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FOREIGN SECRETARY TO VISIT HK IN JULY

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE:

THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, WILL VISIT HONG KONG AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY.

THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE CONTINUING STABILITY, SECURITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH THE GOVERNOR AND HIS ADVISERS THE IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND THE HANDLING OF THE ENORMOUS BURDENS PLACED ON HONG KONG BY THE ARRIVAL OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

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GOVERNOR SEEKS STRONG ASSURANCES FROM PRIME MINISTER

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAS HELD A LENGTHY MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, TO SEEK STRONG ASSURANCES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER ON HER PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND TO MAKING THE RIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TERRITORY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) AFTER THE MEETING, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HAD PUT TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE VERY STRONG FEELINGS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ABOUT THE QUESTION OF RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"I SAID THAT IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO GIVE A RIGHT OF ENTRY TO BRITAIN FOR THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WHO HAVE BRITISH PASSPORTS, THAT WOULD DO AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF GOOD IN HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, AS SHE SAID IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, THAT TO DO THIS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO POTENTIALLY MIGHT COME WAS A MATTER OF GREAT POLITICAL DIFFICULTY, BUT THE MINISTERS WERE LOOKING URGENTLY AT THE QUESTION OF TRYING TO INTRODUCE FLEXIBILITY INTO THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS," HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT A TIMETABLE FOR INCREASING DEMOCRACY IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WE DISCUSSED THAT QUESTION AND I EXPLAINED TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WHAT THE VIEWS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE AT THE MOMENT AND HOW THEY'VE BEEN EVOLVING.

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"AND HOW WE WANT TO LOOK AGAIN AT THE QUESTION OF THE RATE OF CHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGING VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN QUITE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OF VIEW IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED HONG KONG'S FUTURE AS A FINANCIAL INVESTMENT CENTRE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG HAD HELD UP EXTREMELY WELL IN THE PRESENT CRISIS.

"THAT'S VERY ENCOURAGING BECAUSE IN OCTOBER '87, WITH THE STOCK MARKET CRASH, OUR INSTITUTIONS WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY GOOD TO STAND UP TO THE PROBLEM. WE'VE REVISED THOSE INSTITUTIONS AND THEY HAVE STOOD UP VERY WELL INDEED," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID BRITAIN'S NEW COMMITMENT OF 4.5 MILLION POUNDS STERLING TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO HELP IN PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WAS A GREAT HELP.

HE SAID THE MONEY WAS BEING MADE AVAILABLE DIRECTLY TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, AND WAS IN ADDITION TO FUNDS GIVEN THROUGH THE UNHCR.

IT WAS A HELP, AND EVERYTHING IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WAS HELP.

"WE HAVE A COLOSSAL PROBLEM WHICH IS GETTING CLOSE TO OVERWHELMING US. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH IT.

"WE ARE IN A REALLY DESPERATE SITUATION FOR ACCOMMODATION. WE'VE HAD TO BUILD NEW ACCOMMODATION. WE'RE HAVING TO PUT UP EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION AND TO HAVE ANOTHER 4.5 MILLION POUNDS TO HELP US IS OF GREAT ASSISTANCE, SIR DAVID SAID.

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BRITAIN'S \$55 MILLION DONATION ON VBP WELCOMED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) WELCOMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO CONTRIBUTE ANOTHER FOUR AND A HALF MILLION POUNDS STERLING (HK\$55 MILLION) TO HONG KONG FOR EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

"THE CONTRIBUTION IS PARTICULARLY WELCOME IN THAT IT WILL BE MADE DIRECT TO HONG KONG," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE SECOND CONTRIBUTION OF ITS KIND FROM BRITAIN IN LESS THAN SEVEN WEEKS, BRINGING TO \$135 MILLION THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE TWO CONTRIBUTIONS.

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"ON APRIL 21, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE UP TO SIX MILLION POUNDS (\$80 MILLION) TO COVER THE FULL CAPITAL COSTS OF THE PILLAR POINT REFUGEE CENTRE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN TUEN MUN," HE SAID.

"THE CONTRIBUTIONS INDICATE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON HONG KONG OF THE CONTINUING INFLUX OF BOAT PEOPLE AND ITS READINESS TO ASSIST."

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MORE TENTS FOR VBP FLOWN IN  
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ANOTHER 150 TENTS WERE FLOWN IN TODAY (FRIDAY) FROM BRITAIN FOR USE AS EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION TO COPE WITH THE CONTINUING INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

"THIS FOLLOWS A FIRST BATCH OF ABOUT 100 TENTS WHICH ARRIVED FROM BRITAIN ON TUESDAY," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO MEET THE FULL COSTS OF THESE TWO BATCHES OF TENTS.

"THEY ARE IN RESPONSE TO OUR URGENT REQUEST FOR MORE TENTS AFTER WE HAVE RUN OUT OF STOCK HERE."

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NEW FRAMEWORK FOR REGULATING ELECTRICITY SUPPLY  
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A BILL PROPOSING TO PROVIDE A COMPLETELY NEW FRAMEWORK FOR DETAILED REGULATORY ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPECT OF ELECTRICITY-RELATED MATTERS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 21.

THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR MIAO CHI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE PROPOSED ELECTRICITY BILL 1989 WAS INTENDED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS ENACTED IN 1911 AND HAD SINCE BECOME OUT OF DATE AND DEFICIENT IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT AREAS.

THE BILL'S INTENTION IS TO CLEARLY DELINEATE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE SUPPLY COMPANIES, ELECTRICAL TRADE AND ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS.

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"IT ALSO ACTS AS AN ENABLING BILL FOR SIX SETS OF REGULATIONS WHICH EMBODY THE TECHNICAL AND DETAILED MEASURES, TO BE INTRODUCED TO ENHANCE SAFETY IN THE USE OF ELECTRICITY," SAID MR MIAO.

THE BILL CONSISTS OF TEN PARTS AND THE KEY FEATURES INCLUDE:

- \* THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES;
- \* THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANIES' POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS TO ENSURE SAFE AND STABLE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO CONSUMERS;
- \* THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS ARE SAFE;
- \* THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND PRODUCTS THAT FAIL TO MEET THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS;
- \* THE REGISTRATION OF GENERATING FACILITIES, OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS;
- \* THE DISCIPLINE OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS;
- \* APPEAL CHANNELS AND PROCEDURES; AND
- \* OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS TO FACILITATE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEGISLATION.

SUBJECT TO THE PASSING OF THE BILL BY THE LEGISLATURE, THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS ARE PROPOSED TO BE MADE UNDER THE BILL:

- (A) REGISTRATION REGULATIONS WHICH SET OUT THE PROCEDURES, QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS AND GENERATING FACILITIES;
- (B) WIRING REGULATIONS WHICH PRESCRIBE THE MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WIRING OF FIXED INSTALLATIONS AND THE REQUIREMENT OF PERIODIC TESTING OF SOME FIXED INSTALLATIONS;
- (C) ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS (SAFETY) REGULATIONS WHICH SPECIFY THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH LOCALLY MANUFACTURED AND IMPORTED ELECTRICAL FITTINGS, APPLIANCES AND DEVICES FOR SALE AND USE IN HONG KONG;
- (D) SUPPLY VOLTAGE REGULATIONS WHICH REGULATE THE SUPPLY VOLTAGE IN HONG KONG;
- (E) ELECTRICITY SUPPLY REGULATIONS WHICH COVER THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS TO WHICH THE SUPPLY COMPANIES SHOULD MAINTAIN THEIR INSTALLATIONS. THESE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ELECTRICITY SUPPLY REGULATIONS; AND

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(F) ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (SPECIAL AREAS) REGULATIONS, WHICH CONTROL THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY IN SQUATTER AREAS, TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND THOSE AREAS DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING. THE PROVISIONS IN THE EXISTING REGULATIONS WILL BE CONTINUED WITH MINOR AMENDMENTS.

MR MIAO SAID THAT EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH ALL INTERESTED GROUPS HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THE COURSE OF DRAFTING THE BILL AND THAT THOSE CONSULTED WERE GENERALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL IN PRINCIPLE.

HE STRESSED THAT THE BILL'S PROVISIONS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN PHASES TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC AND THE ELECTRICAL TRADE.

"THE NEW LEGISLATION WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE PUBLIC AS IT REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE ENHANCEMENT OF ELECTRICAL SAFETY," MR MIAO SAID.

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#### LICENSING OF VEHICLES TO BE STREAMLINED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS THAT WILL ENABLE THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE VEHICLE LICENCES WITH A VALIDITY PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE INSTEAD OF FROM THE BEGINNING OF A MONTH.

THE AMENDMENTS ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

AT PRESENT, THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A VEHICLE LICENCE IS CALCULATED FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THE APPLICATION FOR THE VEHICLE LICENCE. TO GET FULL VALUE FOR MONEY, MOST VEHICLE OWNERS THUS APPLY FOR OR RENEW VEHICLE LICENCES AT THE BEGINNING OF A MONTH, RESULTING IN LONG QUEUES AT LICENSING OFFICES.

IN ORDER TO SHORTEN THE WAITING TIME FOR APPLICANTS DURING THESE PEAK DAYS AND HELP SPREAD THE WORKLOAD FOR THE DEPARTMENT, REGULATION 21 WILL BE AMENDED SO THAT THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A VEHICLE LICENCE WILL BE COUNTED FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE.

REGULATION 24 WILL ALSO BE AMENDED SO THAT THE REFUND OF VEHICLE LICENCE FEES WILL BE CALCULATED ON A DAILY BASIS.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT IF A VEHICLE LICENCE IS SURRENDERED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE EXPIRY, THE RATE OF REFUND WILL BE 0.24 PER CENT OF THE ANNUAL FEES FOR EACH DAY OF THE UNEXPIRED PERIOD.

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THIS RATE IS EQUIVALENT TO 90 PER CENT OF THE ANNUAL FEE, WHICH MAY BE REFUNDED FOR AN UNEXPIRED PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS FOR A VALID LICENCE. A CHARGE OF ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THE FEE IS MADE TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COST.

REGULATION 24(2) WILL BE AMENDED TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR VEHICLE OWNERS TO PRODUCE A VALID VEHICLE LICENCE FOR A REFUND IF THE VEHICLE WITH ITS LICENCE HAS BEEN STOLEN AND THE OWNER HAS DULY REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC, REGULATION 21(5) ALLOWS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO RENEW HIS VEHICLE LICENCE FOUR MONTHS IN ADVANCE. SUCH A LICENCE WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRY OF THE PRESENT LICENCE. THIS REGULATION WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER TRAILERS AND RICKSHAWS.

REGULATION 17 REQUIRES A NEW VEHICLE OWNER TO PRODUCE A VALID THIRD PARTY RISKS INSURANCE POLICY UPON TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A REGISTERED VEHICLE. HOWEVER, AS AN UNLICENSED VEHICLE IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE DRIVEN ON THE ROAD, IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT TO PRODUCE A VALID POLICY OF THIRD PARTY INSURANCE IF THE VEHICLE IS NOT LICENSED AT THE TIME OF TRANSFER. SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) REGULATIONS IS ALSO NEEDED.

THE PROVISIONS ON THE ISSUE OF EXCESS PASSENGER PERMIT UNDER REGULATION 52 WILL ALSO BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SUCH A PERMIT IS REQUIRED ONLY IF THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TO BE CARRIED IN A GOODS VEHICLE EXCEEDS FIVE.

IT IS ALSO DECIDED THAT REGISTRATION MARKS CONSISTING OF THE LETTERS "RC" BE RESERVED FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL VEHICLES. THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF RESERVING REGISTRATION MARKS CONSISTING OF THE LETTERS "AM" AND "UC" FOR GOVERNMENT AND URBAN COUNCIL VEHICLES RESPECTIVELY UNDER REGULATION 11.

THE AMENDED REGULATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

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#### BILL SEEKS TO LOWER AGE OF MAJORITY

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO LOWER THE AGE OF MAJORITY FROM 21 TO 18 WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LAW REFORM (LEGAL EFFECTS OF AGE) BILL 1989 IMPLEMENTS THE MAIN RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT OF LOWERING THE AGE OF MAJORITY TO 18, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT SAID.

IT ALSO AMENDS A NUMBER OF ORDINANCES IN CONSEQUENCE.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE BILL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THAT IN APRIL 1986, FOLLOWING FOUR YEARS WORK, THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION PUBLISHED ITS REPORT ON "YOUNG PERSONS - EFFECTS OF AGE IN CIVIL LAW".

IN THE COURSE OF ITS WORK, THERE WAS WIDESPREAD CONSULTATION.

IN ESSENCE, THE REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT THE AGE AT WHICH A PERSON ATTAINS LEGAL CAPACITY SHOULD, IN MOST CASES, BE REDUCED FROM 21 TO 18.

IN DECEMBER 1987, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE MAJORITY OF THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

AT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON TUESDAY (JUNE 6), THE COUNCIL ADVISED AND THE GOVERNOR ORDERED THAT THE BILL SHOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 21.

"THE POSSIBILITY WAS CONSIDERED OF PRESENTING AN OMNIBUS BILL INCORPORATING ALL THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION. IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT IF SUCH A COMBINED PRESENTATION WAS ATTEMPTED, STRAIGHTFORWARD AMENDMENTS IN ONE AREA MIGHT BE DELAYED BY MORE COMPLICATED AMENDMENTS IN ANOTHER LARGELY UNRELATED AREA.

"THIS BILL, THEREFORE IMPLEMENTS THE PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT OF LOWERING THE AGE OF MAJORITY FROM 21 TO 18 AND REPRESENTS THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS." THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CLAUSE 2 OF THE BILL REDUCES FROM 21 TO 18 THE AGE AT WHICH A PERSON ATTAINS HIS MAJORITY AND PROVIDES THAT A PERSON WHO IS OVER 18 BUT UNDER 21 AT THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE AUTOMATICALLY ATTAINS FULL AGE ON THAT DATE. APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS ARE MADE BY CLAUSE 6 TO DEFINITIONS IN SECTION 3 OF THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE (CAP 1).

CLAUSES 11 AND 12 REDUCE FROM 21 TO 18 THE AGE AT WHICH A PERSON CAN MAKE A VALID WILL. CLAUSE 13 MAKES A SIMILAR REDUCTION IN THE AGE AT WHICH A PERSON IS CAPABLE OF BEING APPOINTED A DIRECTOR OF A COMPANY.

AT PRESENT, A PERSON ENTERING INTO A GUARANTEE OF AN OBLIGATION INCURRED BY A MINOR MAY AVOID LIABILITY FOR THE MINOR'S FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS OBLIGATION BY VIRTUE OF HIS MINORITY. CLAUSE 3 PROVIDES THAT A GUARANTEE SHOULD NO LONGER BE UNENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE GUARANTOR FOR THAT REASON ALONE.

WHERE A MINOR OBTAINS PROPERTY UNDER A CONTRACT WHICH IS UNENFORCEABLE AGAINST HIM BECAUSE OF HIS MINORITY, THE OTHER PARTY TO THE CONTRACT IS AT A DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE HE CANNOT RECOVER HIS PROPERTY IF THE MINOR RENEGES ON HIS CONTRACT. CLAUSE 4 PROVIDES A REMEDY TO THE OTHER PARTY IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES EMPOWERING THE COURT TO REQUIRE (IF IT IS JUST AND EQUITABLE TO DO SO) THE MINOR TO MAKE RESTITUTION TO THE OTHER PARTY.

SECTION 46 OF THE DISTRICT COURT ORDINANCE (CAP 336) PROVIDES THAT NO PERSON CAN PLEAD MINORITY AS A DEFENCE TO LIABILITY FOR ANY DEBT, DAMAGES OR DEMAND FALLING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT COURT AS IT WAS BEFORE THE INCREASE EFFECTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) ORDINANCE 1988. CLAUSE 17 AMENDS SECTION 46 SO THAT IT WILL NOT APPLY IN RESPECT OF ANY AGREEMENT MADE AFTER THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE BILL. THE SECTION WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY TO AGREEMENTS MADE BEFORE THAT DATE.

WHERE THERE IS A REFERENCE TO A SPECIFIC AGE IN YEARS, THE OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN TAKEN IN A NUMBER OF ORDINANCES TO SUBSTITUTE A REFERENCE TO "FULL AGE". THIS WILL FACILITATE ANY FUTURE AMENDMENT SINCE IT WILL ONLY BE NECESSARY TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "FULL AGE" IN THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE (CAP 1).

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE BILL PROVIDE THAT A REFERENCE TO THE AGE OF 21 IN COURT ORDERS ALREADY IN FORCE RELATING TO MONEY RECOVERED BY OR ON BEHALF OF AN INFANT SHOULD BE READ AS A REFERENCE TO AGE 18 UNDER CLAUSE 19.

WHEN CONSIDERING THE VALIDITY OF A DISPOSITION UNDER ANY INSTRUMENT MADE BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT DATE AS FAR AS PERMISSIBLE PERIODS FOR ACCUMULATION OF INCOME UNDER THE PERPETUITIES AND ACCUMULATIONS ORDINANCE (CAP 257) ARE CONCERNED, THE AGE OF MAJORITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE 21 (CLAUSE 22).

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS INCORPORATED INTO ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT DATE ARE TO BE CONSTRUED AS IF THE AGE OF MAJORITY REMAINED AT 21 (CLAUSE 2).

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#### HONG KONG SUPPORTS PROPOSED BAN ON NEW IVORY

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE BAN ON THE TRADE IN NEW IVORY PROPOSED RECENTLY BY A NUMBER OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

THE BAN WAS PROPOSED IN AN ATTEMPT TO HALT A CONTINUING DECLINE IN AFRICAN ELEPHANT NUMBERS.

MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR K.C. IU, SAID THE CITES CURRENTLY LISTED THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT AS AN APPENDIX II SPECIES AND THIS MEANT THAT ITS COMMERCIAL TRADE, INCLUDING IVORY TUSKS, WAS PERMISSIBLE SUBJECT TO STRICT LICENSING CONTROL TO PREVENT OVER-EXPLOITATION.

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"THE PROPOSED BAN ON NEW IVORY WOULD THEN BE EFFECTED BY UPGRADING THE SPECIES FROM CITES APPENDIX II TO APPENDIX I TO PROHIBIT THE TRADE IN NEW IVORY," HE SAID.

MR IU POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALWAYS COMPLIED FULLY WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER CITES WITH REGARD TO ENDANGERED SPECIES. THIS INCLUDED STRICT CONTROL ON IVORY.

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD BEEN FULLY COMMITTED TO THE CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES AND IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED DECLINE IN THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT POPULATION, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN A DECISION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BAN FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL IVORY TRADERS ASSOCIATION AND WORKERS UNION.

THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, SHARED THE GRAVE CONCERN OF THE IVORY TRADERS ABOUT THE LARGE STOCKS OF LEGALLY-ACQUIRED IVORY THEY CURRENTLY HELD.

"THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS THAT THE OLD STOCKS ACQUIRED BEFORE THE PROPOSED BAN TAKES EFFECT, SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE TRADED AND EXPORTED.

"FURTHERMORE, THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE BEING EMPLOYED IN THE TRADE, MOST OF WHOM WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE AND RESTRICTED SKILL," MR IU ADDED.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, AS A PARTY TO CITES, HAS BEEN ADOPTING A STRICT CONTROL SYSTEM OVER IVORY SINCE 1978.

THE CONTROL WAS STRENGTHENED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR BY PROHIBITING THE IMPORT OF WORKED IVORY UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY CITES-APPROVED DOCUMENTS AND A VALID LICENCE ISSUED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY TAKEN ITS STRICT CONTROL ONE STEP FURTHER BY INTRODUCING THOROUGH REGISTRATION AND MARKING OF RAW IVORY AND LARGE CUT PIECES ACQUIRED BEFORE 1986," MR IU SAID.

ALL IVORY STOCKS ACQUIRED AFTER JANUARY 1986 HAD ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED AND MARKED.

"IN ADDITION, A SPECIAL TASK FORCE WAS FORMED EARLY THIS MONTH BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT IN CLOSE CO-ORDINATION WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TO INVESTIGATE AND SUPPRESS ANY ILLEGAL IVORY IMPORT OR EXPORT THROUGH HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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BILLS AGAINST MARINE POLLUTION GAZETTED  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) GAZETTED TWO NEW MERCHANT SHIPPING BILLS DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT OF MARINE POLLUTION.

THE TWO BILLS ARE THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) BILL 1989 AND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION) BILL 1989.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID: "THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW BILLS IS TO REPLACE EXISTING UNITED KINGDOM ENACTMENTS, WHICH ALREADY APPLY HERE, WITH EQUIVALENT HONG KONG LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO ENABLE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS ON MARINE POLLUTION TO CONTINUE TO APPLY TO HONG KONG REGISTERED SHIPS UP TO AND BEYOND 1997."

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) BILL 1989 EMPOWERS THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE SUCH MEASURES ON THE HIGH SEAS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PREVENT, MITIGATE OR ELIMINATE DANGER TO ITS COASTLINE FROM MARINE POLLUTION BY OIL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES, OR THE THREAT OF SUCH POLLUTION, FROM A MARITIME CASUALTY.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION) BILL 1989 IMPOSES CIVIL LIABILITY ON SHIPOWNERS FOR POLLUTION DAMAGE IN HONG KONG CAUSED BY THE ESCAPE OF OIL, WHETHER THE CASUALTY TAKE PLACE WITHIN OR OUTSIDE HONG KONG WATERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL ALSO EXTENDED SUCH LIABILITY TO POLLUTION DAMAGE FROM THE SAME INCIDENT TO ANY ADJACENT CONVENTION COUNTRY.

IT ALSO REQUIRED CERTAIN SHIPS TO CARRY VALID CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE COVERING THE LIABILITY, HE ADDED.

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DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO WONG NAI CHUNG OZP  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT WONG NAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENTS WERE NECESSARY TO PUT DEVELOPMENT IN THE WONG NAI CHUNG AREA UNDER FIRMER STATUTORY CONTROL.

WONG NAI CHUNG IS A RATHER UNIQUE RESIDENTIAL AREA AND SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS HAVE LONG BEEN INTRODUCED ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE BASIS TO PRESERVE ITS CHARACTER.

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THESE SPECIAL CONTROL AREAS ARE MAINLY CONCERNED WITH BUILDING HEIGHT, PLOT RATIO AND SITE COVERAGE RESTRICTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPOSED THROUGH THE LEASES FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, SUCH AS THE LIMITED CAPACITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE VIEWS AND MAINTAIN THE EXISTING CHARACTER AND AMENITY OF THE AREAS.

FOLLOWING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW, THE BOARD HAS DECIDED TO INCORPORATE THESE DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS INTO THE STATUTORY PLAN FOR MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL.

THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THESE RESTRICTIONS UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE ALSO ALLOW THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW OF AND COMMENT ON THESE RESTRICTIONS IF THEY FEEL NECESSARY.

TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE, VARIOUS SUB-AREAS OF THE 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)' AND THE 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)' ZONES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED WITH DETAILED DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR EACH SUB-AREA SPECIFIED IN THE REVISED NOTES OF THE PLAN.

PROVISION IS ALSO MADE IN THE REVISED PLAN FOR MINOR RELAXATION OF THE STATED DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS THROUGH THE SECTION 16 PLANNING APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROVISION IS TO ALLOW THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WHICH DO NOT STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE STATED DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS SO AS TO ENCOURAGE IMAGINATIVE DESIGNS ADAPTED TO THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PARTICULAR SITES. EACH PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED STRICTLY ON ITS MERITS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO CLARIFIED THAT BUILDING PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY BEFORE TODAY WERE NOT AFFECTED BY THE NEW DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS AND BUILDING WORKS MAY PROCEED ACCORDING TO THE APPROVED BUILDING PLANS.

OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE PLANNING SCHEME AREA TO INCORPORATE THE AREA BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD WHICH IS PART AND PARCEL OF THE WONG NAI CHUNG AREA BUT HAS HITHERTO NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SUBJECT STATUTORY PLAN.

THIS IS ONLY TO COMPLETE THE STATUTORY PLANNING COVERAGE FOR THE AREA, THE EXISTING PATTERN OF USES OF WHICH WILL BE MAINTAINED.

FOLLOWING A LAND USE REVIEW, AN AREA ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF KING KWONG STREET HAS BEEN REZONED FROM 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)' TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL USES ON THE LOWER FLOORS OF BUILDINGS ALONG THE STREET.

THE ZONING OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB STABLE SITE AT SHAN KWONG ROAD HAS ALSO BEEN AMENDED TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRIVATE SPORTS RECREATION COMPLEX AS WELL AS A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE WHICH IS MUCH NEEDED IN THE AREA.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (WAN CHAI), 201 HENNESSY ROAD, TUNG WAH MANSION, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY NOT LATER THAN JUNE 29, 1989.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP SALES SECTION, SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT A COST OF \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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#### WIDER PUBLICITY ON OUTDOOR SPORTS SAFETY

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THE DISSEMINATION OF WRITTEN INFORMATION CONCERNING OUTDOOR SPORTS SAFETY CAN BE MORE FLEXIBLY AND EFFECTIVELY CARRIED OUT BY MEANS OF INDIVIDUAL SAFETY LEAFLETS FOR EACH ACTIVITY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, MR ROBERT WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE COMMITTEE'S WORK AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES, MR WILSON SAID IT HAD IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF HIGHER RISK ACTIVITIES.

"WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE RELEVANT GOVERNING BODIES, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE PUBLISHING SAFETY LEAFLETS FOR EACH ACTIVITY," HE SAID.

THE LEAFLETS, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO BE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED.

THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE SAFETY INFORMATION WOULD BE EASILY AVAILABLE AND THAT IT WAS DRAWN TO THE ATTENTION OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO NEEDED IT, HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, FUNCTIONING UNDER THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, WAS FORMED TO CONSIDER SAFETY MATTERS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AND TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

MR WILSON SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD PUBLISHED A REPORT ON LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES LAST YEAR AND THIS WAS SENT TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, AFTER ENDORSEMENT BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT EARLY THIS YEAR.

ON PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS TO PROMOTE SAFETY MESSAGES, HE SAID A NUMBER OF TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS HAD BEEN SCREENED REGARDING THE DANGERS OF EXHAUSTION BROUGHT ON BY HEAT OR COLD, ON THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING TO SWIM, AS WELL AS ON BOATING SAFETY.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE 1989 WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR JOHN FORTUNE, SAID THAT LAST YEAR THERE WERE 944 SWIMMING RELATED ACCIDENTS, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF PROPER PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN AND COMMON SENSE USED.

HE URGED PARENTS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN AT BEACHES OR SWIMMING POOLS, EVEN WHEN LIFEGUARDS WERE PRESENT.

ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS SCHOOLS, DISCIPLINED SERVICES, STAFF SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, THE REGIONAL AND URBAN COUNCILS AND ALL ORGANISATIONS THAT CONDUCTED SWIMMING TRAINING AND COMPETITIONS MUST ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PARTICIPANTS, HE SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT IT WAS SAFE TO SWIM ONLY WHERE THERE WERE PROPER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN.

"EACH YEAR WE MOUNT A WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN OUR ENDEAVOURS TO PERSUADE PEOPLE TO USE THEIR COMMON SENSE, LEARN TO SWIM PROPERLY WITH A GOOD INSTRUCTOR, BUT MOST OF ALL TO PLAY SAFE," MR FORTUNE ADDED.

TO REINFORCE THE MESSAGE, A WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JUNE 11) AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE.

ALL TYPES OF WATER ACTIVITY SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE DISPLAYED AND VESSELS FROM THE ROYAL NAVY, POLICE, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES AND GENERAL SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS WILL TAKE PART.

TURNING TO LAND SPORTS SAFETY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE 1989 LAND SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR PADDY BIRNEY, SAID IGNORANCE AND LACK OF CARE WERE OFTEN THE PRIME CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS IN SPORT.

MR BIRNEY SAID THAT PLANNING FOR THE NEW CAMPAIGN WAS UNDERWAY.

THE CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR WOULD ADOPT A NEW APPROACH TO FOCUS ON CERTAIN SPORTS, NAMELY HILL WALKING AND MOUNTAINEERING, AND CROSS-COUNTRY EXPEDITIONS.

THE LAND SPORTS COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIDER ORGANISING A "WALK FOR SAFETY" IN ORDER TO GET THE SAFETY MESSAGE ACROSS TO A WIDER AUDIENCE, HE ADDED.

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INSPECTORS APPOINTED INTO AFFAIRS OF MANDARIN RESOURCES CORPN  
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON HIM BY SECTION 143(1)(C) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 32), HAS APPOINTED MR DAVID JORDAN, A PARTNER IN KWAN WONG TAN AND FONG, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND MR ROBERT KOTEWALL, QC, AS INSPECTORS TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF MANDARIN RESOURCES CORPORATION LIMITED.

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TEACHERS' CENTRE OPENS TOMORROW  
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THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE SET UP TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN, TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CENTRE WILL BECOME A FOCAL POINT FOR TEACHERS TO MEET AND EXCHANGE IDEAS AND SHARE EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI WILL ALSO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW.

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CYCLING RULES FOR CHILDREN TO BE RELAXED

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A BILL SEEKING TO ALLOW YOUNG CHILDREN TO CYCLE UNACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT IN CERTAIN AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE EXISTING ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, FOR SAFETY REASONS, NO PERSON CAN ALLOW A CHILD UNDER 11 YEARS OF AGE TO CYCLE ON A ROAD UNACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OR HIRE A BICYCLE OR TRICYCLE TO THE CHILD.

HOWEVER, WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF OFF-ROAD CYCLING FACILITIES WHERE CHILDREN CAN CYCLE SAFELY, THESE RESTRICTIONS DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUCH CYCLING FACILITIES AND APPEAR INCONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY OF ENCOURAGING YOUNG CHILDREN TO USE THESE FACILITIES.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1989 THEREFORE PROPOSES THAT UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 11 BE ALLOWED TO RIDE A BICYCLE OR TRICYCLE IN OFF-ROAD AREAS WHICH THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT CONSIDERS SUITABLE.

THESE AREAS WILL BE SIGNPOSTED WITH THE TRAFFIC SIGN "CYCLES ONLY" OR "FOOTWAY AND CYCLEWAY" TOGETHER WITH A NEW SIGN, "UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN PERMITTED".

PEOPLE WILL ALSO BE ALLOWED TO HIRE BICYCLES OR TRICYCLES TO THESE CHILDREN IN THESE AREAS AND THE IMMEDIATE ADJOINING LAND WHERE THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS BANNED.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SOON.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS WILL ALSO BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE "UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN PERMITTED" SIGN AND TO RELAX THE STRICT SINGLE FILE RULE FOR CYCLISTS IN THE OFF-ROAD SEGREGATED CYCLING AREAS ON WHICH THE TRAFFIC SIGN "CYCLES ONLY" OR "FOOTWAY AND CYCLEWAY" HAS BEEN ERECTED.

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MAGISTRATES VISIT FACTORY

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FIVE MAGISTRATES VISITED A CAMERA PRODUCTION FACTORY IN NORTH POINT TODAY (FRIDAY) TO GATHER FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE VISIT WAS PART OF A PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO ENABLE MAGISTRATES TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

TAKING PART IN TODAY'S VISIT WERE MR W. BANKS AND MR I. CANDY FROM THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY; MR R. WALTERS FROM THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY; MR D.I. THOMAS FROM THE KWUN TONG MAGISTRACY; AND MR S.K. WONG FROM THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY.

ACCOMPANIED BY A SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER AND A DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR, THE MAGISTRATES TOURED THE FACTORY WHICH MANUFACTURES MAINLY CAMERAS, BINOCULARS AND ALLIED OPTICAL PRODUCTS.

THEY NOTED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES AND LENS PROCESSING MACHINES WERE USED IN THE PRODUCTION WORK.

THE MAGISTRATES WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MEASURES TAKEN BY THE FACTORY WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE LOW ACCIDENT RATE IN THE FACTORY IN THE PAST YEARS.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT TYPHOON SHELTER

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YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TODAY (FRIDAY) TOURED THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER, WHICH WILL BE DECLARED A CLOSED AREA FOR DWELLING-BOATS ON JULY 7.

THE VISIT WAS AIMED AT ENABLING THE MEMBERS TO HAVE FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON THE LICENSED AND UNLICENSED DWELLING-BOATS BEFORE HEARING A REPORT ON THE LATEST PROGRESS OF A PLAN TO CLEAR THE SHELTER. THIS REPORT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE BOARD'S BI-MONTHLY MEETING NEXT FRIDAY (JUNE 16).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR YIP WAH, SAID AFTER THE VISIT THAT THE BOARD SUPPORTED THE CLEARANCE, ADDING THIS WOULD BENEFIT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF LIGHTERS USING THE SHELTER.

AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP IS LOOKING AFTER THE REHOUSING AND OTHER NEEDS OF FAMILIES LIVING IN THE SHELTER.

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FAMILIES FROM LICENSED DWELLING-BOATS ARE BEING OFFERED REHOUSING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR URBAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY.

FAMILIES FROM UNLICENSED DWELLING-BOATS WILL BE REHOUSED IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IF THEY SURRENDER THEIR BOATS TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE HAS RECENTLY MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOME OF THESE FAMILIES TO VISIT TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN FANLING, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG AND SAI KUNG.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO LOOK AFTER HOUSE-BOAT DWELLERS' OTHER NEEDS.

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APPOINTMENTS TO CIVIL SERVICE STANDING COMMISSION

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TWO NEW MEMBERS ARE MR BRIAN BARRETT AND MR NICHOLAS CHIU.

MR BARRETT IS CURRENTLY HEAD OF THE BUSINESS FACULTY, EAST ASIA OPEN INSTITUTE. HE HAS HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING INDUSTRIAL RELATION DISPUTES AND NEGOTIATIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND WAS NOMINATED BY THE STAFF SIDE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL TO SIT ON THE RECENT COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON CIVIL SERVICE PAY.

MR CHIU IS THE COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS MANAGER OF EXXON ENERGY LTD. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICES SUCH AS THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE IN RECENT YEARS. HE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE FIELD OF STAFF REMUNERATION.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO RE-APPOINTED MR DAVID MORRIS, WHO HAS SERVED ON THE STANDING COMMISSION FOR TWO YEARS.

THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT FOR ALL THREE MEMBERS WILL BE FOR TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE STANDING COMMISSION ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES GOVERNING THE PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE NON-DIRECTORATE CIVIL SERVICE OTHER THAN THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

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BILL ON PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES FOR RED CROSS DELEGATION  
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A BILL SEEKING TO GRANT CERTAIN PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO THE REGIONAL DELEGATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IN HONG KONG WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS) BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 5.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IS A HUMANITARIAN ORGANISATION BASED IN SWITZERLAND, WHOSE FUNCTIONS INCLUDE THE CARE OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND THE PROVISION OF RELIEF TO DISASTER VICTIMS.

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SEMINAR ON FOOD HYGIENE AND NUTRITION  
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A SEMINAR ON FOOD HYGIENE AND NUTRITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MARK THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY '89.

A HEALTH INSPECTOR FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND A DIETICIAN FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL WILL SPEAK AT THE SEMINAR.

OFFICIATING AT THE FUNCTION WILL BE MEMBER OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WORKING GROUP AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG; MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM ON THE TENTH FLOOR OF FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, MONG KOK.

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SPECIAL STAMPS ON PAINTING, SCULPTURE

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A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS - MODERN PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES OF HONG KONG - WILL BE ISSUED ON JULY 19. THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS SET OF FOUR STAMPS DEPICTS VARIOUS PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES BY FOUR LEADING HONG KONG ARTISTS. EACH OF THEM HAS HIS OWN DISTINCTIVE STYLE OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION.

THE FOUR ITEMS CHOSEN FOR DEPICTION ON STAMPS ARE REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLES OF THE ARTISTS' WORK IN THE AREAS OF MEDIUM, SUBJECT MATTER AND ARTISTIC STYLE.

CHEUNG YEE (BORN 1936). TWIN. 1965. WOOD. (60 CENT STAMP).

THIS SCULPTURE WAS INSPIRED BY THE CHINESE CHARACTER FOR TWIN AND REVEALS A PRIMITIVE FEELING THROUGH THE TREATMENT OF WOOD AND THE SUBJECT MATTER.

LUIS CHAN (BORN 1905). FIGURES. 1965-85. ACRYLIC ON PAPER (\$1.40 STAMP).

IN THIS PAINTING, INK LINES ARE APPLIED TO OUTLINE THE FIGURES, WHICH ARE JUXTAPOSED. EVERY FACE OF THE FIGURES TELLS A STORY. A CLOSER LOOK INTO THESE CARTOON-LIKE IMAGES MAY LEAD ONE TO DISCOVER A COMPLEX PSYCHOLOGICAL WORLD.

VAN LAU (BORN 1933). LOTUS. 1986. COPPER. (\$1.80 STAMP).

THE LOTUS DEPICTED ON THE STAMP IS ONE OF THE ARTIST'S ENDEAVOURS IN REPRESENTING CHINESE SUBJECT MATTERS IN THREE-DIMENSIONAL FORM.

LUI SHOU-KWAN (1919-1975). ZEN PAINTING. 1970. INK AND COLOUR ON PAPER. (\$5.00 STAMP).

THIS PAINTING REFLECTS THE PHILOSOPHY OF ZEN THROUGH THE IMAGE OF LOTUS. THE BLACK HORIZONTAL BOLD STROKES OF INK MAY BE REGARDED AS MUD IN THE POND.

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR KAN TAI-KEUNG AND PRINTED BY ECSCHEDÉ OF HOLLAND.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON JULY 5. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE DATE OF ISSUE.

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TEMPORARY FERRY CONCOURSE FOR HUNG HOM

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY FERRY CONCOURSE AND ASSOCIATED ROADWORKS AT HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION PHASE II.

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY FERRY CONCOURSE, COVERED WALKWAYS, A PUBLIC TOILET, ABOUT 320 METRES OF DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING WORKS.

ON COMPLETION, THE CONCOURSE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING FERRY CONCOURSE AT HUNG HOM AND ENABLE THE REMAINING PHASE II RECLAMATION WORKS AT HUNG HOM BAY TO PROCEED.

THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, EIGHTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 30.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM WAS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT BIWEEKLY INTERVALS DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

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THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-OPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSE, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS. THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

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THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES  
IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW :

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 25.5.89)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 9.6.89)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	B	B
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	B	B
MIDDLE BAY	A	B
REPULSE BAY	B	B
SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST. STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	B
STANLEY MAIN	B	B
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A
ISLANDS DISTRICT -----		
CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A

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LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	A	A
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	B	B
TUNG O*	A	A

SAI KUNG DISTRICT  
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CAMPERS	A	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	B	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	B	B
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	B	B

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT  
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ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	B	B
CASAM	B	B
GEMINI	B	A
HOI MEI WAN	B	B
LIDO	B	B
TING KAU	X	X
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT  
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OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	B	B
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.  
\* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:  
GEMINI, FROM "B" TO "A"; MIDDLE BAY, TURTLE COVE, AND  
CAMBERS, FROM "A" TO "B".

THE CHANGES FROM "B" TO "A" AND VICE VERSA ARE WITHIN THE  
NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF  
THESE BEACHES.

## NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR PAUL HOLMES,  
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD,  
ON 5-8351234.

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SUMMARY RESULTS OF 1987 SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS,  
FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

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ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE 1987 SURVEY OF STORAGE,  
COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES RELEASED  
TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 194 STORAGE  
ESTABLISHMENTS WERE IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1987  
(SAME AS 1986), WHICH ENGAGED A TOTAL OF 3,772 PERSONS (- 7 PER CENT).

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$1,388 MILLION OF BUSINESS  
RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME (+26 PER CENT), AND SPENT \$232 MILLION ON  
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (+11 PER CENT) AND \$871 MILLION ON OPERATING  
EXPENSES (+23 PER CENT).

/THE VALUE .....

THE VALUE ADDED OF THIS SECTOR INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT TO \$672 MILLION IN 1987. VALUE ADDED IS A MEASURE OF CONTRIBUTION OF AN ECONOMIC SECTOR TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

ALL VALUE FIGURES IN THIS PRESS RELEASE ARE EXPRESSED IN CURRENT PRICE TERMS. PERCENTAGE CHANGES DERIVED FROM THESE FIGURES HAVE NOT BEEN ADJUSTED FOR PRICE INCREASES.

IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR WHICH INCLUDES TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, COURIER, RADIO-PAGING AND OTHER TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES, THERE WERE 201 ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION IN 1987, AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT OVER 1986. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED FELL BY 2 PER CENT TO 22,171.

COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AMOUNTED TO \$1,970 MILLION (+18 PER CENT) AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO \$3,133 MILLION (+34 PER CENT). BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT TO \$9,956 MILLION, WHILE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THIS SECTOR TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT TO \$5,834 MILLION.

IN THE FINANCING SECTOR, 2,433 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE IN OPERATION DURING 1987, AN INCREASE OF 14 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1986.

THIS SECTOR COMPRISES LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANIES, CREDIT INSTITUTIONS, FINANCE LEASING COMPANIES, PAWNSHOPS, INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES, SECURITIES, FUTURES AND GOLD BULLION BROKERS AND DEALERS, MONEY CHANGERS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE BROKERS AND DEALERS. COMPARED WITH 1986, THE SECTOR'S TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED WENT UP BY 24 PER CENT TO 26,464.

COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AMOUNTED TO \$3,687 MILLION (+49 PER CENT) AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO \$11,376 MILLION (+45 PER CENT). BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME GREW BY 53 PER CENT TO \$41,077 MILLION, WHILE THIS SECTOR'S VALUE ADDED INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT TO \$5,831 MILLION.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE FINANCING SECTOR MENTIONED ABOVE EXCLUDES BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WHICH ARE SEPARATELY COVERED UNDER THE 1987 SURVEY OF BANKS, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF FOREIGN BANKS, THE RESULTS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 1989 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

IN SUMMARY, THE NUMBER OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES IN OPERATION IN 1987 DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT TO 446 WHEN COMPARED WITH 1986. WAGES AND SALARIES PAID AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS OFFERED IN 1987 AMOUNTED TO \$6,984 MILLION (+14 PER CENT) AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO \$4,822 MILLION (+13 PER CENT).

NET INTEREST RECEIPTS (I.E. INTEREST RECEIVED MINUS INTEREST PAID) ROSE BY 34 PER CENT TO \$16,583 MILLION, WHILE RECEIPTS FROM SERVICES RENDERED INCREASED BY 33 PER CENT TO \$5,172 MILLION.

IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THERE WERE 6,697 ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION IN 1987. AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT OVER 1986. THIS SECTOR INCLUDES LEGAL, ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND DATA PROCESSING FIRMS; COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTANCY, ADVERTISING, DESIGNING, SECRETARIAL AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES; TECHNICAL SERVICES AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL COMPANIES.

THEY ENGAGED A TOTAL OF 65,530 PERSONS, AN INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT OVER 1986. THEY SPENT \$5,255 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (+32 PER CENT) AND \$9,263 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES (+29 PER CENT), AND GENERATED \$19,026 MILLION OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME (+30 PER CENT).

THE SECTOR CONTRIBUTED \$9,470 MILLION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (+33 PER CENT), MEASURED IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED.

IN THE INSURANCE SECTOR, WHICH INCLUDES GENERAL AND LIFE INSURERS, INSURANCE AGENTS AND COMPANIES PROVIDING OTHER INSURANCE-RELATED SERVICES, THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS INCREASED BY 35 PER CENT TO 1,426, WHILE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT TO 15,580.

THIS SECTOR GENERATED \$12,078 MILLION OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME (+5 PER CENT). COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AMOUNTED TO \$1,499 MILLION AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO \$1,114 MILLION, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 38 PER CENT AND 23 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER 1986.

THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE COMPARES SOME SELECTED PRINCIPAL STATISTICS BY SECTOR BETWEEN 1986 AND 1987.

THE 1987 SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS AND OF UPDATING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY, TOGETHER WITH TABLES SHOWING THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY SERVICES GROUP/SECTOR AND ANALYSED BY VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, ARE INCLUDED IN THE "1987 SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES" REPORT.

THIS REPORT WILL BE PUT ON SALE IN EARLY JULY 1988 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRANSPORT AND SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234926).

Comparison of selected principal statistics for all establishments in the Storage, Communications,  
Financing, Insurance and Business Services Sectors between 1986 and 1987

Sector		Number of establishments	Number of Persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensation of employees	Operating expenses	Business receipts and other income	Value added
					\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.
Storage	1987	194	3 772	3 755	231.7	871.1	1 387.9	672.0
	1986	194	4 072	4 064	208.8	707.5	1 097.7	572.5
	% change	0	-7	-8	+11	+23	+26	+26
Communications	1987	201	22 171	22 043	1 969.9	3 132.9	9 955.5	5 833.8
	1986	181	22 663	22 533	1 671.5	2 342.5	8 023.7	4 895.4
	% change	+11	-2	-2	+18	+34	+24	+19
Financing	1987	2 433	26 464	25 412	3 686.9	11 376.2	41 076.6	5 830.8
	1986	2 141	21 262	20 244	2 472.2	7 866.3	26 766.1	5 119.7
	% change	+14	+24	+26	+49	+45	+53	+14
Business services	1987	6 697	65 530	59 867	5 255.2	9 262.5	19 025.7	9 470.1
	1986	6 043	58 272	53 016	3 990.1	7 203.3	14 584.7	7 128.6
	% change	+11	+12	+13	+32	+29	+30	+33
Insurance	1987	1 426	15 580	14 732	1 498.9	1 113.5	12 077.5	-
	1986	1 053	13 235	12 616	1 086.9	903.9	11 460.8	-
	% change	+35	+18	+17	+38	+23	+5	-

Notes : (1) In the financing sector, value added was not compiled for investment and holding companies due to the special features of their business operation. Hence, total value added for the sector did not include that of investment and holding companies.

(2) Financing sector excluded banks and deposit-taking companies.

(3) Value added was not compiled for the insurance sector.

(4) Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

(5) Value added is a measure of the contribution of an economic sector to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product. The definition can be found in the "1987 Survey of Storage, Communications, Financing, Insurance and Business Services" report.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TSUEN WAN ROAD PROJECT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS PART OF THE TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE WIDENING, REALIGNMENT AND EXTENSION OF SECTIONS OF KWAN MUN HAU STREET AND LUEN YAN STREET BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND YEUNG UK ROAD.

THE CONTRACTOR IS ALSO REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT A BOX CULVER UNDERNEATH LUEN YAN STREET AND MA TAU PA ROAD AND TWO FOOTBRIDGE COMPLEXES, ONE EACH AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND YEUNG UK ROAD.

ASSOCIATED WITH THESE WORKS WILL BE EXTENSIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE KWAN MUN HAU STREET/CASTLE PEAK ROAD JUNCTION AND TO THE NEARBY HAM TIN STREET, TSUEN FU STREET AND TSUEN WAH STREET.

WORKS IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE OF SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 7.

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PAYMENT OF CROWN RENTS

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DEMAND NOTES HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR CROWN RENTS (A) FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING ON THE JUNE 24, 1989 IN RESPECT OF CROWN RENTS EXCEEDING \$100.00 PER ANNUM AND (B) FOR THE FIVE YEARS ENDING ON THE JUNR 24, 1989 IN RESPECT OF CROWN RENTS NOT EXCEEDING \$100.00 PER ANNUM AND TO BE PAID ONLY ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS.

CROWN LESSEES WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE ABOVE DEMAND NOTES SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE CROWN RENT SECTION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 9TH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ABOVE CROWN RENTS MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 24, 1989.

TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUEING, CROWN LESSEES ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

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YORK ROAD/HEREFORD ROAD FLYOVER PROJECT SHELVED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SHELVE THE YORK ROAD/HEREFORD ROAD FLYOVER PROJECT, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO FORM PART OF AN OVERALL SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE THROUGHPUT CAPACITY OF THE SECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG.

A NOTICE ON THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSED PROJECT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE ON NOVEMBER 28 AND DECEMBER 5, 1986.

HOWEVER, FOLLOWING RECENT REVIEWS OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT THE LOCATION AND THE ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENTS TO BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA, SUCH AS THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR AND TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO SHELVE THE PROJECT FOR THE TIME BEING, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEED FOR THE PROJECT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEWS AFTER THE OTHER PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED, HE ADDED.

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NEW ROADS TO BE BUILT IN FANLING

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT ROAD TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAK FUK TSUEN AREA IN FANLING.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF A DISTRICT DISTRIBUTOR ROAD D6, INTERNAL ROADS L39/1A AND L39/1B, A ROUNDABOUT, A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, A PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST SUBWAY, FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS, STREET FURNITURE AND ASSOCIATED STORMWATER AND FOUL DRAINAGE WORKS.

PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESSSES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE EXISTING ACCESSSES THAT HAVE TO BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TEMPORARY ACCESSSES WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD., CONSULTING ENGINEERS, ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

/A NOTICE .....

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.
- \* NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

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#### ROAD WIDENING FOR HUNG SHUI KIU DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN A SECTION OF TAN KWAI TSUEN ROAD AND TO BUILD LOCAL ACCESS ROADS AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREA IN HUNG SHUI KIU.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THAT THESE PROJECTS WOULD IMPROVE TRAFFIC MOVEMENT ON TAN KWAI TSUEN ROAD AND AT ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THEY WOULD ALSO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT AREA, WHICH INCLUDES TWO INTERLOCKED TYPE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, SOME OPEN SPACES AND SOME BUILDING LOTS SOUTHEAST OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE :

- \* WIDENING OF A SECTION OF TAN KWAI TSUEN ROAD, EXTENDING SOUTHWARDS FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT HUNG SHUI KIU AND CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD;
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL ACCESS ROADS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS AND AN OPEN CAR/LORRY PARK, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED AMENITY AREAS AND DRAINAGE WORKS SOUTHEAST OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT HUNG SHUI KIU; AND
- \* PERMANENT CLOSURE OF SOME FOOTPATHS AND TEMPORARY PARTIAL CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF TAN KWAI TSUEN ROAD.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THESE WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES :-

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH-11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.
- \* YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, SO AS TO REACH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 8 THIS YEAR.

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POSTFAX SERVICE TO BANGLADESH EXTENDED

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT THE POSTFAX SERVICE, A JOINT POST OFFICE AND CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LTD. PUBLIC FACSIMILE SERVICE, WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE MUNICIPAL AREAS OF NINE MAJOR CITIES OF BANGLADESH ON MONDAY (JUNE 12).

POSTFAX ITEMS FOR DHAKA HANDED IN AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BEFORE 2 PM WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE SAME DAY. ITEMS ADDRESSED TO EIGHT OTHER CITIES WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE CHARGES FOR THE SERVICE TO BANGLADESH WILL BE :

'SHORT MESSAGE' FACILITY	\$70
FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SIZE DOCUMENT	\$85
FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIZE DOCUMENT SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME	\$25

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS SERVICE CAN HAND IN THEIR DOCUMENTS AT ANY ONE OF THE 32 ACCEPTANCE POST OFFICES OR THE TWO CABLE AND WIRELESS SALES OFFICES AT EXCHANGE SQUARE AND HERMES HOUSE.

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POSTFAX NOW OFFERS HIGH-SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND 77 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. ALL THE IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS OF HONG KONG SUCH AS THE U.S.A, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CHINA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA ARE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE NETWORK.

POSTFAX IS KNOWN AS THE FASTEST MAIL ON EARTH BECAUSE IT ONLY TAKES A FEW HOURS FOR A MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED ABROAD. IT IS ALREADY ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST PUBLIC ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICES.

FACSIMILE MACHINE OWNERS IN HONG KONG CAN FAX THEIR MESSAGES TO THE POST OFFICE UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO ADDRESSEES ABROAD WHO DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN FACSIMILE EQUIPMENT.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTFAX MANAGER ON TEL. 5-8471148.

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TUEN MUN ROAD LANE CLOSURE  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MARKING WORKS, THE SLOW AND MIDDLE LANES OF THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD SECTION BETWEEN YAU KAM TAU BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 11).

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