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SEVERAL BRANCH RESPONSIBILITIES REVISED

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THE SCHEDULES OF RESPONSIBILITY OF SEVERAL SECRETARIAT BRANCHES AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN REVISED FOLLOWING THE CREATION OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND A DEPARTMENTAL AND SECRETARIAT REORGANISATION EFFECTIVE THIS MONTH.

A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH HAVE BEEN SET UP WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND A REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS COME INTO OPERATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH AND THE COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH, AS WELL AS THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE BECOME DEFUNCT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH HAS ASSUMED POLICY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE MATTERS (SUCH AS REFUSE COLLECTION, CEMETERIES, ABATTOIRS AND MARKETS) FROM THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS, COUNTRY PARKS AND COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION, LIQUOR LICENSING, AND CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES AT THE TERRITORIAL LEVEL FROM THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH.

IT HAS ALSO ASSUMED FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE PRINCIPAL SPORTING AND CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE BRANCH IS ACCOMMODATED AT HARBOUR CENTRE, WAN CHAI, AND IS HEADED BY A SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, ASSISTED BY TWO DEPUTY SECRETARIES - ONE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND ADMINISTRATION (MRS MABEL HAYES) AND ONE FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE (MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON), WHOSE TITLE IS STYLED COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH HAS ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FORMER COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH, MAINLY FOR SERVICING THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND THE HK GOVERNMENT'S OVERSEAS OFFICES IN THE US, BRUSSELS AND GENEVA, AND POLICY AND PLANNING IN RESPECT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION. IT HAS ALSO TAKEN OVER A RANGE OF FUNCTIONS, GENERALLY RELATED TO INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, FOR WHICH PREVIOUSLY THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH HAD POLICY RESPONSIBILITY.

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SOME TRADITIONAL AND COMMUNITY RELATED MATTERS, SUCH AS LIAISON WITH THE TUNG WAH GROUP AND THE PO LEUNG KUK, FOR WHICH THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH WAS RESPONSIBLE, HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE NEW BRANCH IS HEADED BY A SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, SUPPORTED BY TWO DEPUTY SECRETARIES OVERSEEING INFORMATION (MR ADOLF HSU HSUNG), AND ADMINISTRATION (MR ALEC PURVES).

THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO BE SERVED BY A RE-ORGANISED URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS INCORPORATED THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE FORMER RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WHICH PROVIDED SERVICES AT THE REGIONAL AND DISTRICT LEVELS IN THE URBAN AREAS.

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REORGANISED DEPARTMENT STARTS WORK
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS NOW BEING SERVED BY A REORGANISED URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT ITS WIDE RANGING RESPONSIBILITIES BUT ALSO INCORPORATES THOSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE FORMER RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN THE URBAN AREAS.

THIS EXPANDED USD IS HEADED BY A NEW DIRECTOR, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, WHO BECOMES THE COUNCIL'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING INTO FORCE ITS POLICIES.

MR CHUI, WHOSE LINKS WITH THE USD GO BACK TO 1969, WHEN HE WAS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WITH THE DEPARTMENT, HAD BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

HE TAKES OVER THE RUNNING OF A STAFF TOTALLING SOME 18 000 WHO SERVICE A DEPARTMENT WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF ABOUT \$3 484 MILLION FOR 1985-86.

/MR CHUI

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MR CHUI IS ASSISTED BY TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS, MR JOHN HEYWOOD AND MRS HELEN YU LAI CHING-PING. MR HEYWOOD, THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS HEAD OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH WHILE MRS YU, THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES, RETAINS SIMILAR RESPONSIBILITIES AS HEAD OF THE CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT BRANCH.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH EVOLVES FROM THE USD'S CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE URBAN ROLE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT. IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL AND DISTRICT MACHINERY OF THE DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, THE COORDINATION OF THE POLICY-MAKING MACHINERY AND THE OVERALL DIRECTION OF SPECIALIST ADVISORY SERVICES CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

UNDER THE NEW STRUCTURE, THE BRANCH IS MADE UP OF AN ADMINISTRATION DIVISION, A HEADQUARTERS DIVISION, A LEISURE SERVICES DIVISION, A HONG KONG REGION AND A KOWLOON REGION, AN ACCOUNTS AND SUPPLIES DIVISION, PLUS THE USD TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE INTERNAL AUDIT SECTION. IT ALSO INCLUDES THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION WHICH FORMULATES PROPOSALS FOR AND KEEPS UNDER REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL AND MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME AND GENERAL PLANNING POLICIES.

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, THE FORMER KOWLOON EAST AND KOWLOON WEST REGIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE COMBINED INTO ONE KOWLOON REGION, WORKING UNDER ONE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, TO FACILITATE THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES AND SERVICES AT DISTRICT LEVELS.

THE CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT BRANCH TAKES OVER FROM THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN LOOKING AFTER THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF POLICY AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO CULTURAL, ENTERTAINMENT AND AMENITIES SERVICES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

THE BRANCH IS DIVIDED INTO A CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT DIVISION, AND A MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION.

ALSO UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES ARE THE URBAN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT WHICH PROVIDES ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND THE LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE WHICH PROVIDES LEGAL ADVICE ON ALL MATTERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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SUPPORT FOR NEW DISTRICT BOARDS STRESSED
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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS TO ENSURE THAT THE RESPONSIVENESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENHANCED, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR LIAO WAS SPEAKING AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD.

+THE DISTRICT OFFICER, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WILL HAVE THE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY OF CO-ORDINATING DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND ENSURING THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN THEIR WORK,+ HE SAID.

DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ADVICE, TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, TO EXPLAIN POLICIES AND DECISIONS, AND TO PRESENT PAPERS AT BOARD MEETINGS.

MR LIAO SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT ALL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, APPOINTED AND ELECTED, WOULD WORK WITH EACH OTHER IN HARMONY TOWARDS THE COMMON GOAL OF ENSURING THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE BOARDS AND ENHANCING THE WELFARE OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+WE HAVE A TRADITION OF CONSENSUS IN OUR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND UNDOUBTEDLY THAT TRADITION WILL BE CARRIED ON IN THE DISTRICT BOARDS,+ HE ADDED.

MR LIAO NOTED THAT THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD WAS THE FIRST TO MEET FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF INNOVATIVE CHANGES, WHICH OPENED UP A NEW PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG.

ALL 19 DISTRICT BOARDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WILL BE RUN ENTIRELY BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, WITH THE CHAIRMEN BEING ELECTED BY MEMBERS THEMSELVES.

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UNOFFICIALS TO SPEAK ON BILLS

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A NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE SPEAKING WHEN DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1985 AND THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY BILL 1985.

EARLIER, A MOTION WILL BE MOVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE HON ERIC HO, LIMITING THE CONTINGENT LIABILITY OF THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION UNDER CONTRACTS OF INSURANCE, TO \$4 200 MILLION AT ANY TIME.

AND 11 QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIALS. THE QUESTIONS WILL DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH OF AN IRANIAN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT, COSTS TO GOVERNMENT FOR FRINGE BENEFITS TO LOCAL DIRECTORATE OFFICERS, RESEARCH ON DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND MEASURES TO CONTAIN +AIDS+ IN HONG KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE CONDUCTING ITS REGULAR OPEN SESSION.

THE AGENDA FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE BOXED LATER TODAY.

STUDENTS GET GRANTS FOR UK STUDIES

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A TOTAL OF 1 327 HONG KONG STUDENTS PURSUING TERTIARY EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM RECEIVED GRANTS TOTALLING 3 357 025 POUNDS STERLING UNDER THE JOINT UNITED KINGDOM-HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS FUNDING SCHEME IN THE 1984-85 ACADEMIC YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, WHICH ADMINISTERS THE SCHEME, SAID TODAY.

THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS 73 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL 1 813 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, COMPARED WITH THE SUCCESS RATE OF 51 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING YEAR, HE SAID.

THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN 1983-84, IS JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG TO HELP NEEDY HONG KONG STUDENTS MEET THE HIGHER TUITION FEES LEVIED ON OVERSEAS STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS.

/ALL APPLICANTS

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ALL APPLICANTS ARE MEANS-TESTED. A STUDENT FROM A POOR FAMILY MAY EXPECT TO RECEIVE AN OUTRIGHT GRANT, MAKING UP THE FULL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OVERSEAS AND HOME STUDENTS' RATES OF CHARGE.

FOR 1984-85, THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTION JOINTLY ALLOCATED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AMOUNTS TO 3.8M POUNDS STERLING.

IN ADDITION, 22 STUDENTS WHO DID NOT SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN TIME TO QUALIFY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE JOINT FUNDING SCHEME WERE OFFERED INTEREST-FREE LOANS TOTTALLING \$518 900. THE LOANS ARE SOLELY FINANCED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1985-86 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL START LATER THIS MONTH, AND DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED NEARER THE TIME.

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REPORT SETS OUT TECHNICAL MANPOWER NEEDS

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A REPORT, PROVIDING THE GOVERNMENT WITH USEFUL INFORMATION IN EVOLVING POLICIES FOR BRINGING ABOUT A BALANCED SUPPLY OF TECHNICAL MANPOWER, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE +REPORT ON DEMAND FOR AND SUPPLY OF TECHNICAL MANPOWER IN THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES+ WILL ALSO HELP EMPLOYERS IN FORMULATING THEIR TRAINING POLICIES AND CAREERS GUIDANCE OFFICERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN IDENTIFYING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRY, THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID.

THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT THE AGGREGATED DEMAND FOR TECHNICAL MANPOWER AT TECHNOLOGIST LEVEL IN MAJOR INDUSTRIES IS IN THE RANGE OF 1 250 TO 1 400 PER ANNUM.

+AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE EFFECTS OF PARTICIPATION RATE, THAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES WHO WILL GO INTO EMPLOYMENT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF STUDY, THE ESTIMATED AVERAGE ANNUAL SUPPLY OF TECHNOLOGIST GRADUATES FROM 1984 TO 1987 IS ABOUT 1 200,+ THE REPORT SAYS.

THOUGH THE SUPPLY OF TECHNOLOGISTS APPEARS TO BE SLIGHTLY UNDER THE FORECAST DEMAND, THE DEFICIENCY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE MET BY THE OUTPUT FROM COURSES IN THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE OFFERED BY THE CITY POLYTECHNIC, THE REPORT SAYS.

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AT TECHNICIAN LEVEL, THE REPORT ESTIMATES THAT THE AGGREGATED ANNUAL DEMAND IS IN THE RANGE OF 3 350 TO 3 850.

ALLOWING FOR THOSE CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA HOLDERS WHO WILL CONTINUE THEIR STUDY IN HIGHER CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES AND THE PARTICIPATION RATES, THE AVERAGE ANNUAL SUPPLY OF TECHNICIAN GRADUATES BETWEEN 1984 AND 1987 IS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 3 400.

THE SUPPLY OF CRAFTSMEN, HOWEVER, FALLS SHORT OF THE FORECAST DEMAND. THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT THE AMOUNT OF TECHNICAL MANPOWER REQUIRED IN MAJOR INDUSTRIES AT THIS LEVEL WAS ABOUT 7 700 IN 1984, AND WILL RISE TO 9 000 IN 1987. THE NUMBER OF TRAINED CRAFT STUDENTS WAS AROUND 2 650 IN 1984 AND WOULD RISE TO 4 450 IN 1987.

HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL SITUATION IS FAR LESS SERIOUS BECAUSE MANY CRAFT JOBS DO NOT REQUIRE APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING OR COMPLETION OF CRAFT COURSES, AND CAN BE FILLED BY INTERNAL PROMOTION.

THIS REVIEW, BASED ON THE MANPOWER SURVEYS OF MAJOR INDUSTRIES CONDUCTED IN 1982 AND 1983, COVERS THE AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, CIVIL, STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY, SURVEYING, CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING, MARINE ENGINEERING AND NAVAL ARCHITECTURE, PRINTING TECHNOLOGY AND TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES.

IT IS PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE AND IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$18.5 A COPY.

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TEACHERS MEET EDUCATION OFFICIALS

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MORE THAN 1 000 TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM AIDED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HELD THEIR ANNUAL SMALL-GROUP DISCUSSION SESSIONS WITH SENIOR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TODAY, TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THEM AND THE COLLEAGUES THEY REPRESENT.

THE FREE DISCUSSION SESSIONS ARE HELD EVERY YEAR AND HAVE PROVED TO BE A VALUABLE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE TEACHERS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN VARIOUS CENTRES ON HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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SCREECHING SIRENS ARE A RELIEF TO SOME
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THE NOISE FROM SIRENS MAY BE DISTURBING TO SOME PARTICULARLY IN QUIET MORNINGS, BUT ARE A RELIEF TO THOSE AWAITING EMERGENCY HELP, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, MR M. KINGDOM, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+I AGREE THE SIRENS ARE DISTURBING BUT I AM SURE THAT THOSE WHO WERE AWAITING OUR ARRIVAL FELT A GREAT MEASURE OF RELIEF AS THE NOISE OF SIRENS CAME CLOSER AND CLOSER,+ SAID MR KINGDOM.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY AT WHICH AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO A STATION OFFICER AND TWO FIREMEN FOR THEIR PROMPT ACTIONS IN RESCUING A FILIPINO FAMILY IN THE VERY EARLY MORNING ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

+THIS IS MOST EVIDENT FROM THE FILIPINO FAMILY THAT THEY FELT GREAT RELIEF WHEN THEY HEARD THE SIRENS FROM THE APPROACHING FIRE APPLIANCES,+ MR KINGDOM SAID.

THEY MIGHT HAVE DONE SOMETHING FOOLISH IF THEY FOUND NO HELP WAS AROUND, HE SAID.

MR KINGDOM LATER PRESENTED THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES' HIGH COMMENDATION TO STATION OFFICER CHO WING-NIN FOR HIS DISPLAY OF LEADERSHIP, AND FIRM CONTROL OF A DIFFICULT FIRE SITUATION RESULTING IN THE RESCUE OF SIX RESIDENTS AT A FIRE AT 11A HAU FOOK STREET, ON FEBRUARY 20, 1985.

TWO OTHER FIREMEN, FUNG CHUNG-KAM AND YU KWOK-FAI RECEIVED THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES' COMMENDATION FOR THEIR SKILL, INITIATIVE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY DURING A FIRE.

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TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATE INTEREST RATE CUT
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AS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES WILL BE 5.04 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 5.52 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

NOTICE OF THIS WAS PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.42 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETED MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE, HE SAID.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 3 APRIL 1985.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE 3 APRIL 1985 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS :-

- 7.8 % PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 10 FEBRUARY 1984 AND BEFORE 23 MARCH 1984 ;
- 5.16% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR BEFORE 23 MARCH 1984 AND BEFORE 18 MAY 1984 ;
- 8.4 % PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 18 MAY 1984 AND BEFORE 6 JULY 1984 ;
- 10.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 6 JULY 1984 AND BEFORE 13 JULY 1984 ;
- 12.84% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 13 JULY 1984 AND BEFORE 10 AUGUST 1984 ;
- 10.8 % PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 10 AUGUST 1984 AND BEFORE 31 AUGUST 1984 ;
- 9.6 % PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 31 AUGUST 1984 AND BEFORE 5 OCTOBER 1984 ;
- 8.52% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 5 OCTOBER 1984 AND BEFORE 31 OCTOBER 1984 ;
- 8.04% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 31 OCTOBER 1984 AND BEFORE 28 NOVEMBER 1984 ;

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- 7.56% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 28 NOVEMBER 1984 AND BEFORE 28 DECEMBER 1984;
- 7.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 28 DECEMBER 1984 AND BEFORE 16 JANUARY 1985;
- 6.6 % PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 16 JANUARY 1985 AND BEFORE 30 JANUARY 1985; AND
- 5.52% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 30 JANUARY 1985 AND BEFORE 3 APRIL 1985

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETED MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: \$1 000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON 3 APRIL 1985, 3 MAY 1985 AND 3 JUNE 1985 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON 2 JULY 1985 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:-

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| ON \$1 000, 3 APRIL 1985 TO 2 JULY 1985 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$4.20 PER MONTH | = \$12.60 |
| ON \$1 000, 3 MAY 1985 TO 2 JULY 1985 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$4.20 PER MONTH | = \$ 8.40 |
| ON \$1 000, 3 JUNE 1985 TO 2 JULY 1985 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$4.20 PER MONTH | = \$ 4.20 |
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DISTRICT BOARD ELECTS CHAIRMAN

MR STEPHEN WONG YUEN-CHEUNG WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AT A MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING ON APRIL 23.

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CLINIC FOR SAI KUNG
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A NEW CLINIC WILL BE BUILT IN SAI KUNG.

THE FOUR-STOREY STRUCTURE, OCCUPYING 1 900 SQUARE METRES AT MAN NIN STREET, COMPRISES A STANDARD OUT-PATIENT, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES AND DENTAL CLINICS, MATERNITY UNIT AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES, SUCH AS STAFF ACCOMMODATION AND QUARTERS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

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VEHICULAR FERRY SURVEY TO BE CARRIED OUT
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A SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE TRAVELLING HABITS OF MOTORISTS USING VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICES TO ASSIST THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN THE PLANNING OF FUTURE SERVICES.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED BY TRANSPORT INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT, WILL START ON THURSDAY (APRIL 4) ON THE SAI WAN HO-KWUN TONG, NORTH POINT-KOWLOON CITY AND NORTH POINT-KWUN TONG SERVICES AND CONTINUE ON THE CENTRAL-JORDAN ROAD ROUTE ON APRIL 10, 1985.

INFORMATION REQUIRED INCLUDES ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS OF VEHICLES AND NUMBER OF TRIPS.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE USED FOR THE ANALYSIS OF CROSS-HARBOUR TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR IN THE PLANNING OF VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICES, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED MOTORISTS TO CO-OPERATE WHEN APPROACHED BY TRANSPORT INSPECTORS FOR INTERVIEWS.

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TAI KOK TSUI TO HAVE PLAYGROUND

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A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND SITTING-OUT AREA WILL BE BUILT ON A 325-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF BOUNDARY STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE FLOWER BEDS, ARBOURS, CONCRETE BENCHES, A STOREROOM, PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY MATTING FOR THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING CALLED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES

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FROM 2 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 5) TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY, EDINBURGH PLACE EAST BETWEEN THE EASTERN END OF THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND QUEEN'S PIER IN CENTRAL, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO ALLOW AN EASTER FAIR TO BE HELD.

AND FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 5), A 20-METRE SECTION ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HARCOURT ROAD, WEST OF RODNEY STREET, WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS FOR ROAD WORK.

WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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