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'WARM WELCOME' TO UK REPLY ON NATIONALITY ORDERS

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PUBLIC REACTION IN THE PAST FEW DAYS IS INDICATIVE OF THE WARM WELCOME GIVEN BY THE COMMUNITY TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO TWO OF THE THREE REQUESTS PUT TO IT CONCERNING THE DRAFT (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE TWO REQUESTS RELATED TO THE ENDORSEMENT TO BE PLACED IN THE NEW BN(O) PASSPORT AND TO FORMER SERVICEMEN WHO SERVED IN THE DEFENCE OF HONG KONG.

IN A STATEMENT ON THE DRAFT ORDER, SIR DAVID SAID THERE HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE THIRD REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBERS, CONCERNING BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORY CITIZENS NOT ETHNICALLY CHINESE, HAD NOT BEEN MET.

HE NOTED THAT THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS ON APRIL 25 ECHOED THIS DISAPPOINTMENT, AND THAT THESE FEELINGS HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO THE UK GOVERNMENT.

SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING THAT AFTER LONG AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONS WHICH REFLECTED THE STRONG FEELINGS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE UK GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO TWO OF THEIR REQUESTS AND HAD GIVEN AN ASSURANCE IN RESPECT OF THE NON-CHINESE BDTC'S.

+I WISH TO PLACE ON RECORD THE THANKS WE OWE AS A COMMUNITY TO MISS (LYDIA) DUNN AND HER COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR UNSTINTING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE DRAFT ORDER IN COUNCIL WAS LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 28 AND WOULD SOON BE DEBATED BY BOTH HOUSES.

NOTING THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORDER COULD NOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED, HE SAID IT WAS MADE UNDER THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THE HONG KONG ACT AND IT WOULD GIVE EFFECT TO THE NATIONALITY PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM MEMORANDUM ASSOCIATED WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION.

HE SAID: +THE ORDER WILL PROVIDE FOR A NEW FORM OF BRITISH NATIONALITY, THAT OF BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS), TO BE ACQUIRED BY HONG KONG BDTC'S AS AN ENTITLEMENT IF THEY SO WISH.

/+IT WILL .....

+IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW BN(O) PASSPORT WHICH WILL BE THE SUCCESSOR DOCUMENT TO THE CURRENT BDTc (HONG KONG) PASSPORT.+

SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS HAD ALREADY INDICATED THEY WERE LIKELY TO ACCEPT THE NEW PASSPORTS.

ONCE THE ORDER IN COUNCIL HAD BEEN MADE, THE UK GOVERNMENT WOULD APPROACH OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PASSPORT, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID MEMBERS WOULD ALSO HAVE NOTICED FROM THE MEMORANDA EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLISHED LAST THURSDAY, THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO THE INCLUSION OF AN APPROPRIATE RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT IN BN(O) PASSPORTS INDICATING IN CLEAR TERMS THE HOLDER'S RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG.

ON THE REQUEST CONCERNING THE NON-CHINESE BDTc'S, SIR DAVID SAID FOR THE REASONS SET OUT IN THE WRITTEN REPLY BY THE HOME SECRETARY ON APRIL 23, THE UK GOVERNMENT DID NOT CONSIDER IT RIGHT TO GRANT BRITISH CITIZENSHIP TO THOSE BDTc'S WHO WERE NOT ETHNICALLY CHINESE IF ON JULY 1, 1997 THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE STATELESS.

HE SAID: +HOWEVER, AS IS ALREADY PROVIDED IN THE DRAFT ORDER THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) STATUS BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 AND WILL ON THAT DATE BECOME BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENS IF THEY DO NOT DO SO.

+THEIR CHILDREN WILL ALSO BE BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENS IF THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE STATELESS AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN WILL HAVE AN ENTITLEMENT TO ACQUIRE BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENSHIP IF THEY ARE BORN STATELESS.+

+MOREOVER, IN RESPECT OF THOSE AFFECTED, THE HOME SECRETARY HAS GIVEN AN ASSURANCE THAT IF ANY BRITISH NATIONAL WAS IN THE FUTURE TO COME UNDER PRESSURE TO LEAVE HONG KONG, HE WOULD EXPECT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY THE CASE FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM,+ SIR DAVID ADDED.

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REPEAL OF TAX ON OFFSHORE INTEREST WELCOMED

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GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO REPEAL THE TAXATION OF OFFSHORE INTEREST UNDER PROFITS TAX WAS LAUDED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE RESUMED DEBATE ON THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL PROPOSING THE REPEAL, BOTH THE HON RITA FAN AND THE HON PETER POON SAID THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE LEGAL AND ACCOUNTANCY PROFESSIONS.

MR POON SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT GOVERNMENT HAD RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS SUPPORTED BY FAIR AND REASONED ARGUMENTS.

+THE AMENDMENT BILL BEFORE US IS A DEMONSTRATION OF ITS AVOWED INTENTION TO KEEP OUR TAX LEGISLATION AS SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE,+ HE ADDED.

SHARING THE SAME VIEW, MRS FAN SAID THE ACTION MIGHT REMOVE UNCERTAINTY AND SUSPICION IN THE MINDS OF MANY BUSINESSMEN WHO WERE NOW MORE CONFIDENT AND REASSURED THAT HONG KONG SHOULD ALWAYS ABIDE BY THE TERRITORIAL CONCEPT BOTH IN LETTER AND IN SPIRIT.

+IT ALSO SHOWS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE INTENTION TO KEEP THE TAX LEGISLATION SIMPLE AND CLEAR.

+SUCH EVIDENCE WILL ENHANCE HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTRE, WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE MORE BENEFICIAL IN THE LONGER TERM TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND POSSIBLY THE REVENUE,+ SHE SAID.

BOTH MEMBERS CONCEDED THAT IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE WHY THE GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED THE TAX ON INTEREST EARNED OVERSEAS IN 1984 BUT NOTED IT HAD CREATED SERIOUS CONCERN THAT HONG KONG'S +TERRITORIAL SOURCE+ TAX CONCEPT WAS BEING BREACHED.

MEANWHILE, THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENTAL INTERPRETATION AND PRACTICE NOTE NO. 13 ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 1984 HAD IN FACT FURTHER INCREASED SUCH CONCERN, ESPECIALLY BY ITS REFERENCE TO THE +MIND AND MANAGEMENT+ CONCEPT WHICH WAS MORE RELEVANT TO THE +RESIDENCE+ BASIS OF TAXATION THAN TO OUR +TERRITORIAL SOURCE+ BASIS OF TAXATION, MR POON SAID.

/IT WAS .....

IT WAS WITH THESE CONCERNS IN MIND, HE ADDED, THAT THE UMELCO AD HOC INLAND REVENUE REVIEW PANEL WAS FORMED IN JULY 1985 TO STUDY THE RECENT TAX LAW CHANGES.

HAVING CRITICALLY EXAMINED THE NUMEROUS REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM INTERESTED PARTIES AND HAVING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE EFFECTS THE 1984 AMENDMENT ORDINANCE MIGHT HAVE ON THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE PANEL RECOMMENDED THE REPEAL OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO TAX ON +OFFSHORE+ INTEREST AND THIS WAS NOW ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

MR POON SAID HE HOPED THAT THE AMENDED VERSION OF PRACTICE NOTE NO. 13 CLARIFYING AND REFLECTING THE PRACTICE OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ISSUED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AS FOR THE LOSS IN REVENUE, MR POON SAID THE COST OF REPEALING THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION MIGHT NOT BE AS GREAT AS ESTIMATED.

+IN FACT, IF SUCH PROVISIONS REMAIN IN FORCE, MOST BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THEM WILL DEFINITELY CONSIDER SHIFTING THEIR FUNDS TO AVOID THE TAX ON +OFFSHORE INTEREST+ AND NEW COMPANIES WHICH MAY BE UNWITTINGLY CAUGHT BY SUCH LEGISLATION WILL BE INCLINED TO AVOID HONG KONG AS ITS BASE,+ HE SAID.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, THEN THANKED MRS FAN AND MR POON FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW PANEL FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE REPORT WHICH THEY PRODUCED LAST YEAR.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE MEASURES ON OFFSHORE INTEREST IN THE 1984 AMENDMENT ORDINANCE BREACHED HONG KONG'S TERRITORIAL CONCEPT, BUT THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT DRAFTING DIFFICULTIES DID CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING AND UNCERTAINTY.

+HAPPILY OUR IMPROVED BUDGETARY SITUATION HAS ENABLED REPEAL TO TAKE PLACE AT LEAST A YEAR EARLIER THAN I HAD ANTICIPATED,+ HE SAID.

SIR JOHN SAID HE HOPED THAT MEMBERS WERE CORRECT IN THEIR BELIEF THAT THE REPEAL WOULD SERVE TO ENHANCE HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTRE.

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CLEARER BASIS FOR MARINE FEES, CHARGES SOUGHT  
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A BILL SEEKING TO CLARIFY THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THE SETTING OF FEES, CHARGES AND PORT DUES UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE AND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (FEES) BILL 1986, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, SAID CERTAIN FEES SET UNDER THE TWO ORDINANCES, NAMELY THOSE FOR THE KEEPING OF PRIVATE MOORINGS AND FOR PLEASURE VESSEL LICENCES, WERE TOGETHER USED TO RECOVER THE COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO THE PLEASURE BOATING COMMUNITY.

HE NOTED THAT THE LEVEL OF THOSE FEES AND THE MEANS BY WHICH THEY HAD BEEN SET HAD BEEN CHALLENGED LARGELY ON GROUNDS THAT FEES SHOULD RELATE QUITE SPECIFICALLY TO THE PARTICULAR SERVICE OR FACILITY PROVIDED RATHER THAN THE GENERALITY OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF THAT SERVICE OR FACILITY.

SIR JOHN SAID THAT THE BILL WAS INTENDED TO CLARIFY THE POSITION AND MAKE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT ANY PORT DUE, FEE OR CHARGE PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE MIGHT BE SET WITH REGARD TO THE GENERALITY OF COSTS.

IT ALSO SET OUT CRITERIA WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DETERMINING MOORING FEES.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDED SIMILARLY IN RESPECT OF FEES SET UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE, SIR JOHN SAID, ADDING THAT IT WAS UNDER THIS ORDINANCE THAT PLEASURE VESSEL LICENCE FEES WERE PRESCRIBED.

THE VALIDITY OF ALL OTHER EXISTING FEES SET UNDER THE TWO ORDINANCES WAS ALSO CONFIRMED BY A CLAUSE OF THE BILL, HE SAID.

SIR JOHN STRESSED THAT NOTHING IN THE BILL WOULD ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN TO RECOVER THE COST OF OPERATING THE PORT AND HONG KONG'S SHIPPING SERVICES.

+IT WILL, HOWEVER, ENABLE US TO CHARGE ALL THOSE WHO USE THE PORT AND ITS SERVICES THEIR SHARE OF THE COSTS OF OPERATING THE PORT RATHER THAN THE MORE MODEST CONTRIBUTIONS SOME HAVE ENJOYED IN THE PAST,+ HE SAID.

/SIR JOHN .....

SIR JOHN SAID CONCERN HAD BEEN EXPRESSED THAT FULL RECOVERY COULD IMPOSE A HEAVY BURDEN ON SOME USERS OF THE PORT, SUCH AS THE SCOUTS OR OUTWARD BOUND, WHO OPERATE VESSELS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

+ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY EXIST FOR FEES TO BE REBATED (OR SUBVENTIONS INCREASED) TO ENSURE THAT ANY GENUINE ADVERSE EFFECTS MAY BE AMELIORATED. THESE ORGANISATIONS NEED HAVE NO WORRY ON ACCOUNT OF THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ HE NOTED.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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CONTROL ON 'MINERAL WATER' PROPOSED  
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A BILL SEEKING TO IMPOSE CONTROL ON THE MANUFACTURE AND QUALITY OF BOTTLED WATER SOLD AS +MINERAL WATER+ WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THE DEFINITIONS OF +FOOD+ AND +DRINK+ IN THE EXISTING ORDINANCE DID NOT INCLUDE BOTTLED WATER SOLD AS +MINERAL WATER+ OTHER THAN NATURAL SPRING WATER.

+CONSEQUENTLY, SUCH BOTTLED WATER IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE QUALITY OF IMPORTED AND LOCALLY PRODUCED +MINERAL WATER+ ON SALE IN HONG KONG HAD NOT BEEN FOUND TO BE UNSAFE OR UNHYGIENIC, THERE WERE AT PRESENT 14 BRANDS OF +MINERAL WATER+ PRODUCED LOCALLY AND 26 BRANDS IMPORTED FOR SALE.

+IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED NECESSARY ON PUBLIC HEALTH GROUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR CONTROL OF THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF SUCH PRODUCTS,+ HE SAID.

THE BILL THEREFORE AMENDED THE DEFINITIONS OF +FOOD+ AND +DRINK+ TO BRING WITHIN THE AMBIT OF THE ORDINANCE BOTTLED WATER SOLD AS +MINERAL WATER+ FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

/MR CHAMBERS .....

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MR CHAMBERS SAID ALL LOCAL PRODUCERS OF +MINERAL WATER+ HAD BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE PROPOSAL AND THEY HAD NOT RAISED ANY OBJECTIONS. THE MAJOR TRADE ORGANISATIONS HAD ALSO INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

HE ADDED THAT BOTH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE THEN PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND HAD ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL.

+AS THE PROPOSED CONTROLS WILL APPLY TO IMPORTED BOTTLED WATER, OTHER PARTIES TO THE GATT HAD ALSO BEEN NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH HONG KONG'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE,+ HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE TRADE TO COMPLY WITH THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT OF MINERAL WATER, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE BILL SHOULD NOT COME INTO OPERATION UNTIL JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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LOAN TERMS SAME FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF 26 BLOCKS  
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THE TERMS OF THE GOVERNMENT LOAN OF \$800 MILLION FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE 26 SUB-STANDARD BLOCKS ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM OTHER LOANS TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, THE HON JOHN TODD, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM THE HON RICHARD LAI ON THE \$800 MILLION LOAN FROM THE DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND, MR TODD SAID THE TERMS WERE THE SAME BECAUSE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE 26 BLOCKS HAD BEEN REGARDED AS AN EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORITY'S ON-GOING PROGRAMME TO REDEVELOP ITS MARK I AND II ESTATES.

+INTEREST OF FIVE PER CENT IS CHARGED ON THESE LOANS BUT IT IS ONLY A NOTIONAL CHARGE. THAT IS TO SAY THE CHARGE IS INCLUDED IN THE AUTHORITY'S ACCOUNTS TO PORTRAY CLEARLY THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION, IN ADDITION TO FREE LAND, TOWARDS THE PROVISION OF HOUSING, BUT NO CASH PAYMENT IS MADE IN RESPECT OF THE INTEREST.+

MR TODD ASSURED MEMBERS THAT THE EXTENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WOULD NOT AFFECT RENT LEVELS.

+THEY ARE NOT RELATED TO THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION, BUT ARE ESSENTIALLY DETERMINED BY THE LOCATION AND AMENITIES OF THE ESTATE, AS COMPARED WITH EXISTING COMPARABLE ESTATES AND ABOVE ALL, THE TENANTS' ABILITY TO PAY,+ HE ADDED.

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FURTHER MEASURES ON SYNTHETIC HORMONES  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING FURTHER MEASURES TO PREVENT THE USE OF SYNTHETIC HORMONES IN LOCALLY BRED POULTRY AND TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF MEAT CONTAINING HORMONE RESIDUES, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR CHAMBERS SAID IT WAS HOPED AMENDMENTS TO THE PHARMACY AND POISONS REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT THE USE AND POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING PROSCRIBED SYNTHETIC HORMONES, IN THE POULTRY INDUSTRY WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

HE ADDED THAT CONSIDERATION WAS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO AMENDING THE HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN FOOD REGULATIONS, MADE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE, TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION, DELIVERY OR SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION OF FISH, MEAT, POULTRY (INCLUDING FROZEN CHICKEN), AND THE RETAIL SALE OF LIVE POULTRY WHICH CONTAINED CERTAIN HARMFUL SYNTHETIC HORMONES.

MR CHAMBERS NOTED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 19, 1983, SYNTHETIC HORMONES, OR STILBENE DERIVATIVES, WHICH WERE USED AS GROWTH STIMULANTS IN THE POULTRY INDUSTRY, WERE DEREGISTERED UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS REGULATIONS.

+AS A RESULT, THE IMPORTATION, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THESE HORMONES ARE NOW PROHIBITED,+ HE SAID.

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FEW CASES DISMISSED THROUGH POLICE ABSENCE  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TOOK A VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF A POLICE OFFICER FAILING TO ATTEND THE COURT WHEN REQUIRED TO DO SO, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY DR THE HON CONRAD LAM, MR THOMAS SAID DISCIPLINARY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN WHEN APPROPRIATE. AS A RESULT, THE INCIDENCE OF CRIMINAL COURT CASES BEING DISMISSED DUE TO POLICE OFFICERS' FAILURE TO ATTEND COURT WAS LOW.

/+THE GOVERNMENT .....

+THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE ANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES AT THIS TIME,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, OVER 875 000 CASES, EXCLUDING FIXED PENALTY TICKET CASES, HAD BEEN INITIATED BY POLICE IN MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

+IN NEARLY ALL OF THEM, POLICE OFFICERS WERE REQUESTED TO ATTEND AS PROSECUTION WITNESSES,+ HE SAID.

+OF THESE CASES, 28 WERE DISMISSED BECAUSE POLICE OFFICERS WERE NOT PRESENT IN COURT WHEN THEY WERE CALLED TO GIVE EVIDENCE.+

MR THOMAS SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CASES DISMISSED IN THE HIGHER COURTS FOR THIS REASON DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

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'MUCH CHEAPER' TO IMPROVE EXISTING ROADS  
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THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT AND IMPROVEMENTS TO POK FU LAM ROAD WILL EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION BETWEEN WESTERN AND CENTRAL, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON IAN MACPHERSON, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON LIU LIT-FOR, MR MACPHERSON SAID IT WOULD BE +VERY MUCH CHEAPER+ TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING ROAD SYSTEM THAN TO BUILD A MAJOR NEW TRUNK ROAD SUCH AS THE PROPOSED ROUTE 7 RUNNING ALONG THE COAST FROM WESTERN TO ABERDEEN, AND COSTING ABOUT \$1 000 MILLION.

+ONLY WHEN ADDITIONAL CAPACITY CANNOT BE SQUEEZED OUT OF THE EXISTING ROAD SYSTEM CAN SUCH A LARGE INVESTMENT BE JUSTIFIED,+ HE SAID.

PRESENT PLANNING DID NOT ENVISAGE BUILDING OF ROUTE 7 BEING UNDERTAKEN UNTIL SOME TIME AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT AND THE POK FU LAM ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

+HOWEVER, IT IS RECOGNISED THAT BY THE EARLY 1990'S THIS MAY BE THE ONLY FEASIBLE WAY OF INCREASING ROAD CAPACITY IN THIS CORRIDOR,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, HE SAID, TENDERS FOR THE CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT WOULD BE INVITED SHORTLY. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND WORK TO DIVERT UTILITIES HAD ALREADY BEGUN IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIN CONTRACTS.

/+THIS PROJECT .....

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+THIS PROJECT AND THE WIDENING OF THE FINAL SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE POKFIELD ROAD JUNCTION ARE ALL DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1989,+ HE SAID.

+FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING PLANNED TO THE MOST IMPORTANT JUNCTIONS IN POK FU LAM CORRIDOR SUCH AS THOSE AT WESTERN STREET, POKFIELD ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, SASSOON ROAD AND MOUNT DAVIS ROAD.+

IT WAS HOPED THESE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN STAGES BETWEEN NOW AND THE EARLY 1990'S.

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HEAVY PRESSURE ON WATER SUPPLIES ENQUIRY SERVICE  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE IS OVERLOADED, AND A PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION HAS BEEN PUT TO THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE HON NICKY CHAN, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON RITA FAN, MR CHAN SAID THE NINE LINES OF THE ENQUIRY SERVICE HANDLED 10 000 CALLS A MONTH. THE TELEPHONE COMPANY HAD BEEN ASKED TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE SYSTEM FOR THE NINE LINES AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LINES.

+TO COMPLEMENT THE TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE, ENQUIRY CENTRES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. SIX CENTRES EXIST AND THEIR SUCCESS CAN BE JUDGED BY THE FACT THAT THEY HANDLED 22 000 ENQUIRIES A MONTH,+ HE SAID.

+TWO ADDITIONAL CENTRES ARE PLANNED FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR AND A FURTHER SIX IN COMING YEARS.+

MR CHAN SAID THE EXPANSION OF THE CENTRES, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENT IN DISTRIBUTION AND CONTENT OF EXPLANATORY PAMPHLETS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, SHOULD HELP OFFSET THE INCREASING LOAD OF THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

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RIGHT APPROACH TAKEN IN PRIVATISATION

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THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES THAT CAN ARGUABLY BE DONE BETTER IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON LEE YU-TAI, SIR JOHN SAID EXAMPLES OF THIS APPROACH COULD BE SEEN IN THE TUEN MUN LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM, THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, THE HONG KONG NUCLEAR INVESTMENT COMPANY AND EXISTING SERVICES SUCH AS CARPARKS.

NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, THE PERCEIVED ADVANTAGES OF PRIVATISATION HAD TO BE BALANCED AGAINST THE MORALE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND THE CONSIDERABLE COSTS OF DISESTABLISHMENT.

IN THIS CONTEXT, SIR JOHN SAID A PRAGMATIC RATHER THAN A THEORETICAL JUDGEMENT WAS ESSENTIAL AND THAT WAS ALWAYS GIVEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

+GIVEN OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL VALUE FOR MONEY STUDIES PLUS THE NEED TO CONSTRAIN THE GROWTH OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, ONE FRUITFUL AVENUE WILL BE THE CONTRACTING OUT OF SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

SIR JOHN STRESSED THAT THERE COULD HOWEVER BE NO PRIVATISATION WITHOUT PROSPECT OF PROFIT ON CHARGES THAT WERE REASONABLE.

+THUS THE NEW JUNK BAY ROAD TUNNEL MUST BE BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ONLY THE MANAGEMENT MIGHT LATER BE TURNED OVER TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR,+ HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO THE CONVERSION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY INTO A STATUTORY CORPORATION, HE SAID IT HAD BEEN AN UNDOUBTED SUCCESS.

SIR JOHN NOTED THAT THE OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATION AND INTEREST CHARGES HAD INCREASED 11.2 TIMES FROM \$21 MILLION IN 1983 TO \$237 MILLION IN 1985, AND THE CORPORATION HAD REPAID THE \$1 BILLION GOVERNMENT LOAN.

HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE VERY LARGE INVESTMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY WAS CLEARLY A MAJOR FACTOR IN ITS SUCCESS.

IN ADDITION, SIR JOHN SAID THE RAILWAY MUST BE RUN IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMERCIAL PRINCIPLES WHILE OPERATING IN A COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT.

+AS A STATUTORY CORPORATION, THE KCRC HAD BEEN ABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO MARKET CONDITIONS AND ENJOYS FAR GREATER FLEXIBILITY THAN ANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT IN MAKING COMMERCIAL DECISION, IN MARKETING ITS SERVICES AND IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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ADOLESCENTS ADMITTED TO PAEDIATRIC WARDS

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ADOLESCENTS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 15 ARE BEING ADMITTED INTO PAEDIATRIC WARDS AT THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL IN VIEW OF THE RELATIVE OVER-UTILISATION OF ADULT MEDICAL WARDS COMPARED WITH CHILDREN'S WARDS, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON JOHN CHAMBERS, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP, MR CHAMBERS SAID CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO EXTENDING THE SAME ARRANGEMENT TO OTHER PUBLIC HOSPITALS, SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH THE PHYSICIANS AND PAEDIATRICIANS CONCERNED.

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EXPLANATION GIVEN FOR EXAM TAPE MIX-UP

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THE REASON FOR INVALIDATING THE USE OF ENGLISH LISTENING TEST FOR THE ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION ON APRIL 12 WAS THAT THE TEST TAPES WERE NOT COPIED FROM THE EDITED MASTER TAPE, BUT FROM AN UNEDITED WORKING TAPE WHICH HAD BEEN INADEQUATELY LABELLED, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE HON NEIL HENDERSON, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON PAULINE NG, MR HENDERSON SAID NORMALLY A STUDENT TAKING THE TEST WOULD HEAR A SET OF OPENING INSTRUCTIONS, FOLLOWED BY TWO READINGS OF THE SET PASSAGE AND THEN A FURTHER INSTRUCTION TO OPEN THE SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK AND TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

+ON THIS OCCASION, BOTH SETS OF INSTRUCTIONS PRECEDED ONE READING OF THE SET PASSAGE,+ HE SAID.

MR HENDERSON SAID INVIGILATORS AT SOME OF THE 90 T3'S CENTRES STOPPED THE TEST IMMEDIATELY WHILE OTHERS ALLOWED IT TO CONTINUE.

+IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY CONCLUDED THAT THE ONLY FAIR AND SATISFACTORY COURSE WAS TO RESET THE TEST. THIS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2,+ HE SAID.

MR HENDERSON NOTED THAT THE AUTHORITY WAS AN INDEPENDENT BODY ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS IN HONG KONG AND WAS WHOLLY FINANCED FROM FEES CHARGED TO EXAMINATION CANDIDATES.

/+THERE WILL .....

+THERE WILL THEREFORE BE NO COST TO GOVERNMENT FUNDS AS SUCH,+ HE SAID.

+THE INCIDENT IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE AUTHORITY AND IT WILL BE FOR THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE IN DUE COURSE, IN THE LIGHT OF THAT INVESTIGATION, WHAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES MAY BE REQUIRED TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE,+ HE ADDED.

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NO PLANS TO REGULATE PROMOTION MATERIALS  
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GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLANS TO REGULATE PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS USED BY PROPERTY DEVELOPERS BUT IS CONCERNED THAT PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF UNITS IN UNCOMPLETED BUILDINGS SHOULD BE GIVEN CORRECT AND SUFFICIENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE SIZE OF UNITS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE HON ERIC HO, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON SELINA CHOW, MR HO SAID RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN A STUDY INITIATED BY THE CONSUMER COUNCIL TO DEFINE +SALEABLE AREA+ OF UNITS AND PROMOTE ITS USE AS THE STANDARD METHOD OF MEASURING THE FLOOR AREA OF UNITS IN UNCOMPLETED BUILDINGS OFFERED FOR SALE.

+AS A RESULT, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT HAS NOW ADOPTED A STANDARDISED DEFINITION OF +SALEABLE AREA+,+ HE SAID.

+THIS DEFINITION WILL IN FUTURE BE INCLUDED IN THE STANDARD FORM OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT WHICH DEVELOPERS ARE REQUIRED TO USE AS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS ON WHICH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL WOULD GIVE HIS CONSENT FOR PERMISSION TO DEAL BEFORE THE ISSUE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.+

ASKED WHETHER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL STRUCTURAL PARTITIONS WERE FIT FOR THEIR CLAIMED PURPOSES, MR HO SAID BEFORE APPROVING PLANS SUBMITTED FOR NEW BUILDINGS, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ENSURED THAT MINIMUM HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS WERE MET, WALLS STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND ROOMS HAD ADEQUATE LIGHTING AND VENTILATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUILDING (PLANNING) REGULATIONS.

+THESE REGULATIONS DO NOT HOWEVER SPECIFY MINIMUM FLOOR AREAS FOR ROOMS,+ MR HO ADDED.

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NO SPECIAL HOLIDAY FOR LABOUR DAY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLANS TO INTRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL STATUTORY HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY BUT, WITH THE CONSENT OF THEIR EMPLOYER, EMPLOYEES MAY TAKE A 'FLOATING HOLIDAY' ON MAY 1 UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE HON NEIL HENDERSON, IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO THE HON TAM YIU-CHUNG IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR HENDERSON EXPLAINED THAT THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE REQUIRED EMPLOYERS TO GRANT 11 PAID STATUTORY HOLIDAYS A YEAR, TWO OF WHICH COULD BE TAKEN ON ANY DAY, INCLUDING MAY 1.

HE ALSO SAID THAT WHILE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY WAS CELEBRATED BY A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, +IT IS BY NO MEANS A UNIVERSALLY RECOGNISED HOLIDAY+.

+HONG KONG ALREADY HAS MORE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS THAN MOST OF ITS ASIAN NEIGHBOURS,+ HE ADDED.

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MARKET PLANNING STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO REVIEW ITS MARKET PLANNING STANDARDS TO ENSURE THAT THEY MEET CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGING SHOPPING PATTERNS.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE HON NICKY CHAN, IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY THE HON CHUNG PUI-LAM.

MR CHAN SAID PRESENT STANDARDS ALLOWED FOR 140 MARKET STALLS PER 10 000 PEOPLE IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND ONE STALL FOR 60 TO 90 HOUSEHOLDS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

HE SAID HE AGREED WITH MR CHUNG THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A MARKET IN THE LAI WAN AREA, BASED ON PRESENT STANDARDS AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EXISTING FACILITIES IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN.

+A NUMBER OF SITES HAS IN THE PAST BEEN CONSIDERED, BUT FOR VARIOUS REASONS, INCLUDING ACCESSIBILITY TO THE CATCHMENT POPULATION, NONE HAS SO FAR BEEN AGREED,+ HE SAID.

HE WAS CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT A SITE COULD BE AGREED UPON AS SOON AS THE URBAN COUNCIL DECIDED TO BUILD A MARKET.

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SIX BILLS PASSED  
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SIX BILLS WERE PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY). THEY ARE THE BANKING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, THE ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1986, THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES REGULATIONS AND REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES REGULATIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986.

TWO OTHER BILLS - THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (FEES) BILL 1986 AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - WERE READ A SECOND TIME AND DEBATE ON THEM WAS ADJOURNED.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO MAY 7.

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A NUMBER OF SITES HAS IN THE PAST BEEN CONSIDERED, BUT FOR VARIOUS REASONS, INCLUDING ACCESSIBILITY TO THE CATCHMENT POPULATION, NONE HAS SO FAR BEEN AGREED, HE SAID.

HE WAS CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT SOME WOULD BE WORKED UPON AS SOON AS THE URBAN COUNCIL DECIDED TO RE-OPEN A MARKET.

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BACKGROUND RADIATION MONITORING PROGRAMME BEING DEVELOPED  
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COMMENTING ON THE CONCERN VOICED, FOLLOWING THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR INCIDENT, ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ON HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MONITOR RADIATION LEVELS AND TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF ANY ACCIDENT ACTUALLY OCCURRING.

TOWARDS THIS END, GOVERNMENT HAD COMMISSIONED THE UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY AT HARWELL IN NOVEMBER 1985 TO PROVIDE IT WITH INDEPENDENT AND EXPERT ADVICE ON THREE IMPORTANT AREAS:

THESE ARE:

- \* THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BACKGROUND RADIATION MONITORING PROGRAMME TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING THE RADIATION LEVEL IN HONG KONG'S ATMOSPHERE;
- \* AN ASSESSMENT STUDY OF THE PROBABILITIES OF DIFFERENT INCIDENTS OR ACCIDENTS AT THE NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES FOR HONG KONG; AND
- \* GUIDANCE ON THE DESIGN OF AN OUTLINE CONTINGENCY PLAN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONSULTANCY IS WELL UNDER WAY, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1987. UP TO THE PRESENT, THE CONSULTANTS HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE RADIATION MONITORING PROGRAMME BASED ON WHICH THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IS REVISING THE PROGRAMME FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

+IN THE LIGHT OF THE ACCIDENT AT CHERNOBYL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID,+GOVERNMENT WILL REQUEST HARWELL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY LESSONS TO BE LEARNT FROM THAT ACCIDENT AND TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ACCORDINGLY.+

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DRIVE TO MEET DEMAND FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS EMBARKING ON MAJOR RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED WORKLOAD OF DOCUMENTS NEEDING TRANSLATION.

THIS WAS REVEALED AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FOR 42 CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS WHO COMPLETED THEIR BASIC TRAINING COURSES.

DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR ADOLF HSU, TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THE STANDARD OF CHINESE EXPECTED OF CLO'S WILL BE MUCH HIGHER AS THE LANGUAGE BECOMES MORE WIDELY USED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHEN HONG KONG IS ENTERING A NEW ERA.

+YOUR WORK WILL GROW IN IMPORTANCE AND SO WILL YOUR STATUS. I HOPE YOU WILL STAND FIRM AND ACCEPT THE NEW CHALLENGE OF OUR TIME,+ HE SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE, MR FRED TING, SAID THAT AS DOCUMENTS NEEDING TRANSLATION WERE INCREASING, THERE WAS A CORRESPONDING GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF CLO'S.

SOME 50 NEW RECRUITS ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN THE CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION FROM NEXT MONTH WHILE ANOTHER RECRUITMENT EXERCISE IS UNDERWAY TO FILL ANOTHER 50 VACANCIES.

+IF ALL GOES WELL, THE CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION WILL SEE ANOTHER BATCH OF NEW OFFICERS MARCHING IN TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR. THIS IS HEARTENING NEWS, BECAUSE WITH MORE RECRUITS, IT WILL ALLEVIATE THE PRESSURE OF WORK YOU ARE FACING,+ MR TING SAID.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CONTINUOUS AND STEADY RISE IN THE NUMBER OF CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS CAN REFLECT THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS GRADE,+ HE ADDED.

SINCE 1981, THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION OF CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION HAS ORGANISED FIVE BASIC TRAINING COURSES FOR MORE THAN 130 OFFICERS AND THREE TRAINING COURSES NOW UNDERWAY ARE ATTENDED BY SOME 60 CLO'S.

BESIDES RUNNING BASIS TRAINING COURSES FOR NEW RECRUITS, REFRESHER AND INTENSIVE COURSES ARE ALSO ORGANISED REGULARLY TO UPGRADE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF THE CLO'S.

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BETTER SUPPORT NEEDED IN CLEANING HONG KONG  
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AN URBAN COUNCILLOR TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED FOR A NEW TERRITORY-WIDE, GOVERNMENT SPONSORED CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.

AT A MEETING OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, THE CHAIRMAN, MR WALTER SULKE, SAID THAT A NEW DRIVE WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE +THE EDGE HAS GONE OFF OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE CITY CLEAN+.

+IT IS MOST NOTICEABLE, ESPECIALLY AFTER WEEKENDS, IN AREAS WHERE MANY PEOPLE CONGREGATE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

MR SULKE STRESSED THAT FUTURE CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE PRIMARILY AIMED AT YOUTH BECAUSE HONG KONG WILL NOT BE CLEAN +UNTIL THE CHILDREN, THE TEENAGERS, THE YOUNGER GENERATION, GET THE MESSAGE THAT KEEPING IT CLEAN IS A SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY+.

HE ADDED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE BY THEIR GOOD EXAMPLE COULD EVEN HELP THE ORDER GENERATION CHANGE THEIR BAD HABITS.

AS AGREED BY COMMITTEE, THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL, IN FACT, BE JOINTLY CONDUCTING A KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WITH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND AMONG COMPONENTS OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN WILL BE A CLEAN SCHOOLS COMPETITION.

AMONG OTHER INITIATIVES, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO ALLOW THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION TO ACT AS AGENTS FOR THE UC'S SPONSORED LITTERBIN SCHEME AT THE MTR'S KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT IN QUARRY BAY.

THEY ALSO RESOLVED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SEVENTH AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME AS PART OF A SUMMER 'CLEAN BEACH' CAMPAIGN.

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NOMINATIONS FOR BY-ELECTIONS CLOSE FRIDAY  
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ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FOR BY-ELECTIONS OF TWO DISTRICT BOARDS ARE BEING URGED TO COME FORWARD EARLY AS THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY (MAY 2).

TWO SEATS - ONE IN THE CHUNG WAN CONSTITUENCY OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, AND THE OTHER IN THE TAI KOK TSUI CONSTITUENCY OF MONG KOK DISTRICT - WERE VACATED FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL IN MARCH.

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ANY REGISTERED VOTER WHO HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR 10 YEARS, IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE NOMINATION DATE, IS ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED.

THE CANDIDATE SHOULD BE NOMINATED BY TEN ELECTORS, INCLUDING ONE PROPOSER AND ONE SECONDER, OF THE CONSTITUENCY.

CANDIDATES NEED NOT LIVE IN THE CONSTITUENCY OR DISTRICT WHERE HE OR SHE SEEKS ELECTION.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE DURING OFFICE HOURS TO THE RESPECTIVE RETURNING OFFICERS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN, AND MONG KOK DISTRICT WHO ARE THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

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NEW FEED FORMULA BOOSTS COCKEREL GROWTH  
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS DEVISED A HIGH DENSITY DIET WHICH HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE ABLE TO ENHANCE THE GROWTH RATE IN COCKERELS, THUS REPLACING THE USE OF SYNTHETIC HORMONES WHICH IS BEING DISCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

RICH IN PROTEIN AND ENERGY CONTENTS, THE NEW DIET IS COMPOSED ESSENTIALLY OF A MIXTURE OF MAIZE AND SOYABEAN MEAL, ADDED WITH FAT, MEAT AND BONE MEAL, FISH MEAL, POULTRY MINERAL AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTS.

IT ENABLES COCKERELS TO REACH MARKET WEIGHT AROUND 80 DAYS OF AGE WHEN THE SEXUAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BIRDS ARE STILL UNDEVELOPED, AND TO ACQUIRE IMPROVED CARCASS QUALITY, MEAT TEXTURE AND FAT DEPOSITION.

THE NEW FORMULA WAS INTRODUCED TO CHICKEN BREEDERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BY THE DEPARTMENT'S POULTRY HUSBANDRY OFFICER, MISS MABLE LAM, AT A SEMINAR HELD AT A YUEN LONG RESTAURANT THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

MISS LAM SAID THAT THE DIET WAS THE RESULT OF TWO AND HALF YEARS' COMPREHENSIVE EXPERIMENTAL WORK CARRIED OUT AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CASTLE PEAK POULTRY BREEDING CENTRE TO GET AROUND THE USE OF HORMONE IMPLANTS IN THE BROILER INDUSTRY.

/SHE SAID .....

SHE SAID THE LOCAL SHEK KI COCKERELS ONLY REACH MARKETABLE SIZE AT ABOUT 16 WEEKS OF AGE. BUT BY THEN THEIR SEXUAL CHARACTERISTICS ARE VERY PROMINENT WITH LARGE, RED COMBS AND ANGULAR BODY CONFORMATION WITH LITTLE FAT DEPOSITION. THEIR MUSCLES ARE TOUGH, DARK IN COLOUR AND MAY HAVE A FISHY TASTE.

+ALL THESE RENDER THE CARCASS LESS FAVOURABLE TO LOCAL CONSUMERS,+ SHE SAID.

+TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM,+ MISS LAM SAID, +MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMMES TO ACHIEVE GENETIC IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BIRDS IN TERM OF GROWTH PERFORMANCE, AND TO DEVISE A SUITABLE RATION FOR BOOSTING THE GROWTH OF THE IMPROVED BREEDS SO AS TO ACQUIRE THE DESIRED CARCASS QUALITY WITH SUBCUTANEOUS FAT DEPOSITION.+

SHE SAID THAT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, SIX EXPERIMENTS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT TO STUDY THE GROWTH PERFORMANCES OF 4 500 BIRDS OF THE SHEK KI BREED AND ITS CROSSES WITH EXOTIC VARIETIES, USING RATIONS OF DIFFERENT DENSITIES.

THE FINDINGS SHOWED COCKERELS DERIVED FROM SHEK KI-SHAVER OFFSPRING BACKCROSSED WITH SHEK KI, FED WITH THE HIGH DENSITY DIET, REACHED 1.96 KG IN ONLY 78 DAYS. THIS COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH THE MALE SHEK KI BIRDS FED WITH ORDINARY RATIONS, WHICH TOOK 112 DAYS TO REACH 1.87 KG UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

+COMPARED WITH THE LOCAL SHEK KI MALES, THE CROSS FED WITH THE NEW DIET IS MORE SUITABLE FOR USE AS BROILER CHICKEN AS THEY HAVE SMALLER COMBS, ROUNDER BODY CONFORMATION, SOFTER MEAT TEXTURE, LIGHTER FLESH COLOUR AND A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF SUBCUTANEOUS FAT DEPOSITION, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, ARE WITHOUT THE FISHY TASTE,+ MISS LAM SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT THE RESULTS HAD BEEN OBTAINED UNDER MODERATE WEATHER CONDITIONS WITH TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM 11 DEGREES CELSIUS TO 27 DEGREES CELSIUS AND WITH AVERAGE RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 70 PER CENT.

+AS HOT AND HUMID WEATHER CONDITIONS IN SUMMER MONTHS AFFECT THE GROWTH PERFORMANCES OF CHICKEN GENERALLY, COCKERELS OF THE SPECIAL CROSS ARE NO EXCEPTION.

+FURTHER EXPERIMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED TO STUDY POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN GROWTH PERFORMANCE OF THESE BIRDS UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS,+ MISS LAM SAID.

KOWLOON CITY BECOMES A BETTER PLACE  
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KOWLOON CITY HAS BECOME A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AS A RESULT OF THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SAYS THE OUT-GOING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES.

SPEAKING AT A FAREWELL DINNER PARTY LAST (TUESDAY) NIGHT, MR JONES SAID THE DEDICATION OF DISTRICT COMMUNITY LEADERS DURING HIS TWO AND A HALF YEARS AS DISTRICT OFFICER PROVIDED HIM WITH A SATISFYING MEMORY.

+AT PRESENT, PARTS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARE UNDERGOING MAJOR CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH PROVIDE A CHALLENGE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE,+ HE TOLD THE GATHERING.

+HOWEVER, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE KOWLOON CITY SPIRIT WILL NOT CHANGE AND ALL OF YOU WILL FACE THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE AND FAITH.+

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, PAID TRIBUTE TO MR JONES FOR HIS WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMUNITY BUILDING, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND IN PROMOTING BETTER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT.

ABOUT 200 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, ATTENDED THE FUNCTION.

THEY ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME MR ALEX FONG, WHO WILL TAKE OVER FROM MR JONES NEXT MONDAY (MAY 5).

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EDUCATION BOARD MEMBERS VISIT STUDIES CENTRE  
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FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FIELD STUDIES CENTRE AT TUI MIN HOI IN SAI KUNG. THE FOUR WERE MRS RITA FAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, THE REV JOSEPH G. FOLEY AND MR DAVID CHEUNG.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR SO FAI-CHO, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (BIOLOGY), MR Y. W. LIU, AND BOARD OF EDUCATION SECRETARY, MISS ROSE LAU.

/THE VISITORS .....

THE VISITORS WERE BRIEFED ON THE ROLE OF THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE IN PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG SENIOR FORM STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THROUGH EDUCATION AND INFORMATIVE SERVICE. IT IS DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED FOR FIELD WORK FOR STUDENTS TAKING COURSES ON ECOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY.

THE CENTRE RUNS 16 ECOLOGY AND 16 GEOGRAPHY COURSES EACH ACADEMIC YEAR. ORIENTATION AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES ARE ALSO ORGANISED FOR BIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS.

MORE THAN 2 600 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS FIELD STUDY COURSES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1979.

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POLICE SUBMISSIONS ON COMMERCIAL CRIME  
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THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME, CHAIRED BY MR PETER C. WONG, WILL MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE IN A PUBLIC SESSION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 4 PM.

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU, MR M. G. FARNHAM, WILL PRESENT TWO WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS, ONE CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FRAUD TRIALS (ROSKILL) REPORT AS IT AFFECTS THE POLICE FORCE AND THE SECOND SUGGESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO SIMPLIFY POLICE INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL FRAUDS.

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE PROCEEDINGS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY.

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36 PRESENTED EXAM CERTIFICATES  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 36 YOUNG MEN WHO PASSED VARIOUS PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS AT A CEREMONY HELD AT PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

A TOTAL OF 59 CERTIFICATES FROM CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE, LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND PITMAN EXAMINATIONS INSTITUTE WERE AWARDED.

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THE RECIPIENTS, AGED 19 TO 24, SAT FOR THE EXAMINATIONS LAST YEAR WHILE SERVING AT THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION. FIVE OF THEM HAD SINCE BEEN DISCHARGED.

BETWEEN THEM, THEY EARNED 29 DISTINCTIONS, FIVE CREDITS AND 34 PASSES IN MATHEMATICS, PHYSICAL SCIENCE, BOOK-KEEPING, ENGLISH FOR COMMERCE AND ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

MR LEUNG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR EFFORTS IN PROVIDING INMATES WITH COURSES THAT LED TO VARIOUS PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

+SUCH POSITIVE EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE POTENTIALS OF INMATES AND PREPARE THEM FOR BETTER SOCIAL INTEGRATION LATER IN LIFE ARE WORTHY OF ADMIRATION,+ HE REMARKED.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, SENIOR OFFICERS AND MASTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF THE RECIPIENTS ATTENDED THE CEREMONY.

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES SOUGHT  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING CLOSURE OF A NUMBER OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE MAIN ROOF OF BUILDINGS AT 14-20, TAK WAH STREET, TSUEN WAN, SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN BEGIN.

THE ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN FEBRUARY 1985 REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MAY 28 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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ANOTHER FOOTBRIDGE PLANNED FOR FANLING

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A 39-METRE-LONG PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS FANLING BY-PASS TO LINK A PLANNED HOUSING ESTATE IN FANLING AREA 28B TO CHOI YUEN ESTATE.

THE FOOTBRIDGE, 300 METRES TO THE EAST OF THE FAN KAM ROAD JUNCTION, WILL HAVE A CLEARANCE OF 5.4 METRES AND BE CONNECTED TO BUILDINGS AT EITHER END AT PODIUM LEVEL.

PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH, AND AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING.

OBJECTORS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MURRAY BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY JUNE 24.

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KOWLOON CITY CAR PARKING SITE AVAILABLE

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A 2 350-SQUARE-METRE CAR PARKING SITE AT TUNG LEI ROAD, KOWLOON CITY, IS TO BE LET BY SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE FEE PAYING CAR PARK IS FOR USE BY MOTOR VEHICLES, BUT EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES WITH TRAILERS AND/OR CHASSIS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON MAY 16.

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GOVERNOR TO SEE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL VISIT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON FRIDAY (MAY 2) TO SEE THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

SIR EDWARD WILL TOUR VARIOUS REGIONAL OFFICES AND THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE.

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HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS FACILITY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, CHEUNG YIP STREET. TRANSPORT TO THE CENTRE WILL BE PROVIDED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, NOT LATER THAN 3.30 PM ON FRIDAY. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CONTRACT FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY  
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A CONTRACT FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, WHICH WOULD HELP EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT LION ROCK TUNNEL, IS TO BE SIGNED TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 2.30 PM.

IT WILL BE SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, MR HAROLD BEATON, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CONSULTANT ENGINEERS, MOTT, HAY AND ANDERSON HONG KONG LIMITED, MR J.M. WHITEFIELD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SIGNING CEREMONY IN THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF EMPIRE CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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EASTERN DB TO DISCUSS HOSPITAL NAME  
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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE NAMING OF THE NEW HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT IN EASTERN DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

SITE FORMATION WORK FOR THE HOSPITAL PROJECT IS PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR PILING WORK FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

DURING THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN DETAILS ABOUT THE SHAU KEI WAN EAST SQUATTER CLEARANCE OPERATION WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE CONTROL OF PUBLIC BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS, THE DISTRICT WORKS PROGRAMME AND A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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MONG KOK DB TO DISCUSS TRIAD REPORT  
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MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS THE DOCUMENT ON THE TRIAD PROBLEM RECENTLY LAID BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER THE OPTIONS PUT FORWARD FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW TO COUNTER THE PROBLEM.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO REVIEW PROGRESS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE ORDER SCHEME SUGGESTED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON VICE ASSOCIATED ESTABLISHMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE. THIS FOLLOWED A BOARD SURVEY OF VICE ASSOCIATED ESTABLISHMENTS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT.

/A FIVE-YEAR .....

A FIVE-YEAR URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKING PROGRAMME WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING TO SEEK MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE PRIORITY RATINGS ACCORDED TO VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FINAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT (PILOT SCHEME) WORKING GROUP FOLLOWING A CASE STUDY OF A MANSION IN TAI KOK TSUI. THE GROUP WAS SET UP BY THE BOARD TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND THE SECURITY OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS; AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF SEX EDUCATION, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT; A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AT TIT SHU STREET SITTING-OUT AREA; AND A PROGRESS REPORT ON TAI KOK TSUI TEMPORARY MARKET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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GUEST OF HONOUR AT FESTIVAL  
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL BE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE YUEN LONG TIN HAU FESTIVAL PROCESSION TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MORE THAN 2 000 PEOPLE FROM 16 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN THE GRAND PROCESSION WHICH WILL INCLUDE LION AND DRAGON DANCES, FLOATS, AND CHIU CHAU GONGS AND DRUMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM. THREE GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER BY 8.30 AM FOR YUEN LONG.

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PARKING SPACES SUSPENDED FOR FESTIVAL

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A NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES IN SAI KUNG TOWN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 2) TO 9 PM ON JUNE 1 TO ENABLE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES FOR THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL TO BE HELD.

THESE PARKING SPACES ARE IN MAN NIN STREET, YI CHUN STREET AND THE TIN HAU TEMPLE CAR PARK.

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WONG CHUK HANG PLB RESTRICTIONS

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 3), THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WONG CHUK HANG:

- \* PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD LINKING HEUNG YIP ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA 24 HOURS DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING RESTRICTION ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ON THE SECTION OF HEUNG YIP ROAD WEST OF NAM LONG SHAN ROAD WILL BE LIFTED.

- \* THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM LONG SHAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CUT SHORT TO OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

- \* THE SECTION OF HEUNG YIP ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM LONG SHAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG CHUK HANG ROAD EXCLUDING THE SCHEDULED SERVICE STAND WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTION ON HEUNG YIP ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM LONG SHAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE LIFTED.

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CENTRAL, NORTH POINT TRAFFIC CHANGES

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THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 3):

- \* EDINBURGH PLACE FROM ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY, FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

- \* NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN PRIVATE CARS AND TAXIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE LAYBY ADJACENT TO EXCHANGE SQUARE IN HARBOUR VIEW STREET 24 HOURS DAILY.
- \* THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE SECTION OF CHEUNG HONG STREET, NORTH POINT, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FORT STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE LIFTED.

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TUEN MUN WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON SATURDAY (MAY 3) TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM PRIME VIEW GARDEN TO CHI LOK FA YUEN, INCLUDING PRIME VIEW GARDEN, YAN OI POLYCLINIC, TUEN MUN POLYCLINIC, TUEN MUN CLINIC, WALDORF GARDEN, CHI LOK FA YUEN, ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES.

SIU ON COURT, AREAS 4C, 4B, 26, 36, 37A, 37B, 10, 11, 16 AND 34 WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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