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TAC CONSIDERS PROPOSALS FOR BETTER TRANSPORT SERVICES

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY CONSIDERED A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS FOR THE LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND FOR BETTER USAGE OF EXISTING ROAD AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED A SITUATION PAPER ON A REQUEST TO EXTEND THE OPERATIONAL BOUNDARIES OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS, AND NOTED THAT THE NECESSARY SURVEYS ARE CONTINUING.

AMONG OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS DISCUSSED TODAY WAS A REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY. THEIR VIEW, TOGETHER WITH THEIR EARLIER VIEW OF THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY REPORT, WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

ON THE PROBLEM OF ABANDONED CARS, A PAPER WAS TABLED REVEALING THAT AT THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR, THERE WERE SOME 4 400 SUCH VEHICLES IN POLICE POUNDS, ON PUBLIC ROADS, CROWN LAND SITES OR PRIVATE PROPERTY. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS NUMBER IS BEING INCREASED BY 350 EACH MONTH RECENTLY, PROBABLY AS A RESULT OF COMPULSORY SAFETY CHECKS ON OLDER CARS AND INCREASED LICENCE FEES. THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THIS PAPER IN DETAIL AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

THE PROBLEM IS BEING TACKLED ON SEVERAL FRONTS. THE OPERATOR CONTRACTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CRUSH SCRAP CARS HAS BEEN ALLOCATED A LARGER SITE TO EXPAND HIS STORAGE AREA. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONTRACTOR HAVE ALSO AGREED TO CRUSH UP TO 1 260 CARS A MONTH INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS AVERAGE OF 880 VEHICLES A YEAR.

THE PROCESSING OF VEHICLES ABANDONED ON PUBLIC ROADS WILL BE STREAMLINED AND THIS INCLUDES A PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE IMPOUNDING PERIOD BEFORE A CAR CAN BE AUCTIONED, FROM ONE MONTH TO 14 DAYS.

CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO OTHER MEASURES, SUCH AS INTRODUCING PENALTIES TO DETER OWNERS FROM ABANDONING THEIR CARS INDISCRIMINATELY, AND TRANSFERRING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVING ABANDONED CARS FROM THE POLICE TO THE URBAN SERVICES AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

AN INFORMATION PAPER ON A CONSULTANCY ON THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY, EXPECTED TO BEGIN SOON, WILL HELP THE GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ECONOMICS AND TRANSPORT ASPECTS OF GOODS VEHICLE OPERATIONS WHICH WILL BE USED AS THE BASIS OF GOVERNMENT'S FUTURE POLICY ON GOODS VEHICLES.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL BE ASKED TO ANALYSE AND REPORT ON THE GENERAL STRUCTURE AND ECONOMICS OF THE INDUSTRY, ITS ROLE IN THE ECONOMY, THE EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH IT PLAYS THIS ROLE, THE PROBLEMS IT FACES, ITS LIKELY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND THE COSTS ITS OPERATIONS IMPOSE ON THE GENERAL COMMUNITY.

THE OUT-GOING CHAIRMAN OF THE TAC, MR T.S. LO SAID FAREWELL TO MEMBERS WHO THANKED HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

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EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL PUBLISHED

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AN AMENDMENT BILL, WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INTRODUCES REVISED PROVISIONS FOR COMPULSORY INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION AND DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF WORK INJURIES AND SEEKS TO IMPROVE PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 ALSO SEEKS TO IMPROVE PROCEDURES FOR THE RECOVERY OF COMPENSATION, TO ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF AN EMPLOYER'S OBLIGATIONS, AND TO CLARIFY VARIOUS UNCERTAINTIES OR AMBIGUITIES IN THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN OCTOBER.

MAJOR AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED BY THE BILL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COMPULSORY INSURANCE

THE BILL REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER TO BE INSURED IN RESPECT OF ALL HIS EMPLOYEES FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF HIS LIABILITY FOR BOTH COMPENSATION AND DAMAGES IN THE CASE OF AN ACCIDENT AT WORK.

IN THE PLACE OF INSURANCE, AN EMPLOYER MAY OBTAIN A GUARANTEE BY A BANK TO COVER THE FULL AMOUNT OF HIS LIABILITY HE IS REQUIRED TO BE INSURED. IF HE OPTS FOR A BANK GUARANTEE HE MUST DEPOSIT A COPY OF THE GUARANTEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

AN EMPLOYER WHO EMPLOYS ANYONE WITHOUT AN INSURANCE POLICY OR A BANK GUARANTEE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$50 000 IN FINE AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO DISPLAY IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON HIS PREMISES A NOTICE CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING HIS INSURANCE POLICY:

- \* THE NAME OF THE EMPLOYER;
- \* THE NAME OF THE INSURER;
- \* THE POLICY NUMBER;
- \* THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES INSURED; AND
- \* THE EXTENT OF THE LIABILITY INSURED.

/THE PENALTY .....

THE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO DO SO IS A FINE OF \$10 000.

THE BILL EMPOWERS THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO REQUIRE AN EMPLOYER, BY WRITTEN NOTICE, TO PRODUCE HIS INSURANCE POLICY OR OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS RELATING TO HIS EMPLOYEES.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH A NOTICE RELATING TO AN INSURANCE POLICY IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

THE BILL FURTHER EMPOWERS THE COMMISSIONER OR ANY OFFICER AUTHORISED BY HIM TO ENTER AND INSPECT ANY PREMISES, OTHER THAN DOMESTIC PREMISES, AND TO REQUIRE AN EMPLOYER TO PRODUCE ANY RELEVANT RECORDS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION.

THE BILL DECLARES VOID ANY CONDITION IN AN INSURANCE POLICY SEEKING TO EXEMPT THE INSURER FROM HONOURING HIS OBLIGATIONS MERELY BECAUSE OF THE INSURED'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

IT ALSO GIVES THE INJURED EMPLOYEE THE RIGHT TO PROCEED DIRECTLY AGAINST HIS EMPLOYER'S INSURER TO RECOVER ANY COMPENSATION OR DAMAGES.

#### A TWO-TIER EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT BOARD

THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TWO-TIER EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BOARD, CONSISTING OF AN ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD AND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD, TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING MACHINERY FOR ASSESSMENT OF COMPENSATION.

ALL CLAIMS LIKELY TO INVOLVE PERMANENT INCAPACITY WILL BE REFERRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD, WHICH WILL, IN MOST CASES, PROCEED TO ASSESS THE PERCENTAGE OF LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCALES LAID DOWN IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

HOWEVER, WHERE THE BOARD CONSIDERS THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION HAS TO BE GIVEN TO SUCH FACTORS AS THE EMPLOYEE'S OCCUPATION, QUALIFICATIONS, PREVIOUS TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, IT WILL REFER THE CLAIM TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD, WHICH WILL ASSESS THE ACTUAL LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY BY TAKING THESE FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION.

THE TWO BOARDS ARE GIVEN STATUTORY RECOGNITION AND EMPOWERED TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF ASSESSMENT, SPECIFYING THE PERCENTAGE OF LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

MEMBERS OF THE TWO BOARDS ARE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

THE ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD WILL CONSIST OF TWO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS/REGISTERED DENTISTS AND A LABOUR OFFICER, WHILE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD WILL COMPRISE A SPECIALIST OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH OFFICER AND TWO LABOUR OFFICERS, ASSISTED, IF NECESSARY, BY UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY MEMBERS QUALIFIED TO GIVE EXPERT ADVICE ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO A CLAIM.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR A REVIEW BY EACH BOARD OF ITS OWN ASSESSMENT WHEN AN OBJECTION IS LODGED BY AN EMPLOYER OR AN INJURED EMPLOYEE. IF THE EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYEE STILL FEELS AGGRIEVED BY THE RESULT OF THE REVIEW, HE MAY APPEAL TO THE DISTRICT COURT.

THE ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD MAY, ON REVIEW, REFER A CLAIM TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD.

#### EXPEDITING THE PROCESSING OF COMPENSATION CASES

THE BILL INTRODUCES A SIMPLER AND QUICKER PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF MINOR INJURY INVOLVING TEMPORARY INCAPACITY OF NOT MORE THAN 14 DAYS. FOR MORE SERIOUS CASES INVOLVING PERMANENT INCAPACITY OR TEMPORARY INCAPACITY OF OVER 14 DAYS, THE EXISTING PROCEDURE OF SETTLEMENT BY AGREEMENT WILL STILL APPLY.

IT EMPOWERS THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO THE INJURED EMPLOYEE AND THE EMPLOYER, STATING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AND THE PARTICULARS OF ASSESSMENT. THE AMOUNT DUE WILL HAVE TO BE PAID WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUE OF THE CERTIFICATE, OTHERWISE A SURCHARGE IS PAYABLE.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION ASSESSED SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE COMMISSIONER WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUE OF THE CERTIFICATE.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE PROCEDURE FOR SETTLEMENT BY AGREEMENT BY IMPOSING MORE SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS ON THE EMPLOYER AND BY IMPROVING BOTH THE PROCESS OF MAKING AN AGREEMENT AND ITS ENFORCEABILITY. FOR EXAMPLE, AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE RELEVANT DATE NOTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER, AND TO SUBMIT AN AGREEMENT TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR APPROVAL WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER IT WAS CONCLUDED WITH THE EMPLOYEE.

#### WIDENING SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE

THE BILL PROVIDES THAT COMPENSATION IS PAYABLE TO EMPLOYEES INJURED WHILE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THEIR WORKPLACES BY TRANSPORT PROVIDED OR ARRANGED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT WHERE, AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT, AN INSURANCE POLICY IS IN FORCE IN RESPECT OF A FAMILY MEMBER, THE ORDINANCE WILL APPLY TO HIM AS IF HE WERE AN EMPLOYEE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ORDINANCE.

IT FURTHER PROVIDES THAT AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF PROSTHESES OR SURGICAL APPLIANCES WHEN SUCH ITEMS ARE REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER INJURIES HAVE RESULTED IN ANY PERMANENT INCAPACITY OR TEMPORARY INCAPACITY. A TYPICAL CASE IN THIS SITUATION IS AN EMPLOYEE WHO BREAKS HIS TOOTH IN AN ACCIDENT AT WORK.

## LIABILITY IN RESPECT OF EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED BY SUB-CONTRACTORS

THE BILL DEFINES A +SUB-CONTRACTOR+ TO INCLUDE A SECOND OR THIRD LEVEL SUB-CONTRACTOR.

THE TERM +PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR+ IS ALSO INTRODUCED TO REPLACE THE TERM +PRINCIPAL+. IN THIS WAY, AN INJURED EMPLOYEE CAN MAKE A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION AGAINST EITHER HIS IMMEDIATE EMPLOYER (THE +SUB-CONTRACTOR+) OR THE +PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR+ AT THE TOP OF THE CONTRACTING HIERARCHY.

THE BILL ALSO REMOVES CURRENT RESTRICTION OF LIABILITY TO ACCIDENTS OCCURRING ON THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR'S WORK SITE OR PREMISES UNDER HIS CONTROL.

## OTHER IMPROVED PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK

THE BILL INTRODUCES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING AN INJURED EMPLOYEE'S MONTHLY EARNINGS, AN OPTION BETWEEN (1) THE EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF ACCIDENT AND (2) THE AVERAGE MONTHLY EARNINGS FOR THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

IT ALSO RAISES THE MINIMUM MONTHLY EARNINGS OF AN INJURED EMPLOYEE FROM \$100 TO \$600 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING COMPENSATION.

AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO GRANT LEAVE WITH PAY TO AN EMPLOYEE FOR ATTENDING MEDICAL EXAMINATION OR ASSESSMENT OR VISITING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AN AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION. AN EMPLOYER WHO FAILS TO DO SO IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000.

FAILURE OF AN EMPLOYER TO PAY THE INJURED EMPLOYEE PERIODICAL PAYMENTS WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE NORMAL PAY DAY WILL BE AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000.

WITHIN A PERIOD OF 21 DAYS AFTER THE COMMISSIONER HAS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT OR APPROVED AN AGREEMENT, THE EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY THE SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO THE EMPLOYEE. IF THE EMPLOYER FAILS TO PAY WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE HE WILL HAVE TO PAY THE EMPLOYEE A SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT UNPAID OR \$100, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. UPON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE PAYMENT PERIOD, A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT DUE OR \$200, WHICHEVER IS THE GREATER, WILL BE PAYABLE.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT THE COURT MAY ORDER THAT INTEREST BE CHARGED ON ANY PART OF THE COMPENSATION FOR A PARTICULAR PERIOD OF TIME.

THE BILL INCREASES FROM \$2 000 TO \$5 000 THE PENALTY IMPOSED ON AN EMPLOYER WHO DEDUCTS INSURANCE PREMIUMS FROM THE EARNINGS OF HIS EMPLOYEES, AND PROVIDES FOR REPAYMENT OF ANY SUM DEDUCTED.

WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT TERMINATE OR GIVE NOTICE TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT OF SERVICE OF AN EMPLOYEE BEFORE HE RECOVERS FROM INJURIES RECEIVED DURING AN ACCIDENT ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT- OTHERWISE HE IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000.

REVISED DEFINITION OF +COMPENSATION+

THE BILL HAS EXPANDED THE DEFINITION TO EMBRACE ALL THE BENEFITS UNDER THE ORDINANCE, NAMELY,

- \* COMPENSATION FOR DEATH, PERMANENT TOTAL AND PARTIAL INCAPACITY AND TEMPORARY INCAPACITY;
- \* COMPENSATION FOR CONSTANT ATTENTION, BURIAL EXPENSES AND MEDICAL EXPENSES;
- \* WAGES OR SALARIES FOR ABSENCE FROM WORK ;
- \* COSTS OF SUPPLYING, FITTING, REPAIR AND RENEWAL OF PROSTHESES AND SURGICAL APPLIANCES; AND
- \* ANY SURCHARGE OR INTEREST PAYABLE UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

THE REVISED DEFINITION WILL HELP TO STREAMLINE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

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## 47 CANDIDATES SUBMIT NOMINATION FORMS FOR DB ELECTIONS

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FORTY-SEVEN CANDIDATES, INCLUDING FOUR WOMEN, CAME FORWARD TODAY - THE OPENING DAY OF NOMINATION - TO STAND FOR NEXT MONTH'S URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

DESCRIBING THIS AS +A VERY ENCOURAGING RESPONSE+, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES, APPEALED TO OTHER POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATION PAPERS EARLY.

+A CANDIDATE CAN START CAMPAIGNING ACTIVITIES AS SOON AS HE HAS SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION AND IT IS ADVISABLE TO 'ACT QUICKLY',+ HE SAID.

+WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WHO CARE ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THEIR DISTRICTS TO STAND FOR THE ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 23.+

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION IS AUGUST 31, WHEN ABOUT 200 CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE ELECTIONS.

THEY WILL CONTEST FOR 76 SEATS - ONE IN EACH OF THE 76 CONSTITUENCIES IN THE 10 URBAN DISTRICTS.

MORE THAN 700 000 VOTERS HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE COMING FIRST URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

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## NEW STREET THEATRE

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ONE OF THE BUSIEST ENTERTAINMENT STAGES IN HONG KONG HAS THE CURIOUS DISTINCTION OF MOVING HOUSE AFTER EVERY PERFORMANCE SO THAT IT CAN ALMOST NEVER BE FOUND IN THE SAME PLACE TWO NIGHTS RUNNING.

GOVERNMENT'S ONLY AUTHENTIC TRAVELLING ROADSHOW, THE GIS STREET THEATRE, HAS MOUNTED SOME 1 500 PRESENTATIONS SINCE IT FIRST CAME INTO BEING EIGHT YEARS AGO.

AND THE VENERABLE THREE-TON LORRY THAT HAS COVERED THOUSANDS OF MILES TO MAKE THESE PERFORMANCES POSSIBLE IS AT LAST GOING INTO RETIREMENT WITH THE OFFICIAL INAUGURATION ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 8) OF ITS SPECIALLY DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED SUCCESSOR.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1974, THE GIS STREET THEATRE HAS BEEN SEEN BY WELL OVER A MILLION PEOPLE. ITS PERFORMANCES HAVE INCLUDED VARIETY ACTS, DRAMAS, PUPPET SHOWS, SINGERS, DANCERS, LION DANCES, MAGICIANS AND ACROBATIC SHOWS. IT HAS PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT AT CROWDED WEEK-END BEACHES, DENSELY POPULATED HOUSING ESTATES AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

UNDERLYING THE ENTERTAINMENT THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN EQUALLY VARIED RANGE OF MESSAGES OF PUBLIC INTEREST. THESE DIVERSE THEMES HAVE COVERED TOPICS FROM INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO CRIME PREVENTION, FROM ANTI-NARCOTICS TO FIRE PREVENTION, AND FROM ROAD SAFETY TO THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, NOT FORGETTING THOSE FAMILIAR REMINDERS TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN. THE MESSAGES HAVE BEEN UNOBTRUSIVE AND HAVE PROVED EFFECTIVE.

THE AUDIENCE, THROUGH BEING INVOLVED, HAVE RESPONDED WELL TO THE DIRECT AND RELAXED APPROACH WHICH USES THE MEDIUM OF ENTERTAINMENT TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT'S CAMPAIGN THEMES.

TO CELEBRATE THE COMMISSIONING OF THE THEATRE'S NEW THREE-TON VEHICLE, A SPECIAL INAUGURAL PERFORMANCE WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES ON SUNDAY IN THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL, BEGINNING AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

MR R.S. SUN, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE THE STREET THEATRE INTO A NEW ERA.

THE ENTERTAINMENT-PACKED SHOW PROMOTING GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS WILL INCLUDE A PERFORMANCE BY THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE SECOND BATTALION SEVENTH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES, SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN LION DANCES, A MODERN DANCE PERFORMED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, MAGICIANS AND ACROBATIC DISPLAYS.

MUSIC WILL BE FROM THE LOCAL GROUP +THE INNERSOUND+, AND SINGERS, INCLUDING MR LI LUNG-KAI, MR BOBBY CHAN AND MISS LIU SIU-SHUEN, WILL ALSO ENTERTAIN THE PUBLIC.

## NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW GIS STREET THEATRE AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY IN CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL.

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FEEES FOR CHINA ROAD PERMITS

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REGULATIONS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY PERMITTING THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A CHARGE FOR THE ISSUE OF CLOSED ROAD PERMITS TO VEHICLES INTENDING TO ENTER CHINA THROUGH THE MAN KAM TO CONTROL POINT.

PERMITS ARE NORMALLY ISSUED FOR SIX MONTHS, AND THE CHARGE FOR SUCH A PERIOD IS \$210 FOR PRIVATE CARS AND \$180 FOR GOODS VEHICLES AND OMNIBUSES. THESE CHARGES HAVE BEEN SET TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATION COSTS INCURRED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN ISSUING THE PERMITS.

EXISTING PERMIT HOLDERS WILL ONLY BE LIABLE FOR THE CHARGES ON RENEWAL OF THEIR PERMITS.

IN THE PAST CLOSED ROAD PERMITS FOR PRIVATE CARS WISHING TO CROSS INTO CHINA HAVE BEEN ISSUED ONLY IN VERY LIMITED NUMBERS, BUT FROM THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER 1982 UP TO 100 PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

SUCH CLOSED ROAD PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IT IS INTENDED THAT THEY SHOULD FACILITATE TRAVEL BY BUSINESSMEN WITH SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS IN SHENZHEN, A SHORTLIST OF WHOM HAS BEEN COMPILED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES.

THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUE OF CLOSED ROAD PERMITS WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE CROSSING THE BORDER REMAIN UNCHANGED, AND NO CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR THESE PERMITS.

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BIG MAINS WATER PROJECT FOR LAMMA ISLAND  
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FROM THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, RESIDENTS IN THE LOW-LEVEL AREAS IN YUNG SHUE WAN AND SOK KWU WAN WILL BE RECEIVING MAINS WATER SUPPLIES, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WONG KWOK-LAI, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING DURING AN INSPECTION TOUR OF A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR WATERWORKS PROJECT ON THE ISLAND.

MR WONG SAID THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT TO SUPPLY MAINS WATER TO LAMMA. PLANNING WAS UNDERWAY ON THE SECOND STAGE, HE SAID.

WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE WATERWORKS PROJECT WILL INCLUDE:

- \* LAYING OF A 300 MM DIAMETER SUBMARINE MAIN FROM SANDY BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO PAK KOK ON LAMMA;
- \* LAYING OF A SECOND 300 MM DIAMETER SUBMARINE MAIN FROM WAH FU ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO PAK KOK;
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF A 6 000-CUBIC-METRE CAPACITY SERVICE RESERVOIR NEAR YUNG SHUE WAN AND ANOTHER 250-CUBIC-METRE CAPACITY SERVICE RESERVOIR NEAR SOK KWU WAN;
- \* THE LAYING OF 1 050 METRES OF ASBESTOS CEMENT AND MILD STEEL SUPPLY MAINS IN THE SANDY BAY AND WAH FU AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND; AND
- \* THE LAYING OF 10.4 KILOMETRES OF SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS ON LAMMA.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR GAMINI PERERA, MR WONG WENT TO PAK KOK IN THE NORTHERN PART OF LAMMA WHERE THE LANDING POINTS OF THE TWO SUBMARINE MAINS ARE LOCATED.

THE SUBMARINE MAIN FROM SANDY BAY MEASURES 3.7 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH AND THE SUBMARINE MAIN FROM WAH FU 2.1 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH.

WORK ON THE TWO MAINS, COSTING A TOTAL OF \$25.4 MILLION, WAS COMPLETED LAST MONTH.

THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE SUBMARINE MAIN PROJECT IS MCCONNELL DOWELL CONSTRUCTORS LIMITED.

MR WONG THEN VISITED VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION SITES IN YUNG SHUE WAN, INCLUDING THAT OF THE 6 000-CUBIC-METRE CAPACITY SERVICE RESERVOIR, BEING UNDERTAKEN BY ANOTHER CONTRACTOR, WAN HIN AND CO. LTD. THE CONTRACTOR IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND SERVICE RESERVOIR IN SOK KWU WAN AND THE LAYING OF THE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND ON LAMMA ISLAND.

COSTING A TOTAL OF \$14.9 MILLION, NEW WORKS ON THE SERVICE RESERVOIRS AND SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS, WHICH STARTED IN APRIL 1981, WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF 1983.

KAMPSAX-KRUGER HONG KONG ARE THE CONSULTANT ENGINEERS FOR THE LAMMA ISLAND WATERWORKS SCHEME.

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND OFFERED FOR SALE

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY LANDS DEPARTMENT AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 PM ON AUGUST 31.

ONE LOT MEASURING ABOUT 1 700 SQUARE METRES IN RED HILL ROAD, TAI TAM, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, BUT EXCLUDING GODOWN, HOTEL AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE SECOND SITE IN KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION IS FOR GODOWN PURPOSES AND MEASURES ABOUT 6 400 SQUARE METRES.

THE REMAINING SITE IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA, MEASURING ABOUT 1 219 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN USES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM :

- \* LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON; OR
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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SUMMER PROGRAMME ATTRACTS 400 TUEN MUN CHILDREN

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MORE THAN 400 TUEN MUN STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN TWO SEPARATE TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAMMES AT TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTSGROUND DURING THE CURRENT SUMMER HOLIDAYS HELD A RALLY AT THE SPORTSGROUND TODAY.

COMMENDING THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION IN ATTENDING THE 'OPEN TO YOU' PROGRAMME AT A CEREMONY AT THE SPORTSGROUND, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG, SAID A NUMBER OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS HAD ACHIEVED EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE DURING VARIOUS COACHING COURSES.

THE PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT PROVIDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN TUEN MUN WITH A PROPER TRAINING IN TRACK AND FIELD ACTIVITIES AT A SUITABLE SPORTING OUTLET SUCH AS TANG SHIU KIN SPORTSGROUND.

SINCE ITS OPENING EARLY THIS YEAR, THE SPORTSGROUND HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SPORTING VENUES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LEUNG SAID. LARGE SCALE SPORTING ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES WERE STAGED THERE FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE 'OPEN TO YOU' PROGRAMME, WHICH STARTED ON JULY 19 AND WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH, IS BEING ORGANISED WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

/MR LEUNG .....

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MR LEUNG URGED ALL PARTICIPANTS TO KEEP ON USING THE FACILITIES TO FURTHER IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE. HE ALSO INVITED SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SPORTSGROUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR STUDENTS.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR HUI CHI-WAI; THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS CHIU SHUM SHUK-HAN; THE CHAIRMAN OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN BRANCH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR WONG CHUN-LOY.

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COURSES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRAINERS  
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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL OFFER A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRAINERS IN THE 1982/83 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THESE COURSES INCLUDE BASIC COURSES IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES (INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE), A CERTIFICATE COURSE IN TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND A COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS WORKING WITH THE DISABLED.

MODES OF STUDY FOR THE BASIC COURSES IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES WILL INCLUDE BLOCK RELEASES, PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND EVENING- WHILE THE OTHER TWO COURSES WILL BE RUN ON A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE BASIS.

THE COURSES ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR INSTRUCTORS, SUPERVISORS OR TRAINING OFFICERS TO FACILITATE THEM TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY DUTIES.

THE ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS FOR EACH COURSE ARE LISTED IN THE APPLICATION FORMS WHICH ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE SPECIFIED FOR INDIVIDUAL COURSES.

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REVISED FEES FOR NATURALISATION  
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THE FEES FOR VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT RELATING TO NATURALISATION AND REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES HAVE BEEN REVISED, AND ARE BEING GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FULL FEE FOR NATURALISATION HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$1 800 TO \$2 400 AND THAT FOR REGISTRATION OF WOMEN MARRIED TO CITIZENS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES FROM \$600 TO \$840.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE FEE INCREASES, WHICH RESULT FROM THE INCREASES IN THE COST OF PROVIDING THESE SERVICES AND ARE IN LINE WITH RECENT INCREASES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AND NATURALISATION MADE BEFORE AUGUST 6, 1982 WILL BE CHARGED AT THE OLD RATE.

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HIGH STANDARD A MUST FOR FIREMEN  
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MR FRED JACKSON, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND, TODAY (FRIDAY) TOLD A GROUP OF MORE THAN 50 YOUNG FIRE FIGHTERS THAT THE TRAINING THEY RECEIVED AND ITS APPLICATION MUST BE OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD IF LIVES AND PROPERTY ARE TO BE SAVED.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF TWO SQUADS OF FIREMEN AND ONE SQUAD OF STATION OFFICERS AT THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR JACKSON SAID FIRE-FIGHTERS' INGENUITY AND POWERS OF DEDUCTION, DECISION AND ACTION WOULD BE TESTED AT TIMES.

+YOUR TRAINING BOTH HERE AND ON YOUR STATIONS IS SUCH THAT YOU WILL BE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF NOT ONLY LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS BUT ALSO BEING A MEMBER OF A TEAM WORKING IN COMPLETE UNISON,+ HE SAID.

MR JACKSON ADDED THAT THE GRADUATES WOULD BECOME FULLY QUALIFIED ALL-ROUNDERS READY TO TAKE THEIR PARTS AS TEAM MEMBERS IN THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES HAVE A GREAT REPUTATION NOT ONLY IN EAST ASIA BUT INTERNATIONALLY AND I AM SURE THAT ALL OF YOU HERE ON PARADE TODAY WILL MORE THAN UPHOLD THAT GOOD NAME AND THE CONFIDENCE WHICH GOES WITH IT,+ HE SAID.

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NEW PREMISES FOR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE AT QUEENSWAY  
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THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE AT QUEENSWAY WILL MOVE TO BLOCK CC, VICTORIA BARRACKS, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG ON MONDAY (AUGUST 9).

AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW OFFICE IS ONLY A FEW MINUTES WALK UPHILL FROM THE PRESENT OFFICE WHICH IS SITUATED AT BLOCK HH OF THE VICTORIA BARRACKS.

THE QUEENSWAY BRANCH HANDLES ALL APPLICATIONS FROM NEWLY ARRIVED LEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA WHO REGISTER FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND ISSUES 'BLACK SEAL' IDENTITY CARDS WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMANENT STAY IN HONG KONG.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD  
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WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD BETWEEN JUNCTION ROAD AND FU MEI STREET EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 9) AND THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC ON JUNCTION ROAD HEADING TOWARDS WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HENG LAM STREET AND FU MEI STREET EAST.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD HEADING FOR JUNCTION ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FU MEI STREET EAST AND HENG LAM STREET.

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