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EASY TRAVEL SCHEME EXTENDED TO LO WU AND HUNG HOM

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PHASE II OF THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME COMMENCED TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN THE COMPUTERISATION OF IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS AT THE LO WU TERMINAL AND THE HUNG HOM STATION BECAME OPERATIONAL.

TO MARK THIS OCCASION, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, THE ACTING GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING MANAGER, MR GORDON KONG AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CHINA/HONG KONG OPERATIONS OF IBM, MR J.F. MOVIZZO PERFORMED THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY IN THE COMPUTER ROOM OF THE LO WU TERMINAL THIS MORNING.

A TOTAL OF 10 COMPUTERS, WHICH ARE LINKED WITH 103 TERMINALS AT THE IMMIGRATION COUNTERS AT LO WU TERMINAL AND HUNG HOM STATION, HAVE BEEN INSTALLED, PROVIDING A MODERNISED SYSTEM TO FACILITATE THE TRAVEL OF LOCAL RESIDENTS TO AND FROM CHINA.

SPEAKING AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR CARTER SAID LO WU WAS THE BUSIEST CONTROL POINT, WITH AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 59,000 PASSENGERS PASSING THROUGH DURING NORMAL WEEK DAYS.

"IT RISES TO 75,000 DURING WEEKENDS AND AS HIGH AS 99,000 DURING FESTIVE PERIODS SUCH AS THE CHINESE NEW YEAR AND EASTER HOLIDAYS.

"STARTING FROM TODAY, TRAVELLERS USING THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS (HKIC) AT LO WU AND HUNG HOM WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CARDS. HOLDERS OF HKIC BEARING *** SYMBOL WILL FURTHER BENEFIT FROM BEING EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING A HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT FOR JOURNEYS TO AND FROM CHINA VIA THE TWO CONTROL POINTS.

"A MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE IN IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC WHEN PASSING THROUGH COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS," MR CARTER ADDED.

HE ALSO SAID THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME HAD BEEN WORKING VERY WELL AT MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND SHAM SHUI PO PIER, AND IT WOULD BE EXTENDED TO MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK VERY SOON, AND TO OTHER CONTROL POINTS BY 1989.

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ROUTE 5 TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH

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THE FIRST BREAKTHROUGH OF THE TUNNEL SYSTEM NOW BEING BUILT AS PART OF A \$1.2 BILLION ROAD CONNECTING SHA TIN WITH TSUEN WAN WAS ACHIEVED TODAY (SATURDAY) AFTER 10 MONTHS' WORK.

OFFICIATING AT THE BREAKTHROUGH WAS THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON.

THE SHA TIN/TSUEN WAN ROAD, TO BE KNOWN AS ROUTE 5, WILL BE SEVEN-KILOMETRE LONG. IT WILL BE A DUAL, TWO-LANE TRUNK ROAD WITH THREE SECTIONS: TSUEN WAN CONNECTION, SHING MUN SECTION AND SHA TIN CONNECTION.

THE 3.5-KILOMETRE-LONG SHING MUN SECTION INCLUDES TWIN, TWO-LANE TUNNELS UNDER SMUGGLERS RIDGE AND NEEDLE HILL, LINKED BY A PAIR OF BRIDGES OVER THE LOWER SHING MUN RIVER GORGE.

A BRIDGE OVER THE SHING MUN ROAD DIVERSION, A TOLL PLAZA WITH 13 LANES AND AN ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL BUILDING AT TSUEN WAN NEAR WO YI HOP ROAD WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

TODAY'S BREAKTHROUGH WAS AT THE NORTH TUBE UNDER SMUGGLERS RIDGE. WORK ON THIS TUBE STARTED LAST SEPTEMBER AND ABOUT 60,000 CUBIC METRES OF ROCK HAS BEEN EXCAVATED AND 65 TONNES OF EXPLOSIVES USED.

THE BREAKTHROUGH AT THE ADJACENT SOUTH TUBE IS EXPECTED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

EXCAVATION FOR THE TUBES UNDER NEEDLE HILL FROM THE SHA TIN END IS PROGRESSING WELL AND THE BREAKTHROUGH IS EXPECTED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT INSIDE THE TUNNELS WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY AFTER FULL COMPLETION OF EXCAVATION WORK NEXT APRIL.

MODERN FACILITIES, INCLUDING CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION, A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, EMERGENCY TELEPHONES AND A RADIO RE-BROADCAST SYSTEM, WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE WHOLE ROUTE 5 PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT THE END OF 1989, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DRIVE BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN IN 10 MINUTES.

THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE TUNNEL WORK IS A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY COMPRISING GAMMON (HK) LTD, DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX AND PUBLICS-SKANSA AB.

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SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

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A WIDE RANGE OF LAND AND WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN LINED UP BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CATER FOR DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND ABILITIES OF STUDENTS DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

THIS WAS REVEALED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE PRESENTATION OF FLAG TO THE HONG KONG PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TEAM DUE TO LEAVE FOR SHANGHAI ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 6) TO COMPETE WITH STUDENTS FROM CHINA, JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA IN THE 3RD ASIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCCER INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

MR LAN SAID IN STORE THIS SUMMER WAS A "LEARN TO SWIM" SCHEME FOR 7,500 PRIMARY CHILDREN. THE SCHEME HAS PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AND ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 130,000 PUPILS IN ITS PAST 16 YEARS OF OPERATION.

THE SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD WHICH ENDED LAST WEEK PROVIDED A VENUE FOR 4,500 STUDENTS FROM 75 SCHOOLS TO FIND OUT HOW GOOD THEY WERE AT SPORTS OF THEIR FORTE.

"THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE SUMMER SPORTS SCHEME TO PROMOTE SPORTS INTEREST AMONG THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ASPIRING TO WIN A GOLD, SILVER OR BRONZE MEDAL IN THE SCHEME," SAID MR LAN.

"TEACHERS ARE ALSO TAKEN CARE OF IN THE 19 COURSES ON PE AND FOLK DANCE RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THEM THIS SUMMER," ADDED MR LAN.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT ALL THESE PROGRAMMES ARE WELL SUBSCRIBED. SUCH POSITIVE RESPONSE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE IN DEVELOPING NOT ONLY STUDENTS' INTELLECTUAL ABILITY, BUT ALSO THEIR PHYSICAL FITNESS."

"THE DEVELOPMENT IS IN LINE WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR ABILITIES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CLASSROOMS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT," MR LAN ADDED.

"PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILD'S LIFE IN SCHOOL. OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS OR SO, HONG KONG CHILDREN ARE GETTING STRONGER, TALLER AND HEALTHIER EVERY DAY," HE SAID.

WHILE PART OF THE REASONS WAS DUE TO THE BETTER NUTRITION FOR CHILDREN, MR LAN ADDED THAT GREATER EMPHASIS HAD ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND OTHER SPORTING ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS WHICH CONTRIBUTED A LOT TOWARDS BUILDING A HEALTHIER LIFE OF CHILDREN.

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ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION, MR LAN SAID ALL SCHOOLS AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS UP TO FORM 5 DEVOTED TWO PERIODS A WEEK TO THE SUBJECT. PE LESSONS WERE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE TIMETABLE OF MOST FORMS 6-7.

PLANS WERE IN HAND TO INTRODUCE THE PE SYLLABUS IN SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS IN 1989 WITH THE AIM TO ALLOW CANDIDATES FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION TO TAKE THE SUBJECT IN 1991, HE ADDED.

MR LAN ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL IS PLANNING TO HOST THE ASIAN SCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AND THE ASIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCCER INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN HONG KONG NEXT YEAR.

"IF THE EVENTS ARE TO PROCEED IN HONG KONG NEXT YEAR AS PLANNED, THEY WILL BE PARTICIPATED BY SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM WELL OVER 10 ASIAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING JAPAN, SINGAPORE AND CHINA," MR LAN ADDED.

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PARENTS URGED TO HELP CHILDREN FACE NEW CHALLENGE

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PARENTS SHOULD GIVE PROPER GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN TO HELP THEM ADAPT TO PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE FOUR CHILD CARE CENTRES OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

"GOOD PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT CAN HELP LAY A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE ACADEMIC, PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRE-SCHOOLERS," SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, ON ENTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE YOUNG CHILDREN HAD TO ADJUST TO A NEW PROGRAMME.

"PSYCHOLOGICALLY, THIS IS NOT ONLY A CHANGE IN THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO THE CHILDREN, BUT ALSO A NEW STAGE IN THEIR GROWING-UP.

"MORE ARE EXPECTED FROM THEM AND THEY HAVE TO FACE THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE SCHOOL WORK MORE ON THEIR OWN," MRS WONG SAID.

"IT WILL BE A SMOOTH PROCESS WITH PROPER GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE PARENTS, COUPLED WITH A HARMONIOUS FAMILY RELATIONSHIP AND CARE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FAMILY MEMBERS," SHE ADDED.

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KITE DESIGN COMPETITION LAUNCHED

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YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE FLAIR WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR TALENT BY TAKING PART IN AN "ANTI-NARCOTICS KITE DESIGN COMPETITION" ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

"THE COMPETITION, OPEN TO ALL YOUNGSTERS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 25, IS AIMED AT AROUSING THEIR AWARENESS TO THE DRUG PROBLEM AND DISSEMINATING THE MESSAGE ON THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ENTRIES TO THE CONTEST SHOULD BE MADE IN A TWO-DIMENSION DESIGN WITH THE MAXIMUM USE OF THREE COLOURS ON A RHOMBUS-SHAPED DRAWING PAPER MEASURING 60 CM AND 65 CM.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS AUGUST 28 AND ALL COMPETING DESIGNS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AT 23RD FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK OF QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL CNTA DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES AND THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 5-8622762.

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HK YOUTH MUSIC CAMP CLOSES

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TWO CONCERTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH TODAY (SATURDAY) TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.

A COMMUNITY CONCERT FEATURING THE CAMP'S SENIOR BAND WAS HELD AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA WHILE A FINALE CONCERT PERFORMED BY THE CAMP'S SYMPHONY AND CHINESE ORCHESTRAS WAS STAGED AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

BOTH CONCERTS WERE WELL RECEIVED BY AUDIENCES.

AFTER TWO WEEKS' INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG, SOME 300 CAMPERS WILL LEAVE THE CAMP TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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AREA IDENTITY PROMOTED IN EXHIBITION

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AN EXHIBITION FEATURING CHARACTERISTICS OF SYCAMORE AREA OF MONG KOK DISTRICT WAS TODAY (SATURDAY) OPENED IN THE SYCAMORE ART GALLERY.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE SYCAMORE AREA COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE AREA WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE 1985 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, CHAIRMAN OF THE AREA COMMITTEE, MR HO KWONG-HUNG, SAID THE EXHIBITION WOULD ALLOW RESIDENTS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK, OPERATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE COMMITTEE.

HE ALSO HOPED THAT IT COULD ENHANCE THEIR CIVIC AWARENESS IN GENERAL, AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN PARTICULAR.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING, GUESTS, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION TO SEE PHOTOGRAPHS OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THEY ALSO SAW CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS DEPICTING THE STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS THE GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

THE EXHIBITION, SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE ON DISPLAY UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

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TUEN MUN FORUM ON GREEN PAPER

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A FORUM ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

IT WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM IN THE YAN OI TONG INDOOR GAMES HALL, YAN CHING STREET, TUEN MUN.

GUEST SPEAKERS INVITED TO THE FORUM INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MR DESMOND LEE AND MR TAI CHIN-WAH.

THIS IS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD JOINT WORKING GROUP TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER. OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE SEMINARS AND A SURVEY.

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VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE STARTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT, WHICH WILL LAST FOR TWO MONTHS, WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WITH A BOAT-TO-BOAT REGISTRATION VISIT IN ABERDEEN HARBOUR.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, AND STAFF OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL SET OUT ON BOATS AT 9 AM TO CONDUCT THE VISITS AND DISTRIBUTE REGISTRATION FORMS TO THE BOAT DWELLERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE REGISTRATION VISIT DURING WHICH DETAILS OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 25, G/F., MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NO. 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN, AT 8.45 AM. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX LI, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN ABERDEEN

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TO FACILITATE THE RESURFACING OF WAH FU ROAD INTERCHANGE, A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ABERDEEN IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING THROUGHOUT NEXT WEEK.

THE MEASURES TO BE INTRODUCED FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 3) TO SUNDAY (AUGUST 9) DAILY, WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 45 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT AND 5.20 AM.

ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 3 TO 5), VEHICLES LEAVING WAH FU ESTATE VIA WAH FU ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ON THE SHEK PAI WAN ROAD. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHEK PAI WAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND SHEK PAI WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES ON SHEK PAI WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR WAH FU ESTATE WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING LEFT ON TO WAH FU ROAD. INSTEAD, THEY WILL HAVE TO USE CHI FU ROAD, SHEK PAI WAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, AND WAH FU ROAD.

ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (AUGUST 6 AND 7), NO VEHICLE ON SHEK PAI WAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ON TO WAH FU ROAD DAILY. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, SHEK PAI WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND AND WAH FU ROAD.

ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (AUGUST 8 AND 9), VEHICLES LEAVING WAH FU ESTATE VIA WAH FU ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT ON TO SHEK PAI WAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, AND WILL HAVE TO USE SHEK PAI WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND, CHI FU ROAD AND SHEK PAI WAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

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