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BILL TO AMEND PROTECTION OF WOMEN
AND JUVENILE ORDINANCE GAZETTED
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILE ORDINANCE FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE ORDINANCE TO BRING IT UP TO DATE.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE CONTAINED IN THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE ENABLES A JUVENILE COURT TO MAKE SUPERVISION ORDERS, BUT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY FURTHER PROVISIONS. HE SAID THAT TO RECTIFY THIS, IT WAS PROPOSED TO INSERT INTO THE ORDINANCE DEFINITIONS OF +SUPERVISION ORDER+, +SUPERVISED PERSON+ AND +SUPERVISOR+.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL IN THE BILL IS THAT THE PROBATION OFFICER OR ANOTHER PERSON UNDER WHOM A GIRL IS PLACED FOR SUPERVISION PURPOSES SHOULD BE A WOMAN.

AMENDMENTS ARE ALSO PROPOSED REGARDING THE DURATION OF SUPERVISION AND OTHER ORDERS MADE UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

AT PRESENT ORDERS IN THE CASE OF A BOY REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL HE REACHES 16 AND, IN THE CASE OF A GIRL, UNTIL SHE REACHES 21 OR MARRIES WITH CONSENT BEFORE THAT AGE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EXPERIENCE HAD SHOWN THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO CHANGE THESE AGE LIMITS.

IN CASES WHERE THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE IS APPOINTED LEGAL GUARDIAN THE PRESENT AGE LIMIT OF 21 FOR A GIRL WILL REMAIN, WHILE THAT FOR A BOY WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 16 TO 21. THIS NEW PROVISION WILL ALSO APPLY TO ORDERS CURRENTLY IN FORCE.

IN CASES WHERE A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON IS ASSIGNED TO THE CARE OF A PERSON OR INSTITUTION, OR AN ORDER REQUIRES A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO EXERCISE PROPER CARE, THE PROPOSED AGE LIMIT FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS IS 18.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CIRCUMSTANCES AROSE WHERE BOYS AGED 16 AND OVER REQUIRED CARE AND ATTENTION, WHILE IN THE CASE OF GIRLS IT WAS IMPRACTICABLE AND UNREALISTIC TO ENFORCE AN ORDER UP TO THE AGE OF 21.

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HE SAID THAT, IN RESPECT OF ORDERS CURRENTLY IN FORCE, THE PRESENT AGE LIMIT OF 16 WOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR BOYS, BUT FOR A GIRL AN ORDER WOULD CEASE WHEN SHE REACHED THE AGE OF 18.

THE BILL ALSO CONTAINS A SECTION EMPOWERING A JUVENILE COURT TO INCLUDE IN SUPERVISION ORDERS REQUIREMENTS AS TO RESIDENCE OR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE MENTAL CONDITION OF THE SUPERVISED PERSON. THERE IS ALSO A SECTION REQUIRING A SUPERVISOR TO ADVISE, ASSIST AND BEFRIEND A SUPERVISED PERSON, AND ANOTHER SECTION PROVIDING FOR A SUPERVISED PERSON TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE A JUVENILE COURT FOR CONTRAVENING A SUPERVISION ORDER.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO MAKE THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AS THE GUARDIAN OF A FEMALE INFANT WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A CHINESE CUSTOMARY ADOPTION. SUCH ADOPTIONS CEASED TO BE LEGAL IN HONG KONG SINCE 1972.

ANOTHER NEW SECTION IN THE BILL ENABLES A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON TO BE TAKEN TO A PLACE OF REFUGE AND KEPT THERE UNTIL HE IS BROUGHT BEFORE A JUVENILE COURT. A JUVENILE COURT MAY ORDER DETENTION FOR 28 DAYS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE OR EXTEND IT TO A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 56 DAYS. THIS SECTION ALSO PROVIDES THAT PARENTAL CONTROL OVER A PERSON DETAINED IN A PLACE OF REFUGE SHOULD BE EXERCISED BY THE PERSON IN CHARGE.

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TENDERS FOR DEMOLITION OF OLD KCR BUILDING
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED FOR TENDERS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BUILDING AT TSIM SHA TSUI TO ENABLE WORK TO BEGIN ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF HONG KONG'S FIRST CULTURAL COMPLEX.

THE CLOCK TOWER WHICH LIES ON THE BOUNDARY OF THE CULTURAL COMPLEX WILL BE LEFT STANDING AND RENOVATED AT GOVERNMENT'S EXPENSE.

THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,450 SQ. METRES AND FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE CLOCK TOWER. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN EARLY APRIL AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE CULTURAL COMPLEX WILL MEET AN URGENT DEMONSTRABLE PUBLIC NEED FOR ADDITIONAL AND BETTER CIVIC CULTURAL FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY IN KOWLOON.

IT WILL ALSO HAVE THE ADDED EFFECT OF SUPPLEMENTING THE FACILITIES AT THE CITY HALL WHICH ARE ALREADY UNDER VERY HEAVY PRESSURE.

THE CULTURAL COMPLEX WILL INCLUDE A MUSEUM, AN ART GALLERY, TWO AUDITORIA, LECTURE ROOMS, REHEARSAL ROOMS, AND A SPACE MUSEUM WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. A LARGE FOUNTAIN WILL FORM PART OF THE DESIGN.

THE MUSEUM AND THE ART GALLERY WILL BE HOUSED IN SEPARATE BUILDINGS AS WILL BE THE TWO AUDITORIA ONE OF WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE 2,500 PEOPLE AND THE OTHER 1,500. THE SPACE MUSEUM WILL ALLOW 350 PEOPLE AT A TIME TO ENJOY THE SHOWS THERE.

IN TIME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE CULTURAL COMPLEX WILL OF ITSELF BECOME A FAMILIAR LANDMARK TO WHICH THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG CAN POINT WITH PRIDE.

IF THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD RAILWAY STATION BUILDING HAD BEEN DELAYED ANY LONGER, IT WOULD HAVE HAD THE UNACCEPTABLE RESULT OF HOLDING UP FURTHER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MUCH NEEDED FACILITY, HE SAID.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR OPERATING AN ADVERTISING SCHEME

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KEEN COMPETITION IS EXPECTED FOR THE RIGHT TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING SCHEME IN THE APPROACHES TO THE STAR FERRY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE AREAS WERE CONSIDERED PRIME SITES BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT CREATED BY FERRY PASSENGERS USING THIS CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE.

+WE REGARD THIS AS A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTDOOR ADVERTISERS TO REACH A WIDE-RANGING SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING HIGH INCOME-EARNERS COMMUTING BETWEEN BUSINESS DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THERE IS ALSO CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL FOR REACHING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TOURISTS WHO ARE SUBSTANTIAL SPENDERS IN HONG KONG.+

A NOTICE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE INVITING TENDERS FOR THE RIGHT TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ADVERTISING SYSTEM COMPOSED OF DISPLAY PANELS, SHOWCASES, POSTER BOARDS AND OTHER ADVERTISING METHODS.

SUBJECT TO AN ACCEPTABLE TENDER BEING RECEIVED THE CONCESSION WILL BE FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD FROM MAY 1, 1978 TO APRIL 30, 1981. IT WILL BE RENEWABLE BY NEGOTIATION FOR A FURTHER THREE YEARS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AN OVERALL CONCEPT TO ENHANCE THE APPEARANCE OF THE STAR FERRY APPROACHES WAS REQUIRED. IT SHOULD INCLUDE A STANDARDISED SCHEME FOR DIRECTIONAL SIGNS APPLICABLE TO USERS OF THE FERRY APPROACHES.

THE ADVERTISING DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREAS WILL BE LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE AVAILABLE SPACE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED. ANOTHER REQUIREMENT WAS THAT NOT LESS THAN FIVE PER CENT OF THE USABLE SPACE SHOULD BE ALLOCATED FOR GOVERNMENT POSTER ADVERTISING.

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TOPLEY URGES STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN
VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, TODAY CALLED ON STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AS PART OF THEIR PURSUIT OF SOCIAL STUDIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TENTH HONG KONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' SEMINAR AT MORRISON HOUSE, HATTON ROAD, MR. TOPLEY SAID: +VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE IS A KIND OF SOCIAL EDUCATION, THROUGH WHICH STUDENTS CAN DEVELOP SUCH QUALITIES AS CO-OPERATIVENESS, CONCERN FOR OTHERS, SOCIABILITY, RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO ONESELF AND OTHERS.

+IN THIS HECTIC WORLD OF TODAY, IF EVERY STUDENT IS ABLE TO USE HIS LEISURE WISELY AND TAKE PART IN SOME FORM OF VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE JUVENILE CRIME RATE SHOULD FALL APPRECIABLY,+ HE ADDED.

MR. TOPLEY SAID THAT ACTIVE VOLUNTARY SERVICE EXTENDED OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDENTS FOR GAINING FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE OR A 'REAL FEELING' OF WHAT THE SOCIETY IS LIKE. +THIS IN TURN WILL CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY ONE SERVES.+

ON STUDENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY-ORIENTED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, HE SAID: +NOWADAYS STUDENTS ARE BEGINNING TO REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR ROLES IN SOCIETY AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES= HENCE THEY ARE MUCH MORE READY AND HAPPY TO BE INVOLVED.

+FOR INSTANCE, STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SPONTANEOUS IN JOINING THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, THE JUNIOR RED CROSS, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME. AS A RESULT, THEIR OUTLOOK IS BROADENED AND THEY ARE BECOMING AWARE OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

+THROUGH THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCE IN VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY WORK, STUDENTS LEARN NOT ONLY TO BE TOLERANT, BUT ALSO TO BECOME CRITICAL-MINDED CITIZENS ABLE TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS AND READY TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO REDUCE THOSE OF SOCIETY.+

REFERRING TO CRITICISM ABOUT SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG, MR. TOPLEY TOLD THE STUDENTS: +THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP. AS TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN CLASS, IN DEBATE OR IN ORDINARY CONVERSATION, SCRUTINISE WHAT SOCIAL SERVICES ARE INADEQUATE, ADEQUATE, OR OVER-GENEROUS.

+THINK OF THEIR EFFECTS. EXAMINE A PARTICULAR ASPECT OF SOCIAL SERVICE IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED AND THEN OFFER POSITIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

+YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO PASS ON YOUR VIEWS TO YOUR LOCAL CITY DISTRICT OFFICE,+ HE SAID.

HE ALSO STRESSED THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN DOING GOOD TO THE COMMUNITY. +MAKING A DONATION IS AN ACT OF CHARITY, BUT MERE GIVING IS NOT ENOUGH BECAUSE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IS EVEN MORE SATISFYING. SEE THAT YOU DO NOT MISS ANY OPPORTUNITIES, OR YOU WILL BE THE LOSER AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY.+

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FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE
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YOUNG PEOPLE WITH EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRY ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN A ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE COMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR MATURE STUDENTS WHO HAVE SOME YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRY AND ARE INTERESTED IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION AND IN PASSING THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ON THIS COURSE AT THE MINIMUM OF \$1,300 PER MONTH UP TO THE MAXIMUM OF \$1,990 PER MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED A TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME ORDINARY DIPLOMA/TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA COURSE, OR EQUIVALENT, IN THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE/POLYTECHNIC/TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR AN EQUIVALENT COLLEGE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES : MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, KNITTING, GARMENT-MAKING, AND MARINE AND FABRICATION.

HOLDERS OF ORDINARY NATIONAL DIPLOMA (UK) IN HOTEL AND CATERING OPERATIONS OR EQUIVALENT WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE RELATED FIELDS MAY APPLY FOR HOTEL-KEEPING AND CATERING COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE BY MARCH 4, 1978.

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MAXICAB STAND IN CAUSEWAY BAY
TO BE TEMPORARILY RESITED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE MAXICAB STAND IN KAI CHIU ROAD BETWEEN JARDINE'S BAZAAR AND JARDINE'S CRESCENT IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN DAYS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 13) TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF NEW GAS MAINS.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD AN ALTERNATIVE MAXICAB STAND WILL BE SET UP ON THE EAST SIDE OF YUN PING ROAD SOUTH OF KAI CHIU ROAD.

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