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JOINT DECLARATION REGISTERED AT UNITED NATIONS
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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AT 12.30 PM IN LONDON (7.30 PM HONG KONG) TODAY (THURSDAY):

+IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR OBLIGATION UNDER ARTICLE 102 OF THE UN CHARTER, THE UNITED KINGDOM MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS REGISTERED ON JUNE 12 WITH THE UN SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG.

+THE CHINESE MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS REGISTERED THE JOINT DECLARATION SIMULTANEOUSLY. WE WELCOME THIS.

+THE REGISTRATION CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY THE BRITISH AND CHINESE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

+THIS EARLY ACTION TO REGISTER THE JOINT DECLARATION UNDERLINES ONCE AGAIN THE SERIOUS COMMITMENT OF THE TWO SIDES TO ITS FULL IMPLEMENTATION.+

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GOVERNOR HOSTS QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RECEPTION
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING HOSTED A RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, WHICH THIS YEAR FALLS ON JUNE 15 (SATURDAY).

THE ANNUAL EVENT AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 400 GUESTS.

ON SATURDAY, SIR EDWARD WILL BE ATTENDING A FUN AND SPORTS PROGRAMME AT MORSE PARK, ONE OF THE MANY VENUES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WHERE A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING A SIMILAR PROGRAMME AT THE WO YI HOP SPORTS GROUND IN KWAI CHUNG ON THE SAME DAY.

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DOUBLE-DECKER BORDER CROSSING OPENED

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A NEW DOUBLE-DECKER FOOTBRIDGE FOR CROSS-BORDER PASSENGERS, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED AT LO WU TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS JOINTLY PERFORMED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER OF HONG KONG, MR JOHN BOYD, AND THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF SHENZHEN, MR ZHEN XIPEI.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE PROGRESS MADE ON IMPROVING CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION FACILITIES ON THE CHINESE SIDE OF THE BORDER, MR BOYD SAID THE OPENING OF THE NEW BRIDGE +WILL ENABLE US TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OWN STATION FACILITIES.+

+THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO COMPLETING THIS REDEVELOPMENT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, AND ACCORDING TO OUR CURRENT TIMETABLE WE HOPE TO REACH OUR GOAL BY SPRING FESTIVAL 1987.+

CONTRASTING THE ANNUAL RATE OF CROSSINGS OF 1.9 MILLION AT LO WU TEN YEARS AGO WITH THE ALMOST 13 MILLION WHO CROSSED LAST YEAR, MR BOYD SAID THE FIGURES AMPLY JUSTIFIED THE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FACILITIES.

HE SAID THE INCREASED CONTACTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE SOUTHERN PROVINCES OF CHINA, ESPECIALLY AMONG BUSINESSMEN, CONTRIBUTED BOTH TO THE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG AND TO CHINA'S MODERNISATION PROGRAMME.

+I CONFIDENTLY PREDICT THAT WE SHALL SEE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF SUCH VISITS,+ SAID MR BOYD.

THE FOOTBRIDGE, WHICH EVENTUALLY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE A FLOW OF 8 000 PASSENGERS AN HOUR IN EACH DIRECTION, IS A JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES. INITIALLY ONLY ONE DECK OF THE BRIDGE WILL BE USED BY THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE BRIDGE IS PART OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CROSS-BORDER FACILITIES BY BOTH SIDES, AND AFTER THE BRIDGE-OPENING CEREMONY GUESTS CROSSED TO THE CHINESE SIDE FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 10-STOREY ADMINISTRATION BLOCK BUILT BY THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES.

THE NEW BRIDGE IS LOCATED 70 METRES EAST OF THE EXISTING ONE-STOREY FOOTBRIDGE WHICH HAS BEEN THE ROUTE IN AND OUT OF CHINA FOR MILLIONS OF PASSENGERS OVER THE YEARS.

HONG KONG HAS SPENT $7 MILLION AS ITS SHARE OF CONSTRUCTING THE 61-METRE BRIDGE WHICH HAS FOUR SPANS OF 15, 20, 20 AND SIX METRES. HONG KONG HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 15 AND 20 METRE SPANS ON ITS SIDE OF THE BORDER.

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THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES DESIGNED AND BUILT THE COMMON PIER FOR THE BRIDGE WHILE HONG KONG SUPPLIED ALL INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FINISHING MATERIALS. EACH AUTHORITY SUPPLIED MATERIAL FOR AND BUILT ITS OWN SECTIONS.

THE NEW BORDER CROSSING IS 8.2 METRES WIDE AND HAS TWO PASSENGER WALKWAYS AND A BAGGAGE ROUTE. WORK STARTED ON THE HONG KONG SECTION IN MAY LAST YEAR AND WAS COMPLETED IN APRIL.

AT THE MOMENT THE BRIDGE IS JOINED BY A TEMPORARY WALKWAY TO THE LO WU ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BECAUSE OF CONSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE $300 MILLION STATION REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME. THIS, WHEN COMPLETED IN 1987 WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE OF CROSS-BORDER PASSENGERS.

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COMPANY LAW REFORM REPORT SENT TO EXCO

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THE FIRST REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE REPORT SUMMARISES THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBJECTS CONSIDERED AT THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS BETWEEN MAY AND DECEMBER 1984.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, THE HON MR JUSTICE CONS, EXPLAINED TODAY THAT THE MATTERS COVERED WERE PRINCIPALLY TECHNICAL, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF MORTGAGES AND OTHER CHARGES GRANTED BY COMPANIES.

BUT THEY ALSO INCLUDED A NUMBER OF ITEMS OF MORE GENERAL INTEREST, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO THE TIME LIMITS WITHIN WHICH COMPANIES MUST SUBMIT THEIR ACCOUNTS TO THEIR SHAREHOLDERS, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A COURT ORDER BEING OBTAINED AGAINST ANYONE NAMED AS A CULPABLE INSIDER DEALER BY AN INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL, PROHIBITING HIM FROM BEING A DIRECTOR, OR TAKING PART IN THE MANAGEMENT, OF ANY COMPANY.

WITH REGARD TO COMPANY ACCOUNTS, SAID MR JUSTICE CONS, THE PRESENT PROVISIONS IN THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE ARE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DIRECTORS OF A COMPANY MUST AT LEAST ONCE IN EVERY CALENDAR YEAR LAY THE COMPANY'S ACCOUNTS BEFORE A GENERAL MEETING AND THESE ACCOUNTS MUST BE MADE UP TO A DATE NOT MORE THAN NINE MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE GENERAL MEETING.

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IN THE CASE OF A COMPANY CARRYING ON BUSINESS ABROAD OR HAVING INTERESTS ABROAD, THE DATE UP TO WHICH THE ACCOUNTS ARE MADE MUST BE NOT MORE THAN 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE GENERAL MEETING.

THE ACCOUNTS CAN BE LAID BEFORE ANY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY, NOT NECESSARILY THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH USUALLY MUST BE HELD WITHIN 15 MONTHS OF THE PREVIOUS AGM.

+THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF THESE AND OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE IS THAT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES A COMPANY CAN DELAY SUBMISSION OF ITS ACCOUNTS TO A GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY FOR WELL OVER A YEAR,+ SAID MR JUSTICE CONS. +THERE WAS PRESS CRITICISM OF THIS SITUATION IN 1984.+

THE COMMITTEE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THESE EXISTING TIME LIMITS FOR SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS ARE TOO GENEROUS AND HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT A FLAT TIME LIMIT OF SIX MONTHS BE IMPOSED.

THE COMMITTEE HAVE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE ACCOUNTS SHOULD NORMALLY BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMPANY'S AGM, NOT JUST ANY GENERAL MEETING, BUT WITH POWER TO THE COURT TO APPROVE SUBMISSION TO ANY GENERAL MEETING IF THERE ARE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

WITH REGARD TO THE SUBJECT OF CULPABLE INSIDER DEALERS, THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE TERMS OF SECTION 157E OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE WHICH DEALS WITH THE POWER OF THE COURTS TO RESTRAIN FRAUDULENT PERSONS FROM MANAGING COMPANIES.

IF A PERSON FALLS WITHIN ANY CATEGORY SPECIFIED IN THE SECTION - FOR EXAMPLE, IF HE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY INDICTABLE OFFENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION, FORMATION OR MANAGEMENT OF A COMPANY - THE HIGH COURT MAY MAKE AN ORDER THAT HE SHALL NOT, WITHOUT THE LEAVE OF THE COURT, BE A DIRECTOR, LIQUIDATOR, RECEIVER OR MANAGER OF THE PROPERTY OF ANY COMPANY OR IN ANY WAY BE CONCERNED OR TAKE PART IN THE MANAGEMENT OF A COMPANY FOR SUCH PERIOD, NOT EXCEEDING FIVE YEARS, AS THE COURT MAY SPECIFY.

THE PERSONS WHO ARE AUTHORISED BY THE SECTION TO APPLY TO THE HIGH COURT ASKING IT TO MAKE SUCH AN ORDER INCLUDE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AND, IF THE APPLICATION IS MADE IN THE COURSE OF THE WINDING UP OF A COMPANY, THE LIQUIDATOR OF THE COMPANY OR ANYONE WHO IS, OR HAS BEEN, A MEMBER OR CREDITOR OF THE COMPANY.

MR JUSTICE CONS SAID THE COMMITTEE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SECTION 157E SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ENABLE THE COURT TO MAKE AN ORDER AGAINST ANY PERSON WHO IS NAMED AS A CULPABLE INSIDER DEALER IN A REPORT ISSUED BY AN INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL APPOINTED UNDER THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE.

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+THE COMMITTEE ALSO THOUGHT THAT THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF INSIDER DEALING MIGHT USEFULLY BE RECONSIDERED AFTER THE INSPECTORS' REPORTS ON THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CARRIAN GROUP AND THE EDA GROUP AND THE TRIBUNAL'S REPORT ON THE TRADING IN INTERNATIONAL CITY HOLDINGS LTD. SHARES HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM, REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, HONG KONG.

ANYONE WISHING TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT IS INVITED TO DO SO IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE AUGUST 12, 1985.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE UNDER STUDY WITHIN GOVERNMENT.

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OFFENDING FOOD PREMISES LOSE LICENCES FOR TWO DAYS

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THE LICENCES OF TWO FOOD PREMISES ARE TO BE SUSPENDED FOR TWO DAYS BECAUSE EACH HAD THREE CONVICTIONS WITHIN A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS.

ONE IS A GENERAL RESTAURANT AT 149 WUHU STREET, G/F., HUNG HOM, THE LICENSEE OF WHICH, MR KONG WING, WAS FINED $800 IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR FOR EXPOSING FOOD IN THE OPEN, $300 IN JUNE LAST YEAR FOR STORING KITCHEN UTENSILS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE OPEN AND $1,000 IN JANUARY THIS YEAR AGAIN FOR EXPOSING FOOD IN THE OPEN.

THE SECOND OFFENDER IS MADAM SZETO FOON, WHO HAS A FRESH PROVISIONS SHOP AT 17 BOWRINGTON ROAD, G/F., HONG KONG. SHE WAS FINED A TOTAL OF $450 LAST YEAR AFTER BEING CONVICTED THREE TIMES OF OBSTRUCTION BY PLACING TRAYS AND TABLES ON THE PAVEMENT TO DISPLAY SEAFOOD FOR SALE.

THE DECISION TO SUSPEND THE LICENCES OF BOTH BUSINESSES FOR TWO DAYS WAS CONFIRMED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR WALTER SULKE.

+SUCH TWO-DAY SUSPENSIONS ARE REGULARLY IMPOSED ON PREMISES LICENSED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL WHICH HAVE THREE CONVICTIONS WITHIN A YEAR FOR BREACHES OF THE REGULATIONS,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

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DB MEMBERS WELCOME UC CULTURAL CENTRE IN SAI WAN HO

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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S DECISION TO BUILD A SMALL CULTURAL CENTRE IN SAI WAN HO WAS WELCOMED BY MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY WHEN THEY WERE BRIEFED ABOUT THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL AND MINOR WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE DISTRICT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MISS ELLE SHUM, TOLD THE MEETING THAT THE FINDINGS OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY INDICATED THAT THERE WAS DEFINITELY A NEED FOR A PURPOSE-BUILT CULTURAL CENTRE IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT IN VIEW OF THE LARGE POPULATION AND THE INADEQUACY OF FACILITIES THERE.

+THERE ARE TWO PROPOSALS WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF SUCH A CULTURAL CENTRE: A FREE-STANDING MEDIUM-SIZED CULTURAL CENTRE IN CHAI WAN AND A SMALL CULTURAL CENTRE IN THE UC SAI WAN HO COMPLEX,+ SAID MISS SHUM.

+SINCE THE SMALL CULTURAL CENTRE IN SAI WAN HO IS EXPECTED TO BE LESS COSTLY, INVOLVES FEWER ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLICATIONS AND YET IS ABLE TO ANSWER MOST OF THE NEEDS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT, THE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT THIS CULTURAL CENTRE SHOULD BE BUILT AS SOON AS THE SITE IS AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

+MEANWHILE, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE IN CHAI WAN FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND ITS LONG-TERM USE WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE SMALL CULTURAL CENTRE.+

HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF MEMBERS HOPED THAT THE CHAI WAN CULTURAL CENTRE WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE NOT-TOO- DISTANT FUTURE TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR CULTURAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER PROJECTS OF GREAT CONCERN TO BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDED THE CHAI WAN FOLK MUSEUM, ALDRICH BAY PLAYGROUND, LYEMUN PARK, THE INDOOR GAMES HALL ON SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION, ELECTRIC ROAD COMPLEX AND JAVA ROAD COMPLEX.

IN REPLY, MISS SHUM UNDERTOOK TO TAKE THE MEMBERS' VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION AND TO AMEND, WHERE POSSIBLE, THE PLANNING PROPOSALS ACCORDING TO THEIR OPINIONS.

MISS SHUM TOLD THE MEETING THAT THERE ARE 29 CAPITAL WORKS AND 54 MINOR WORKS PROJECTS IN THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING PIPELINE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT, OF WHICH SOME 52 PER CENT ARE RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES.

THE MULTI-MILLION PROGRAMME, INCLUDING THREE PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, COVERS A VERY WIDE FIELD INCLUDING MARKET COMPLEXES, COOKED FOOD CENTRES, A TEMPORARY HAWKER BAZAAR, PARKS, GARDENS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND TOILET FACILITIES.

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DB TO DISCUSS HOVERFERRY SERVICE

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A PROPOSED NEW HOVERFERRY SERVICE BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

IF INTRODUCED, THE SERVICE WILL BE PUT INTO OPERATION FOR A THREE-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS HOW TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER, AND WHETHER THE BOARD WILL ALLOCATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AT A PIECE OF CROWN LAND IN SALISBURY ROAD.

THE BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON A DRAFT REVISION OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE BOARD, THE DISTRICT WORKS PROGRAMME AND THE WORK OF THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DRAFT DISTRICT STRATEGY, THE REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE ELECTION OF DB COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN, THE IYY YOUTH FESTIVAL AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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SPEECH BY GARNER

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, WILL GIVE A SPEECH AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH TO BE HELD IN THE ORCHID AND JASMINE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, AT 1 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR GARNER WILL TALK ON +THE CHANGING RESPONSIBILITIES OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS TO MEET NEW DEMANDS+.

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NEW SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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THE SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS CAMPAIGN FOR 1985 AND ITS SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

DETAILS OF THE WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROMENADE ON SUNDAY (JUNE 16) WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, DR S.F. LAM; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON WATER SPORTS SAFETY 1985, MR J.A. FORTUNE; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON LAND SPORTS SAFETY 1985, MR P.E. BIRNEY, WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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PRIZES FOR YOUTH CONTEST WINNERS

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 10TH HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS ON SATURDAY (JUNE 15).

ABOUT 7 000 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITIONS, SPONSORED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WHICH INVOLVED SUCH ACTIVITIES AS TRANSLATION, CHINESE ESSAY WRITING, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, DEBATE, POSTER DESIGN, CHINESE SPEECH, PAINTING, AND NEWS AND AN ACADEMIC QUIZ.

MR LIAO WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES IN THE COMPETITIONS.

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REFRESHER COURSE FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO RUN A REFRESHER COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING THE COMING SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE COURSE WILL OFFER 300 PLACES TO TEACHERS IN TWO SESSIONS - MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE ARE TO ORIENTATE TEACHERS TO THE REVISED SECONDARY ENGLISH SYLLABUS AND TO INTRODUCE THEM TO A RANGE OF COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES RELATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE REVISED SYLLABUS.

IN ADDITION, IT IS ALSO AIMED AT IMPROVING TEACHERS' FLUENCY AND ACCURACY IN SPOKEN ENGLISH, THUS MAKING THEM A MORE ACCURATE MODEL OF ENGLISH FOR STUDENTS.

THE THREE-WEEK COURSE, APPLICATIONS FOR WHICH ARE NOW BEING INVITED, WILL BEGIN ON JULY 30 AND LESSONS WILL BE HELD FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY UNTIL AUGUST 16 IN TWO ALTERNATIVE SESSIONS.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL AT EASEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 255 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSE AND APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (ENGLISH), ENGLISH SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR LIMOUSINE HIRE CAR PERMITS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR 100 HIRE CAR PERMITS TO OPERATE LUXURY LIMOUSINE SERVICE WITHIN HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE PRIVATE CARS TO WHICH SUCH PERMITS WOULD BE ISSUED MUST HAVE A COST INSURANCE FREIGHT VALUE OVER $30 000 IF THEY WERE MANUFACTURED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1983 OR A CIF VALUE OVER $45 000 IF THEY WERE MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1984.

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THE APPLICANT MUST BE THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE PRIVATE CAR.

IT WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY FOR THE APPLICANT TO PRODUCE, AMONG OTHER DOCUMENTS, DOCUMENTARY PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAD BEEN PROVIDING A PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS.

THE PERMIT FEE WILL BE $1 000 PER ANNUM AND $350 FOR FOUR MONTHS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION, ROOMS 906-909, HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION IN PERSON OR BY REGISTERED POST.

+THE PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED IN BATCHES AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WHO MAKE THEIR APPLICATION FIRST MAY RECEIVE THEIR PERMITS EARLIER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR ENQUIRIES CALL 5-249418 OR 3-329294.

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CENTRAL ROAD CLOSURE
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D'AGUILAR STREET BETWEEN WYNDHAM STREET AND WELLINGTON STREET ALONG WITH LAN KWAI FONG AND WO ON LANE IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 16) TO 6 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 18) FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE SAME AREA WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN ON JUNE 30 AND JULY 7 DAILY FROM 8 AM UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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