MANY MEMBERS OF THE PATROL TEAMS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN PATROL SERVICE AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

HE PRAISED THE STRONG SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN TO THE ROAD SAFETY PATROLS BY PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, THE SCHOOLS, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

"I AM SURE WE CAN CONTINUE TO RELY ON THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO HELP US PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY AND TO REDUCE THE SOCIAL COSTS AND SUFFERING CAUSED BY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS," MR SO SAID.

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TWO AIDS CASES CONFIRMED

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TWO MORE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME), THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE PATIENTS ARE BOTH MALE. ONE ACQUIRED THE DISEASE SEXUALLY WHILE THE OTHER CONTRACTED THE DISEASE THROUGH TRANSFUSION OF A BLOOD PRODUCT.

THIS BRINGS TO 22 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES REPORTED IN THE TERRITORY. THIRTEEN OF THE PATIENTS HAVE DIED, AND THE OTHER NINE ARE UNDER TREATMENT AND COUNSELLING.

RELEASING THE MONTHLY SURVEILLANCE STATISTICS ON AIDS FOR APRIL, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ANOTHER AIDS CARRIER WAS ALSO REPORTED, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 143.

OF THESE, 42 WERE REFERRALS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, 15 WERE PEOPLE WHO HAD ATTENDED SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, 54 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS AND 32 WERE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE DOCTORS AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME BEGUN BY THE DEPARTMENT IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 126,240 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO APRIL, 551,045 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND EIGHT WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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 AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
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 Department of Health
 病毒組
 Virus Unit

	<u>Apr 85 - Mar 89</u>		<u>Apr 89</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>No. tested*</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested*</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested*</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>
經由政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	7 954	42	256	0	8 210	42
經由私家醫生及補助醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 743	32	6	0	1 749	32
到社會衛生科求診人士 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	109 376	15	2 445	0	111 821	15
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	367	53	4	1	371	54
濫用注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	3 318	0	52	0	3 370	0
經由家庭計劃指導會介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	160	0	2	0	162	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	553	0	4	0	557	0
TOTAL	123 471	142	2 769	1	126 240	143

*This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals

	<u>Aug 85 - Mar 89</u>		<u>Apr 89</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>
Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service	536 154	8	14 891	0	551 045	8

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KOWLOON CITY DB TO DISCUSS FIRST ASYLUM POLICY
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JUNE 1) A SUGGESTION THAT THE POLICY OF MAKING HONG KONG A PORT OF FIRST ASYLUM FOR REFUGEES BE DROPPED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE USE OF THE FORMER HUNG HOM POLICE STATION AT HOK YUEN STREET AS A TEMPORARY TRANSIT POINT FOR EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, AND CALL FOR AN EARLY DECISION ON THE PERMANENT USE OF THE SITE.

THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, WHICH WAS FORMED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, WILL TABLE ITS WORK PLAN FOR 1989-90 FOR MEMBERS' ENDORSEMENT.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR LUI HAU-TUEN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON PROGRESS OF THE WALLED CITY CLEARANCE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A CONSULTATION PAPER ON ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, THE TOBACCO INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG LTD AND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH WILL BE PRESENT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE LOCAL MARINE CRAFT REVIEW, CULTURAL POLICY IN HONG KONG, SUSPENSION OF SCHOOL CLASSES IN INCLEMENT WEATHER, AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN HO MAN TIN AREA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 1) IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

VICTORIA BARRACKS LINK ON DB AGENDA
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THE PROPOSED VICTORIA BARRACKS LINK WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (JUNE 1).

A MEMBER WILL URGE THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO MONITOR THE SCHEDULE OF UTILITY WORKS ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

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MEANWHILE, A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE UPGRADING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

TWO MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE NOMINATED TO THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN ORGANISING A LARGE SCALE CAMPAIGN LATER THIS YEAR.

FURTHERMORE, MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO COMMENT ON A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ON LOCAL CRAFT SAFETY AND CONTROL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 1) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB TO PREVIEW NEW CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL

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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL TAKE A PREVIEW OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE PREVIEW HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL COMPANY TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NEW HARBOUR CROSSING BEFORE IT OFFICIALLY OPENS LATER THIS SUMMER.

THE VISIT WAS ORIGINALYY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22 BUT WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER.

DURING TOMORROW'S PREVIEW, MEMBERS WILL BE DRIVEN THROUGH THE TUNNEL AND BE SHOWN THE TOLL PLAZA AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN CHA KWO LING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE VISIT BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TO THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN ROOM 105 ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IN TUNG YAN STREET.

DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS IRENE LAU, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS WESTERN PARKLAND
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PARKLAND ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

DURING THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 11, MEMBERS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION AT NOT BEING CONSULTED BEFORE THE PARKLAND PROJECT WAS TEMPORARILY SHELVED FOLLOWING PLANS TO INCORPORATE ROAD NETWORKS FOR A PROJECTED THIRD CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

A PAPER PREPARED BY THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OUTLINING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE AFFECTED URBAN COUNCIL DEVELOPMENTS AT THE WESTERN RECLAMATION WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SEMINARS FOR KWAI TSING OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF SEMINARS TO EXPLAIN DETAILS OF DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT AND RELATED TOPICS TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO GIVE THESE TALKS WHICH WILL ALSO COVER BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

THE FIRST SEMINAR FOR ABOUT 200 MEMBERS OF BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS WAS HELD TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WERE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY, MR FOO TAK-CHING, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, MISS JENNIFER MAK YEE-MING.

PARTICIPANTS WERE BRIEFED ON THE PURPOSES OF ENACTING THE DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT AND THE RECENT PROPOSAL MADE TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS.

MORE SEMINARS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE ARE PLANNED.

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POK OI HOSPITAL DIRECTORS CALL ON DSW

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ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMENDED THE POK OI HOSPITAL'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

DURING A COURTESY VISIT TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOSPITAL, MR DAVID WONG, SAID THAT THE HOSPITAL WOULD ACTIVELY DEVELOP ITS SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN VIEW OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE GROWTH IN POPULATION.

APART FROM OPERATING A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE ELDERLY AND A CHILD CARE CENTRE, MR WONG SAID THAT THE HOSPITAL WAS ACTIVELY PURSUING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG AS WELL AS A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE AND A HOME CUM CARE AND ATTENTION UNIT FOR THE ELDERLY IN TIN SHUI WAI.

MR LAW SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CO-OPERATE WITH THE HOSPITAL TO ACHIEVE ITS TARGETS.

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WSD TO RE-SCHEDULE METER READING AND BILLING TIME

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS BEGUN A PROGRAMME OF RE-SCHEDULING ITS METER READING AND WATER ACCOUNT BILLING TIME FROM THIS MONTH, AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT TO STREAMLINE ITS WORK AND TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR CONSUMERS.

THE PROGRAMME WHICH INVOLVES SPREADING OUT THE METER READING AND ACCOUNT BILLINGS OVER THE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS IN EACH OF THE BILLING RUNS, IS AIMED AT EVENING OUT THE CONSUMERS' DEMAND FOR ACCOUNT ENQUIRIES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES ARISING FROM EACH BILLING RUN AT VARIOUS REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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AT PRESENT, THE DEPARTMENT BILLS ITS CONSUMERS IN 12 CYCLES AND IN EACH CYCLE, THE ACCOUNTS ARE UNEVENLY SPREAD GEOGRAPHICALLY.

AS A RESULT, ENQUIRIES FOR SERVICES, WHICH USUALLY INCREASE AFTER EACH BILLING RUN, ARE CENTRED AT SEVERAL REGIONAL OFFICES.

THE EXERCISE WILL RESULT IN A CHANGE OF THE ACCOUNT NUMBERS AND BILLING DATES FOR SOME 600,000 OF THE 1.6 MILLION CONSUMERS IN THE TERRITORY.

NOTICES WILL BE SENT TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMERS ADVISING THEM OF THEIR NEW WATER ACCOUNT NUMBER AND NEW WATER BILLING DATE.

THE WHOLE PROGRAMME WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 17 MONTHS AND WATER CHARGES WILL REMAIN TO BE BILLED EVERY FOUR MONTHS IN ARREARS.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON WONG HON-LUNG ON AUGUST 10, 1982 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF 30 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

WONG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF FUNG KWAN.

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FINAL REMINDER FOR TYPHOON RELIEF APPLICATIONS

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NEEDY FARMERS WHO SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON BRENDA WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS MUST REACH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT BEFORE 5 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN URGED THOSE FARMERS WHO HAD NOT MADE THEIR APPLICATIONS TO DO SO AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURAL OFFICES BEFORE THE DEADLINE :-

- * AU TAU FISHERIES OFFICE,
AU TAU, YUEN LONG.
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE,
TAI KIU MARKET,
YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
YUEN LONG.

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- * TAI PO DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE,
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.
- * KO PO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE,
KO PO, FANLING.
- * SAI KUNG AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE,
HO CHUNG, SAI KUNG.
- * MUI WO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE,
SILVER MINE BAY, MUI WO.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID UP TO THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING, THE DEPARTMENT HAD REGISTERED A TOTAL OF 1,144 FARMERS SEEKING EMERGENCY RELIEF.

OF THE TOTAL, 963 WERE CROP AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS WHILE THE REMAINING 181 WERE POND FISH FARMERS.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS JUST COMPLETED THE SCREENING OF THE FIRST BATCH OF APPLICATIONS AND THE FIRST 250 ELIGIBLE FARMERS WILL BE PAID RELIEF GRANTS TOTTALLING \$233,000.

"OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO MAKE THEIR COLLECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APART FROM THE RELIEF GRANTS, DISTRESSED FARMERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESTORE THEIR FARMS MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR LOW-INTEREST LOANS FROM THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID LOAN FUND AND THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION FUND, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN WAN CHAI TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK A COURT ORDER FOR THE CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN WAN CHAI, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES ARE ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT B, FIRST FLOOR, 2-16A BOWRINGTON ROAD.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JULY 1986 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 26 THIS YEAR HAS BEEN POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN WING LOK STREET
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 1), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WING LOK STREET IN SHEUNG WAN, BETWEEN HOUSE NUMBERS 176 AND 160, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS BECAUSE OF WATER-MAIN LAYING WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN TUEN MUN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM TUEN MUN ROAD WESTBOUND TO SHAM TSENG AT SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 1) TO 7 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS MAY USE ALTERNATE ROUTEING VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO SHAM TSENG.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SAN PO KONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS AT KING HONG STREET IN SAN PO KONG, KING HONG STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO BLOCKS 5 AND 6 OF SAN PO KONG FACTORY ESTATE AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED UNTIL JUNE 15.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS IN KING FUK STREET HEADING FOR THE FLYOVER LEADING TO CONCORDE ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA KING FUK STREET, KING TAI STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

THE TEMPORARY SPEED LIMIT OF 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR ON SECTIONS OF ROAD IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ONE MONTH WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THESE SECTIONS INCLUDE THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, FROM A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 500 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND, FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND.

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