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PROPOSALS ON FOREIGN LAW FIRMS WILL IMPROVE RANGE OF SERVICES

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY PROPOSALS ON FOREIGN LAW FIRMS WILL IMPROVE THE RANGE OF LEGAL SERVICES AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

THEY WILL ALSO PROVIDE INCREASED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG SOLICITORS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL FIELD, HE SAID.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS SPEAKING ON THE COMMERCIAL LAW ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG AT THE LAWASIA INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE 1988 THIS MORNING.

ON THE ISSUE OF FOREIGN LAWYERS, MR MATHEWS TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT AS WELL AS HAVING LOCAL LAWYERS OF EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, COMPETENCE AND EXPERIENCE, HONG KONG ALSO ALLOWED FOREIGN LAWYERS AND LAW FIRMS TO OPERATE HERE.

FIRMS FROM SWEDEN, WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES WERE REPRESENTED HERE.

HE SAID FOREIGN LAWYERS HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG SINCE THE EARLY 1970'S.

HOWEVER, THEIR ADMISSION TO HONG KONG HAD ONLY BEEN REGULATED BY A LOOSE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT OPERATED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LAW SOCIETY.

"THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS NO LEGISLATIVE BACKING AND CLEARLY LAID DOWN CRITERIA," HE SAID.

MR MATHEWS EXPLAINED THAT AS A RESULT OF A RECENT REVIEW BY THE GOVERNMENT, IT HAD BEEN PROPOSED THAT A STATUTORY SCHEME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE BE DEvised TO REGULATE THE ADMISSION OF FOREIGN LAWYERS TO HONG KONG.

"THE PROPOSAL WILL RESULT IN CLEAR CRITERIA BEING FORMULATED FOR THE ADMISSION OF FOREIGN LAW FIRMS INTO HONG KONG AND WILL PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE CHECK ON BOTH THE QUALITY AND NUMBER OF FOREIGN LAW FIRMS PERMITTED TO PRACTISE HERE," HE SAID.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID THAT AS PART OF THE REVIEW, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO CONSIDERED WHETHER FOREIGN LAW FIRMS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO EMPLOY OR TAKE INTO PARTNERSHIP LOCALLY QUALIFIED SOLICITORS TO PRACTISE HONG KONG LAW.

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"IN DECIDING THAT THEY SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO DO SO GOVERNMENT HAS RECOGNISED HONG KONG'S GROWING IMPORTANCE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND OUR ABILITY TO MEET THE INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED DEMANDS FOR LEGAL SERVICES OF THE FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY WILL BE ENHANCED," MR MATHEWS SAID.

BUT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS NEEDED TO BE PROPERLY REGULATED AND IT WAS PROPOSED THAT LEGISLATION SHOULD PROVIDE DETAILED RULES GOVERNING THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES, DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT OF FOREIGN LAWYERS.

IT WAS INTENDED THE FOREIGN LAWYERS WOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE DISCIPLINARY CONTROL OF THE PROFESSION IN THE SAME WAY AS ALL OTHER SOLICITORS' FIRMS PRACTISING IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT CONSIDER THAT A FOREIGN LAWYER SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO PRACTISE AS A SOLICITOR OR BARRISTER IN HONG KONG SIMPLY ON MOTION WITHOUT EXAMINATION.

"IT DOES NOT FOLLOW THAT A PERSON WHO IS QUALIFIED TO PRACTISE LAW IN ONE JURISDICTION IS NECESSARILY COMPETENT TO PRACTISE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION OPERATING UNDER A DIFFERENT LEGAL SYSTEM.

"THIS MEANS THAT FOREIGN LAWYERS WHO ARE NOT QUALIFIED IN HONG KONG LAW WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DEAL WITH WORK WHICH FALLS WITHIN THE SOLICITORS PRESENT STATUTORY MONOPOLY," HE SAID.

MR MATHEWS SAID THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THE PROPOSALS ON FOREIGN LAW FIRMS WOULD ENHANCE HONG KONG'S IMAGE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND THAT THE INCREASED INVESTMENT AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IN THE TERRITORY WHICH WAS LIKELY TO FOLLOW WOULD BENEFIT BOTH THE LOCAL PROFESSION AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

TURNING TO WORK OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION, MR MATHEWS SAID THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION HAD INFLUENCED THE COMMERCIAL LAW OF HONG KONG.

CURRENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING THE COMMISSION'S REPORT ON THE ADOPTION OF THE UNCITRAL (UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW) MODEL LAW OF ARBITRATION WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT THE MODEL LAW SHOULD FORM PART OF HONG KONG'S LAW OF ARBITRATION FOR DETERMINING INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL DISPUTES:

IT WAS LIKELY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD BE CONSIDERING A BILL TO THAT EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, HE SAID.

IF THE BILL WERE ENACTED, HONG KONG WOULD BE ONE OF THE FIRST JURISDICTIONS TO ADOPT THE MODEL LAW.

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"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT, IF THE MODEL LAW IS ADOPTED HERE, IT WILL ENHANCE THE PROSPECTS OF HONG KONG BECOMING THE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATIONS - FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS WILL BE ABLE TO COME TO HONG KONG AND SUBMIT THEIR DISPUTES TO AN ARBITRATION LAW WITH WHICH THEY ARE FAMILIAR," MR MATHEWS SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG ALSO HAD IN PLACE AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE WHICH PROVIDED HEARING ROOMS AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES NECESSARY TO THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT CRUCIAL FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES

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THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF SERVICES FOR RECOVERED MENTAL PATIENTS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, MRS WONG SAID THAT SERVICES REQUIRED BY MENTALLY ILL PERSONS INCLUDED BOTH PSYCHIATRIC AND ALLIED TREATMENT AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

"BY SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES, I REFER TO THE WHOLE RANGE OF COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES OFFERED TO PERSONS WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, INCLUDING HALF-WAY HOUSES, COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING, LONG STAY CARE HOME AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY, ACTIVITY CENTRES AND SOCIAL CLUBS, SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND OPEN EMPLOYMENT," SHE SAID.

SHE SAID THAT ALL THESE SERVICES WERE BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY CARE WHICH HAD BEEN RECOGNISED AS A MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD IN REDUCING THE ANXIETY OF RECOVERED MENTAL PATIENTS DURING THEIR RE-INTEGRATION INTO A NORMAL FLOW OF LIFE.

"HOWEVER, THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL THESE SERVICES CANNOT BE DONE ALONE BY THE GOVERNMENT OR INTERESTED AGENCIES.

"THE SUPPORT OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY PLAYS AN EVEN MORE CRUCIAL ROLE," SHE STRESSED.

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AT THE SAME TIME, SHE RECOGNISED THAT IN REALITY, REHABILITATION OF THE MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED HAD BECOME MORE DIFFICULT WITH THE EMERGENCE OF THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY CARE.

WHILE EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING OVER THE CONCERN AND ANXIETY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC TOWARDS HAVING FACILITIES FOR RECOVERED MENTAL PATIENTS IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD, MRS WONG NOTED THAT THESE FACILITIES HAD PROVIDED AN EFFICIENT AND BALANCED SERVICE OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS WITHOUT UNDESIRABLE INCIDENTS.

"FOR INSTANCE, HALF-WAY HOUSES HAVE A HISTORY OF 20 YEARS IN HONG KONG AND HAVE GIVEN ASSISTANCE AND A NEW LEASE OF LIFE TO INNUMERABLE PERSONS WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM MENTAL ILLNESS.

"THEY BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT OF A HOSPITAL AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY BY HELPING THE RESIDENTS TO MAINTAIN A STABLE FRAME OF MIND WHILE SERVING AS A TRANSITIONAL VENUE FOR RE-ADJUSTMENT TO THE NORMAL ROUTINE OF DAILY LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG STRESSED THE NEED FOR CONTINUOUS PUBLIC EDUCATION TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING TOWARDS MENTAL HEALTH.

"BETTER KNOWLEDGE WILL DISPEL THE MYTH AND ANXIETY SURROUNDING MENTAL ILLNESS AND ITS UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS, AND WILL, I AM CONVINCED, GENERATE BETTER ACCEPTANCE AND SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG PRAISED THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH IN ITS NAM CHEONG CENTRE PREMISES AN INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION.

THIS HAD THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING TRAINING TO PERSONNEL IN PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION SERVICES AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAMMES, TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL ILLNESS.

"THIS IS INDEED A TIMELY INITIATIVE AND I AM SURE THAT CLIENTS, PERSONNEL AND THE COMMUNITY WILL BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICES THE INSTITUTE WILL OFFER," SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG FURTHER COMMENDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS DEDICATION AND UNFAILING EFFORTS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR RECOVERED MENTAL PATIENTS.

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MORE BOAT PEOPLE SEEK REPATRIATION

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MORE THAN 80 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAVE REQUESTED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THIS MONTH.

"THIS BRINGS TO 178 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME TO HONG KONG AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCREENING POLICY ON JUNE 16 THIS YEAR AND HAVE REQUESTED TO BE SENT BACK," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"LAST MONTH, 69 SUCH REQUESTS WERE RECEIVED.

"EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO PASSED TO THE UNHCR THE NAMES OF 16 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BEFORE JUNE 16 THIS YEAR AND HAD REQUESTED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION.

"MOST OF THE REQUESTS HAVE COME FROM VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE STAYING IN THE ERSKINE TEMPORARY HOLDING CENTRE AND THEIR DETAILS HAVE BEEN PASSED TO THE UNHCR FOR PROCESSING."

SINCE 1978, A TOTAL OF 26 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAVE VOLUNTARILY RETURNED TO VIETNAM.

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REGIONAL COUNCILLORS BRIEFED ON WORK OF EPD

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THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR MA NING-HEI, ACCOMPANIED BY FELLOW COUNCILLORS, VISITED THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCILLORS' VISIT WAS TO BE BRIEFED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK THAT RELATED TO VARIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL, SUCH AS BATHING BEACH MANAGEMENT AND RUBBISH COLLECTION.

AFTER A GENERAL BRIEFING BY THE DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTOR, DR STUART REED, THE COUNCILLORS WERE INFORMED ABOUT THE STEPS THE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING TO HALT THE DECLINE IN THE QUALITY OF THE WATER AT BATHING BEACHES.

IN PARTICULAR, HE REFERRED TO THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT COULD BE EXPECTED AT SOME REGIONAL COUNCIL BEACHES AS A RESULT OF POLLUTION CONTROL IN THE RECENTLY DECLARED SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE AND THE LONGER-TERM GAINS TO BE EXPECTED FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEWAGE STRATEGY FOR THE WHOLE TERRITORY.

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THERE WERE ALSO MASTER SEWERAGE PLANS FOR AREAS PARTICULARLY BADLY HIT OR THREATENED BY POLLUTION.

ANOTHER CRUCIAL MATTER FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS THE AVAILABILITY OF A SECURE MEANS OF DISPOSAL FOR THE 1,400 TONNES OF WASTE COLLECTED DAILY BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES FLEET OF 110 REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES.

IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPARTMENT, AND ITS PREDECESSOR, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, HAD BEEN WORKING FOR A DECADE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE AND FULLY INTEGRATED WASTE DISPOSAL SCHEME. THIS SCHEME WAS NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED.

IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE A SECURE MEANS OF DISPOSING OF HONG KONG'S WASTE FOR THE NEXT 20-30 YEARS -- A SITUATION THAT DR REED SAID MANY SIMILAR CONURBATIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD WOULD ENVY.

DEPARTMENT STAFF ALSO EXPLAINED THAT, HAVING ESTABLISHED A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ENSURING A SECURE ROUTE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE TERRITORY'S WASTE, ATTENTION WAS NOW BEING TURNED TO WAYS OF REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF WASTES ARISING AND PUTTING ANY WASTES THAT WERE CREATED TO A BETTER USE.

OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST THAT WERE DISCUSSED IN THE COURSE OF THE VISIT WERE AIR POLLUTION CONTROLS, HANDLING OF AIR POLLUTION COMPLAINTS, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

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FS VISITS YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SPENT THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING VISITING THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, MR JACOBS FIRST WENT TO THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR TONY SAVAGE.

MR JACOBS WAS TOLD THAT THE ESTATE, WHICH PROVIDES 67 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND, WAS ALREADY 40 PER CENT SOLD OR ALLOCATED TO MANUFACTURERS.

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A TOTAL OF 19 MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEEN GRANTED SITES WHILE PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED INCLUDE VIDEO CASSETTE TAPES, CORRUGATED PAPER BOARDS, TEMPERED GLASS, SECONDARY ALUMINIUM ALLOY INGOTS, AS WELL AS ORGANIC INTERMEDIATES AND ACTIVE COMPONENTS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

MR JACOBS ALSO VISITED THE 10,600-SQUARE-METRE PLANT OF FORT HOWARD INTERNATIONAL FAR EAST LIMITED, A MANUFACTURER OF PAPER AND PLASTIC UTENSILS.

FROM YUEN LONG, MR JACOBS PROCEEDED TO TUEN MUN ON THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

EN ROUTE, HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT DIRECTOR, MR JOE WADE, ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE LRT.

AT TUEN MUN, MR JACOBS WAS MET BY THE DISTRICT'S PROJECT MANAGER, MR BOSCO KEOWN, WHO BRIEFED HIM ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN.

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DEMOLITION TO RESUME AT THREE PH BLOCKS WITH
ASBESTOS-BASED BUILDING MATERIAL

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THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY APPROVED THE REVISED BUDGET FOR THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS-BASED BUILDING MATERIAL AND DEMOLITION OF SHEK PAI WAN BLOCK 2, WONG CHUK HANG BLOCK 9, AND LAM TIN BLOCK 17.

THE NEW BUDGET FOR THE REMOVAL OF BALCONY GRILLES AND DEMOLITION WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO STANDARDS AND METHODS ESTABLISHED BY HOUSING DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WILL NOW AMOUNT TO \$13.93 MILLION AGAINST THE ORIGINAL \$4.88 MILLION.

"THE STANDARDS AND METHODS TO BE ADOPTED ARE TO ENSURE THAT NO HEALTH HAZARD IS POSED BY THE REMOVAL OF GRILLE PANELS," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR EDWARD HO, SAID.

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MR HO POINTED OUT THAT CARRYING OUT THE ASBESTOS REMOVAL ACCORDING TO THE STRINGENT CONTROLLED CONDITIONS REQUIRED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE LONGER THAN THE ORIGINAL DEMOLITION SCHEDULES AT THE THREE SITES. THE ORIGINAL AND REVISED SCHEDULES ARE:

	ORIGINAL COMPLETION DATE	REVISED COMPLETION DATE
SHEK PAI WAN BLK 2	NOV 88	MAR 89
WONG CHUK HANG BLK 9	DEC 88	JUNE 89
LAM TIN BLK 17	DEC 88	JULY 89

HE SAID THAT PREPARATION WORK WILL START AT SHEK PAI WAN ON SEPTEMBER 19, WONG CHUK HANG ON SEPTEMBER 20, AND LAM TIN ON SEPTEMBER 21.

MR HO SAID THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL COMMISSION AN INDEPENDENT LABORATORY TO CONDUCT REGULAR AIR TESTS IN THE WORK SITES AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

"WORK INVOLVING THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS-BASED GRILLES WILL BE DONE BY APPROVED SPECIALIST CONTRACTORS EMPLOYED BY THE MAIN CONTRACTOR AND WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER STRINGENTLY CONTROLLED CONDITIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

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WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR PIG FARMS

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AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HAS DISCUSSED SEVERAL ISSUES RELATING TO THE RATE OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR PIG FARMS THAT CEASED OPERATION UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

AT A RECENT MEETING, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES EXPRESSED CONCERN ON HOW TO ASSESS EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR VACANT FARM STRUCTURES.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED INCLUDE WHAT TYPE OF PIGSTIES SHOULD ATTRACT THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE RATE FOR BREEDERS.

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THE AD HOC GROUP IS FORMED TO COLLECT FARMERS' VIEWS AND SUPPLY INFORMATION TO GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION IN UNDERTAKING THE NEXT ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE RATES OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES.

THE NEXT ANNUAL REVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED AROUND END OF THIS YEAR AND EARLY 1989.

THE AD HOC GROUP IS CHAIRED BY MR LEO KWAN, DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (NT) (SPECIAL DUTIES), AND ITS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES MOST UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

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PEAK TRAMWAY TO BUILD UNDERGROUND CHAMBER

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION FROM THE PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED TO CONSTRUCT AN UNDERGROUND CHAMBER WITHIN THE UPPER TERMINAL OF THE PEAK TRAMWAY AS A FIRST STEP OF ITS MODERNISATION SCHEME.

ON SEPTEMBER 2, THE GOVERNMENT EXTENDED THE COMPANY'S FRANCHISE TO RUN AND OPERATE THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE FOR A FURTHER 10 YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 1994, AFTER THE COMPANY HAS MADE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO CARRY OUT MODERNISATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE TRAMWAY SYSTEM.

THE COMPANY AIMS TO MAKE THE MODERNISED TRAMWAY OPERATIONAL BY AUGUST 1, 1989, BEFORE THE BUSIEST PERIOD IN AUTUMN WHEN MANY TOURISTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE VISITING THE PEAK.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHAMBER HOUSING THE NEW HAULAGE MACHINERY WILL START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1989.

THE NEW HAULAGE MACHINERY, ROPES, PULLEYS AND MODERN TRAMCARS WILL THEN BE INSTALLED FROM MAY TO JULY 1989.

TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION WORKS, THE TRAMWAY WILL HAVE TO BE SHUT DOWN FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM MID-JUNE TO END JULY 1989.

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MORE NEW DEGREE COURSES AT TWO POLYTECHNICS

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE INTRODUCTION OF A BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) DEGREE COURSE IN ACCOUNTANCY AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT MONTH.

APPROVAL HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN FOR THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG:

- * TO INTRODUCE, FROM NEXT MONTH, A BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS) DEGREE COURSE AND A BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (HONS) DEGREE COURSE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING; AND
- * TO CONVERT, WITH RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT FROM OCTOBER LAST YEAR, ITS EXISTING BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) DEGREE COURSE IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING TO A BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (HONS) DEGREE COURSE.

THE NEW DEGREE COURSE IN ACCOUNTANCY WILL BE STUDIED IN A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME MODE, WITH AN ANNUAL INTAKE OF 150 STUDENTS.

THE COURSE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES IN ACCOUNTANCY, MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANCY AND COMPANY SECRETARYSHIP, AND WILL PRODUCE GRADUATES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE ACCOUNTANCY PROFESSION.

THE COURSE IN LAWS WILL BE STUDIED IN A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME MODE, WITH AN ANNUAL INTAKE OF 60 STUDENTS. IT WILL TRAIN STUDENTS FOR ENTERING THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR, OR IN THE ACADEMIC FIELD.

THE COURSE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING WILL ALSO BE STUDIED IN A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME MODE, WITH AN INTAKE OF 40 STUDENTS. IT AIMS TO TRAIN STUDENTS IN THE FUNDAMENTALS AND PRACTICE OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY.

THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING COURSE WILL CONTINUE TO BE STUDIED IN BOTH A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME PROGRAMME WITH AN ANNUAL INTAKE OF 40 STUDENTS AND IN A SIX-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING PROGRAMME WITH AN INCREASED ANNUAL INTAKE OF 60 STUDENTS FROM 1988.

ALL THE NEW COURSES HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AND ENDORSED BY THE UK COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE.

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FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND COUNCIL TODAY (THURSDAY) INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR ITS FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR STUDIES OVERSEAS IN THE 1989-90 ACADEMIC YEAR.

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF ITS AWARDS THIS YEAR, WHICH FINANCED FIVE OUTSTANDING HONG KONG STUDENTS TO READ FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE DEGREES AT OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS, THE COUNCIL IS READY TO AWARD A NUMBER OF SIMILAR FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS EXPECTING TO COMMENCE THEIR STUDIES OVERSEAS IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, SAID: "SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG, AND SHOW COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF THE TERRITORY AFTER RETURN FROM THEIR OVERSEAS COURSES.

"THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS AFTER THEIR STUDIES.

"OUR AWARDS ARE AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE EDUCATION OF HONG HONG'S BEST STUDENTS IN THE FINEST ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS.

"THIS YEAR, THREE STUDENTS ARE GOING TO OXBRIDGE AND ONE EACH TO STANFORD AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN THE UNITED STATES."

THE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS WILL BE FOR STUDIES LEADING TO POSTGRADUATE DEGREES EITHER BY RESEARCH OR COURSEWORK OR BOTH, WHILE THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL BE FOR STUDIES LEADING TO FIRST DEGREES.

BOTH FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE TENABLE AT ANY RECOGNISED TERTIARY ACADEMIC INSTITUTION OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

THE AWARDS ARE AT PRESENT WORTH \$120,000 A YEAR FOR A SCHOLAR AND \$135,000 FOR A FELLOW. THE AMOUNT WILL BE ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ESTIMATED COST INCREASES IN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION NOTES ON THE AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AT GROUND FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG. CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE OCTOBER 15, 1988.

SELECTION COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PROMINENT LOCAL PERSONALITIES WILL MEET SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR OR JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

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CHANGES IN BUS SERVICES IN TRANSIT SERVICE AREA

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THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL CEASE OPERATING THREE INTERNAL BUS SERVICES IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG WITH EFFECT FROM APPROXIMATELY 1 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE THREE ROUTES ARE NO. 61A RUNNING BETWEEN YUEN LONG (EAST) AND TUEN MUN PIER HEAD; NO. 63 -- YUEN LONG (EAST) TO YAU OI (SOUTH); AND NO. 59 -- TAI HING TO TUEN MUN PIER HEAD.

ROUTES 61A AND 63 WILL BE WITHDRAWN UPON THE COMMENCEMENT OF COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF THE THREE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICES ALONG THE YUEN LONG-TUEN MUN CORRIDOR.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION WILL TAKE OVER THE OPERATION OF ROUTE 59. BUT THIS ROUTE WILL BE SHORTENED TO BETWEEN TAI HING AND YAU OI (SOUTH) BECAUSE THE SERVICE BETWEEN YAU OI AND TUEN MUN PIER HEAD WILL BE ADEQUATELY CATERED FOR BY THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICES.

THE THREE LRT ROUTES THAT BEGIN PASSENGER SERVICE ON SUNDAY ARE ROUTE 610 AND ROUTE 611 OPERATING BETWEEN TUEN MUN FERRY PIER AND YUEN LONG, AND ROUTE 612 LINKING ON TING AND YUEN LONG.

ALL KMB ROUTES FALLING WHOLLY WITHIN THE NORTH-WEST TRANSIT SERVICE AREA WILL HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN ON SUNDAY.

KMB'S EXTERNAL ROUTES IN THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA WILL STILL BE ALLOWED TO BOTH PICK UP AND SET DOWN PASSENGERS TRAVELLING WITHIN THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA UP TO 1 AM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

KMB'S EXTERNAL BUS ROUTES THAT OPERATE FROM AND TO THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA ARE NOS. 52, 52M, 53, 54, 57M, 58M, 59A, 59M, 59S, 60, 60M, 60X, 61X, 62X, 64K, 66, 66M, 66X, 67M, 68, 68A, 68M, 68X, 76K, 77K, AND 59X, A NEW ROUTE TO BE INTRODUCED THIS SUNDAY.

STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 25, BUSES ON THESE ROUTES LEAVING THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN PASSENGERS UNTIL THEY HAVE LEFT THE AREA, BUT BOARDINGS WILL BE ALLOWED.

BUSES ENTERING THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PICK UP PASSENGERS WITHIN THE AREA, BUT MAY SET DOWN PASSENGERS.

ON THE SAME DAY, KCRC WILL OPERATE ALL ITS FEEDER BUS ROUTES TO CATER FOR THE INTERNAL TRAVEL DEMAND WITHIN THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA.

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THE NORTH-WEST TRANSIT SERVICE AREA COVERS THE PART OF YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICTS IN BETWEEN THE AU TAU ROUNDABOUT AND TAI LAM CHUNG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE BOARDING AND ALIGHTING RESTRICTIONS ARE TO ENSURE THAT THE USE OF THE LRT WILL BE MAXIMISED FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL IN THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA SO THAT PASSENGERS MAY BENEFIT FROM GREATER ECONOMY OF OPERATION.

PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BOARDING AND ALIGHTING RESTRICTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 25, KMB WILL PUT UP INFORMATION NOTICES AT THE AFFECTED BUS STOPS AND ASK THEIR BUS CAPTAINS TO ADVISE THE PASSENGERS OF THE CHANGES.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 44 (LUNG KWU TAN - SAN CHING STREET, TUEN MUN AREA 10) AND NO. 74A (LONG PING ESTATE - FOOK HONG STREET, YUEN LONG TOWN) WILL CONTINUE OPERATING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 25.

THEY WILL THEN BE REPLACED BY THE LRT FEEDER ROUTES NO. 520 (LUNG KWU TAN - TUEN MUN FERRY PIER) AND NO. 670 (LONG PING ESTATE - FOOK HONG STREET, YUEN LONG TOWN) RESPECTIVELY.

ON SEPTEMBER 25, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 43 (SEAVIEWS GARDEN TO TUEN MUN PIER HEAD) WILL BE RE-ORGANISED TO OPERATE BETWEEN SO KWUN WAT AND SAN CHING STREET IN TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE. THE OTHER GMB ROUTES IN THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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AWARDS SCHEME IN EASTERN FOR CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN

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RESIDENTS LIVING IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN EASTERN DISTRICT CAN NOW NOMINATE THE CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN OF THEIR BUILDINGS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT'S MULTI-STOREY BUILDING CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN AWARDS SCHEME.

THE SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE STATION, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

IT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS, WITH SPONSORSHIP BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

/THE AWARDS

THE AWARDS SCHEME FORMS PART OF 1988-89 EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

IT AIMS AT IMPROVING LAW AND ORDER IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS BY BOOSTING CARETAKERS' AND WATCHMEN'S MORALE AND BY REWARDING THOSE DEVOTED TO THEIR DUTIES AND WITH OUTSTANDING JOB RECORDS.

RESIDENTS CAN NOMINATE THEIR CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN THROUGH THE BUILDING'S OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT COMPANIES OR ANY OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

THE NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS IS UNLIMITED, BUT EACH CANDIDATE MUST OBTAIN THE VOTES OF AT LEAST 30 PER CENT OF ALL THE RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE BUILDING.

NOMINATION FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE OFFICE BEARERS OF A RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, AND BE RETURNED TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE OR ITS SUB-OFFICE BY OCTOBER 12.

AFTER RECEIVING THE FORMS, STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL VISIT BUILDINGS AND ASSIST IN VOTING PROCEDURES.

SOUVENIRS AND AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THOSE CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN WITH OUTSTANDING WORK RECORDS.

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LEGCO ELECTIONS SEMINAR FOR SOUTHERN RESIDENTS
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MEET CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY SEAT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN, WILL CHAIR THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL START AT 8 PM IN THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL, LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU.

"THE SEMINAR IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LEGCO ELECTIONS AND THE CANDIDATES IN THE CONSTITUENCY," A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) CONSTITUENCY COMPRISES THE SOUTHERN AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARDS.

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CONTESTING THE SEAT ARE MADAM SO CHAU YIM-PING, AN APPOINTED SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER; MR LIU LIT-FOR, AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, AND AN URBAN COUNCILLOR; AND MR JOSEPH CHAN YUEK-SUT, A SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

"AT THE SEMINAR, THE CANDIDATES WILL INTRODUCE THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SEMINAR FORMS PART OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE THE ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 22.

TO GEAR UP FOR THE ELECTIONS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO PRODUCED A COLOURFUL LEAFLET FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC, AND REDECORATED THE DISPLAY WINDOWS OF ITS BRANCH OFFICES WITH ELECTION MESSAGES.

IT HAS ALSO HELD A SPECIAL SEMINAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE FOR THE CONSTITUENCY'S 39 ELECTORS FROM THE TWO DISTRICT BOARDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY SEMINAR BEGINNING AT 8 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL, LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU.

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NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR TUEN MUN MODEL STUDENTS ELECTION
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THE TUEN MUN YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE WILL ORGANISE THE SECOND TUEN MUN DISTRICT MODEL STUDENTS ELECTION THIS ACADEMIC YEAR TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT, CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AND SENSE OF BELONGING.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE YAN OI TONG AND SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND A LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT.

/THE ELECTION

THE ELECTION PROCEDURE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO STAGES. BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER, ALL SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE ONE STUDENT EACH TO BECOME CANDIDATE RESPECTIVELY FOR THE PRIMARY, JUNIOR FORM, SENIOR FORM AND MATRICULATION CATEGORIES OF THE ELECTION.

THE STUDENTS NOMINATED WILL THEN BE REQUIRED TO SIT FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL TESTS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR WITH AN INDEPENDENT PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS.

THE TEST PROGRAMME WILL COMPRISE ESSAY WRITING, INTERVIEW WITH ADJUDICATORS, PHYSICAL TESTS AND GROUPS DISCUSSIONS.

THE PANEL CONSISTS OF A LECTURER IN THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, MR FUNG YEE-WANG; LECTURER IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, MR LEUNG YAT-MING; GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MRS JUSTINA LEUNG; ACTING PRINCIPAL PROGRAMME OFFICER OF RTHK, MR Y.C. CHAN; DIRECTOR OF YANG MEMORIAL SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE, MRS ALICE CHEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR SO SHIU-SHING; "OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSON AWARD" RECIPIENT, MS LEUNG SIU-KAN; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

CRITERIA FOR ADJUDICATION IS BASED ON THE "FIVE VIRTUES" OF THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL EDUCATION CONCEPT, INCLUDING WISDOM, SPORTSMANSHIP AND AESTHETIC PERCEPTION.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE EXTENT THEY ACHIEVE THESE VIRTUES AS REFLECTED BY THEIR CONDUCT, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, RESPONSIVENESS, PHYSICAL ABILITY, AND INTEREST, AS WELL AS CARE FOR FAMILY AND SOCIETY.

AFTER THE FINAL TEST, A TOTAL OF 18 MODEL STUDENTS INCLUDING NINE FROM THE PRIMARY SECTION AND THREE FROM EACH OF THE OTHER CATEGORIES WILL BE CHOSEN BY THE ADJUDICATION PANEL.

THEY WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH NEXT YEAR AND WILL JOIN A FIVE-DAY STUDY TOUR TO SINGAPORE NEXT SUMMER.

ANY INTERESTED SCHOOL WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION CAN OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS FROM THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION OF THE YAN OI TONG ON 0-862854 (EXT. 53 OR 57).

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ELDERLIES TO SHOW OFF ARTISTIC TALENT

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ELDERLY PEOPLE WITH A FLAIR FOR PERFORMING ARTS WILL TAKE PART IN A TALENT SHOW AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

THE EVENT, TO BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM, WILL FEATURE AEROBIC, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, CANTONESE OPERA, DRAMA, CHINESE KUNG FU, DANCE AND MAGIC SHOW.

TWELVE GROUPS FROM VARIOUS ELDERLY CENTRES AND ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENT WHICH IS AIMED AT ENABLING THE ELDERLIES TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN PERFORMING ARTS, PROVIDING THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE, AND ENTERTAINING OTHER ELDERLY PEOPLE.

THE SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, HOLY CARPENTER CHURCH MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH SPONSORSHIP BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TALENT SHOW FOR THE ELDERLY TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

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PROPOSED VISITORS' CENTRE ON LANTAU

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO SET UP A VISITORS' CENTRE IN THE COUNTRY PARKS ON LANTAU AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON A REPLY FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL WHICH CAN PROVIDE VISITORS WITH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTRY PARKS ON LANTAU.

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THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A ROAD FROM TAI O TO FAN LAU VIA YI O TO BOOST TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ON THAT PART OF LANTAU.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROPOSED NON-PROFIT-MAKING HOLIDAY CAMPS ON LANTAU, PROGRESS ON THE PRINTING OF PAMPHLET TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN THE DISTRICT AND THE USE OF DB FUNDS FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR A TRAINING PROGRAMME ON EXPORT PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FUNDING FOR A CONFERENCE ON THE METRO-DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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EDUCATION SUNDAY TO MARK NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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TO MARK THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, THE COMING SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THIS YEAR'S EDUCATION SUNDAY.

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND AT ST. TERESA'S CHURCH AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN KOWLOON ON SUNDAY.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES WHICH ARE HELD TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PERFORM THE TASK THAT LIES AHEAD WITH CONFIDENCE.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL ATTEND THE SERVICE AT CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AT 16 CAINE ROAD STARTING AT 11 AM WHILE THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER, MRS GRACE YUNG, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AT GARDEN ROAD AT 11.30 AM.

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SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE ON SEPTEMBER 30

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THE POST OFFICE REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A SPECIAL 60 CENT STAMP WILL BE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 30 TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

THE STAMP WAS DESIGNED BY MR CARLITOS J. BUENDIA, A LOCAL ARTIST, AND PRINTED BY CPE AUSTRALIA LTD.

A DISPLAY OF THE STAMP AND FIRST DAY COVER WILL TAKE PLACE AT SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA FROM SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) TO SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) AND AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE FROM SATURDAY ONWARDS.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR FIRST DAY TREATMENT OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM TOMORROW TO SEPTEMBER 23 AT ALL POST OFFICES.

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THE MINIMUM QUANTITY PER ORDER IS FIVE FIRST DAY COVERS.

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THIS ADVANCE ORDER SERVICE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS, FIRST DAY COVERS PRE-AFFIXED WITH A SINGLE STAMP AND CANCELLED WITH THE PHILATELIC BUREAU DATESTAMP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT DESIGNATED COUNTERS OF THE FOLLOWING 21 OFFICES ON SEPTEMBER 30.

HONG KONG ISLAND

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE
CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE
GENERAL POST OFFICE
PEAK POST OFFICE
TSAT TSZ MUI POST OFFICE
SAI YING PUN POST OFFICE
KING'S ROAD POST OFFICE

KOWLOON

AIRPORT POST OFFICE
CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE
GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE
KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE
TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE
KOWLOON BAY POST OFFICE
KWUN TONG POST OFFICE
MONG KOK POST OFFICE

NEW TERRITORIES

SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE
TAI PO POST OFFICE
SHEK WU HUI POST OFFICE
TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE
TUEN MUN SAN HUI POST OFFICE
YUEN LONG POST OFFICE

THE "SERVICED" FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE SOLD AT \$2.10 EACH.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WONG TAI SIN FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS, TRAFFIC LANES ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON A LANE-BY-LANE BASIS.

A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 3.5 METRES OR 6.5 METRES OF ROAD SPACE WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE TWO ROAD SECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

AFFECTED ROAD SECTIONS ARE:

- * LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG KUK ROAD OF CHOI HUNG ESTATE TO A POINT ABOUT 160 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION. HOWEVER, THE BUS STOPS ON THIS ROAD SECTION WILL REMAIN IN OPERATION.
- * LUNG CHEUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD NORTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ALONG LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD DURING THE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

IF POSSIBLE, THEY SHOULD ALSO TRY TO AVOID USING THE TWO ROAD SECTIONS BY DIVERTING THEIR JOURNEYS TO ALTERNATIVE ROUTINGS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE AT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT LAYING OF ANTI-SKID MATERIALS IS BEING CARRIED OUT ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND IN SHAM SHUI PO BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM CHEONG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 400 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

AS A RESULT, THE TRAFFIC LANES ON THIS ROAD SECTION HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON A LANE-BY-LANE BASIS. THE WORKS WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE ALTERNATIVE ROUTEINGS IF POSSIBLE.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR CAS

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SOME 3,000 CIVIL AID SERVICES MEMBERS WILL SHARE THE FUN OF A SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) EVENING TO CELEBRATE THE CAS CADET CORPS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

A TOTAL OF EIGHT CADETS WILL BE COMPETING IN THE CONTEST TO BE HELD AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE IN HUNG HOM.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SINGING PERFORMANCES BY A POPULAR SINGER, MR WONG HOI-KAN AND THE CAS POP BAND.

THE CAS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT, MR VICTOR SO, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO CONTEST WINNERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 7 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE IN HUNG HOM.

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