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FOUR-DAY TEST AT TUNNEL COMPLETED

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THE FINDINGS OF THE SIGNAL-CONTROLLED MERGING TEST AT THE HONG KONG ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ARE BEING EVALUATED ON THEIR IMPACT ON TUNNEL THROUGHPUT, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TEST HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE MORNINGS SINCE TUESDAY (MAY 10) AND WAS COMPLETED TODAY.

IN THE FIRST MORNING, THE TEST WAS CONDUCTED FROM 10.30 AM TO 12.30 PM. TRAFFIC COUNTS MADE AT THE APPROACHES TO THE TUNNEL INDICATED A MODERATE IMPROVEMENT IN THROUGHPUT BY ABOUT NINE PER CENT AFTER THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS HAD BEEN SWITCHED ON.

THE TEST WAS ALSO CARRIED OUT FOR TWO HOURS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, WITH VARIATIONS IN IMPLEMENTATION TIME TO EXAMINE THEIR IMPACT. TUNNEL THROUGHPUT WAS MAINTAINED AT NORMAL WEEKDAY LEVEL, ALTHOUGH VEHICLES AT THE TUNNEL PORTAL HAD MERGED IN A MORE ORDERLY MANNER.

TODAY'S TEST, IMPLEMENTED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE HOURS STARTING FROM 7.30 AM, FOCUSED MAINLY ON THE IMPACT OF THE LENGTH OF GREEN LIGHT TIME ON TRAFFIC QUEUES.

BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 9 AM, ONLY THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS ON THE APPROACH ROAD FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD WERE OPERATED IN ORDER TO GIVE PRIORITY TO VEHICLES COMING FROM CANAL ROAD FLYOVER. NO QUEUE WAS FOUND ON THE FLYOVER, BUT SUBSTANTIAL CONGESTION APPEARED ON OTHER APPROACH ROADS.

FROM 9 AM ONWARDS, PRIORITY WAS GIVEN TO VEHICLES COMING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD, AND THIS HAD AGAIN RESULTED IN LONG TRAFFIC QUEUES ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

IN ADDITION, LONG TRAFFIC QUEUES MIGHT ALSO BE DUE TO THE HEAVY RAINFALL THIS MORNING.

RESULTS OF THE TEST AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT ON THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TRAFFIC STUDY WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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ANOTHER TEST TO RELIEVE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL CONGESTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL TEST FROM 11 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 16) ANOTHER SCHEME TO IMPROVE VEHICLE MERGING MOVEMENTS ON THE APPROACH ROADS TO THE KOWLOON ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

THE SCHEME WILL RUN CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE TO FOUR DAYS, DEPENDING ON ITS PROGRESS AND RESULTS.

THIS WILL BE THE SECOND TEST TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TRAFFIC STUDY. A SIGNAL-CONTROLLED MERGING TEST HAS BEEN TRIED OUT AT THE HONG KONG ENTRANCE OF THE TUNNEL BETWEEN TUESDAY AND FRIDAY THIS WEEK.

THE EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME WILL BE CARRIED OUT NEAR THE JUNCTION OF THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM GASCOIGNE ROAD EASTBOUND AND THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

AT PRESENT, BOTH APPROACH ROADS ARE TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS. MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON THE FOUR LANES OF THESE TWO ROADS ARE REQUIRED FIRST TO MERGE INTO THREE LANES AND THEN LATER INTO TWO LANES WHEN THEY MEET TRAFFIC COMING FROM CHATHAM ROAD NORTH.

THE MERGING MOVEMENTS HAVE CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL CONFUSION INVOLVING VEHICLES TRAVELLING TOWARDS THE TUNNEL PORTAL.

UNDER THE EXPERIMENT, INSTEAD OF ALL VEHICLES WEAVING ABOUT AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON THE SAME APPROACH ROAD WILL BE REGULATED TO MERGE ONLY AMONG THEMSELVES INTO A SINGLE LANE.

IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL SIMPLIFY THE MERGING MOVEMENTS AND FACILITATE TRAFFIC FLOW TOWARDS THE TUNNEL.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOUR-LANE TRAFFIC FROM THE TWO APPROACH ROADS WILL BE TRIMMED INTO A TWO-LANE OPERATION IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THUS ELIMINATING THE NEEDS FOR FURTHER MERGING WHEN THEY MEET VEHICLES COMING FROM CHATHAM ROAD NORTH.

TRAFFIC CONES WILL BE PLACED ON THE TWO APPROACH ROADS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

VARIATIONS IN TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS THE POSITIONING OF THE TRAFFIC CONES AND THE REGULATING OF VEHICLE MOVEMENTS, WILL BE INTRODUCED DURING THE COURSE OF THE EXPERIMENT IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THEIR DIFFERENT IMPACTS ON TRAFFIC FLOW.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO OBSERVE AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTION INDICATED BY THE TRAFFIC CONES, AND TO DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE.

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PUBLIC VIEWS ON METROPLAN TO BE SOUGHT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE UPGRADING AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA AROUND THE HARBOUR.

ALL ILLUSTRATED BOOKLET -- METROPLAN, THE AIMS -- WILL BE RELEASED ON MONDAY (MAY 16) ON WHICH THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO COMMENT.

THE BOOKLET SETS OUT THE BACKGROUND OF THE SUBJECT, THE GOVERNMENT'S BROAD GOALS AND PROPOSALS ON HOW THESE COULD BE ACHIEVED.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER, DR E.G. PRYOR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3.30 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 16) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, SECOND FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HK INDUSTRIES

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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT ITS ANNUAL SURVEY ON OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES FROM MAY TO JULY.

ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY IS TO UPDATE THE DEPARTMENT'S DATA ON OVERSEAS INVESTMENT, IN TERMS OF CAPITAL INJECTION, EMPLOYMENT CREATED, NEW OR IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCED, PRODUCTS INVOLVED AND EXPORT PROSPECTS.

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THE OTHER OBJECTIVE IS TO ASSESS THE RELATIVE MERITS OF HONG KONG AS A LOCATION FOR OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

THE INFORMATION GATHERED IN THE SURVEY WILL BE OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FURTHER OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH EMPHASIS ON BRINGING IN NEW PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES TO HONG KONG.

THE FINDINGS WILL ALSO BE USEFUL TO POTENTIAL INVESTORS IN EVALUATING INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES AND ESTABLISHING FACTORIES HERE.

THE TARGETS OF THE SURVEY ARE MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE TERRITORY WHICH INVOLVE OVERSEAS INTERESTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHOLLY OR PARTLY OWNED BY COMPANIES OUTSIDE HONG KONG; BY LOCAL COMPANIES WHOSE ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANIES ARE OUTSIDE HONG KONG; OR BY PERSONS WHO ARE NOT PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEND QUESTIONNAIRES TO ALL THESE ESTABLISHMENTS AND REQUEST THEM TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BEFORE JUNE 1.

THOSE WHO ARE NOT CONTACTED BY MAY 20 ARE INVITED TO APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S STATISTICIAN, MR ANTHONY MAK, ON 3-7222426 FOR A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

FIELD WORKERS WILL CONTACT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE DEPARTMENT STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND RESTRICTED FOR ITS OWN USE.

THE SURVEY REPORT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER THIS YEAR, WILL BE PREPARED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.

THE REPORT ON THE 1987 SURVEY WAS PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

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COMMITTEE EXAMINES PUBLIC OPINION ON SURROGACY

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THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION AT ITS MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY) EXAMINED PUBLIC OPINION ON THE INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE ISSUE OF SURROGACY.

MEMBERS DELIBERATED IN DETAIL ON THE PUBLIC VIEWS COLLECTED THROUGH WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND COMMENTS FROM INDIVIDUALS OR INTEREST GROUPS, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND PRESS COMMENTS.

"WE PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE AGAINST SURROGACY DESPITE THE STRINGENT CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, DR C.H. LEONG, SAID.

"IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE THE LIVELY DEBATES GOING ON IN THE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COLUMNS AFTER WE HAVE ANNOUNCED OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON SURROGACY.

"IT DEMONSTRATES A GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE SUBJECT, AND HENCE ENABLING THE COMMITTEE TO ASSESS PUBLIC VIEWS MORE ACCURATELY BEFORE PUTTING ITS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

"WE ARE NOT PROMOTING SURROGACY AT ALL; WHAT WE ARE SAYING IS THAT A NEW SCIENTIFIC TECHNIQUE WHICH COULD HELP A MARRIED COUPLE TO HAVE THEIR GENETIC CHILD SHOULD NOT BE BANNED ENTIRELY.

"REALISING THAT SUCH PRACTICES COULD LEAD TO MANY MORAL AND LEGAL PROBLEMS, WE ARE THEREFORE RECOMMENDING STRINGENT CONDITIONS TO BE IMPOSED ON SUCH PRACTICES.

"THE RIGHTS OF THE SURROGATE MOTHER WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE CLEARLY SPELT OUT, AND ALSO THE IMPACT ON THE CHILD BORN THROUGH SURROGACY WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY LOOKED AT."

DR LEONG SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT CONSULTATIONS ON AN EXTENSIVE BASIS.

"THIS WILL INCLUDE ESTABLISHING A DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH CONCERNED GROUPS WHICH ARE WILLING TO TALK TO US, OR POSSIBLY ISSUING A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT TO THE PUBLIC AFTER A FEW ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE COMMITTEE," HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE WILL LOOK AT THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A LICENSING AUTHORITY TO REGULATE IN-VITRO FERTILISATION PRACTICES AT ITS NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD IN JULY.

"THE COMMITTEE WELCOMES VIEWS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THEIR PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS," DR LEONG SAID.

ANY COMMENTS AND OPINIONS CAN BE SENT TO THE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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FOUR RESIDENTS RECEIVE GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATTHEWS, PRESENTED GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS TO FOUR PUBLIC-SPIRITED RESIDENTS THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE RECIPIENTS - MR NG CHUN-HON, MR PO CHI-KEUNG, MR LUI CHAN-LEE AND MR KO CHI-KWONG - WERE SELECTED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND STRONG SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

MR NG CHUN-HON HELPED THE POLICE CATCH A SUSPECTED ROBBER IN A GARDEN IN CENTRAL, WHILE MR PO CHI-KEUNG AND MR LUI CHAN-LEE TOGETHER ASSISTED THE POLICE IN ARRESTING A PICKPOCKET SUSPECT.

MR KO CHI-KWONG PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY LED TO THE RECOVERY OF JEWELLERY ROBBED FROM A SHOP IN THE LANDMARK.

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ROLL OF HONOUR ENSHRINED

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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR JOHN MARCH, TODAY (FRIDAY) OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY AT THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS TO ENSHRINE A ROLL OF HONOUR OF 18 FIREMEN AND AMBULANCEMEN WHO DIED IN THE COURSE OF DUTY.

IN THE SHORT CEREMONY ATTENDED BY SENIOR OFFICERS AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES, MR MARCH LAID A WREATH AT THE ROLL.

THE DEAD WERE AN ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER, A SENIOR STATION OFFICER, SIX STATION OFFICERS, A SENIOR FIREMAN, A SENIOR AMBULANCEMAN, SEVEN FIREMEN AND AN AMBULANCEMAN.

"THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THEIR LIVES WERE TAKEN AWAY WERE DIFFERENT," MR MARCH SAID.

"SOME WERE KILLED WHILE FIGHTING FIRES, SOME LOST THEIR LIVES WHEN ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE OTHERS AND SOME DIED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHILE RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES.

"NEVERTHELESS THEIR DEVOTION AND DEDICATION TO THEIR DUTIES WERE EQUALLY EXEMPLARY."

"THEIR COURAGE AND COMMITMENT TO THE KIND OF DANGEROUS BUT MEANINGFUL JOB THEY CHOSE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED," HE ADDED.

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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE KOWLOON STREETS FOR REDEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CLOSE PERMANENTLY LEE TAT STREET, CHEUNG SHUI STREET, PART OF CANTON ROAD AND A NUMBER OF SERVICE LANES THAT FALL WITHIN AN AREA IN KOWLOON TO BE REDEVELOPED BY THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY.

THE HOUSING SOCIETY IS TO BE GRANTED ABOUT 1.463 HECTARES OF LAND KNOWN AS THE "SIX STREETS AREA" WHICH CURRENTLY COMPRISES FOUR TO SIX-STOREY TENEMENTS ALL OF WHICH ARE UNDER GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

THE HOUSING SOCIETY PLANS TO DEMOLISH THE EXISTING BUILDINGS IN TWO PHASES AND AS PART OF AN URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME TO REDEVELOP THE AREA.

THE SCHEME INVOLVES BUILDING OF FIVE BLOCKS OF 28-STOREY DOMESTIC TOWERS OVER THREE LEVELS OF PODIUM, PROVIDING ABOUT 1,600 FLATS FOR SALE AND RENT, AND PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, CARPARKING, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OPEN SPACE.

REDEVELOPMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES AND CLOSURE OF THE ROADS WITHIN PHASE I WILL BE EFFECTED ONLY AFTER DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING BUILDINGS THERE.

DURING PHASE I WORK, THE ROADS AND SERVICE LANES WITHIN PHASE II WILL REMAIN OPEN TO SERVE THE EXISTING BUILDINGS THERE.

CLOSURE OF THE ROADS AND SERVICE LANES WITHIN PHASE II WILL ONLY BE EFFECTED AFTER DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDINGS IN THE AREA COVERED BY THIS PHASE.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

THEY MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JULY 12 THIS YEAR.

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INCREASE IN ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO PNEUMOCONIOTIC VICTIMS PROPOSED

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THE AMOUNT OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS WHICH VICTIMS OF PNEUMOCONIOSIS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS MAY RECEIVE WILL BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IF THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), IS ENACTED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE BILL PROPOSED TO EMPOWER THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND BOARD TO MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF UP TO \$20,000 TO SUCH NEEDY PERSONS PENDING SETTLEMENT OR DETERMINATION OF COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

AT PRESENT, THE AMOUNT OF ADVANCE PAYMENT IN EACH CASE IS LIMITED TO \$1,000 ONLY.

"AS THIS IS TOO SMALL TO REALLY HELP THE VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS, IT IS PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE ADVANCE PAYMENT TO RELIEVE THEIR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING ON THE 25TH OF THIS MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS RECENTLY AMENDED THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) (COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS) REGULATIONS TO INCREASE THE ASSUMED AMOUNT OF MINIMUM MONTHLY EARNINGS OF A PNEUMOCONIOTIC PERSON FROM \$100 TO \$920 AND TO RE-DEFINE FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AS "EMPLOYMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 40 HOURS DURING A MINIMUM PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS IN ANY ONE WEEK".

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WERE INTRODUCED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING COMPENSATION UNDER THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE AS WELL AS BRINGING THEM INTO LINE WITH THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS IN THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

THE AMENDMENTS IN THE BILL AND THE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

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INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 4TH QUARTER OF 1987 PUBLISHED
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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987, AT 180, WAS 15 POINTS OR 9.1 PER CENT ABOVE THAT FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS COMPARED WITH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES OF 15.7 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987, 18.8 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987, AND 23.9 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987, THE INDEX SHOWED A DECREASE OF FOUR POINTS OR 2.2 PER CENT.

INDUSTRIES SHOWING THE LARGEST INCREASES IN PRODUCTION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986 WERE : ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY (+41.1 PER CENT); PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+39.8 PER CENT); LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR) (+31.9 PER CENT); TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (+31.3 PER CENT); AND CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+30.8 PER CENT).

CONCURRENTLY, PRODUCTION IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES INCREASED BY 5.6 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986.

THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES REPORTED A DECLINE IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986 : PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-9 PER CENT); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (-8.8 PER CENT); PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-4.3 PER CENT); AND FOOD (-3 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 WITH THAT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT BEARING IN MIND THIS COMPARISON IS SUBJECT TO THE INFLUENCE OF SEASONAL EFFECTS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN PRODUCTION INCLUDED :

TOBACCO (+16.6 PER CENT); LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR) (+14.3 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (+10.1 PER CENT); WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, AND FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (EXCEPT PRIMARILY OF METAL) (+9.3 PER CENT); AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (+7.3 PER CENT).

AT THE SAME TIME, EIGHT INDUSTRIES SHOWED SOME DECREASES IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

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THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN PRODUCTION WERE RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES : BEVERAGE (-32.1 PER CENT); PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-23.7 PER CENT); BASIC METALS (-15.2 PER CENT); PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (-11.5 PER CENT); FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (-9.5 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) (-6.3 PER CENT).

COMBINING THE INDICES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 WITH THE INDICES FOR THE PRECEDING THREE QUARTERS, THE INDICES FOR 1987 AS A WHOLE COULD BE DERIVED.

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING INDICES FOR 1986, MOST INDUSTRIES SHOWED SOME INCREASES IN PRODUCTION, WITH PARTICULARLY LARGE INCREASES RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES : PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+45.7 PER CENT); CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+35.4 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY (+34 PER CENT); RUBBER PRODUCTS (+32.7 PER CENT); LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR) (+31.3 PER CENT); AND TOBACCO (+31.1 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY RECORDED A SLIGHT DROP IN PRODUCTION (-1 PER CENT).

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE LEVELS AND TRENDS OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER REMOVING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGE.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTER INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, FOURTH QUARTER 1987".

THIS PUBLICATION IS ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED WITH THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234832.

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Indices of industrial production by industry group

(1981 = 100)

Industry group	Indices for 4th qtr. of 1987	% change over 4th qtr. of 3rd qtr. of 1986 1987		% change in the index for 1987 as a whole over the preceding year
Food	159	-3.0	0.0	+1.9
Beverage	108	+9.1	-32.1	+5.3
Tobacco	316	+25.9	+16.6	+31.1
Wearing apparel, except knitwear and footwear	152	+5.6	+5.6	+12.8
Textiles (including knitting)	178	+0.6	-6.3	+13.3
Paper and paper products	376	+39.8	-11.5	+45.7
Newspaper printing, job printing and other printing	213	+9.8	-3.2	+18.1
Chemicals and chemical products	197	-8.8	0.0	-1.0
Rubber products	147	+13.1	-2.6	+32.7
Plastic products	193	-9.0	-23.7	+6.2
Non-metallic mineral products	152	+25.6	+10.1	+17.5
Basic metals	89	+6.0	-15.2	+17.5
Fabricated metal products, ex- cept machinery and equipment	190	+9.8	-9.5	+16.4
Machinery, except electrical	235	+22.4	+2.6	+27.5
Consumer electrical and electronic products	238	+30.8	+6.7	+35.4
Electrical and electronic parts, accessories and machinery	151	+41.1	+0.7	+34.0
Professional and scientific equipment, photographic and optical goods, watches and clocks	177	-4.3	+2.3	+2.3
Leather products and footwear (except rubber, plastic and wooden footwear)	120	+31.9	+14.3	+31.3
Wood and cork products, and furniture and fixtures (except primarily of metal)	117	+2.6	+9.3	+7.1
Transport equipment	147	+31.3	+7.3	+0.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries, n.e.c.	197	+2.6	+6.5	+19.2
All manufacturing industries	180	+9.1	-2.2	+16.4

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VISITORS TO CIVIC EDUCATION CENTRE TOP 10,000 MARK

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THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED ITS 10,000TH VISITOR SINCE IT CAME INTO OPERATION IN DECEMBER 1985 AS A FOCAL POINT TO PROVIDE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE MATERIALS TO SCHOOL TEACHERS.

THE 10,000TH MARK WAS REACHED EARLIER THIS WEEK WHEN A SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF CHINESE LANGUAGE AND HISTORY, MR CHOI KAM-CHUNG, DROPPED IN NOT ONLY TO USE THE CENTRE'S FACILITIES, BUT ALSO TO MAKE A SHORT VIDEO FILM WITH A FELLOW TEACHER ON THE RANGE OF SERVICES AND MATERIALS AVAILABLE THERE.

THE FILM, WHEN READY, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING BY VISITORS TO THE CENTRE.

MR CHOI IS A REGULAR USER OF THE CENTRE.

"I FIND THE CENTRE VERY USEFUL. IT HELPS ME A LOT IN COMPILING TEACHING MATERIALS TO PROMOTE A GREATER CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG THE STUDENTS," HE SAID.

"I AM NEVER TIRED OF COMING BACK BECAUSE THE MATERIALS IN THE CENTRE ARE CONSTANTLY UPDATED."

"ANOTHER ATTRACTION IS THE CENTRE'S QUIET ENVIRONMENT WHICH HAS GIVEN ME MUCH INSPIRATION ON HOW TO ORGANISE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS EFFECTIVELY."

"IT IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR LOOKING UP CIVIC EDUCATION MATERIALS AND I HOPE THAT MORE TEACHERS WILL MAKE USE OF ITS SERVICES," MR CHOI ADDED.

TO MARK THE VISIT OF THE 10,000 VISITOR, MR CHOI WAS PRESENTED A PLAQUE BY THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, MR CHEUNG WING-HUNG.

THE CENTRE, LOCATED AT PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, WAS SET UP TO PROVIDE CENTRAL REFERENCE, INFORMATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE TEACHING OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

IT IS STOCKED WITH A WIDE RANGE OF BOOKS, PERIODICALS, NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, AND OTHER TEACHING RESOURCE MATERIALS SUCH AS MODULES, GAMES, TEACHING SCHEMES, AND CHARTS. IT IS ALSO FURNISHED WITH AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR MAKING SOUND AND VIDEO TAPES FOR TEACHING PURPOSES.

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DRAFT MA TAU KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT MA TAU KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE AMENDMENT, THE TIEN HUNG BUILDING, WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF MA TAU KOK ROAD AND PAU CHUNG STREET, IS REZONED FROM "OTHER SPECIFIED USES (COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT AREA)" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)".

"THIS AMENDMENT IS MADE IN PURSUANCE OF A DECISION OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO MEET AN OBJECTION LODGED WHEN THE DRAFT MA TAU KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WAS GAZETTED ON OCTOBER 10, 1986," A BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SINCE THE BUILDING IS RELATIVELY NEW AND IS IN GOOD CONDITION, THE BOARD DECIDED TO EXCLUDE IT FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT AREA," HE ADDED.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND
- * KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY MAY 27 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MAP SALES COUNTER, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. THE PRICE IS \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

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DRAFT SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN OZP AMENDED

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THE DRAFT SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN HAS BEEN AMENDED TO BRING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OLD AND CONGESTED AREA ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE PLAN IS AMENDED TO INCLUDE A HIGH CAPACITY ELEVATED ROAD ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST. THIS ROAD WOULD EXTEND FROM THE RUMSEY STREET FLYOVER NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO THE WESTERN CARGO HANDLING AREA.

A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENTS FOR THE ROAD HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED, AND THAT THE ONE SELECTED WAS CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST IN TERMS OF BOTH ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC EFFECTS.

THIS ELEVATED ROAD WILL COMPLETE A FREE-FLOW TRAFFIC SYSTEM WHICH IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE SEPARATION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM LOCAL TRAFFIC WHICH WILL PRIMARILY BE AT GROUND LEVEL.

TWO AREAS FOR COMPREHENSIVE URBAN RENEWAL HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN.

ONE AREA IS BOUNDED BY DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, JUBILEE STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND GILMAN BAZAAR. THE OTHER IS WITHIN WING LOK STREET, WING WO STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL/BONHAM STRAND.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BOTH AREAS CONSISTED OF OLD BUILDINGS AND NARROW STREETS WITH VERY LITTLE OPEN SPACE OR COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE COMPREHENSIVE URBAN RENEWAL WILL PROVIDE A MODERN LAYOUT OF STREETS, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND BETTER HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES.

THREE SITES AT MUI FONG STREET, SAI WOO LANE AND TSZ MI ALLEY TO THE EAST OF EASTERN STREET AND OFF WHITTY STREET WILL BE REZONED TO "OPEN SPACE" TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL AREAS.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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COPIES OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING AND SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY JUNE 3 THIS YEAR.

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TEACHERS COLLEGE PREPARES COURSE ON TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A COURSE, STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, THAT WILL LEAD TO THE AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATE IN TRAINING DEVELOPMENT.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR SYSTEMATIC AND EFFECTIVE TRAINING DEVELOPMENT. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN HOW TO OPTIMISE THE USE OF RESOURCES TO DESIGN PERSONNEL TRAINING COURSES AND TO ENHANCE EFFICIENCY IN TRAINING.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE SERVING TRAINERS OR SENIOR INSTRUCTORS WHO HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY 5 EDUCATION AND POSSESS EITHER A CERTIFICATE IN BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES OR A CERTIFICATE IN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OR EQUIVALENT.

SERVING TRAINING PERSONNEL WITHOUT SUCH CERTIFICATE BUT WHO HAVE OBTAINED A DEGREE OR HAVE MORE THAN FIVE YEARS' WORKING EXPERIENCE IN THE TRAINING FIELD MAY ALSO APPLY.

THE COURSE WILL LAST FOR SEVEN MONTHS AND PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND LECTURES ON A PART-TIME DAY AND EVENING RELEASE BASIS.

A CERTIFICATE IN TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS RECOGNISED BY THE UK INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE SUCCESSFULLY. HOLDERS OF THE CERTIFICATE ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 9.

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EXTENSION OF SUNDAY MARRIAGE CEREMONY SERVICES

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 21 THE SHA TIN MARRIAGE REGISTRY AT THE GROUND FLOOR, SHA TIN TOWN HALL, NO. 1 YUEN WO ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL ALSO PROVIDE MARRIAGE CEREMONY SERVICES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS.

FROM THAT DATE, THE OPENING HOURS OF THE SHA TIN MARRIAGE REGISTRY ON SUNDAY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

9 AM - 12.45 PM AND

2 PM - 4.45 PM

"THE SERVICE PROVIDED ON SUNDAY WILL BE FOR MARRIAGE CEREMONIES ONLY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"COUPLES WHO WISH TO CELEBRATE THEIR MARRIAGES AT THE SHA TIN MARRIAGE REGISTRY ON AUGUST 21 (SUNDAY) OR SUBSEQUENT SUNDAYS MAY GIVE NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE AT THIS REGISTRY FROM MAY 21," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY SERVICES ARE ALSO PROVIDED AT THE FOLLOWING MARRIAGE REGISTRIES OUTSIDE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS (SATURDAY AFTERNOONS OR SUNDAYS):

(1) CITY HALL MARRIAGE REGISTRY

A) SATURDAY 2 PM - 4.45 PM (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

B) SUNDAY 9 AM - 12.45 PM AND
2 PM - 4.45 PM

(II) COTTON TREE DRIVE MARRIAGE REGISTRY

SUNDAY 9 AM - 12.45 PM AND
2 PM - 4.45 PM

(III) KOWLOON MARRIAGE REGISTRY

SUNDAY 9 AM - 12.45 PM

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OLD-TYPE I.D. CARDS DECLARED INVALID
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ALL OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1 LAST YEAR TO MEN BORN IN 1963 TO 1968 WILL CEASE TO BE VALID DOCUMENTS FROM MAY 21 THIS YEAR, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THIS IS THE FIRST BATCH OF IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THE NEW IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED ON JULY 1, 1987.

"ONCE AN OLD CARD IS DECLARED INVALID, IT WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FOR EXAMPLE, MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING TO CHINA OR MACAU OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT."

THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD RENEWAL PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES.

THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

"THE SIZE OF THE NEW TYPE IDENTITY CARDS IS THE SAME AS THE OLD ONES. HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCES ARE:

- * THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBER IS PRINTED ON THE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF THE OLD CARD, BUT ON THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE NEW CARD.
- * THE HONG KONG CREST ON THE BACK IS REPLACED BY A MULTI-COLOUR BACKGROUND PRINTING.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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ROADWORKS IN CONNECTION WITH LRT RESERVE PROPOSED

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ROADWORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN HUI), BETWEEN PRIME VIEW GARDEN AND BUT SAN SCHOOL, IN CONNECTION WITH THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT RESERVE IN TUEN MUN, HAVE BEEN PROPOSED.

THE RESERVE FORMS PART OF THE TOWN CENTRE TO TUEN MUN (NORTH-EAST) REGIONAL LINK OF THE LRT SYSTEM.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS AND A STAIRCASE ALONGSIDE THE LRT RESERVE. SOME ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). A NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLAN OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

IT CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN, SIXTH FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES; AND AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JULY 12 THIS YEAR.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON THE ROOFS OF TWO BUILDINGS IN NORTH POINT SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ARE ON THE ROOFS OF 22, 24, 26 AND 28 MERCURY STREET.

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THE CLOSURES ARE PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON AUGUST 26, 1986 REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THESE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 15 THIS YEAR WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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CONTRACTORS INVITED TO PREQUALIFY

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION IN A TENDER EXERCISE CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL APPROACHES AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INTERCHANGE.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE KOWLOON APPROACHES TO THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND WILL PROVIDE AN INTERCHANGE BETWEEN THE APPROACHES AND PRINCE EDWARD AND KWUN TONG ROADS.

IT WILL ALSO BE CONNECTED TO THE KWUN TONG BYPASS AND THENCE TO THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

THE APPROACH ROADS AND INTERCHANGE WILL BE LARGELY ELEVATED AND THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE EXTENSIVE UTILITY DIVERSIONS AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING ROADS.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IN 1991.

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WATER CUTS IN HO MAN TIN, KWAI CHUNG

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 16) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY WATERLOO ROAD, PEACE AVENUE AND ARGYLE STREET.

ALSO FOR MAINS WORK, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 11.30 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 16) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG, INCLUDING LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, SHEK YAM ESTATE, SHEK LEI ESTATE AND KWAI SHING EAST AND WEST ESTATES.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KING'S ROAD

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KING'S ROAD TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY.

BETWEEN MONDAY (MAY 16) AND WEDNESDAY (MAY 18), FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY, BOAT STREET BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND ELECTRIC ROAD, AND KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN SHELL STREET AND POWER STREET EXCEPT FOR THE ACCESS TO THE YUET MING BUILDING CARPARK, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON KING'S ROAD, EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO THE YUET MING BUILDING CARPARK, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHELL STREET, MERLIN STREET, ELECTRIC ROAD AND POWER STREET BEFORE REJOINING KING'S ROAD.

IN ADDITION, BUS ROUTES 2, 8, 10, 19, 23, 38, 42, 63, 65, 81, 102, 106, 110, 112, 116 AND 122 ON THEIR EASTBOUND JOURNEYS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HING FAT STREET, GORDON ROAD, ELECTRIC ROAD AND TIN CHONG STREET BEFORE REJOINING KING'S ROAD.

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EASTBOUND BUS ROUTES 10A, 10B, 20, 21, 22, 80 AND 81M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GORDON ROAD, ELECTRIC ROAD AND TIN CHONG STREET BEFORE REJOINING KING'S ROAD.

FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY DAILY BETWEEN MAY 19 AND 30 EXCEPT SATURDAYS, KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 499 AND ITS JUNCTION WITH NORTH POINT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON KING'S ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NORTH POINT ROAD AND JAVA ROAD BEFORE REJOINING KING'S ROAD.

BUS ROUTES 2, 8, 10B, 20, 21, 22, 80, 81, 81M, 102, 106, 110 AND 116 ON THEIR EASTBOUND JOURNEYS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NORTH POINT ROAD, JAVA ROAD AND MAN HONG STREET BEFORE REJOINING KING'S ROAD.

EASTBOUND BUS ROUTES 10, 10A, 19, 23, 27, 38, 41, 42, 63, 65, 112 AND 122 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NORTH POINT ROAD AND JAVA ROAD BEFORE REJOINING KING'S ROAD.

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