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HK GETS BACK TO WORK AS HAL GOES INLAND

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LIFE IN HONG KONG BEGAN RETURNING TO NORMAL TODAY WITH THE LOWERING OF THE NO. 3 SIGNAL AT 10.45 AM, AS TYPHOON HAL WEAKENED TO A TROPICAL STORM AND MOVED NORTHEAST SLOWLY ACROSS SOUTH CHINA.

BY LATE THIS AFTERNOON, HAL HAD WEAKENED INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE OVER SOUTH CHINA.

ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT RESUMED NORMAL SERVICE, EXCEPT FOR THE SHA TIN TO MEISHA HOVERFERRY, WHICH WILL RESUME OPERATIONS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

BUT THE WEATHER AT THE KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAUSED THE CANCELLATION OF ONE INCOMING FLIGHT FROM MANILA, AND THE DELAY OF ANOTHER FLIGHT FROM TAIPEI, AND ONE DEPARTING FOR TAIPEI.

ON THE EDUCATION FRONT, HOWEVER, WHILE SCHOOLS REMAINED CLOSED, ALL PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS WERE HELD AS SCHEDULED.

BY 5 PM, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAD REGISTERED 51 FAMILIES, COMPRISING 197 PERSONS MADE HOMELESS BY THE STORM, ALL OCCUPANTS OF SQUATTER HUTS WHICH HAD COLLAPSED, BEEN FLOODED OR WERE IN DANGER OF BEING AFFECTED BY MUDSLIPS. OF THESE 197 PERSONS, ABOUT 150 WERE STAYING IN TEMPORARY SHELTERS AND THE OTHERS WITH RELATIVES OR FRIENDS.

SOME 49 TYPHOON SHELTERS WERE KEPT OPEN BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING SHELTER FOR ABOUT 29 PERSONS.

OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS, 10 PERSONS WERE INJURED IN TYPHOON-RELATED INCIDENTS, AND, EXCEPT FOR A 45-YEAR OLD WOMAN WHO WAS ADMITTED TO QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL WITH A HEAD WOUND FROM A FALLING OBJECT AND WAS IN A SATISFACTORY CONDITION, ALL THE OTHERS WERE TREATED AND DISCHARGED.

UP TO THIS MORNING, THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 105 REPORTS OF MINOR FLOODINGS, OF WHICH 80 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 15 IN KOWLOON AND 10 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. AND DURING THE SAME PERIOD, 14 MINOR MUDSLIPS, THREE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN IN KOWLOON AND FOUR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE REPORTED. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF DAMAGE TO CROPS AND LIVESTOCK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HAL HAD FORMED AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION OVER THE PACIFIC ON JUNE 19 AND INTENSIFIED INTO A TYPHOON EAST OF THE PHILIPPINES ON JUNE 21.

AFTER SKIRTING THE NORTHERN TIP OF LUZON EARLY ON JUNE 22, HAL LANDED ABOUT 70 NAUTICAL MILES TO THE EAST OF HONG KONG AT 2 PM ON MONDAY (JUNE 24).

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IN HONG KONG THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 WAS HOISTED AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 22).

THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 WAS HOISTED AT 12.40 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 23), AND THE NO. 8 NORTHWEST GALE OR STORM SIGNAL WAS HOISTED AT 4.15 AM THE NEXT DAY (MONDAY).

THIS WAS REPLACED BY THE NO. 3 SIGNAL AT 8 PM ON MONDAY.

ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED AT 10.45 AM TODAY (TUESDAY).

WHILE THE SIGNALS WERE HOISTED, HAL BROUGHT 219.1 MILLIMETRES OF RAINFALL.

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AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED AT COMMITTEE STAGE  
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A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS WILL BE MOVED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) BILL 1985 TOMORROW.

AND DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE FOLLOWING THREE BILLS PRIOR TO COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING:

\* FOREIGN NOTES (PROHIBITION OF CIRCULATION) (REPEAL) BILL 1984;

\* FOREIGN JUDGMENTS (RESTRICTION ON RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT) BILL 1985; AND

\* DANGEROUS GOODS (CONSIGNMENT BY AIR) (SAFETY) BILL 1985.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ARE:

\* REGIONAL COUNCIL BILL 1985;

\* ELECTIONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985; AND

\* CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985.

TWO UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S BILLS WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED - THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND BILL 1985, BY THE HON SIR ROGER LOBO, AND THE LLOYDS BANK (MERGER) BILL 1985 BY THE HON BILL BROWN.

UNOFFICIALS WILL BE ASKING SEVEN QUESTIONS DEALING WITH SUCH MATTERS AS PROTECTIONISM IN THE UNITED STATES, SUPERVISION OF BANKS, A DEPOSIT INSURANCE SCHEME TO PROTECT SMALL BANK DEPOSITORS, AND THE QUALITY OF WATER FLOWING INTO TOLO HARBOUR FROM RIVERS AND STREAMS.

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4 556 LATE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED  
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UP TO 4 PM TODAY (TUESDAY) 4 556 LATE APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS ELECTORS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. AS A RESULT OF THE EARLIER REGISTRATION EXERCISE, 34 531 ELECTORS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER PUBLISHED ON JUNE 21.

A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>ESTIMATED SIZE OF ELECTORATE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF ELECTORS ON PROVISIONAL REGISTER</u>	<u>LATE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED</u>
<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE</u>	434	428	4
<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES</u>			
COMMERCIAL I	2 300	681	502
COMMERCIAL II	5 175	1 730	806
INDUSTRIAL I	707	364	60
INDUSTRIAL II	2 219	913	210
FINANCIAL	141	119	8
LABOUR	390	285	9
SOCIAL SERVICES	155	129	9
MEDICAL	4 540	2 109	412
LEGAL	1 500	727	183
TEACHING	49 047	25 337	1 919
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	2 500	1 709	434
<u>TOTAL</u>	69 108	34 531	4 556

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OBSERVATORY SEEKS NEW DATA EQUIPMENT  
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE FUNDS TOTALLING \$7.2 MILLION TO PROVIDE THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WITH ENHANCED DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES.

THE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT WOULD ENABLE THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TO DEVELOP AN IN-HOUSE PROGRAMME TO ANALYSE LONG PERIOD RECORDS AND TO PROVIDE MORE TIMELY AND RELIABLE WEATHER FORECAST AND WARNING SERVICES.

THE ENHANCED SYSTEM WOULD ALSO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE WEATHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO MORE COMPANIES OPERATING OFF-SHORE OIL RIGS, THEREBY GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE ESTIMATED AT SOME \$2 MILLION A YEAR.

OTHER NEW FEATURES WILL INCLUDE AUTOMATION OF THE LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK AND WEATHER CHART PLOTTING TO PROVIDE MORE ACCURATE AND FASTER WEATHER WARNINGS AND FORECASTS, AS WELL AS FASTER AND BETTER QUALITY CHARTS.

AUTOMATION OF THESE SERVICES IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN STAFF SAVINGS OF SOME \$1.4 MILLION A YEAR FROM 1987-88 ONWARDS.

HONG KONG'S CIRCUIT IN THE GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM WILL ALSO BE UPGRADED TO FACILITATE FASTER RECEPTION OF OBSERVATIONAL DATA SO THAT FORECASTS AND WARNINGS CAN BE GIVEN MORE PROMPTLY.

ANOTHER NEW FEATURE OF THE ENHANCED SYSTEM WILL BE THE MODELLING FOR A BACKGROUND RADIATION MONITORING PROGRAMME TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF THE OPERATION OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT DAYA BAY.

ALSO ON TOMORROW'S FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA IS A PROPOSAL TO INJECT \$2 500 MILLION IN EQUITY INTO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION BETWEEN NOW AND 1987-88, AND A FURTHER POSSIBLE COMMITMENT OF UP TO \$2 500 MILLION IN EQUITY INJECTIONS TO BE MADE ON OR AFTER THE END OF DECEMBER 1989.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE:

- \* SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TO ENGAGE LAWYERS TO ACT FOR THE CROWN IN AN ARBITRATION
- \* SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TO MEET EXPENSES ON COURT FEES
- \* A PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE TO OWNERS OF OLD SCHEDULED BUILDING LAND IN THE URBAN AREAS ON SURRENDER OR RESUMPTION

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- \* REVISED RATES OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE FOR LEGAL OCCUPIERS OF DOMESTIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY RESUMPTION AND CLEARANCE
- \* PAYMENT OF HONORARIUM AND OFFICE RENT ALLOWANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL
- \* FUNDS FOR SENDING A GROUP OF YOUNG MUSICIANS TO VISIT CHINA IN AUGUST THIS YEAR
- \* TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE FOR PUPILS ATTENDING THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HO CHUNG
- \* FURTHER INCREASE IN COMMITMENT FOR THE CONTINUED APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF EDA INVESTMENT LTD. AND THE CARRIAN GROUP, AND
- \* LAUNDRY ALLOWANCE FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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LETTER AGAINST PROTECTIONIST BILL WELCOMED  
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THE ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IN SENDING TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS A STRONGLY-WORDED LETTER OPPOSING THE PROTECTIONIST JENKINS BILL WAS WELCOMED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY HONG KONG'S DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD.

+THIS IS A VERY POSITIVE ACTION AND ADDS WEIGHT TO THE ARGUMENT ALREADY PUT BY HONG KONG AND OTHER EXPORTING COUNTRIES THAT THIS BILL IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE US CONSUMER AND WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF WORLD TRADE, + MR MACLEOD SAID.

HONG KONG HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN EFFORTS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO FIGHT THE BILL - THE TEXTILE TRADE AND APPAREL TRADE ENFORCEMENT BILL OF 1985, SAID MR MACLEOD.

IN ADDITION TO DIRECTING THE EFFORTS OF THE NEWLY-APPOINTED LOBBYIST IN WASHINGTON, HONG KONG HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN EFFORTS MADE BY DOMESTIC INTERESTS IN THE UNITED STATES TO PUT THE TRUE FACTS BEFORE THE AMERICAN CONSUMER.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ISSUED A STRONGLY-WORDED STATEMENT EARLIER THIS MONTH CONDEMNING PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND CALLING FOR FURTHER EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM BY FURTHER LIBERALISATION.

/+WE ARE .....

+WE ARE GIVING THIS MATTER THE HIGHEST PRIORITY+, SAID MR MACLEOD. +MUCH OF MY TIME AND THAT OF OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS SPENT ON THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS BILL. IN RECENT WEEKS WE HAVE GIVEN SPECIAL BRIEFINGS TO BODIES SUCH AS THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG AND WE HAVE CALLED ON MAJOR AMERICAN MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES WITH BASES IN THE TERRITORY. LOCAL TRADERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND THROUGH THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.+

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT IT MUST BE RECOGNISED, AND HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY RECENT US VISITORS, THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF FIGHTING THE BILL WAS BY EFFORTS OF DOMESTIC US INTERESTS, SUCH AS RETAILERS. THIS WAS NOT A BILATERAL ISSUE BETWEEN THE US AND HONG KONG AND IT WAS NOT NECESSARILY IN THE TERRITORY'S INTERESTS TO ADOPT A HIGH PROFILE ON THIS ISSUE.

+WE HAVE FOUGHT VERY HARD IN RECENT MONTHS AND A NEW INITIATIVE IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER EXPORTING COUNTRIES IS LIKELY TO FOLLOW SOON,+ SAID MR MACLEOD.

HE SAID THAT THE US GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN SENDING THE LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WAS A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH.

THE LETTER SAYS THAT THE LEGISLATION, IF ENACTED, WOULD IMPOSE A VERY HIGH COST ON US CONSUMERS, INVITE RETALIATION AGAINST US EXPORTS, SPUR INFLATION, VIOLATE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND PROVIDE THE DOMESTIC TEXTILE AND APPAREL INDUSTRY WITH AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF PROTECTION.

THE LETTER IS SIGNED BY SECRETARY OF STATE, MR GEORGE SHULTZ, SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR JAMES BAKER, SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE, MR MALCOM BALDRIDGE, SECRETARY FOR LABOUR, MR WILLIAM BROOK, AND DEPUTY US TRADE SECRETARY, MR MICHAEL SMITH.

IT POINTS OUT THAT US EXPORTS TO THE 12 SUPPLIERS WHO WOULD BE MOST IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED IMPORT RESTRICTIONS TOTALLED MORE THAN US\$33 BILLION LAST YEAR. THE INTERNATIONAL MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE VIOLATED AS WOULD 34 BILATERAL TEXTILE AND APPAREL AGREEMENTS. MORE THAN 300 QUOTAS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED SINCE 1981 TO PROTECT THE US TEXTILE INDUSTRY. TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS HAVE BEEN DECLINING - PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

+THIS LETTER IS THE CONSIDERED VIEW OF THE RELEVANT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CABINET,+ SAID MR MACLEOD, +AND IT SHOWS THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION FULLY APPRECIATES THE DANGERS INHERENT IN THIS BILL.+

A KEY ROLE IS BEING PLAYED BY THE HONG KONG OVERSEAS OFFICES IN NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND GENEVA. SENIOR OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, ARE PERSONALLY CARRYING THE MESSAGE ON VISITS TO THE US.

+THIS IS A BAD BILL - BAD FOR THE UNITED STATES, BAD FOR HONG KONG AND BAD FOR THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO COUNTER IT,+ SAID MR MACLEOD.

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THIRD PROGRESS REPORT ON CMB MAINTENANCE  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WITH HELP FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE, CAN INITIATE PROSECUTIONS NEXT MONTH AGAINST CMB AND OTHER FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES FOR MAJOR SAFETY DEFECTS FOUND ON THEIR BUSES DURING SPOT CHECKS.

THIS IS REVEALED IN THE THIRD PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON CMB MAINTENANCE SUBMITTED TO TAC MEMBERS FOR DISCUSSION AT THEIR MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD WORKED OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE SO THAT, PENDING THE TRAINING OF ITS OWN STAFF TO TAKE ON PROSECUTION WORK, THE POLICE AND LAY PROSECUTORS WOULD ASSIST.

PROCEDURES HAD BEEN LAID DOWN TO ADVISE MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINERS ON THE COLLECTION AND DOCUMENTATION OF EVIDENCE IN PREPARING CASES FOR PROSECUTION AND A GENERAL PRIORITY LIST ON ITEMS OF SAFETY DEFECTS WHICH WARRANTED PROSECUTION HAD ALSO BEEN DRAWN UP.

MEMBERS ALSO NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOW FULLY ESTABLISHED TO CARRY OUT THOROUGH CHECKING AND CLOSE MONITORING OF CMB'S BUS MAINTENANCE WORK AND THAT IT WAS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE GOOD PROGRESS MADE BY THE BUS COMPANY ON IMPROVEMENTS TO PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.

NEVERTHELESS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO SCRUTINISE THE POSITION TO ENSURE THAT CMB KEPT UP ITS EFFORTS.

ON CMB'S PART, IT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO DO AN ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT STUDY OF ITS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. THE BUS COMPANY WAS TOLD OF TAC'S CONCERN AT THEIR LAST MEETING OVER ITS LACK OF PROGRESS IN IMPROVING ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT.

CMB STILL REPORTED DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING A CHARTERED ENGINEER WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE TO HEAD ITS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUT INDICATED THAT AS A MORE FLEXIBLE ALTERNATIVE, IT WAS HOPEFUL OF FINDING A COMPETENT BUT NON-CHARTERED ENGINEER WITH THE RIGHT BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE SOON. THIS FOLLOWED TAC'S DECISION LAST MONTH NOT TO INSIST ON THE POST BEING FILLED BY A CHARTERED ENGINEER IN VIEW OF CMB'S DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING ONE.

MEANWHILE, THE EFFECTS OF CMB'S QUALITY CONTROL SECTION, SET UP IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, BECAME MORE APPARENT. FLAWS FOUND ON CMB BUSES DURING SPOT CHECKS HAD DROPPED TO AN AVERAGE OF ONE SAFETY DEFECT PER BUS IN MAY, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE OF THREE AND 1.4 SAFETY DEFECTS PER BUS IN JANUARY AND APRIL RESPECTIVELY.

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PROVISIONAL RC MEMBERS VISIT TSUEN WAN DB  
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MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON PAID A VISIT TO THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

THIS WAS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF VISITS BY PROVISIONAL RC MEMBERS TO DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HAU-CHING, AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

THEY THEN HAD AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S NEEDS IN MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WERE INFORMED THAT THE COUNCIL WILL SET UP DISTRICT COMMITTEES IN EACH DISTRICT IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS TO STRENGTHEN LINK BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICTS.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE REGISTRATION OF LEGARLEON FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY WAS REVOKED ON FRIDAY (JUNE 21) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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ENROLMENT TO TECHNICAL TEACHERS COLLEGE INVITED  
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YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN BECOMING QUALIFIED TEACHERS OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCE AND TO TEACH SUCH SUBJECTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE COLLEGE OFFERS A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE SPECIALISING IN THE TEACHING OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AND ANOTHER THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE ON COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS TO APPLICANTS WHO HAVE REACHED 17 YEARS OLD BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENT SUBJECTS AT THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) LEVEL OF WHICH AT LEAST GRADE C IN TWO SUBJECTS, GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT AND GRADE E IN THE REMAINING SUBJECTS MUST BE ATTAINED.

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FOR THOSE WHO APPLY FOR THE COURSE ON DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, THE SIX SUBJECTS MUST INCLUDE CHINESE LANGUAGE, ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B), MATHEMATICS OR A SCIENCE SUBJECT, AND A TECHNICAL SUBJECT SUCH AS DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, METALWORK, WOODWORK, PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, TECHNICAL DRAWING.

FOR APPLICANTS WISHING TO ATTEND THE COURSE SPECIALISING IN COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS, THE SIX SUBJECTS MUST INCLUDE CHINESE LANGUAGE, ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) AND TWO COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS SHORTHAND, TYPEWRITING, PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS AND COMMERCE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND THE KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BEFORE 5 PM ON AUGUST 16. APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAND IN THEIR FORMS IN PERSON AND TO BRING ALONG THE ORIGINAL OF THEIR HKCEE CERTIFICATES OR RESULT SLIPS FOR VERIFICATION.

TUITION FEES FOR THE COURSES IS \$800 PER ANNUM AND STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR INTEREST-FREE LOAN AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS.

COLLEGE GRADUATES ARE ELIGIBLE TO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED IN THE OFFICIAL REGISTER OF TEACHERS UPON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE COLLEGE CAN GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT TO ANY GRADUATE,+ HE ADDED.

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PERMIT REQUIRED FOR IMPORTING DOGS, CATS  
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED VISITORS THAT THEY SHOULD OBTAIN A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE BRINGING DOGS OR CATS INTO HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THERE HAD RECENTLY BEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS ILLEGALLY IMPORTED FROM CHINA.

+IN 1984, TEN PEOPLE INVOLVED IN SUCH ILLEGAL PRACTICES WERE PROSECUTED AND CONVICTED, BUT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ALONE PROSECUTION ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST TEN PEOPLE ALREADY.

+THIS DRASTIC RISE IN THE NUMBER OF SUCH OFFENCES HAS CAUSED THE DEPARTMENT GRAVE CONCERN, ESPECIALLY WITH MORE AND MORE PEOPLE VISITING CHINA NOWADAYS,+ HE SAID.

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THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT ILLEGALLY IMPORTED DOGS AND CATS POSED A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AS THESE ANIMALS MAY BE POTENTIAL CARRIERS OF RABIES.

+ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO CASE OF RABIES IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST NINE MONTHS, STRINGENT MEASURES TO PREVENT THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE DISEASE INTO HONG KONG ARE STILL IN FORCE.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BEFORE THE IMPORTING OF DOGS AND CATS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT WAS REQUIRED AND THE ANIMALS HAVE TO BE SUBJECTED TO QUARANTINE OF SIX MONTHS.

HE WARNED THAT VIOLATION OF THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE COULD RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

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#### AMBULANCE CREW PRAISED

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AMBULANCE CREW OF THE RENNIES MILL FIRE STATION WAS PRAISED TODAY (TUESDAY) FOR THE SERVICE THEY HAD PROVIDED DURING THE PAST 14 MONTHS TO RESIDENTS OF THE REMOTE AREA IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION, A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT, MR WONG KWOK-YEE, PRESENTED A BANNER TO THE AMBULANCE SUPERINTENDENT OF KOWLOON DIVISION, MR HO WAI-MING, ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS.

MR WONG SAID THE SERVICE WAS INVALUABLE TO PATIENTS IN AN AREA LIKE RENNIES MILL, WHICH WAS INACCESSIBLE TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE AMBULANCE CREW HAD RESPONDED TO AN AVERAGE OF 1.22 CALLS DAILY DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF A PILOT SCHEME WHICH STARTED IN APRIL LAST YEAR TO IMPROVE SUCH SERVICES.

THE CREW HAD TO USE A TROLLEY TO CONVEY PATIENTS TO THE ROAD LEVEL WHERE AN AMBULANCE TOOK THEM TO HOSPITAL.

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FUTURE PLANS FOR SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION  
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION, MR WONG LUEN-KIN, WILL ANNOUNCE FUTURE PLANS FOR 1985-86 AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE VICE-CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MISS RUTH YEE, WILL ALSO PRESENT A REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DANCING IN THE DISTRICT.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN MID-1982 WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN SHA TIN.

IT HAD ORGANISED NUMEROUS PROJECTS INCLUDING A DANCE CAMP, DRAMA COMPETITIONS, CANTONESE OPERA AND SONG CONTESTS.

EFFORTS WERE ALSO MADE TO RECRUIT MEMBERS TO VARIOUS ARTS GROUPS FORMED BY THE ASSOCIATION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SUCH AS THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE SHA TIN MODERN DANCE TROUPE AND THE SHA TIN CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

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MODERN SPORTS GROUND FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN  
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WORK ON THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN SPORTS GROUND IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.

IT WILL PROVIDE A TURFED SOCCER PITCH, AN EIGHT-LANE OLYMPIC STANDARD ALL-WEATHER ATHLETIC TRACK, SHOT PUT BASE, LONG JUMP AND TRIPLE JUMP PIT AND A SPECTATOR STAND FOR 1 500 PEOPLE.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE TOILETS, CHANGING ROOMS, A REST GARDEN AND A CAR PARK.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT SAI ON LANE IN WESTERN.

THIS PROJECT COVERS ABOUT 688 SQUARE METRES. FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE PLAY EQUIPMENT AND BENCHES.

WORK ON THIS PLAYGROUND IS TO START IN AUGUST AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

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FOOTBRIDGE FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AND OTHER RELATED WORKS.

THE PLANNED FOOTBRIDGE WILL SPAN ACROSS A NULLAH IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD. THERE WILL ALSO BE CONNECTING COVERED WALKWAYS.

THREE BUS BAYS IN THE AREA, TOGETHER WITH FOOTWAYS CONNECTING THE BUS BAYS TO THE FOOTBRIDGE RAMPS AND STAIRS, WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

WORK ON THIS CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

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LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD WILL CONSIDER THREE APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENCES AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN EDINBURGH PLACE.

THE MEETING WILL BE PRESIDED OVER BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR PETER C.K. CHAN.

THE PACIFIC LOUNGE AT TAK SHING STREET AND WAH DO BAR AND NIGHTCLUB AT NATHAN ROAD IN KOWLOON ARE APPLYING FOR THE RENEWAL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE LIQUOR LICENCES, WHILE KA WO RECREATIONAL AND GENERAL ASSOCIATION LIMITED AT JAFFE ROAD, WAN CHAI, IS APPLYING FOR THE ISSUE OF A NEW LIQUOR LICENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 9.30 A.M. TOMORROW.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN SHAU KEI WAN

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NAM ON STREET, BETWEEN THE EXIT OF THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS AND NAM ON LANE, ALONG WITH THE SECTION OF ALDRICH STREET BETWEEN FACTORY STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 28).

NO MOTOR VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIOD WITHIN THESE ROAD SECTIONS.

NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SHAU KEI WAN FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THEY ARE:

- \* NAM ON STREET BETWEEN ALDRICH STREET AND NAM ON LANE WILL BE REOPENED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORK, WHILE THE TEMPORARY ROAD LINKING FACTORY STREET AND NAM ON LANE NORTH OF NAM ON STREET WILL BE CLOSED.
- \* THE NEW SECTION OF ALDRICH STREET BETWEEN FACTORY STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. VEHICLES ON FACTORY STREET MAY USE THE NEW ROAD TO PROCEED TO SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, CHAI WAN ROAD OR SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST. TRAFFIC ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD MAY TRAVEL VIA THE NEW ROAD TO NAM ON STREET AND KAM WAH STREET.
- \* ALL VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES ON CHAI WAN ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST. THOSE VEHICLES HEADING FOR SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ALDRICH STREET AND KAM WAH STREET.
- \* VEHICLES ON FACTORY STREET WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO ALDRICH STREET NORTHBOUND FOR ABOUT A MONTH TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

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TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND NEAR HO KAR YUEN HAS BEEN REDUCED TO SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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FRESH, SALT WATER OFF  
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FRESH WATER AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 27) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF KWONG FUK ROAD (KOWLOON BOUND), INCLUDING TAI PO MARKET, KAM SHAN TSUEN, SHEK KWU LUNG, PUN CHUNG, MA WO AND LAI CHI SHAN.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 56.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 332.789 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 454.669 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 77.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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