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**PUBLIC VIEWS WELCOME ON EDUCATION REVIEW REPORT**

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THE REPORT OF THE PANEL OF VISITORS CONDUCTING THE OVERALL REVIEW OF EDUCATION IS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE REPORT ARE INVITED.

+IN VIEW OF THE WIDE IMPLICATIONS OF THE REPORT, COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 31,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

NO DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE REPORT UNTIL PUBLIC COMMENTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, HE ADDED.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT PUBLIC OPINION WILL BE WIDELY AND VIGOROUSLY SOUGHT ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE REPORT, AND THAT ALL SOURCES OF PUBLIC REACTION WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, INCLUDING FORMAL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

THE PANEL'S VIEW ON SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:-

**EDUCATION COMMISSION**

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATION COMMISSION IS CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT. THIS COMMISSION SHOULD BE A CO-ORDINATING BODY THROUGH WHICH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE CAN PROVIDE ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

**MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION**

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONSIDER, IN THE LONG TERM, COMPLETE MOTHER TONGUE EDUCATION IN THE EARLY COMPULSORY YEARS, WITH A GRADUAL PROGRESS TOWARDS BILINGUALISM AFTER PRIMARY 6, SO THAT BY THE END OF FORM 3 STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THEIR INSTRUCTION EACH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

**JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT**

THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM SHOULD BE ABOLISHED BY INCREASING THE PROVISION OF SUBSIDISED FORM 4 PLACES.

**KINDERGARTENS**

IN DUE COURSE ALL KINDERGARTENS SHOULD BECOME PART OF THE AIDED SECTOR AND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BECOME MORE INTERVENTIONIST IN KINDERGARTEN POLICY.

ADULT EDUCATION

THERE IS A VITAL NEED FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF EDUCATION FACILITIES IN THE PAST AND TO BRIDGE THE GENERATION GAP. AN OPEN UNIVERSITY AND PART-TIME DEGREE COURSES WOULD BE POWERFUL INSTRUMENTS TO MEET THIS NEED.

HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY (HKEA)

CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO TRANSFORMING THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE HKEA FROM THAT OF CONTROLLING A PUBLIC EXAMINATION SYSTEM TO THAT OF OPERATING A COURSE AND STUDENT ACCREDITATION SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOLS AND THE POST-SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS.

MATRICULATION

MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNIC SHOULD BE HARMONISED. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE ABOLITION OF THE HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION AND CHANGES THE FIRST YEAR PROGRAMMES AT THESE INSTITUTIONS.

TERTIARY EDUCATION

STUDY AT DEGREE AND HIGHER TECHNICIAN LEVEL SHOULD BE GREATLY INCREASED. APART FROM DEVELOPMENT IN THE EXISTING UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNIC, URGENT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO IDENTIFY AND ACQUIRE AT LEAST TWO NEW SITES FOR NEW INSTITUTIONS, THE FIRST OF THESE BEING DESIGNATED FOR A SECOND POLYTECHNIC.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

EDUCATION FOR THE DISABLED SHOULD BE RE-EXAMINED AND AIM TO PROVIDE NEW PATTERNS OF SERVICE TO CATER FOR THEIR DIVERSE NEEDS, E.G. SCHOOL PRINCIPALS SHOULD ASSUME INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, NEW CURRICULUM PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE INTRODUCED, AN EXPANDED AND UPGRADED COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE SERVICE SHOULD BE PROVIDED, RESOURCE TEACHERS SHOULD BE USED AND THERE SHOULD BE MORE USE OF NEW MICRO-ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY.

TEACHER AND TEACHER TRAINING

ALL TEACHERS SHOULD BE PART OF A TEACHING SERVICE, SHARING COMMON EMPLOYMENT TERMS AND FROM WHICH ALL SCHOOLS WILL DRAW THEIR STAFF.

TEACHER TRAINING SHOULD BE STEPPED UP AND THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION SHOULD BE RE-ORGANISED.

## IMPROVEMENT IN SCHOOL RESOURCES

THERE SHOULD BE AN EXPANSION OF, AND QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT IN, FACILITIES AND TEACHING RESOURCES. COMPENSATORY RESOURCES SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR LOWER QUALITY SCHOOLS TO HELP THEM RAISE THEIR STANDARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT PUBLIC COMMENT WAS BEING SOUGHT ON ALL PARTS OF THE REPORT, INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES, SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATION COMMISSION.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE THE DUE DATE TO:

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER  
ROOM 1322 PRINCE'S BUILDING,  
HONG KONG.

THE REPORT OF THE PANEL IS NOW ON SALE, TOGETHER WITH A BACKGROUND REPORT ON THE EXISTING EDUCATION SYSTEM, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE. THE PANEL'S REPORT WILL COST \$12 A COPY, AND THE BACKGROUND REPORT \$21 A COPY.

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## OVERALL CRIME FELL BY FOUR PER CENT

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OVERALL CRIME KNOWN TO THE POLICE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WAS 20 171, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF FOUR PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

REVIEWING CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1983 TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CRIME, MR BRIAN WEBSTER, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE FIGURE ALSO REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 1.6 PER CENT OVER FOUR QUARTERS AVERAGE OF LAST YEAR.

MR WEBSTER SAID KEY CRIME DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1983 ACCOUNTED FOR 79.6 PER CENT OF ALL CRIME, COMPARED WITH THE 79.4 PER CENT RECORDED DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1982.

"HOWEVER, IN LINE WITH THE OVERALL DECREASE IN CRIME FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, THE TOTAL WAS 16 049 OR A DROP OF SOME 3.8 PER CENT OVER THE LAST QUARTER," HE SAID.

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN RAPES (DOWN 10 OR 37 PER CENT), INDECENT ASSAULTS (DOWN 41 OR 21.9 PER CENT), SNATCHINGS (DOWN 88 OR 15.5 PER CENT), SERIOUS ASSAULTS (DOWN 297 OR 15.2 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS (DOWN 465 OR 12.7 PER CENT) AND PICKPOCKETING (DOWN 78 OR 9 PER CENT).

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DURING THE SAME QUARTER, ROBBERIES KNOWN TO POLICE TOTALLED 2 185, AN INCREASE OF 217 OR 11 PER CENT.

"THIS IS INDEED A TREND WHICH GIVES CAUSE FOR CONCERN," MR WEBSTER SAID.

WHILST ALL REGIONS OF THE FORCE RECORDED ACTUAL INCREASES IN ROBBERIES, THE NEW TERRITORIES PERCENTAGE OF THIS TYPE OF CRIME INCREASED FROM 20 PER CENT OF ALL ROBBERIES IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1982 TO 23.2 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, HE ADDED.

THE INCREASING TREND IN THE USE OF VIOLENCE BY THUGS IN ROBBERIES LED TO A TOTAL OF 367 PERSONS BEING INJURED. WEAPONS WERE USED IN 65.3 PER CENT OF ALL ROBBERIES.

MR WEBSTER POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE 22 OF THE ROBBERY CASES RELATED TO GOLDSMITH SHOP ROBBERIES INVOLVING A TOTAL OF \$9.58 MILLION WORTH OF GOLD, JEWELLERY AND WATCHES.

"INADEQUATE SECURITY IN GOLDSMITH SHOPS CONTINUES TO MAKE THEM A SOFT TARGET FOR THE CRIMINALS AND IT IS IN EVERYONE'S INTERESTS THAT SECURITY IS TIGHTENED TO PREVENT THESE THUGS THE OPPORTUNITY THEY SEEK," MR WEBSTER STRESSED.

THE NUMBER OF ROBBERIES WHERE FIREARMS OR IMITATION FIREARMS WERE USED ROSE TO 81, AN INCREASE OF 35 CASES OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. IN 14 CASES, GENUINE FIREARMS WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN USED.

TURNING TO BURGLARIES, MR WEBSTER SAID 52 PER CENT OF THE 2 671 CASES REPORTED TO POLICE OCCURRED IN DWELLING HOUSES.

"I CANNOT EMPHASISE TOO OFTEN THE NECESSITY FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN PROPERTY.

"ADEQUATE CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES ARE A MOST NECESSARY FACET OF LIFE TODAY -- NOT JUST IN HONG KONG BUT EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD. IF IT IS WORTH STEALING IT IS WORTH PROTECTING."

REFERRING TO SERIOUS ASSAULTS, HE SAID THEY HAD DECREASED FROM 1 951 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1982 TO 1 654 IN THE FIRST QUARTER THIS YEAR. THERE HAD ALSO BEEN A MARGINAL DECREASE IN TAKING CONVEYANCE AND THEFT FROM VEHICLE CASES.

ANALYSING THE AGE GROUP OF THOSE PROSECUTED FOR CRIME DURING THE QUARTER, MR WEBSTER SAID 30.3 PER CENT OUT OF A TOTAL OF 8 115 WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 21, WHICH COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH THE 32 PER CENT FOR THE LAST QUARTER.

THE NUMBER OF RECENT ARRIVALS INVOLVED IN CRIME DECREASED FROM A TOTAL OF 1 159 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1982 TO 1 136 IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983.

"WHEN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE OVERALL NUMBER OF PERSONS PROSECUTED, THEIR INVOLVEMENT DECREASED MARGINALLY FROM 14.2 PER CENT TO 14 PER CENT.

"LEGAL ARRIVALS INVOLVEMENT DECREASED FROM 5.9 PER CENT (OR 480 PERSONS) OF ALL PERSONS PROSECUTED TO 5.6 PER CENT (OR 453 PERSONS) WHILST THE FIGURES FOR ILLEGAL ARRIVALS INCREASED MARGINALLY FROM 8.3 PER CENT (OR 679 PERSONS) TO 8.4 PER CENT (OR 683 PERSONS)," MR WEBSTER SAID.

IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD, 104 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WERE PROSECUTED FOR CRIME COMPARED WITH 100 IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1982.

ON METHODS OF REPORTING CRIME, MR WEBSTER REMINDED THE PUBLIC OF THE CRIME INFORMATION FORMS WHICH WERE AVAILABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, THE OFFICES OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS INCORPORATIONS AND ALL BRANCHES OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, THE BELGIAN BANK AND THE KA WAH BANK.

"THE PROCEDURE IS SIMPLE — OBTAIN A FORM, FILL IT IN AND POST IT — WE WILL DO THE REST."

MR WEBSTER RECALLED THAT THE FORM WAS INTRODUCED EARLY IN 1980 TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN EASY WAY OF SUPPLYING INFORMATION TO THE POLICE.

"I MUST SAY THE RESULTS ACHIEVED TO DATE ARE IMPRESSIVE. UP TO THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR, WE HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 3 080 FORMS FROM WHICH A TOTAL OF 174 ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF OFFENCES, INCLUDING MURDER, DRUG TRAFFICKING, BLACKMAIL, DECEPTION, WOUNDINGS, INDECENT ASSAULTS, POSSESSION OF ARMS AND BOOKMAKING — TO QUOTE A FEW," MR WEBSTER SAID.

HE THANKED THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR RESPONSE AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITH TOTAL CO-OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC EVEN BETTER RESULTS WOULD BE ACHIEVED.

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#### LAZARDS APPOINTED NUCLEAR PROJECT ADVISERS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMISSIONED LAZARD BROTHERS AND CO., LIMITED AS ITS ADVISERS ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE GUANGDONG NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT.

COMMENTING ON THE APPOINTMENT A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE FIRST TASK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY LAZARDS WOULD BE TO EXAMINE THE FINDINGS OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY THAT HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT WITH A VIEW TO ADVISING ON THE VALIDITY OF ITS ASSUMPTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS.

+IT IS HOPED THIS WILL CONFIRM THAT THE COST OF ELECTRICITY FROM THE STATION WILL BE NO GREATER THAN THE COST OF THAT WHICH COULD BE PRODUCED LOCALLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONCE THIS INITIAL TASK HAS BEEN COMPLETED, LAZARDS WILL GO ON TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THE OTHER ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE SUCH AS THE QUESTION OF AN OFF-TAKE AGREEMENT AND THE FINANCING OF THE PROJECT GENERALLY, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF EQUITY.

WORK ON THE ASSIGNMENT WILL START IMMEDIATELY AND IT IS HOPED A REPORT WILL BE MADE BY LAZARDS TO THE GOVERNMENT BY AUGUST.

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AIR PASSENGER DEPARTURE TAX BILL

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SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE PROPOSED AIR PASSENGER DEPARTURE TAX WILL BE INTRODUCED ON JUNE 1.

AS STATED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH, THE INTENTION IS TO ABOLISH THE PRESENT PASSENGER SERVICE CHARGE AND TO REPLACE IT WITH A SPECIFIC TAX ON PASSENGERS DEPARTING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY AIR, WITH A VIEW TO RAISING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF ABOUT \$230 MILLION THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

HE SAID THEN THAT ALTERNATIVES TO INTRODUCING THE TAX HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE THE BUDGET WAS PRESENTED BUT THE OPTIONS WERE FOUND TO BE UNFAIR TO OTHER TRAVELLERS WHO WERE LESS WELL OFF, DIFFICULT TO ADMINISTER OR INADEQUATE TO RAISE THE REQUIRED REVENUE TO REDUCE THE 1983-84 DEFICIT.

AT THE MOMENT, OPERATORS OF AIRCRAFT USING KAI TAK AIRPORT ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE GOVERNMENT PASSENGER SERVICE CHARGES TO HELP MEET THE COST OF SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE AIRPORT. THE CHARGES, AT THE RATE OF \$20 FOR EACH PERSON AGED 12 AND ABOVE AND \$5 FOR CHILDREN AGED TWO - 11 YEARS ARE PASSED ON BY THE AIRLINES TO INDIVIDUAL PASSENGERS.

THE AIR PASSENGER DEPARTURE TAX BILL 1983, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), SEEKS TO INTRODUCE INDIVIDUAL TAXES OF \$100 AND \$50 RESPECTIVELY FOR THE TWO AGE GROUPS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WOULD NOT BE MUCH DIFFERENCE IN THE PROCEDURE OF PAYMENT AS FAR AS PASSENGERS WERE CONCERNED, AS COLLECTION OF THE TAX FROM THE PASSENGERS WILL BE MADE BY AIRLINES OR THEIR AGENTS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR PENALTIES FOR EVASION OF TAX BY EITHER PASSENGERS OR OPERATORS.

THERE IS PROVISION IN THE BILL TO EXEMPT CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PASSENGERS FROM PAYMENT OF THE TAX. THEY INCLUDE TRANSIT PASSENGERS, PASSENGERS ON AIRCRAFT UNAVOIDABLY DIRECTED TO HONG KONG AND PASSENGERS WITH DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR STATUS.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR ITS FIRST AND SECOND READINGS NEXT WEDNESDAY (MAY 11). IT IS INTENDED THAT THE LEGISLATION SHOULD BE ENACTED ON MAY 25.

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IMPORTANCE OF CARE FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED STRESSED  
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WITH PROPER CARE AND TRAINING, MANY SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE CAN MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR FACULTIES AND CAPABILITIES.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, MADE THIS REMARK TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE OPENED THE SHUN LEE ADULT TRAINING CENTRE RUN BY THE SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

WHILE THE NUMBER OF SUCH PEOPLE IN HONG KONG IS NOT CERTAIN, HE SAID THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD SUGGESTED THERE MIGHT WELL BE OVER 2 000 SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

OF THESE, IT IS THOUGHT THAT ABOUT ONE-THIRD ALSO SUFFER FROM PHYSICAL ABNORMALITIES OR DISABILITIES AND NEED HOSPITAL CARE.

+IT IS OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT THE RANGE OF ABILITY WITHIN THE CATEGORY OF SEVERE MENTAL HANDICAP IS VERY WIDE,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT PLANS SEEK TO CATER FOR THE TWO-THIRDS WHO DO NOT NEED HOSPITAL CARE, HE SAID, ADDING THAT SOME WOULD NEED BOARDING SCHOOLS OR HOMES.

+BUT WE ALSO HOPE THAT THROUGH THE PROVISION OF DAY CARE SUPPORT SERVICES, MANY SUCH PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY WITH THEIR FAMILIES,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS, MR CHAMBERS ESTIMATED THAT THERE WAS A DEMAND FOR SOME 750 PLACES AT PRESENT.

OF THE 158 PLACES THAT ARE NOW AVAILABLE, 142 ARE PROVIDED BY THE SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

+THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT ABOUT THE NEED FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

+IN MANY CASES THIS PROTECTS THE INTERESTS OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED THEMSELVES; THEIR FAMILIES, NO MATTER HOW WELL-INTENTIONED, MAY BE UNABLE TO CATER TO THE NEEDS, PERHAPS BECAUSE THE PARENTS THEMSELVES ARE ELDERLY OR IN POOR HEALTH,+ HE SAID.

+IN A RESIDENTIAL SETTING, HOWEVER, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TRAINED WORKERS, IT IS POSSIBLE NOT ONLY TO MEET THE DAILY LIVING NEEDS OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE STIMULATION AND WORK ACTIVITY PROGRAMMES SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND TO INCREASE THEIR INTEREST IN THE WORLD AROUND THEM,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHAMBERS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY WHICH, HE SAID, IS ENGAGED IN +ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT AREAS OF SOCIAL WORK AND ITS EFFORTS DESERVE OUR FULL SUPPORT+.

THE SOCIETY HAS DEVELOPED FOUR RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS IN THE PAST 5-1/2 YEARS.

AMENDMENTS TO SHA TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT SHA TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT THE AMENDMENTS WERE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MEET CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEW PLANNING REQUIREMENTS IN THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

MAJOR AMENDMENTS INCLUDE:

- \* REALIGNING THE FUTURE RAIL RESERVE TO MEET POSSIBLE FUTURE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF SHA TIN AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT MA ON SHAN. THE TYPE OF CARRIER FOR THIS FUTURE RAIL SYSTEM BETWEEN KOWLOON AND MA ON SHAN HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED AT THIS STAGE AND MIGHT BE FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY OR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. APART FROM PROVIDING BETTER INTEGRATION BETWEEN SHA TIN AND MA ON SHAN, THE REVISED RAIL ALIGNMENT WOULD ALSO ALLOW POSSIBLE INTERCHANGE FACILITIES WITH THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AT TAI WAI. IN ADDITION, IT ENABLES THE RELEASE OF LAND IN AREA 2 NEAR SHEUNG KENG HAU AND PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RATIONALIZING THE BOUNDARIES OF A PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE AREA.
- \* REZONING ABOUT 19 HECTARES OF LAND IN TO FUNG SHAN FROM RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) TO GREEN BELT. THIS FOLLOWS MORE DETAILED PLANNING AND ENGINEERING INVESTIGATIONS WHICH HAVE FOUND THE AREA NOT SUITABLE FOR LARGE SCALE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN VIEW OF ITS DIFFICULT ACCESS AND THE EXISTING FINE NATURAL VEGETATION IN THE AREA. AN ALTERNATIVE SITE AT THE FOOT OF TO FUNG SHAN, ABOUT TWO HECTARES IN AREA AND RELATIVELY FLAT, IS INSTEAD FOUND SUITABLE FOR MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND REZONED FOR THE PURPOSE.
- \* RELOCATING A GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY ZONE IN AREA 28 MAINLY PROPOSED FOR AN INDOOR GAMES HALL TO AREA 26 NORTH OF SHING MUN RIVER NEXT TO THE EXISTING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND SQUASH COURT BUILDING.
- \* REZONING A VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT ZONE (TSE UK VILLAGE) SOUTH OF BELAIR GARDEN IN AREA 48 TO OPEN SPACE FOR DEVELOPMENT AS PART OF THE PROPOSED LARGER YUEN CHAU KOK DISTRICT OPEN SPACE. A RESITE AREA OF THE AFFECTED VILLAGE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE NEW TOWN.

THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PLAN HAS ALSO BEEN REVISED.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (SHA TIN), 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD ON OR BEFORE MAY 26.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AT \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

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ALL MUST TAKE PART IN WORK SAFETY  
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A SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PROGRAMME DEPENDS ON +THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND CO-OPERATION OF EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYERS AND THE GOVERNMENT,+ THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR KENNETH TOPLEY, STRESSED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, RECOGNISES AND ACCEPTS ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS AREA BUT EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ALIKE MUST PLAY THEIR PART IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA II+ AND AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL, MR TOPLEY SAID THAT EMPLOYERS SHOULD VIEW ACCIDENT PREVENTION AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLYING WITH SAFETY LEGISLATION.

+THEY CAN DO THIS BY PROVIDING A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND BY SUPERVISING THEIR EMPLOYEES AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO OBSERVE SAFE WORK PRACTICES.

+EMPLOYEES SHOULD ABIDE BY SAFETY RULES AND USE SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR THEM AND ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THEIR FELLOW WORKERS,+ HE NOTED.

MR TOPLEY POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE EXISTING SAFETY LAWS AND TO ENACT NEW LEGISLATION WHERE NECESSARY, AND REGULATIONS ARE BEING DRAFTED TO PROVIDE WORKERS WORKING AT HEIGHT WITH BETTER PROTECTION.

+ENFORCEMENT OF THESE LAWS IS STEADILY BEING INTENSIFIED,+ HE SAID.

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REFERRING TO THE EXTRAVAGANZA, MR TOPLEY SAID THAT IT IS PART OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO FIND BETTER WAYS AND MEANS OF BRINGING HOME THE WORK-SAFETY MESSAGE. SINCE ITS SHOWINGS LAST YEAR, THE SLIDE PRESENTATION HAS BEEN REPROGRAMMED TO ACHIEVE AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY WORKERS.

IN HIS OPENING SPEECH, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR NEIL HENDERSON, SAID THAT AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONTINUE TO RE-STAGE +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA II+ IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR. THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING THE SHOW MOBILE SO THAT IT CAN BE TAKEN TO THE WORKERS IN THEIR HOME AREAS.

MR HENDERSON POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM THE NEW SAFETY SLIDE SHOW, THERE IS ON DISPLAY IN THE EXHIBITION A GREAT VARIETY OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT PUT UP BY SEVEN LOCAL COMPANIES.

THE EXHIBITION ALSO FEATURES A STAND SET UP BY THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION DIVISION TO PUBLICISE RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ABOUT EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION MATTERS FROM VISITORS.

THE SLIDES SHOW AND THE EXHIBITION WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11.30 AM TO 7 PM DAILY FROM TOMORROW UNTIL MAY 15.

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#### SURVEY TO COLLECT ECONOMIC DATA

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IN CONTINUATION OF A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY ON THE SAME SECTOR, COLLECTING ECONOMIC DATA RELATING TO 1982.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY IS TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SECTOR AND TO ANALYSE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ITS STRUCTURE SINCE THE LAST SURVEY.

INFORMATION SOUGHT INCLUDES TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, WAGES AND SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES, SALES, STOCK AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN DECISION MAKING, TRADE PROMOTION AND MARKET ANALYSIS.

THEY WILL ALSO FORM A BASIS FOR ESTIMATING THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE NOW BEING SENT TO SOME 8 000 SELECTED WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS.

THE SURVEY COVERS ALL ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 50 OR MORE PERSONS AS WELL AS A SAMPLE OF SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED RANDOMLY.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING THE QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORMS TO THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE JULY 31, 1983 IN THE POSTAGE-PAID REPLY ENVELOPES FURNISHED.

ON REQUEST, CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS BEARING GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS WILL VISIT RESPONDENTS TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE 1982 SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) ORDER 1981.

THE ORDER WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE ON JANUARY 27, 1981 AND GAZETTED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 19 OF 1981 ON JANUARY 30, 1981.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, AND ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL THE DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS URGED MANAGERMENTS RECEIVING THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO RETURN THE COMPLETED FORMS PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE CENSUS STAFF DURING THE SURVEY ENUMERATION PERIOD.

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#### ATTEMPTS TO CHECK CRIMES IN BUILDINGS

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A NEIGHBOURHOOD SECURITY CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN TSUEN WAN IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY SITUATION OF BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WAS AGREED DURING A RECENT MEETING OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, TO DISCUSS FINDINGS OF A BUILDING SECURITY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE LOCAL POLICE TWO MONTHS AGO.

MISS CHUNG SAID THAT EVENTS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDED SEMINARS ON CRIME PREVENTION, VISITS TO BUILDINGS AND INCREASING THE FREQUENCY OF POLICE PATROLS.

+WE HOPE TO ORGANISE SEMINARS FOR CHAIRMEN AND OFFICE-BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MACS) AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS (OCS) WITH POLICE OFFICERS TALKING ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INSTALLING IRON GATES AND EMPLOYING CARETAKERS AND ON OTHER CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES,+ SHE SAID.

+IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO ARRANGE VISITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO BUILDINGS WHICH ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO CRIMES SO THAT THEY CAN UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION BETTER AND MAKE PERSONAL APPEALS TO MEMBERS OF MACS AND OCS.

+THE POLICE CAN ALSO HELP BY INCREASING THE FREQUENCY OF PATROLS AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF VISITING BOOKS AT VULNERABLE BUILDINGS SO AS TO BETTER CO-OPERATE WITH MAC AND OC MEMBERS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO COMBAT CRIMES.+

TOUCHING ON THE RECENT POLICE SURVEY IN TSUEN WAN, MISS CHUNG SAID IT SHOWED A DEFINITE CORRELATION BETWEEN SECURITY MEASURES IN A TENEMENT BUILDING AND THE SUSCEPTIBILITY TO CRIME.

THE SURVEY COVERED 98 PER CENT OF BUILDINGS WITH MACS AND OCS, BUT EXCLUDED HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATES, FACTORY AND OFFICE BUILDINGS, SQUATTER HUTS AND NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGE HOUSES.

KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI WERE NOT SURVEYED BECAUSE OF THE PREPONDERANCE OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE TWO DISTRICTS.

BUILDINGS COVERED BY THE SURVEY ARE CLASSIFIED INTO THREE CATEGORIES: GRADE A ARE BUILDINGS WITH ENTRANCES FITTED WITH IRON GATES AND CARETAKERS ARE EMPLOYED THEREIN; GRADE B ARE THOSE EITHER FITTED WITH IRON GATES OR CARETAKERS ARE EMPLOYED; AND GRADE C ARE BUILDINGS WITHOUT ANY IRON GATE OR CARETAKER.

THE SURVEY SHOWS THAT THERE ARE 104 (41.3 PER CENT) GRADE A BUILDINGS, 102 (40.5 PER CENT) GRADE B BUILDINGS AND 46 (18.2 PER CENT) GRADE C BUILDINGS IN TSUEN WAN PROPER.

A TOTAL OF 66 SELECTED CRIMES, MAINLY ROBBERY AND BURGLARY, WERE COMMITTED AGAINST PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS IN THESE THREE GRADES OF BUILDINGS DURING THE SECOND HALF OF LAST YEAR.

THE VICTIMISATION RATE FOR GRADE A BUILDINGS WAS 19.2 PER CENT, 28.4 PER CENT FOR GRADE B AND 36.9 PER CENT FOR GRADE C.

+IT IS CONCLUDED THAT PEOPLE LIVING IN GRADE C BUILDINGS FACE THE HIGHEST RISK OF CRIMES, AND IT IS BLATANTLY CLEAR THAT BOTH GRADE B AND C BUILDINGS ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO THE OCCURRENCE OF CRIMES,+ SAID MISS CHUNG.

AT THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MEMBERS ALSO IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS FACED BY MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN GRADE B AND C BUILDINGS:

- \* LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARISING FROM THE INDIFFERENCE OR INCOOPERATIVENESS OF THE OWNERS OR TENANTS;
- \* OPPOSITION TO THE INSTALLATION OF IRON GATES FROM OWNERS OR TENANTS WHO OPERATE BUSINESS IN THE BUILDINGS BECAUSE THE GATES WILL CAUSE INCONVENIENCE TO THEIR CUSTOMERS;
- \* INDIFFERENCE OF MACS AND OCS, ESPECIALLY THE INACTIVE ONES, TOWARDS INSTALLING SUCH GATES AND ENGAGING CARETAKERS; AND
- \* LACK OF LIFT HALL OR PUBLIC AREA IN BUILDINGS TO ACCOMMODATE THE CARETAKER ESPECIALLY IN PRE-WAR AND OLD TYPE OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

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AMENDMENTS TO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN  
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FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSZ WAN SHAN, DIAMOND HILL AND SAN PO KONG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENT INVOLVES THE ZONING OF ABOUT 7.1 HECTARES OF LAND AT TAI HOM FOR +RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)+ DEVELOPMENT. IT IS INTENDED THAT ONE OF THE SITES WOULD BE DEVELOPED AS A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 15 000 PERSONS IN 3 900 FLATS. THE OTHER ONE IS DESIGNATED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME FOR ABOUT 16 000 PERSONS IN 4 000 FLATS.

OTHER AMENDMENTS INVOLVE THE ZONING OF THE DIAMOND HILL QUARRY FOR +UNDETERMINED+ PURPOSE, GENERAL REVISION OF LAND USE LAYOUT PROPOSALS FOR TAI HOM DEVELOPMENT AREA, ETC.

PROPOSALS ARE ALSO MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES OF THE PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (WONG TAI SIN), SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD ON OR BEFORE MAY 26.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AT \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

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LARGEST NUMBER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CADETS PROMOTED  
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A TOTAL OF 37 OFFICER CADETS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PROMOTED TO FULL OFFICERS, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CADETS IN THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT EVER PROMOTED TO THE OFFICER RANK AT ONE TIME.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY TODAY (FRIDAY), THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, PRESENTED THEM WITH LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT.

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SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR GARNER SAID THE AGES OF THE NEWLY PROMOTED OFFICERS RANGE FROM 23 TO 41 YEARS, AND THEIR AVERAGE LENGTH OF SERVICE IS SEVEN YEARS.

ALL THE NEWLY PROMOTED, THREE OF WHOM ARE WOMEN, JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS ASSISTANT OFFICERS AND WERE APPOINTED AS OFFICER CADETS A YEAR AGO FOR THEIR EXCELLENT WORK PERFORMANCE.

AMONG THEM IS MISS LEUNG KAR-LING OF TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDERS.

SHE JOINED THE SERVICE IN 1977 AND HAS BEEN AWARDED THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN THE TRAINING OF THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PRECISION MARCHING TEAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

UMELCO MEMBERS TO VISIT KWUN TONG  
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A GROUP OF UMELCO MEMBERS WILL VISIT KWUN TONG ON MONDAY (MAY 9) TO SEE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS CARRIED OUT BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

THE GROUP, LED BY THE REV JOYCE BENNETT, WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THEY WILL VISIT KWUN TONG'S INDUSTRIAL AREA, HANG ON STREET, AND THE HONG KONG SPORTS WORLD ASSOCIATION IN TELFORD GARDENS.

THEY WILL ALSO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND DISCUSS WITH THEM MATTERS OF INTEREST IN THE DISTRICT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE VISIT. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. THOSE WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE CAR COMPOUND OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE ON TUNG YAN STREET AT 9.15 AM.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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### CAREERS TEACHERS EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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THE RESPONSIBILITY AND ROLE OF CAREERS TEACHERS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAREERS MASTERS' SEMINAR 1983 AT THE AUDITORIUM OF HANG SENG BANK BUILDING, MR LEUNG SAID STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A BETTER CHOICE BOTH IN FURTHER EDUCATION AND IN SELECTING A CAREER IF THEY RECEIVED PROPER COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE FROM THEIR TEACHERS IN SCHOOL.

TODAY'S SEMINAR, AN ANNUAL EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND THE HANG SENG BANK, IS AIMED AT PROVIDING A VENUE FOR CAREERS TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE THEIR JOB EXPERIENCE.

MR LEUNG SAID PROPER COUNSELLING FOR TODAY'S STUDENTS WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN IN THE PAST IN VIEW OF THE ADVANCEMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE RISE OF NEW INDUSTRIES AND THE MODIFICATION OF SCHOOL CURRICULUM TO COPE WITH SOCIAL NEEDS.

SIMILARLY, CAREERS TEACHERS SHOULD LEARN AND MAKE USE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT MEANS AND RESOURCES WHILE CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULT, HE SAID.

MR LEUNG CALLED ON CAREERS TEACHERS TO TAKE PART IN MORE SEMINARS, IN-SERVICE OR EXTRA-MURAL COURSES IN ORDER TO SHARPEN THEIR TOOLS. IN THIS RESPECT, HE NOTED THAT THE FIRST TRAINING COURSE FOR CAREERS' TEACHERS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HELD FROM AUGUST 26.

HE ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS, IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, CASSETTE TAPES AND VIDEO TAPES, HAD RECENTLY SET UP A RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SECTION WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING BETTER SERVICE TO PUPILS, PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

STUDENTS, PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOMED TO MAKE USE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE WHICH WAS OPENED LAST MONTH, HE SAID.

LASTLY, MR LEUNG PRAISED MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS FOR THEIR INITIATIVE AND DEVOTION IN INTRODUCING AN ENQUIRY SERVICE FOR STUDENTS AS FROM NEXT MONTH.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY DECLARED HISTORICAL BUILDING  
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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IN NATHAN ROAD KOWLOON IS DECLARED A HISTORICAL BUILDING, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TWO-STOREY BUILDING WHICH HAS A FINE BRICK STRUCTURE WITH ARCHED WINDOWS AND LONG VERANDAHS WAS BUILT IN 1883.

IT IS BEING DECLARED A HISTORICAL BUILDING UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

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LANDS AND WORKS PRIZE PRESENTATION  
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD, WHO IS RETIRING IN A FEW WEEKS TIME, TODAY PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF VARIOUS SPORTS EVENTS HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE MARINERS CLUB IN KOWLOON TODAY, MR MCDONALD SAID THAT HE VERY MUCH ENJOYED AND SUPPORTED THE SPORT ACTIVITIES AS THEY WOULD GIVE THE GREATEST DEGREE OF ENJOYMENT TO THE STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES.

HE RECALLED THAT HE HAD BEEN OFFICIATING AT SPORTING EVENTS AND CEREMONIES FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, THEN DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND MORE RECENTLY AS SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

TODAY'S FUNCTION, HE SAID, MARKED HIS LAST FORMAL CONNECTION WITH THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP SPORTS DAY.

HOWEVER, HE WAS SURE THAT HIS SUCCESSOR, MR N.K. CHAN, WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE GROUP'S SPORT ACTIVITIES WHICH, HE WAS CONFIDENT, WOULD CONTINUE TO FLOURISH FOR THE YEARS TO COME.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WON THE WRIGHT CUP AND A.O. CUP RESPECTIVELY BY SCORING MOST POINTS IN THE MEN'S AND LADIES' TEAM EVENTS.

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### WIDENING OF SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN THE EXISTING SO KWUN WAT ROAD AND A PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD TO NEW CAFETERIA BEACH INTO A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS, WHICH INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY HAUL ROAD IN SO KWUN WAT VALLEY AND A NEW ROAD TO SERVE NEW CAFETERIA BEACH, WILL FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF BOTH THE SO KWUN WAT MARINA PROJECT AND THE NEARBY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING SCHEME.

THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE PART OF THE STAGE II EXTENSION AREA OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JULY 5.

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### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS

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ACTIVITIES ON TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL TALENTS AND ARTS GROUPS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS THIS YEAR BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL.

IN ADDITION THE COUNCIL, WHICH WAS FORMED A YEAR AGO, WILL ALSO ORGANISE APPROPRIATE COMPETITIONS TO HELP STIMULATE THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST TOWARDS ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL MR CHENG WOO-YICK SAID TODAY THE EMPHASIS, THIS YEAR, WILL BE MORE ON TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL TALENTS AND ARTS GROUPS.

HE ADDED THAT A CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT VARIETY SHOW, THE FIRST LARGE SCALE FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL, WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM ON SUNDAY (MAY 8) IN THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

IT WILL FEATURE TWO HOURS OF SINGING, MODERN, ORIENTAL AND FOLK DANCES BY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND DISC JOCKEYS.

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OTHER EVENTS BEING PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR INCLUDE A TALK ON FISH BREEDING AND PET-CARING, DANCE AND MUSIC APPRECIATION NIGHTS, FLOWER AND POTTED PLANTS EXHIBITION, ESSAY WRITING AND TRANSLATION COMPETITIONS, AND MUSIC TRAINING COURSE.

PRIOR TO THE VARIETY SHOW ON SUNDAY EVENING, THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS INAUGURATION CEREMONY.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEE LAP-SUN, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR F.K. HU, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY.

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#### HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN ENDS

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A SEMINAR CUM MOVIE DAY AND A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE WEEK-LONG YAU MA TEI HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE HOME SAFETY SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 AM IN THE OCEAN THEATRE AND THE GUEST SPEAKERS ARE MR CHAN WAI-WANG, AND DR LAWRENCE WAN, CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HOME SAFETY TALK AND SEMINAR COMMITTEE, MR KWOK YIU-WAI OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, AND MR LAI KAM-HON OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SHOW OF THE FILM +IT TAKES TWO+.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, FEATURING SINGING AND DANCING BY WELL KNOWN ARTISTS AND STUDENTS.

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#### TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT

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VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG MOUNT PARKER ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 9).

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST TWO WEEKS FOR THE RENEWAL OF TRAM TRACKS.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND, TONG CHONG STREET, HOI KWONG STREET AND FINNIE STREET.

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