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JLG TEAMS GET TO KNOW HK BETTER

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IT WAS A MEETING OF A DIFFERENT KIND FOR MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH AND CHINESE TEAMS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WHEN THEY GOT TOGETHER EARLY THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF HONG KONG.

WITH THE THIRD ROUND OF TALKS BEHIND THEM, LEADER OF THE BRITISH SIDE, DR DAVID WILSON, AND THE CHINESE TEAM LEADER, MR KE ZAISHUO, WERE IN A RELAXED MOOD WHEN THEY MET AT QUEEN'S PIER FOR THE START OF THEIR TOUR.

BOARDING THE LADY MAURINE AND THE TIN HAU, THE FIRST STOP FOR THE VISITORS AFTER A LEISURELY CRUISE WAS THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL.

MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED, MR D.A. GLEDHILL, AND ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR J.M.E. LEESE, MEMBERS OF BOTH SIDES SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST WHEN THEY WERE SHOWN FACILITIES AT THE TERMINAL, WHICH IS THE THIRD BUSIEST IN THE WORLD.

FROM KWAI CHUNG THE GROUP BOARDED COACHES FOR SHA TIN TO LOOK AT THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF ONE OF HONG KONG'S NEW TOWNS.

FOLLOWING A SHORT BRIEFING BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, SHA TIN, MR NG YAN-CHUNG, THE PARTY PROCEEDED TO THE LION'S PAVILION FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN, WHICH IS HOME TO MORE THAN 350 000 PEOPLE.

THE VISITORS WERE TOLD THAT ON FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN - WHICH INCLUDES MA ON SHAN - THE POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO REACH THE 800 000 MARK BY THE MIDDLE OF THE NEXT DECADE.

WITH ABOUT 65 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT THEY VISITED LUNG HANG ESTATE.

THEY WERE TOLD BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (REGIONAL MANAGEMENT), MR CHAN PAK, WHO MET THEM THAT LUNG HANG ESTATE PROVIDED 4 367 RENTAL AND 1 424 HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS FOR ABOUT 30 000 PEOPLE.

FOLLOWING A TOUR OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, MEMBERS OF BOTH SIDES VISITED ONE OF THE FLATS AND CHATTED WITH THE OCCUPANTS.

THE PARTY THEN MOVED TO THE NEW TOWN PLAZA FOR LUNCH AND TO WATCH THE COLOURFUL MUSIC FOUNTAIN.

DR WILSON, MR KE AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE TEAM THEN JOINED THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, FOR A HELICOPTER TOUR OF THE TERRITORY.

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MORE COMPLAINTS AGAINST PUBLIC TRANSPORT RECEIVED

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MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUS SERVICES, GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES AND ROAD CONGESTION WERE RECEIVED IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1985, ACCORDING TO THE QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 1 OF 1985-86 RELEASED BY THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE REPORT, WHICH COVERS THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1985, RECORDED A TOTAL OF 1 482 COMPLAINTS - 254 CASES OR 21 PER CENT MORE THAN THE 1 228 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE TCU, MR STEPHEN PANG, SAID THOUGH THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE QUARTER WAS NEARLY THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS QUARTER'S TOTAL OF 1 486, COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUS SERVICES, GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES AND ROAD CONGESTION SHOWED AN INCREASE. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT PARKING FACILITIES AND ILLEGAL PARKING.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WERE STILL PREDOMINANT, ACCOUNTING FOR 678 CASES OR MORE THAN TWO-FIFTHS OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE QUARTER - NEARLY 70 PER CENT OF THESE CASES WERE CONCERNED WITH BUS SERVICES WHILE ONE-HALF OF THE REMAINING CASES WERE RELATED TO GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES.

ALTOGETHER THERE WERE 470 COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUS SERVICES WITH INADEQUATE SERVICES AND STANDARD OF SERVICE BEING THE MAIN SUBJECTS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND WENT UP FROM 42 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 56. HALF OF THEM WERE RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

THERE WAS LITTLE VARIATION IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A HUNDRED AND TWENTY WERE RECEIVED WHILE 114 WERE RECORDED IN THE LAST QUARTER AND 123 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN WERE STILL THE MOST NUMEROUS. THEY MADE UP 30 PER CENT OF THE 120 CASES.

+INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES MAINLY RELATED TO SERVICES ABOVE THE LEVEL OF PROVISION OR OUTSIDE THE ROUTE NETWORK AGREED WITH THE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES. COMPLAINTS ON THESE SUBJECTS WERE TAKEN UP WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OR THE TRANSPORT BRANCH,+ MR PANG SAID.

THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE TWO MAJOR FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES WAS THE SUBJECT OF 235 COMPLAINTS.

/COMPLAINTS CONCERNING

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COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY (KMB) CAME TO 94. THIS WAS NEARLY THE SAME AS THE TOTAL OF 91 COMPLAINTS IN THE LAST QUARTER. BUT COMPARED WITH THE 52 COMPLAINTS IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, IT REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 42 CASES.

THE RISE IN COMPLAINTS INVOLVING KMB SINCE THE LAST QUARTER OF 1984 WAS DUE TO MORE CASES ABOUT BUS CAPTAINS (FROM 14 TO 39), BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULE (FROM 24 TO 28) AND CONDITIONS OF BUSES (FROM 5 TO 11).

+ELEVEN OF THE 94 COMPLAINTS CONCERNING KMB WERE STILL BEING LOOKED INTO BY THE COMPANY. THE OTHER 83 CASES HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED AND 53 WERE FOUND SUBSTANTIATED,+ HE SAID.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY (CMB) TOTALLED 141, AN INCREASE OF 15 OVER THE LAST QUARTER AND 35 MORE THAN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THERE WERE INCREASED COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF CMB BUSES - THE NUMBER WENT UP FROM 12 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND 20 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 60. ON THE OTHER HAND, COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY SHOWED A DROP. TWENTY-NINE CASES WERE RECORDED AGAINST 40 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND 45 IN THE LAST QUARTER.

ON THE 60 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF CMB BUSES, THE AREAS OF CONCERN WERE DEFECTIVE SPEEDOMETER (ONE BUS), MINOR REPAIR TO SEATS AND WINDOWS (EIGHT BUSES) AND BRAKE SQUEALS (51 BUSES). BUT ONLY 22 COMPLAINTS WERE FOUND SUBSTANTIATED.

MR PANG SAID THAT THE 60 BUSES UNDER COMPLAINT WERE CHECKED PROMPTLY BY CMB. THE COMPLAINT ABOUT THE DEFECTIVE SPEEDOMETER WAS FOUND SUBSTANTIATED. SO WERE SIX OF THE EIGHT COMPLAINTS

ABOUT MINOR REPAIR AND 15 OF THE 51 COMPLAINTS ABOUT BRAKE SQUEALS.

+ALL FAULTS HAD BEEN RECTIFIED AND CMB ADVISED THAT NONE OF THE SUBSTANTIATED CASES ABOUT BRAKE SQUEALS HAD ANY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE MENTIONED THAT OF THE 141 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE QUARTER CONCERNING CMB, LESS THAN 50 PER CENT WERE FOUND SUBSTANTIATED,+ HE SAID.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES CONTINUED TO INCREASE. THE NUMBER WENT UP FROM 88 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND 94 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 113.

THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINTS WERE CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE OF DRIVERS (33 CASES), IRREGULAR SERVICE (22 CASES) AND NON-ADHERENCE TO ROUTING (17 CASES).

/ABOUT ONE-FIFTH

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ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF THE COMPLAINTS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST TWO ROUTES: NT ROUTE 10 BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND RENNIE'S MILL (10 CASES) AND NT ROUTE 62K BETWEEN SHA TIN KCR STATION AND SHATIN LODGE (13 CASES).

ON COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION, TCU RECORDED 290 CASES WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR ONE-FIFTH OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE QUARTER.

+COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION IN THE URBAN AREAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE FROM 142 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND 206 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 237.

+BUT SIMILAR COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE NEW TERRITORIES INCREASED SLIGHTLY FROM 41 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO 53 AND SHOWED A DROP WHEN COMPARED TO THE LAST QUARTER'S 68, + MR PANG SAID.

THE MAIN SUBJECTS WERE OBSTRUCTION CAUSED BY VEHICLES (120 CASES) AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS (102 CASES). OF THE 120 CASES ABOUT VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION, 65 WERE DIRECTED AGAINST PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

THERE WERE FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT PARKING FACILITIES - 68 CASES IN THE QUARTER AND 103 IN THE LAST QUARTER. COMPLAINTS ABOUT ILLEGAL PARKING ALSO DECREASED FROM 72 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 47.

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JOBLESS RATE STABLE
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED STABLE IN THE QUARTER NOVEMBER 1985-JANUARY 1986 COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1985, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1985-JANUARY 1986 WAS 3.1 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 3.4 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1985 AND THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1985.

+THE DECREASES OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1985 WERE BOTH STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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THE NUMBER OF THE UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1986 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 83 800, COMPARED WITH 88 500 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1985 AND 90 600 FOR THE SAME QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1985.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1985-JANUARY 1986 WAS 1.2 PER CENT, THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1985. THE RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1984-JANUARY 1985 WAS ONE PER CENT. THE INCREASE OF 0.2 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THAT QUARTER WAS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1986 WAS 32 000, COMPARED WITH 31 900 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1985 AND 27 100 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1985.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

HE ADDED THAT BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST MOVING THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR DECEMBER 1985-FEBRUARY 1986 WAS 3.1 PER CENT, AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.1 PER CENT. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1985-JANUARY 1986 WAS 3.2 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY (GHS) CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 52 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

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PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT TO CONFORM TO THE LATEST STANDARDS RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO, THE GHS DEFINITIONS OF +UNEMPLOYMENT+ AND +UNDEREMPLOYMENT+ HAVE BEEN MODIFIED SINCE JANUARY 1985. HOWEVER, A COMPLETE CONVERSION WOULD ONLY BE INTRODUCED IN MAY 1986 WHEN A SUFFICIENTLY LONG SERIES OF THE STATISTICS UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS WAS AVAILABLE. USING THE NEW DEFINITIONS THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1985-JANUARY 1986 WAS THREE PER CENT, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.5 PER CENT.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1985 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE LATER THIS MONTH.

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IMPORTERS REMINDED OF CHANGES FROM APRIL 1

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED IMPORTERS OF CHANGES TO THE PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATIONS OF LICENCES FOR TEXTILE AND GARMENT IMPORTS WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM APRIL 1.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WOULD BE A MORE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL TEXTILES COMING INTO THE TERRITORY CARRY IMPORT LICENCES.

SECONDLY, ADDITIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR IMPORTS OF GARMENTS, GARMENT PARTS AND CERTAIN KNITTED FABRICS, HE ADDED.

FROM APRIL 1, THE REQUIREMENT THAT IMPORTS OF TEXTILES MUST BE BROUGHT IN UNDER VALID IMPORT LICENCES ISSUED BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE GOODS WOULD BE ENFORCED MORE STRICTLY AND THE ISSUE OF LICENCES AFTER THE IMPORT OF GOODS WOULD BE MADE ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES. THERE WOULD ALSO BE NO INSTANT LICENSING SERVICE FOR LATE APPLICANTS.

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WOULD STEP UP ACTION TO ENSURE THAT PRIOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WERE COMPLIED WITH. SPOT CHECKS ON CARGOES WOULD BE INTENSIFIED AND IMPORTERS AND CARRIERS WERE REMINDED THAT IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY LICENCES COULD BE SEIZED WITH PROSECUTIONS FOLLOWING.

/SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD APPLY TO COVER THE SHIPMENT OF COMMERCIAL SAMPLES OF NO COMMERCIAL VALUE.

AS TO THE SECOND CHANGE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FROM APRIL 1, IMPORTERS OF GARMENTS, GARMENT PARTS AND CERTAIN KNITTED FABRICS NOT SHIPPED IN BOLT WOULD HAVE TO DECLARE THE INTENDED USE OF EACH CONSIGNMENT AND TO INDICATE THE WAY IN WHICH IT WAS TO BE EITHER USED LOCALLY OR THE COUNTRY TO WHICH IT IS INTENDED TO RE-EXPORT.

IN ADDITION, IMPORTERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FULL PARTICULARS OF THE GARMENT PARTS AND KNITTED FABRIC NOT SHIPPED IN BOLT. THE DECLARED IMPORTER SHOULD ALSO FURNISH INFORMATION, INCLUDING DOCUMENTS, IF ASKED, RELATING TO IMPORT LICENCES.

PROVISION OF FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION ON A LICENCE APPLICATION COULD RESULT IN A FINE OF UP TO \$500 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS. IN ADDITION, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO DENY IMPORT LICENSING FACILITIES TO AN OFFENDER COULD BE TAKEN BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

+CIRCULARS GIVING FULL DETAILS OF THE CHANGES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED LAST JANUARY,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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WILSON LEAVING TOMORROW

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THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH TEAM OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, DR DAVID WILSON, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW (SUNDAY) BY CX 901, ETD 1015.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE COVERAGE OF HIS DEPARTURE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM NOT LATER THAN 9.25 AM. GIS OFFICERS WILL ASSIST.

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CAR NUMBER SALES ADD \$337 000 FOR CHARITY

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THIRTY-FOUR SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$337 000, WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER DF 3 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$45 000.

THE NUMBER DH3 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$40 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 EACH FOR DG8676, DH2373, AZ5188 AND DH2270.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

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| DG 882 | \$ 7 000 | CT2000 | \$ 6 000 | AF6126 | \$ 3 000 |
| DH 336 | 5 000 | DH 328 | 28 000 | CF8668 | 9 000 |
| DH1222 | 4 000 | DG7832 | 3 000 | DH 128 | 10 000 |
| DH1338 | 4 000 | AL1300 | 7 000 | DH3288 | 13 000 |
| DH2118 | 4 000 | CC3882 | 5 000 | DH 590 | 4 000 |
| AW 36 | 31 000 | BL 278 | 8 000 | DH 880 | 8 000 |
| DH3228 | 10 000 | BC 43 | 8 000 | CF2323 | 10 000 |
| DH8798 | 2 000 | DH6686 | 4 000 | DJ8876 | 2 000 |
| BE 897 | 5 000 | AZ 21 | 11 000 | DJ1396 | 2 000 |
| 625 | 35 000 | | | | |

A NUMBER, BK4, WAS WITHDRAWN.

THE NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE SALE.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 103RD ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY TO \$37 177 232.

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PROPERTY OWNERS URGED TO REPORT ADDRESS CHANGE

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ALL OWNERS OR JOINT OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN HONG KONG CHARGEABLE TO PROPERTY TAX ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE WHENEVER THEY CHANGE THEIR ADDRESS OR CEASE TO BE THE OWNER OR PART-OWNER.

ACCORDING TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, THERE ARE OVER 800 000 OWNERS OR PART-OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN HONG KONG.

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+WHERE THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY, WHICH IS CHARGEABLE TO PROPERTY TAX, IS CHANGED WHETHER BY SALE OR TRANSFER, THE VENDOR OR THE TRANSFEROR MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING WITHIN ONE MONTH OF THE SALE OR TRANSFER,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AS THERE ARE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE CHANGING THEIR HOMES IN THE PRESENT ACTIVE PROPERTY MARKET, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OWNERS TO INFORM ANY CHANGE OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP OR ADDRESS,+ HE ADDED.

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GRADUATES INVITED TO APPLY FOR TRAINING
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GRADUATES IN ENGINEERING, GEOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURE ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR TRAINING VACANCIES WITH THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS.

INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD IN JUNE FOR POSTS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE FILLED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. STUDENTS WHO ARE DUE TO TAKE THEIR FINAL EXAMINATIONS THIS SUMMER CAN ALSO APPLY.

THE EXERCISE WILL ALSO RECRUIT A NUMBER OF CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATES FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE ACCEPTABLE DEGREES FROM A HONG KONG OR UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITY OR TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

IN THE BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING DISCIPLINE APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE QUALIFICATION IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (WITH AT LEAST SECOND CLASS HONOURS), MECHANICAL OR BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING, WHICH SATISFY THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE IEE, I MECH E OR CIBSE.

CIVIL ENGINEERING APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE QUALIFICATIONS WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THEIR GCE RESULTS OR HONG KONG EQUIVALENTS, REACH THE DESIRED LEVEL FOR MICE UNDER THE CHILVER SCHEME OF TRAINING.

APPLICANTS IN ELECTRICAL-MECHANICAL, ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SHOULD BE ABLE TO SATISFY THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ARCHITECTS SHOULD HAVE QUALIFICATIONS GIVING THEM EXEMPTION FROM THE HKIA OR RIBA PART TWO EXAMINATION.

THOSE APPLYING FOR THE QUANTITY SURVEYING DISCIPLINE SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM THE RICS FINAL EXAMINATION OR HAVE PASSED THAT EXAMINATION FOLLOWING A FULL-TIME COURSE AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

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APPLICANTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR TRAINING UNDER THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ENGINEERING GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME WILL HOWEVER NOT BE CONSIDERED, NOR WILL ANY WHO ARE CURRENTLY TRAINING UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH CORPORATE MEMBERS OF THE ICE.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES OR FROM THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 18, TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF QUALIFICATIONS, TO THE SECRETARY, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 11TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE SECRETARY, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NINTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON; THE SECRETARY, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 98, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE SECRETARY, TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, EIGHTH FLOOR, TIAN AN BUILDING, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, DEPENDING ON THE DISCIPLINE INVOLVED.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT INVITED FOR INTERVIEW BY JULY 1 SHOULD ASSUME THEIR APPLICATION UNSUCCESSFUL.

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WORK ON IMPROVING ROUTE TWISK PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE SHARP BEND ON ROUTE TWISK NEAR MILESTONE 11, FOR SAFER DRIVING.

THE WORK WILL INVOLVE REALIGNMENT OF ABOUT 160 METRES OF THE ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BOX CULVERT.

DRAINAGE AND SLOPE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE SAME TIME.

THE AREA THROUGH WHICH THE PRESENT BEND RUNS WILL BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY FOR PASSIVE RECREATIONAL USE.

FOR THIS PROJECT, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RESUME SOME PADDY LAND ALONG THE EDGE OF THE PROPOSED NEW WORKS.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON THIS AND HAS RAISED NO OBJECTION.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY OBJECTION SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE MAY 13.

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BOARD MEMBERS PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL AREA
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NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND ITS COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE WILL VISIT SEVERAL FACTORIES IN ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING, ON TUESDAY (MARCH 18) AS PART OF A PUBLICITY PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

AFTER THE TRIP, THE ON LOK TSUEN PROMOTION WORKING GROUP, WHICH IS FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT ONE OF THE FACTORIES, THE KWONG WAH LOCK MANUFACTORY LIMITED.

ON LOK TSUEN WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED AS A TEMPORARY INDUSTRIAL AREA AND COMPRISED MAINLY AGRICULTURAL LAND WITH INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS OPERATING ON THE BASIS OF SHORT TERM WAIVERS.

IN 1978, THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME COMMITTEE APPROVED A LAYOUT PLAN TO DEVELOP THE AREA AS A PERMANENT INDUSTRIAL AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TOUR AND THE PRESS CONFERENCE. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT AT 2.15 PM.

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BUS TERMINUS PLANNED FOR LAI TAK TSUEN
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A BUS TERMINUS IS PLANNED FOR LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH YEE KING ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY TO PROVIDE PROPER TERMINAL AND ADEQUATE TURNING FACILITIES FOR BUSES.

AT PRESENT, BUSES HAVE TO MAKE THREE-POINT TURNS ON-STREET AT THE END OF LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD.

THE PROPOSED TERMINUS WILL CONSIST OF A PLATFORM AND TWO BUS BAYS TOTALLING ABOUT 50 METRES.

THE PROJECT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE EXTENDING THE ROAD BY 12 METRES, ASSOCIATED ROAD MODIFICATION, DRAINAGE AND SLOPE WORKS.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE. OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY MAY 13.

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MURAL DESIGN, PAINTING COMPETITION ORGANISED
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING AN INTER-SCHOOL MURAL DESIGN AND PAINTING COMPETITION TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN CENTRAL LIBRARY IN OCTOBER.

THE COMPETITION, OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT, IS AIMED AT STIMULATING INTEREST IN PAINTING AND PROMOTING GROUP CREATIVITY AMONG CHILDREN, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE THEME OF THE CONTEST WILL BE 'JOY OF READING' AND ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DRAWN ON A3-SIZE DRAWING PAPER (297 MM X 420 MM).

THE ENTRIES WILL BE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES, MR KAN TAI-KEUNG, MR MICHAEL LAI AND MR RAYMOND WONG.

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES AND BOOK AND STATIONERY COUPONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THREE WINNING SCHOOLS.

STUDENTS FROM THE WINNING SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DO A GROUP PAINTING ON A WALL MEASURING 2.6 METRES BY 4.3 METRES AT THE JUNIOR LIBRARY OF THE SHA TIN CENTRAL LIBRARY.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ANY OF THE RSD PUBLIC LIBRARIES BY MAY 15, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TECHNOLOGY ACCESS UNIT OPENING
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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY'S NEW CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY ACCESS UNIT ON TUESDAY (MARCH 18) AT 3 PM.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE AT THE TRAINING AUTHORITY'S KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE AT 63 TAI YIP STREET, KOWLOON BAY.

THERE WILL BE A TOUR OF THE CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY ACCESS UNIT AND A TEA RECEPTION AFTER THE OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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OUTDOOR CAMPS FOR 11 000 CHILDREN
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MORE THAN 11 000 CHILDREN FROM SPECIAL SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMPS THIS YEAR.

THE CAMPS HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY A \$316 200 GRANT FROM THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND, AND WILL BE RUN BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A CHANCE TO LEARN SCHOOL SUBJECTS UNDER A CAMPING SITUATION.

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VISIT TO TREE NURSERY
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED A PRESS VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TAI LUNG TREE NURSERY, WHICH IS PRODUCING 800 000 SEEDLINGS THIS YEAR FOR PLANTING.

THE VISIT AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 17) WILL BE PRECEDED BY A BRIEFING BY CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR MARTIN LEUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER TO ATTEND.

TRANSPORT FOR THE MEDIA WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON BY 1.45 PM.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN HO MAN TIN
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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS AT THE JUNCTION OF WYLIE ROAD, HO MAN TIN AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY STARTING AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 18).

THEY ARE:

- * THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WYLIE ROAD, FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;

- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WYLIE ROAD TO THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD; AND
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD TO THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WYLIE ROAD.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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PLB RESTRICTIONS LIFTED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 17), THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHAI WAN ROAD WILL BE LIFTED.

THIS SECTION IS BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF ITS EASTERN JUNCTION WITH WAN TSUI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH WAN TSUI ROAD.

MEANWHILE, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF JAVA ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HEALTHY STREET EAST AND A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL ALSO BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 18).

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RIGHT TURN ALLOWED
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NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT ON TO TUNG LO WAN ROAD EASTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 18).

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SHAM SHUI PO WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, WONG CHUK STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET AND POPLAR STREET, INCLUDING MAPLE STREET, KI LUNG STREET, APLIU STREET AND TAI NAN STREET.

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