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HONG KONG ANXIOUS ABOUT GROWING TENDENCY TOWARDS PROTECTIONISM, SAYS SIR DENYS

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HONG KONG MUST VIEW WITH ANXIETY A GROWING TENDENCY AMONG THE MORE ADVANCED NATIONS, WHO CONSTITUTE OUR PRINCIPAL MARKETS, TOWARDS PROTECTIONISM, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SIR DENYS WAS OPENING THE FINANCIAL TIMES ASIAN BUSINESS BRIEFING CONFERENCE AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE.

HE SAID OUR DOORS REMAINED OPEN TO ALL WHO WISHED TO DO BUSINESS WITH US AND WE WERE FIRM BELIEVERS IN UNRESTRICTED MULTILATERAL TRADE, UPON WHICH OUR PROSPERITY MUST DEPEND.

+FROM TIME TO TIME, NO DOUBT, A COUNTRY MAY BE FORCED, BY INTERNAL PRESSURES, TO ADOPT A DEGREE OF RESTRICTION ON FOREIGN TRADE TO GIVE TEMPORARY PROTECTION TO AN AILING INDUSTRY,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

+THIS IS PERHAPS DEFENSIBLE, IF IT IS A SHORT TERM MEASURE INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONLY A BREATHING SPACE FOR THE READJUSTMENT OF THE ECONOMY. BUT IF ADOPTED AS A POLICY OF WIDE APPLICATION, IT CAN ONLY BRING UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES, BOTH WITHIN THE COUNTRY WHICH ADOPTS PROTECTIVE MEASURES ON A LARGE SCALE AND ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND STABILITY.+

BECAUSE PROTECTIONISM BORE HARDEST UPON THE POOR NATIONS, WHOSE WAGE STRUCTURE MADE THEM A THREAT TO THE HIGHER COST INDUSTRIES OF RICHER LANDS, IT WIDENED THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR AND WAS A POTENT FACTOR IN THE ECONOMIC UNREST WHICH HAD SO OFTEN BECOME TRANSFORMED INTO POLITICAL ENMITY AND SOMETIMES INTO MILITARY ENTERPRISE, SAID SIR DENYS.

+AND IRONICALLY, PROTECTIONISM, BY INHIBITING THE RECOVERY OF WORLD TRADE IN LEAN TIMES, POSTPONES THAT VERY REVIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS UPON WHICH THE PROSPERITY OF A HIGHLY INDUSTRIALISED RESTRICTING COUNTRY DEPENDS,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

+WHILE I AM CONFIDENT THAT, IN GENERAL AND IN THE LONGER TERM, WISER COUNSELS WILL PREVAIL AND THE SURGE OF PROTECTIONISM WILL TURN BACK, RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENTS OF THE KIND IMPOSED UPON US BY THE EEC LAST YEAR HAMPER THE GROWTH OF OUR ECONOMY AND ADD TO THE DIFFICULTIES OF OUR TRADERS, WHO ALREADY FACE STERN COMPETITION BUT ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN MEET IT WITH SUCCESS, PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE ON EQUAL TERMS WITH OUR COMPETITORS AND THAT ARTIFICAL RESTRAINTS DO NOT IMPEDE THEIR ABILITY TO SWITCH PRODUCTS TO MEET CHANGING DEMANDS IN OVERSEAS MARKETS.+

/SIR DENYS .....

SIR DENYS SAID HONG KONG HAD MANAGED TO BECOME, IN SPITE OF FORMIDABLE OBSTACLES, ONE OF THE LEADING TRADERS IN THE WORLD. HE ASKED: +WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR ITS REMARKABLE SUCCESS IN A COMPETITIVE AND UNCERTAIN WORLD?+ HE SUGGESTED 10 REASONS:

+FIRST, A LABOUR FORCE AND MANAGEMENT OF INTELLIGENT ADAPTABLE AND HARD-WORKING PEOPLE, BRED IN A LONG TRADITION THAT LIFE IS A STRUGGLE, THAT NOBODY OWES YOU A LIVING AND THAT EFFORT SHOULD BE REWARDED. THIS OUTLOOK BRINGS WITH IT THE ABILITY TO MOVE SWIFTLY INTO THE MANUFACTURE OF NEW PRODUCTS AS THE DEMANDS OF WORLD MARKETS CHANGE.

+SECOND, A HABIT OF ENERGY. IN 1945, HONG KONG WAS RUINED. RECONSTRUCTION BEGAN AT A FURIOUS PACE, WHICH HAS NEVER SLACKENED AS WE MOVED FROM RESTORING THE PLACE TO WORKING ORDER, TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT A HUGE POPULATION AND TO TRYING TO PROVIDE, BY AN EXPANSION OF PUBLIC HOUSING, TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE ADVANCES, A BETTER STANDARD OF LIFE FOR THOSE WHO LIVE HERE.

+THIRD, SELF RELIANCE. WE DO NOT BELONG TO ANY MULTI-NATIONAL ECONOMIC ALLIANCES OR TO ANY ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. WE HAVE HAD TO LEARN TO FIGHT FOR OURSELVES, THOUGH WE HAVE RECEIVED MUCH SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM BRITAIN. HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE FEW AREAS OCCUPIED DURING WORLD WAR II WHICH HAS RECONSTRUCTED ITSELF WITH VIRTUALLY NO EXTERNAL AID.

+FOURTH, A SUPERB HARBOUR, WITH FIRST CLASS PORT FACILITIES, WHICH HAVE KEPT PACE WITH MODERN REQUIREMENTS.

+FIFTH, A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS RELIABLE AND PREDICTABLE, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT CHANGE NOR DO THE MAIN PRINCIPLES ON WHICH ITS POLICIES ARE BASED. IN MOST COUNTRIES, YOU EITHER HAVE A DICTATOR (WHO IS UNPREDICTABLE) OR FREQUENT CHANGES OF GOVERNMENTS, WHICH PURSUE DIFFERENT POLICIES.

+SIXTH, A BELIEF, RARE IN THE WORLD TODAY, THAT A GOVERNMENT SHOULD INTERFERE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE WITH BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, UPON WHICH OUR PROSPERITY DEPENDS, SAVE IN SO FAR AS REGULATION IS NECESSARY FOR THE REASONABLE PROTECTION OF THE SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF EMPLOYEES AND CONSUMERS.

THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THAT TRADING SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE TRADERS AND MANUFACTUERES, WHO UNDERSTAND IT BEST. BUSINESS SHOULD NOT BE ENTRUSTED TO BUREAUCRATS, WHO ARE TRAINED TO HABITS OF MIND OF CAUTION AND OF PLANNED PROGRESSION WHICH ARE UNSUITABLE TO THE DYNAMIC QUALITY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, WHERE SPEED AND WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT RISKS ARE SO ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS.

+SEVENTH, A CONVICTION THAT A GOVERNMENT SHOULD LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS, THUS, WE HAVE ALMOST NO PUBLIC DEBT, AND OUR LIQUID RESERVES AMOUNT TO ABOUT SIX MONTHS' PUBLIC EXPENDITURE.

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+EIGHTH, A SOCIETY WHICH IS STABLE, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT SUFFER FROM THE STRAINS OF INTERNAL PARTY POLITICAL CONFLICTS AND BECAUSE ITS GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE DUTY TO PROTECT ITS INHABITANTS AGAINST DISABILITY, AGE AND HARDSHIP.

+NINTH, OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT CAPITAL. THIS IS FOUNDED UPON OUR LOW RATE OF TAXATION (17 PER CENT FOR CORPORATE PROFITS AND 15 PER CENT ON SALARIES): UPON THE ABSENCE OF EXCHANGE CONTROL, SO THAT ANYONE, RESIDENT OR NOT, CAN MOVE HIS MONEY INTO AND OUT OF HONG KONG TO ANY PART OF THE WORLD AS HE WISHES= AND TO THE MAINTENANCE OF A FREE PORT, SO THAT TRADERS CAN IMPORT AND EXPORT WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTION IMPOSED BY HONG KONG, EXCEPT FOR SUCH EXPORT CONTROLS AS WE ARE OBLIGED TO OPERATE AT THE BEHEST OF IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

+TENTH, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOUND INFRASTRUCTURE. I HAVE MENTIONED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT, WHICH PROVIDES, FOR EXAMPLE, SUPERB CONTAINER FACILITIES. AIR FREIGHT SERVICES HAVE ALSO DEVELOPED TO A POINT AT WHICH UP TO 25 PER CENT BY VALUE OF OUR EXPORTS GO OUT BY AIR. THE FINANCIAL, BANKING AND INSURANCE FACILITIES, WHICH ARE INDISPENSABLE TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE, WERE WELL DEVELOPED TO SERVE THE ENTREPOT TRADE IN PRE-WAR DAYS AND HAVE EXPANDED TO MEET THE WIDER REQUIREMENTS OF A SUBSTANTIAL INDUSTRIAL AND TRADING CENTRE. INDEED, FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.+

SIR DENYS SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THESE FACTORS SHOULD ENSURE THAT HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO SUCCEED AS AN INTERNATIONAL TRADER IN THE YEARS AHEAD, +IN THE ABSENCE OF ARTIFICIAL RESTRAINTS UPON US.+

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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA
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SIXTY-THREE LOCAL RESIDENTS DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY RECEIVED THEIR INSIGNIA FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY (MONDAY).

MOST OF THE RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS.

THE AWARDS PRESENTED TODAY WERE :

C.M.G. (COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE)

THE HON. DAVID AKERS-JONES, J.P.

THE HON. DAVID WYLIE MCDONALD, J.P.

O.B.E. (OFFICER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR. CHAM SIU-LEUN, M.B.E., J.P.

THE HON. LYDIA DUNN, J.P.

MR. HO SIN-HANG, M.B.E.

MR. DAVID SHERBROOKE WHITELEGGE, J.P.

MR. LEE MAN-CHIU

THE HON. WONG LAM, J.P.

LT. COL. K.R. MORGAN-JONES

I.S.O. (IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER)

MR. DAVID HAMPTON

MR. LAO MOU-CHI, J.P.

I.S.M. (IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL)

MR. LI KI

MR. LEUNG KAI

MR. WAN KIRN-TAI

MR. YEUNG SHIU-SHEE

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M.B.E. (MEMBER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

DR. CHARM HOI-SANG

MRS. FRANCES HSIUNG

MRS. MAXINE LI KWOK, J.P.

THE REV. CANON E.W.L. MARTIN

MR. J.A. WALLACE, J.P.

MR. WOO TING-SANG

MR. PANG CHUN-HOI

THE REV. SIK CHI-CHEUNG

MR. TANG WING-CHEUNG

B.E.M. (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL)

MR. CHAN YIU

MISS SERENA CHENG KAI-MING

MR. CHEUNG CHEI-CHEI

MRS. IP YUNG

MR. LAM KWOK-WAH

MR. LAU CHEONG-FAI

MR. LI WAN

MR. NG CHI-BUN

MR. TAM MAN-YIU

MR. WAN LEUNG

CORPORAL CHHUMBETSHERING LAMA

LANCE CORPORAL IMANHANG LIMBU

MR. LI YUK

Q.P.M. (QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL)

MR. D.A. CHAPMAN, C.P.M.

MR. M.W. CHENEY, C.P.M.

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C.P.M. (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL)

MR. D.J. EDWARDS

MR. PHILIP DAVIES

MR. LEUNG YIU-LUN

MR. NG CHEUK-YEE

MR. JACK TROTMAN

MR. FONG SANG

MR. LI KAM-WING

MR. LI KWOK-CHOI

MR. PONG HEE

MR. WONG BICK

BADGE OF HONOUR

MRS. CHAN MA MAY-YORK

MR. CHO HUNG-THU

MRS. ANNA CHUI

MR. GEORGE HSUEH

MR. LAU KWUN-SANG

MR. LO CHUN-SING

MR. WONG CHUN-WAI

MR. YIU KAI-HANG

SILVER LAUREL LEAF EMBLEMS (QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT)

CONSTABLE SIMON LAM SAI-KIT

CONSTABLE MIU WA-KEUNG

CONSTABLE LO WING-TAI

CONSTABLE LEE WAI-LUNG

MR. NG CHOI-LEUNG (FIRE)

MR. CHEUNG CHING (FIRE)

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BANKING STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY

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BANKING DEPOSITS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY THIS YEAR STOOD AT $55,246 MILLION, COMPRISING $12,305 MILLION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, $21,494 MILLION IN TIME DEPOSITS AND $21,446 MILLION IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING THE MONTH WAS 45.35 PER CENT.

THERE WERE 74 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

THE FOLLOWING TABLES GIVE A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AND MONEY SUPPLY FOR THE MONTH.

LIABILITIES	$MILLION
1. DEPOSITS	55,246
2. AMOUNT DUE TO BANKS ABROAD	38,507
3. OTHER LIABILITIES	10,644
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	104,397

ASSETS		
1. CASH		1,180
2. AMOUNT DUE FROM BANKS ABROAD:		
(I) DEMAND AND SHORT TERM CLAIMS	29,685	
(II) TIME DEPOSITS	5,000	34,685
3. LOANS AND ADVANCES:		
(I) HONG KONG	38,494	
(II) ABROAD	19,634	58,128

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4. INVESTMENTS:		
(I) HONG KONG	3,892	
(II) ABROAD	82	
		3,974
5. OTHER ASSETS:		
(I) HONG KONG	4,634	
(II) ABROAD	1,796	
		6,430
TOTAL ASSETS:		104,397
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING MONTH		45.35%

MONEY SUPPLY

	MONTH ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 1978
	$MILLION
1. LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES IN CIRCULATION (A)	
(I) COMMERCIAL BANK ISSUES 6,225	
(II) GOVERNMENT ISSUES 704	6,929
2. LICENSED BANKS' HOLDINGS OF LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES (B)	1,180
3. LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES IN HANDS OF NON-BANK PUBLIC (A) - (B) = (C)	5,749
4. DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (D)	12,305
5. MONEY SUPPLY (DEFINITION 1) (C) + (D) = (E)	18,054
6. TIME DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (F)	21,494
7. SAVINGS DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (G)	21,446
8. MONEY SUPPLY (DEFINITION 2) (E) + (F) + (G) = (H)	60,994

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WEST KOWLOON ROAD SYSTEM TO BE IMPROVED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO IMPROVE AND MODIFY THE ROAD SYSTEM IN THE WEST KOWLOON AREA LATER THIS MONTH (APRIL) SO THAT A TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME AIMED AT FACILITATING MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WORK COULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

THE WORK, COSTING ABOUT $3 MILLION, WILL INVOLVE ROADWORKS AS WELL AS INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS.

MR. TOM ARMOUR, P.W.D.'S ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION, SAID THAT THE WORK WOULD TAKE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, HE SAID, VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WOULD BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, THUS FACILITATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY FROM PRINCE EDWARD STATION TO THE PROPOSED LAI WAN STATION AT MEI FOO SUN CHUEN.

MR. ARMOUR SAID THAT APART FROM THE NECESSARY WORKS FOR TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING ON A NUMBER OF STREETS, NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS WOULD BE INSTALLED AT 14 ROAD JUNCTIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING COMPUTERISED AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM WOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE LAI CHI KOK AREA SO AS TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF KOWLOON.

THE PROJECT WOULD ALSO COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HAWKER BAZAAR AREA TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE ON-STREET HAWKERS AFFECTED BY THE M.T.R. TSUEN WAN EXTENSION.

IN ADDITION, A 6,500-SQUARE METRE PLAYGROUND WITH GARDENS WOULD BE BUILT AT THE CORNER OF FORTUNE STREET AND FAT TSEUNG STREET AS PART OF THE REPROVISIONING WORKS OF CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE M.T.R. WORKS.

MR. ARMOUR POINTED OUT THAT ALL ROAD WORKS UNDER THIS PROJECT WOULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT FOUR MONTHS' TIME SO THAT THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE M.T.R. TSUEN WAN EXTENSION COULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR TO MEET THE SCHEDULED COMMENCEMENT OF M.T.R. WORKS IN THIS AREA.

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CYC THEME SONG CONTEST

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THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG TO COMPOSE A THEME SONG FOR ITS MOVEMENT.

ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE SONG WRITING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE C.Y.C. SECRETARIAT IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THE WINNING SONG WILL BE CHOSEN AS THE THEME SONG FOR THE C.Y.C. MOVEMENT WHICH WAS LAUNCHED LAST YEAR.

+THE THEME OF THE SONG IS TO REFLECT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB WHICH ARE LAID DOWN IN ITS CHARTER, THE MAIN ONE BEING TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE C.Y.C. SECRETARIAT SAID.

ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL SONGS FOR GROUP PERFORMANCES OF NOT MORE THAN THREE MINUTES DURATION AND THE LYRICS MUST BE IN CHINESE.

ALL ENTRY SONGS WILL BE SUNG IN CANTONESE BY STUDENTS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN AN OPEN COMPETITION WHICH WILL BE HELD IN EARLY JUNE, 1978.

THREE PRIZES — ONE FOR THE BEST SONG, THE BEST PERFORMANCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION AND THE BEST PERFORMANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION WILL BE AWARDED. THE PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS WILL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND WELL-KNOWN MUSICIANS.

A CASH PRIZE OF $2,000 AND AN AMPLIFIER SET DONATED BY TOM LEE PIANO COMPANY LTD. WILL BE AWARDED TO THE SCHOOL ENTERING THE BEST SONG. THE BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTIONS WILL EACH RECEIVE A $1,000 CASH AWARD.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER THE COMPETITION SHOULD RETURN THE +INTENTION TO ENTER+ FORM SENT TO THEM EARLIER BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECRETARIAT, ROOM 515G, LEE GARDEN, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN APRIL 15, 1978.

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CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL GRAVES IN CASTLE PEAK FIRING RANGE

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ILLEGAL GRAVES IN THE KWONG SHAN AREA IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT WILL BE CLEARED BY GOVERNMENT STAFF AFTER WEDNESDAY (APRIL 5), THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

WHERE RELATIVES CAN BE TRACED BEFORE EXHUMATION THEY HAVE BEEN APPROACHED AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE THE GRAVES THEMSELVES.

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UNDER SECTION 118 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, BURIALS OUTSIDE AUTHORISED CEMETERIES ARE NOT PERMITTED AS THE PRACTICE IS CONTRARY TO THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND COULD CONSTITUTE A HEALTH HAZARD.

ILLEGAL GRAVES IN THE KWONG SHAN AREA ALSO CAUSE DANGER TO LIFE BECAUSE RELATIVES AND VISITORS PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK BY ENTERING THE DANGER AREA OF THE CASTLE PEAK FIRING RANGE.

EXHUMED REMAINS OF THESE BURIALS WILL BE RE-INTERRED IN SANDY RIDGE CEMETERY.

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EXTENSION OF DOG LICENCE

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DOGS AND CATS REGULATIONS EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF A DOG LICENCE FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS HAVE COME INTO EFFECT FROM SATURDAY (APRIL 1).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT DOGS WHICH HAVE BEEN INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES DO NOT HAVE TO BE RELICENCED FOR THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF INOCULATION.

HE SAID THAT THE AMENDED REGULATIONS STIPULATE THAT NO PERSON SHALL KEEP A DOG OVER THE AGE OF FIVE MONTHS EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LICENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. ANY PERSON IN CONTROL OF A DOG IS REQUIRED TO HAVE IT INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES AT THE AGE OF FIVE MONTHS AND THEREAFTER AT INTERVALS NOT EXCEEDING THREE YEARS.

THE LICENCE FEE FOR EACH DOG HAS BEEN STANDARDISED AT $15 FOR THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD.

HE ADDED THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT DOG INOCULATION AND LICENSING SERVICES WOULD BE PROVIDED AT SEVEN CENTRES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND SEVEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MAIN CENTRES AT VICTORIA ROAD GOVERNMENT KENNELS AT POKFULAM, THE SUNG WONG TOI GOVERNMENT KENNELS IN KOWLOON AND THE SHA TIN AND SHEK WU HUI GOVERNMENT KENNELS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M. ON SATURDAYS.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES COULD BE MADE BY CALLING THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TELEPHONE : 3-688111.

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KWUN TONG AND SHA TIN TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWUN TONG AND SHA TIN THIS WEEK.

FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (APRIL 6), 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF NORTH-WEST BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWUN TONG ROAD FROM LAI YIP STREET TO A POINT OF ABOUT 558 FEET EAST OF THE WESTERN END OF THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM KWUN TONG ROAD TO WAI YIP STREET.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS AT ANY TIME ON THIS ROAD.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME TIME, TAI YIP STREET SECTION BETWEEN WAI YIP STREET AND HONG TAK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY NORTH-WEST BOUND.

IN SHA TIN, THE SECTION OF SHA TIN BY-PASS BETWEEN THE TWO ACCESS ROADS TO LEK YUEN ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 A.M. WITH EFFECT FROM FRIDAY (APRIL 7) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE.

TRAFFIC ALONG THIS SECTION OF SHA TIN BY-PASS WILL BE DIVERTED THROUGH THE LEK YUEN ESTATE ROADS DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THESE AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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