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GOVERNOR GIVES ASSURANCE ON DAYA BAY SAFETY INFORMATION

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THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING WHAT IT SHOULD IN ENSURING THAT THE PUBLIC OBTAINS THE BEST INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR PLANT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE NAMING CEREMONY OF THE RUN RUN SHAW COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, SIR EDWARD SAID: +WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION THAT THEY WANT TO HAVE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE PLANT AND THE PRECAUTIONS THAT COULD BE TAKEN.+

NOTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS SENDING THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR JOHN YAXLEY, TO LONDON, HE SAID THIS WAS ALL PART OF A GENERAL PLAN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD HAD FOR SOME TIME TO ENSURE THAT IT HAD THE BEST AND MOST UP-TO-DATE ADVICE ON THE MATTER.

+SO I THINK WE ARE DOING WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING TO TRY TO REASSURE PEOPLE IN THIS AS FAR AS WE CAN,+ HE NOTED.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE NOW WHICH WAS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN THE DECISION TO BUILD THE NUCLEAR PLANT WAS MADE, SIR EDWARD SAID WHEN THE ORIGINAL DECISION WAS MADE, THERE WAS NOT THE CONCERN THAT WAS EXPRESSED NOW.

HE SAID THE FACT WAS THAT WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE, A LOT OF NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMMES WERE OPERATING, +AND ARE STILL OPERATING IN A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. THEY HAVE BEEN OPERATING SAFELY FOR MANY YEARS.+

+WHAT IS NEW ABOUT THE SITUATION IS THE ANXIETY WHICH HAS NOW BEEN FELT AS A RESULT OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER. AND THAT IS WHY PEOPLE ARE ASKING FOR A LOT MORE INFORMATION WHICH THEY WANT NOW AFTER THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER WHICH THEY WERE NOT ASKING FOR BEFORE.+

ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO GUARANTEE A LOAN FOR THE PROJECT, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY TAKEN A DECISION ON THAT, AND HAD GIVEN ITS UNDERTAKING.

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ANTI-POLLUTION ACTION TAKES ANOTHER STRIDE
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ACTION TO CONTAIN THE PROBLEM OF TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION INSIDE A WATER CONTROL ZONE (WCZ) MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH THE MAKING OF REGULATIONS SETTING OUT THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED.

THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1986 PRESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE IS TO BE ADMINISTERED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE REGULATIONS, CERTAIN KINDS OF DISCHARGES AND DEPOSITS COULD BE PROHIBITED OR BROUGHT UNDER LICENSING CONTROL IN ANY WCZ WHILE EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE GRANTED TO EXISTING DISCHARGES PROVIDED THAT THEY WERE NOTIFIED TO THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD.

+IT IS INTENDED THAT THE REGULATIONS WILL TAKE EFFECT IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE ENABLING LEGISLATION AND THE REGULATIONS WERE BASED ON THE NEED TO MAXIMISE THE BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY OF A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MINIMISING THE RISK OF ADVERSE ECONOMIC EFFECTS, INCONVENIENCE AND COST TO THE INDUSTRY.

+THE REGULATIONS WERE DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENABLE CONTROLS TO BE APPLIED IN A FLEXIBLE MANNER, PERMITTING THE CONTROL OF SPECIFIC TYPES OF POLLUTANT IN SPECIFIC AREAS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT AS THERE IS AT PRESENT ONLY ONE SUCH ZONE -- THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE DECLARED IN 1982 -- THE REGULATIONS WOULD THEREFORE ONLY APPLY TO THIS AREA FOR THE TIME BEING.

ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE REGULATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THEY WERE FIRST PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IN MAY LAST YEAR IN VIEW OF THEIR LENGTH AND COMPLEXITY.

+DURING THE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION EXERCISE IN WHICH MEETINGS WERE HELD BETWEEN OFFICIALS AND THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, A NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIONS WERE RECEIVED THROUGH THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE UMELCO OFFICE. AN AD HOC GROUP WAS ALSO FORMED BY UMELCO TO EXAMINE THE DRAFT REGULATIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS IN DETAIL.

+WHILE THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE REPRESENTATIONS WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS, THERE IS NATURALLY CONCERN AMONG INDUSTRIALISTS ABOUT THE COST IMPLICATIONS EVEN THOUGH THE EFFECT OF CONTROLS ON EXISTING INDUSTRIES WILL BE MINIMAL,+ HE SAID.

/THE SPOKESMAN .....

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ANOTHER CONCERN WHICH EMERGED FROM THE PROTRACTED CONSULTATIONS WAS THAT THE CONTROLS MIGHT BE INFLEXIBLE THEREBY CAUSING DISRUPTION OF, AND INTERFERENCE WITH, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

+SOME INDUSTRIALISTS ALSO CONSIDERED THE PROCEDURES, INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION IN THE STATUTORY FORMS, TO BE COMPLICATED AND ONEROUS,+ HE SAID.

IN VIEW OF THE CONCERN EXPRESSED, THE GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH SATISFIED THAT THE ORDINANCE AND THE REGULATIONS IN THEIR PRESENT FORM ALREADY TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE NEED TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL PROFITABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, HAS GIVEN AN ASSURANCE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGULATIONS IN THE TOLO WCZ WOULD BE REVIEWED AND THAT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES DIRECTLY AFFECTED WOULD BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANY FURTHER ZONES WERE PROPOSED FOR DECLARATION.

+ASSURANCE HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN THAT THE IMPACT OF THE REGULATIONS ON AFFECTED COMPANIES IN TOLO HARBOUR WILL BE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE ANY NEW WCZ'S ARE DECLARED AND THAT REGULAR REPORTS ON PROGRESS WITH THE CONTROL OF OTHER SOURCES OF POLLUTION WILL BE MADE FROM TIME TO TIME,+ HE STRESSED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MINOR AMENDMENTS WERE ALSO MADE TO THE WORDING OF THE FORMS SO THAT THEY RELATE MORE CLOSELY TO THE PATTERN OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. THE GUIDANCE NOTES TO THE STATUTORY FORMS OF THE REGULATIONS WERE ALSO FURTHER REVISED IN THE LIGHT OF COMMENTS EXPRESSED BY THE AD HOC GROUP.

FOR THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WCZ, DISCHARGES FROM THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL:

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| FOOD MANUFACTURING | LEATHER MANUFACTURE |
| TEXTILE INDUSTRIES | PAPER INDUSTRIES |
| BEVERAGE INDUSTRIES | CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES |
| BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES | MOTOR REPAIR SERVICES |
| LAUNDRIES | PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIOS |
| MANUFACTURE OF METAL PRODUCTS | MANUFACTURE OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS |
| SEWAGE TREATMENT | |

+FROM THE DAY ON WHICH THE REGULATIONS ARE TO TAKE EFFECT, DISCHARGES WHICH WILL BE +NEW+ AFTER THE ANNOUNCED DATE WILL HAVE TO BE LICENSED WHILE ALL EXISTING DISCHARGES WILL, ON NOTIFICATION, BE EXEMPTED FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

/+THEY WILL .....

+THEY WILL REMAIN EXEMPTED SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY. NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR EXEMPTION BUT EXISTING OPERATORS WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE FORMS WHICH DESCRIBE THEIR PRESENT DISCHARGES: THESE DESCRIPTIONS WILL THEN FORM A REFERENCE POINT FOR SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION AND MONITORING,+ HE SAID.

THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR CANCELLATION OF EXEMPTIONS WHERE FALSE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED OR WHERE THE LEVEL OR NATURE OF THE DISCHARGES HAS SUBSEQUENTLY INCREASED BEYOND THE ALLOWED LIMIT OR WHERE THE DISCHARGE ITSELF REPRESENTS A THREAT EITHER TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR TO THE PUBLIC SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE APPEAL PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS FOR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO RESTRICT OR CURTAIL EITHER EXEMPTIONS OR LICENCES.

+RESTRICTION OR CURTAILMENT WOULD ONLY BECOME NECESSARY IF THE STATE OF THE WATERS IN A WCZ MADE IT NECESSARY.

+IN ANY WCZ THE QUALITY OF THE WATERS IS MONITORED CONTINUOUSLY AGAINST QUALITY OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE PUBLISHED FOR THAT ZONE AT THE TIME OF ITS DECLARATION.

+THE DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY EXISTING OPERATORS WILL ENABLE CONTROL TO BE EXERCISED IN A FLEXIBLE WAY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SEMINARS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR INDUSTRIALISTS IN THE TOLO AREA AND OTHER PLACES WHO MAY ULTIMATELY BE AFFECTED BY THIS LEGISLATION TO EXPLAIN THE REGULATIONS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE EXEMPTION AND LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS.

EXPLANATORY AND ADVISORY MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO INDUSTRIALISTS, HE SAID.

ALSO GAZETTED TODAY IS THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE)(AMENDMENT) ORDER 1986 WHICH DELINEATES THE NEW BOUNDARIES OF THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER WCZ FOLLOWING THE RECENT RE-SURVEY OF THE WATER GATHERING GROUNDS IN THAT AREA BY THE WATER AUTHORITY.

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COURT PROTECTION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS PROPOSED

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A BILL AIMED AT MAKING IT EASIER FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO OBTAIN PROTECTION THROUGH THE COURTS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILL 1986, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOME, BOTH AGAINST SPOUSES AND CHILDREN, HAD BECOME ONE OF GROWING CONCERN.

STATISTICS COMPILED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1985 TO MARCH 31, 1986 SHOW THAT THERE WERE 838 KNOWN CASES OF BATTERED SPOUSES. WOMEN WERE THE VICTIMS OF SUCH VIOLENCE IN 787 CASES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENT LAW HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MOUNTING CRITICISM IN VARIOUS QUARTERS, FOR ITS FAILURE TO PROVIDE A QUICK AND EFFECTIVE REMEDY FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

+A PARTICULAR CRITICISM OF THE EXISTING LAW IS THAT IN ORDER FOR A SPOUSE TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A COURT ORDER RESTRAINING VIOLENCE, THE ABUSED SPOUSE MUST FIRST HAVE COMMENCED, OR GIVEN AN UNDERTAKING TO THE COURT TO COMMENCE, DIVORCE OR SEPARATION PROCEEDINGS.

+THE BILL, WHICH IS MODELLED ON LEGISLATION PASSED IN ENGLAND IN 1976, SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE LAW IN THIS AND OTHER RESPECTS,+ HE SAID.

THE BILL GIVES A SPOUSE WHO HAS BEEN MOLESTED BY THE OTHER SPOUSE THE RIGHT TO APPLY TO THE DISTRICT COURT FOR AN ORDER RESTRAINING SUCH MOLESTATION.

ALSO, SUCH AN ORDER MAY BE APPLIED FOR WHERE ANY CHILD LIVING WITH THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN MOLESTED BY THE OTHER SPOUSE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IN CERTAIN CASES ORDERING A PERSON NOT TO MOLEST HIS OR HER SPOUSE WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT.

+THE BILL THEREFORE ALSO ENABLES THE COURT TO ORDER THE OTHER SPOUSE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MATRIMONIAL HOME OR A PART OF IT, OR FROM A CERTAIN AREA.+

IN OTHER CASES, HE SAID, A SPOUSE MAY HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OUT OF THE HOME BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND EFFECTIVELY RENDERED HOMELESS.

+TO TACKLE THIS ASPECT, THE BILL EMPOWERS THE COURT TO COMBINE A NON-MOLESTATION ORDER WITH AN ORDER REQUIRING A PERSON TO ALLOW HIS OR HER SPOUSE TO OCCUPY THE HOME.+

/THE SPOKESMAN .....

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THESE ORDERS WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, AFFECT THE LEGAL TITLE IN PROPERTY OF THE PARTIES, NOR WOULD THEY AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES, FOR EXAMPLE PRIVATE LANDLORDS OR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

HE SAID EXPERIENCE IN ENGLAND HAD INDICATED THAT THESE POWERS, EVEN COUPLED WITH THE THREAT OF BEING PUNISHED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT, MIGHT NOT, IN SOME CASES, BE SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT A PERSON IN WHAT IS, FREQUENTLY, A HIGHLY CHARGED EMOTIONAL SITUATION.

THE ENGLISH LEGISLATION EMPOWERS A COURT, IN SUCH CASES, TO ATTACH TO THE INJUNCTION A POWER OF ARREST AUTHORISING A POLICE OFFICER TO ARREST A PERSON WHO IS IN BREACH OF THE INJUNCTION. THE BILL PROVIDES FOR A SIMILAR POWER IN HONG KONG.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE POLICE WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE AN ARREST BY VIRTUE OF THIS BILL ONLY WHERE THE COURT HAD ATTACHED A POWER OF ARREST TO THE ORDER.

+MOREOVER, SUCH A POWER OF ARREST WILL ONLY BE ATTACHED, WHEN THE COURT IS SATISFIED THAT THE OTHER SPOUSE HAS CAUSED ACTUAL BODILY HARM TO THE APPLICANT OR TO THE CHILD CONCERNED,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE RELIEF AVAILABLE UNDER THE LEGISLATION IN ENGLAND WAS AVAILABLE NOT ONLY TO MARRIED PERSONS BUT ALSO TO PERSONS WHO ARE LIVING TOGETHER.

THE BILL EXTENDS THE RELIEF IN HONG KONG TO PERSONS WHO ARE COHABITING, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS IN THE CASE OF EXCLUSION ORDERS, OCCUPATION ORDERS AND THE ATTACHING OF A POWER OF ARREST.

THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILL 1986 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 9.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING OR THE UMELCO OFFICE AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC MEANS OF ESCAPE TO BE AN OFFENCE
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THE FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) NO. 3 BILL WHICH AIMS AT OUTLAWING THE PRACTICE OF CAUSING OBSTRUCTIONS TO PUBLIC MEANS OF ESCAPE AND THE INDISCRIMINATE LOCKING OF FIRE EXITS IN BUILDINGS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IF ENACTED INTO LAW, ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF A DIRECT OFFENCE WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $25 000 AND $5 000 PER DAY MAXIMUM FINE FOR CONTINUANCE.

A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE WOULD ATTRACT A MAXIMUM OF $50 000 FINE AND ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO TIGHTEN UP EXISTING LEGISLATION ON THE RECURRENCE OF FIRE HAZARD, WHICH INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF FIRE AND THE DANGER TO LIFE AND PROPERTY.

EXPLAINING THE BILL TODAY, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, POINTED OUT THAT THESE MALPRACTICES WERE NOT SPECIFIED IN LAW AS AN OFFENCE AND THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE AMENDMENT WAS TO SPELL THEM OUT AS A DIRECT OFFENCE.

+AT PRESENT THE LAWS OF HONG KONG MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR OBSTRUCTION IN A PUBLIC PLACE -- THAT IS, IN THE STREET OR ROADWAY. IT IS ALSO AN OFFENCE TO OBSTRUCT THE MEANS OF ESCAPE WITHIN A WORKPLACE. BY THIS I MEAN A FACTORY UNIT WITHIN AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

+YET, THERE IS NO OFFENCE FOR OBSTRUCTING THE EMERGENCY ESCAPE ROUTE -- CORRIDORS AND STAIRCASES WITHIN ANY BUILDING -- WHETHER COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR DOMESTIC.

+THESE OBSTRUCTIONS ARE INFINITELY MORE DANGEROUS THAN CAUSING AN INCONVENIENCE IN A PUBLIC PLACE BUT THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN BE DEALT WITH IS BY A FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICE (FHAN),+ MR LAM SAID.

UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATION, SUCH NOTICES WOULD BE ISSUED TO PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR IDENTIFIED FIRE HAZARDS, INCLUDING OBSTRUCTIONS TO MEANS OF ESCAPE AND LOCKING OF FIRE EXITS, ASKING THEM TO GET RID OF THE HAZARDS WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME.

ONLY NON-COMPLIANCE ASCERTAINED BY SUBSEQUENT INSPECTIONS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE WHICH INCURRED A MAXIMUM FINE OF $25 000 AND A $2 500 MAXIMUM FINE PER DAY FOR CONTINUANCE.

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+A SIMILAR, ALTHOUGH NOT SO FREQUENT OCCURRENCE, WHICH IS VERY DANGEROUS, CONCERNS THE TYPE OF LOCKING DEVICE USED ON THE ENTRANCE OR EXIT DOORS OF MULTI-OCCUPANCY BUILDINGS. I AM NOT REFERRING TO DOORS TO PRIVATE FLATS OR PRIVATE HOUSES, BUT TO DOORS AT THE REAR ENTRANCES TO BUILDINGS WHICH LEAD TO OPEN AIR.

+SOMETIMES THESE DOORS OR GATES ARE SECURED BY PADLOCKS AND CHAINS OR BY OTHER DEVICES WHICH PREVENT THEM FROM BEING OPENED BOTH FROM THE INSIDE AS WELL AS THE OUTSIDE.

+IT IS QUITE ALL RIGHT TO LOCK SUCH DOORS OR GATES TO PREVENT UNAUTHORISED PEOPLE FROM ENTERING THE BUILDING BUT THE DOOR OR GATE MUST BE EASILY OPENED FROM INSIDE WITHOUT THE USE OF A KEY,+ HE SAID.

MR LAM SAID THAT FOLLOWING SUITABLE PUBLICITY, TOGETHER WITH A GRACE PERIOD BEFORE THE AMENDMENTS TOOK EFFECT, ANYONE WHO OBSTRUCTED THE MEANS OF ESCAPE WOULD BE TAKEN TO COURT FOR AN OFFENCE.

+THIS IS EXTENDED TO ANY PERSON WHO IS AN OWNER, OCCUPIER, TENANT OR PERSON IN CHARGE WHO, WHILE NOT NECESSARILY BEING THE PERPETRATOR OF THE OFFENCE, PERMITTED THE OFFENCE TO HAPPEN OR CONTINUE,+ HE SAID.

THE FIRE SERVICES WOULD HAVE POWERS TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF IDENTITY OF PEOPLE CONSIDERED RESPONSIBLE FOR A HAZARD. FAILURE TO COMPLY WOULD BE AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE ON CONVICTION BY A FINE OF $5 000, HE ADDED.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE ISSUE OF A REMOVAL ORDER FROM THE COURT SHOULD ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF THE DIRECT OFFENCE STILL HAVE OBSTRUCTIONS REMAINING IN POSITION. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER WOULD ATTRACT FURTHER PENALTIES.

TURNING TO THE FHAN AGAIN, MR LAM POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJOR WEAKNESS IN EXISTING LEGISLATION WAS THAT A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE HAZARD MIGHT COMPLY WITH A FHAN SERVED ON IT BUT MIGHT ALLOW THE SAME HAZARD TO RECUR. WHEN THE PERSON DID SO, THE PROCEDURE INVOLVING THE SERVING OF A FHAN AND SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION TO ENSURE THE LEGAL NOTICE HAD BEEN COMPLIED WITH, HAD TO BE REPEATED.

THEREFORE, HE SAID, THE BILL PROPOSES THAT A PERSON WHO COMPLIED WITH A FHAN, BUT WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF BEING SERVED ALLOWED THE HAZARD TO RECUR, SHOULD BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE.

THE PENALTY WOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT OF NON-COMPLIANCE OF A FHAN.

THERE IS ALSO A PROPOSAL TO SIMPLIFY EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR THE COURT TO ISSUE AN ORDER TO GET RID OF A HAZARD FOLLOWING CONVICTION FOR FHAN OFFENCE.

/MR LAM .....

MR LAM SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED AN AVERAGE OF 10 000 COMPLAINTS ANNUALLY AND THE MAJORITY OF THESE CONCERN OBSTRUCTIONS TO MEANS OF ESCAPE.

+TEN THOUSAND COMPLAINTS JUST CANNOT BE IGNORED,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS CONSIDERED THAT SOME 20 YEARS OF PUBLICITY ON THE DANGERS OF THESE ACTIONS IS SUFFICIENT AND AS THEY ARE HAPPENING DAILY, A SOLUTION MUCH MORE VIGOROUS THAN A LEGAL WARNING IS NECESSARY,+ HE ADDED.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 9.

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON THE MOVE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL SOON BE MOVING ITS HEADQUARTERS AND MANY OF ITS DIVISIONAL OFFICES TO NEW PREMISES IN QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES (QGO).

THE MOVE, WHICH INVOLVES MOST OFFICES UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION AND LICENSING BRANCH, THE PLANNING AND RESEARCH BRANCH AND THE HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE, WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 30) AND ON THREE WEEKENDS BETWEEN JULY 5 AND AUGUST 17.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL OCCUPY THE WHOLE OF THE 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH FLOORS, AND PART OF THE 27TH FLOOR OF THE HIGH BLOCK OF QGO. BUT THE STUDENT TRAVEL OFFICE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE QGO LOW BLOCK.

+THE MOVE WILL BRING SCATTERED UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER ONE ROOF AND WILL ENABLE STAFF MEMBERS TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH BETTER AND MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

FROM JULY 5, THE NUMBER FOR THE 24-HOUR TRANSPORT ENQUIRIES HOTLINE WILL BE 5-200933 INSTEAD OF 5-8933111. INFORMATION OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT CAN BE CONTACTED ON 5-8623198, 5-8623199, 5-8623191 AND 5-8623232.

AT THE SAME TIME, CAR OWNERS REPORTING DEFECTIVE PARKING METERS TO THE METER COMPLAINTS UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD DIAL 5-298611 IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE PROBLEM METER IS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON OR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+IN THE INITIAL CHANGEOVER PERIOD, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DIALLING THE OLD NUMBERS FOR VARIOUS DIVISIONS WILL BE ADVISED OF THE NEW NUMBER TO CALL,+ THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

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HE ALSO REMINDED APPLICANTS FOR CLOSED ROAD PERMITS ON LANTAU AND OTHER KINDS OF PERMITS ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO ADDRESS THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE TRANSPORT OPERATIONS (HONG KONG) DIVISION AT 29/F, HIGH BLOCK, QGO.

OWING TO THE OFFICE REMOVAL, THE STUDENT TRAVEL OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY (JUNE 30) AND WILL RESUME OPERATION IN THE NEW PREMISES THE NEXT DAY.

DETAILS OF OFFICES MOVING TO THE NEW PREMISES AND THEIR NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED BELOW:

| DATE OF REMOVAL | OFFICE | FROM | TO | NEW TEL NO. |
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| JUNE 30 (MONDAY) | STUDENT TRAVEL OFFICE | 8/F, CAPITOL CENTRE | 2/F, LOW BLOCK | 5-8623253 |
| JUNE 30 (MONDAY) | ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION | 7/F, CAPITOL CENTRE | 30/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-8623289 |
| JULY 5 AND 6 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY) | HEADQUARTERS | 5/F AND 6/F, GUARDIAN HOUSE | 28/F, HIGH BLOCK | (GENERAL ENQUIRIES) 5-8623218 |
| | INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT | - DITTO - | 28/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-8623201 |
| | TUNNEL AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION | - DITTO - | 27/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-8623237 |
| | VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION | - DITTO - | 27/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-8623248 |
| | TRANSPORT OPERATIONS (HONG KONG) DIVISION | - DITTO - | 29/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-8623368 |
| | METER COMPLAINTS UNIT | - DITTO - | 29/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-298611 |
| | PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLANNING DIVISION | - DITTO - | 29/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-8623262 |

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(SUNDAY)

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| JULY 20 (SUNDAY) | TRAFFIC ENGINEERING (HONG KONG) DIVISION | 8/F, HENNESSY CENTRE | 29/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-8623190 |
| | BUS ENGINEERING DIVISION | - DITTO - | 27/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-8623243 |
| AUGUST 17 (SUNDAY) | TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY DIVISION | 8/F, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES | 30/F, HIGH BLOCK | 5-8623316 |

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PROPERTY RECORDS TO BE COMPUTERISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A $21.2 MILLION PLAN FOR THE LAND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT TO COMPUTERISE ITS RECORDS ON LANDS AND PROPERTIES.

THE LAND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND THE LAND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986, UNDER WHICH THE COMPUTERISED PROGRAMME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IF THE NECESSARY AMENDING LEGISLATION WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE PROGRAMME TO COMPUTERISE THE 1.2 MILLION LAND OFFICE REGISTER CARDS WOULD START BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE COMPUTERISATION PROGRAMME WOULD CUT DRASTICALLY THE TIME NEEDED TO SEARCH FOR PARTICULAR INFORMATION ON A PROPERTY.

+UNDER THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM, THE TIME REQUIRED FOR MAKING A LAND SEARCH WILL BE REDUCED FROM ABOUT 30 MINUTES AT PRESENT TO ABOUT TEN MINUTES,+ HE SAID.

ONLY LAST MONTH, A TOTAL OF 141 188 SEARCHES FOR LAND PARTICULARS WERE MADE IN THE LAND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT 5 700 SEARCHES A DAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO MAKE A SEARCH FOR PARTICULARS OF A PROPERTY USING THE ADDRESS, THE LOT NUMBER OR THE MEMORIAL NUMBER UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM AS OPPOSED TO THE USE OF ONLY THE LOT NUMBER UNDER THE EXISTING MANUAL SYSTEM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT COMPUTERISATION WOULD ALSO AVOID NON-AVAILABILITY OF REGISTER CARDS, AS COULD HAPPEN UNDER A MANUAL SYSTEM, AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION OF AN INSTRUMENT FROM ABOUT 35 DAYS AS AT PRESENT TO ABOUT 10 DAYS.

+SOLICITOR FIRMS, ACCOUNTING FIRMS, REAL ESTATE AGENCIES AND DEVELOPERS WHO MAKE LAND SEARCHES REGULARLY AND FREQUENTLY WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE ALSO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM OUR COMPUTER AT A FEE SIMPLY BY INSTALLING A TERMINAL IN THEIR OFFICES,+ HE SAID.

+THIS WILL SAVE THE TIME OF BOTH THEIR STAFF AND OURS,+ HE NOTED.

NEVERTHELESS, HE STRESSED THAT COMPUTERISATION WOULD NOT ADD TO THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY DEALINGS, BUT WOULD SIMPLY FACILITATE ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHEN COMPLETED, THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM WOULD RESULT IN AN ANNUAL SAVING OF ABOUT $6 MILLION IN STAFF COSTS AND $1.3 MILLION IN ACCOMMODATION COSTS.

WHILE THE PROGRAMME WOULD ONLY INVOLVE THE COMPUTERISATION OF ALL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT PARTICULARS OF URBAN AREA PROPERTIES, IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT DETAILS OF PROPERTIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD EVENTUALLY BE CONVERTED WHEN STAFFING AND OTHER RESOURCES PERMITTED, HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE AMENDMENT BILL AND REGULATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL INTRODUCED INTO THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE AN INTERPRETATION PROVISION DEFINING +DOCUMENT+ AND +RECORD+ WIDELY ENOUGH TO INCLUDE COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND MICROFILM.

THE EFFECT WAS SIMPLY TO ALLOW STORAGE OF LAND REGISTRATION RECORDS ON COMPUTER, HE POINTED OUT.

+THE LAND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS WILL PROVIDE FOR THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM. THE AMENDMENTS ARE MINOR AND PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, FOR ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS TO BE GIVEN IN MEMORIALS AND FOR THE KEEPING OF REGISTER CARDS IN COMPUTER FORM,+ HE SAID.

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SPEEDPOST ITEMS - WEIGHT, SIZE LIMITS INCREASED
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WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT THE MAXIMUM LIMITS OF WEIGHT AND SIZE FOR SPEEDPOST ITEMS ADDRESSED TO BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND HAS BEEN INCREASED, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR A SPEEDPOST ITEM HAD BEEN INCREASED FROM 15 KILOGRAMS TO 20 KILOGRAMS AND THE MAXIMUM SIZE EXTENDED TO 1.5 METRES IN LENGTH AND THREE METRES FOR THE LENGTH AND GIRTH COMBINED.

+SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES AT 5-2671108.

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IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE STRESSED
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DESPITE THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE IT IS NOT BEING COMPREHENSIVELY APPLIED IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR YEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON QUALITY ASSURANCE, AT WHICH A NEW FILM, +QUALITY COUNTS+, WAS LAUNCHED, AT THE HYATT HOTEL.

THERE WERE FOUR BASIC ELEMENTS IN QUALITY CONTROL SYSTEMS IN MANUFACTURING, HE SAID. THESE WERE: FIRST, THE POSSESSION OF STANDARDS INFORMATION NOT ONLY ON THE PRODUCT BUT ALSO ON TESTING, MARKETING, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT; SECOND, QUALITY CONTROL WHICH INCLUDED EVERYTHING INVOLVED IN PRODUCTION; THIRD, PRODUCT TESTING AND CERTIFICATION; FOURTH, QUALITY SURVEILLANCE.

+AS FAR AS THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS AWARE - AND WE VISIT AND KEEP RECORDS ON UPWARDS OF 20 000 FACTORIES - QUALITY ASSURANCE IS NOT BEING COMPREHENSIVELY APPLIED IN MANUFACTURING, EXCEPT BY A SMALL NUMBER OF BUSINESS, NAMELY, THOSE LARGE FACTORIES ENGAGING SEVERAL HUNDRED EMPLOYEES EACH AND THOSE WHICH HAPPEN TO BE LOCAL SUBSIDIARIES OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES,+ MR YEUNG SAID.

+FOR MANY MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESS, THE PRACTICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE IS CONFINED MAINLY TO QUALITY CONTROL, AND A LIMITED FORM OF QUALITY CONTROL AT THAT, INVOLVING INSPECTION AND TESTING OF THE PRODUCT AFTER ITS COMPLETION.+

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NO INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG WAS IMMUNE FROM COMPETITION AND FIERCE PRESSURE CAME NOT JUST IN TERMS OF PRICE BUT IN TERMS SUCH AS PRODUCT SAFETY, RELIABILITY, CAPABILITY AND DESIGN.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRACTICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE IN MANUFACTURING ULTIMATELY RESTED WITH THE MANUFACTURER, HE SAID, BUT THE GOVERNMENT DID ACCEPT THAT IT HAD A ROLE TO PLAY IN PROMOTING QUALITY ASSURANCE. IT SAW THIS ROLE AS ONE OF PROVIDING MANUFACTURERS WITH THE SUPPORT THEY NEEDED TO DEVELOP THEIR QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEMS.

MR YEUNG SAID: +FIRST, IT UNDERTAKES INVESTIGATIONS INTO DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS. THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ON ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS AS A RESULT OF THIS HAS DECLINED FROM A PEAK OF 21 IN 1982 TO THREE IN 1985 AND TWO SO FAR IN 1986. FIGURES FOR TOYS HAVE ALSO DECLINED. SECOND THE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES AND PROVIDES SERVICES WHICH FACILITATE THE APPLICATION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE.+

IN RECENT YEARS, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAD CREATED A NUMBER OF UNITS WHOSE SERVICES WERE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO HELP MANUFACTURERS TO SET UP QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEMS.

THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU DISSEMINATED INFORMATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCT STANDARDS, ON TESTING METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING OVERSEAS CERTIFICATION MARKS. ENQUIRIES HAD GROWN FROM 25 IN 1984 TO 193 IN 1985 AND 213 SO FAR THIS YEAR WITH DEMAND STILL GROWING.

THE HONG KONG STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY PROVIDED A PRECISION CALIBRATION SERVICE AND IT WOULD BE ACCREDITED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL PHYSICS LABORATORY NEXT MONTH, HE SAID.

THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME SOUGHT TO UPGRADE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TERRITORY'S TESTING LABORATORIES BY PERSUADING THEM TO ADOPT A SOUND QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM FOR THEIR OPERATIONS AND BY ACCREDITING THEM AFTERWARDS.

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JOINT EFFORT TO KEEP HK CLEAN

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THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) APPOINTED FOUR OF ITS MEMBERS TO SIT ON THE NEW URBAN COUNCIL-REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN OF THE UC COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, WILL ALSO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WHILE REGIONAL COUNCILLOR MR CHEUNG HON-KAU WILL BE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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THE OTHER UC MEMBERS NAMED ARE DR RONALD D.B. LEUNG, MR TONG KAM-BIU AND MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG.

THEY WILL JOIN RC MEMBERS MR WAI HON-LEUNG, DR TANG SIU-TONG, MR TANG PUI-TAT AND MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE UC-RC KHKC STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JULY 3), WHEN THEY WILL ESTABLISH THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE.

THEY WILL ALSO FORMULATE A TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN WHICH INCLUDES A 'CLEAN BEACH' PHASE AND A TERRITORY-WIDE CLEAN SCHOOL COMPETITION.

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EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING INCLUDED IN ZONING PLAN
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THE KOWLOON ENTRANCE OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE PROPOSED TOLL PLAZA HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN AMENDMENTS TO THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR CHA KWO LING, YAU TONG AND LEI YUE MUN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE AMENDMENTS, PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY), INCLUDED BOTH THE ROAD AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SYSTEMS OF THE TUNNEL IN THE CHA KWO LING AREA.

+THE TUNNEL WILL BE IN THE FORM OF AN IMMERSED ROAD-RAIL TUBE CONNECTING QUARRY BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND WITH CHA KWO LING IN EAST KOWLOON,+ HE SAID.

+ACCESS ROADS LEADING FROM THE TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA WILL JOIN THE LEI YUE MUN ROAD AT AN INTERCHANGE.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED: +THE RAIL CROSSING WILL JOIN THE EXTENDED MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY'S KWUN TONG LINE AT THE NEW LAM TIN MTR STATION AND CONNECT WITH AN INTERCHANGE AT QUARRY BAY STATION.

+THIS NEW RAIL SYSTEM WILL RELIEVE THE PREVAILING CONGESTION AT THE NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR AND SHORTEN THE JOURNEY BETWEEN HONG KONG ISLAND AND EAST KOWLOON.

+THE TUNNEL IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN LATE 1989 AND THE NEW ROAD AND RAIL LINKS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE EASTERN KOWLOON AREA.+

OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN INCLUDE THE REZONING OF A ROAD RESERVE AND ADJOINING AREAS FROM +POSSIBLE LEI YUE MUN ROAD EXTENSION+ TO +GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY, GREEN BELT, OPEN SPACE AND VILLAGE-TYPE DEVELOPMENT+ TO REFLECT THEIR PROPOSED AND EXISTING USE.

THE PLANNING AREA'S NORTH-EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN BOUNDARY AND THE LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE BOUNDARY HAVE ALSO BEEN AMENDED.

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DB MEMBERS CONCERNED ABOUT ROAD DIVERSION
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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ROAD DIVERSION SCHEME FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER AND MADE A SITE VISIT TO HO MAN TIN DURING RUSH HOURS THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

LED BY KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, SPENT ABOUT ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS WALKING AROUND IN THE DISTRICT WHERE DIVERSIONS HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED YESTERDAY.

THEY STROLLED ALONG WATERLOO ROAD, PUI CHING ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, ARGYLE STREET AND SOARES AVENUE.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL CLOSELY MONITOR TRAFFIC CONDITION AND WILL KEEP IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE IN ORDER TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO THE PUBLIC.

THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER, WHICH WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANE, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE NEW FLYOVER WILL HAVE TWO LANES ON BOTH THE SOUTH-BOUND AND NORTH-BOUND CARRIAGEWAYS.

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STUDY WILL BENEFIT MANUFACTURERS
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THE CURRENT CONSULTANCY STUDY ON THE TEXTILES AND GARMENT INDUSTRIES WILL HELP TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF INVESTMENT IN PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR YEUNG SAID THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY WOULD HELP MANUFACTURERS TO FORMULATE OR SHARPEN THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

+THEY WILL ALSO BE OF USE TO THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IN CONSIDERING THE NEED FOR PROVIDING ADEQUATE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL BACK-UP FACILITIES FOR THE INDUSTRIES INVOLVED,+ HE SAID.

+THE STUDY IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE USEFUL INDICATORS ON THE INDUSTRIES' EXPORT POTENTIAL, ON THE BASIS OF PRODUCT-BY-MARKET ANALYSES AND FORECASTS.

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+IT SHOULD ADDITIONALLY POINT THE WAY TO HOW THIS POTENTIAL COULD BEST BE REALISED, THROUGH INVESTMENT, MARKETING AND OTHER MEANS.+

MR YEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND PHASE COMPUTER KNITTING FACTORY OF LAWS FASHION KNITTERS LIMITED.

HE SAID THAT WHILE THE LAST TWO YEARS HAD BEEN ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PERIODS FOR HONG KONG'S KNITWEAR INDUSTRY, THE INDUSTRY HAD PURCHASED, MAINLY FROM JAPAN, ABOUT $400 MILLION WORTH OF MODERN KNITTING EQUIPMENT.

+LAWS' SHARE IN THIS HAS DEEN MORE THAN $50 MILLION, OF WHICH THE FIRST $30 MILLION WORTH OF EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN INSTALLED AS EARLY AS APRIL 1985,+ HE NOTED.

MR YEUNG APPLAUDED THE COMPANY FOR ITS INVESTMENT IN PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT AND ITS DECISION TO FURTHER INVEST IN ITS COMPUTER-AIDED MANUFACTURING SYSTEM.

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SIX NT LOTS FOR SALE BY TENDER

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REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A AND B) ARE BEING INVITED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TO TENDER FOR SIX LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THREE OF THE SITES ARE IN YUEN LONG AND THE OTHERS ARE IN FANLING, TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN.

THE YUEN LONG SITES, OF 760, 710 AND 412 SQUARE METRES, ARE AT YAU SAN STREET AND ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, BUT EXCLUDING GODOWN PURPOSES.

LOCATED CLOSE TO THE RAILWAY STATION, THE FANLING LOT OF 2.28 HECTARES IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OVER A COMMERCIAL PODIUM, THE FIRST DEVELOPMENT OF ITS TYPE LOCALLY.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT TO BUILD UP TO 2 500 RESIDENTIAL FLATS WITH A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA NOT EXCEEDING 100 000 SQUARE METRES ABOVE THE THIRD LEVEL OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

THE COMMERCIAL PODIUM WILL PROVIDE A MAXIMUM OF 27 500 SQUARE METRES FOR SHOPS, PARKING SPACES, RECREATIONAL AREAS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND POSSIBLY A CHILDREN'S NURSERY.

THE SUPERSTRUCTURE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 31, 1990.

MEASURING 6 849 SQUARE METRES, THE TUEN MUN SITE LIES TO THE SOUTH OF CHI LOK FA YUEN. THE LOWER THREE FLOORS, INCLUDING THE BASEMENT (IF ANY), OF ITS DEVELOPMENT ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, AND THE REMAINING FLOORS ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 25 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1990.

ALSO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE SITE AT TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, SHA TIN, HAS AN AREA OF 5 598 SQUARE METRES. THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUILD AT LEAST 17 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1990.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BY NOON ON JULY 25.

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## MORE RECLAMATION PLANNED AT KWAI CHUNG

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RECLAMATION OF MORE FORESHORE AND SEABED OFF KWAI CHUNG IS PROPOSED IN CONNECTION WITH EXPANSION OF THE CONTAINER PORT.

DETAILS OF A PROPOSAL TO RECLAIM 5.4 HECTARES AT RAMBLER CHANNEL ADJACENT TO PILLAR ISLAND WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED IN EXTENDING THE NORTHERN END OF THE CONTAINER PORT.

A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WILL ALSO BE BUILT ON THE SITE.

WORK ON THE RECLAMATION IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED BY 1988.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BY AUGUST 26.

OTHER CONTAINER PORT EXPANSION WORK INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 6 WHICH WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN 1989. ABOUT 28 HECTARES OF LAND ARE TO BE RECLAIMED FOR THIS PROJECT.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED
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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF LOWSONS CREDIT LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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PHOTO, PAINTING EXHIBITION ON DEVELOPMENT
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A PHOTO AND PAINTING EXHIBITION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JUNE 30 AND JULY 2.

THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE. A MODEL OF THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

THE VENUE WILL BE THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM ON JUNE 30 AND FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON JULY 1 AND 2.

KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION AT 11 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 30) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION.

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## TWO LUNCHTIME CONCERTS IN YAU MA TEI

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MUSIC LOVERS WILL BE TREATED TO TWO FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS TO BE HELD AT THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE ON JULY 2 AND JULY 9.

THE CONCERTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN MUSIC AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR OFFICE WORKERS. THEY WILL BEGIN AT 1.15 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE NOTED THAT APART FROM GIVING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING TO YOUNGSTERS THE OFFICE IS ALSO ACTIVE IN ORGANISING MUSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC.

+LUNCHTIME CONCERTS ARE LESS FORMAL THAN THE USUAL ONES HEARD AT THE CONCERT HALL AND THERE IS A RELAXING ATMOSPHERE FOR THE AUDIENCE. MORE WILL BE ORGANISED IF THE RESPONSE IS GOOD,+ HE SAID.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE POPULAR AND CLASSICAL PIECES PERFORMED BY THE BONES, A TROMBONE TRIO, IN THE FIRST CONCERT AND BY THE BAROQUE GUITAR ENSEMBLE IN THE SECOND.

ADMISSION WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED ON 3-7226240.

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## CLOSURE OF TAI HA STREET PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE A PORTION OF TAI HA STREET IN TSUEN WAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF TAI WO HAU ESTATE.

THE SECTION OF THE STREET FRONTING THE FORMER BLOCKS 8, 9 AND 10 IN THE ESTATE HAS TO BE CLOSED IN ORDER THAT SEVEN HOUSING BLOCKS CAN BE BUILT UNDER PHASE 3 OF THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT WORK, A NEW SECTION OF ROAD WILL BE CONSTRUCTED. THE PROPOSED CLOSURE WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE AFTER THE NEW TAI HA STREET EXTENSION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND OPENED.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, ST. JOHN'S BUILDING, EIGHTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE AUGUST 26.

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