



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR N.T. TAXI LICENCES  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN NOW APPLY FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A TOTAL OF 750 N.T. TAXI LICENCES WOULD BE ISSUED IN THREE BATCHES OF 250 EACH.

HE SAID THAT EACH APPLICANT COULD ONLY APPLY FOR ONE LICENCE.

+IF MORE THAN 250 APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED ON THIS AND SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS, A PUBLIC BALLOT WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE LICENCE OR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AN N.T. TAXI WOULD NOT BE TRANSFERABLE.

THE PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR AN N.T. TAXI LICENCE IS AS FOLLOWS: -

AN APPLICANT MUST BE AN INDIVIDUAL PERSON AND BE THE OWNER OF A PRIVATE CAR REGISTERED AND LICENSED IN HIS NAME SINCE JANUARY 1, 1976 AND HAS BEEN IN POSSESSION OF A VALID DRIVING LICENCE FOR A PRIVATE CAR FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS APPLICATION.

THE VEHICLE PRESENTED FOR LICENSING AS AN N.T. TAXI MUST BE A SALOON CAR. IT MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH A TAXIMETER AND COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO TAXIS.

THE STANDARD COLOURS FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE WHITE ON THE TOP AND GREEN (BRITISH STANDARD PAINT NUMBER SL5853) IN THE LOWER HALF. SUITABLE PARKING ACCOMMODATION MUST BE PROVIDED FOR THE VEHICLE. ALL N.T. TAXIS MUST PASS A MECHANICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE LICENSING.

THE DRIVER OF AN N.T. TAXI MUST POSSESS A VALID N.T. TAXI DRIVING LICENCE, I.E., VEHICLE CLASS CODE 11 SHOWN ON THE HONG KONG DRIVING LICENCE.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO TEST NEW APPLICANTS FOR N.T. TAXI DRIVING LICENCES.

THE ANNUAL LICENCE FEE FOR AN N.T. TAXI IS \$500. THE N.T. TAXI FARE STRUCTURE IS \$1.00 FOR THE FIRST MILE AND 20 CENTS FOR EVERY ONE-FIFTH OF A MILE THEREAFTER. FARES FOR WAITING TIME AND ADDITIONAL FARES ARE THE SAME AS THOSE APPLICABLE TO OTHER TAXIS.

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AN N.T. TAXI WILL BE PERMITTED TO STAND OR PLY FOR HIRE WITHIN THE PERMITTED AREA AS DEFINED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TAXIS, PUBLIC OMNIBUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND PUBLIC CARS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1976. THIS AREA COVERS THE NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES BUT EXCLUDES SHATIN AND TSUEN WAN. THE ACTUAL BOUNDARY POINTS ARE : -

- (A) CASTLE PEAK ROAD - THE LIDO CAR PARK NEAR THE 11-1/2 MILESTONE, TING KAU.
- (B) ROUTE TWISK - SEK KONG VILLAGE.
- (C) TAI PO ROAD - VILLA DEUX PONTS AT 12-3/4 MILESTONE.
- (D) CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD - 2,200 FEET WEST OF THE JUNCTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE REGULATIONS, WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE, WOULD COME INTO OPERATION ON AUGUST 3, 1976.

HE SAID LANTAO ISLAND, WHICH IS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT N.T. TAXI SCHEME.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AN N.T. TAXI WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES MENTIONED ABOVE IF IT WAS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING A VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE BUT THAT NO PASSENGERS SHOULD BE CARRIED FOR HIRE OR REWARD ON SUCH OCCASIONS.

REFERRING TO APPLICATION FORMS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THESE COULD BE OBTAINED ONLY BY WRITING TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, LICENSING OFFICE, 2 MURRAY ROAD, MEZZANINE FLOOR, HONG KONG.

THE FORMS, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED FREE OF CHARGE, WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS IN PERSON. THE COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO AND SHOULD REACH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE AS INDICATED ON THE FORM.

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REGULATIONS FOR LEGALISED ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO SPECIAL AREAS  
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THE ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY AND THE TAMPERING WITH AN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S EQUIPMENT IN ANY AREA THAT IS DESIGNATED AS A SPECIAL AREA UNDER THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ORDINANCE ARE MADE OFFENCES UNDER NEW REGULATIONS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN EITHER CASE, THE PENALTY FOR DOING SO, IS A FINE OF \$2,000 AND THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT. IN THE CASE OF AN UNAUTHORISED CONNECTION, THERE IS A FURTHER FINE OF \$100 FOR EACH DAY THE OFFENCE CONTINUES.

THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (SPECIAL AREAS) REGULATIONS 1976 ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE ELECTRICITY TO BE SUPPLIED TO SPECIAL AREAS WHERE, BECAUSE DIFFERENT SUPPLY SYSTEMS MAY HAVE TO BE USED, SOME OF THE EXISTING REGULATIONS CANNOT BE APPLIED.

THESE REGULATIONS FOLLOW RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHEME NOW UNDER WAY TO PROVIDE A LEGALISED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO SIX SQUATTER VILLAGES IN KOWLOON. THE SCHEME WAS DEVISED BY A WORKING PARTY COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD.

THE NEW REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL AREAS GAZETTED TODAY ALSO COVER TECHNICAL MATTERS INCLUDING THE RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POWER COMPANIES AND CONSUMERS REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE- INSPECTION OF CONSUMERS WIRINGS AND INSTALLATIONS BEFORE CONNECTION, AND THE USE OF SAFETY FUSES OR CIRCUIT BREAKERS TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES FOR ANY CONTRAVENTIONS.

IN ADDITION, MOST OF THE EXISTING GENERAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY REGULATIONS ARE MADE APPLICABLE TO SPECIAL AREAS AS WELL.

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NEW \$5 COIN TO CIRCULATE ON AUGUST 16  
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THE NEW \$5 COIN WILL START CIRCULATING FROM AUGUST 16. IT WILL GRADUALLY REPLACE THE \$5 BANKNOTE IN USE AT PRESENT.

ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, THE COINS ARE BEING INTRODUCED EARLY BECAUSE OF THE ESCALATION OF NOTE PRINTING COSTS.

ORIGINALLY, HE SAID, THE COINAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE \$5 COIN SHOULD BE INTRODUCED IN 1978.

+THE ECONOMIES DERIVE FROM THE FACT THAT THE LIFE OF A COIN CAN BE AS MUCH AS 50 YEARS WHEREAS THE \$5 NOTE ONLY HAS A LIFE OF ABOUT EIGHT OR NINE MONTHS,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW COIN IS 10 SIDED AND MEASURES 31 MILLIMETRES DIAGONALLY.

IT IS MINTED IN CUPRO-NICKEL LIKE THE PRESENT ONE DOLLAR COIN AND IS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE PRESENT ONE DOLLAR COIN BUT WEIGHS SLIGHTLY LESS.

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MEASURES TO IMPROVE PLB SERVICES EFFECTIVE NEXT YEAR  
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REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE GREATER SAFETY AND BETTER SAFEGUARD OF SERVICES FOR PEOPLE USING PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND ALSO TO PROTECT PLB DRIVERS AGAINST PASSENGERS NOT PAYING THE STIPULATED FARE WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON AUGUST 1, 1977, ACCORDING TO A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE REGULATIONS, KNOWN AS THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC OMNIBUS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND PUBLIC CAR) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, WERE MADE IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR BUT WERE NOT BROUGHT INTO FORCE AT THAT TIME IN ORDER TO GIVE PLB OPERATORS SUFFICIENT TIME TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

THE REGULATIONS LAY DOWN SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISPLAY AND COLOURS OF DESTINATION INDICATORS AND FARE CARDS ON PLB'S, AND FORBID THE CHANGING OF AN INDICATOR DURING A JOURNEY WITH INTENT TO CHARGE EXTRA FARES OR TO CUT SHORT THE ORIGINAL JOURNEY.

ONE PROVISION REQUIRES A PLB DRIVER TO DISPLAY NOT MORE THAN ONE DESTINATION INDICATOR OF AN APPROVED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ON THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE.

THE INDICATOR, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE CHARACTERS, MUST SHOW THE DESTINATION CLEARLY BY REFERENCE TO A ROAD JUNCTION OR SOME OTHER EASILY RECOGNISED PLACE. IT SHOULD BE ILLUMINATED DURING DARK HOURS.

UNDER THE REGULATIONS, A SERIES OF STANDARD COLOURS OF DESTINATION INDICATORS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR DIFFERENT ZONES. ALL INDICATORS WILL HAVE WHITE LETTERS AND CHARACTERS, BUT THE COLOURS OF THE BACKGROUND WILL VARY.

IT WILL BE A DARK BLUE BACKGROUND FOR ANY ROUTE ON HONG KONG ISLAND OTHER THAN A CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE= A GREEN BACKGROUND FOR ANY ROUTE WHICH OPERATES WHOLLY IN KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON, A YELLOW BACKGROUND FOR ANY ROUTE WHOLLY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OR BETWEEN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON= AND A RED BACKGROUND FOR ANY CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTE.

A PLB DRIVER WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY IN AN APPROVED POSITION ON THE VEHICLE A FARE CARD, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE CHARACTERS, OF AN APPROVED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. THE FARE SHOULD BE INDICATED IN RED LETTERS AND CHARACTERS ON A WHITE BACKGROUND.

THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR BETTER SAFEGUARD OF SERVICES FOR PLB PASSENGERS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE CARRIED TO THE INDICATED DESIGNATION AND ARE NOT CHARGED A HIGHER FARE THAN THEY EXPECTED TO PAY WHEN BOARDING THE VEHICLE.

/PLB DRIVERS .....

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PLB DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM CHANGING A DESTINATION INDICATOR DURING A JOURNEY WITH INTENT TO INDUCE ANY PASSENGER TO GET OFF FROM THE VEHICLE BEFORE REACHING THE DESTINATION INDICATED AT THE TIME THE PASSENGER BOARDED THE VEHICLE, OR TO PAY A FARE ADDITIONAL TO THE FARE INDICATED AT THE TIME THE PASSENGER BOARDED THE VEHICLE.

IN ADDITION, PLB DRIVERS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO REQUIRE ANY PASSENGER, WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE, TO GET OFF BEFORE REACHING THE DESTINATION INDICATED AT THE TIME HE BOARDED THE VEHICLE.

TO PROTECT PLB OPERATORS, THE REGULATIONS MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR A PERSON TO BOARD A PLB KNOWING HE CANNOT PAY THE FARE OR WITH INTENT TO AVOID PAYING IT.

IN VIEW OF THE NECESSITY FOR MODIFYING EXISTING VEHICLES TO BE FITTED WITH PROPER DESTINATION EQUIPMENT, A FULL YEARS NOTICE IS BEING GIVEN TO THE TRADE SO AS TO ENSURE ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES CAN COMPLY WITH THE NEW REGULATIONS IN AUGUST 1977.

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TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE IN HOTEL AND CATERING  
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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM SUITABLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO TAKE UP A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE IN HOTEL KEEPING AND CATERING.

HOLDERS OF ORDINARY NATIONAL DIPLOMA (UK) OR EQUIVALENT WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE ADMITTED TO THE COURSE WHICH BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE, INDUCEMENT GRANTS RANGING FROM \$1,070 TO \$1,640 PER MONTH WILL BE PAID TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS DURING THE COURSE OF STUDY.

GRADUATES FROM THE COURSE MAY APPLY FOR TEACHING POSTS, WITH A MONTHLY SALARY RANGING FROM \$1,850 TO \$3,820, IN THE CHEUNG SHA WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. CAREER PROSPECTS INCLUDE PROMOTION TO A HIGHER GRADE WITH A MAXIMUM SALARY OF \$5,060 PER MONTH.

DETAILED INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG.

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JUNE BANKING STATISTICS  
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BANKING DEPOSITS AS AT THE END OF JUNE STOOD AT \$39,691 MILLION, COMPRISING \$10,303 MILLION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, \$15,029 MILLION IN TIME DEPOSITS AND \$14,359 MILLION IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

THERE WERE 74 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG AS AT JUNE 30.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE RELEASED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING TODAY GIVES A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS FOR THE MONTH:-

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>\$ MILLION</u>
(1) DEPOSITS		39,691
(2) AMOUNT DUE TO BANKS ABROAD		26,016
(3) OTHER LIABILITIES		<u>7,984</u>
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>73,691</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
(1) CASH		706
(2) AMOUNT DUE FROM BANKS ABROAD:		
(I) DEMAND AND SHORT TERM CLAIMS	21,577	
(II) TIME DEPOSITS	<u>1,876</u>	23,453
(3) LOANS AND ADVANCES:		
(I) HONG KONG	26,975	
(II) ABROAD	<u>12,822</u>	39,797
(4) INVESTMENTS:		
(I) HONG KONG	3,124	
(II) ABROAD	<u>62</u>	3,186
(5) OTHER ASSETS		
(I) HONG KONG	3,508	
(II) ABROAD	<u>3,041</u>	6,549
	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>73,691</u>
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING MONTH		49.82%

YAU MA TEI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN  
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MORE SCHOOLS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, CIVIC AND WELFARE CENTRES ARE AMONG THE MANY PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN A REVISED OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR YAU MA TEI PREPARED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE REVISED PLAN, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AIMS AT PROVIDING MORE LAND FOR A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO IMPROVE THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT FOR THE DISTRICT'S ESTIMATED EVENTUAL POPULATION OF 200,000.

IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE MAIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, A CARGO WORKING AREA AND AN IMPROVED ROAD SYSTEM INCLUDING POSSIBLE PEDESTRIAN STREETS.

THE PLAN COVERS A LAND AREA OF 71.25 HECTARES BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, JORDAN ROAD, ARGYLE STREET AND CHERRY STREET, AND THE WATERFRONT. THE TOTAL PLANNING AREA IS 127.58 HECTARES, INCLUDING THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON ANCHORAGE.

ACCORDING TO MR A.F. MEYERS, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ONE OF THE BIGGEST DRAWBACKS IN YAU MA TEI IS THE SHORTAGE OF OPEN SPACE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA NORTH OF WATERLOO ROAD.

THE REVISED PLAN INCLUDES A TOTAL OF NEARLY 5.62 HECTARES EARMARKED FOR OPEN SPACE AND SOME OTHER FAIRLY LARGE AREAS ADJACENT TO THE YAU MA TEI CIVIC CENTRE. THERE WILL ALSO BE A NUMBER OF SMALLER SITES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT FOR LANDSCAPED AMENITY PLOTS, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS FOR RESIDENTS.

THE PRESENT SHORTAGE OF GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES HAS BEEN IMPROVED WITH A TOTAL OF 10.12 HECTARES ZONED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

+TWO MAJOR AREAS ARE PLANNED FOR THESE PURPOSES,+ SAID MR MEYERS, +ONE IS THE YAU MA TEI CIVIC CENTRE SOUTH OF PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, NOW BEING BUILT BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.+

WHEN FULLY COMPLETED, IT WILL PROVIDE A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL AND STAGE FOR CONCERTS, FILM SHOWS, INDOOR SPORTS AND EXHIBITIONS= A BASKETBALL COURT= CONFERENCE, READING AND STUDY ROOMS= FACILITIES FOR BOTH YOUNG AND OLD PEOPLE'S GROUP ACTIVITIES= A NURSERY= ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE OTHER MAJOR AREA IS BOUNDED BY TUNG KUN STREET, RECLAMATION STREET, WATERLOO ROAD AND THE TONG MI ROAD EXTENSION, WHERE THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVE ALREADY BEEN BUILT AND ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL IS PLANNED.

IN ADDITION, PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR SMALLER GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY SITES DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT FOR LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRES, HAWKER BAZAARS AND OFF-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS.

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MR MEYERS SAID: +ALTHOUGH PART OF THE AREA PREVIOUSLY ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT HAS NOW BEEN ZONED FOR OTHER PURPOSES SUCH AS OPEN SPACE AND COMMUNITY USE, COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USES WILL STILL REMAIN THE PREDOMINANT LAND USE, ABSORBING ABOUT 31 PER CENT (22.30 HECTARES) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA.+

IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE INTERMIXING OF INCOMPATIBLE USES IN THE SAME BUILDING, SUCH AS WORKSHOPS ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS, HE SAID, IT IS PROPOSED TO BUILD BLOCKS OF FLATTED FACTORY BUILDINGS AT CHERRY STREET FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO PROVIDE A CARGO WORKING AREA, POSSIBLY INCORPORATING ASSOCIATED USES AND LORRY PARKING SPACES, ALONG THE YAU MA TEI WATERFRONT. ACCESS TO THE CARGO WORKING AREA WILL BE FROM FERRY STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD.

REGARDING THE ROAD SYSTEM, MR MEYERS SAID IT IS PLANNED EVENTUALLY TO MAKE ALL LOCAL DISTRIBUTORY ROADS +ONE WAY+ AND TO CLOSE A NUMBER OF MINOR EAST TO WEST ROADS.

+THIS WILL REDUCE THE PENETRATION OF UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC INTO RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS AND CREATE ADDITIONAL LAND WHICH COULD BE USED FOR LOCAL PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HAWKER BAZAARS, OPEN SPACE AND AMENITIES,+ HE SAID.

MR MEYERS EMPHASISED THAT THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS DESIGNED TO ILLUSTRATE ONLY THE BROAD PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR MORE DETAILED PLANNING. WHILE THE VARIOUS ZONES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR SPECIFIC USES, FLEXIBILITY IS PROVIDED IN THE ATTACHED NOTES TO THE PLAN WHICH PROVIDE FOR SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE USES OF SITES PERMITTED AS OF RIGHT OR ON APPLICATION TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

HE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF SITES ZONED FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSES AND OPEN SPACES ARE PRIVATE PROPERTIES WITH NON-RENEWABLE LEASES, AND THESE WILL HAVE TO BE ACQUIRED IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR RESUMING THESE PROPERTIES, ADEQUATE COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE PLAN.

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UNITED NATIONS ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD 'AVA'  
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HAD AGREED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 94 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES STILL ABOARD THE BURMESE VESSEL 'AVA'.

A U.N.H.C.R. REPRESENTATIVE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG SHORTLY TO ARRANGE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG PENDING THEIR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND ELSEWHERE.

FOR THE TIME BEING THE REFUGEES WILL REMAIN ON BOARD THE 'AVA', WHICH IS ANCHORED IN THE INNER HARBOUR. CONDITIONS ON BOARD ARE GOOD AND MORALE IS HIGH.

COMMENTING ON THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR. MARTIN ROWLANDS SAID: +THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE USA, CANADA AND FRANCE HAS BEEN MOST GRATIFYING, AND I AM HAPPY THAT WE ARE NOW IN A POSITION TO LAND THESE REFUGEES TEMPORARILY IN HONG KONG.+

+I SHOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MASTER OF THE 'AVA', CAPTAIN KHIN MAUNG, AND HIS CREW, FOR LOOKING AFTER THESE REFUGEES SO WELL DURING THE PAST TRYING WEEKS.+

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APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACT FORMS  
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THE FORM OF CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP, THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP AND TEN OTHER FORMS WERE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IN TODAY'S GAZETTE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE 1976 AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 19 THIS YEAR.

ALSO SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER WERE THE PERIOD OF APPRENTICESHIP FOR EACH OF THE 23 DESIGNATED TRADES AND THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES BY WHICH THE PERIOD OF APPRENTICESHIP COULD BE REDUCED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, SAID THAT THESE SPECIFICATIONS WERE NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

ALL SPECIFIED FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON  
20 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE  
AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF THE FIRING  
PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE :

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AUGUST 3 (TUESDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 4 (WEDNESDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 5 (THURSDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 6 (FRIDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 9 (MONDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 10 (TUESDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 11 P.M.
AUGUST 11 (WEDNESDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 12 (THURSDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 13 (FRIDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 16 (MONDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 9 P.M.
AUGUST 17 (TUESDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 18 (WEDNESDAY)	8.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 19 (THURSDAY)	7.00 A.M. - 11.59 P.M.
AUGUST 20 (FRIDAY)	5.00 A.M. - 5 P.M.
AUGUST 23 (MONDAY)	7.00 A.M. - 11.59 P.M.
AUGUST 24 (TUESDAY)	5.00 A.M. - 11.59 P.M.
AUGUST 25 (WEDNESDAY)	5.00 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 26 (THURSDAY)	7.00 A.M. - 11.59 P.M.
AUGUST 27 (FRIDAY)	5.00 A.M. - 5 P.M.
AUGUST 31 (TUESDAY)	7.00 A.M. - 11.59 P.M.

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