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COMPENSATION RULE FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME RELAXED
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT A MAJOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERION OF THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME HAS BEEN RELAXED.

COMPENSATION IS NOW PAYABLE FOR INJURIES WHICH HAVE CAUSED AT LEAST THREE DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING OR EARNING CAPACITY. THE PREVIOUS MINIMUM PERIOD WAS SEVEN DAYS.

RULES ARE ALSO AMENDED TO REQUIRE CLAIMS UNDER THE SCHEME TO BE MADE WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE DATE OF INCIDENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID BOTH CHANGES WERE INTRODUCED WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 4 THIS YEAR.

THE SCHEME PROVIDES CASH RELIEF FOR PEOPLE INJURED AND FOR DEPENDANTS OF THOSE KILLED IN A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, OR THROUGH THE ACTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES.

IT IS ADMINISTERED BY TWO BOARDS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH SECRETARIAT SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RELAXED CRITERION WAS ESTIMATED TO BENEFIT AN EXTRA 200 APPLICANTS AND COST AN ADDITIONAL \$180 000 IN PAYMENTS PER ANNUM.

HE SAID THE TIME LIMIT OF THREE YEARS FOR APPLICATIONS WAS IN LINE WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR LEGAL CLAIMS SEEKING DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, AS IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO INVESTIGATE AND GET ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR CLAIMS WHICH DATE BACK A VERY LONG TIME.

FROM LAST APRIL TO FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, NEARLY \$1.4 MILLION WAS PAID TO 475 APPLICANTS UNDER THE SCHEME, BRINGING TO MORE THAN \$9.5 MILLION THE TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED SINCE THE SCHEME STARTED EIGHT YEARS AGO. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, 809 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED, BRINGING TO 4 420 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS MADE SINCE 1973.

THE SCHEME RECEIVED ONLY 282 CLAIMS IN ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION IN 1973-74.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID INJURIES, FOR WHICH CLAIMS WERE MADE, MUST HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE WITHOUT UNREASONABLE DELAY.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SECTION ON 14TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-7903349).

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GRANTS FOR NEEDY MATRICULATION STUDENTS

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STUDENTS IN FORM/MIDDLE 5 AND FORM 6 CAN SOON APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE GRANTS IF THEY WISH TO PURSUE FULL-TIME MATRICULATION STUDIES IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

+THE GRANT AIMS TO HELP NEEDY STUDENTS CONTINUE THEIR ADVANCED OR HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATIONS STUDIES,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR, MORE THAN 1 300 FORM/MIDDLE 6 AND FORM 7 STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE GRANTS AMOUNTING TO SOME \$900 000, HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM JUNE 1 AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, ROOM 1522, 15TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

FOR STUDENTS NOW STUDYING IN FORM/MIDDLE 5, THE FORMS MUST BE RETURNED THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE SECRETARY, MAINTENANCE GRANTS COMMITTEE, NOT LATER THAN 10 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION RESULTS.

STUDENTS IN FORM 6 AND PROMOTING TO FORM 7 MUST RETURN THE APPLICATION FORMS THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE SECRETARY NOT LATER THAN JULY 25.

+GRANTS ARE AWARDED YEARLY AND RENEWAL IS NOT AUTOMATIC. IF A RECIPIENT IN FORM 6 WISHES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT ON PROMOTION TO FORM 7, HE MUST APPLY AGAIN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

STUDENTS IN FORM 6 WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING GRANTS IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPLETE THE ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION COURSE IN 1981/82, HE SAID.

GRANTS WILL BE PAID THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS AT THE END OF EACH MONTH IN ARREARS FOR 10 MONTHS IN THE YEAR, AND THERE WILL BE NO PAYMENT FOR JULY AND AUGUST. IN RECENT YEARS THE AMOUNT OF GRANT AWARDED TO EACH STUDENT HAD BEEN IN THE REGION OF \$500 A YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE CRIME REPORT

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THE WORKING GROUP FORMED LAST YEAR BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE CAUSES OF THE RISE IN JUVENILE CRIME HAS COMPLETED ITS REPORT.

DETAILS OF THE GROUP'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (APRIL 2) BY MR NIGEL FRENCH, CONVENOR OF THE WORKING GROUP, AND DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN AT 4.30 PM IN THE GIS THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

COPIES OF THE FULL REPORT IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS. HOWEVER, ADVANCE COPIES OF THE ENGLISH EDITION AND COPIES IN CHINESE OF THE REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE THE START OF THE CONFERENCE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE IN THE GIS THEATRE BY 4 PM ON THURSDAY SO THEY WILL HAVE SOME TIME TO GO THROUGH THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE THE START OF THE CONFERENCE.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR TAI PO MARKET

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AT TAI PO MARKET IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CENTRE, TO BE LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF HEUNG SZE WUI STREET AND PO HEUNG STREET, WILL HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND WELFARE FACILITIES.

IT WILL COMPRISE, WITHIN A SIX-STORY BLOCK, A LIBRARY, A COFFEE BAR, A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, GROUP ACTIVITY ROOMS, STUDY ROOMS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND A NURSERY WITH ROOF PLAY AREA.

A 500-SEAT HALL, COMPLETE WITH A STAGE, DRESSING ROOMS AND STORAGE AREA, WILL BE PROVIDED IN A BUILDING LINKED TO THE MAIN BLOCK. ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING WILL BE CHANGING ROOMS AND A COVERED PLAYGROUND. A BASKETBALL COURT WILL BE BUILT NEXT TO THE CHANGING ROOMS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED A YEAR LATER.

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REMINDER ON TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO OBTAIN MORE THAN ONE PASSPORT, CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY, DECLARATION OF IDENTITY OR RE-ENTRY PERMIT WITHOUT DECLARING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH SUCH DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY.

MAKING FALSE DECLARATION WHEN APPLYING FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WOULD MAKE THEM LIABLE TO PROSECUTION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IN MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT, THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO DECLARE WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS BEEN ISSUED WITH ANY TRAVEL DOCUMENT= EVEN IF THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN LOST OR HAS EXPIRED.

LAST YEAR, 802 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR FURNISHING INCORRECT INFORMATION IN APPLYING FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, AND THE MAJORITY OF THESE CASES INVOLVED APPLICANTS WHO WERE FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF MORE THAN ONE RE-ENTRY PERMIT.

+THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THIS OFFENCE IS A FINE OF HK\$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO SAFEGUARD THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. +LOST TRAVEL DOCUMENTS MAY FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS FOR UNLAWFUL USE. EXTENSIVE ENQUIRIES HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE A REPLACEMENT MAY BE ISSUED.+ HE ADDED.

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CLOSURE OF SECTION OF ROUTE TWISK

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FROM 11 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 1), THE SECTION OF ROUTE TWISK IN TSUEN WAN FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO THE YET UNNAMED NEW ROAD NEAR SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY TO THROUGH TRAFFIC, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THIS ARRANGEMENT IS BEING MADE IN CONNECTION WITH NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT FOR TSUEN WAN.

TRAFFIC HEADING EAST FROM TUEN MUN GOING TO ROUTE TWISK AND SHEK KONG WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA SHING MUN ROAD WHICH CONNECTS WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD BESIDE THE TSUEN WAN POLICE STATION.

TRAFFIC HEADING WEST ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM KOWLOON TO ROUTE TWISK SHOULD TURN LEFT INTO THE SPIRAL LOOP ROAD AND GO OVER THE FLYOVER OF THE TEXACO ROAD INTERCHANGE.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM ROUTE TWISK TO TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN CENTRAL WILL BE RE-ROUTED OVER THE FLYOVER OF THE TEXACO ROAD INTERCHANGE.

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TUEN MUN TRAFFIC SHOULD TURN RIGHT AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE END OF THE BRIDGE.

THE PART OF ROUTE TWISK AT THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD END WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR ACCESS TO MEI WAN STREET ONLY.

ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PEDESTRIANS FROM THE CLOSED ROUTE TWISK TO SHAN TSUEN ACCESS ROAD.

KMB ROUTE NO. 51 WILL ACCORDINGLY BE RE-ROUTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND ROUTE TWISK ON ITS WAY TO YUEN LONG AND RE-ROUTED VIA ROUTE TWISK, TEXACO ROAD, KWOK SHUI ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD ON ITS WAY TO TAI KOK TSUI.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TWO PWD OFFICERS RETIRE

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TWO OFFICERS OF THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ARE RETIRING AFTER SERVING IN THE GOVERNMENT FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF 63 YEARS.

THEY ARE MR CHEUK CHI-SUN, CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER AND MR CHU WING-HIN, SUPPLIES OFFICER.

MR CHEUK FIRST JOINED THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PWD AS AN ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR IN 1952. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE WHERE HE BECAME INSPECTOR OF WORKS II IN 1965 AND INSPECTOR OF WORKS I IN 1973. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER IN 1978.

MR CHU JOINED THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AS A HEAD WATCHMAN IN 1946 AND WAS PROMOTED TO STOREKEEPER IN 1953. HE BECAME ASSISTANT STORES OFFICER IN 1958 AND STORES OFFICER IN 1966. HIS POST WAS LATER RETITLED SUPPLIES OFFICER AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE PWD IN 1969.

AT A CEREMONY TODAY (MONDAY), MR R.H. PILLING, CHIEF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER OF THE PWD PRESENTED THEM WITH SOUVENIRS ON BEHALF OF THEIR COLLEAGUES.

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