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BILL ON RENT CONTROLS PUBLISHED

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THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, CONTAINING PROPOSALS IN RESPECT OF RENT CONTROLS FOR POST-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY (JUNE 24).

+THE BILL, IF APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL PUT INTO EFFECT THE PROPOSALS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON MAY 8 AFTER CONSIDERING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF REVIEW, LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE,+ SAID A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN.

+IN ADDITION, THE BILL WILL INTRODUCE A NUMBER OF OTHER AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF REVIEW.+

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE MAIN PROPOSAL WAS FOR PART II OF THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXTENDED BY TWO FURTHER YEARS BEYOND THE PRESENT EXPIRY DATE OF DECEMBER 18, 1981.

+ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE OF REVIEW THAT RENT CONTROL SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE PHASED OUT, IT DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR A SIGNIFICANT MOVE TOWARDS THIS,+ THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED.

+HENCE, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF PROTECTION FOR POST-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES SHOULD BE RETAINED AND THIS IS NOW PROVIDED IN THE BILL BY EXTENDING PART II CONTROLS UNTIL DECEMBER 18, 1983. THIS WILL GIVE CONTINUED SECURITY OF TENURE TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO BE COVERED BY THIS PART OF THE ORDINANCE,+ HE SAID.

SUBJECT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSALS, THE FOLLOWING TENANCIES WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM CONTROLS UNDER PART II OF THE ORDINANCE:

- * THOSE OF PREMISES IN RESPECT OF WHICH AN OCCUPATION PERMIT IS FIRST ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 19, 1981=
- * AFTER DECEMBER 18, 1981, THOSE OF PREMISES WITH A CURRENT RATEABLE VALUE OF \$80 000 OR MORE= AND
- * AFTER DECEMBER 18, 1982, THOSE OF PREMISES WITH A CURRENT RATEABLE VALUE OF \$60 000 OR MORE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THESE EXCLUSIONS WERE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPERS TO BUILD MORE FLATS FOR THE RENTAL MARKET AND TO INDUCE LANDLORDS TO RENT OUT THEIR FLATS INSTEAD OF HOLDING THEM VACANT. THE RESULTANT INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF RENTAL FLATS, IT WAS HOPED, WOULD HAVE A STABILISING EFFECT ON THE MOVEMENT OF RENTS.

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IT WAS STRESSED THAT EXCLUSION IS BY REFERENCE TO RATEABLE VALUES AND NOT BY REFERENCE TO CURRENT RENTAL LEVELS FOR FLATS.

+HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF EXCLUSION OF PREMISES HAVING A RATEABLE VALUE OF \$80 000 OR MORE, NOTICE OF TERMINATION CAN ONLY BE ISSUED BY LANDLORDS AFTER DECEMBER 18, 1981,+ THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED, +AND A MINIMUM NOTICE OF SIX MONTHS WILL BE REQUIRED. THUS MOST TENANTS OF SUCH PREMISES WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY SECURITY OF TENURE UNTIL AT LEAST MAY 1982.+

THE BILL ALSO DEALS WITH BLOCK TENANCIES OF TWO OR MORE DWELLINGS HAVING AN AGGREGATE RATEABLE VALUE OF \$80 000 (FROM DECEMBER 1982, \$60 000) OR MORE.

+IN SUCH CASES, THE EXCLUSION WILL APPLY BY REFERENCE TO THE RATEABLE VALUE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL DWELLING AND NOT TO THE TOTAL OF THE RATEABLE VALUES OF ALL THE DWELLINGS,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+THEREFORE, INDIVIDUAL DWELLINGS WITH RATEABLE VALUES BELOW THE SPECIFIED CUT-OFF POINTS WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE PROTECTION AFFORDED BY PART II OF THE ORDINANCE WHETHER THEY ARE THE SUBJECT OF INDIVIDUAL TENANCIES OR FORM PART OF A TENANCY COMPRISING SEVERAL DWELLINGS.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE BILL WOULD ALSO ALLOW THE BIENNIAL PERCENTAGE CEILING ON RENT INCREASES TO BE RAISED FROM 21 PER CENT TO 30 PER CENT, BUT DREW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE MAXIMUM INCREASE PERMITTED. IN CASES WHERE THE EXISTING RENT STANDS AT MORE THAN 62.5 PER CENT OF +MARKET RENT+, THE PERMITTED INCREASE WILL BE LOWER THAN 30 PER CENT.

APART FROM THE MAIN PROVISIONS, THREE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE OF REVIEW AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER PROTECTION TO EXISTING TENANTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE BILL.

AT PRESENT, A COURT ORDER FOR POSSESSION HAS TO TAKE EFFECT WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE DATE OF SUCH ORDER. THE COMMITTEE OF REVIEW RECOMMENDED THAT IN ORDER TO GIVE AFFECTED TENANTS MORE TIME TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, THE PERIOD BY WHICH A POSSESSION ORDER MAY BE DEFERRED SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO SIX MONTHS. THIS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND THE NECESSARY PROVISION IS MADE IN THE BILL.

ANOTHER PROVISION IN THE BILL PROPOSES THAT WHERE PERSONS ACQUIRE TENANTED PREMISES UNDER CONTROL, NO ORDER OF POSSESSION CAN BE GRANTED TO TAKE EFFECT LESS THAN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ACQUISITION.

+THIS NEW PROVISION IS NOT EXPECTED TO SERIOUSLY AFFECT GENUINE HOME-SEEKERS,+ COMMENTED THE SPOKESMAN, +BUT SITTING TENANTS WILL BE AFFORDED AN ADDITIONAL MEASURE OF SECURITY OF TENURE.+

+IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING PROVISION WHEREBY FOR EXCLUDED PREMISES NO MINIMUM NOTICE TO QUIT IS REQUIRED IN REDEVELOPMENT CASES, WILL BE REPEALED,+ THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED. +HENCE A UNIFORM REQUIREMENT TO GIVE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS' NOTICE OF TERMINATION WILL APPLY, WHATEVER A LANDLORD'S REASONS FOR REQUIRING POSSESSION.+

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO RELAX THE TIME LIMIT IMPOSED IN CASES WHERE AN AGREEMENT OF RENT INCREASE BETWEEN THE LANDLORD AND TENANT HAS TO BE LODGED WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION.

+AT PRESENT, THE PROVISIONS PERMIT A LANDLORD AND TENANT TO AGREE ON ANY RENT INCREASE WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, AS LONG AS THE COMMISSIONER IS NOTIFIED OF THE INCREASE. HOWEVER, THIS IS SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTION THAT THE NOTICE MUST BE LODGED WITHIN ONE MONTH OF THE INCREASE IN RENT TAKING EFFECT,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE LANDLORDS AND TENANTS TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE NOTICE MAY BE LODGED UP TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE OR ONE MONTH AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE INCREASE.+

ANOTHER AMENDMENT WHICH THE BILL SEEKS TO INTRODUCE IS RELATED TO THE REQUIREMENT OF GIVING A MINIMUM NOTICE OF TERMINATION IN RESPECT OF PREMISES NOT SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL.

+UNDER THE EXISTING PROVISIONS, THE MINIMUM LENGTH OF NOTICE REQUIRED FOR TERMINATING A DOMESTIC AND BUSINESS TENANCY IS 12 AND SIX MONTHS RESPECTIVELY,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN. +THE BILL NOW PROPOSES TO IMPOSE A UNIFORM REQUIREMENT FOR A SIX-MONTH NOTICE OF TERMINATION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT CONCERNS A DOMESTIC OR BUSINESS TENANCY.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THAT THE BILL WOULD ALSO EXCLUDE TENANCIES HELD FROM THE HONG KONG SETTLERS HOUSING CORPORATION LTD. FROM THE FURTHER APPLICATION OF PART II OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT RENT CONTROL LEGISLATION IS INEVITABLY COMPLEX, AND URGED ANYONE WHO HAD ANY QUERIES CONCERNING THEIR OWN POSITION EITHER TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE, OR APPROACH RENT OFFICERS OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT AT THEIR LOCAL CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT OFFICE, OR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, FOR ASSISTANCE.

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ZONING PLAN CHANGES PUBLISHED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN, RETITLED SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN INCORPORATES A RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 32 HECTARES. IT IS PLANNED TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACE AND GOVERNMENT/ INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES (G/IC) AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL LAND AND CARGO HANDLING AREAS FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF EXISTING FACILITIES ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID: +THE MAJOR G/IC FACILITY PROPOSED ON THE RECLAMATION IS A WHOLESALE MARKET TO REPROVISION THE EXISTING ONE AT KENNEDY TOWN AND THE WHOLESALE FRUIT MARKET AT ON TAI STREET.+

OTHER G/IC FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A FERRY CONCOURSE WITH BUS TERMINUS, A DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, AN AMBULANCE DEPOT AND POSSIBLY A COMMUNITY CENTRE. ABOUT FOUR HECTARES OF OPEN SPACE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR RECREATION.

+DUE TO THE LOSS OF MARINE FRONTAGE AS A RESULT OF THE RECLAMATION, INDUSTRIAL SITES ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST HAVE BEEN REZONED TO COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS LOSS OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IS TO BE MADE UP BY THE RESERVATION OF INDUSTRIAL SITES ON THE RECLAMATION FOR GENERAL INDUSTRY AND GODOWN PURPOSE.+

AN ELEVATED ROAD SYSTEM ALONG HILL ROAD AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST HAS BEEN INCORPORATED ON THE PLAN TO LINK UP WITH THE ROAD SYSTEM IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT TO THE EAST AND THE POKFULAM AREA TO THE WEST.

THE PLAN ALSO INCLUDES THE LATEST ALIGNMENT OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE, INCLUDING THREE STATIONS, OF WHICH SHEUNG WAN STATION WILL BE OPENED WHEN THE SHORT ISLAND LINE STARTS OPERATION - SCHEDULED FOR 1985-86.

THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE ON THE PREVIOUS DRAFT PLAN HAS BEEN REZONED TO RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A). THIS PERMITS AS OF RIGHT CERTAIN COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS ON THE LOWER THREE FLOORS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WITH OR WITHOUT BASEMENTS. IN THE PREVIOUS PLAN, SUCH COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS WERE PERMITTED ONLY ON THE BASEMENT, GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING, ON OR BEFORE JULY 9, THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PWD, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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BUS COMPANIES' MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE STUDIED

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THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE BUS COMPANIES WAS BEING EXAMINED AS PART OF THE WORK OF THE BUS OPERATIONS REVIEW SUB-GROUPS AND NEGOTIATIONS WERE BEING CONDUCTED TO ENABLE KMB TO DIVEST OF ITS INTEREST IN ITS PROPERTY SUBSIDIARY TYLELORD, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MR MICHAEL SUEN SAID TODAY.

IN A TALK TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH, MR SUEN, WHO HEADS THE CO-ORDINATING GROUP OVERSEEING THE REVIEW, ALSO FELT THE CRITICISM THAT THE REVIEW WAS BEING CONDUCTED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WAS TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED.

THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS AND NT DISTRICT OFFICERS WERE ASKED NOT ONLY TO BRIEF THEIR OWN DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA COMMITTEES AND OTHERS ON THE WORK OF THE REVIEW BUT ALSO TO ARRANGE SPECIAL MEETINGS FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS.

+AT THE MEETINGS WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC. TO QUOTE AN EXAMPLE, AT A MEETING WITH SOME OF THE WORKERS AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT WE RECEIVED FROM THEM PROPOSALS TO RATIONALISE BUS ROUTES, TO IMPROVE BUS FREQUENCIES, TO REDUCE OVERCROWDING AND WAITING TIMES, TO INTRODUCE NEW ROUTES, ETC.

+A LOT OF THOUGHT HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN BY THE PEOPLE CONCERNED IN MAKING THESE PROPOSALS. I SEE THIS AS GENUINE DIRECT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW PROCESS AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE GETTING THE SAME SORT OF RESPONSE FROM OTHER DISTRICTS,+ MR SUEN SAID.

HE HIMSELF HAD ALSO BEEN MEETING WITH THE MAJOR INTERESTS GROUPS. +MANY CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THESE GROUPS AT OUR MEETINGS AND I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR THEIR IDEAS. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM ABOUT 30 SPIRITED CITIZENS IN RESPONSE TO OUR APPEAL. I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE GETTING MORE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AS WE PROGRESS,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE REVIEW IS FULLY ENDORSED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND HAS THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

SO FAR THE CO-ORDINATING GROUP HAS HELD THREE MEETINGS AND ITS FIVE SUB-GROUPS (LOOKING INTO SPARE PARTS AND SPARE STOCK LEVEL, MAINTENANCE OF BUSES, THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, DEPOT REQUIREMENT AND THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME) ARE WORKING MAINLY ON FINDING FACTS FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS. THIS FIRST STAGE OF THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT ANOTHER THREE TO FOUR WEEKS.

ALTHOUGH HE HAD TALKED MAINLY ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN RELATION TO THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SUB-GROUP, MR SUEN SAID THE POSSIBILITY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT THE LATER STAGES OF THE WORK OF SOME OR ALL OF THE SUB-GROUPS HAD NOT BEEN RULED OUT.

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+WE ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING A SUITABLE MEANS OF APPOINTING A FEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SIT ON THE APPROPRIATE SUB-GROUPS TO ANALYSE OUR FINDINGS, TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ONCE THESE FINDINGS ARE ON HAND.

+ALTHOUGH IN TERMS OF PRACTICALITY, WE CANNOT INVOLVE TOO MUCH DIRECT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THIS MANNER, WE WILL TRY OUR BEST TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED AT EVERY STAGE OF OUR REVIEW, NOT ONLY TO ACQUAINT THEM OF PROGRESS BUT TO GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THEIR VIEWS ON OUR FINDINGS TO US FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION,+ MR SUEN SAID.

ON THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE BUS COMPANIES, HE SAID WHY A SEPARATE SUB-GROUP HAD NOT BEEN SET UP WAS BECAUSE THE FIVE EXISTING SUB-GROUPS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR JOB WOULD AT THE SAME TIME BE EXAMINING IT.

+THEY NEED TO KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE USE OF SPARE PARTS, HOW THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS IN THE COMPANIES ARE ORGANISED, TO WHOM ARE THEY RESPONSIBLE, HOW EXPENDITURE IS AUTHORISED ETC.

+ALL THESE ARE IN FACT THE SORT OF INFORMATION ONE WOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN IN A MANAGEMENT STUDY.

+THEREFORE, RATHER THAN DUPLICATING EFFORTS BY SETTING UP A SEPARATE SUB-GROUP, WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN BUILD A COMPLETE PICTURE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MANAGEMENT FROM OUR VARIOUS STUDIES,+ MR SUEN SAID.

ON THE KMB PROPERTY SUBSIDIARY TYLEELORD, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT WITHIN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE REVIEW, MR SUEN SAID NEGOTIATIONS HAD ALREADY STARTED BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND KMB TO FIND A SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENABLE KMB TO DIVEST OF ITS INTEREST IN THE COMPANY.

+VARIOUS OPTIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING EXAMINED AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED BY ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE REVIEW IS COMPLETED, THAT IS TOWARDS THE END OF SEPTEMBER,+ HE SAID.

THE REVIEW REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION IN OCTOBER BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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SHA TIN AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS INAUGURATED

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AREA COMMITTEES SERVE NOT ONLY AS A CLOSE LINK BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS, BUT THEY ALSO PROVIDE LOCAL PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS COMMUNITY BUILDING, SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

DR HASE, WHO WAS OFFICIATING AT THE FIRST TERM INAUGURATION OF MEMBERS OF THREE AREA COMMITTEES, SAID RESIDENTS COULD REFLECT THEIR OPINIONS THROUGH THESE COMMITTEES.

THE COMMITTEES ARE TOWN CENTRE, SIU LEK YUEN AND FO TAN, WHICH COINCIDE APPROXIMATELY WITH CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH.

THEY HAVE BEEN FORMED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO IMPROVE ADMINISTRATION AND TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AFFAIRS.

DR HASE SAID THE NUMBER WOULD BE INCREASED AS THE NEW TOWN POPULATION GREW.

+THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF AN AREA COMMITTEE ARE: TO LIAISE WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES- TO HELP GOVERNMENT IN ORGANISING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES- TO HOLD SPORTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS- AND, MOST IMPORTANT, TO REFLECT THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

EACH COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POLICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, SOCIAL WELFARE AND HOUSING DEPARTMENTS, AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, WHILE UNOFFICIALS WHO ARE APPOINTED FOR A YEAR ARE DRAWN FROM VILLAGES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS, WELFARE AGENCIES AND BUSINESS CIRCLES.

THE AREA COMMITTEES ARE LINKED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD THROUGH REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING OPINIONS OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

DR HASE SAID THE MAIN PURPOSE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WAS TO REINFORCE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND TO PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION.

HE APPEALED TO THE MEMBERS TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, 56 UNOFFICIALS WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT.

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MORE MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR SECURITIES COMMISSION

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A BILL TO ENLARGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY.

AT PRESENT, THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION COMPRISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES, THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AND FIVE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, SEEKS TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF APPOINTED MEMBERS.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- * TO ADVISE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO SECURITIES-
- * TO TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF PERSONS WHO INVEST OR PROPOSE TO INVEST IN SECURITIES-
- * TO ENSURE THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SECURITIES-
- * TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE PROPER CONDUCT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION OF STOCK EXCHANGES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STOCK MARKET, IT WAS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE ON THE COMMISSION A WIDER REPRESENTATION FROM THE VARIOUS INTERESTS IN THE SECURITY AND CONNECTED FIELDS.

IN ADDITION TO INCREASING THE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE FROM WHICH THE COMMISSION COULD DRAW, THE EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT THE COMPLEX AND INTER-RELATED ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE SECURITIES MARKET WOULD BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT AND THAT THE DIVERSE INTERESTS OF THOSE INVOLVED WOULD BE FULLY PROTECTED, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ANY APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER THE BILL WAS PASSED.

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HONG KONG PROUD OF CAS
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THE BLUE UNIFORM OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES IS SOMETHING HONG KONG IS VERY PROUD OF.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT THE CAS ANNUAL DINNER TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

SIR MURRAY THANKED ALL CAS MEMBERS FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS IN SAVING LIVES AND PROPERTY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CAS ALWAYS CAME TO THE RESCUE WHEN NEEDED, NO MATTER IN WHAT EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, FROM TYPHOONS, MOUNTAIN ACCIDENTS, FIRE-FIGHTING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, TO RABIES CONTROL.

IN ADDITION TO CONTINGENCY DUTIES, CAS ALSO HELPED ORGANISE CHARITABLE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

+BY WORKING DEVOTEDLY AND WITH WELL-DISCIPLINED EFFICIENCY, YOU CONTINUE TO EARN THE THANKS AND ADMIRATION OF THE COMMUNITY,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

MR COMMISSIONER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

ONCE AGAIN, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE TO ENJOY YOUR HOSPITALITY AND YOUR COMPANY. I AGREE SO MUCH WITH YOUR COMMISSIONER THAT BEHIND EACH CAS ACTIVITY THERE IS AN AIM. THE AIM OF MY BEING HERE THIS EVENING IS TO THANK YOU FOR THE UNTIRING EFFORTS YOU HAVE PUT INTO YOUR VOLUNTEER DUTIES OVER THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS.

THEY HAVE BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY WIDE IN SCOPE. YOU SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY OR REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY AND DAMAGE IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS - IN TIMES OF FLOODS, TYPHOONS AND LANDSLIDES- IN MOUNTAIN RESCUE AND CROWD CONTROL- IN FIGHTING FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE- IN HELPING ORGANISE CHARITABLE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES- LOOKING AFTER REFUGEES WHEN THEY FIRST ARRIVE- HELPING TO CONTROL RABIES- YOU HAVE EVEN RESTORED AN OLD VILLAGE IN SUPPORT OF THE CAS CADET CORPS CAMP. THE MANY ORGANISATIONS WITH WHOM YOU WORK ALL AGREE THAT, WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE CAS, THEY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL. THIS LIST DOES NOT TAKE LONG TO SPEAK. BUT I REALISE HOW MUCH EFFORT IN TRAINING AND TIME ON THE JOB IT REPRESENTS. BY WORKING DEVOTEDLY AND WITH WELL DISCIPLINED EFFICIENCY, YOU CONTINUE TO EARN THE THANKS AND ADMIRATION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND TO MAKE THE BLUE CAS UNIFORM SOMETHING OF WHICH HONG KONG IS VERY PROUD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOU ALL TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES AND DRINK A TOAST WITH ME TO THE CIVIL AID SERVICES.

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GOOD SAFETY SENSE SAVED THEIR LIVES

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EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN INDUSTRY WERE TODAY URGED BY A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF A CLEANING COMPANY IN OBSERVING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RULES.

SPEAKING AT A SOUVENIR PRESENTATION HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE, CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR CHAN SHIU-LAP PRAISED THE MANAGEMENT OF WINSON CLEANING SERVICES AND TWO WORKERS, MR LEUNG KIN-HUNG AND MR MAN YIU-ON, FOR THEIR SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS.

HE NOTED THAT +CERTAIN TRAGEDY+ WAS AVERTED ON JUNE 2 BECAUSE OF THEIR GOOD SENSE IN OBSERVING SAFETY RULES.

ON THAT DAY, MR CHAN RECALLED, MR LEUNG AND MR MAN WERE WORKING ON A SUSPENDED GONDOLA CLEANING THE WINDOWS OF A HIGH-RISE BUILDING — THE NEW WORLD TOWER — IN CENTRAL WHEN IT SUDDENLY TILTED AT A DANGEROUS ANGLE OF 40 DEGREES DURING A DESCENT.

FORTUNATELY, MR LEUNG AND MR MAN DID NOT FALL OFF BECAUSE THEY WERE WEARING SAFETY HARNESSSES.

+I WISH TO COMMEND MR GEORGE FONG, THE MANAGER OF WINSON CLEANING SERVICES FOR HIS SAFETY AWARENESS IN PROVIDING HIS EMPLOYEES WITH THE SAFETY HARNESSSES AND ENSURING THAT THEY MADE USE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

+I ALSO WISH TO COMMEND THE SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS OF MR MAN AND MR LEUNG IN OBSERVING SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND USING THE SAFETY HARNESSSES,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHAN APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN INDUSTRY TO FOLLOW THIS GOOD EXAMPLE BY OBSERVING SAFETY RULES AS A MATTER OF ROUTINE.

LATER MR CHAN PRESENTED MR FONG WITH A PENNANT AND MR LEUNG AND MR MAN WITH CASSETTE RADIOS AS A TOKEN OF THE DEPARTMENT'S APPRECIATION.

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SINGLE ORDINANCE FOR ROAD TUNNELS PLANNED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO REPEAL THE EXISTING LION ROCK TUNNEL ORDINANCE AND REPLACE IT WITH NEW LEGISLATION TO COVER ALL GOVERNMENT ROAD TUNNELS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID AS THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL AND THE KAI TAK AIRPORT TUNNEL WERE EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND EARLY NEXT YEAR, IT WAS CONSIDERED PREFERABLE TO HAVE A SINGLE ORDINANCE FOR ALL THREE FACILITIES.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE ROAD TUNNELS (GOVERNMENT) BILL 1981, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, LARGELY FOLLOW AND EXPAND ON THOSE CONTAINED IN THE EXISTING LEGISLATION.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE BILL ARE TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY OF THOSE WHO USE GOVERNMENT ROAD TUNNELS, TO FACILITATE THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF SUCH TUNNELS AND TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION IN THE EVENT OF INFRINGEMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR WHICH IS A FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

A NEW PROVISION EMPOWERS AUTHORISED OFFICERS TO SEARCH AND, IF NECESSARY, DETAIN THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE OR THE VEHICLE ITSELF UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY CAN BE DELIVERED INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE POLICE. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS AUTHORITY WOULD NORMALLY ONLY BE EXERCISED IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC REQUEST BY THE POLICE.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 24 AND SUBJECT TO ITS PASSAGE, REGULATIONS WILL BE DRAWN UP RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF THE USE OF THE TUNNELS AND TO THE FIXING OF TOLLS.

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NT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INCREASE * * * *

THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS INCREASED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 1 508 ACCIDENTS, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF NINE PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 3 579 ACCIDENTS, AN INCREASE OF NINE PER CENT OVER 1979.

EVEN MORE APPALLING WAS THE DEATH TOLL FROM ROAD ACCIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE FIGURE OF 162 PERSONS KILLED ON NEW TERRITORIES ROADS IN 1980 WAS HIGHER THAN THE HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON FIGURES.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS WERE DISCLOSED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY MR R.C. SMALLSHAW, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE POLICE TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS, AT A CEREMONY TO PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT TO SENIOR PATROL OFFICIALS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ROAD SAFETY PATROLS.

MR SMALLSHAW ATTRIBUTED THE CAUSES OF THESE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS TO TWO MAIN FACTORS: DRIVING TOO FAST FOR THE CONDITIONS AND PEDESTRIAN NEGLIGENCE.

HE SAID, +THESE CAN EASILY BE CORRECTED IF ONLY PEOPLE WOULD TAKE MORE CARE WHEN USING THE ROADS.+

HE APPEALED TO ALL ROAD USERS TO OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS AND TO HAVE MORE REGARD FOR THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

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TO BRING THE NUMBER OF ROAD ACCIDENTS DOWN, THE POLICE HAVE STEPPED UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+DURING 1980, 102 586 PROSECUTIONS WERE INITIATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR A VARIETY OF TRAFFIC OFFENCES AND THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE PARKING OFFENCES,+ HE SAID.

+THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 18 493 OR 22 PER CENT OVER 1979,+ HE ADDED.

OF THE TOTAL PROSECUTIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN 1980, 701 CASES INVOLVED DANGEROUS DRIVING, 4 604 INVOLVED CARELESS DRIVING AND 25 491 INVOLVED SPEEDING.

+IT IS VERY APPARENT FROM THESE FIGURES AND THE ACCIDENT FIGURES THAT THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE WHO PAY SCANT ATTENTION TO THEIR OWN SAFETY AND PARTICULARLY THE SAFETY OF OTHERS,+ MR SMALLSHAW SAID.

HE COMMENDED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ROAD SAFETY PATROLS AND ROAD SAFETY PATROL OFFICIALS FOR THEIR INTEREST IN THE ROAD SAFETY CAUSE.

+THE EXAMPLE BEING SET BY SO MANY SCHOOLS IN FORMING ROAD SAFETY PATROLS AND HELPING STUDENTS TO CROSS OUR BUSY ROADS IS A GOOD ONE AND ONE THAT NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED,+ HE SAID.

THE NUMBER OF ROAD SAFETY PATROLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IS GROWING FAST TO KEEP UP WITH THE INCREASED DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION THERE. AT PRESENT, THERE WERE 34 ROAD SAFETY PATROLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH OVER 1 000 MEMBERS.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, MR M.C. ILLINGWORTH, DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, NEW TERRITORIES, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT TO SENIOR PATROL OFFICIALS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR WAI HON-LEUNG WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ROAD SAFETY PATROLS, MR LAM CHIK-KUEN, MR YEUNG KWONG, MR TIU PUI-KWONG AND MR YEUNG CHEUK-WING WERE APPOINTED SENIOR CHIEF SUPERVISORS AND MR YAU HON-KEI WAS APPOINTED CHIEF SUPERVISOR.

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INCREASES SOUGHT

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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY CONTAINS A MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1981 WHICH SEEKS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINES A MAGISTRATE CAN IMPOSE IN CERTAIN CASES.

THE BILL ALSO INCREASES THE LEVEL OF COSTS, COMPENSATION AND RECOGNISANCES THAT MAY BE ORDERED OR AWARDED BY THE COURT, AND THE VALUE OF CERTAIN GOODS THAT MAY NOT BE SEIZED ON A DISTRESS WARRANT.

THE INCREASED MAXIMUM FINES APPLY MAINLY TO CASES WHERE AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE IS DEALT WITH SUMMARILY AND WHERE THE MAGISTRATE IS GIVEN POWER TO FINE AN OFFENDER INSTEAD OF IMPRISONING HIM.

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AIM TO CONSOLIDATE MERCHANT SHIPPING LAWS

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HONG KONG'S MERCHANT SHIPPING SAFETY LAWS, AT PRESENT CONTAINED IN VARIOUS PIECES OF LEGISLATION, WILL BE CONSOLIDATED IN ONE ORDINANCE, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE OBJECT OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY) BILL 1981, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, WAS TO REDUCE THE CONFUSION AND DOUBT ARISING FROM THE FRAGMENTED NATURE OF THE EXISTING LAWS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT WHILE THE BILL CONTAINED CHANGES DESIGNED TO UPDATE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND TO BRING THE WORDING INTO LINE WITH CURRENT PRACTICE, NO NEW PROVISIONS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED.

THE BILL APPLIES TO OCEAN-GOING SHIPS AND DOES NOT DEAL WITH LOCAL AND RIVER CRAFT.

IT SETS OUT IN DETAIL THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE SURVEY OF PASSENGER AND CARGO SHIPS, THE POSSESSION OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON SAFETY AT SEA AND PROCEDURES FOR PREVENTING ACCIDENTS.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS LIFE-SAVING AND FIRE-FIGHTING APPLIANCES, TO BE CARRIED BY FOREIGN SHIPS WHILE IN HONG KONG AND PROHIBITS THE CARRIAGE OF EXCESS PASSENGERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OPPORTUNITY WAS BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE WORDING OF THESE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT SUITABLE LEGAL ACTION COULD BE TAKEN IF EXCESS PASSENGERS WERE TO BE CARRIED ON CARGO VESSELS AS WELL AS ON PASSENGER SHIPS.

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REPULSE BAY TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME

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THE REPULSE BAY ROAD PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME WILL AGAIN BE OPERATING ON SUNDAY (JUNE 21), IF THE WEATHER IS FINE.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME, WHICH OPERATES BETWEEN 2 PM AND 7 PM ON THE NORTH-BOUND OR CAUSEWAY BAY-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF REPULSE BAY ROAD BETWEEN ISLAND ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD ROUNDABOUT, WILL BE IN OPERATION ON ALL SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER IF THE WEATHER IS FAVOURABLE.

UNDER THE SCHEME, ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT BUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND MAXICABS, ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE BUS-ONLY LANE.

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LAMMA ROCK CRUSHING PLANT OPENED

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MORE THAN 14 MILLION TONNES OF AGGREGATE WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG THIS YEAR, THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MAIN CRUSHING PLANT OF THE LAMMA ROCK PRODUCTS LTD. AT POK TUNG WAN QUARRY ON LAMMA ISLAND.

MR CHAN SAID THAT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAD EXPANDED RAPIDLY AS A RESULT OF HONG KONG'S REMARKABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS.

+THE TOTAL VALUE OF ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK IN 1980 WAS SOME \$13 000 MILLION,+ HE SAID.

+A MEASURE OF THIS RAPID EXPANSION CAN BE OBTAINED BY COMPARING THE EXPENDITURE 10 YEARS AGO, WHICH AMOUNTED TO JUST OVER \$1 300 MILLION, EVEN WHEN CORRECTED TO CONSTANT PRICES USING 1973 AS A BASE, THE VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS INCREASED BY ALMOST 300 PER CENT.+

MR CHAN SAID THAT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY'S PRINCIPAL BUILDING MATERIAL WAS CONCRETE. WHILE IT WAS STILL NECESSARY TO IMPORT CEMENT -- OR CLINKER FROM WHICH IT COULD BE MANUFACTURED -- HONG KONG WAS FORTUNATE IN HAVING AN INDIGENOUS SOURCE OF NATURAL ROCK FROM WHICH CONCRETING AGGREGATES COULD BE PRODUCED.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS ALWAYS AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF AGGREGATES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. PLANNING FOR THE POK TUNG WAN QUARRY BEGAN NINE YEARS AGO, AND IN 1978 TENDERS WERE CALLED INTERNATIONALLY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE QUARRY.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WAS THE LAMMA ROCK PRODUCTS LTD., A JOINT VENTURE BY TWO FRENCH COMPANIES -- DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS, WHICH HAS LONG WORKED IN HONG KONG AND ENTERPRISES AUDEMARD, A QUARRY SPECIALIST WITH WORLD-WIDE INTERESTS.

MR CHAN SAID THAT THE COMMISSIONING OF THE PLANT, WHICH HAD AN ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 2.2 MILLION TONNES OF AGGREGATE, WOULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MEETING THE DEMAND AND THUS THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

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BOAT-NAMING CEREMONY

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT (CRS), WILL OFFICIATE AT THE BOAT-NAMING CEREMONY FOR THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION'S NEW ROWING BOAT AT MIDDLE ISLAND, DEEP WATER BAY AT NOON ON SUNDAY (JUNE 21).

THE 45-FOOTER WAS PURCHASED WITH A GRANT OF \$23 770 FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND ADMINISTERED BY CRS. AND SIR DAVID TRENCH HAS KINDLY CONSENTED TO ALLOW THE BOAT TO BE NAMED AFTER HIM.

THE FUND, FOUNDED IN 1970 WITH A \$3 MILLION DONATION FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, HAS ENABLED HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO BUY RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND CARRY OUT PROGRAMMES.

WITH THIS SPECIALLY-DESIGNED NEW PURCHASE, THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED. PREVIOUSLY, THE ASSOCIATION HAD TO HIRE EQUIPMENT.

FOLLOWING THE NAMING CEREMONY, THE BOAT WILL BE TAKEN OUT ON DEMONSTRATION BY MEMBERS OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE BOAT-NAMING CEREMONY AT MIDDLE ISLAND, DEEP WATER BAY AT NOON ON SUNDAY (JUNE 21). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE AT THE HONG KONG YACHT CLUB, REPULSE BAY, AT 11.30 AM TO BOARD A FERRY FOR MIDDLE ISLAND. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH MIKE TANNER, THE ASSOCIATION'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AT TELEPHONE NO. 5-284037 EXT 36.

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TRAINING COURSES FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS

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YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING STUDIES AND HOTEL-KEEPING ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSE COMMENCING THIS SEPTEMBER AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR MATURE STUDENTS WITH SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PASSING ON THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF THEIR OWN SPECIALISM TO STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND IN TAKING UP TEACHING AS A PROFESSION.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ON THIS COURSE RANGING FROM \$1 650 TO \$2 500 PER MONTH, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF RELEVANT POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

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APPLICANTS FOR BUILDING STUDIES MUST POSSESS HIGHER CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN BUILDING STUDIES OR EQUIVALENT, AWARDED BY THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE/PLOYTECHNIC/TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR AN EQUIVALENT EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT.

HOLDERS OF ORDINARY NATIONAL DIPLOMA (UK) IN HOTEL AND CATERING OPERATIONS OR EQUIVALENT WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE RELATED FIELDS MAY APPLY FOR HOTEL-KEEPING AND CATERING STUDIES.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY JULY 3, 1981.

THE COLLEGE WILL ALSO OFFER PART-TIME DAY RELEASE AND PART-TIME EVENING INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS COURSES IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

THESE TWO COURSES OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY TEACHING DUTIES. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN TO IMPROVE THEIR METHODS OF TEACHING, STUDY EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE COLLEGE AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY JULY 11, 1981.

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CLOSURE OF KWUN TONG ROAD UNDERPASS
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THE LEI YUE MUN-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWUN TONG ROAD, BENEATH THE KWUN TONG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR 12 HOURS FROM 9 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 20) TO 9 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 21) (AND NOT FOR 24 HOURS FROM 9 AM ON SATURDAY TO 9 AM ON SUNDAY AS STATED EARLIER).

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE UNDERPASS, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING TOWARDS LEI YUE MUN DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD SHOULD AVOID USING THE TWO LANES LEADING TO THE UNDERPASS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS TO AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

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CLEARWAY ZONE FOR YUEN LONG

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A CLEARWAY ZONE WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE NORTH-BOUND SECTION OF TUNG LOK STREET, YUEN LONG, BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE FIRE STATION, FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT WITHIN THE ZONE, ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING AND UNLOADING GOODS AT ANY TIME.

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KMB CANCELS BUS ROUTE NO. 45B

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KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO. ROUTE NO. 45B, BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK AND LAI KING HILL ROAD, WILL BE DISCONTINUED FROM SUNDAY, JUNE 21, DUE TO LACK OF PASSENGERS

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COMMUTERS AFFECTED BY THE CANCELLATION WOULD BE ABLE TO USE TWO EXISTING MAXICAB ROUTES, NOS. 90 AND 91, WHICH PLY BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK AND THE LAI KING HEADLAND, AND BETWEEN THE LAI KING HEADLAND AND TSUEN WAN RESPECTIVELY.

KMB WILL BE PUTTING UP NOTICES AT BOTH ENDS OF THE NO. 45B BUS ROUTE ABOUT THE CANCELLATION.

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN THE ENTIRE TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AREAS WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON JUNE 22, 23 AND 24 FOR INSPECTION AND CLEANING WORKS.

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