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POLICE LOOKING INTO 'INCIDENTS'

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POLICE ARE NOW INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENTS INVOLVING REPORTERS WHICH OCCURRED IN LOCKHART ROAD, WAN CHAI ON JULY 2, 3 AND 4, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR J.R. HEYWOOD, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE INCIDENTS BY THE HON LYDIA DUNN AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR HEYWOOD SAID A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION WOULD TAKE SOME TIME, +BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED AND THE ALLEGATIONS AND COUNTER ALLEGATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE.+

IN ADDITION, THE COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS WING IS CARRYING OUT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE POLICE HANDLING OF THE INCIDENT.

+UNTIL ALL THESE INVESTIGATIONS AND ENQUIRIES ARE CONCLUDED, AND IT HAS BEEN DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE APPROPRIATE, IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER TO GIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION,+ HE SAID.

MR HEYWOOD SAID THE INCIDENTS AROSE FOLLOWING A RAID ON PREMISES IN LOCKHART ROAD BY THE POLICE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU, WHICH ATTRACTED A LARGE NUMBER OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

IN THE COURSE OF POLICE ENQUIRIES SOME 50-60 PERSONS, WHO WERE FOUND NOT TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE INVESTIGATION, WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES. AS THEY WERE LEAVING THE BUILDING AN ALTERCATION OCCURRED BETWEEN THEM AND A NUMBER OF REPORTERS. ORDER WAS RESTORED BUT 10 PERSONS LATER RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR MINOR INJURIES AT HOSPITAL, HE SAID.

THE SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE EVENING OF JULY 3, WHEN ANOTHER ALTERCATION TOOK PLACE AT THE SAME LOCATION. AS A RESULT, FIVE PERSONS LATER RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR MINOR INJURIES AT HOSPITAL.

+THIS INCIDENT HAD A SEQUEL LATER THE SAME EVENING; WHILST ENQUIRIES WERE BEING CONDUCTED AT THE WAN CHAI POLICE STATION A NUMBER OF PERSONS HAD TO BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE STATION,+ HE SAID.

A THIRD INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 4, WHEN A LARGE GROUP OF REPORTERS WENT TO THE WAN CHAI POLICE STATION AND ASKED FOR POLICE PROTECTION TO BE PROVIDED WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THE SCENE OF THE PREVIOUS INCIDENTS.

AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE POLICE THE REPORTERS WENT TO THE SCENE IN SMALL GROUPS AND TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS. A POLICE PRESENCE WAS PROVIDED AND IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT THIS WAS TO ENSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER BREACHES OF THE PEACE, HE SAID.

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EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, THE HON COLVYN HAYE, TODAY MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 WHICH PROPOSES TO GIVE EFFECT TO IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE WHITE PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE MORE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

MR HAYE SAID AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT UNDER THE WHITE PAPER PROPOSALS, ENTRY TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS WOULD AS AT PRESENT BE COMPULSORY FROM THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING THE CHILD'S REACHING THE AGE OF SIX, BUT WOULD BE PERMITTED FROM FIVE YEARS EIGHT MONTHS.

+THE CHANGE OF AGE OF ENTRY TO PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE INTRODUCED ADMINISTRATIVELY WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1983,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR HAYE ADDED THAT THE AGE OF ENTRY TO SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE FIVE YEARS.

+THIS IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM SYSTEM, IN WHICH PRIMARY EDUCATION IS FOR CHILDREN AGE FIVE TO 11-PLUS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

TO KEEP IN LINE WITH THE REDUCTION OF THE AGE OF ENTRY TO PRIMARY SCHOOL TO FIVE YEARS EIGHT MONTHS, MR HAYE SAID, THE BILL PROPOSES TO REDUCE THE LOWER AGE LIMIT OF FOUR YEARS IN THE DEFINITION OF KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION IN THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE TO THREE YEARS EIGHT MONTHS.

THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WHITE PAPER WHICH STATES THAT PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY BE DIVIDED AT THE AGE CORRESPONDING TO TWO YEARS BEFORE ENTRY TO PRIMARY SCHOOL, WITH CHILDREN BELOW THAT AGE ATTENDING CHILD CARE CENTRES AND THOSE ABOVE THAT AGE ATTENDING KINDERGARTENS REGISTERED UNDER A SUITABLY AMENDED EDUCATION ORDINANCE, MR HAYE NOTED.

MR HAYE STRESSED THAT THE KEY TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSALS SET OUT IN THE 1981 WHITE PAPER WAS CONSULTATION, PUBLICITY AND FLEXIBILITY.

+ALTHOUGH MY COLLEAGUE THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND I MYSELF HAVE BEEN AT PAINS TO STRESS THE FLEXIBILITY OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS, THERE IS STILL SOME UNEASE ON THE PART OF KINDERGARTEN OPERATORS. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REASSURE THEM,+ MR HAYE SAID.

HE SAID THE CHANGE IN THE DEFINITION OF THE LOWER AGE LIMIT FOR KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION FROM FOUR YEARS TO THREE YEARS EIGHT MONTHS WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER 1985.

/MR HAYE SAID .....

MR HAYE SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAD ADVISED KINDERGARTEN OPERATORS THAT THIS NEW LOWER AGE REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE INTRODUCED GRADUALLY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND 1985, HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE DECISION ON HOW TO INTRODUCE THIS NEW AGE CRITERION WAS UP TO THE OPERATORS THEMSELVES.

COMMENTING THAT SOME KINDERGARTEN OPERATORS HAD EXPRESSED UNEASE OVER THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS WHICH THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO MEET FROM 1985 ONWARDS IN RESPECT OF BABY CLASSES, MR HAYE NOTED: +IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF CONSULTATION AND FLEXIBILITY, TO WHICH I HAVE ALREADY REFERRED, I PROPOSE IN THE NEAR FUTURE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF KINDERGARTEN OPERATORS, WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING OUTSTANDING DIFFICULTIES AND FINALISING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BABY CLASSES, OR NURSERY CLASSES AS I SHOULD PREFER TO CALL THEM.+

MR HAYE SAID THE SECOND AMENDMENT ARISING FROM THE WHITE PAPER REFLECTED THE IMPORTANCE THAT WAS TO BE ATTACHED TO HAVING PROPERLY QUALIFIED PERSONS AS PRINCIPALS OF KINDERGARTENS.

THE WHITE PAPER STATES THAT IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT THE PRINCIPAL OF A KINDERGARTEN SHOULD ATTEND A TWO-YEAR KINDERGARTEN TEACHER TRAINING COURSE, UNLESS HE OR SHE POSSESSES A QUALIFICATION, FOLLOWING A COURSE OF STUDY CONTAINING A KINDERGARTEN TRAINING ELEMENT.

A SECTION OF THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE, WHICH ENABLES THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO REFUSE TO APPROVE A TEACHER AS THE PRINCIPAL OF A SCHOOL, WAS AMENDED BY THE BILL TO ENABLE HIM TO REFUSE APPROVAL, WHERE IN THE CASE OF A KINDERGARTEN, HE WAS NOT SATISFIED THAT THE TEACHER WAS APPROPRIATELY QUALIFIED TO BE THE PRINCIPAL.

ANOTHER SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH ALLOWS THE DIRECTOR TO WITHDRAW HIS APPROVAL, WAS SIMILARLY AMENDED BY THE BILL, HE ADDED.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO SAID THAT OTHER WHITE PAPER PROPOSALS CONCERNING KINDERGARTENS HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN EFFECT TO, BY AMENDMENTS TO EDUCATION REGULATIONS WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON JUNE 24.

THESE INCLUDE NEW PROVISIONS REGARDING SPACE REQUIREMENTS AND CLASS SIZE, TOGETHER WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTENS. +IT IS THE INTENTION THAT THESE NEW REQUIREMENTS WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER 1986,+ MR HAYE SAID.

MR HAYE SAID THE BILL FURTHER PROPOSED TO REQUIRE THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF A SCHOOL TO RECOMMEND AN ACTING SUPERVISOR FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WHEN THE SUPERVISOR WAS ABSENT FROM HONG KONG OR WAS ILL FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 28 DAYS.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL SET OUT IN THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OF A SCHOOL MANAGER, WHENEVER A SCHOOL HAS, FOR ANY REASON, NO MANAGER, MR HAYE SAID.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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## MOVE TO STOP DRUG SMUGGLING ON SHIPS

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AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON MARIA TAM, WARNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW AND LAPSED DRUG ADDICTS IF ACTION IS NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AGAINST THE SMUGGLING OF DANGEROUS DRUGS INTO HONG KONG.

SHE WAS SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL DURING ITS RESUMED DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE BILL SEEKS TO DETER TRAFFICKERS IN DANGEROUS DRUGS FROM USING SHIPS TO CARRY OUT THEIR NEFARIOUS TRADE AND TO IMPOSE FINANCIAL PENALTIES ON THE OWNER OF THE SHIP WHICH IS FOUND TO HAVE CARRIED EXCESSIVE QUANTITIES OF DRUGS ON TWO OCCASIONS WITHIN A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS.

CITING STATISTICS, MISS TAM POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A STEADY DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW DRUG ADDICTS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1976 AND DECEMBER 1979.

BUT THE NUMBER INCREASED FROM 38 700 TO OVER 42 000 IN 1981 AS A RESULT OF A GOOD HARVEST OF POPPIES IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AND AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF HEROIN BEING SMUGGLED INTO HONG KONG.

THE DROP IN THE WHOLESALE PRICE OF NO.3 HEROIN BY 60 PER CENT LAST YEAR ALSO CAUSED MANY OF THOSE ON METHADONE TREATMENT TO TAKE HEROIN AGAIN, SHE SAID.

MISS TAM SUGGESTED THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO HIT AT DRUG TRAFFICKING WAS BY DETECTION AND SEIZURE BOTH AT THE POINT OF ENTRY TO HONG KONG AND DURING ITS MANUFACTURE HERE.

+THE FIND, OR QUANTITY SEIZED, AT THIS STAGE IS USUALLY LARGE AND IT IS PREVENTED FROM REACHING THE HANDS OF THE ADDICTS IN THE REAR LANES, RED LIGHT DISTRICTS AND HOUSING ESTATES OF THE URBAN AREA, AND THE OLD ABANDONED VILLAGE HUTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE PREVENTION IS FAR BETTER THAN CURE AND WHILE IT IS NOW EASY TO MEDICALLY CURE A MAN OF DRUG ADDICTION, WE CAN NEVER BE CERTAIN OF HIS SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION.

+MANY OF THEM GO THROUGH CYCLES OF METHADONE TREATMENTS AND PERIODS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISION BY SOCIAL WORKERS, ONLY TO LAPSE INTO TAKING HEROIN WHENEVER THEY CAN AFFORD IT AND OBTAIN IT IN THE STREETS,+ SHE SAID.

EARLIER, THE HON PETER C. WONG, CONVENOR OF THE LEGISLATION SCRUTINY GROUP WHICH STUDIED THE BILL, SAID HIS GROUP AGREED THAT THE PROBLEMS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING IN HONG KONG MERITED FIRM AND SWIFT ACTION INVOLVING A DEGREE OF RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT.

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BUT THEY WERE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT OWNERS OF SHIPS, WHICH HAD BEEN FOUND CARRYING DRUGS IN THE 18 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE BILL, MIGHT NOT KNOW THAT THEIR VESSELS HAD BEEN SO INVOLVED AND MIGHT THEREFORE NOT BE AWARE THAT THEY WERE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO THE PAYMENT OF A SUBSTANTIAL PENALTY.

HOWEVER, MR WONG ADDED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED THAT UPON THE ENACTMENT OF THE BILL, STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO INFORM ALL SUCH OWNERS THAT DRUGS HAD BEEN FOUND ON THEIR SHIPS DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION AND THAT THIS CONSTITUTED THE FIRST OFFENCE IN TERMS OF THE NEW MEASURES.

IN REPLY, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON J.R. HEYWOOD, SAID, +IT IS CERTAINLY MOST REASONABLE THAT ANY SHIP OWNER WHO IS RENDERED VULNERABLE TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS BILL BY VIRTUE OF A FIRST SEIZURE OF AN EXCESSIVE QUANTITY OF DANGEROUS DRUGS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THIS FACT.+

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ISSUE WRITTEN WARNINGS TO SHIP OWNERS OF ALL SUCH SEIZURES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO ISSUE THEM IN RESPECT OF ALL SUCH SEIZURES IN THE FUTURE.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS INTENDED NOT TO BRING THE BILL INTO OPERATION UNTIL SIX MONTHS AFTER ITS ENACTMENT.

+THUS, ALL OWNERS OF SHIPS FOUND TO BE CARRYING EXCESSIVE QUANTITIES OF DANGEROUS DRUGS EIGHTEEN MONTHS BEFORE THE OPERATION OF THIS NEW LEGISLATION WILL HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN WARNING,+ HE SAID.

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BILL REDEFINES AGE STRUCTURE FOR CHILD CARE CENTRES  
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THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 IS TO REDEFINE THE AGE STRUCTURE OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SUCH CENTRES AND TO CONTROL THE FEES CHARGED, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, THE HON ANSON CHAN, EXPLAINED AT TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL, MRS CHAN NOTED THAT THE 1981 WHITE PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES RECOMMENDED THAT, IN FUTURE, CHILD CARE CENTRES SHOULD CATER MAINLY FOR CHILDREN FROM TWO TO THREE YEARS OLD WHILE CHILDREN BETWEEN FOUR AND FIVE WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR IN KINDERGARTENS REGISTERED UNDER THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE.

+THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THESE RECOMMENDATIONS IS THAT VERY YOUNG CHILDREN OF TWO OR THREE REQUIRE A MORE CARE-ORIENTED APPROACH OFFERED BY CHILD CARE CENTRES WHEREAS OLDER CHILDREN OF FOUR OR FIVE ARE BETTER ABLE TO PROFIT FROM A MORE STRUCTURED APPROACH TO EDUCATION,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

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THE BILL PROVIDES POWERS TO ENACT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CLASSES OR TYPES OF CHILD CARE CENTRES AND THE AGE LIMITS OF CHILDREN TO BE ADMITTED.

BUT MRS CHAN STRESSED THAT SUCH REGULATIONS WOULD NOT BE ENACTED +UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED THAT ADEQUATE PROVISION IS AVAILABLE IN FULL-DAY KINDERGARTENS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FOUR- AND-FIVE-YEAR OLD CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE FULL-DAY CARE AND SUPERVISION.+

+ACCORDINGLY, CHILD CARE CENTRES WILL CONTINUE, FOR THE TIME BEING, TO ADMIT CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF FIVE YEARS EIGHT MONTHS WHEN THEY WILL ENTER PRIMARY SCHOOL,+ SHE ADDED.

ON CONTROL OF FEES, WHICH THE BILL INVESTS IN THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS CHAN EXPLAINED THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS TO ENSURE REASONABLE CHARGES AS CHILD CARE CENTRES CATERED MOSTLY TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

THE BILL ALSO STATES THAT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIX WHO ARE MEMBERS OF FAMILIES ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN PREMISES ARE TO BE COUNTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE PREMISES ARE A CHILD CARE CENTRE AS DEFINED BY THE ORDINANCE.

THE BILL AUTHORIZES THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE OR AN INSPECTOR OR MEDICAL OFFICER TO ENTER AND INSPECT ANY CHILD CARE CENTRES OR ANY PREMISES SUSPECTED TO BE A CHILD CARE CENTRE.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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#### SEPTEMBER OPENING FOR SECOND ABERDEEN TUBE

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THE SECOND TUBE OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR N.K. CHAN, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON SELINA CHOW, HE SAID THAT THE TUBE WOULD BE OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC CONCURRENT WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE FIRST TUBE TO PERMIT FURTHER WORK RELATED TO THE ELECTRONIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE LATTER.

+ONCE THESE FURTHER WORKS ARE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED, BOTH TUBES WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC WITH ONE-WAY OPERATION IN EACH TUBE,+ HE SAID.

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SAME PRIVILEGES SOUGHT FOR CUHK

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.F. LAM, HAS PROPOSED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE WHICH WILL ENABLE THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO ENJOY THE SAME PRIVILEGES AS THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, DR LAM SAID THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE BILL, MEMBERSHIP OF THE HONG KONG MEDICAL COUNCIL WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

IN ADDITION, THE BILL WILL ENABLE THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF EXPERIENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, SAID DR LAM, IT WILL ALLOW DOCTORS WORKING FULL-TIME IN THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY TO BE DEEMED REGISTERED AND WILL ALSO EXEMPT ITS STAFF FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO PAY REGISTRATION FEES.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT BILL, RECOGNITION IS MADE OF THE ROLE OF SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AS PART OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR, AND DOCTORS EMPLOYED IN THESE INSTITUTIONS WILL ACCORDINGLY BE GRANTED EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO PAY REGISTRATION FEES IN THE SAME WAY AS THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

DR LAM SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONSULT FURTHER WITH THE MEDICAL COUNCIL ON THE QUESTION OF DISCRETION TO RECOGNISE CERTAIN FOREIGN MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

FOLLOWING THIS CONSULTATION, HE SAID, IT IS PROPOSED TO INTRODUCE SUITABLE LEGISLATION IN THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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SOLICITORS MAY NOW SIT AS SUPREME COURT JUDGES

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SOLICITORS IN CROWN SERVICE WITH TEN YEARS' RELEVANT EXPERIENCE WILL NOW BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AS SUPREME COURT JUDGES.

A BILL TO THIS EFFECT WAS PASSED INTO LAW BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

THE HON PETER C. WONG, CONVENOR OF THE LEGISLATION SCRUTINY GROUP OF UNOFFICIALS, SAID DURING THE DEBATE ON THE SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, THAT IT WAS +A DEPARTURE FROM THE LONG STANDING PRACTICE THAT ONLY BARRISTERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH APPOINTMENT+.

HE SAID REPRESENTATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG WHICH CONTENDED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE BILL WOULD IN EFFECT CREATE A CLASS OF SOLICITORS WHO BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE CROWN, BUT NOT NECESSARILY AS ADVOCATES, WERE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT WHILE THE REST OF THE SOLICITORS WERE NOT.

THE BAR COMMITTEE, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONCEDED THAT THE MAIN PROVISION OF THE BILL WAS A MEASURE WHICH WOULD BETTER SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND HENCE AGREED TO THIS MINOR CONCESSION.

WHILE SYMPATHETIC TO THE REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE LAW SOCIETY, MR WONG SAID HIS GROUP FELT THAT ON BALANCE IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CONCESSION BE EXTENDED TO SOLICITORS GENERALLY.

+IDEALLY, AN APPOINTMENT SHOULD GO TO THE PERSON BEST SUITED FOR THE JOB, BUT THE APPOINTMENTS UNDER DISCUSSION HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF THE TRADITIONAL DIVISION OF WORK BETWEEN THE TWO BRANCHES OF THE PROFESSION.

+THE SYSTEM HAS WORKED WELL AND IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE PROFESSION OR OF THE PUBLIC TO ROCK THE BOAT.+

MR WONG NOTED THAT SOLICITORS ASPIRING TO THE SUPREME COURT JUDGES COULD JOIN CROWN SERVICE OR TAKE STEPS TO BECOME BARRISTERS.

+THE AVENUES TO THE FULFILMENT OF THEIR ASPIRATIONS REMAIN OPEN,+ HE ADDED.

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STEP TO CLARIFY QUALIFICATION OF ARTICLED CLERKS  
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A BILL WHICH WILL ALSO REDEFINE THE EXPRESSION +ARTICLES+, IN THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR AN ARTICLED CLERK TO BE APPRENTICED TO A SOLICITOR ADMITTED AS SUCH IN HONG KONG, WAS INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TODAY.

SPEAKING ON THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, THE ACTING LAW DRAFTSMAN, THE HON J. J. O'GRADY EXPLAINED THAT UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE, A PERSON CAN BECOME QUALIFIED FOR ADMISSION AS A SOLICITOR BY SERVING UNDER ARTICLES OF CLERKSHIP IN HONG KONG WITH A PRACTISING SOLICITOR.

SERVICE UNDER ARTICLES IN HONG KONG IS GOVERNED BY THE ARTICLED CLERKS RULES MADE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LAW SOCIETY UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

RULE 6(3) OF THE RULES SAYS THAT A PERSON WISHING TO BECOME A SOLICITOR MAY SERVE UNDER ARTICLES WITH A PERSON EMPLOYED IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT OR THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT, IF THAT PERSON IS A SOLICITOR OR IS A PERSON QUALIFIED FOR ADMISSION AS A SOLICITOR IN HONG KONG.

THE OBJECT OF THE RULE, MR O'GRADY SAID, IS CLEARLY TO ENABLE ARTICLED CLERKS TO SERVE THEIR APPRENTICESHIPS WITH LAWYERS EMPLOYED IN THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHO, THOUGH THEY ARE NOT ACTUALLY ADMITTED AS SOLICITORS IN HONG KONG, HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

+HOWEVER, THE QUESTION HAS RECENTLY BEEN RAISED WHETHER THE RULE IS VALID, PRINCIPALLY ON THE GROUND THAT, WHILE THE COUNCIL OF THE LAW SOCIETY IS EMPOWERED TO REGULATE ARTICLED CLERKS, BOTH AS RESPECTS ARTICLES AND EXAMINATIONS, THE ORDINANCE WOULD APPEAR TO REQUIRE THAT ARTICLES MUST ALWAYS BE SERVED WITH A PRACTISING SOLICITOR, AND NOT MERELY WITH SOMEONE WHO IS A PERSON QUALIFIED FOR ADMISSION AS A SOLICITOR.

+THIS VIEW OF THE LAW, IF IT IS CORRECT, CLEARLY HOLDS THE GRAVEST IMPLICATIONS FOR THOSE IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED,+ MR O'GRADY SAID.

FOR THAT REASON IT IS PROPOSED IN THE BILL TO REMOVE ANY QUESTION OF DOUBT AS TO THE VALIDITY OF THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS AND TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS MIGHT OTHERWISE BE IN DOUBT WILL HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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HEAVY TOLL FROM LUNG CANCER

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LUNG CANCER HAS TAKEN A HEAVY TOLL IN HONG KONG OVER THE LAST 12 YEARS, WITH THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS RISING BY 132 PER CENT FROM 786 IN 1970 TO 1 826 LAST YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE HON ERIC HO DISCLOSED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+EVEN ALLOWING FOR OUR INCREASE IN POPULATION, LUNG CANCER DEATHS PER 100 000 POPULATION ROSE FROM 19.9 IN 1970 TO 35.4 IN 1981, AN INCREASE OF 78 PER CENT,+ MR HO WARNED IN MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) BILL 1982 AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HE SAID WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION STUDIES SHOWED THAT IN COMMUNITIES WHERE SMOKING WAS WIDESPREAD, THE HABIT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR 90 PER CENT OF LUNG CANCER DEATHS, 75 PER CENT OF BRONCHITIS DEATHS, AND 25 PER CENT OF ISCHAEMIC HEART DEATHS.

+IN ACTUARIAL TERMS, THE RISK OF A SMOKER DYING BEFORE THE AGE OF 65 IS ONE AND A HALF TIMES TO TWICE AS GREAT AS FOR A NON-SMOKER.

+ALL THESE FACTORS POINT TO SMOKING AS THE MAJOR PREVENTABLE CAUSE OF MORTALITY AND ILL HEALTH,+ HE SAID.

ON THE RISKS OF +PASSIVE SMOKING+, MR HO NOTED THAT MEDICAL STUDIES HAD INDICATED THAT SMALL BABIES HAD A HIGHER RISK OF PNEUMONIA AND BRONCHITIS WHEN THEIR PARENTS WERE SMOKERS.

THE STUDIES ALSO SHOWED THAT MANY PEOPLE WITH ASTHMA, ALLERGIES OR CHEST COMPLAINTS SUFFERED ACUTE DISCOMFORT FROM PIPE, CIGAR OR CIGARETTE SMOKE.

THE MAJORITY OF NON-SMOKERS IN HONG KONG -- ABOUT FOUR-FIFTHS OF ITS POPULATION -- FOUND SMOKE-LADEN ATMOSPHERE UNPLEASANT, MR HO POINTED OUT.

A PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY IN HONG KONG COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1981 INDICATED THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE WHO EXPRESSED A VIEW FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACT TO PROTECT NON-SMOKERS' INTERESTS.

+IN ADDITION, THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR HEALTH WARNINGS ON CIGARETTE PACKETS AND ADVERTISEMENTS, FOR THE BANNING OF SMOKING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES AND FOR FURTHER CONTROLS ON CIGARETTE ADVERTISING ON TELEVISION,+ MR HO SAID.

+THE BILL BEFORE COUNCIL IS A PACKAGE OF THESE MEASURES WHICH I BELIEVE WILL PROVE EFFECTIVE,+ HE SAID.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

NOISE COMPLAINTS HANDLED BY POLICE

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS OF EXCESSIVE NOISE RESTS PRIMARILY WITH THE POLICE, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE HON DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM THE HON ANDREW SO ABOUT NOISE POLLUTION, MR AKERS-JONES SAID THAT THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION NOISE, AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT AIR CONDITIONING NOISE.

FOR THE MOST PART, HE SAID, CONTROL OVER EXCESSIVE NOISE IS EFFECTED UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE. THIS PROVIDES THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO MAKE, OR TO CAUSE OR PERMIT TO BE MADE, ANY NOISE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11 PM AND 6 AM WHICH IS CALCULATED TO DISTURB OR ANNOY. IT ALSO PROHIBITS THE USE BETWEEN 7 PM AND 7 AM AS WELL AS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, OF ANY POWERED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PERMIT WHICH MAY BE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT.

THE ORDINANCE FURTHER SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITS ANY PILING WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BETWEEN 7 PM AND 7 AM AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS UNLESS SPECIAL EXEMPTION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE ALSO SPECIAL CONTROLS ON NOISE FROM VENTILATION SYSTEM SUCH AS THOSE ARISING FROM AIR CONDITIONING PLANT AND EQUIPMENT.

NOISE WITHIN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, THIS IS CONTROLLED BY THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR, IT WILL BE A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE, AND FOR WORKERS TO WEAR, MUFFLERS WHEN NOISE LEVELS WITHIN A WORKPLACE EXCEED LEVELS LAID DOWN IN PUBLISHED GUIDELINES.

HE ADDED THAT A MORE COMPREHENSIVE NOISE CONTROL BILL HAS BEEN PROPOSED, BUT THIS WILL TAKE UNTIL ABOUT 1984 TO PREPARE.

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FIVE BILLS PASSED AT LEGCO

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FIVE BILLS WERE PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THEY ARE: THE SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1982, THE URBAN COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION) BILL 1982, THE CROWN LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, THE EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 AND THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1982.

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WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON KING'S ROAD TO BENEFIT DURING NEXT STAGE  
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WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BENEFIT WHEN THE NEXT STAGE OF THE NEW KING'S ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IS COMPLETED, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON ALAN SCOTT, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE NEXT STAGE WILL INVOLVE THE RELOCATION OF TRAM TRACKS BETWEEN WING HING STREET AND JAVA ROAD, AND WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED EXTRA ROAD SPACE FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC, MR SCOTT SAID.

WORK ON THIS WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

MR SCOTT POINTED OUT THAT THE FLOW OF EASTBOUND TRAFFIC, PARTICULARLY BUSES, HAS BEEN IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SCHEME WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON JULY 2.

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON F.K. HU IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY IMPROVEMENT IN WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FLOW ON KING'S ROAD UNDER THE SCHEME.

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BILL TO REMOVE DOUBT ABOUT TV LICENCES  
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THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, INTENDED TO REMOVE DOUBTS RELATING TO THE VALIDITY OF CERTAIN LICENCES GRANTED BY THE TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY, WAS READ A SECOND TIME AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE HON D.G. JEAFFRESON.

EXPLAINING THE BILL, MR JEAFFRESON NOTED THAT IN 1973, THE TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATIONS WERE AMENDED WITH THE INTENTION OF EMPOWERING THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT BROADCAST RELAY STATION AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION LICENCES.

HOWEVER, THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATIONS (DEALING WITH LICENCES) WAS NOT AMENDED TO INCLUDE THESE LICENCES, THEREBY RAISING DOUBTS AS TO THE LEGAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AMENDMENTS, HE SAID.

+TO REMOVE ANY DOUBTS, THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 VALIDATES ANY SUCH LICENCES THAT THE AUTHORITY HAS GRANTED.

+THE OMISSION OF THESE TWO CLASSES OF LICENCES FROM THE FIRST SCHEDULE HAS BEEN RECTIFIED BY THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1982,+ MR JEAFFRESON SAID.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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NO CHANGE IN RETIREMENT SCHEME POLICY

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SELF-ADMINISTERED NON-FUNDED RETIREMENT SCHEMES IN WHICH FUNDS ARE HELD BY EMPLOYERS IN THEIR OWN BUSINESS MIGHT NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR WORKERS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON JOHN BREMRIDGE SAID TODAY.

THE WORKERS COULD HAVE NO ASSURANCE THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE FULL RETIREMENT BENEFITS WHERE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE EMPLOYER'S BUSINESS ENCOUNTERED FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OR WAS LIQUIDATED, HE SAID, REPLYING TO QUESTIONS BY THE HON ANDREW SO IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+THE STAND TAKEN BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE IN REFUSING APPROVAL OF SELF-ADMINISTERED RETIREMENT SCHEMES, WHERE FUNDS ARE INVESTED BY EMPLOYERS IN THEIR OWN BUSINESS, WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED,+ HE SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER'S STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF WORKERS WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE INLAND REVENUE (RETIREMENT SCHEME) RULES OUTWEIGHS EMPLOYERS' WISHES TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL CASH FLOWS, HOWEVER REASONABLE PRIMA FACIE, MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

MR BREMRIDGE STRESSED THAT THE RULES GOVERNING THE APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT SCHEMES ENSURED THAT THEY WERE PROPERLY CONSTITUTED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE EMPLOYERS AND ENCOURAGED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH SCHEMES BY GRANTING TAX ADVANTAGES TO EMPLOYEES, AND INCIDENTALLY TO EMPLOYERS.

+I AM SATISFIED THAT THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE APPROPRIATE AND DO NOT REQUIRE REVISION,+ HE SAID.

THE NUMBER OF TAX RELIEF APPLICATIONS FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED IN 1978-79, 1979-80 AND 1980-81 WERE 377, 319 AND 323 AND APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO 360, 305 AND 304 APPLICATIONS RESPECTIVELY, HE SAID.

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REGISTRATION LIMIT ON TAXIS EXTENDED

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THE PERIOD LIMITING THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH MAY BE REGISTERED AS URBAN OR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JANUARY 31, 1983.

MOVING THE MOTION AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON ALAN SCOTT, SAID THIS WOULD PERMIT URBAN TAXI LICENCES TO CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED AT THE RATE OF 100 PER MONTH AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES AT THE RATE OF 50 PER MONTH.

THE CURRENT SPECIFIED MAXIMUM NUMBER IS 12 000 FOR URBAN TAXIS AND 3 000 FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS.

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ACTION TAKEN AGAINST OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THERE WAS ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE POWERS AT ITS DISPOSAL UNDER THE OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS ORDINANCE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON JOHN GRIFFITHS, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS BY THE HON WONG LAM, MR GRIFFITHS SAID THAT NORMALLY BOTH A PUBLISHER AND AN EDITOR, WERE PROSECUTED, AND OCCASIONALLY A PRINTER TOO.

HE SAID: +IN 1975 THERE WERE SIX PROSECUTIONS, ALL SUCCESSFUL. IN 1976 NO PROSECUTIONS. IN 1977, FIVE - ALL SUCCESSFUL. IN 1978 FOUR, ALL SUCCESSFUL. IN 1979, 57, OF WHICH 55 WERE SUCCESSFUL. IN 1980 THERE WERE 60 OF WHICH 58 WERE SUCCESSFUL.

+IN 1981 THERE WERE 104 OF WHICH 99 WERE SUCCESSFUL AND THREE ARE STILL PENDING. IN 1982 THERE HAVE BEEN 60 TO DATE.

+THE MAXIMUM PENALTY HAS NEVER BEEN IMPOSED.+

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BILL TO FACILITATE LEVY ASSESSMENT

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THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 IS TO FACILITATE THE ASSESSMENT OF TRAINING LEVIES ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, THE HON C.H. HAYE, SAID AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY ASSESSES LEVIES ON THE BASIS OF NOTIFICATIONS GIVEN BY CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORISED PERSONS ABOUT THE VALUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONCERNED, MR HAYE SAID IN MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL.

SUCH NOTIFICATIONS ARE GIVEN IN FORMS PRESCRIBED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

+AS THESE FORMS NEED AMENDMENTS FROM TIME TO TIME TO REFLECT CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES, THE AUTHORITY HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE POWER TO SPECIFY THE FORMS SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE AUTHORITY.

+THIS WILL OBTVIATE THE NEED TO TROUBLE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL EVERY TIME THE NEED TO AMEND THE FORMS ARISES,+ MR HAYE EXPLAINED.

DEBATE ON THE MOTION WAS ADJOURNED.

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UC BY-ELECTION DEFERRED

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A BILL PROVIDING THAT NO EXTRAORDINARY BY-ELECTION NEED BE HELD TILL JANUARY 1, NEXT YEAR TO FILL A VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED MEMBER IN THE URBAN COUNCIL WAS APPROVED IN ONE SESSION AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED FOLLOWING THE RECENT DEATH OF MR AMBROSE CHOI, ELECTED MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE HON DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS (PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS, IT IS MANDATORY THAT AN ELECTION BE HELD ON OR AFTER AUGUST 12 TO FILL THE VACANCY. BUT THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD REQUESTED THE GOVERNMENT NOT TO HOLD A BY-ELECTION, TO AVOID CONFUSING THE PUBLIC, AS DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ARE TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER.

IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE AMENDING LEGISLATION BE ENACTED ON OR BEFORE JULY 16, AND HE HAD THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT ALL THREE READINGS BE TAKEN AT THE SESSION, HE SAID.

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STEP TAKEN TO STOP TRAVEL TICKET TOUTING

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A BILL SEEKING TO MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR ANY PERSON TO SELL A TRAVEL TICKET OR VOUCHER IN A PUBLIC PLACE AT A PRICE EXCEEDING THE AUTHORISED PRICE, WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON J.R. HEYWOOD.

IN MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, MR HEYWOOD EXPLAINED THAT UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, THE POLICE CAN ONLY TAKE ACTION AGAINST THOSE TICKET TOUTS WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE +TO THE ANNOYANCE OF OR IN A MANNER LIKELY TO ANNOY ANY OTHER PERSON+.

+IN THE PAST, IT HAS BEEN COMPARATIVELY RARE FOR SUCH COMPLAINTS TO BE MADE TO THE POLICE BECAUSE IN MOST CASES THE PERSON DIRECTLY IMPORTUNED WAS PERFORCE WILLING, OR EAGER, TO BUY THE TICKET OFFERED,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, STATISTICS ON RECENT PROSECUTIONS INDICATE THAT THE PROBLEM IS GROWING, MAINLY IN THE ORGANISED SCALPING OF TICKETS FOR HONG KONG/MACAU FERRIES, HYDROFOILS AND JETFOILS USUALLY NEAR THE MACAU FERRY WHARF.

MR HEYWOOD SAID THAT THE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE ALREADY PROHIBITS SCALPING OF TICKETS FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT.

SIMILAR PROVISION, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE MADE IN THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE RESALE OF TRAVEL TICKETS FOR ALL MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AT A PROFIT IN PUBLIC PLACES.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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MOVE TO LIMIT CIVIL LIABILITY OF LICENSED PILOTS

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A BILL SEEKING TO LIMIT THE CIVIL LIABILITY OF A LICENSED PILOT FOR NEGLIGENCE OR LACK OF SKILL IN NAVIGATION TO THE SUM OF \$1 000 AND THE AMOUNT OF THE PILOTAGE DUES, WAS READ A SECOND TIME IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE HON D.G. JEAFFRESON.

IN MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE PILOTAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THAT IN RECENT YEARS, THE HIGH LIABILITY OF A PILOT IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT HAD AROUSED CONCERN AMONG LOCAL PILOTS.

+THIS MAY HAMPER THE HONG KONG PILOTS ASSOCIATION'S EFFORTS TO TRAIN UP SUFFICIENT PILOTS TO MAKE COMPULSORY PILOTAGE PRACTICABLE,+ HE SAID.

BY LIMITING PILOTS' LIABILITY, ONE OBSTACLE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY PILOTAGE IN HONG KONG IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD BE REMOVED, HE SAID.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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GUARANTEE FOR MTR LOAN

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) APPROVED A GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION TO COVER THE REPAYMENT OF A \$576-MILLION LOAN.

THE SUM BORROWED UNDER THIS GUARANTEE WILL BE USED TO FINANCE THE ISLAND LINE CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHEUNG WAN STATION, ITS EAST AND CENTRE CONCOURSES AND ITS OVERRUN TUNNEL, INCLUDING THE CROSSOVER.

THIS BRINGS THE GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL GUARANTEE COMMITMENT IN RESPECT OF THE OUTSTANDING LOANS AVAILABLE TO THE MTR CORPORATION TO \$8 613 MILLION.

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90 HOLIDAYS A YEAR FOR THESE TEACHERS

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THERE IS NO SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HOLIDAYS TO WHICH TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS ARE LEGALLY ENTITLED DURING THE SCHOOL SUMMER VACATION PERIOD, THE HON COLVYN HAYE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

+TEACHERS IN THESE SCHOOLS NORMALLY ENJOY 90 HOLIDAYS A YEAR, 40-50 OF WHICH ARE IN THE SUMMER. DURING HOLIDAY PERIODS TEACHERS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THEIR HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO CARRY OUT ADMINISTRATIVE OR EXTRA-CURRICULAR DUTIES, BUT THESE ARE USUALLY KEPT TO A MINIMUM,+ HE SAID.

MR HAYE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON CHARLES YEUNG ON THE NUMBER OF DAYS WHICH TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS ARE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO TAKE AS HOLIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

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A FORM ONE PLACE FOR ALL  
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ALL 83 828 PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FORM I OR MIDDLE I PLACES IN GOVERNMENT, AIDED OR PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ARE THREE-YEAR PLACES FOR WHICH NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED,+ HE ADDED.

RESULTS OF ALLOCATION WILL BE RELEASED TO ALL PARTICIPATING PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON FRIDAY (JULY 16). WHEN INQUIRING ABOUT THEIR RESULTS OF ALLOCATION, PUPILS SHOULD FOLLOW THE ARRANGEMENTS SET DOWN BY THEIR RESPECTIVE PRIMARY SCHOOLS. THEY SHOULD ALSO TAKE ALONG WITH THEM THEIR PRIMARY 6 IDENTIFICATION FORMS SO THAT THEIR INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATION SLIPS MAY BE ATTACHED TO THE FORMS.

+ALL PUPILS SHOULD REPORT DURING THE FIRST REGISTRATION PERIOD TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DATES AND TIMES SPECIFIED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS,+ HE ADDED.

WHEN REPORTING TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR INTERVIEW AND REGISTRATION, PUPILS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING :-

- (A) PRIMARY 6 IDENTIFICATION FORMS, TO WHICH THEIR INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATION SLIPS HAVE BEEN STAPLED OR GLUED,
- (B) THE ADMISSION SLIPS,
- (C) BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR OTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR BIRTH,
- (D) HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS, IF ANY,
- (E) LATEST SCHOOL REPORTS, IF ANY, AND
- (F) TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS.

+PUPILS WHO FAIL TO REPORT TO THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ALLOCATED DURING THE FIRST REGISTRATION PERIOD WHICH FALLS ON JULY 22 AND 23, 1982 ARE DEEMED TO HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO TAKE UP THE PLACES ALLOCATED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEREFORE, THOSE PUPILS OR THEIR PARENTS WHO HAVE GENUINE DIFFICULTY IN REPORTING TO THEIR ALLOCATED SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING THE FIRST REGISTRATION PERIOD ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION BEFORE JULY 21 SO THAT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE.

+THE SECOND REGISTRATION PERIOD (JULY 29 AND 30) IS MAINLY FOR PUPILS WHO HAVE TO SEEK TRANSFER DUE TO HAVING MOVED HOUSE RECENTLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+THEY OR THEIR PARENTS SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY OR HIS ASSISTANT, OR THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE NET/AREA TO WHICH THEY HAVE RECENTLY MOVED HOUSE.

+THE SECRETARY OR HIS ASSISTANT, UPON BEING SATISFIED WITH THE GENUINE NATURE OF THE CASE, MAY THEN GRANT APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER AND ASSIST THEM IN SECURING PLACES IN THE NETS CONCERNED,+ HE ADDED.

ALTERNATIVELY, THE PUPILS OR THEIR PARENTS MAY CONTACT A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE IN THE NET THEY HAVE MOVED TO, AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL SHOULD THEN SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY OF HIS NET ON BEHALF OF THE PUPILS BEFORE ADMITTING THEM.

+IN CASE A TYPHOON SHOULD AFFECT HONG KONG DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIODS, HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MEDIA FOR ANY NECESSARY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANY ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION RESULTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8912200.

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#### STUDENT EDITORS ATTEND FIGHT YOUTH CRIME SEMINAR

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MORE THAN 60 EDITORS OF SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS AND YOUTH LEADERS FROM 10 YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG ATTENDED A FIGHT YOUTH CRIME SEMINAR HELD TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT THE SEA RANCH CLUB, LANTAU.

THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMPAIGN 1982/83, IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES.

+WE HAVE MADE STUDENT EDITORS OUR TARGET AT THE SEMINAR BECAUSE AFTER TALKING TO THE YOUTH LEADERS, THEY CAN GO BACK AND WRITE ABOUT THESE YOUTH CLUBS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL PAPERS OR MAGAZINES, THEREBY SPREADING THE MESSAGE AMONG THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS,+ SAID MR GEORGE YUEN, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

AN ESSAY COMPETITION ON THE SUBJECT WILL BE ORGANISED FOR THEM, AND WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED BOOK/STATIONERY COUPONS RANGING IN VALUE FROM \$200 TO \$500.

+IT IS HOPED THAT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL KNOW ABOUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CLUBS AND MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME BY JOINING THEIR ACTIVITIES,+ SAID MR YUEN.

+WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN MEANINGFUL GROUP ACTIVITIES, THEY CAN ON THE ONE HAND DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND AVOID GETTING INVOLVED IN CRIME, AND ON THE OTHER, MAKE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIETY,+ HE ADDED.

MR YUEN SAID THE 1981/82 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS AIMED AT ENLISTING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST JUVENILE AND YOUTH CRIME HAD ACHIEVED ITS INITIAL SUCCESS.

+SINCE JULY 1981, JUST THREE MONTHS AFTER LAUNCHING THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMPAIGN, THE MONTHLY FIGURES FOR JUVENILES PROSECUTED HAVE BEEN ON THE DECLINE.

+THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILES PROSECUTED IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1981 WAS 1 755 AS COMPARED WITH 2023 FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1980, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 13 PER CENT. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILES PROSECUTED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS 1 754, REPRESENTING A DROP OF 27 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE 2 415 PROSECUTIONS IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.+

+THIS IS A VERY ENCOURAGING TREND INDEED, BUT WE SHOULD BY NO MEANS RELAX OUR EFFORTS. BY ORGANISING TODAY'S SEMINAR, WE HOPE TO GET ONE STEP CLOSER TO ACHIEVING OUR GOAL,+ MR YUEN SAID.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SEMINAR WERE BRIEFED ON THE OBJECTIVES, SET-UP AND ACTIVITIES OF THE 10 YOUTH CLUBS THROUGH TALKS, GROUP DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS DISPLAY OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS.

THE CLUBS THAT WERE REPRESENTED AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDED THE HONG KONG RED CROSS YOUTH, ROAD SAFETY PATROL, CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS, HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, HONG KONG ST JOHN AMBULANCE CADET, HONG KONG SEA CADET CORPS, THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS AND JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE SEMINAR WERE MR ALBERT AU AND MISS CANDY CHEA, POPULAR DISC JOCKEYS OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WHO WILL BE HOSTING A SERIES OF RADIO PROGRAMMES TO INTRODUCE THE YOUTH ORGANISATIONS OF HONG KONG. THE PROGRAMMES WILL BE BROADCAST ON RTHK RADIO TWO EVERY THURSDAY AT 5 PM FROM AUGUST 5 TO OCTOBER 7, 1982.

+FEATURE ARTICLES WILL BE ISSUED DURING THE SAME PERIOD TO SUPPLEMENT THE RADIO PROGRAMMES,+ ADDED MR YUEN.

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CI CALLS ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN HONG KONG INDUSTRY

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THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER TSAO, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED ON ASPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN HONG KONG INDUSTRY, WHICH OFFERS THEM GREAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

ADDRESSING THE SPEECH DAY OF THE COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, MR TSAO TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT AN INDUSTRIAL CAREER OFFERED THEM GREAT CHALLENGE ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO WERE HARDWORKING AND WILLING TO LEARN.

+THE EVER CHANGING TECHNOLOGY, FASHION AND CONSUMER PREFERENCES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREATIVE THINKING. NEW IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND INNOVATIONS ARE OFTEN EXTREMELY REWARDING,+ HE ADDED.

MORE YOUNGSTERS AND THEIR PARENTS HAVE COME TO REALISE THAT FACTORY LIFE IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE. WORKING CONDITIONS IN FACTORIES HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE YEARS AND IN MANY INSTANCES THEY ARE COMPARABLE TO, IF NOT SUPERIOR THAN, THOSE IN THE OFFICES.

+MANY GARMENT, ELECTRONIC AND WATCH FACTORIES, TO QUOTE A FEW EXAMPLES, ARE CLEAN AND AIR-CONDITIONED. MODERN MACHINES ARE WIDELY USED TO REPLACE THE OLD ONES, NOT ONLY FOR IMPROVING EFFICIENCY BUT ALSO FOR PROVIDING A SAFER AND CLEANER WORKING ENVIRONMENT.+

MR TSAO CITED THE FINDINGS OF THE SIXTH MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY, CONDUCTED LAST OCTOBER, TO ILLUSTRATE THAT IT WAS NO LONGER TRUE THAT WHITE COLLAR JOBS OFFERED BETTER TERMS THAN BLUE COLLAR JOBS.

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, AT THE CRAFTSMAN LEVEL THE AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY FOR A TEXTILE MECHANIC WAS \$1 656, AN ELECTRICIAN \$1 624, AND A BLEACHER/DYER \$1 857, AT THE TECHNICIAN LEVEL, SALARY FOR A PRODUCTION-IN-CHARGE WAS \$3 470 AND AN ELECTRICAL TECHNICIAN \$3 137, AND THE SALARY FOR AN ENGINEER OR A FACTORY MANAGER WAS OVER \$4 000.

+IN THE TRADING SECTOR, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE AVERAGE SALARY FOR A JUNIOR CLERK IS \$1 400 AND THAT FOR A GENERAL CLERK IS \$2 100. THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE AS OUR INDUSTRIES MOVE STEADILY UP MARKET,+ HE SAID.

WHILE HE IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY, MR TSAO SAID THAT INDUSTRY NEEDED TO UPGRADE ITSELF AND DIVERSIFY INTO NEW INDUSTRIES ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS.

+IN THIS RESPECT, MORE AND MORE WELL-TRAINED AND HIGHLY SKILLED MANPOWER AT ALL LEVELS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MASTER THE NEW TECHNOLOGY, NEW PROCESSES AND NEW MACHINERY THAT WILL BE BROUGHT IN, OR DEVELOPED. THIS IS WHERE YOU HAVE A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY. HONG KONG NEEDS YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO KEEP OUR INDUSTRY GOING,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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SHA TIN AREA COMMITTEES FUNCTIONING WELL

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AN IDEAL AREA COMMITTEE IS AN EFFECTIVE BODY TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AFFAIRS AND SERVES AS A LINK BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT.

IN SHA TIN, SUCH COMMITTEES FUNCTION WELL IN REFLECTING THE VIEWS AND NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AND TO THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF FOUR AREA COMMITTEES IN SHA TIN TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS GOVERNMENT +CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY.+

AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID IN 1980 TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT WAS FAR FROM ADEQUATE.

+HOWEVER, THROUGH THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS OF THE AREA COMMITTEES, ALMOST EVERY PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN SHA TIN NOW HAS ITS OWN BUS ROUTES,+ HE SAID.

DR HASE CONTINUED THAT AREA COMMITTEES ALSO PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN MOUNTING COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS, SPORTS, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

+A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES LAST YEAR SUCH AS THE CHINESE NEW YEAR FUN FAIR, THE PAINTING EXHIBITION AND THE DRAMA COMPETITION WERE ALL GREAT SUCCESSSES,+ HE SAID.

+AS A RESULT, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALLOCATE \$200 000 TO THE FOUR AREA COMMITTEES FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING YEAR.+

THREE AREA COMMITTEES WERE FORMED AT THE NEW TOWN IN JUNE LAST YEAR, INITIALLY ONE EACH FOR FO TAN, SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE AND SIU LEK YUEN. BUT DUE TO THE RAPID GROWTH IN POPULATION, SIU LEK YUEN WAS LATER SUB-DIVIDED INTO TWO, NAMELY SIU LEK YUEN AND TIN SUM VALLEY, MAKING A TOTAL OF FOUR COMMITTEES.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMEN AND OTHER MEMBERS RECEIVED THEIR LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT TO START A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE.

THE FOUR CHAIRMEN - MRS CHAN LO YIN-PING, MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN, MR CHOY KAN-PUI AND MR WONG PO-MING ARE ALSO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

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18 LAND EXECUTIVES COMPLETE LAND ADMINISTRATION COURSE  
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THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, MR JOHN TODD, TODAY PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 18 SUCCESSFUL LAND EXECUTIVES OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE CERTIFICATE COURSE IN LAND ADMINISTRATION.

THE TWO-YEAR COURSE, WHICH WAS FORMERLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, IS NOW RUN BY THE RECENTLY FORMED LANDS DEPARTMENT AND THE POLYTECHNIC.

THE PART-TIME, DAY RELEASE COURSE PROVIDES FORMALISED TRAINING IN LAND ADMINISTRATION FOR NEWLY-RECRUITED LAND EXECUTIVES, WHO FORMERLY SERVED IN THE CNTA BUT HAVE SINCE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

+WITH INCREASING DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG LAND ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS LONG PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE GOVERNMENT, HAS BECOME MORE COMPLICATED AND INCREASINGLY REQUIRED WELL-TRAINED PERSONS TO HANDLE THE TASK,+ MR TODD TOLD THE GATHERING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

SUBJECTS COVERED IN THE COURSE, HELD ONE DAY A WEEK AT THE POLYTECHNIC, INCLUDE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE OF LOCAL SERVICES; LAND SURVEYING AND MAP INTERPRETATION; VALUATION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS; LAW RELATING TO LAND ADMINISTRATION; BUILDING CONSTRUCTION; LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT; ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS.

+MOST OF THE SUBJECTS ARE OF A SIMILAR STANDARD TO THE PART I EXAMINATION OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS AND SOME OF THIS YEAR'S CANDIDATES HAVE PASSED THE EXAMINATION WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS,+ MR TODD SAID.

+EXAMINATION RESULTS HAVE OFTEN BEEN EXCELLENT AND REFLECTED THE EXTREMELY HARD WORK WHICH OFFICERS HAVE PUT INTO THEIR EXAMINATION WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CONTINUING TO PLAY THEIR FULL PART IN THE NORMAL WORK OF THEIR OFFICE,+ HE ADDED.

A TOTAL OF 128 LAND EXECUTIVES HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE SINCE IT STARTED IN 1974 AND ANOTHER 29 ARE STILL ATTENDING IT.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR TWO FIRST YEAR CLASSES AND ONE SECOND YEAR CLASS IN THE 1982/83 ACADEMIC YEAR.

YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD 4TH MEETING  
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BOARD MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A FILM CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM WITH A STATUTORY AGE RESTRICTION FOR VIEWING ADULT FILMS WILL BE SOUGHT AT THE FOURTH YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 3.30 PM ON FRIDAY (JULY 16).

OTHER TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT MEASURES, IMPROVEMENT TO STREET LIGHTING AND THE BEAUTIFICATION OF A RETAINING WALL AT KOWLOON PARK DRIVE NEAR THE MIDDLE ROAD JUNCTION.

DURING THE MEETING BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT ARRANGEMENTS MOUNTED AT THE SECTION OF PAK HOI STREET BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND FERRY STREET.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY BY THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR/TRAFFIC OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MR M. BROWN.

FURTHERMORE, THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL LOOK INTO THE URBAN RENEWAL PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG AND DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU MA TEI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON ON FRIDAY (JULY 16) AT 3.30 PM.

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ANNUAL CAMP FOR FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN  
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SOME 800 FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN ARE HAVING FOUR DAYS OF SUMMER FUN AT AN ANNUAL CAMP ORGANISED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (F.M.O.) FOR ITS 15 SCHOOLS.

THE CAMP, AT THE CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE, STARTED ON MONDAY.

THE CAMP IS DESIGNED TO GIVE THE CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND DEVELOP THEIR SENSE OF COMMUNITY LIVING.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ARCHERY, ROLLER SKATING, SWIMMING, SINGING, FOLK DANCING AND BALL GAMES.

THE CAMP IS BEING FINANCIALLY SUBVENTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE F.M.O.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN NORTH POINT

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THE SECTION OF TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD BETWEEN HEALTHY STREET EAST AND HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL IN NORTH POINT WILL BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 AM DAILY STARTING FROM FRIDAY (JULY 16), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

VEHICLES WILL, HENCEFORTH, BE PROHIBITED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THIS SECTION OF ROAD.

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BLOOD DONATION BY LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENTS STAFF

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STAFF OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH AND LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS IN MURRAY BUILDING TODAY DONATED 215 UNITS OF BLOOD TO THE HONG KONG RED CROSS.

THE DONATION WAS THE SECOND FOLLOWING THE DEFEDERALISATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE THIRD BY STAFF IN MURRAY BUILDING SO FAR THIS YEAR.

IT BROUGHT TO 416 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS DONATED BY STAFF IN MURRAY BUILDING SO FAR THIS YEAR.

LAST YEAR, THEY DONATED A TOTAL OF 444 UNITS ON FOUR OCCASIONS.

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