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FRANCHISE OF CMB EXTENDED
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THE FRANCHISE OF THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY, DUE TO EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 1987, HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR TWO YEARS TO AUGUST 31, 1989.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE EXTENSION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DECISION WAS MADE IN THE LIGHT OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE, PARTICULARLY IN COMPLYING WITH SCHEDULES OF SERVICE AND IN THE ENHANCEMENT OF ITS BUS MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY STANDARDS.

HE SAID THAT A RECENT REVIEW BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF CMB'S PERFORMANCE REVEALED THAT THE COMPANY HAD MADE PROGRESS IN UPGRADING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ITS SERVICE, PARTICULARLY DURING THE CLOSE MONITORING OF CMB OVER THE PAST YEAR BY THE TAC AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

+IMPLEMENTATION BY CMB OF A LONG LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TAC WORKING GROUP ON CMB MAINTENANCE HAS BEEN MONITORED ON A MONTHLY BASIS SINCE APRIL 1985 BY A CMB-TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE AND BY THE TAC ITSELF.+

+AS A RESULT, THERE HAS BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE OVERALL STANDARD OF MAINTENANCE, RESULTING IN A MUCH SAFER BUS FLEET,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF SAFETY DEFECTS DETECTED PER BUS HAD FALLEN FROM THREE IN JANUARY 1985 TO 0.5 IN SEPTEMBER 1985, WHILE BUS BREAKDOWN RATES HAD FALLEN OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS BY ALMOST 50 PER CENT.

INJURY ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CMB BUSES HAD ALSO SHOWN A DOWNWARD TREND DURING 1985, HE SAID.

+TO DATE, CMB HAS PROVED ABLE TO SUSTAIN THIS IMPROVEMENT IN MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY STANDARDS,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+FURTHERMORE, THE COMPANY IS MAKING PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ORGANISATION AND METHODS CONSULTANT ON ASPECTS OF ITS MAINTENANCE SYSTEMS, SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE DOCUMENTATION.+

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT COMPLAINTS AGAINST CMB AND ITS DRIVERS HAD DROPPED BY HALF COMPARED WITH TWO YEARS AGO.

+CMB'S SERVICE AND ITS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, +AND THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS REQUESTED THE TAC TO UNDERTAKE ANOTHER REVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE IN 12 MONTHS' TIME.+

A NOTICE OF THE FRANCHISE EXTENSION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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APPROVAL FOR HIGHER GREEN MINIBUS FARES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN APPROVAL FOR SIX GREEN MINIBUS PACKAGES IN KOWLOON COMPRISING 12 ROUTES TO INCREASE THEIR FARES FROM NEXT THURSDAY (MAY 1).

THE FARE INCREASES FOR THESE ROUTES - WHICH OPERATE IN SHAM SHUI PO, KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN, KOWLOON CITY, MONG KOK AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST - RANGE FROM 20 CENTS TO \$1. ONLY FIVE OF THESE WOULD CHARGE UP TO THE NEW FARE CEILINGS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPROVAL WAS GIVEN AFTER CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE OPERATING DETAILS AND FINANCIAL RETURNS SUBMITTED BY GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS.

APPLICATIONS FOR FARE INCREASES BY ANOTHER SIX PACKAGES OF GREEN MINIBUS IN KOWLOON COMPRISING 15 ROUTES ARE BEING EXAMINED.

SO FAR, 13 GREEN MINIBUS PACKAGES IN KOWLOON HAD APPLIED FOR A FARE REVISION BUT ONE PACKAGE LATER WITHDREW ITS APPLICATION. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 16 PACKAGES OF GREEN MINIBUS COMPRISING 36 ROUTES OPERATING IN KOWLOON.

OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM PASSENGERS OF THE FARE REVISION BY PUTTING UP NOTICES AT THE GREEN MINIBUS TERMINI AND INSIDE VEHICLES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE APPROVAL FOR HIGHER FARE CEILINGS FOLLOWED CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE TRADE'S OPERATING ECONOMICS IN 1985. IT WAS FOUND THAT SINCE THE LAST SURVEY IN 1982, THE OVERALL OPERATING COSTS PER GREEN MINIBUS HAD GONE UP BY 12 PER CENT WHILE THE REGIONAL INCREASE FOR KOWLOON WAS 29 PER CENT.

FARE CEILINGS FOR GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES WERE LAST REVISED IN JULY 1982.

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LANTAO BUS COMPANY FARE RISE APPROVED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A FARE INCREASE FOR THE NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY (NLB) TO TAKE EFFECT ON MAY 1 THIS YEAR. NLB'S LAST FARE INCREASE WAS IN APRIL 1983.

IN MONEY TERMS, 72 PER CENT OF THE EXISTING PASSENGERS USING NLB SERVICES ON MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, WILL HAVE TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL 10 CENTS TO 30 CENTS WHILE THE REMAINING 28 PER CENT WILL HAVE TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL 50 CENTS.

/ON SUNDAYS

ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, 37 PER CENT OF THE PASSENGERS WILL HAVE TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL 10 CENTS TO 30 CENTS, 24 PER CENT WILL PAY AN ADDITIONAL 50 CENTS AND 39 PER CENT WILL PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$1.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NLB'S APPLICATION FOR A FARE INCREASE WAS APPROVED AFTER EXAMINING THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL FORECASTS AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ADVICE OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

+THE FINANCIAL FORECASTS FOR 1986-87 AND 1987-88 ARE BASED ON THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN OF NLB, AGREED BETWEEN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE COMPANY, HAVING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE REDUCTIONS IN FUEL PRICES IN MARCH AND EARLIER THIS MONTH.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT EVEN IF THERE WERE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN THE FUEL PRICE, THE EFFECT ON NLB'S OVERALL OPERATING COSTS WOULD NOT BE VERY SIGNIFICANT.

+THE SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION OF ONE-MAN OPERATION ON ALL SERVICE ROUTES EXCEPT FOR ROUTE NO. 1 BETWEEN MUI WO AND TAI O HAS HELPED TO REDUCE NLB'S OPERATING COSTS AND THE COMPANY HAS ALSO DRAWN UP PLANS TO CONVERT THE REMAINING SERVICE ROUTE TO ONE-MAN OPERATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY REVIEWED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NLB BEFORE EXTENDING ITS FRANCHISE FOR TWO YEARS IN MARCH THIS YEAR. AT THE TIME OF THE REVIEW, THE GOVERNMENT NOTED THAT THE COMPANY WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN AN EFFICIENT SERVICE AND WAS PLANNING IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

THE EXISTING AND REVISED FARE SCALES OF NLB ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GROUP OF ROUTE	JOURNEY DISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING (KM)	ADULT SINGLE FARE			
		MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS		SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
		EXISTING (\$)	REVISED (\$)	EXISTING (\$)	REVISED (\$)
I. ORDINARY ROUTES	4	0.70	0.80	1.50	1.60
	6	1.00	1.70	1.70	2.20
	8	1.50	1.70	2.00	2.20
	9	1.70	2.20	3.00	4.00
	13	2.00	2.20	3.50	4.00
	17	3.00	3.30	4.00	5.00

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	20	3.50	4.00	5.50	6.00
	24	4.00	4.50	6.00	7.00
	27	5.00	5.50	7.50	8.50
	31	5.50	6.00	8.00	9.00
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ROUTES	24	5.50	6.00	8.00	9.00

IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, HOWEVER, NLB WILL CHARGE FARES BELOW THE MAXIMUM SPECIFIED IN THE REVISED FARE SCALE. AS A RESULT, FARE INCREASES ON WEEK-DAYS WILL BE LIMITED AT PRESENT TO NO MORE THAN 50 CENTS. FULL DETAILS OF HOW BELOW-SCALE FARES WILL APPLY TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL ROUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED BY NLB.

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ADVERTISING ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TAXIS
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AUTHORISATION FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES TO CARRY ADVERTISEMENTS ON VEHICLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY (APRIL 28), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE AREAS ON THE EXTERIOR PARTS OF TAXIS PERMITTED FOR ADVERTISING WILL BE EXTENDED.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND TAXI OWNERS WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD APPLY IN WRITING FOR THE AUTHORISATION, TO THE PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, ROOM 906-909, HUTCHISON HOUSE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG. THERE WILL BE A CHARGE OF \$100.

A LETTER OF AUTHORISATION WILL BE ISSUED TO EACH VEHICLE AND THIS WILL BE VALID UNTIL THE SPECIFIED VEHICLE IS RECLASSIFIED, SCRAPPED OR SUCH PERMISSION IS WITHDRAWN IN WRITING.

ADVERTISEMENTS ON THE EXTERIOR PARTS OF PLB'S AND TAXIS SHOULD BE SHOWN BY PAINTING OR BY STICKERS. LUMINOUS OR REFLECTING MATERIAL IS NOT PERMITTED.

FOR PLB'S, ADVERTISEMENTS CAN BE DISPLAYED ON THE EXTERIOR PARTS OF THE VEHICLES BETWEEN THE FRONT AND REAR WHEEL ARCHES BELOW THE WINDOWS.

REGARDING ADVERTISING INSIDE PLB'S, ADVERTISEMENTS MAY BE DISPLAYED ON ROOF (SIDE) PANELS AND ON BULKHEADS. ADVERTISEMENTS ON SEAT-BACKS SHOULD BE RETAINED IN A SEALED PANEL WITH PERSPEX COVERING OR ANY OTHER WATER-PROOF AND DURABLE MATERIAL.

ILLUMINATED ADVERTISEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE VISIBLE FROM OUTSIDE THE VEHICLES AND SHOULD NOT BE WITH BULB EXCEEDING 15 WATTS. ADVERTISEMENTS DISPLAYED INSIDE THE VEHICLES SHOULD NOT AFFECT PASSENGER COMFORT OR THE DRIVER'S ACCOMMODATION NOR SHOULD THEY OBSTRUCT THE WINDOWS OR THE GANGWAYS.

IN THE CASE OF TAXIS, THE AREAS PERMITTED FOR ADVERTISING WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE TWO REAR DOOR PANELS BELOW THE WINDOWS. AT PRESENT, TAXIS ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO CARRY ADVERTISEMENTS ON THE FRONT DOOR PANELS.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES WILL BE AVAILABLE, FREE OF CHARGE, AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, THE KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE, ALL LICENSING OFFICES AND THE PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION.

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NEW REQUIREMENT ON TRAVEL AGENCY ADVERTISING
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FROM JUNE THIS YEAR THE PUBLICATION OF AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR AN UNLICENSED TRAVEL AGENT OR FOR A LICENSED TRAVEL AGENT WITHOUT STATING THE LICENCE NUMBER IN THE ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE AN OFFENCE UNDER THE TRAVEL AGENTS ORDINANCE.

SECTION 47 OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH CARRIES A FINE OF \$2 000, WILL COME INTO OPERATION FROM JUNE 1. A NOTICE ON THIS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THIS PROVISION RELATES ONLY TO ADVERTISEMENT BY TRAVEL AGENTS FOR OUT-BOUND TRAVEL SERVICES AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ADVERTISEMENT FOR LOCAL TOURS CONDUCTED WITHIN HONG KONG,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

A LIST OF ALL LICENSED TRAVEL AGENTS, ALREADY PUBLISHED IN A GAZETTE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON MARCH 14 THIS YEAR MAY BE USED BY A PUBLISHER AS READY REFERENCE FOR CHECKING THE LICENSING STATUS OF A CLIENT.

+A PUBLISHER CAN ALSO ASK HIM TO QUOTE HIS LICENCE NUMBER OR TO PRODUCE A CERTIFIED RECORD OF HIS REGISTRATION ENTRY ISSUED BY THE TRAVEL AGENTS REGISTRY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT PRESENT, UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE TRAVEL AGENTS REGULATION 1985, A LICENSED TRAVEL AGENT IS ALREADY REQUIRED TO STATE HIS LICENCE NUMBER IN ANY ADVERTISEMENT, INCLUDING ADVERTISEMENT BY NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE, POSTER, FILM, TELEVISION AND RADIO.

+WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 47 OF THE ORDINANCE, THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE PUBLISHER IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ONLY LICENSED TRAVEL AGENTS ARE ALLOWED TO ADVERTISE FOR THEIR SERVICES AND UNLICENSED BOGUS TRAVEL AGENTS WILL BE PREVENTED FROM ATTRACTING CLIENTELE BY ADVERTISING IN ANY FORM,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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CARE TAKEN TO PROTECT INTERNATIONAL TRADING IMAGE
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THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT THE INFRINGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS UNDERMINED INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION, THE HEAD OF THE CUSTOMS TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR JOHN HOWARD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A SEMINAR OF THE DESIGN AND PACKAGING CENTRE OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, MR HOWARD SAID HONG KONG HAD TAKEN PARTICULAR CARE TO PROTECT ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADING IMAGE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF ITS TRADING SYSTEM.

TO MEET THIS END, HE SAID, HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED COMPREHENSIVE LAWS COVERING TRADE MARKS, TRADE DESCRIPTIONS, COPYRIGHT, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND PATENTS AND COMMITTED SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO THE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THESE LAWS.

+THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS OF HONG KONG ARE, IN FACT, MORE STRINGENT THAN THE LAWS AND PRACTICES OF MANY COUNTRIES — DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING.

+THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE, WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1, 1981, SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITS FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS, FORGED TRADE MARKS AND ANY MIS-STATEMENTS IN RESPECT OF GOODS PROVIDED IN THE COURSE OF TRADE.

+THE LAW MAKES IT AN OFFENCE FOR A PERSON EITHER TO APPLY A FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTION TO GOODS OR TO SUPPLY OR BE IN POSSESSION OF SUCH GOODS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRADE GENERALLY.

+IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE PROHIBITION AND SEIZURE OF OFFENDING IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.+

AS FOR THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE WHICH WAS ENACTED IN MARCH 1973, IT PROVIDES FOR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS, WHICH MAY BE SOUGHT AGAINST COPYRIGHT PIRACY AND AFFORDS PROTECTION FOR COPYRIGHT HOLDERS AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF LITERARY, DRAMATIC, MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC WORKS, SOUND RECORDINGS, CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS, TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTS+ AND PUBLISHED EDITIONS OF WORK, BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN.

+COPYRIGHT PROTECTION AGAINST INFRINGEMENT IS ACCORDED TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS WITHOUT REGISTRATION IN HONG KONG,+ HE EXPLAINED.

MR HOWARD SAID ENFORCEMENT OF THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE AND THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE LEGISLATIONS WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WHICH HAD A SPECIAL TASK FORCE COMPRISING 150 INVESTIGATORS WHO HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF POWERS.

/+THE STRATEGY

+THE STRATEGY TO ATTACK COUNTERFEITING AND COPYRIGHT PIRACY IN HONG KONG IS DIRECTED AT ALL LEVELS FROM RETAILING AT STREET LEVEL, LARGE AND SMALL ESTABLISHED RETAIL PREMISES, MANUFACTURING OUTLETS AND ON IMPORT AND EXPORT.

+ACTION IS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED OR SELF INITIATED THROUGH SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE.

+SPECIAL ATTENTION IS ALSO PAID TO THE IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF SUSPECTED COUNTERFEIT GOODS AT ALL ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS BY THE 3 000 CUSTOMS OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

+IN ORDER TO PROTECT OWNERS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COVERING COMPUTERS AND THEIR ACCESSORIES, CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE TAKEN ENFORCEMENT ACTION UNDER BOTH THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE AND THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE.

+OFFENCES INCLUDE THE FORGING OF TRADE MARKS IN BOTH COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AND, MORE RECENTLY, INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT IN SOFTWARE PROGRAMMES.+

EXPLAINING THE NATURE OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS, MR HOWARD SAID THE MOST COMMON BEING TO USE WELL-KNOWN INTERNATIONAL BRAND NAMES, REGISTERED AS TRADE MARKS IN HONG KONG AND ELSEWHERE AND TO APPLY A FALSE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TO GOODS WHERE THAT PARTICULAR COUNTRY MAY HAVE A HIGH REPUTATION FOR QUALITY IN FASHION, TRENDS AND IN CRAFTSMANSHIP.

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COMMITTEE WILL ENHANCE CIVIC EDUCATION

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THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION TO BE SET UP SHORTLY IS INTENDED TO ENHANCE PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THE SCOPE OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND TO PAVE THE WAY FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND VARIETY SHOW AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, MR CHAU SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM WAS TO CULTIVATE A GENERATION OF CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE WHO WOULD SHOW CONCERN AND HELP IMPROVE THEIR COMMUNITY.

THE COMMITTEE WAS EXPECTED TO GIVE ADVICE TO GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS ON THE OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF CIVIC EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE FORMAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, MR CHAU SAID.

+IT WILL COMPRISE MAINLY OF UNOFFICIALS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CIVIC EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

+THE COMMITTEE'S AIM WILL BE TO STIMULATE INITIATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY ON HOW TO FORMULATE THE GUIDELINES ON CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH DISCUSSION,+ HE ADDED.

WITH PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG MOVING RAPIDLY, MR CHAU SAID MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG, HAVE REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

+IT IS THEREFORE URGENT TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION IN ORDER TO BETTER PREPARE OUR PEOPLE AND TO IMPROVE SOCIETY,+ MR CHAU SAID.

HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO LAUNCH A YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

IN THE NEXT 11 MONTHS, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL ORGANISE SEVERAL MAJOR EVENTS TO PUBLICISE THE THEMES OF +CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY; PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC; COURTESY AND CIVIC MINDEDNESS; AND NEIGHBOURLINESS AND PEACE+.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A LOVE YOUR FAMILY PROJECT, CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION, COURTESY CAMPAIGN, CIVIC AMBASSADOR SCHEME, MODEL STUDENT AWARD AND AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD.

+I HOPE, THROUGH ALL THESE INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THE PUBLIC WOULD BE ABLE TO GAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, TO BECOME MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR OWN COMMUNITY, AND AS A RESULT, CO-OPERATE TO BUILD A BETTER AND MORE HARMONIOUS SOCIETY,+ MR CHAU SAID.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF TONIGHT'S VARIETY SHOW WAS A SONG SPECIALLY COMPOSED FOR THE CAMPAIGN. OTHER PERFORMANCES INCLUDED SINGING, DANCING AND DRAMA BY POPULAR SINGERS AND ARTISTS, KOWLOON CITY CHILDREN'S CHORUS, WINNERS OF A SINGING COMPETITION RECENTLY HELD IN THE DISTRICT AND STUDENTS OF A LOCAL SCHOOL.

THE SHOW WAS RECORDED BY RTHK AND WILL BE BROADCAST ON TVB'S JADE CHANNEL AT 8.35 PM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 27).

THE VARIETY SHOW, PRODUCED BY RTHK, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WU SHING-SHUEN, AND ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RTHK, MISS MARIA WAN.

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UK MINISTER LEAVES AFTER STOPOVER VISIT
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THE BRITISH MINISTER FOR THE ARTS, MR RICHARD LUCE, LEFT HONG KONG THIS EVENING AFTER A TWO-DAY STOPOVER VISIT.

MR LUCE HAD EARLIER PAID AN OFFICIAL EIGHT-DAY VISIT TO CHINA.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A WRITTEN STATEMENT ISSUED BY MR LUCE SHORTLY BEFORE HE LEFT:

+I HAVE VERY MUCH ENJOYED VISITING HONG KONG AGAIN, THIS TIME IN MY NEW CAPACITY AS MINISTER FOR THE ARTS, AND RENEWING OLD ACQUAINTANCES.

+ALTHOUGH THIS VISIT IS ONLY A BRIEF ONE, I WAS ABLE TO MEET QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE CONNECTED WITH THE LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURAL SCENE. I HAD A VERY FULL BRIEFING BY THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMING ARTS IN HONG KONG. I ALSO MET MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, WHO GAVE ME A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE ON VARIOUS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+I VERY MUCH ENJOYED MY VISIT THIS MORNING TO THE ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, WHERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACADEMY'S COUNCIL, MR ALEX WU, SHOWED ME THE WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE. MY VISIT TO THE TEAWARE MUSEUM IN FLAGSTAFF HOUSE WAS ALSO EXTREMELY INTERESTING.

+FROM MY PREVIOUS VISITS, I AM OF COURSE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG, NOT ONLY AS AN INTERNATIONAL TRADING AND FINANCIAL CENTRE, BUT IN THE ARTS AND CULTURAL SCENE. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE MAGNIFICENT ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, HONG KONG IS NOW EVEN MORE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AS THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA; A POSITION WHICH WILL BE REINFORCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL'S AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL FACILITIES.+

MR AND MRS LUCE WERE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE.

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HK PAVILION GETS FINAL TOUCHES

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FINAL TOUCHES ARE BEING PUT TO THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT THE 1986 WORLD EXPOSITION WHICH WILL OPEN NEXT FRIDAY (MAY 2) IN VANCOUVER, CANADA.

FOUR SCAFFOLDING WORKERS FROM HONG KONG ARE ERECTING A SCAFFOLDING GRID OUTSIDE THE HONG KONG EXHIBITION MODULE, AND THIS WILL FORM THE MAIN EXTERIOR FEATURE OF THE PAVILION.

ABOUT 5 000 PIECES OF BAMBOO SHIPPED FROM HONG KONG ARE BEING USED IN THE GRID, SYMBOLISING THE TERRITORY'S CONTINUING VITALITY IN BUILDING FOR ITS FUTURE.

ON THE PUBLICITY SIDE, A SHIPMENT OF BOOKLETS AND 500 000 POSTCARDS BEARING A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PEOPLE IN HONG KONG TO +A FRIEND SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD+ HAS ARRIVED, AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EXPO VISITORS.

STAFF EMPLOYED IN VANCOUVER TO ASSIST IN OPERATIONS AT THE PAVILION ARE UNDERGOING A SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION AND TRAINING SESSIONS.

WORK WILL COME TO FRUITION ON MONDAY (APRIL 28) WHEN THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR TAO HO, WILL OFFICIALLY HAND OVER THE PAVILION TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR HONG KONG AT THE EXPOSITION, MR PETER TSAO.

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10 PER CENT RISE IN STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

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MORE THAN 480 000 STATUTORY DECLARATIONS WERE MADE IN 1985 AT THE 65 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION - AN INCREASE OF ABOUT TEN PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE MOST POPULAR DECLARATIONS ADMINISTERED WERE DECLARATION OF TRUE COPIES, APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, AND APPLICATION FOR HOUSING.

THE SERVICE, FREE OF CHARGE, IS AVAILABLE AT ALL PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CANNOT PRODUCE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTARY PROOF TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIMS OR TO SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR ANY TYPE OF DOCUMENTS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS CAN MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE,+ A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID.

/+A DECLARATION

+A DECLARATION CAN BE MADE, TAKEN OR RECEIVED IN EITHER ENGLISH OR CHINESE,+ HE ADDED.

+ALL A DECLARANT HAS TO DO IS COMPLETE THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT IN A SPECIFIED DECLARATION FORM WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT ALL PESC'S,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AFTER FILLING THE FORM, THE DECLARANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO SWEAR AN OATH BEFORE A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.+

+THE ONLY DOCUMENT REQUIRED IS THE DECLARANT'S IDENTITY CARD OR EQUIVALENT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS.+

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SEEK ADVICE OR OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY GO TO ANY OF THE 65 PESC'S OR CONTACT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON (TEL.: 3-692255).

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INSIDER DEALING REPORT PUBLISHED
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO POSSIBLE CULPABLE INSIDER DEALING IN RELATION TO THE ORDINARY SHARES OF INTERNATIONAL CITY HOLDINGS LIMITED AND RELATED COMPANIES BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1984 AND JUNE 30, 1984 HAS PUBLISHED ITS REPORT.

THE REPORT, IN TWO VOLUMES, IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$60 EACH SET AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL.

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FINAL CHANCE TO PLANT TREE SEEDLINGS
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SUNDAY (APRIL 27) WILL BE THE LAST CHANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PART IN THE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD GO TO THE SIX DESIGNATED PLANTING SITES WHERE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM TO PROVIDE TREE SEEDLINGS.

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THE SITES ARE NEAR THE TWISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK; CHUEN LUNG IN TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARK; PAK TAM CHUNG IN SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK; MUI WO NEAR THE FERRY PIER; POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARK NEAR CHI FU FA YUEN; AND AT A PICNIC SITE NEAR MOUNT BUTLER INSIDE QUARRY BAY COUNTRY PARK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID ENTHUSIASTIC PUBLIC SUPPORT HAD MADE THIS YEAR'S TREE PLANTING SCHEME A BIG SUCCESS.

+SINCE ITS LAUNCHING LATE LAST MONTH, MORE THAN 12 200 PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PLANTING 14 200 TREES, MORE THAN DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S RECORD OF 7 000 TREES PLANTED BY 6 700 PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

AMONG THEM WERE 5 300 PEOPLE IN 100 GROUPS. MOST WERE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND MEMBERS OF VOLUNTARY GROUPS AS WELL AS HIKER GROUPS.

+ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF SEEDLINGS PLANTED SO FAR IS QUITE DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE TREES DAMAGED BY FIRE EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION GIVES A POSITIVE INDICATION OF MORE PUBLIC CONCERN FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS WAS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING. +THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED SO MANY REQUESTS THAT WE HAVE HAD TO EXTEND THE PLANTING PERIOD FOR ORGANISED GROUPS TO EARLY MAY SO AS TO ACCOMMODATE ANOTHER 37 GROUPS OF 3 000 PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR WOULD PROBABLY EVENTUALLY EXCEED 17 000, HE ADDED.

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YOUTH GROUPS GIVEN REMINDER ON GRANTS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED YOUTH GROUPS PLANNING INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS THAT THEY CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE +OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME+ (OYS).

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND DETAILED PROJECT PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL WORK OFFICES (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) BEFORE MAY 15.

THE OYS OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TO BROADEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE AND TO ACHIEVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY. IT ENABLES YOUNG PEOPLE TO CARRY OUT PROJECTS WHICH ARE CONDUCIVE TO PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.

MAXIMUM SUBSIDY FOR AN APPROVED PROJECT IS \$4 500.

EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25, AND SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY OR BUSINESS ORGANISATION.

GROUPS WITHOUT SPONSORS MAY ALSO APPLY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) OF THEIR DISTRICT.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS, EACH DISTRICT WILL SELECT ITS MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT WHICH WILL THEN COMPETE FOR THE HONG KONG 'BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME AWARD'.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA WILL INCLUDE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, EXTENT OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT, FEASIBILITY OF PROJECT, AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND INNOVATION.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY).

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SPEEDPOST EXTENDED TO 10 MORE CHINESE CITIES

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SPEEDPOST NETWORK TO CHINA WILL BE EXTENDED FROM NEXT THURSDAY (MAY 1) TO CHANGCHUN, CHENGDU, HAIKOU, LIANYUNGGANG, SHANTOU, TAIYUAN, XIAMEN, ZHANJIANG, ZHENGZHOU AND ZHUHAI.

THIS WILL INCREASE TO 31 THE NUMBER OF CITIES IN CHINA TO WHICH SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS AVAILABLE, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEEDPOST ITEMS ARE NOW ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO PEKING, CHANGSHA, DALIAN, FUZHOU, CANTON, HANGZHOU, HARBIN, HEFEI, NANJING, NANNING, QINGDAO, QINHUANGDAO, SHANGHAI, SHENYANG, SHIJIAZHANG, SHENZHEN, SUZHOU, TIANJIN, WUHAN, WUXI AND XIAN.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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OPEN DAY AT FIRE STATION
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE WORK OF A FIREMAN WHEN AN OPEN DAY IS HELD AT SAI WAN HO FIRE STATION ON SUNDAY (APRIL 27).

THE OPEN DAY WILL START AT 10 AM, AND THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE DEMONSTRATION.

MODERN FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT WILL BE ON SHOW AND A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION WILL DEPICT THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

VISITORS CAN ALSO WATCH A VIDEO FILM ABOUT DAILY LIFE AT THE STATION. THIS WAS PRODUCED BY STATION STAFF AND WILL BE SHOWN THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

THE SAI WAN HO FIRE STATION IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI CHEONG STREET AND WAI HANG STREET AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL 4 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPEN DAY AT SAI WAN HO FIRE STATION WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM. THE FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11.30 AM.

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FURNITURE, GIFTWARE FOR TUEN MUN ELDERLY
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TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO ELDERLY PEOPLE IN TUEN MUN WILL BE GIVEN NEW FURNITURE AND GIFTWARE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY ON MONDAY (APRIL 28) AT THE CASTLE PEAK BOYS' HOME.

THE ELDERLY, ALL ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND ARE MEMBERS OF THE YAN OI TONG WOO CHUNG MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE, WILL GET TEN CHAIRS AND FIVE TABLES, 30 PIECES OF CRAFTINGS AND 200 PIECES OF LEATHER WALLETS. THE FURNITURE ALONE WILL BE GIVEN TO 12 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN NEED.

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MOST OF THE BOYS IN THE HOME, AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 16, ARE INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE FURNITURE AND GIFTWARE HAVING TAKEN CARPENTRY AND FINE ARTS TRAINING RECENTLY.

THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR ALFRED CHUI, AND DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR CHAN CHE-HIM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR DRAGON BOAT RACE STAND
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SCAFFOLD SPECTATOR STAND AND A COMMAND POST FOR THE TUEN MUN DRAGON BOAT RACES TO BE HELD ON JUNE 11.

THIS YEAR, DRAGON BOAT RACES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE HELD IN THE CASTLE PEAK BAY TYPHOON SHELTER NEAR WU KING ESTATE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 3 (SATURDAY), AND ANYONE INTERESTED CAN CONTACT MISS VICKY HO (O-4513043), OR MR MICHAEL LAM (O-4513048) OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

TO FACILITATE TENDERERS, A SITE VISIT WILL BE ARRANGED AT 10.30 AM ON APRIL 29 (TUESDAY). INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NAMES BEFOREHAND AND ASSEMBLE AT THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE IN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AT THE ARRANGED TIME.

THE TUEN MUN DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF MEDIUM DRAGON BOATS AND PHOENIX BOATS FROM THEIR STORAGE PLACE TO AND FROM THE RACE AREA. THE CONTRACTOR SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE MANPOWER TO SAFEGUARD THE BOATS AND UNDERTAKE THE PREPARATION OF RACE ROUTES.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO MR CHAN HON-CHUNG (O-4513047), AND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NOON ON MAY 6 (TUESDAY).

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ANOTHER FOOTBRIDGE PROPOSED FOR SHA TIN
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A FOOTBRIDGE IS TO BE BUILT OVER TAI PO ROAD IN SHA TIN, LINKING FO TAN RAILWAY STATION WITH THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

IT WILL BE 170 METRES LONG, TWO METRES WIDE AND COVERED. THE PROJECT INCLUDES A STAIRCASE AND A 100-METRE-LONG RAMP ALONGSIDE FO TAN NULLAH.

IT WILL SHORTEN THE PRESENT 900 METRES LONG DETOUR BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES AND BENEFIT NOT ONLY THE PUBLIC BUT ALSO USERS OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE DESIGNED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR USE BY THE DISABLED.

THE INCREMENTAL LAUNCH METHOD WILL BE USED IN CONSTRUCTION AND INVOLVES CASTING SECTIONS OF THE FOOTBRIDGE IN A FABRICATING YARD AND PUSHING THE DECK OVER SUPPORTING COLUMNS TO CROSS TAI PO ROAD. THIS WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED TO CLOSE ANY PART OF THE ROAD TO TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION.

OBJECTORS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, 20TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY JUNE 24.

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PROPERTY IN WAN CHAI TO LET
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS TO LET BY TENDER THE GROUND FLOOR AND COCKLOFT OF A BUILDING AT NO. 12, LI CHIT STREET IN WAN CHAI.

THE AREA TO BE LET, MEASURING ABOUT 12.5 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY. DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 23.

TENDER FORM, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PREMISES WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON ON APRIL 28 AND MAY 5.

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CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE SOUGHT
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING CLOSURE OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OF FLAT A, SIXTH FLOOR, 40 BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON, TO ENABLE DEMOLITION.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN FEBRUARY 1985, REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE AS A RESULT OF THE OWNER'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MAY 28, 1986, WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS GRANTED.

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VIOLINIST TO GIVE MASTERCLASS
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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL PRESENT A VIOLIN MASTERCLASS BY RENOWNED MUSICIAN, MR AARON ROSAND, ON SUNDAY (APRIL 27) FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM AT THE SHA TIN MUSIC CENTRE.

MR ROSAND, HEAD OF THE VIOLIN DEPARTMENT AT CURTIS INSTITUTE IN PHILADELPHIA, HAS GIVEN NUMEROUS CONCERTS IN BOTH EUROPE AND AMERICA.

HE IS NOW ON HIS FOURTH TOUR TO THE FAR EAST, AND WILL ALSO GIVE MASTERCLASSES IN JAPAN, TAIWAN AND KOREA.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR ROSAND, FOUR MEMBERS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY WORKS BY BACH, BEETHOVEN, MOZART AND KREISLER AT THE MASTERCLASS. ADMISSION IS FREE.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 0-6065731.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON FOR THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL.

IN YUEN LONG, FROM 7 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 30) TO 10 PM ON MAY 2, THE NORTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD FROM TAI KEI LENG TO TAI SHU HA WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND; AND THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

FROM 9.30 AM ON MAY 1 UNTIL THE PROCESSION IN CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVAL IS COMPLETED, FUNG KAM STREET, FUNG YAU STREET SOUTH, FUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN FUNG KAM STREET AND HOP YICK ROAD AND HOP YICK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY, TAI TONG ROAD BETWEEN KAU YUK ROAD AND FRASER VILLAGE, KAU YUK ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD, MA TIN ROAD, AND THE UNNAMED NULLAH-BUND ROAD (MA TIN TSUEN TO LUNG TIN TSUEN) WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC UNTIL THE PROCESSION IS COMPLETED.

FROM 9.30 AM ON MAY 1 UNTIL THE PROCESSION IS COMPLETED, BUS ROUTE 56 WILL OPERATE ON A SHORT-WORKING ROUTE FROM WONG NAI TUN VIA TAI TONG ROAD TO FRASER VILLAGE WHERE A TEMPORARY STOP WILL BE PROVIDED.

AT THE SAME TIME, NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 31 AND 32 NOW TERMINATING IN HONG KING STREET WILL TERMINATE IN FOOK TAK STREET. YUEN LONG BOUND JOURNEYS WILL BE DIVERTED TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUNG LOK STREET, SAU FU STREET, FOOK HONG STREET AND FOOK TAK STREET.

JOURNEYS TO TONG YAN SAN TSUEN AND TAN KWAI TSUEN WILL OPERATE VIA FOOK TAK STREET, TUNG LOK STREET, ON NING ROAD, MA MIU ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

MEANWHILE, NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 39 WILL OPERATE ON A SHORT-WORKING ROUTE BETWEEN KUNG OM AND LUNG TIN TSUEN ALONG THE UNNAMED NULLAH-BUND ROAD WHERE A TEMPORARY STOP WILL BE PROVIDED.

FROM 8 AM ON MAY 1 UNTIL THE PROCESSION IS COMPLETED, CAR PARKS ON TAI YUK ROAD OUTSIDE YUEN LONG STADIUM AND ON MA TIN ROAD NEAR TAI YUK ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

MEANWHILE, ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN FUNG CHEUNG ROAD, KAU YUK ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD, MA TIN ROAD, TAI TONG ROAD BETWEEN KAU YUK ROAD AND FRASER VILLAGE, AND FOOK TAK STREET WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED.

IN TUEN MUN, BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5 PM ON MAY 1, TIN HAU ROAD SOUTH OF SAN HOP LANE, SAN ON STREET BETWEEN HING WONG STREET NEAR THE CAR PARK AND HUNG CHEUNG ROAD, AND HUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH SAN PING CIRCUIT AND TIN HAU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

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ALL PARKING SPACES ON SAN ON STREET CAR PARK AND HUNG CHEUNG ROAD CAR PARK WILL BE SUSPENDED AT THE SAME TIME.

IN KWUN TONG, FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM ON MAY 1, CHA KWO LING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WING FOOK STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 790 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. VEHICLES ON WAI YIP STREET HEADING FOR THE YAU TONG AREA WILL BE DIVERTED TO HOI YUEN ROAD, KWUN TONG ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

AS A RESULT OF THE ROAD CLOSURE, U-TURNING MOVEMENT FROM CHA KWO LING ROAD WESTBOUND ONTO CHA KWO LING ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE THE ANDERSON QUARRY LIMITED WILL BE PERMITTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND FOR ROUTE 23 OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 175-193 CHA KWO LING ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED. PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE APPROVED STOPPING PLACE IN FRONT OF THE SHELL OIL DEPOT ON WESTBOUND CHA KWO LING ROAD FOR BOARDING AND ALIGHTING.

IN ADDITION, ALL PARKING SPACES OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 135-173 CHA KWO LING ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND * * * * *

A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL, WESTERN AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 28). DETAILS ARE:

- * TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE SECTION OF MAN WA LANE BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE 24 HOURS DAILY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

- * VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM DES VOEUX ROAD WEST INTO EASTERN STREET FOR ROAD WORK. THE MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA QUEEN'S STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST OR WATER STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BEFORE REJOINING EASTERN STREET.

- * THE SECTION OF SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN HOLY CROSS PATH AND HOI NING STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN WESTERN ON THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS:

- * THE SECTION OF WATER STREET BETWEEN THIRD STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * VEHICLES ON THE SECTION OF WATER STREET BETWEEN THIRD STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, WHILE VEHICLES ON THE SECTION OF WATER STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.
- * NO VEHICLE ON QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO WATER STREET.
- * VEHICLES ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING INTO THE SECTION OF WATER STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

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YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN TRAFFIC CHANGES

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KIK YEUNG ROAD IN YUEN LONG BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE YUEN LONG (WEST) BUS TERMINUS WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 28) FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

AS A RESULT OF THE RE-ROUTEING, KMB ROUTES 54, 56, 61, 64K, 68M, 76K AND 77K WILL BE DIVERTED TO MA MIU ROAD, ON NING ROAD AND KIK YEUNG ROAD ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG (WEST) BUS TERMINUS. BUSES ON THESE ROUTES WILL NOT USE THE EXISTING BUS STOP OUTSIDE THE OLD KMB BUS DEPOT DURING THE RE-ROUTEING.

FROM MIDNIGHT ON THE SAME DAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, TSUEN KWAI STREET IN TSUEN WAN, BETWEEN TSUEN WAH STREET AND TSUEN FU STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

THE SAME MEASURE WILL BE REPEATED FROM MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY (APRIL 29) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO TSUEN WAH STREET AND TSUEN FU STREET.

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