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GOVERNOR GOING ON LEAVE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON, PLAN TO BE AWAY FROM HONG KONG ON LEAVE FROM AUGUST 5 TO SEPTEMBER 2.

THEY PLAN TO SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME IN SCOTLAND, BUT THE GOVERNOR WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOME OFFICIAL CALLS IN LONDON AT THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF HIS LEAVE.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WILL ACT AS GOVERNOR DURING THE GOVERNOR'S ABSENCE.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REORGANISED TO MEET DEMANDS OF 1990'S

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REORGANISED FROM NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 1) IN ORDER TO PRODUCE THE RIGHT STRUCTURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF THE 1990'S.

AT THE SAME TIME, GREATLY SIMPLIFIED CONTROLS UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE WILL BE INTRODUCED.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, EXPLAINED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THESE CHANGES WERE THE OUTCOME OF AN ATTEMPT TO TACKLE THREE MAJOR ISSUES HE SAW FACING THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WERE FIRSTLY TO ENSURE THAT ALL STAFF IN THE DEPARTMENT WERE EFFICIENTLY AND COST-EFFECTIVELY EMPLOYED.

"TO ACHIEVE THIS, ALMOST THE WHOLE OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PUT UNDER THE MICROSCOPE BY THE VALUE FOR MONEY PEOPLE FROM THE FINANCE BRANCH," MR WILLIAMSON SAID.

"AS A RESULT, IN THE LAST THREE YEARS 170 POSTS HAVE BEEN DELETED OF WHICH 112 WERE REDEPLOYED ELSEWHERE IN THE DEPARTMENT," HE ADDED.

THE SECOND MAJOR PROBLEM WAS THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH HE SAID HAD BECOME "OUTMODED AND RIGID".

A KEY FEATURE OF THE REORGANISATION IS TO REPLACE THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION IN THE OPERATIONS BRANCH BY A FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE.

"THUS THE THREE EXISTING REGIONS WILL BE REPLACED BY FOUR COMMANDS COVERING THE AIRPORT, CONTROL POINTS, MARINE AND LAND ENFORCEMENT, AND SHIP SEARCH AND CARGO," MR WILLIAMSON SAID.

"WITH FUNCTIONAL MANAGEMENT," HE ADDED, "WE WILL DEFINE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES MORE PRECISELY AND PUT GREATER EMPHASIS ON OPERATIONAL DECISIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

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"THE ULTIMATE AIM IS TO BRING ABOUT A DEPARTMENT WHICH IS MORE RESULTS-ORIENTED WITH DECISION MAKERS BEING MADE MORE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR DECISIONS," HE SAID.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE REORGANISATION, MR WILLIAMSON SAID THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPLY MORE WIDELY THE CONCEPT OF RISK MANAGEMENT IN RESPECT OF PASSENGER PROCESSING, CARGO PROCESSING AND SELECTION OF SHIPS FOR RUMMAGING.

"THE PURPOSE IS TO IMPROVE OUR EFFECTIVENESS IN DETECTING SMUGGLING OFFENCES BY TASKING OFFICERS AT THE OPERATIONAL POINT TO MAKE DECISIONS ON WHAT THEY SEE RATHER THAN FOLLOWING WRITTEN GUIDANCE FROM THEIR HEADQUARTERS."

AT THE SAME TIME, MR WILLIAMSON SAID, MORE RESOURCES WOULD BE PUT INTO INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND DEVELOPMENT.

MR WILLIAMSON ADDED THE REORGANISATION WOULD IMPROVE THE CAREER PROSPECTS OF CUSTOMS STAFF.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROMOTION RATIO FOR CUSTOMS OFFICER TO SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICER WILL BE ENHANCED FROM 2.92:1 TO 2.55:1 AND THAT FOR INSPECTOR TO SENIOR INSPECTOR FROM 3.76:1 TO 1.47:1," HE SAID.

ALTOGETHER, 280 PROMOTION POSTS WILL BE CREATED. THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE DELETION OF 171 POSTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S ESTABLISHMENT.

"WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE REORGANISATION WILL BRING ABOUT A 'FITTER' AND MORE EFFICIENT DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

AS PART OF THE REORGANISATION, THE INVESTIGATION BRANCH WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO BRANCHES - AN EXPANDED CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BRANCH AND A CIVILIAN TRADE CONTROLS BRANCH.

THE NEW TRADE CONTROLS BRANCH WILL BE HEADED BY A PROFESSIONAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER AT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LEVEL.

AFTER THE REORGANISATION, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COPYRIGHT PROTECTION AND FOR TRADE DESCRIPTIONS INVESTIGATION WILL BE SOLELY THAT OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

MR WILLIAMSON SAID THE THIRD PROBLEM CONCERNED OUTDATED LEGISLATION IN RESPECT OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES.

HE SAID THE METHODS FOR ASSESSING DUTY ON CIGARETTES AND BEER HAD ALREADY BEEN GREATLY SIMPLIFIED.

AS FROM AUGUST 1, MANY LICENSING AND OTHER CONTROLS WILL EITHER BE ABOLISHED OR AGAIN SIMPLIFIED: NO DEALER'S OR RETAILER'S LICENCE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SELLING LIQUOR, TOBACCO, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND METHYL ALCOHOL.

THE NUMBER OF LICENCES UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE WILL BE REDUCED FROM 55 TO 15 AND TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN GOODS CONTAINING LIQUOR, HYDROCARBON OIL OR METHYL ALCOHOL FROM CONTROL UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE.

/"THESE CONTROLS, .....

"THESE CONTROLS, WHICH WERE INTRODUCED IN THE 1930'S FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC REVENUE, NO LONGER SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE IN THEIR PRESENT FORM," MR WILLIAMSON SAID.

"THE MOVE WILL REDUCE THE COSTS AND ELIMINATE INCONVENIENCE TO THE TRADE, AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT." HE SAID.

TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS DECISION, COMMENCEMENT NOTICES ON THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDINANCE 1989 AND THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989 WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDED REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCE WERE ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE ON JUNE 9 AND JULY 7 THIS YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

UNDER THE AMENDED LEGISLATIONS, LICENCES REQUIRED FOR THE STORAGE, IMPORT AND EXPORT OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES WILL BE CONSOLIDATED.

"AT PRESENT, SEPARATE LICENCES ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH CATEGORY OF DUTIABLE GOODS THAT ARE BEING STORED, IMPORTED, OR EXPORTED.

"THE AMENDED REGULATIONS WILL REPLACE THOSE SEPARATE LICENCES BY ONE LICENCE TO STORE, AND ONE LICENCE TO IMPORT AND EXPORT, ONE OR MORE CATEGORIES OF DUTIABLE GOODS. LICENCES FOR DEALERS AND RETAILERS WILL BE ABOLISHED." MR WILLIAMSON SAID.

OTHER LICENCES AND PERMITS THAT WILL BE ABOLISHED INCLUDE CANTEEN LICENCES FOR TOBACCO, PERMITS TO USE ALCOHOL AND METHYL ALCOHOL FREE OF DUTY IN AN EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC OR CHARITABLE ORGANISATION, TOBACCO HAWKER'S LICENCES AND TOBACCO GROWER'S LICENCES.

NEW DEFINITIONS FOR ETHYL ALCOHOL, METHYL ALCOHOL AND HYDROCARBON OIL HAVE ALSO BEEN INTRODUCED. THESE WILL FREE A LARGE NUMBER OF PRODUCTS FROM ANY CONTROL UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE.

EXAMPLES OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE CAR AND ROOM AIR FRESHENERS, DETERGENT, EYE LOTION, LIQUID DISINFECTANT, MOUTH WASH, MODEL ENGINE FUEL, PRINTING INK, INSECTICIDES AND LIQUID POLISHES.

"THUS A CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN RED TAPE WILL BE EFFECTED," MR WILLIAMSON SAID.

AS REGARDS THE USE OF MARKED OIL, THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (MARKING AND COLOURING OF HYDROCARBON OIL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON JUNE 9 HAVE PERMITTED THE USE OF MARKED OIL IN CONSTRUCTION SITE VEHICLES THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

PREVIOUSLY, THE USE OF MARKED OIL IN SUCH VEHICLES WAS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE. THIS REQUIREMENT HAS ALSO BEEN ABOLISHED.

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GOVT TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF SAI KUNG VBP CENTRE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTRE AT SAI KUNG TO COPE WITH A CONTINUING INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

EXPLAINING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR MIKE HANSON, HOWEVER SAID THAT THE CONCERNS OF LOCAL PEOPLE HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

"THE REMOTE SITE OF THE CAMP IS ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE COUNTRY PARK AND WILL MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND USERS OF THE COUNTRY PARK," HE SAID.

"THE CAMP HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE FULL SECURITY AND TO AVOID POLLUTION.

"IT WILL BE SURROUNDED BY A 17-FOOT HIGH FENCE WITH THREE-FOOT HIGH BARBED COILS ON TOP AND CONCRETE BASE BELOW.

"SEVEN-FOOT HIGH METAL PLATES WILL ALSO BE ATTACHED TO THE FENCE TO PREVENT CUTTING THROUGH AND TO SCREEN THE CAMP FROM THE NEARBY WATER SPORTS CENTRE, AND VICE VERSA."

TO AVOID POLLUTION AND TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, MR HANSON SAID THERE WOULD BE A SEWAGE AND WASTE WATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM IN THE CAMP AND THERE WOULD BE NO DIRECT DISCHARGES INTO THE SEA OR THE POOL BELOW THE DAM.

"A TREATMENT SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED FOR THE DISCHARGE OF WASTE WATER FROM KITCHENS, SHOWERS AND CLOTHES-WASHING AREAS IN THE CAMP," HE SAID.

"THIS SYSTEM WILL INVOLVE THE USE OF SETTLEMENT TANKS AND SAND FILTRATION.

"ON WASTE DISPOSAL, WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED IN METAL TANKS AND EMPTIED ON A REGULAR BASIS. THESE WILL BE TAKEN TO SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES OUTSIDE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

"WE CAN ASSURE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF THE CAMP IS VERY MUCH IN OUR MINDS AND STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES," MR HANSON SAID.

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CP CONFIRMS INVESTIGATIONS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, HAS CONFIRMED THAT INVESTIGATIONS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY INTO COMPLAINTS RAISED BY UNHCR FOLLOWING LAST WEEKEND'S INCIDENT AT THE SHEK KONG VBP DETENTION CENTRE.

SPEAKING TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES THIS AFTERNOON ON HIS RETURN AT KAI TAK AIRPORT, MR ANNING SAID IT WOULD NOT BE SAFE FOR HIM TO COMMENT FURTHER ON ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE UNHCR REPORT HANDED TO THE GOVERNOR EARLIER TODAY UNTIL RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION WERE KNOWN.

ASKED FOR HIS COMMENTS ON THE CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY TO BE HELD INTO THE MATTER, THE COMMISSIONER POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT ONE IN THAT IT WAS BEING HANDLED BY THE COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICE WITH AN INPUT BY CRIME HEADQUARTERS, NEW TERRITORIES.

"I AM SATISFIED THAT CAPO CARRY OUT INDEPENDENT ENQUIRIES ALREADY." HE SAID. "I AM VERY SATISFIED THAT CAPO WILL DO IT MORE THOROUGHLY AND PROFESSIONALLY THAN ANYONE ELSE CAN, SO THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH IT."

ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SUFFICIENT MANPOWER WAS BEING DEPLOYED, MR ANNING SAID THE FORCE HAD PUT IN WHAT MANPOWER IT CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND WHAT MANPOWER IT COULD AFFORD.

"WHEN YOU HAVE CAMPS WHICH HAVE BEEN PUT UP QUICKLY LIKE THIS, WHEN YOU HAVE MASSIVE NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE ARRIVING AND CONFINED IN SMALL AREAS AS THEY HAVE TO BE HERE AS THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE, THEN IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT AT TIMES THERE ARE VIOLENT INCIDENTS INSIDE THE CAMPS AND TENSION INSIDE THE CAMPS." HE WENT ON.

"I AM SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR THE VIETNAMESE SO FAR BUT THIS IS A MASSIVE PROBLEM WHICH HAS ESCALATED VERY FAST."

RESPONDING TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER MORALE HAD BEEN AFFECTED, MR ANNING SAID THAT POLICEMEN WERE USED TO PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS THAT THEY WOULD DO THEIR JOB PROPERLY AND PROFESSIONALLY.

"INSIDE A MAJOR POLICE FORCE SUCH AS THIS ONE IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE HAVE OUR OWN QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES," HE SAID.

"POLICEMEN ARE USED TO THIS. POLICEMEN UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN ALLEGATIONS ARE MADE AGAINST ONE OF THEIR NUMBERS THEY HAVE TO BE THOROUGHLY AND IMPARTIALLY INVESTIGATED. IT IS SOMETHING A POLICEMAN ACCEPTS," HE ADDED.

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## RISE IN OVERALL CRIME IN SECOND QUARTER

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OVERALL CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 8.2 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS THREE-MONTH PERIOD.

RELEASING THE CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER TODAY (FRIDAY), MR WONG TSAN-KWONG, THE POLICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CRIME, SAID A TOTAL OF 20,198 CRIMES WERE RECORDED.

VIOLENT CRIME TOTALLED 4,271 CASES DURING THE QUARTER, REPRESENTING 21.2 PER CENT OF ALL CRIMES REPORTED, AND A 12.6 PER CENT RISE OVER THE PRVIOUS QUARTER, MR WONG SAID.

MR WONG SAID THE UPSURGE IN VIOLENT CRIME WAS MAINLY DUE TO AN INCREASE IN THE OFFENCES OF WOUNDING AND SERIOUS ASSAULT AND INDECENT ASSAULT.

COMPARED WITH LAST QUARTER, INDECENT ASSAULT ON FEMALE CASES INCREASED BY 58.5 PER CENT WHILE WOUNDING AND SERIOUS ASSAULTS CASES WAS UP 24.5 PER CENT, MR WONG SAID.

ON ROBBERIES, MR WONG SAID WEAPONS WERE USED IN 46.5 PER CENT OF THESE OFFENCES, RESULTING IN 24.8 PER CENT OF ROBBERIES' VICTIMS SUSTAINING INJURIES.

OF ALL THE 1,450 ROBBERIES COMMITTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER, 26 INVOLVED GOLDSMITH OR WATCH SHOPS. A TOTAL OF \$21.8 MILLION WORTH OF GOLD, JEWELLERY AND WATCHES WERE STOLEN. THE CORRESPONDING NUMBERS OF SUCH ROBBERIES FOR THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR WERE NINE AND 14 RESPECTIVELY.

THERE WERE 59 ROBBERIES INVOLVING THE USE OF GENUINE FIREARMS OR PISTOL LIKE OBJECTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, OF WHICH SIX CASES WERE CONFIRMED AS GENUINE FIREARMS.

THERE WERE 58 SUCH CASES IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 54 IN THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

WITH REGARD TO BURGLARIES, MR WONG POINTED OUT THAT IN 24 PERCENT OF ALL CASES OCCURRING IN THE SECOND QUARTER, THE BURGLARS DID NOT HAVE TO BREAK INTO THE PREMISES.

COMPARED WITH LAST QUARTER, DOMESTIC PREMISES BURGLARIES INCREASED BY 14.8 PER CENT, SHOP BURGLARIES BY 23.5 PER CENT, AND FACTORY BURGLARIES BY 11.8 PER CENT. HOWEVER, COMMERCIAL OFFICE BURGLARIES FELL BY 17.6 PER CENT.

WOUNDINGS AND SERIOUS ASSAULTS AVERAGED 20.8 CASES PER DAY IN THE SECOND QUARTER, AN INCREASE OF 24.5 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND ALSO 12 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

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THE NUMBER OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS AGED BELOW 16 ARRESTED, INCLUDING THOSE CAUTIONED WITHOUT PROSECUTION, INCREASED IN THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW.

OF ALL OFFENDERS ARRESTED DURING THE QUARTER, 1,972 WERE JUVENILES, 180 PERSONS MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

MEANWHILE, 1,833 YOUNG OFFENDERS (AGED 16 TO BELOW 21) WERE ARRESTED DURING THE QUARTER, REPRESENTING A 2.8 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND A 9.9 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACCOUNTED FOR 17.8 PER CENT OF THE 10,584 PERSONS ARRESTED DURING THE QUARTER.

DURING THE QUARTER THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOR BREACHING THE LAWS WAS 352, COMPARED WITH 336 IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 244 IN THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

MOST OF THE CASES, OVER 70 PER CENT, WERE RELATED TO THE UNLAWFUL USE OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.

THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES/BOAT PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR VIOLENT CRIME STOOD AT 77 IN THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW COMPARED WITH 60 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

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## RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE URGED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO REGISTER BETWEEN AUGUST 15 AND SEPTEMBER 30 AS VOTERS FOR FUTURE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS AS WELL AS DISTRICT BOARDS ELECTIONS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOEY LAM, TO REPRESENTATIVES OF WINNING FIRMS IN THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT INTER-HONG SPORTS PROGRAMME AT ITS PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

"I HOPE YOU WOULD ENCOURAGE NON-VOTERS TO FULFILL THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY," MISS LAM TOLD THE GATHERING.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE SPORTS PROGRAMME, WHICH HAD BEEN HELD ANNUALLY OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS, HAD PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR WITH OFFICE WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT, AND HAD ATTRACTED OVER 600 PEOPLE FROM 33 FIRMS THIS YEAR.

FOLLOWING KEEN COMPETITION, THE HONG CHING CLUB EMERGED AS THE OVERALL CHAMPION THIS YEAR, WHILE THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED AND THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY RANKED FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP RESPECTIVELY.

/THE PROGRAMME .....

THE PROGRAMME WAS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IT COVERED VARIOUS SPORTS INCLUDING BASKETBALL, MINI-SOCCER, TABLE TENNIS, BADMINTON, SQUASH AND TELEMATCHES.

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#### RECOMMENDED TUITION FEES AT TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE FEES RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY THE FIVE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS, THAT IS THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE, FOR DEGREE AND SUB-DEGREE COURSES IN 1992-93.

THE FEE LEVELS FOR 1992-93 ARE \$11,600 A YEAR FOR DEGREE COURSES AND \$9,000 A YEAR FOR SUB-DEGREE COURSES.

THESE RECOMMENDED FEES WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH WILL ADMIT ITS FIRST STUDENTS IN 1991.

THE FEES ALREADY DETERMINED AND ANNOUNCED FOR THE NEXT THREE ACADEMIC YEARS OF 1989-90, 1990-91 AND 1991-92 ARE \$7,500, \$8,700 AND \$10,000 A YEAR FOR DEGREE COURSES, AND \$5,700, \$6,500 AND \$7,500 A YEAR FOR SUB-DEGREE COURSES RESPECTIVELY.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM IS FOR TUITION FEES TO MEET A SHARE OF THE COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND FOR THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT TO PAY REASONABLE FEES," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE FEES ANNOUNCED TODAY ARE FOR 1992-93. IT IS OUR LONG ESTABLISHED PRACTICE TO DECLARE FEES FOUR YEARS IN ADVANCE SO THAT THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS MAY BE AWARE FROM FIRST ENROLMENT OF THE FEES THEY WILL PAY THROUGHOUT THEIR STUDIES.

"THE NEW FEES FOR 1992-93 HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ANTICIPATED COST INCREASES."

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S LOCAL STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS IN NEED.

"NO STUDENT WHO IS OFFERED A PLACE IN A TERTIARY INSTITUTION SHOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT IT THROUGH A LACK OF FUNDS. THE SCHEME WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY STUDENTS TO MEET THE NEW FEES AND FACULTY EXPENSES," HE SAID.

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PUBLIC URGED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST MALARIA

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RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO INTEND TO TRAVEL TO COUNTRIES WHERE MALARIA IS ENDEMIC, ARE URGED TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE RISK OF MALARIA INFECTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WERE 94 IMPORTED MALARIA CASES LAST YEAR COMPARED WITH 96 IN 1987.

HONG KONG IS VULNERABLE TO MALARIA BECAUSE THE TERRITORY IS A MAJOR CENTRE FOR BOTH TOURISM AND BUSINESS. THERE IS ALSO A GREAT RISK OF THE MALARIA PARASITES BEING BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG BY TRAVELLERS FROM MALARIA ENDEMIC COUNTRIES.

WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE IN THE SUMMER SEASON, THE SPOKESMAN URGED TRAVELLERS TO TAKE PREVENTIVE MEASURES, PARTICULARLY PERSONAL PROTECTION, AGAINST MOSQUITO BITES WHEN THEY VISIT MALARIA ENDEMIC COUNTRIES, WHICH INCLUDE CHINA, INDIA, PAKISTAN AND VARIOUS SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

THEY SHOULD BE ON THE ALERT FOR MALARIA SYMPTOMS SUCH AS CHILLS OR FEVER AND SEEK EARLY TREATMENT.

INFORMATION ON MALARIA ENDEMIC COUNTRIES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE.

"IN VIEW OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF HONG KONG, IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PREVENT THE IMPORTATION OF MALARIA INTO THE TERRITORY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ONLY EFFECTIVE AND PRACTICAL WAY IN WHICH HONG KONG CAN PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST THE IMPORTATION OF MALARIA CASES, HE ADDED, IS THROUGH AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF SURVEILLANCE, CONSISTING OF CASE DETECTION, TREATMENT, INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIAL ACTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED SUCH A SYSTEM.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED RESIDENTS TO TAKE PREVENTIVE MEASURES WHEN VISITING RURAL AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BECAUSE MALARIA IS TRANSMITTED BY ANOPHELINE MOSQUITOES WHICH ARE FOUND IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

PEOPLE GOING CAMPING OR TO PICNIC AREAS, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE PLANNING TO STAY OVERNIGHT, SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE PERSONAL PROTECTION, FOR EXAMPLE WEARING LONG TROUSERS AND LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS OR COATS AND ALSO USE INSECT REPELLENTS. IN ADDITION, THEY SHOULD ALSO USE MOSQUITO NETS OR SCREENS.

"THE BEST PREVENTIVE MEASURES, HOWEVER, WOULD BE TO STOP MOSQUITOES FROM BREEDING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/MOSQUITOES TRANSMITTING .....

MOSQUITOES TRANSMITTING MALARIA BREED IN CLEAR WATER STREAMS AND STAGNANT WATER WITH VEGETATION; THEY ARE MOSTLY FOUND IN IRRIGATION DITCHES, HILL STREAMS, EXCAVATION SITES AND ABANDONED PADDY FIELDS.

"MALARIA IS A NOTIFIABLE DISEASE AND EVERY CASE NOTIFIED WILL BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED BY THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT AS TO THE POSSIBLE SOURCE OF INFECTION," HE SAID.

BLOOD SAMPLES ARE TAKEN FROM PATIENTS WITH CLINICAL SYMPTOMS OF MALARIA, AND ALL CASES ARE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT.

AFTER TREATMENT IN HOSPITAL, FOLLOW-UP ACTION BY HEALTH OFFICIALS WILL CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER SIX MONTHS WITH BLOOD SCREENING AT MONTHLY INTERVALS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HEALTH EDUCATION IS ANOTHER ESSENTIAL PART OF ANTI-MALARIA ACTION UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

"THIS IS USUALLY IN THE FORM OF HEALTH TALKS TO VILLAGES AND SCHOOLS, DISTRIBUTION OF POSTERS AND LEAFLETS AND SOMETIMES HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE URBAN SERVICES AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS ARE TAKING STEPS TO CONTROL MOSQUITO BREEDING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, INCLUDING THE APPLICATION OF LARVICIDES AND INSECTICIDES TO POTENTIAL MOSQUITO BREEDING SITES.

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#### PEAK SITE MARKED AS FOCAL POINT FOR TOURISTS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS OFFERING A SITE AT PEAK ROAD FOR SALE BY TENDER WITH AN OBJECTIVE THAT IT COULD BE DEVELOPED IN A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER TO REFLECT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AREA AS A CITY LANDMARK AND ENHANCE ITS ROLE AS A FOCUS OF ACTIVITIES FOR BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS VISITORS.

KNOWN AS RURAL BUILDING LOT NO.3, THE 11,220-SQUARE-METRE LOT IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE PEAK TOWER, INCLUDING THE PEAK MANSIONS SITE, WHICH WAS FORMERLY USED AS QUARTERS FOR GOVERNMENT STAFF.

IT IS DESIGNATED FOR USE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN BUT INCLUDING HOTEL AND SERVICE APARTMENTS) PURPOSES, A PUBLIC CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER (HONG KONG WEST), MR THOMAS HO, SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SITE WOULD PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR BOTH LOCAL RESIDENTS AND OVERSEAS TOURISTS AT THIS POPULAR LOCATION.

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THIS IS PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE IN VIEW OF THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VISITORS THAT WILL RESULT FROM THE CURRENT MODERNISATION OF THE PEAK TRAM, HE ADDED.

MR HO EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD LONG BEEN AWARE OF THE NEED TO IMPROVE SUCH FACILITIES BUT UNTIL NOW THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH AVAILABLE LAND TO REDEVELOP AND, AT THE SAME TIME, MAINTAIN AN UNINTERRUPTED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE, INCLUDING CAR PARKING.

WITH THE ADDITION OF THE PEAK MANSIONS SITE, THE SITE WAS NOW LARGE ENOUGH FOR THE PURPOSE, HE NOTED.

MR HO SAID IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE REDEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES, TENDERERS FOR THE SITE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A CAREFULLY PLANNED LAYOUT TO INCORPORATE ALL THE PUBLIC SERVICES, INCLUDING CAR PARKING AND THE REPROVISIONING OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS.

"SIMILAR THOUGHT WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE DESIGN OF THE BUILDINGS FOR THEM TO BE IN KEEPING WITH THE LOW DENSITY CHARACTER OF THE AREA AS WELL AS HOW WELL WILL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE BE PROVIDED.

"AS WITH THE RECENT TENDER FOR THE PEAK CAFE, PRICE WILL NOT BE THE ONLY FACTOR AND DUE WEIGHT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE QUALITY OF THE DESIGN AND HOW WELL IT RELATES TO THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT."

IN A BID TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS OUTSIDE THE PEAK TOWER, MR HO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD SET OUT IN THE PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT THAT ADEQUATE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION HAD TO BE PROVIDED BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT, IN PARTICULAR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS AND THE COACH PICKING UP/SETTING DOWN AREA, AND THE PEAK TRAM STATION.

TENDERERS WERE ALSO REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A SATISFACTORY ROAD LAYOUT WITH A WORKABLE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION WHICH WOULD AVOID CONFLICT BETWEEN VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS AND THE DEVELOPMENT ITSELF BY RESTRICTING VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE SITE TO ITS SOUTHERN PART.

"WE ARE HOPING THAT THE PRESENT CONFLICT BETWEEN VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS OUTSIDE THE PEAK TOWER WILL BE A THING OF THE PAST, AND VEHICLES GOING IN AND OUT OF THE SITE WILL BE KEPT AWAY FROM THIS BUSY CORNER," HE SAID.

AS NEW OPEN SPACE AREAS WOULD BE A MAJOR FEATURE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT, THE PROPOSAL SHOULD ALSO AIM TO PROVIDE AS MUCH OPEN SPACE AS POSSIBLE ON THE SITE AS ONE OF THE CENTRE PIECES OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING A VISITOR SAW ON LEAVING THE PEAK TRAM BUILDING.

MR HO SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL WAS MAKING A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN THIS RESPECT BY PAYING FOR A NEW PUBLIC GARDEN OF ABOUT 2,500 SQUARE METRES IN THE AREA NEXT TO THE PEAK TRAM.

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TENDERERS WILL BE ASKED TO PRODUCE A DESIGN FOR THIS NEW GARDEN WHICH SHOULD BE FULLY INTEGRATED WITH THEIR SCHEMES. UPON COMPLETION, THE GARDEN WILL BE MANAGED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE SITE THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF 1,500 SQUARE METRES OF TERRACES, VIEWING DECKS AND SIMILAR AREAS BUILT AND MAINTAINED BY THE DEVELOPER AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS VANTAGE POINTS OVERLOOKING BOTH SIDES OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND BEYOND.

THERE ARE ALSO SPECIAL CONDITIONS DETAILING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORMATION OF GREEN AREAS AND DUE CONSIDERATIONS ARE ALSO GIVEN TO THE LANDSCAPING ASPECTS IN WHICH TENDERERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSERVE THE EXISTING TREES IN FRONT OF PEAK MANSIONS.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE THE GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY FACILITIES, PUBLIC CARPARK AND A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 12,500 SQUARE METRES FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1992.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 27 THIS YEAR.

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#### INCREASED FINES IN ENDANGERED SPECIES LAW COMING INTO EFFECT

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NEW MAXIMUM FINES FOR VIOLATING LOCAL LEGISLATION ON PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 1), IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW MAXIMUM FINES - \$25,000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$50,000 FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE - REPRESENT A FIVEFOLD INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS FINES OF \$5,000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$10,000 FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE WHICH WERE FIXED IN 1976.

FOR REPEATED OFFENCES, THE JAIL SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS REMAINS UNCHANGED.

THESE INCREASED PENALTIES ARE PRESCRIBED IN THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1989, WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH.

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THE ACTING SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR MARTIN LEUNG, SAID THE MAXIMUM FINES WERE INCREASED TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DETERRENT AGAINST WOULD-BE OFFENDERS, AND THEY WERE PART OF GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO FURTHER TIGHTEN UP THE CONTROL ON THE TRADE IN ENDANGERED WILDLIFE IN HONG KONG.

MR LEUNG SAID THE ORDINANCE ALSO INTRODUCED ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS TO EFFECT MORE EFFICIENT CONTROL ON THE TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES, INCLUDING A PROHIBITION ON THE TRADE IN MEDICINAL PRODUCTS THAT WERE CLAIMED TO CONTAIN RHINOCEROS INGREDIENTS.

"THESE PROVISIONS WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON DECEMBER 1 SO AS TO ENABLE THE TRADERS TO DISPOSE OF THE EXISTING STOCK OF SUCH MEDICINE AND TO ALLOW TIME FOR NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW MEASURES," HE SAID.

"AS FROM DECEMBER 1, IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE FOR ANYONE TO IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS MEDICINE WHICH CONTAINS, OR IS CLAIMED OR REPRESENTED TO CONTAIN, ANY RHINOCEROS INGREDIENTS."

OTHER NEW MEASURES WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 1 INCLUDE THE CONTROL OF ENDANGERED SPECIES IN TRANSIT, THE IDENTIFICATION OF INCOMPLETE SPECIMENS AS COURT EVIDENCE AND THE PUNISHMENT FOR GIVING FALSE INFORMATION.

"ANY TRANSIT SHIPMENTS OF ENDANGERED SPECIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LICENCE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATE OR OTHER DOCUMENT FOR EXPORT, ISSUED BY A RELEVANT AUTHORITY OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY.

"IN THE CASE OF A LIVING ENDANGERED SPECIES IN TRANSIT, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES HAS TO BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST THREE WORKING DAYS PRIOR ITS ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG," MR LEUNG SAID.

"ANY OBJECT WHICH IS NOT READILY RECOGNISABLE BUT IS CLAIMED OR REPRESENTED TO BE A SCHEDULED SPECIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AS EVIDENCE IN A PROSECUTION CASE.

"IN ADDITION, A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 WILL BE IMPOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR GIVING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN A LICENCE AND MAKING FALSE CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SCHEDULED SPECIES AND CONTROLLED MEDICINES."

THE NEW LAW ALSO EXTENDS THE POWERS OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS TO STOP, BOARD AND SEARCH ANY VESSEL, AIRCRAFT, TRAIN OR VEHICLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPORTATION OF SCHEDULED SPECIES TO COVER SUSPECTED CONTRAVENTION OF THE RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT OR POSSESSION OR THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULED SPECIES AND CONTROLLED MEDICINES.

"LIKewise, THE POWER OF AN AUTHORISED OFFICER IS ALSO EXTENDED TO ENABLE HIM TO STOP AND SEARCH ANY PERSON WHO IS SUSPECTED OF POSSESSING ANY SCHEDULED SPECIES OR CONTROLLED MEDICINES WITHOUT A LICENCE," MR LEUNG ADDED.

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NEW WATER CONTROL ZONES DECLARED

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PORT SHELTER AND JUNK BAY (TSEUNG KWAN O) WERE DECLARED WATER CONTROL ZONES UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (PORT SHELTER WATER CONTROL ZONE) ORDER 1989 AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (JUNK BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE) ORDER 1989 WHICH WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ORDERS, MADE UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE, WERE AIMED AT CONTROLLING THE DISCHARGES AND DEPOSITS FROM ALL SOURCES IN THE TWO ZONES, OTHER THAN DISCHARGES AND DEPOSITS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE.

THE RELATED APPOINTED DAYS ORDERS BY WHICH THE GOVERNOR APPOINTED THE RESPECTIVE DATES FOR THE CONTROLS TO TAKE EFFECT WERE ALSO GAZETTED TODAY.

MEANWHILE, THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE) (APPOINTED DAYS) ORDER 1989, ALSO GAZETTED TODAY, EXTENDS THE CONTROLS IN THE SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE, WHICH WAS DECLARED LAST AUGUST, TO INCLUDE INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ORDERS WOULD ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY AND PROTECT THE BENEFICIAL USES OF THE THREE WATER CONTROL ZONES INCLUDING SEA BATHING, FISHERIES, SECONDARY CONTACT RECREATION (FOR EXAMPLE WATER SKIING, BOATING AND CANOEING) AND GENERAL AMENITIES.

UNDER THE LEGISLATION, A LICENCE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR DISCHARGES OR DEPOSITS WHICH BEGIN AFTER AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

ALL EXISTING DISCHARGES - THOSE THAT BEGAN BEFORE AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR - MAY BE EXEMPT IF THE GOVERNMENT IS NOTIFIED OF THE DETAILS BY APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR, PROVIDING THAT SUCH DISCHARGES COMPLY WITH SECTIONS 4 AND 5 OF THE CROWN LAND ORDINANCE, DO NOT CONSTITUTE A DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND ARE NOT HARMFUL TO THE DRAINAGE OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

THE LEGISLATION HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OMELCO STANDING PANEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE SAI KUNG AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARDS.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE WATER CONTROL ZONES AND CONTROL MEASURES IS AVAILABLE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (WATER AND WASTE POLICY), MR PAUL HOLMES, ON 5-8351003 OR ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (WATER AND WASTE CONTROL), DR MICHAEL CHIU, ON 5-8351004.

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FIRST QUARTER SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS RELEASED  
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IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, 4,094 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 24.6 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 275 (OR 7 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 1.8 MILLION NRT (OR 8 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

THIS IS SHOWN IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT JANUARY - MARCH 1989" PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF OIL TANKERS (+176), CONTAINER VESSELS (+139) AND CONVENTIONAL CARGO VESSELS (+58), WHILE A MAJOR DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF SEMI-CONTAINER VESSELS (-51).

WHEN ANALYSED BY FLAG OF VESSELS, MAJOR INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE RECORDED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+183), PANAMA (+32), THE U.S.A. (+19) AND INDONESIA (+15), WHILE MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN JAPAN (-48), DENMARK (-32) AND LIBERIA (-17).

THE NUMBER OF INCOMING SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS INCREASED BY 140 WHILST THE NUMBER OF THOSE WITH A LARGER CAPACITY INCREASED BY 135.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, THERE WERE 4,115 OUTGOING SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 24.8 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 294 (OR 8 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 2.1 MILLION NRT (OR 9 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 9 PER CENT. ABOUT 67 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 86 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 14 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO. OF THE CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, 59 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AND 41 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE SINGAPORE (17 PER CENT), JAPAN (14 PER CENT), SOUTH AFRICA (10 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (10 PER CENT), CHINA (10 PER CENT), TAIWAN (8 PER CENT) AND SOUTH KOREA (6 PER CENT).

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THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S.A. (20 PER CENT), TAIWAN (15 PER CENT), CHINA (13 PER CENT), JAPAN (7 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (5 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (5 PER CENT) AND INDONESIA (4 PER CENT).

TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (32 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (16 PER CENT), AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (18 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (13 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (+29 PER CENT), SOUTH AFRICA (+27 PER CENT), JAPAN (+16 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+14 PER CENT), THAILAND (+11 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (+10 PER CENT).

A MAJOR DECREASE IN TONNAGE WAS NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM SOUTH KOREA (-10 PER CENT).

AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF TEXTILE FIBRES (+60 PER CENT), PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+46 PER CENT), CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (+38 PER CENT) AND CORK AND WOOD MANUFACTURES (EXCLUDING FURNITURE) (+30 PER CENT).

MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF LOGS AND TIMBER (-26 PER CENT) AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (-10 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT.

MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA (+51 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+40 PER CENT), THE U.S.A (+22 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+14 PER CENT).

MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO INDONESIA (-18 PER CENT) AND SOUTH KOREA (-17 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+98 PER CENT), CLAY AND KAOLIN (+56 PER CENT), FOOTWEAR (+41 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (+32 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+31 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+28 PER CENT).

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE IMPORTS AND INWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 31 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO. OF THAT LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS AND OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 78 PER CENT WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 25 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. (87 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (79 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (78 PER CENT) AND WEST GERMANY (76 PER CENT).

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE IMPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 ROSE BY 6 PER CENT OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR, IN TONNAGE TERMS, 95 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS OF OTHER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES AND PARTS, 92 PER CENT OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, 89 PER CENT OF PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD AND 84 PER CENT OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

OF SEABORNE EXPORTS, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 70 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS, THE U.S.A. AND AUSTRALIA.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 ROSE BY 10 PER CENT OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

A VERY LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE EXPORTS OF SOME PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES WAS CONTAINERISED. THIS INCLUDED TOYS; GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; COTTON GARMENTS; FOOTWEAR; COTTON TEXTILES; MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; AND TEXTILES OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPMASTERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 ARE CONTAINED IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT JANUARY TO MARCH 1989", WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$23 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. NO. 5-8234887.

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SURVEY TO GAUGE NEEDS OF INDUSTRIALISTS UNDERWAY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMISSIONED A SURVEY TO ASSESS THE LAND AND FACILITY REQUIREMENTS OF INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG.

THE VIEWS OF ABOUT 2,500 INDUSTRIAL FIRMS WILL BE SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY, WHICH BEGAN YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH COMMISSIONED THE SURVEY RESEARCH HONGKONG LIMITED, A PRIVATE MARKET RESEARCH FIRM, TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY.

"THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY IS TO FIND OUT, FROM ENTREPRENEURS, THEIR REQUIREMENTS ON INDUSTRIAL LAND AND FACILITIES," A BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE INFORMATION WILL ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN PLANNING FOR FUTURE INDUSTRIAL LAND ALLOCATION AND PROVISION OF RELATED FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

INTERVIEWS WITH SENIOR DIRECTORATE OR MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL OF THE FIRMS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. A FULL SURVEY REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE READY IN NOVEMBER.

THE COMPANIES SELECTED BY RANDOM SAMPLING WILL SOON RECEIVE A LETTER INVITING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY. INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

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TWO DEGREE COURSES AT BAPTIST COLLEGE APPROVED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THAT, WITH EFFECT FROM THIS SEPTEMBER, THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE (HKBC) COULD INTRODUCE A BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (HONOURS) DEGREE COURSE IN CHINA STUDIES AND A BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) DEGREE COURSE IN MUSIC.

THE COURSES APPROVED ARE THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSES WITH AN ANNUAL INTAKE OF 80 STUDENTS FOR CHINA STUDIES AND 25 STUDENTS FOR MUSIC.

THE COURSE IN CHINA STUDIES WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF CONTEMPORARY CHINA FROM ECONOMIC, GEOGRAPHICAL, HISTORICAL, SOCIOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES.

IT WILL ALSO EQUIP GRADUATES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF CAREERS INCLUDING BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, THE MEDIA AND OTHER GENERAL FIELDS.

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THE COURSE IN MUSIC, ON THE OTHER HAND, WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A PRACTICAL AND INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATION FOR CAREERS IN MUSIC OR MUSIC RELATED OCCUPATIONS.

THE NEW DEGREE COURSES HAVE BEEN ASSESSED BY THE UK COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HAVE ALSO BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE.

SINCE 1986, HKBC HAS INTRODUCED FOUR HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, COMBINED SCIENCES AND COMMUNICATION, AND ONE GENERAL DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL WORK.

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS STUDYING FOR FIRST DEGREES IN THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR IS 1,561, REPRESENTING 57.2 PER CENT OF 2,731 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS ENROLLED.

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#### MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME A SUCCESS IN KWUN TONG

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A PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG RESIDENTS HAS BEEN RUNNING SUCCESSFULLY IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT IN THE PAST SEVEN WEEKS.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH STARTED ON JUNE 10, WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE. IT INCLUDED A SEMINAR, A TRAINING SCHEME FOR VOLUNTEERS AND A SERIES OF ROVING EXHIBITIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT RESPONSE TO THOSE ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING, ADDING THAT THE SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS STAGED IN SIX DIFFERENT AREAS IN THE DISTRICT HAD ATTRACTED OVER 6,000 RESIDENTS.

SOME 400 REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS WELL AS AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN KWUN TONG TOOK PART IN THE OPENING SEMINAR ON JUNE 10, AND A TOTAL OF 28 YOUNG PEOPLE HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE VOLUNTEER TRAINING SCHEME, HE SAID.

THE PROGRAMME WILL COME TO A CONCLUSION ON SUNDAY (JULY 30) AFTERNOON IN THE FORM OF A CARNIVAL AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND. THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, GAME STALLS AND AN EXHIBITION ON MENTAL HEALTH.

PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CARNIVAL, CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE VOLUNTEER TRAINING SCHEME.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, MR ALAN WONG; KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR POON CHI-FAI; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MS MONA LO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME CLOSING CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JULY 30) AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND, BEGINNING AT 2.15 PM.

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MARINE INQUIRY INTO FOUNDERING ORDERED

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, HAS ORDERED A LOCAL MARINE INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDING TO THE FOUNDERING OF A PLEASURE VESSEL OFF WAN CHAI LAST SATURDAY (JULY 22).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) TWO OFFICERS, MR CHICK KING-FAI, SURVEYOR OF SHIPS (ENGINEER AND SHIPS), AND MR YEE FOOK-CHEONG, SHIP INSPECTOR I, HAD BEEN APPOINTED BY MR HALL TO CONDUCT THE INQUIRY.

THE INQUIRY WAS ORDERED UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE, HE ADDED.

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT 10.10 AM ABOUT 60 METRES OFF WAN CHAI FERRY PIER WHEN THE PLEASURE BOAT "FLYING STAR" WAS FOUND TO BE TAKING IN WATER, SHORTLY AFTER IT LEFT QUEEN'S PIER, AND LATER SUNK.

ALL THE 34 PASSENGERS ON BOARD WERE SAFELY TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER VESSEL, WHICH WAS PASSING BY, AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

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TENDERS FOR THE FIRST NOISE ENCLOSURES INVITED

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TENDERS FOR THE FIRST NOISE ABATEMENT ENCLOSURES FOR ROADS IN HONG KONG ARE BEING INVITED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOISE ABATEMENT ENCLOSURES AND ASSOCIATED NOISE AND SECURITY BARRIERS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED UPON THE ELEVATED SECTIONS OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INTERCHANGE, WHICH IS PART OF THE DIAMOND HILL APPROACHES TO THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

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THE NOISE ENCLOSURES AND BARRIERS WILL REDUCE THE TRAFFIC NOISE LEVEL THAT MAY AFFECT CHOI HUNG ESTATE AND RICHLAND GARDEN AFTER THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

A NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORK IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SCOPE OF THE WORKS COMPRISES REINFORCED CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION OF PORTAL FRAMES AND ROOF SLABS, WITH SPECIALISED PROPRIETARY WALL AND ROOF CLADDINGS.

THEY ARE DESIGNED BY MOTT MACDONALD HONG KONG LIMITED, WHICH WILL SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN LATE SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. COMPLETION OF THE WORKS WILL COINCIDE WITH THAT OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IN 1991.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MOTT MACDONALD HONG KONG LIMITED, 2401 SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE, 30 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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SEALED TENDERS IN DUPLICATE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

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#### BRIEFING ON SHEUNG SHUI FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND RESIDENTS IN SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE WILL BE BRIEFED ON A \$20 MILLION FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME ON MONDAY (JULY 31).

THE SCHEME AIMS AT PREVENTING FLOODING IN SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE RESULTING FROM THE OVERFLOWING OF RIVER INDUS ON RAINY DAYS.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES A PROTECTIVE BUND SEPARATING SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE FROM THE RIVER INDUS FLOOD PLAIN, A FLOOD STORAGE POND FOR STORING THE CUMULATIVE RUNOFF DURING SEVERE STORMS, AND A STORMWATER PUMPING STATION.

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AN ENGINEER OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR FRED AU, AND PROJECT CONSULTANTS WILL EXPLAIN TO THE MEMBERS AND VILLAGERS HOW THE SCHEME OPERATES.

A SITE VISIT WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR THE PARTY AFTER THE BRIEFING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING AND JOIN THE SITE VISIT. THE BRIEFING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 31) IN THE PREMISES OF THE SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE OFFICE, SHEUNG SHUI.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT FOR THE MEDIA WILL LEAVE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING AT 2 PM. DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER, MRS ANGELA WONG, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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EASTERN DB ORGANISING STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD IS ORGANISING A WEEK-LONG STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN IN WHICH MEMBERS WILL OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT THERE.

TO PREPARE MEMBERS FOR THE TOUR, WHICH WILL LAST FROM AUGUST 7 TO 13, A BRIEFING SESSION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (JULY 31).

AT THIS, THE JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG, MR YUKIO SATOH, WILL GIVE AN INTRODUCTION TO THE COUNTRY'S CULTURE AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE SESSION WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND LEADER OF THE TOUR GROUP, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, MR S. ROKUTAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING SESSION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (JULY 31) IN THE BOARD ROOM, 2M FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY. IT WILL BEGIN AT 5 PM.

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OVERSEAS TRAINING FOR SIX IMMIGRATION OFFICERS

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SIX SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL LEAVE FOR OVERSEAS TRAINING EARLY NEXT MONTH.

TWO OF THEM -- CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS MR LAM YUK-BUN AND MR TSE WANG-TUEN -- WILL GO TO THE UNITED STATES TO UNDERTAKE A NINE-MONTH COURSE IN SYSTEM ANALYSIS, PROJECT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY.

THE OTHER FOUR WILL LEAVE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND ITALY ON AN EIGHT-WEEK TOUR TO STUDY THE IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES IN THOSE COUNTRIES.

THEY ARE CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS MR NG SUE-PING, MR LI CHIU-KI AND MISS LENA LEE CHEE-YIN, AND SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICER MR LAM HIN-KWAN.

AT A BRIEFING TODAY (FRIDAY) BEFORE THE OFFICERS' DEPARTURE, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR LAURENCE LEUNG, SAID HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVING OVERSEAS TRAINING AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH, AND LEARNING FROM, FOREIGN IMMIGRATION SERVICES.

THE STUDY TRIPS WOULD ASSIST OFFICERS IN SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND ENABLE THEM TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFERENT CULTURAL AND SOCIAL BACKGROUND OF OVERSEAS VISITORS WHOM THEY MET IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES.

MR LEUNG EMPHASISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT FULLY RECOGNISED THE LONG TERM BENEFITS THAT COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THESE STUDY TRIPS AND THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO PROVIDE OFFICERS WITH SUCH OPPORTUNITIES, DESPITE A STAFF SHORTAGE DUE TO RECRUITMENT AND WASTAGE PROBLEMS.

HE URGED THE OFFICERS TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIDEN THEIR PERSPECTIVES AND KNOWLEDGE OF IMMIGRATION WORK.

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LEADING FIGURE IN COUNTRY PARK DEVELOPMENT RETIRES

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STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT GATHERED TOGETHER AT A DINNER PARTY THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING TO BID FAREWELL TO A LEADING FIGURE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS SYSTEM.

HE IS THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), 57-YEAR-OLD MR K.C. IU, WHO HAS PLAYED A VITAL PART IN THE DESIGNATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 21 COUNTRY PARKS IN THE TERRITORY OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES.

THE FIRST LOCAL OFFICER, APPOINTED TO THE FORESTRY OFFICER GRADE TO HAVE RISEN THROUGH THE RANKS TO HIS PRESENT POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR IU IS RETIRING EARLY NEXT MONTH AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE FAREWELL PARTY HELD IN HONOUR OF MR IU, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, PAID TRIBUTE TO MR IU'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF FORESTRY, COUNTRY PARK DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION WORK DURING HIS SERVICE.

MR IU FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1955 AS AN OVERSEER AND BECAME THE FIRST LOCAL FIELD OFFICER IN 1958.

AFTER A TWO-YEAR FOREST RANGER'S COURSE IN NEW ZEALAND AND FURTHER STUDIES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, HE WAS APPOINTED A FORESTRY OFFICER IN 1972.

MR IU WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR FORESTRY OFFICER IN 1980 AND TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN 1985.

DR LEE NOTED THAT MR IU WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SUMMER FORESTRY WORK CAMP WHICH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION WORK BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

"IN THE LAST 18 YEARS, K.C. HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS, WHICH NOW COVER SOME 40 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY'S LAND AREA AND HAVE BECOME A MAJOR RESOURCE FOR THE RECREATION AND EDUCATION OF ALL SECTORS AND AGE GROUPS OF THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, THE DIRECTOR SAID, MR IU HAD DISPLAYED A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF INTEGRITY AND LOYALTY AS WELL AS A STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND DEDICATION IN DISCHARGING HIS DUTIES.

"THE TIME HAS NOW COME WHEN, IN THE BEST TRADITION OF HIS PROFESSION, HE MUST PASS ON THESE RESPONSIBILITIES TO A YOUNGER GENERATION. HOWEVER, HE CAN LOOK BACK WITH SATISFACTION AT THE NICE AND POPULAR COUNTRY PARKS THAT HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE WORKED SO HARD FOR.

"I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK K.C. PERSONALLY FOR HIS DEDICATED WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT AND TO SAY THAT HE WILL BE MISSED BOTH AS A FRIEND AND AS A COLLEAGUE," DR LEE ADDED.

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FANLING AND YUEN LONG LOTS TO BE RESUMED  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME A TOTAL OF 194 PRIVATE LOTS IN FANLING AND YUEN LONG FOR DEVELOPMENT.

THE LOTS TO BE RESUMED TOTAL 92,054.24 SQUARE METRES AND MOST ARE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS.

THE LOTS IN FANLING SOUTH, WHICH INCLUDE 64,328.8 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 437.94 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND, ARE REQUIRED FOR A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, A SECONDARY SCHOOL, A VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AREA AND AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINS.

SITE FORMATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS ARE PROGRAMMED TO START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

THE LAND IN YUEN LONG, WHICH INCLUDES 30 LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 27,287.5 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PYLONS TO CARRY 400KV OVERHEAD POWERLINES FROM THE YUEN LONG SUB-STATION TO TA KWU LING BORDER.

NOTICES ON THE RESUMPTION OF LANDS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LOTS WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE POSTING OF THE NOTICES ON THE LOTS.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF NZI FINANCIAL CORPORATION (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BRIDGE WORK IN YUEN LONG  
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 150-METRE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE LINKING LONG PING ESTATE AND YEUNG UK, AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS, IN YUEN LONG.

THE WORK WILL MARK THE COMPLETION OF A GRADE-SEPARATED SYSTEM FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS FROM THE NORTHWESTERN PORTION OF YUEN LONG TOWN THROUGH THE LONG PING ESTATE TO YEUNG UK.

THE PROJECT, WHICH IS PART OF THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR YUEN LONG NEW TOWN, IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CONSULTANT FIRMS FOR THE PROJECT, BINNIE CONSULTANTS LTD, ON THE 11TH FLOOR, NEW TOWN TOWER, PAK HOK TING STREET, SHA TIN.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 18.

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ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN DIAMOND HILL AREA  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO UNDERTAKE ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE DIAMOND HILL AREA AFTER THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE:

- \* CONSTRUCTION OF A SERVICE ROAD RUNNING PARALLEL TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD NEAR LUNG POON COURT;
- \* REALIGNMENT OF THE SLIP ROAD BETWEEN PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND THE NEW SERVICE ROAD, INCLUDING REALIGNMENT OF ADJOINING FOOTWAYS AND EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY;
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF THE REMAINING SECTION OF LUNG POON STREET CONNECTING TO THE SERVICE ROAD;
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD (ROAD D) BETWEEN THE SERVICE ROAD AND THE FUTURE FUNG TAK ROAD EXTENSION;
- \* TEMPORARY REPROVISIONING OF AN EXISTING BUS TERMINUS WHICH WILL BE CLOSED;

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- \* REALIGNMENT OF FOOTWAYS AND AT THE JUNCTION OF THE SERVICE ROAD WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD;
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTWAYS;
- \* CLOSURE OF THE EXISTING STAIRS AND FOOTWAY FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO TAI HOM VILLAGE; AND
- \* ANCILLARY DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING WORKS.

CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO START NEXT FEBRUARY.

ON COMPLETION IN MID-1991, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE ABLE TO GAIN DIRECT ACCESS TO THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

THE NEW ROADS WILL ALSO FORM PART OF THE NETWORK FOR BUS CIRCULATION AT THE FUTURE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AT DIAMOND HILL.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 26.

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#### OLD-TYPE ID CARDS DECLARED INVALID

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ALL OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 TO WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1957 AND 1962, WILL CEASE TO BE VALID DOCUMENTS FROM AUGUST 7 THIS YEAR.

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

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

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "ONCE AN OLD CARD IS DECLARED INVALID, IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE."

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

THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD REPLACEMENT 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 ON 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 OLD CARDS AND THE NEW ONES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCES ARE:

- \* THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBER IS PRINTED ON THE TOP RIGHT CORNER IN THE OLD CARD, BUT THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE NEW CARD; AND
- \* THE HONG KONG CREST AT THE BACK IS REPLACED BY THE MULTICOLOUR BACKGROUND PRINTING.

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

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FOOTBRIDGE FOR TAI PO NEW TOWN  
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE LAM TSUEN RIVER LINKING TAI PO OLD MARKET AND TAI WO KCR STATION.

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

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN ACCESS BETWEEN THE MARKET AREA AND THE TAI WO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

THE WORKS ALSO INCLUDE:

- \* RECONSTRUCTION AND TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE;

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- \* RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ASSOCIATED SECTION OF THE RIVER WALLS;  
AND
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SECTION OF FOOTPATH AND A  
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ROAD L6.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, ALTERNATIVE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED 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.

THE WORKS ARE PROGRAMMED TO START NEXT JANUARY AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AND AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 19.

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#### TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN YAU MA TEI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN LAYING WORKS IN KIMBERLEY STREET, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JULY 30) FOR FOUR WEEKS.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE SECTION OF KIMBERLEY STREET, FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CARNARVON ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE CLOSED.

THE REMAINING SECTIONS OF KIMBERLEY STREET BETWEEN CARNARVON ROAD AND SHUN YEE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

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