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EIGHT QUESTIONS, SEVEN BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF EIGHT QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SEVEN BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 11).

OF THE SEVEN BILLS, THREE WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND DEBATES ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED.

THEY ARE THE HANG LUNG BANK (ACQUISITION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, THE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (REPEAL) BILL 1990 AND A PRIVATE BILL, THE MORRISON SCHOLARSHIPS FUND BILL 1990.

THE OTHER BILLS ARE EACH DUE TO BE GIVEN A SECOND READING, AND THEN TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

THEY ARE THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, THE LAWS (LOOSE-LEAF PUBLICATION) BILL 1990, THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, AND THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1990.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL MOVE A MOTION ON HOMOSEXUALITY.

IT READS: "THAT MEASURES BE PRESENTED TO THIS COUNCIL -- (A) TO REMOVE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATING TO HOMOSEXUAL ACTS COMMITTED IN PRIVATE BY CONSENTING MEN WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 21; AND (B) TO EXTEND TO MEN AND BOYS, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AFFORDED BY THE CRIMES ORDINANCE TO WOMEN AND GIRLS."

ALSO, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE RADIATION ORDINANCE.

IN ADDITION, DR THE HON DANIEL TSE WILL SPEAK ON THE 1989 ANNUAL REPORT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTINGS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERIES AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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NEW SYSTEM PUTS HK AT FOREFRONT OF LETTER SORTING TECHNOLOGY

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THE COMMISSIONING OF THE MECHANISED LETTER SORTING SYSTEM (MLSS) IN THE POST OFFICE PUTS HONG KONG FIRMLY AT THE FOREFRONT OF MECHANISED LETTER SORTING TECHNOLOGY, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW SYSTEM, MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT POSTAL TRAFFIC IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO GROW AT A COMPOUND RATE OF 10 PER CENT EACH YEAR WITH OVER TWO MILLION ITEMS OF MAIL NOW HANDLED EACH DAY.

THIS ADDED UP TO AN ASTONISHING FIGURE OF OVER 800 MILLION POSTAL ITEMS HANDLED BY THE POST OFFICE IN 1989.

MRS CHAN SAID THE OVER \$100 MILLION MLSS WENT A LARGE STEP FURTHER IN MECHANISATION BY EMPLOYING, FOR THE FIRST TIME ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY WHICH READ ADDRESSES TYPED OR MACHINE PRINTED IN ENGLISH WITHOUT THE NEED FOR POSTAL CODES.

AUTOMATIC SORTING WAS NOT LIMITED TO THOSE LETTERS WITH ADDRESSES TYPED OR PRINTED IN ENGLISH, SHE SAID.

"LETTERS WITH ADDRESSES TYPED, PRINTED OR HANDWRITTEN IN CHINESE OR HANDWRITTEN IN ENGLISH ARE ALSO PROCESSED FOR AUTOMATIC SORTING BY THIS SYSTEM USING VIDEO CODING MACHINES.

"THESE MACHINES ALLOW OPERATORS TO VIEW THE LETTERS ON A SCREEN AND TYPE IN AN APPROPRIATE BAR CODE REPRESENTING THE ADDRESS WHICH IS PRINTED ON THE ENVELOPE TO FACILITATE MACHINE SORTING," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID TAKEN AS A WHOLE, THE SYSTEM SHOULD RESULT IN THE AUTOMATIC SORTING OF 90 PER CENT OF ALL LETTERS HANDLED BY THE POST OFFICE, AMOUNTING TO 1.7 MILLION ITEMS A DAY AND WELL OVER 600 MILLION ITEMS IN A YEAR AT CURRENT LEVELS OF POSTAL VOLUME.

"THE BENEFIT OF THE SYSTEM TO THE TAXPAYER AND POSTAL SERVICE CUSTOMER IS THAT IT WILL ALLOW THE POST OFFICE TO MAINTAIN ITS CUSTOMARY HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICE WITHOUT HAVING TO ENGAGE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF ADDITIONAL STAFF TO COPE WITH THE FAST GROWING VOLUME OF POSTAL TRAFFIC AND TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE RAPIDLY INCREASING NEW TOWN POPULATIONS.

"IN THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION ALONE WE ESTIMATE THAT SOME 200 POSTS WILL BE SAVED AS A RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SYSTEM," SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, MRS CHAN STRESSED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR REDUNDANCIES.

"SOME POSTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO LAPSE AS THEY BECOME VACANT DUE TO NORMAL WASTAGE THROUGH RESIGNATION OR RETIREMENT.

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"THE REST WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO COPE WITH AREAS OF INCREASING DEMAND SUCH AS IN THE NEW TOWNS," SHE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, SAID THE COMMISSIONING OF THE MLSS WAS THE CULMINATION OF EFFORTS IN INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVING EFFICIENCY, AND IN RELYING ON MECHANISATION AND AUTOMATION AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

HE SAID IN ORDER TO REAP THE FULL BENEFITS OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT, THE POST OFFICE NEEDED THE CO-OPERATION OF EVERYONE IN HONG KONG IN PROPERLY ADDRESSING AND MAKING UP MAIL ITEMS SO THAT THEY COULD BE READ BY THE EQUIPMENT AND THUS REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF MANUAL SORTING.

"WITH PUBLIC CO-OPERATION I AM SURE THAT OUR MAIL CAN BE PROCESSED MORE QUICKLY AND THAT IT CAN REACH RECIPIENTS FASTER," HE ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY AND COPIES OF SPEECHES BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AND THE POSTMASTER GENERAL WILL BE BOXED.

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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN APRIL

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1990 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 1 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES, HAVING DISCOUNTED THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE AVAILABLE.

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COMPARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 1990 WITH APRIL 1989, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 7 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT. AS SUCH, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. IMPORT PRICES INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP FOR APRIL 1990 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN APRIL 1990 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989, INCLUDING RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-45 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-37 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (-25 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-23 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-22 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-22 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-9 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-8 PER CENT); CLOTHING (-5 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-5 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-4 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, AN INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+11 PER CENT).

THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN APRIL 1990 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989. THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+5 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+5 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+4 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+3 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+3 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+2 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+2 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+1 PER CENT); AND RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-8 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-3 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR APRIL 1990 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN APRIL 1990 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989. DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WHEAT AND FLOUR; RICE; AND FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS; LIVE POULTRY; AND TEA AND COFFEE.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT. COMMODITY ITEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TOBACCO MANUFACTURES; FOOTWEAR AND WATCHES. A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN IMPORT VOLUME OF CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN APRIL 1990 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989.

THE MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; RAW COTTON; AND IRON AND STEEL. INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; PAPER AND PAPERBOARD; AND THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 75 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN APRIL 1990 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN APRIL 1990 OVER APRIL 1989. DECREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY (OTHER THAN TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES; AND SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS.

COMPARING APRIL 1990 WITH APRIL 1989, THE IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED: FUELS (+6 PER CENT); CONSUMER GOODS (+4 PER CENT); FOODSTUFFS (+4 PER CENT); AND CAPITAL GOODS (+1 PER CENT). THE IMPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR APRIL 1990 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 86 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT IN APRIL 1990 AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989. HOWEVER, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS; RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND CAPITAL GOODS DECREASED, BY 23 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN APRIL 1990 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989: FUELS (+8 PER CENT); CONSUMER GOODS (+5 PER CENT); RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+3 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (+3 PER CENT) AND FOODSTUFFS (+1 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL 1990 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND JULY 14 AT \$3 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 823 4918).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING APR 1990 WITH APR 1989			COMPARING JAN-APR 1990 WITH JAN-APR 1989		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	-4	1	-5	-2	2	-3
TEXTILE FABRICS	-2	3	-5	6	4	2
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-21	4	-23	-11	4	-15
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-2	2	-4	-4	3	-6
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-44	1	-45	-34	*	-34
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	16	5	11	13	2	11
FOOTWEAR	-19	3	-22	-22	1	-23
METAL MANUFACTURES	-22	5	-25	-19	6	-23
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-16	-8	-8	-26	-6	-21
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	-11	-3	-9	-4	-2	-2
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-19	4	-22	-18	4	-21
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-36	2	-37	-35	2	-36
ALL COMMODITIES	-6	1	-7	-4	2	-5

\* LESS THAN 0.5%

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TABLE 2: CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING APR 1990 WITH APR 1989			COMPARING JAN-APR 1990 WITH JAN-APR 1989		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	-1	4	-4	*	3	-3
CONSUMER GOODS	18	4	13	15	5	9
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	-2	-1	-1	-5	*	-5
FUELS	86	6	75	10	11	-1
CAPITAL GOODS	-3	1	-3	1	1	*
ALL COMMODITIES	6	2	4	3	2	1

\* LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 3: CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING APR 1990 WITH APR 1989			COMPARING JAN-APR 1990 WITH JAN-APR 1989		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	-22	1	-23	-13	2	-15
CONSUMER GOODS	28	5	22	28	5	22
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	-6	3	-9	-5	4	-9
FUELS	102	8	86	93	14	69
CAPITAL GOODS	2	3	-1	3	3	-1
ALL COMMODITIES	10	4	6	10	4	6

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REGISTRATION OF PARAMEDICS BEGINS LATER THIS YEAR

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT REGISTRATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS WOULD COMMENCE LATER THIS YEAR.

THIS FOLLOWED THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE IN RESPECT OF THESE TWO PROFESSIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

DETAILED PROVISIONS REGARDING THE REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE OF THE TWO PROFESSIONS WOULD BE GAZETTED ON FRIDAY (JULY 13).

"THESE REGULATIONS WILL PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION TO THE PUBLIC BY MAINTAINING ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS IN THE PRACTICE OF THESE TWO SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE IN RESPECT OF THESE TWO PROFESSIONS CAME INTO EFFECT, ONLY PERSONS REGISTERED IN THE PROFESSION WOULD BE ALLOWED TO PRACTISE THE PROFESSION.

IT WOULD BE AN OFFENCE FOR ANY UNREGISTERED PERSON TO PRACTISE THE PROFESSION OR FOR ANY PERSON, INCLUDING MEDICAL DOCTORS, TO EMPLOY UNQUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO PRACTISE THESE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS.

HOWEVER, CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT PERFORM FUNCTIONS THAT COME WITHIN THE SCOPE OF WORK OF A PARTICULAR SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSION IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OWN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE WOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

IN THE CASE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, THESE WOULD INCLUDE REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND STUDENTS UNDERGOING TRAINING IN MEDICINE OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE REGULATIONS HAD BEEN DRAWN UP AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS BOARD, THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD, THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS COUNCIL AND OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

THE REGULATIONS WOULD BE CONTAINED IN THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 1990 AND THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 1990.

"THEY PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE REGISTER, SPECIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION, AND PROVIDE FOR PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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UNDER THE REGULATIONS, THE REGISTER FOR BOTH PROFESSIONS WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS: PART I AND II FOR FULL REGISTRATION AND PART III FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION.

ONLY PROFESSIONALS REGISTERED IN PART I CAN PRACTISE WITHOUT SUPERVISION. THOSE REGISTERED IN PART II AND PART III WILL HAVE TO PRACTISE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PERSON REGISTERED IN PART I.

THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS AND WITH NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR POST-QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE RECOGNISED BY THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS BOARD WOULD BE REGISTERED IN PART I OF THE REGISTER. THE QUALIFICATIONS ARE:

- A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC; OR
- A DIPLOMA ISSUED BY THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS; OR
- A CERTIFICATE FROM THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS BOARD FOR FULL REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(1)(A) OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE.

THOSE WHO POSSESS ANY OF THE ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS BUT WITHOUT THE ONE YEAR POST-QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE WILL BE REGISTERED IN PART II OF THE REGISTER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PERSONS CURRENTLY PRACTISING THE PROFESSION BUT WHO HAVE NO RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS OR FORMAL TRAINING WILL BE REGISTERED IN PART III WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION BY THE BOARD.

IN THE CASE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS, A PERSON WHO HOLDS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS TOGETHER WITH NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS POST-QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE RECOGNISED BY THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD WILL BE REGISTERED IN PART I OF THE REGISTER. THE QUALIFICATIONS ARE:

- A HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; OR
- A HIGHER DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC; OR
- AN ASSOCIATE OR A FELLOW OF THE UNITED KINGDOM INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES.

THOSE WHO HOLD ANY OF THE ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS BUT WHO DO NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED EXPERIENCE, OR ANY PERSON WHO HOLDS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE REGISTERED IN PART II:

- A DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC; OR

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- AN ORDINARY CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; OR
- A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY ISSUED BY THE FORMER MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO 1982; OR
- A CERTIFICATE FROM THE BOARD FOR FULL REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(1)(A) OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE.

PERSONS CURRENTLY PRACTISING THE PROFESSION BUT WHO HAVE NO RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS OR FORMAL TRAINING WILL BE REGISTERED IN PART III WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION BY THE BOARD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PERSONS WHO HOLD OTHER OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OR MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE MAY ALSO APPLY TO THE RESPECTIVE BOARD FOR REGISTRATION.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS COUNCIL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RELEVANT BOARD, WILL DECIDE WHETHER THAT PARTICULAR OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION IS REGISTRABLE AND, IF SO, WHETHER ITS HOLDER BE REGISTERED IN PART I OR PART II OF THE REGISTER.

TO FACILITATE SUCH APPLICATIONS, THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS COUNCIL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RELEVANT BOARD, WILL SHORTLY DRAW UP A LIST OF OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FULL REGISTRATION UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

TURNING TO THE DISCIPLINE OF PERSONS IN THE TWO PROFESSIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WERE SET OUT IN THE REGULATIONS WHICH PROVIDED FOR THE FORMATION OF A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE UNDER THE BOARD TO INQUIRE INTO ANY CASE OF COMPLAINT REFERRED TO THE BOARD.

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FROM OCTOBER 1, 1990. TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION TO OBTAIN THEIR REGISTRATION, IT IS EXPECTED THAT RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE WHICH PROHIBIT PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION BY UNREGISTERED PERSONS WOULD NOT COME INTO EFFECT UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE TWO PROFESSIONS WERE THE FIRST TO COMMENCE REGISTRATION UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE. IT WAS HOPED THAT REGISTRATION OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, RADIOGRAPHERS AND OPTOMETRISTS WOULD BE ABLE TO COMMENCE NEXT YEAR.

DETAILED PROCEDURES REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS BOARD AND THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD NEARER THE TIME OF COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MORE FIRMS USING DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME

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MORE AND MORE TRADING FIRMS ARE NOW USING THE DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN JULY LAST YEAR, TO LODGE THEIR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"BY THE END OF LAST MONTH, ABOUT 500 FIRMS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME, SUBMITTING MORE THAN 40,000 DECLARATIONS EACH MONTH," HE SAID.

THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN JULY 1, 1989 IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF FIRMS NOW HANDLING THEIR TRADE DOCUMENTATION BY COMPUTERS.

"IT PROVIDES TRADING FIRMS WITH AN ADDITIONAL OPTION TO SUBMIT DECLARATIONS ON MICRO-COMPUTER DISKETTES.

"THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTER, TRADERS CAN PREPARE AND LODGE THEIR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS IN A MORE ACCURATE AND EFFICIENT WAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE NUMBERS OF PARTICIPATING FIRMS AND DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED IN THE SCHEME ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO GROW STEADILY," HE ADDED.

HE SAID FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS INDICATED THAT THE SCHEME HAD GREATLY FACILITATED THEIR DECLARATION WORK, PARTICULARLY THE PREPARATION, SUBMISSION AND SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS.

ACCORDING TO THE PARTICIPANTS, THEIR EFFORT SPENT ON PREPARING DECLARATIONS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY REDUCED, FROM ABOUT EIGHT MINUTES PER DECLARATION BEFORE JOINING THE SCHEME TO FOUR MINUTES, REPRESENTING A REDUCTION OF 50 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AS ASSESSMENT OF DECLARATION CHARGES AT THE DECLARATION COLLECTION OFFICES WAS NOW BEING DONE BY COMPUTER, EFFICIENCY IN COLLECTING TRADE DECLARATIONS AND CHARGES AT THE COLLECTION COUNTERS HAD BEEN IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY.

"TRADERS ONLY NEED TO SPEND, ON AVERAGE, LESS THAN FOUR MINUTES IN SUBMITTING A DISKETTE CONTAINING MORE THAN 100 DECLARATIONS. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO MORE QUEUING REQUIRED AT THE COLLECTION OFFICES FOR USERS OF THE SCHEME.

"FOR DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED IN PAPER, IT TAKES ABOUT HALF A MINUTE TO PROCESS EACH DECLARATION AT THE COLLECTION COUNTERS AND HENCE 50 MINUTES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING 100 DECLARATIONS.

"MOREOVER, FOR DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED ON THE SAME DISKETTE, ONLY ONE SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED TO BE ENTERED ON A SUMMARY FORM," HE SAID.

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TO TRADERS SUBMITTING MANY TRADE DECLARATIONS, THE SCHEME OFFERED GREAT BENEFITS, HE STRESSED.

TO JOIN THE SCHEME, TRADERS NEED ONLY A MICRO-COMPUTER SYSTEM WHICH RUNS ON MS-DOS OF VERSION 2.0 OR HIGHER.

FOR TRADERS WHO ARE USING COMPUTERS BUT HAVE NOT YET COMPUTERISED THEIR TRADE DOCUMENTATION WORK, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE A USER FRIENDLY MICRO-COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO FACILITATE THEM IN PREPARING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS USING MICRO-COMPUTERS AND AT THE SAME TIME PRODUCING OUTPUTS THAT MEET ALL THE FORMAT REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SOFTWARE TOGETHER WITH THE OPERATION MANUAL ARE AVAILABLE AT \$160 PER SET FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

NEVERTHELESS, THE USE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SOFTWARE WAS NOT MANDATORY FOR JOINING THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TRADERS CAN DEVELOP THEIR OWN COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO MEET THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS AND SUBMIT DECLARATIONS ON DISKETTES TO GOVERNMENT SO LONG AS THE OUTPUT FORMATS OF DECLARATIONS CONFORM TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SPECIFICATIONS," HE SAID.

HE SAID ONE MAJOR ADVANTAGE OF USING THE GOVERNMENT'S SOFTWARE WAS THAT IT ENABLED A TRADING FIRM TO SET UP A PRODUCT FILE TO CONTAIN SUCH PARTICULARS AS THE FIRM'S OWN PRODUCT CODES, PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS AND THE CORRESPONDING HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODES.

"BY SIMPLY INPUTTING THE TRADING FIRM'S OWN PRODUCT CODES, THE OTHER PRE-STORED PARTICULARS CAN BE OUTPUT AUTOMATICALLY.

"THUS, THE NEED OF KEYING IN PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS AND HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODES IS DISPENSED WITH."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED PRODUCT FILE WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THE PREPARATION OF IMPORT OR EXPORT DECLARATIONS.

"IN THIS RESPECT, A TRADING FIRM JOINING THIS SCHEME MAY SEND ITS PREPARED PRODUCT FILE TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHERE SPECIALISED STAFF WOULD EXAMINE THE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS AND THE CORRESPONDING HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODES," HE SAID.

FOR THOSE TRADERS INTERESTED IN THE SCHEME BUT HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN OPERATING THE GOVERNMENT SOFTWARE, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A NUMBER OF SEMINARS AND DEMONSTRATIONS TO ASSIST THEM IN LEARNING HOW TO USE THE SOFTWARE.

MORE SUCH SEMINARS WILL BE ORGANISED. FOR DETAILS, THOSE INTERESTED MAY WRITE TO COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ATTN. : SENIOR STATISTICIAN (TRADE) 2) WANCHAI TOWER I, 17TH FLOOR, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI (REF. : DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME).

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EPCOM SUPPORTS SETTING UP TWO MORE WATER CONTROL ZONES

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM), AT A MEETING THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, DISCUSSED AND UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH TWO NEW WATER CONTROL ZONES IN DEEP BAY AND MIRS BAY.

THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE'S CATCHMENT EXTENDS FROM YUNG LONG BATHING BEACH AND YUEN LONG/KAN TIM SUBZONES IN THE WEST TO THE RIVER GANGES SUBZONE IN THE NORTH.

THE MIRS BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE MAINLY COVERS THE STRETCH OF WATER IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE TERRITORY.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE CONTROLS IN THE TWO ZONES SHOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR, OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE COMES INTO EFFECT.

EPCOM NOTED WITH GRAVE CONCERN THE DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S WATERS, THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION AND THE DELAY IN ENACTING THE AMENDMENTS TO STRENGTHEN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

THE AMENDMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATER THIS MONTH.

EPCOM CHAIRMAN, DR WANG GUNGWU, EMPHASISED THE NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE ACTION TO CONTROL POLLUTION AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY.

HE REMARKED THAT THE EXEMPTION PROVISIONS IN THE EXISTING LEGISLATION EFFECTIVELY CONFERRED A LICENCE TO POLLUTE AND THEIR REPEAL WAS OVERDUE. HE ALSO CRITICISED INDUSTRY FOR DRAGGING ITS FEET ON THE AMENDMENT BILL.

INDUSTRY'S OBJECTION WAS GENERALISED, WITHOUT CONCRETE DATA TO SUPPORT ITS CLAIM THAT THE MAJORITY OF FACTORIES, SUCH AS THOSE IN THE TEXTILE BLEACHING AND DYEING SECTOR, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE EFFLUENT STANDARDS AND WOULD GO OUT OF BUSINESS.

POINTING OUT THAT EVERYONE HAD A PART TO PLAY IN REDUCING POLLUTION, DR WANG URGED INDUSTRY TO STOP POSTURING AND ADOPT A MORE POSITIVE STANCE AND TAKE STEPS TO SEEK ADVICE, INTRODUCE WASTE MINIMISATION MEASURES, AND, WHERE NECESSARY, INSTALL TREATMENT FACILITIES.

HE SAID THAT AVAILABLE DATA SHOWED THAT THE CAPITAL COST OF TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR TEXTILE FACTORIES WITH FLOW RATES OF 3,000 TO 4,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY AMOUNTED TO ONLY A FEW PER CENT (1.2 PER CENT TO 3.4 PER CENT) OF THE FACTORIES' CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

TECHNICAL ADVICE WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY FOR INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS MANY PRIVATE CONSULTANCY FIRMS, HE ADDED.

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HE REGRETTED THAT MOST FACTORIES WERE ADOPTING A WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE, AND THERE WERE ALSO CASES OF PERSISTENT OFFENDERS, WHICH COULD NO LONGER BE TOLERATED.

DR WANG STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO TIME TO LOSE IN MAKING THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL INTO LAW, AND BRINGING IT INTO EFFECT. THIS SHOULD BE DONE WITHOUT FURTHER ADO.

EPCOM ALSO CONSIDERED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (SMOKE) REGULATIONS, AND RECOMMENDED THAT A MORE STRINGENT STANDARD ON THE EMISSION OF DARK SMOKE SHOULD BE INTRODUCED.

TWO PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND MARICULTURE WERE ALSO PRESENTED FOR EPCOM'S INFORMATION.

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#### CHILD SUPPLEMENT FOR PA FAMILIES

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OVER 20,000 CHILDREN WILL BE BENEFITTED FROM A CHILD SUPPLEMENT WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED IN 1991, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

AT ITS LAST MEETING, MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE THAT A CHILD SUPPLEMENT AT ONE QUARTER OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BASIC RATE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF FAMILIES WHO ARE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. THESE CHILDREN MUST BE STUDENTS BELOW 18 YEARS OF AGE, AND ARE NOT IN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT.

SPEAKING AT A SWAC MEETING TODAY (MONDAY), THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK NAI-SIK, POINTED OUT THAT CHILDREN ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AT PRESENT RECEIVED A BASIC RATE OF \$515, \$505 OR \$495 A MONTH DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE FAMILY.

"THESE LEVELS OF PAYMENT ARE INSUFFICIENT FOR THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN. JUST AS THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, CHILDREN HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS APART FROM THOSE WHICH THE BASIC RATE IS MEANT TO COVER," HE SAID.

SWAC MEMBERS AGREED THAT AT THE PRESENT BASIC RATE, CHILDREN WERE LIKELY TO BE CONFINED TO A RESTRICTED DIET AND DEPRIVED OF SUFFICIENT SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL STIMULATION.

THEY FELT THAT THESE CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THOSE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ON A LONG TERM BASIS SUCH AS CHILDREN OF WIDOWS, THE UNEMPLOYED OR THE SEVERELY-DISABLED, WOULD GO THROUGH CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE DEPRIVED OF MANY ACTIVITIES ESSENTIAL TO NORMAL HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AND MIGHT GROW UP SOCIALLY DEPRIVED.

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THEY ALSO HELD THE VIEW THAT ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE ON THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS WOULD BE MODEST BUT NEVERTHELESS ESSENTIAL FOR NORMAL HEALTHY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT.

THE ESTIMATED INCREASE IN ANNUAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURE ARISING FROM THE NEW SCHEME AS AT MID-1990/91 WILL BE ABOUT \$45 MILLION.

SWAC MEMBERS RECOMMENDED THAT, TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN, A CHILD SUPPLEMENT OF \$170 PER CHILD BE PAID TO FAMILIES ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR USE AT THEIR DISCRETION.

ON ANOTHER ISSUE, SWAC MEMBERS RECOMMENDED THAT LEGISLATION PROHIBITING PARENTS AND GUARDIANS FROM LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN THE HOME SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED. INSTEAD, PUBLICITY SHOULD BE STEPPED UP.

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COMMON RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION 1990-91

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THE ANNUAL COMMON RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION (CRE) FOR FIVE CIVIL SERVICE GRADES WILL BE HELD ON A SATURDAY IN MID-NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE FIVE GRADES ARE: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (AO), EXECUTIVE OFFICER II (EO II), ASSISTANT LABOUR OFFICER (ALO), MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICER II (MSO II) AND ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER II (ATO II).

"IN GENERAL, GRADUATES WHO POSSESS A DEGREE FROM A HONG KONG OR BRITISH UNIVERSITY, OR EQUIVALENT, WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

"UNDERGRADUATES WHO ARE TAKING THEIR FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATIONS IN SUMMER 1991 MAY ALSO APPLY WHILE DIPLOMA HOLDERS MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MSO II POSTS, AND EXCEPTIONALLY FOR THE EO II POST," HE SAID.

FIRST HELD IN 1984, THE EXAMINATION HAS BEEN USED TO SHORTLIST THE LARGE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WHO MEET THE MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS FOR INTERVIEW.

"IT WAS INTRODUCED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SEPARATE EXAMINATIONS WHICH CANDIDATES HAD TO TAKE FOR DIFFERENT CIVIL SERVICE JOBS.

"IT HAS ESPECIALLY RELIEVED THE BURDEN OF MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS ON UNDERGRADUATES WHO PREPARE FOR THEIR FINAL UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS YEAR'S CRE WILL FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF PREVIOUS YEARS' AND CONSIST OF THREE PAPERS.

PAPER 1 IS 'USE OF ENGLISH', PAPER 2 IS 'OBJECTIVE TESTS' WHILE PAPER 3 IS 'TASK PAPER'. THE WEIGHTINGS ARE 30 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 50 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

PAPERS 1 AND 2 ARE EXAMINED IN ENGLISH WHEREAS HALF OF PAPER 3 MUST BE ANSWERED IN CHINESE.

"CANDIDATES SHOULD NOTE THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THEIR APPLICATIONS WILL BE BASED ON THEIR OVERALL PERFORMANCE IN THIS EXAMINATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CANDIDATES INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF THE FIVE GRADES ARE REQUESTED TO WATCH OUT FOR THE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT ON CIVIL SERVICE VACANCIES ON SATURDAYS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE IN THE THIRD OR FOURTH WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

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REAR STAIRCASE OF POST-WAR BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED THE EXTERNAL REAR STAIRCASE AT 203 AND 205 PORTLAND STREET IN KOWLOON DANGEROUS AND THE MAIN BUILDINGS AT 203 AND 205 PORTLAND STREET LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THE BUILDINGS WERE SIX STOREYS (WITH COCKLOFTS) POST-WAR REINFORCED CONCRETE FRAMED STRUCTURES WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOORS AND ROOFS AND BRICK INFILL PANEL WALLS.

THE EXTERNAL STAIRCASE AT THE REAR SERVING BOTH 203 AND 205 PORTLAND STREET IS AT ADVANCED STAGE OF DETERIORATION WITH SEVERELY SPALLED AND CRACKED REINFORCED CONCRETE MEMBERS.

SUCH STAIRCASE IS CONSIDERED TO BE BEYOND REASONABLE ECONOMIC REPAIR AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED.

THE REAR PORTIONS OF THE MAIN BUILDINGS ARE ALSO BADLY DILAPIDATED AS EVIDENCED BY SPALLED CONCRETE BEAMS, CEILINGS, WINDOW HOODS, LOOSE EXTERNAL RENDERING AND LOOSE INTERNAL PLASTER.

THERE ARE OTHER MINOR DEFECTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE MAIN BUILDINGS.

THE DEMOLITION OF THE REAR STAIRCASE WILL RENDER THE BUILDINGS DANGEROUS BY REASON OF LACK OF ADEQUATE MEANS OF ESCAPE AND THEREFORE THE BUILDINGS THEMSELVES SHOULD ALSO BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED.

A BUILDING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEFECTS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED IN PART BY LACK OF ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE BY THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDINGS OVER THE PRECEDING YEARS.

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WHILST THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE TO COMPEL OWNERS TO CONTINUALLY MAINTAIN THEIR BUILDINGS, HE SAID A PRUDENT OWNER WOULD DO SO IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THE VALUE OF HIS PROPERTY.

SHOULD THE OWNERS WISH TO REBUILD THE REAR STAIRCASE, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WOULD CONSIDER ANY FORMAL APPLICATIONS MADE IN THIS RESPECT, HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL REQUIRED WORKS TO MAKE THE BUILDINGS SAFE GENERALLY HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED, THE BUILDINGS SHOULD REMAIN CLOSED.

THIS CASE WAS DISCOVERED AS A RESULT OF THE INTENSIFIED ACTIVITIES OF THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE WHICH COMMENCED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON OCTOBER 9, 1990 WERE POSTED TODAY ON THE BUILDINGS.

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#### ALL 345 REDUNDANT TEACHERS FOUND JOBS

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ALL 345 REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHO HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

"THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO SCHOOL AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION IN ACCEPTING THE REDUNDANT TEACHERS REFERRED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO FILL THEIR VACANCIES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1975 TO ASSIST REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS SEEKING ALTERNATIVE JOBS AS A RESULT OF A DROP IN THE POPULATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND A POPULATION SHIFT FROM URBAN AREAS TO THE NEW TOWNS.

ABOUT 6,000 TEACHERS HAVE BEEN HELPED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO SECURE ALTERNATIVE POSTS BETWEEN 1975 AND THIS YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE MEANTIME, WRITTEN ADVICE IS BEING SENT TO ALL AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS INFORMING THEM THAT THEY CAN NOW ENTER INTO EMPLOYMENT WITH TRAINED TEACHERS FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE SCHOOLS ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT A LIST OF THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES FROM THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES.

"IN CASE THEY FAIL TO FIND SUITABLE TRAINED TEACHERS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER IN THEIR DISTRICT FOR ASSISTANCE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT ON LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS  
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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR JANUARY-MARCH 1990, CONTAINING STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER, IS NOW AVAILABLE.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

COPIES OF THE REPORT AT \$11.5 EACH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF COLLEGES OF EDUCATION  
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A TOTAL OF 1,794 GRADUATES FROM THE GRANTHAM, NORTHCOTE AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES AT A JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY ARE GRADUATES OF THE ADVANCED COURSES OF TEACHER EDUCATION; THE FULL-TIME INITIAL COURSES OF TEACHER EDUCATION; THE PART-TIME IN-SERVICE COURSES OF TRAINING FOR TEACHERS OF PRIMARY, SECONDARY, SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS; AND THE PART-TIME IN-SERVICE COURSES OF TRAINING FOR LECTURERS OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND PRESENT CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES TO THE GRADUATES.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL CHAIR THE CEREMONY AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MRS IRENE CHIU, WILL DELIVER A JOINT REPORT OF THE FOUR COLLEGES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 3.45 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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IMMIGRATION OFFICES ON MOVE  
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THE SHEUNG SHUI DISTRICT BIRTHS REGISTRY AND SHEUNG SHUI MARRIAGE REGISTRY CURRENTLY SITUATED AT GROUND FLOOR, 26 SAN FUNG AVENUE WILL BE REPROVISIONED TO SECOND FLOOR, FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING ON JULY 23, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE TWO OFFICES WILL BE RENAMED FANLING DISTRICT BIRTHS REGISTRY AND FANLING MARRIAGE REGISTRY RESPECTIVELY UPON REMOVAL," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE NEW REGISTRIES WILL BE FROM 8.45 AM TO 12.45 PM AND 2 PM TO 4.45 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAY.

THEY WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ALSO ON JULY 23, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S SHEUNG SHUI OFFICE CURRENTLY SITUATED AT GROUND FLOOR, NOS. 44, 44A AND B SAN FUNG AVENUE WILL BE MOVED TO SECOND FLOOR, FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES. IT WILL BE RENAMED THE FANLING OFFICE.

THE NEW OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR BRITISH PASSPORTS, HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, EXTENSIONS OF STAY, RE-ENTRY VISAS, HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS AND OTHER IMMIGRATION FACILITIES.

ITS OFFICE HOURS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED: FROM 9 AM TO 12.45 PM AND 2 PM TO 4.30 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY.

IT WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

FOR ENQUIRIES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY TELEPHONE 824 6111.

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CLOSURE OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE OFFICE  
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INJURED EMPLOYEES IN THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES AREA SEEKING MEDICAL CLEARANCES FOR COMPENSATION PURPOSES SHOULD APPROACH THE KWAI CHUNG OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE UNIT FROM FRIDAY (JULY 13).

THE TSUEN WAN OFFICE PRESENTLY LOCATED AT TSUEN WAN GARDEN PHASE II, THIRD FLOOR, TEXACO ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO STAFF SHORTAGE.

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ITS WORK WILL THEN BE TAKEN UP BY THE KWAI CHUNG OFFICE LOCATED AT KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SIXTH FLOOR, 166-174, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THE OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE UNIT ASSISTS INJURED EMPLOYEES IN PROCESSING CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION AND PERFORMS MEDICAL CLEARANCES FOR EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION CASES.

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CHLORINE STORAGE ON DB AGENDA

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF STORING EXCESSIVE CHLORINE IN THE SHA TIN WATER TREATMENT WORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, A MOTION WILL BE MOVED TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO SPEED UP THE EXTENSION OF THE OBSTETRIC UNIT AND LI KA SHING SPECIALIST CLINIC OF THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND TO COMPLETE ALL CONSTRUCTION WORKS WITHIN ONE YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO PROPOSE REFORMS TO THE ALLOCATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES AND DISCUSS MEASURES TO PREVENT THE CONSUMPTION OF CONTAMINATED FISH CAUGHT FROM THE FO TAN NULLAH.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE ANNUAL PROGRAMMES OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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STUDENTS PITCHIN TO KEEP BEACHES CLEAN

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THE 11TH AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME, ONE OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED TO INVOLVE STUDENTS TO KEEP PUBLIC BEACHES CLEAN, WAS INAUGURATED BY URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR JOSEPH CHAN, AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TODAY (MONDAY).

ABOUT 600 SECONDARY STUDENTS FROM 45 SCHOOLS JOINED THE SCHEME THIS YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR CHAN SAID THE EMPHASES OF THE CAMPAIGN WERE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY EDUCATION OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

"WE ARE THEREFORE VERY GLAD TO SEE THAT THE STUDENTS ARE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY SERVICES," HE SAID.

HE HOPED THAT BY PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME, THE STUDENTS WOULD UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CITIZEN AND SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THEIR FRIENDS AND OTHER CITIZENS.

IN THE PREVIOUS YEARS, THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME COVERED ONLY BEACHES IN THE URBAN AREA; BUT THIS YEAR IT WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE STUDENTS WILL BE ON DUTY ON SUNDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST AT REPULSE BAY, DEEP WATER BAY, SHEK O, STANLEY MAIN BEACH IN THE URBAN AREA; AND THE BUTTERFLY BEACH, SILVER STRAND BEACH, LIDO BEACH AND CLEAR WATER BAY (2ND) BEACH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

BESIDES CLEANING UP THE BEACHES, THEY WILL ADVISE SWIMMERS AGAINST LITTERING AND REMIND THEM TO CLEAN UP THE RUBBISH BEFORE LEAVING.

AT THE CEREMONY THE STUDENTS WERE BRIEFED ON THE GUIDELINES OF THEIR DUTY. THEY WERE ALSO PRESENTED WITH KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAPS AND T-SHIRTS TO BE WORN WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES ON THE BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME WILL BE BOXED.

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BUS AND FERRY SERVICES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A DOCUMENT ON THE DISTRICT'S SETTLED BUS AND FERRY ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE DOCUMENT, TO BE PRESENTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL FORM THE BASIC GUIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF 1991.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS ACROSS SALISBURY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH NATHAN ROAD AND MIDDLE ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL CONSIDER ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR ORGANISING ROAD SAFETY ACTIVITIES TARGETTED AT ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, TSIM SHA TSUI. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN HALL ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AGAIN THE NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOWN HALL AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 11).

MEMBERS WILL SUGGEST LOCATIONS FOR INSTALLING AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE ALONG THE TOLO HIGHWAY CYCLING TRACK.

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OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ON THE RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 11) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 48.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 285.446 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 325.978 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 55.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN YAU MA TEI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 11) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, WOOSUNG STREET, BOWRING STREET AND NATHAN ROAD, INCLUDING PARKES STREET AND PILKEM STREET.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE RESURFACING WORKS, TWO TRAFFIC LANES OF THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN TSING LUNG TAU AND PAI MIN KOK WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED IN TURN FROM 9.30 PM ON JULY 11 TO 6 PM ON JULY 17.

CLOSURE OF THE TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 9.30 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE CLOSURE PERIOD.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A SECTION OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN NGAN SHING STREET AND THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD OF SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM WEDNESDAY (JULY 11) TO FRIDAY (JULY 13) TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON SHA TIN WAI ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND SHA TIN ROAD TO REJOIN SHA TIN WAI ROAD WESTBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 11), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY:

- \* THE SECTION OF WATER STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- \* THE SECTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WATER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT EIGHT METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT DUE TO A WATERMAIN BURST, A SECTION OF THE INNER TRAFFIC LANE ON HARCOURT ROAD WESTBOUND OUTSIDE THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, IN WAN CHAI, WILL BE CLOSED FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS.

MOTORISTS ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT ARE ADVISED TO GO VIA TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER, CONVENTION AVENUE AND FENWICK PIER STREET, OR FENWICK STREET AND HENNESSY ROAD.

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