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COUNCIL GEARED TO RAISE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, HEALTH STANDARDS

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO SET UP A STATUTORY BODY TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR RAISING THE STANDARDS OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN ALL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG.

THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL BILL 1988, WHICH GIVES EFFECT TO THIS, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL ALSO COVERS THE PURPOSES AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL, ITS MEMBERSHIP, PROCEDURES, STAFFING AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

UNDER THE BILL, THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIST OF UP TO 20 MEMBERS, IN ADDITION TO A CHAIRMAN, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE COMPOSED OF NOT MORE THAN 15 REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS; AND NOT MORE THAN FIVE PUBLIC OFFICERS.

THE COUNCIL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR MAIN AREAS:

- * EDUCATION AND TRAINING;
- * INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY;
- * CONSULTANCY SERVICES; AND
- * RESEARCH.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD DESIGN AND CONDUCT TRAINING PROGRAMMES, PRODUCE TEACHING AIDS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS, CONDUCT PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS AND VALIDATE QUALIFICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH.

"IT WILL ALSO UNDERTAKE PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES, AND COMPILE AND PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC USE INFORMATION ON SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK," HE SAID.

"IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE SERVICES TO EMPLOYERS IN SUCH AREAS AS SAFETY SURVEYS, FEASIBILITY STUDIES, CONTROL AND MONITORING PROCEDURES AND ADVICE ON PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

"APART FROM ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE STANDARDS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE COUNCIL WILL EITHER COMMISSION OR ITSELF CARRY OUT RESEARCH IN AREAS RELATED TO ITS PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS."

THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY AN EXECUTIVE ARM OF PROFESSIONAL AND SUPPORTING STAFF UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE TO THE COUNCIL.

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL WOULD BE CLEARLY DEFINED AND THE SCOPE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA WOULD BE REDUCED SO AS TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

"SPECIFICALLY, THE CREATION OF THE COUNCIL WILL ENABLE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO CONCENTRATE ITS RESOURCES ON PREPARING, REVIEWING AND ENFORCING LEGISLATION RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANY ADVICE WHICH THE COUNCIL OFFERS," HE SAID.

"IN OTHER WORDS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE A BROAD APPROACH TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION WHILE THE COUNCIL WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MORE GENERAL FUNCTIONS THAT ARE NOW CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT."

THE MAIN SOURCE OF FINANCE FOR THE COUNCIL WILL DERIVE FROM LEVY ON EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION INSURANCE PREMIA, THE RATE OF WHICH WILL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT A ONE PER CENT LEVY WILL YIELD ABOUT \$7 MILLION A YEAR.

SINCE THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL WILL AFFECT THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH OF ALL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING CIVIL SERVANTS, THE GOVERNMENT SHALL MAKE PAYMENTS TO THE COUNCIL EACH YEAR WHICH SHALL BEAR THE SAME RELATION TO THE TOTAL LEVY COLLECTED AS THE SIZE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BEARS TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN HONG KONG.

THE SIZE OF THE CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIRST YEAR WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$0.5 MILLION.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE REQUESTED TO MAKE A GRANT OF UP TO \$5.5 MILLION TO THE COUNCIL TO ENABLE IT TO OPERATE DURING THE INITIAL STAGE BEFORE LEVY INCOME BEGINS TO BE RECEIVED.

THE BILL, IF ENACTED, WILL TAKE EFFECT ON A DATE TO BE GAZETTED SOMETIME IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE LEVY, OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON JANUARY 1, 1989.

THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ON JUNE 29.

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AMBASSADOR BRIEFS LEGCO MEMBERS ON VIETNAM

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THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO HANOI, MR EMRYS DAVIES, MET MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AD HOC GROUP ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO BRIEF THEM ON THE LATEST SITUATION ON VIETNAM.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE BRIEFING, MR DAVIES SAID THE COUNTRY WAS CONFRONTED WITH QUITE SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND A HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PARTICULARLY IN NORTH VIETNAM.

HE SAID MANY PEOPLE FROM VIETNAM WERE SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION AND THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAD APPEALED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR HELP.

MR DAVIES SAID EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO PERSUADE THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TO PUBLICISE HONG KONG'S NEW POLICY FOR SCREENING VIETNAMESE ARRIVALS ON THEIR TELEVISION AND RADIO.

ASKED WHEN THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WAS LIKELY TO GIVE ITS OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO HONG KONG'S SCREENING POLICY, MR DAVIES SAID THE VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS STILL OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

"WHEN HE GETS BACK, THERE'S A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING, SO WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SEVERAL WEEKS, I THINK, BEFORE WE GET A SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE," HE SAID.

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STREAMLINING PROCEDURES IN MONEY LENDING BUSINESS

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A BILL AIMED MAINLY AT STREAMLINING THE LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE MONEY LENDERS ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO BEING TAKEN TO MODIFY THE EXISTING LEGISLATION DIRECTED ESSENTIALLY AGAINST LOANSHARKING SO THAT GENUINE COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS ARE NOT INADVERTENTLY CAUGHT BY THE PROVISIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXPLAINING THE MAJOR CHANGES UNDER THE MONEY LENDERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, HE SAID IMPROVEMENTS WERE NOW REQUIRED TO OVERCOME A NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE EMERGED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE ORDINANCE SINCE ITS ENACTMENT IN 1980.

"APPLICATIONS FOR A MONEY LENDER'S LICENCE ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATED BY THE POLICE AND DETERMINED BY THE LICENSING COURT COMPRISING A MAGISTRATE SITTING WITH TWO ASSESSORS.

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"AT PRESENT, A HEARING BY THE FULL COURT IS REQUIRED, WHETHER OR NOT AN OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE.

"ON THE SUGGESTION OF THE MAGISTRATES ASSOCIATION, SUPPORTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, IT IS PROPOSED THAT UNOPPOSED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY A MAGISTRATE SITTING ALONE," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

ANOTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE LICENSING PROCEDURES IS TO PLUG A LOOPHOLE THROUGH WHICH CERTAIN LICENSEES TEND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD FOR THE PROCESSING OF THEIR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS SO THAT THEY NEED ONLY TO RENEW THEIR ANNUAL LICENCES ONCE EVERY 15 MONTHS.

"TO PROTECT GENERAL REVENUE, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE SHOULD TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DAY ON WHICH THE ORIGINAL LICENCE WOULD HAVE EXPIRED," HE SAID.

UNDER SECTION 28 OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION, THE REGISTRAR OR ANY PERSONS AUTHORISED BY HIM ARE EMPOWERED TO ENTER ANY PREMISES AND INSPECT BOOKS, ACCOUNTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"AS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH INSPECTIONS RESTS IN FACT WITH THE POLICE, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE POLICE SHOULD BE GIVEN EXPRESS POWERS UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

"IT IS SPECIFIED THAT THESE MAY ONLY BE USED WHEN THE POLICE HAVE A REASONABLE SUSPICION THAT THE MONEY LENDER HAS COMMITTED AN OFFENCE AND THAT THE DOCUMENTS SEIZED ARE RELATED TO THE OFFENCE.

"THE DOCUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MONEY LENDER IF NO PROSECUTION IS INSTITUTED WITHIN THREE MONTHS," HE ADDED.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT BEING SOUGHT IS THE EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR INSTITUTING CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS FOR OFFENCES UNDER SECTION 29(3), RELATING TO FAILURE TO REPORT CHANGE OF PARTICULARS IN A LICENCE, TO TWO YEARS.

THIS WOULD ENABLE THE REGISTRAR TO INSTITUTE PROSECUTIONS FOR THIS TYPE OF OFFENCE WHICH NORMALLY DOES NOT COME TO LIGHT UNTIL THE SIX MONTH PERIOD APPLICABLE TO THE PRESENT LEGISLATION HAS EXPIRED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT LAW REQUIRED THAT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS FOR NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES MUST GENERALLY BE INSTITUTED WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENCE.

"EXPERIENCE REVEALED THAT THE EXISTING PROVISIONS GOVERNING OFFICIAL SECRECY ARE RESTRICTIVE.

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"TO ALLOW FOR GREATER CO-OPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN HONG KONG, IT IS PROPOSED THAT INFORMATION MAY ALSO BE DISCLOSED TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS AND ANY OTHER PUBLIC OFFICER AUTHORISED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, WHERE IN THE OPINION OF THE REGISTRAR IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR THE INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID EXPERIENCE HAS ALSO SHOWN THAT FURTHER GENERAL EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ORDINANCE WERE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE LEGITIMATE BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT UNDUE HINDRANCE.

"CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT WHICH OUGHT NOT TO BE, AND WERE NOT INTENDED TO BE CAUGHT. FLEXIBILITY IS ALSO NEEDED TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC CASES.

"IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE BANKING ORDINANCE, BUT NOT THEIR SUBSIDIARIES, SHOULD BE WHOLLY EXEMPTED FROM THE PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCE," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BUSINESS OF BANK LENDING PROVIDES ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST EXPLOITATION OF BORROWERS.

"IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE PROVISIONS ON EXCESSIVE INTEREST RATES SHOULD NOT APPLY TO ANY LOANS THAT ARE MADE TO A COMPANY WITH A PAID UP SHARE CAPITAL OF NOT LESS THAN \$1 MILLION OR, IN RESPECT OF SUCH LOAN, TO ANY PERSON WHO MAKES SUCH LOAN," HE SAID.

UNDER ANOTHER AMENDMENT, IT IS PROPOSED TO GIVE POWERS TO THE REGISTRAR TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS, EITHER GENERALLY OR IN A PARTICULAR CASE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON JUNE 22.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS AT ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER II, 24TH FLOOR, OR TO OMELCO AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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LORD YOUNG ON FOUR-DAY VISIT
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, LORD YOUNG, WILL ARRIVE ON SUNDAY (JUNE 19) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

DURING HIS STAY IN HONG KONG, LORD YOUNG WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION ON UK BUSINESS INTERESTS HERE.

/THE SECRETARY

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL VISIT MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED IN KWAI CHUNG, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING CONSTRUCTION SITES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11.45 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 22) TO BE HELD AT THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION.

LORD YOUNG WILL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR REG HOLLOWAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, LORD YOUNG, WILL ARRIVE BY FLIGHT TG 608 AT 2.25 PM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 19). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 1.40 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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ENFORCEMENT MOVE AGAINST UNDESIRABLE MEDICAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO AMEND THE UNDESIRABLE MEDICAL ADVERTISEMENTS ORDINANCE TO FACILITATE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE UNDESIRABLE MEDICAL ADVERTISEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 WHICH DEALS WITH THE PUBLICATION OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE FORM OF LABELLED PACKAGES, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

"AT PRESENT, PROBLEMS ARISE WHERE ADVERTISEMENTS AVOID THE USE OF THE PRECISE TERMS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE ORDINANCE AND USE INSTEAD COLLOQUIAL TERMS OR VEILED LANGUAGE SUCH AS SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF THE DISEASE IN REFERRING TO THE TREATMENT AVAILABLE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN SUCH CASES IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PROVE THAT A PARTICULAR ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTED THE MEDICINE OR TREATMENT ADVERTISED AS BEING EFFECTIVE FOR A DISEASE PROHIBITED IN THE SCHEDULE.

"PROBLEMS CAN ALSO ARISE IN IDENTIFYING AND PROSECUTING THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLACING THE ADVERTISEMENT," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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THE BILL SEEKS TO REMEDY THESE DEFECTS BY MAKING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST ADVERTISING DEPEND NOT ON WHAT THE ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTS, BUT ON WHETHER IT IS LIKELY TO LEAD PERSONS READING THE ADVERTISEMENT TO USE THE MEDICINE, SURGICAL APPLIANCE OR TREATMENT ADVERTISED FOR THE CURE OF ANY OF THE PRESCRIBED DISEASES.

IT ALSO PROVIDES PRESUMPTION CLAUSES TO IDENTIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR PLACING THE ADVERTISEMENTS.

"UNLESS THE CONTRARY IS PROVED, A PERSON WHO IS HELD OUT IN AN ADVERTISEMENT AS BEING A MANUFACTURER OR SUPPLIER OF MEDICINE OR SURGICAL APPLIANCES, OR AS BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE TREATMENT, IS PRESUMED TO HAVE CAUSED THE ADVERTISEMENT TO BE PUBLISHED."

WHERE AN ADVERTISEMENT INDICATES SOME MEANS OF CONTACTING A PERSON WHO PROVIDES TREATMENT, THAT PERSON IS PRESUMED TO HAVE CAUSED THE ADVERTISEMENT TO BE PUBLISHED.

THE BILL ADDS TWO NEW SCHEDULES OF PRESCRIBED DISEASES TO THE ORDINANCE.

THE PART OF THE BILL WHICH DEALS WITH THE PUBLICATION OF ADVERTISEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON ENACTMENT AND PART II, WHICH RELATES TO ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE FORM OF LABELLED PACKAGES WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION 24 MONTHS LATER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR EXISTING LABELS AND PACKAGES TO BE MODIFIED IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW PROVISIONS.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 29.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE BILL SHOULD WRITE TO OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, 7TH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

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GOVERNOR TO ATTEND ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WILL ATTEND THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

THE RACES WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG A 330-METRE COURSE OFF THE ABERDEEN WATER FRONT FROM 8.30 AM TO 5.30 PM. A RECORD NUMBER OF 83 TEAMS WILL TAKE PART.

SIR DAVID WILL DOT THE EYES OF DRAGON BOATS AT A CEREMONY AT 3.30 PM AND PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AT THE END OF THE RACES.

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ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE LADY WILSON; THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR T.H. CHAU; SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE RACES ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LIU LIT-FOR.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS OLIVIA NIP, WILL ALSO ATTEND.

TOMORROW'S RACES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THE LARGE-SIZED AND MEDIUM-SIZED DIVISIONS, WITH THE LATTER BEING SUB-DIVIDED INTO MEN'S OPEN, MEN'S AMATEUR, LADIES' OPEN AND INVITATION SECTIONS.

THE FINALS WILL START AT 3 PM AND THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE WILL BEGIN AT 4.30 PM. SPECTATORS CAN WATCH THE RACES EITHER FROM THE SPECTATOR STANDS, TO WHICH ADMISSION IS BY TICKET ONLY, OR FROM THE WATERFRONT PROMENADE.

THE RACES WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY THE TVB JADE AND ATV GOLD CHANNELS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EYE-DOTTING AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONIES OF THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE.

FOR ADMISSION TO THE CEREMONY ARENA, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY PRESS BADGES ISSUED BY THE RACES ORGANISING COMMITTEE. THE BADGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY AN INFORMATION OFFICER ON THE SPOT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE RECEPTION AREA IN THE SPECTATOR STANDS NEAR THE FLYOVER ADJOINING ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD BY 3.30 PM.

INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX LI, AND OTHER GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING TELELENSES FOR TAKING PICTURES OF THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT A FLOATING PLATFORM SOME DISTANCE FROM THE SPECTATOR STANDS.

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QE FOUNDATION WILL ASSIST MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
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A BILL WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF SETTING UP THE FOUNDATION WAS TO FURTHER THE WELFARE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN HONG KONG, AND PROMOTE THEIR EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS.

"THE FOUNDATION WILL BE PARTLY FINANCED FROM THE \$30 MILLION NET PROFIT ON THE SALE OF GOLD COINS TO COMMEMORATE THE 1986 ROYAL VISIT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCE WILL COMPRISE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$30 MILLION FROM GENERAL REVENUE, A CONTRIBUTION OF \$30 MILLION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND A DONATION OF \$1 MILLION BY THE SHAW FOUNDATION HK LTD, MAKING A TOTAL OF AT LEAST \$91 MILLION FOR THE FOUNDATION.

"THE FOUNDATION WILL BE TREATED AS A CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OF A PUBLIC CHARACTER UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE. IT WILL BE EXEMPT FROM TAX, AND DONATIONS TO IT ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE."

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED BILL 1988 ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL.

THIS WILL COMPRISE A CHAIRMAN, A MEMBER NOMINATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, FIVE TO NINE OTHER MEMBERS, ALL TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION.

"THE COUNCIL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FOUNDATION AND OF ITS ASSETS, AND WILL BE GIVEN THE POWER TO APPOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO MANAGE AND ADMINISTER THE FOUNDATION'S ASSETS.

"THE STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE FOUNDATION WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL TO THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND REPORT WILL BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31.

"THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHILE THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND INDIVIDUAL GROUPS OF PARENTS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN HAVE EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM FOR THE PROPOSAL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 29.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE BILL CAN WRITE TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR TO OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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LEGO ELECTION EXPENSES TO BE RAISED
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THE MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF ELECTION EXPENSES THAT MAY BE INCURRED BY CANDIDATES OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES SEEKING ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN RAISED BY ABOUT 18 PER CENT OVER THE CURRENT LIMITS.

UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION EXPENSES (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1988 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), THE ELECTION EXPENSE LIMITS FOR ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES HAVE BEEN INCREASED FROM \$10,000 TO \$12,000 AND FROM \$30,000 TO \$36,000 RESPECTIVELY.

THE WHITE PAPER, "THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT: THE WAY FORWARD" STATED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO REVIEW ALL LIMITS ON ELECTION EXPENSES REGULARLY, BOTH IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH SET OF ELECTIONS AND AGAIN SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE NEXT SET OF ELECTIONS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEY KEEP UP WITH THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND INFLATION.

"ACCORDINGLY, THE LIMITS ON ELECTION EXPENSES FOR THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR WERE REVIEWED IN MARCH THIS YEAR," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT CARRIED OUT A POST-ELECTION REVIEW IN 1985 AND CONCLUDED THAT THE LIMITS AND RELATIVITIES OF THE THEN EXISTING ELECTION EXPENSE CEILINGS WERE GENERALLY APPROPRIATE.

THE REVIEW IN MARCH WAS THUS MAINLY CONCERNED WITH REFLECTING INCREASES IN PRICES SINCE THE PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

"THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE ELECTION EXPENSE LIMITS WERE MADE BY REFERENCE TO AN INCREASE OF THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OF 18.3 PER CENT SINCE 1985," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE NEW LEVELS WERE SET SO AS TO BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE LARGEST CONSTITUENCIES.

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EASIER COLLECTION OF REGISTERED MAIL

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FROM NEXT MONTH, REGISTERED ITEMS CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE POST OFFICE NEAREST TO THE RECIPIENT'S RESIDENCE, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR GORDON SIU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WAS PART OF THE POST OFFICE'S EFFORT TO REVIEW AND IMPROVE SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO CUSTOMERS' REQUESTS, HE SAID.

MR SIU SAID THIS WHEN SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YUEN CHAU KOK POST OFFICE - THE 104TH IN THE TERRITORY.

"AT PRESENT TWO ATTEMPTS ARE MADE BY OUR POSTMEN TO DELIVER REGISTERED ITEMS TO ADDRESSEES' PREMISES," MR SIU EXPLAINED.

"IF THE REGISTERED ITEM STILL CANNOT BE DELIVERED AFTER THE SECOND ATTEMPT, THE ADDRESSEE WILL HAVE TO COLLECT THE ITEM FROM ONE OF THE 23 EXISTING DELIVERY OFFICES, THE ONE WHICH SERVES HIS AREA."

THE DELIVERY OFFICE, HOWEVER, MIGHT BE SOME DISTANCE FROM THE ADDRESSEE'S HOME OR OFFICE, HE SAID.

FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FROM CUSTOMERS AND A REVIEW OF PROCEDURES, MR SIU SAID FROM JULY ADDRESSEES COULD COLLECT REGISTERED ITEMS AT THE CLOSEST POST OFFICE, OR AT ANY OTHER OFFICES, IF SO WISHED.

ON THE SECOND WAY TO IMPROVE POSTAL SERVICES, MR SIU SAID NEW OFFICES WOULD BE OPENED WHERE DEMAND JUSTIFIED.

CITING SHA TIN AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID: "TEN YEARS AGO WE HAD ONLY ONE POST OFFICE IN SHA TIN. NOW WE HAVE SIX, AND FIVE MORE WILL BE OPENED TO SERVE THE PUBLIC IN SHA TIN OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS."

CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHAN-LAM, AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, ALSO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY.

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DRAFT TSIM SHA TSUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSIM SHA TSUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE MAJOR AMENDMENT INVOLVED THE REZONING OF A SITE BOUNDED BY SALISBURY ROAD/NEW WORLD CENTRE/HONGKONG CULTURAL CENTRE/HARBOUR FROM "OPEN SPACE" TO "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED "PUBLIC OPEN SPACE WITH UNDERGROUND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND CARPARK".

THE NEW ZONING IS TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TWO-LEVEL UNDERGROUND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND A TWO-LEVEL BASEMENT CARPARK WITH A PUBLIC GARDEN AT STREET LEVEL.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT A "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" SITE ON CANTON ROAD HAS BEEN REZONED TO "COMMERCIAL" WITH THE INCORPORATION OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINAL.

THIS AMENDMENT IS TO MEET THE HIGH DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL FLOORSPACE IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

MOREOVER, THE ANNOTATION OF THE "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ZONE FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATION HAS BEEN AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POSSIBLE SHOPPING MALL LINKING THE STATION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT IN HUNG HOM BAY, AND THE EXTENSION OF THE KCRC FINGER PIER.

THE OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO TAKEN TO INCORPORATE THE POSSIBLE ALIGNMENT OF THE PROPOSED HUNG HOM BYPASS INTO THE PLAN. A 10-METRE WIDE PROMENADE LINKING THE EXISTING WATERFRONT PROMENADE IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN HUNG HOM BAY IS PROPOSED ALONGSIDE THE BYPASS.

THERE ARE SOME OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS MADE TO REFLECT THE EXISTING USES OF THE VARIOUS SITES.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT:

- * THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG
- * PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG
- * YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 490-492, NATHAN ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON

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ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY JULY 7 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP SALES COUNTER, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER TO ATTEND OVERSEAS MEETING
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, ACCOMPANIED BY THE HEAD OF CUSTOMS INTELLIGENCE AND GENERAL INVESTIGATION GROUP, MR W.M. LI, WILL LEAVE FOR BRUSSELS TONIGHT (FRIDAY) TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL (CCC).

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD FROM JUNE 20 TO 24 AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY HEADS OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS OF 102 MEMBER COUNTRIES.

HONG KONG WAS ADMITTED AS AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER AT THE COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE LAST YEAR, UPON THE PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, WITH THE SUPPORT OF CHINA. SINCE THEN HONG KONG HAS PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE COUNCIL'S WORK.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, HONG KONG WAS SELECTED AS THE CCC ESCAP (ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC) REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICE TO CO-ORDINATE THE INTERCHANGE OF DRUG INTELLIGENCE WITHIN THE REGION AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON CUSTOMS MATTERS.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS AND THE COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING EXTENDING IT TO OTHER REGIONS.

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, MR WILLIAMSON WILL GIVE A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICE, STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TIMELY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE BETWEEN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS, AND URGE ALL MEMBERS TO ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT POINTS ROUND THE CLOCK FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR K.S. TONG, WILL ACT AS COMMISSIONER DURING THE ABSENCE OF MR WILLIAMSON.

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT KWAI CHUNG OZP PUBLISHED

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT KWAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

A BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDMENTS WERE TO INCORPORATE LATEST CHANGES IN LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS IN THE AREA AS WELL AS TO UPDATE THE NOTES OF THE PLAN.

UNDER THE AMENDMENTS, THE SOUTHEASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE PLAN HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND ADJUSTED TO INCORPORATE THE BUTTERFLY VALLEY TO GENERALLY COINCIDE WITH THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE KWAI TSING AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICTS, AND WITH THE BOUNDARY OF KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK.

EXISTING FACILITIES WITHIN THE EXTENSION AREA SUCH AS THE KAU WAH KENG SERVICE RESERVOIRS, THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME AND AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION HAVE BEEN RETAINED AND ZONED "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" ON THE PLAN. THE REST OF THE AREA IS ZONED "GREEN BELT".

ANOTHER MAJOR AMENDMENT IS THE INCORPORATION OF THE NEW CONTAINER PORT ROAD WHICH IS THE KEY LINK TO THE EXISTING CONTAINER TERMINALS AND ALSO THE FUTURE TERMINALS 6 AND 7.

A NUMBER OF SITES WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 12 HECTARES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR CONTAINER-RELATED USES TO ACCOMMODATE SUCH OFF-TERMINAL BACK-UP FACILITIES AS CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION, CONTAINER REPAIR AND STORAGE, AND CONTAINER TRACTOR/TRAILER PARKING AND REPAIR.

MOST OF THESE SITES HAVE OVER THE YEARS ALREADY BEEN USED FOR SUCH PURPOSES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL RECTIFY THE EXISTING USES WHICH ARE IN GREAT DEMAND IN THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE CONTAINER TERMINAL.

THE PLAN WILL INCLUDE A RECLAMATION LOCATED TO THE WEST OF PILLAR ISLAND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LAND FOR A PROPOSED SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT AND TO CATER FOR THE EXTENSION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 5. AS A RESULT, THE TOTAL LAND AREA DESIGNATED FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL USE ON THE PLAN AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 92 HECTARES.

LAND HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR A ROAD INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION OF TEXACO ROAD AND KWAI FUK ROAD. THIS INTERCHANGE FORMS PART OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO TEXACO ROAD WHICH WILL BECOME AN IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN ROUTE 5, TSUEN WAN ROAD AND TSING TSUEN BRIDGE.

TWO SITES HAVE BEEN REZONED TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" TO PROVIDE LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

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ONE SITE IS LOCATED AT SHEK YAM ON THE LAND NOW PARTLY OCCUPIED BY A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 9.6 HECTARES AND CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 18,000 PEOPLE.

ANOTHER SITE WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 0.6 HECTARE AND SITUATED CLOSE TO KWAI SHING AND KWAI HING ESTATES IS INTENDED TO BE DEVELOPED FOR A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FOR 1,750 PEOPLE.

TWO "COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL" SITES LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE MTR KWAI FONG STATION ARE REZONED TO "OPEN SPACE" AND "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" FOR A POSSIBLE CIVIC CENTRE TO SERVE THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT.

THESE TWO SITES WILL ALSO SERVE AS A BUFFER SEPARATING THE FUTURE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS TO THEIR NORTH FROM THE HEAVY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ALONG KWAI FUK ROAD AND THE INDUSTRIAL AREA FURTHER TO THE SOUTHWEST.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG; AND
- * PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG..

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE JULY 7 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION AT 382 NATHAN ROAD, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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PENSION BENEFITS TO BE IMPROVED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING PENSIONS LEGISLATION BY CLARIFYING TERMS AND REMOVING TECHNICAL ANOMALIES WHICH HAVE COME TO LIGHT SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PENSION SCHEME LAST YEAR.

THESE AMENDMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE PENSION BENEFITS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1988 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE LARGELY TECHNICAL AND WILL IN NO WAY AFFECT OR ERODE CIVIL SERVANTS' EXISTING PENSION RIGHTS. THE STAFF SIDES HAVE BEEN INFORMED," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON JUNE 29.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE AMENDMENTS CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 11TH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL OR TO OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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EPD ISSUES FUEL NOTICES TO TSING YI FACTORIES

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FOLLOWING DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS OF THE AIR POLLUTION TO WHICH THE RESIDENTS OF CHEUNG CHING ESTATE ON TSING YI ISLAND ARE BEING EXPOSED, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS ISSUED NOTICES TO THE OWNERS OF MORE THAN 30 FACTORIES WHICH ARE LOCATED CLOSE TO THE ESTATE.

THE NOTICES REQUIRE THE FACTORIES TO USE A LOW SULPHUR FUEL SO THAT CONCENTRATIONS OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE WILL BE REDUCED.

"THE CHIMNEYS OF THESE FACTORIES WERE EMITTING LARGE QUANTITIES OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE AND THIS IS CAUSING AN AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM IN THE AREA," AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN 1986, THE EPD REFUSED TO GIVE APPROVAL TO APPLICATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW STEAM BOILERS WHICH WOULD USE GRADE THREE FUEL OIL WHICH HAS A HIGH SULPHUR CONTENT, AT 2.5 PER CENT.

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DESPITE THE EPD'S REFUSAL AND ADVICE, THE FACTORIES CONTINUED TO INSTALL NEW BOILERS AND CHIMNEYS AND STARTED OPERATIONS USING GRADE THREE FUEL OIL, THUS AGGRAVATING THE AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM.

"WE HAVE DECIDED, THEREFORE, TO ISSUE NOTICES, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE, TO THE OWNERS OF THE FACTORIES CAUSING THE POLLUTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT WE SHALL OBTAIN THE CO-OPERATION OF THE FACTORY OWNERS ON THIS OCCASION AND THAT THEY WILL START USING LOW SULPHUR FUEL, WHICH SHOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM."

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1.5 MILLION TO "SHARE IN THE FUN"

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SHARING IN THE FUN WILL BE THE THEME FOR ABOUT 1.5 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE THIS SUMMER WHEN THEY PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN 11,000 ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATED BY THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR PETER LEE, SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) WAS A RECORD.

"THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE IS ALSO A RECORD FIGURE," HE SAID.

"THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF THE PROGRAMME THIS YEAR IS ESTIMATED AT CLOSE TO \$20 MILLION, OF WHICH THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS CONTRIBUTED \$8.95 MILLION," MR LEE SAID.

"THE JOCKEY CLUB DONATION IS AN INCREASE OF 38 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S FIGURE," HE ADDED.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAD BEEN THE MAJOR DONOR TO THE SYP SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1969.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS INCLUDE ALLOCATIONS MADE BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.

WITH THE CONTINUING THEME OF "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", THE SYP IS TARGETTED AT YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN SIX AND 25 YEARS OLD WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING THEM TO HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND MEANINGFUL SUMMER.

PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INCLUDE MUSIC CAMP, FORESTRY CAMP, COMMUNITY PROJECTS, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, AND MANY OTHER EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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"WE HAVE INCLUDED SOME NEW ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR, SUCH AS FENCING, GYMNASTICS, BADMINTON, TABLE-TENNIS AND SOCCER TRAINING," SAID MR LEE.

"THESE PROGRAMMES ARE ORGANISED BY THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, WHO HAVE JOINED THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

THE DISTRICT BOARDS ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

A SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IS FORMED IN EVERY DISTRICT TO ORGANISE SUMMER ACTIVITIES.

"AS MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, THEY KNOW WHAT KIND OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES ARE REQUIRED," SAID THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

"THIS YEAR, THE DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES PLAN TO ORGANISE ABOUT 4,600 ACTIVITIES AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO REACH 1.1 MILLION," HE ADDED.

THE 1988 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, ON JULY 1 (FRIDAY) AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A "SWINGING SUMMER" VARIETY SHOW PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

OTHER PUBLICITY ON THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME INCLUDES THREE OTHER "SWINGING SUMMER" SHOWS BY RTHK AND A CONCERT PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, WHICH WILL MARK THE CLOSING OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CAN OBTAIN DETAILS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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POLICE ON ALERT FOR BEACH THIEVES

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COMBINED POLICE OPERATIONS TO CONTROL CRIME AND CROWDS AT THE BEACHES OF SOUTH HONG KONG ISLAND HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED FROM ABERDEEN DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS. OPERATION +DOGANE+ HAS GONE INTO ACTION TO STOP CRIMINALS WHO PREY ON HOLIDAY CROWDS ENJOYING SUNNY DAYS BY THE SEA.

NINE GAZETTED BEACHES IN ABERDEEN DIVISION AND STANLEY SUB-DIVISION ATTRACTED OVER 6.8 MILLION HOLIDAY MAKERS LAST YEAR - CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF HONG KONG.

THE MONTHLY AVERAGE OF NEARLY 600,000 PEOPLE PEAKED AT OVER A MILLION IN THREE MONTHS, JUNE-AUGUST.

AND THE FIGURES ARE EXPECTED TO BE HIGHER THIS YEAR.

THE ABERDEEN POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, SUPERINTENDENT TAM KWOK-WING SAID: "THESE ARE INCREDIBLE STATISTICS. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY EXPECTING A LARGE INFLUX OF PEOPLE ONTO THE SOUTHERN BEACHES IN THE HOLIDAY MONTHS AHEAD."

THE OPERATION WILL FOCUS INCREASED POLICE ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY CROWDS, THEIR PROPERTY AND THEIR TRANSPORT.

THE "WARM UP" PERIOD OF THE OPERATION, WHICH CONCENTRATED EFFORTS ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IS NOW BEING STEPPED UP TO A PERIOD OF HIGH DEPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL WHO WILL ATTEND BEACH AREAS ON A DAILY BASIS THROUGHOUT THE PEAK PERIOD TO EARLY SEPTEMBER.

THE OPERATION WILL PLACE ADDITIONAL COVERT PERSONNEL IN HOLIDAY BEACH AREAS, PLUS MORE UNIFORMED OFFICERS, AUXILIARIES, TRAFFIC POLICE AND WARDENS.

THE FINAL THIRD PHASE OF THE OPERATION WILL INCLUDE A SLOW WIND DOWN AS SCHOOLS REOPEN AND THE SUMMER ENDS.

BUSIEST OF THE NINE GAZETTED BEACHES IN ABERDEEN AND STANLEY AREA ARE REPULSE BAY, DEEPWATER BAY, STANLEY MAIN BEACH AND ST STEPHEN'S BEACH.

MOST LIKELY CRIMES ANTICIPATED AT THE VARIOUS SCENES ARE THEFTS FROM BEACHES, VEHICLES AND SWIMMERS; BURGLARIES, CRIMINAL DAMAGE, UNRULY BEHAVIOUR AND VANDALISM. IN ADDITION POLICE CONTEND WITH ILLEGAL BARBECUES, CAMPING ON BEACHES, NOISE, HAWKERS, ROAD RACING AND ILLEGAL PARKING.

POLICE ALSO HAVE THE PROBLEM OF SUPERVISING THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF BUSES AND PRIVATE TRANSPORT CARRYING HOLIDAY MAKERS.

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SUPT TAM SAID: "GETTING PEOPLE IN AND OUT ON A NOT VERY SOPHISTICATED ROAD NETWORK IS A BIG PROBLEM AND WE HAVE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE HERE FROM HONG KONG ISLAND TRAFFIC.

"THE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC IS VERY IMPORTANT. IF THE TRAFFIC SNARLS UP PEOPLE GET HOT AND BOTHERED AND SHORT TEMPERED AND THEN SKIRMISHES TAKE PLACE. KEEPING ROADS CLEAR IS VITAL.

"HAVING NINE GAZETTED BEACHES, THE MAJORITY IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, IMPOSES A MAJOR POLICING COMMITMENT. ALTHOUGH OUR AREA DOES NOT INCLUDE OTHER BEACHES WHICH ARE ALSO POPULAR WE HAVE A HARMONIOUS WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER FORMATIONS FOR JOINT OPERATIONS TO COVER OTHER BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND."

IN ADDITION TO SPECIALLY SELECTED TASK FORCE PERSONNEL OPERATING ON THE BEACHES IN PLAIN CLOTHS, THERE WILL BE A STRONG VISIBLE POLICE PRESENCE ON BEACHES AND AT CAR PARKS.

SUPT TAM'S MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC ENJOYING THEIR DAYS AT THE BEACH WAS: "IF YOU DON'T NEED IT ON THE BEACH DON'T TAKE IT.

"PEOPLE WHO LEAVE THEIR PROPERTY UNATTENDED WHILE THEY SWIM ARE SIMPLY ASKING FOR TROUBLE. IF THEY ARE IN A PARTY THEY SHOULD ENSURE THAT ONE OF THEM STAYS WITH THEIR POSSESSIONS. AND THE LEAST THEY CAN DO IF THEY MUST TAKE VALUABLES WITH THEM IS TO LOCK THEM IN THE BOOTS OF THEIR CARS."

ONE YOUNG COUPLE RECENTLY COMPLAINED WHEN THEY LOST MONEY AND JEWELLERY VALUED AT \$5,000 WHICH THEY HAD LEFT UNATTENDED WHILE SWIMMING.

SWIMMING THIEVES ARE ALSO ON THE WATCH FOR PEOPLE SWIMMING WHILE WEARING JEWELLERY.

"A MAN DOZING ON A LILO IN THE SEA WAS TIPPED INTO THE WATER BY A SWIMMER AND FOUND WHEN HE SURFACED THAT HIS NECKLACE HAD BEEN SNATCHED," SUPT TAM SAID.

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OPEN-AIR CAR PARK FEES TO GO UP

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN INCREASE IN PARKING FEES AT THE FOUR GOVERNMENT OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS.

THE NEW PARKING FEES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1 AT MURRAY BARRACKS, TAI KOK TSUI, HO MAN TIN AND NORTH POINT CAR PARKS MANAGED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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THE DAY-TIME HOURLY PARKING FEES WILL GO UP FROM \$3 TO \$5 AT MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK AND FROM \$2 TO \$3 AT TAI KOK TSUI CAR PARK. FOR HO MAN TIN AND NORTH POINT CAR PARKS, WHICH ARE USED EXCLUSIVELY BY GOODS VEHICLES, THE HOURLY RATE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$1 TO \$2.50.

MONTHLY PASSES WILL RISE FROM \$400 TO \$1,000 AT MURRAY BARRACKS, AND FROM \$400 TO \$600 AT TAI KOK TSUI. MONTHLY RATE FOR GOODS VEHICLES AT THE OTHER TWO CAR PARKS WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$200 TO \$500.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE INCREASES APPEARED TO BE SUBSTANTIAL IN PERCENTAGE TERMS - RANGING FROM 67 PER CENT TO 150 PER CENT FOR HOURLY RATES AND FROM 50 PER CENT TO 150 PER CENT FOR MONTHLY PASSES - THE FEES WERE STILL LOWER THAN THOSE AT THE COMMERCIAL CAR PARKS IN THE VICINITY.

HE SAID THE FEES WERE INCREASED TO ENSURE REASONABLE AVAILABILITY OF PARKING SPACES AT THE FOUR CAR PARKS. EXCEPT FOR THE TAI KOK TSUI CAR PARK, THE TURNOVER RATES IN THESE CAR PARKS WERE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THE TARGET RATE OF 15 PER CENT.

THE LOW TURNOVER RATES WERE MAINLY DUE TO PARKING FEES BEING LOWER THAN THOSE CHARGED BY COMMERCIAL CAR PARKS IN THE VICINITY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LOWER OFF-PEAK RATES WOULD BE RETAINED TO ENCOURAGE OFF-STREET PARKING OVERNIGHT AND DURING OFF-PEAK PERIODS.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE FOUR OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS WERE OPERATED AT LOSSES, WHICH AMOUNTED TO A COMBINED TOTAL OF \$9.3 MILLION IN 1986/87 AND \$11.9 MILLION IN 1987/88.

THE PARKING FEES SHOULD THEREFORE BE INCREASED TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE FACILITIES, HE SAID.

THE NEW FEES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE THE TOTAL REVENUE OF THE FOUR CAR PARKS BY \$3.6 MILLION A YEAR.

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TRAVEL BENEFIT FOR PERMANENT ID CARD HOLDERS

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ADULT HOLDERS OF HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS (PIC'S) WHICH DO NOT BEAR THE * * * SYMBOL, MAY NOW TRAVEL TO MACAU WITHOUT THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AS THEY WILL ONLY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THEIR PIC'S.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

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"WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED BY THE MACAU GOVERNMENT THAT ADULT HOLDERS OF PIC'S, WITHOUT THE * * * SYMBOL, MAY ENTER AND DEPART FROM MACAU ON PRESENTATION OF THEIR PIC'S AND THE COMPLETED ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE CARDS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"THEY DO NOT NEED TO PRODUCE THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR EXAMINATION BY THE MACAU IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES."

THIS MEASURE, IN THE PAST, ONLY APPLIED TO THOSE HOLDING ID CARDS WITH * * * SYMBOL, HE SAID.

UNDER THE CURRENT EASY TRAVEL SCHEME, ADULT HOLDERS OF PIC'S WITH OR WITHOUT * * * SYMBOL, ARE ALREADY EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHEN PASSING THROUGH HONG KONG'S COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS FOR JOURNEYS TO AND FROM MACAU, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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WARNING GIVEN ON USE OF UNAUTHORISED GOODS LIFTS

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THE OWNER OF AN UNAUTHORISED LIFT, OTHER THAN A SERVICE LIFT, WHICH HAS BEEN USED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES MAY BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND WOULD BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THIS WARNING WAS GIVEN TODAY (FRIDAY) BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING THE CONVICTION EARLY THIS WEEK OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL OWNERS OF AN UNAUTHORISED GOODS LIFT IN A SEAFOOD SHOP AT WESTERN. THEY WERE EACH FINED \$3,000.

THE UNAUTHORISED GOODS LIFT WAS INVOLVED IN A FATAL ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN JULY LAST YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT IF THEY WISHED TO INSTALL A GOODS LIFT THEY SHOULD APPROACH A REGISTERED LIFT CONTRACTOR WHO COULD ASSIST THEM IN OBTAINING THE PERMISSION FOR ITS OPERATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT OWNERS OF UNAUTHORISED GOODS LIFTS ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION UNDER THE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS (SAFETY) ORDINANCE. FURTHERMORE, ALL LIFTS IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR SIZE MUST BE EXAMINED BY A REGISTERED LIFT ENGINEER EACH YEAR.

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AUSTRIAN BANK GRANTED LICENCE

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AN AUSTRIAN BANK, CREDITANSTALT-BANKVEREIN, HAS BEEN GRANTED A LICENCE TO CONDUCT BANKING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG. A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT CREDITANSTALT-BANKVEREIN, THE LARGEST BANK IN AUSTRIA, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1855 AND RANKED AS THE 93RD LARGEST BANK IN THE WORLD AT THE END OF 1986.

"THE BANK CONDUCTS EXTENSIVE BANKING BUSINESS DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY WITH 170 BRANCHES IN AUSTRIA, LONDON AND NEW YORK; NINE SUBSIDIARY BANKS AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES AND NINE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES IN MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BANKING CENTRES, INCLUDING HONG KONG.

"IT IS THE FIRST AUSTRIAN BANK TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE HERE. THE GRANTING OF THE LICENCE WOULD FURTHER BROADEN HONG KONG'S ROLE AS AN INTERNATIONAL BANKING CENTRE WHILE THE CONTINUED INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET CAN BE SEEN AS ENHANCING THE CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 159 BANKS ARE NOW LICENSED IN HONG KONG. OF THESE, 124 ARE BANKS INCORPORATED OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY.

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OLYMPIC DAY RUN IN SHA TIN

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MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES CAN TAKE PART IN THE OLYMPIC DAY RUN HONG KONG 1988 ON THE CYCLE TRACK ALONG THE SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN ON SUNDAY (JUNE 19) MORNING.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EVENT HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, URBAN COUNCIL, REGIONAL COUNCIL, HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG.

MALES AGED OVER 15 WILL COVER 3.5 KILOMETRES AND ALL OTHER RUNNERS WILL COVER 2.8 KILOMETRES.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD REPORT AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN WO ROAD, SHA TIN, BEFORE 9 AM.

ALL RUNNERS WHO COMPLETE THE ROUTE WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES BY THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG.

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THE 150 BEST RUNNERS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND THE 75 BEST RUNNERS WILL RECEIVE T-SHIRTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS) OF SHA TIN, MR ANDREW PYNE, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, MR A. DE O. SALES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 10 AM AT THE YUEN WO SPORTS GROUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OLYMPIC DAY RUN HONG KONG 1988 TO START AT SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN WO ROAD, SHA TIN AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 19). THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SPORTS GROUND AT 10 AM.

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YOUTH POLICY ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT ON YOUTH POLICY, RELEASED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, AT A MEETING ON MONDAY (JUNE 20).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PAPER WHICH SUGGESTS THE PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE IN NORTHEAST TUEN MUN AS WELL AS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE MEETING WILL LOOK INTO THE DIRECT GRANT SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND CONSIDER VARIOUS APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING SOCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON MONDAY (JUNE 20) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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TWO SITES FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TWO PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND FOR SALE IN A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ON JULY 13 (WEDNESDAY).

THE AUCTION OF THE SITES, BOTH FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES BUT EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADES, WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THE FIRST SITE IS IN AREA 25, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES. IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,198 SQUARE METRES. THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 3,594 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE JUNE 30, 1992.

THE OTHER SITE IS IN KA YIP STREET, CHAI WAN.

THE AREA OF THIS SITE IS ABOUT 4,687 SQUARE METRES AND THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 33,746 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

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REPLACEMENT OF TAI TAM ROAD BRIDGE

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A BOX CULVERT TO REPLACE A SMALL PRE-WAR BRIDGE SITUATED ON TAI TAM ROAD ABOUT 900 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHEK O ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, ABOUT 100 METRES OF THE APPROACH ROADS WILL BE REALIGNED AND WIDENED TO AN IMPROVED STANDARD.

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

A PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; AND AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BY AUGUST 16.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KWUN TONG

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A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY STAGES TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING IN 1989, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

AS PART OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME, HORSE SHOE LANE IN KWUN TONG WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 20).

AT THE SAME TIME, TWO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (PLB) STANDS WILL BE RELOCATED.

THE PLB STAND IN TUNG MING STREET BETWEEN YEE ON STREET AND NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE WESTERN SECTION OF YEE ON STREET BETWEEN TUNG MING STREET AND LUEN ON STREET.

THE STAND IN HORSE SHOE LANE WILL BE MOVED TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE SAME ROAD TO COINCIDE WITH THE RE-ROUTING.

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE SCHEME, WHICH INCLUDE TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS, ROAD WIDENING WORK, PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND RELOCATION OF PLB STANDS, ARE BEING PLANNED AND WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN DUE COURSE.

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