



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 842 8777

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
GOVERNMENT TO BAN SEX DISCRIMINATION	1
HK ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BILL GAZETTED	3
EXCO MEMBERS VISIT TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS	5
INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAW CLARIFIED	6
PARAMEDIC AMBULANCE SERVICE	6
FOUR RURAL OUTLINE ZONING PLANS PUBLISHED	7
SPECIAL MARINE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES	10
TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL DIRECTORY PUBLISHED	11
BA DISAPPOINTED BY TVB	11
TENDERS FOR TUNG CHUNG SERVICE RESERVOIR	12
TENDERS INVITED FOR HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE WORK	12
IMPROVEMENT ROAD WORKS PROPOSED	13
YOUTH URGED TO SUPPORT VOTER REGISTRATION	13
CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES	14
CROWN RENT PAYMENT DUE ON JUNE 24	14
TAXPAYERS TOLD TO FILE RETURNS NOW	15
POST OFFICES TO CLOSE DURING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	16
HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS ...	16

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 1 -

GOVERNMENT TO BAN SEX DISCRIMINATION

* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH LEGISLATION PROHIBITING SEX DISCRIMINATION IN HONG KONG.

DRAFTING OF THIS LEGISLATION WHICH WILL ESTABLISH THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID.

THE DECISION WAS ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT A MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK.

ANNOUNCING THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE GREEN PAPER CONSULTATION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, MR SUEN SAID THE MOVE WAS GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER TO THE WIDESPREAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THESE TWO ISSUES DURING THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE CONDUCTED FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

"THE LEGISLATION WOULD CONTAIN GENERAL PROVISIONS PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN AREAS SUCH AS EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING RECRUITMENT, PAY AND TRAINING; EDUCATION; AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION," HE SAID.

MR SUEN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT SUCH LEGISLATION SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE AND YET NOT STIFLE FREE COMPETITION IN THE LABOUR MARKET.

"WE WILL ADDRESS THE CONCERNS ALREADY EXPRESSED BY EMPLOYERS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE IN SMALL BUSINESSES, OVER PROBLEMS WHICH COULD ARISE FROM FRIVOLOUS COMPLAINTS AND COST IMPLICATIONS.

"THESE CONCERNS COULD HOPEFULLY BE ALLAYED THROUGH FULL CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYERS DURING THE DRAFTING STAGE," HE ADDED.

AS FOR THE PROPOSED STATUTORY EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION TO BE SET UP TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEX DISCRIMINATION LAW, MR SUEN SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD WORK TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF SEX DISCRIMINATION.

"ITS FUNCTIONS WOULD BE TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE WORKING OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION AGAINST SEX DISCRIMINATION; TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS, PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION; AND TO DEVELOP CODES OF PRACTICE AND CONDUCT PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ON GENDER ISSUES.

MR SUEN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECIDED TO APPROACH THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO SEEK THE EXTENSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW) TO HONG KONG.

THIS DECISION IS ALSO TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE STRONG CALLS EXPRESSED BY THE COMMUNITY DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD.

/"SINCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 2 -

"SINCE THE APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION WILL CONFER NEW INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS IN RESPECT OF HONG KONG, AND AS IT IS INTENDED THAT SUCH INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY TO HONG KONG AFTER 1997, WE WILL, AS THE FIRST STEP, CONSULT THE CHINESE SIDE ON THE PROPOSED EXTENSION THROUGH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP," HE SAID.

"IN SEEKING TO EXTEND CEDAW TO HONG KONG, WE INTEND TO ASK THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO ENTER RESERVATIONS TO COVER THE PROVISION OF RENT CONCESSION UNDER ANNEX III TO THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE SMALL HOUSE POLICY.

"THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF OUR PROPOSED RESERVATIONS IS TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE OUR PRESENT POLICIES IN RESPECT OF THESE TWO AREAS," HE ADDED.

HE SAID INSTITUTION OF SEX DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION WAS A MEANS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS IN CEDAW.

"MANY STATES PARTIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAVE INSTITUTED SEX DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION. CHINA, WHICH IS ALSO A PARTY TO THE CONVENTION, ENACTED A SET OF LEGISLATION TO PROTECT WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN 1992.

"DRAFTING OF LEGISLATION AGAINST SEX DISCRIMINATION AND CONSULTATION WITH CHINA ON THE EXTENSION OF CEDAW TO HONG KONG WILL PROCEED IN PARALLEL," HE SAID.

REITERATING THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD EQUALITY BETWEEN THE SEXES, MR SUEN SAID WHILE THE ABOVE PROPOSALS WERE BEING PUT INTO PLACE, PUBLIC EDUCATION ON GENDER EQUALITY WOULD BE STEPPED UP.

"WE WILL, FOR INSTANCE, ENLIST EMPLOYERS' CO-OPERATION TO PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WORKPLACE.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS STRATEGY IS TO REMOVE POTENTIAL INJUSTICE OR UNFAIR RESTRICTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S PROSPECTS ON ACCOUNT OF HIS OR HER GENDER.

"WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THEY ARE EFFECTIVE, PRACTICAL AND WILL SERVE HONG KONG'S NEEDS WELL," HE SAID.

MR SUEN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MANY ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD AIRED THEIR VIEWS ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE OF PUBLIC CONCERN.

"ALL OF THEM HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS MEETING THE COMMUNITY'S ASPIRATION OF FOSTERING GENDER EQUALITY IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 3 -

HK ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BILL GAZETTED

* * * * *

THE HONG KONG ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (HKADC) BILL, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL AS A BODY DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS IN HONG KONG, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 15.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH EXPLAINED THAT THE AIM WAS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL AS A STATUTORY BODY WITH EXECUTIVE POWERS, ITS OWN STAFF AND DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGEMENT AND DISBURSEMENT OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO IT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR, SUBJECT TO THE BILL BEING ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT A WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN SET UP IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR TO DRAW UP DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE HKADC INCLUDING ITS MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES, TERMS OF REFERENCE, FUNCTIONS, OBJECTIVES, STRUCTURE, STAFFING AND MODUS OPERANDI.

UPON COMPLETION OF ITS WORK, THE WORKING GROUP HAD PREPARED A PROGRESS REPORT SETTING OUT THE DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE FRAMEWORK AND MODUS OPERANDI OF THE FUTURE HKADC.

THE PROGRESS REPORT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP IN MARCH.

THE GOVERNOR HAD INDICATED HIS AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT THAT THE HKADC SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED INITIALLY AS A NON-STATUTORY BODY IN APRIL 1994 AND LATER AS A STATUTORY BODY BY APRIL 1995 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FRAMEWORK SET OUT IN THE REPORT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRIME MISSION OF THE HKADC WAS TO PLAN, PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE BROAD DEVELOPMENT AND APPRECIATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ARTS, PLACING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE LITERARY, PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS, WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

THE DETAILED POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HKADC ARE SET OUT CLEARLY IN THE BILL AND PROVIDE THE HKADC WITH A STRONG MANDATE ON WHICH TO BASE ITS WORK.

HE SAID THE HKADC WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE 20 MEMBERS, OF WHOM 16 INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN WOULD BE NON-OFFICIAL WHILST FOUR WOULD BE EX-OFFICIO.

/THE BILL

THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE HKADC TO RECEIVE SUBVENTION FROM GOVERNMENT THROUGH FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ALSO ALLOWS THE HKADC TO RECEIVE INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES INCLUDING GIFTS, DONATIONS, FEES AND RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS.

IT ALSO ALLOWS THE HKADC TO MAKE INVESTMENTS AND TO BORROW, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND THE ARTS COMMUNITY HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE HKADC AS A STATUTORY BODY.

IN ADDITION, THE HKADC HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON THE DRAFT BILL AND ITS COMMENTS HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN FINALISING THE BILL.

AS REGARDS FUNDING, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD ALREADY APPROVED IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR A CAPITAL GRANT OF \$100 MILLION IN SEED MONEY TO ENABLE THE HKADC TO DISCHARGE ITS FUNCTIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HKADC AS A STATUTORY BODY, THE REMAINING BALANCE OF THIS \$100 MILLION SEED MONEY GRANT TOGETHER WITH ANY INTEREST EARNED IN THE INTERIM, WOULD BE TRANSFERRED EN BLOC TO IT.

"THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE ALSO INTENDS TO CHANNEL THE ANNUAL RECURRENT SUBVENTION FOR ARTS ACTIVITIES (\$40.2 MILLION IN 1994/95) TO THE HKADC FOR ITS DIRECT DISBURSEMENT AND TO REDEPLOY SOME OF THE SAVINGS FROM WITHIN HIS POLICY AREAS FOR FUNDING THE HKADC'S EXPENSES, INCLUDING THOSE OF ITS INDEPENDENT SECRETARIAT.

"THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE ALREADY SEEKS THE HKADC'S ADVICE ON DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS FROM THESE SOURCES AS WELL AS ON USE OF THE \$30 MILLION ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND UNDER THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN MAY 1993," HE NOTED.

IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNOR HAD ANNOUNCED THE DECISION TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS THE SETTING UP OF THE HKADC AS A NEW STATUTORY BODY AND TO GRANT IT \$100 MILLION IN SEED MONEY.

THROUGH APPROVING THE \$100 MILLION GRANT AND INTRODUCING THE HKADC BILL INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITHIN NINE MONTHS OF THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MET ITS COMMITMENTS IN THIS REGARD AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. IT IS HOPED THAT THE BILL WILL BE PROCESSED IN TIME FOR ENACTMENT BY APRIL 1995.

"MEANWHILE, THE HKADC AND ITS COMMITTEES ARE ALREADY DEALING WITH ONGOING BUSINESS AND WORKING HARD ON FORMULATION AND PREPARATION OF THE HKADC'S STRATEGIC PLANS AND BUDGETS TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 5 -

EXCO MEMBERS VISIT TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS

* * * * *

A GROUP OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS TODAY (FRIDAY) HAD A CLOSE LOOK AT LIFE IN AN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL AND A GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE BARONESS DUNN, MS ROSANNA WONG AND MR JOHN GRAY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PARTY STARTED THEIR VISIT WITH A TRIP TO THE SALVATION ARMY ANN WYLLIE MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HENG FA CHUEN. THEY WERE MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL BY THE SUPERVISOR MR STUART F B SIMPSON.

DURING A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL, EXCO MEMBERS OBSERVED A WIDE VARIETY OF CLASS ACTIVITIES AND WATCHED PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS. THE VISITORS WERE TOLD THAT THE SCHOOL ADOPTED AN ACTIVITY APPROACH TO TEACHING.

BEFORE MOVING ON TO HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, EXCO MEMBERS MET SCHOOL STAFF AND PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES.

ARRIVING AT HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE PARTY WAS GREETED BY THE HEADMISTRESS OF THE AM SESSION, MRS FUNG MOK YAN-LAN.

THE VISITORS WERE TOLD THAT THE SCHOOL, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1949, ADOPTED THE ACTIVITY APPROACH TO TEACHING IN PRIMARY 1 TO PRIMARY 3. IT IS A POPULAR GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WAN CHAI.

THE EXCO PARTY ALSO LEARNED THAT THE SCHOOL PLACED MUCH EMPHASIS ON MORAL AND CIVIC EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGED STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DRAMA, MUSIC AND ART COMPETITIONS.

IN WINDING-UP THEIR SCHOOL VISIT, THE EXCO GROUP MET TEACHING STAFF AND PARENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 6 -

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAW CLARIFIED

* * * * *

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR MR MAK SAI-YIU SAID OPERATORS OF FRONT STACKERS WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (LIFTING APPLIANCES AND LIFTING GEAR) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS TO POSSESS A VALID OPERATION LICENCE.

AFTER RECEIVING A LABOUR GROUP AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, MR MAK NOTED THAT THERE WERE REMARKS IN A CHINESE NEWSPAPER THAT FRONT STACKERS WERE NOT COVERED BY THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WHICH WAS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JULY LAST YEAR.

"THIS IS NOT TRUE AND WE HAVE TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION TO AVOID MISCONCEPTION IN THE CONTAINER INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

MR MAK SAID THREE ORGANISATIONS IN THE CONTAINER INDUSTRY HAD SO FAR SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR ACCREDITATION OF TRAINING COURSES FOR OPERATORS INTENDING TO SEEK A LICENCE FOR THE OPERATION OF FRONT STACKERS.

TWO OTHER ORGANISATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO RUN TRAINING COURSES FOR LORRY-MOUNTED CRANE OPERATORS.

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY IS ALSO PROVIDING TRAINING COURSES FOR CRANE OPERATORS TO HELP THEM OBTAIN A LICENCE.

UNDER SECTION 15A(1)(B) OF THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, CRANE OPERATORS WILL BE LICENSED IF THEY PASS EXAMINATIONS WHICH ARE SUPERVISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORS.

THIS PARTICULAR SECTION OF LAW WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON A DATE TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

"THE REGULATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN REGULATORY MEASURES ON THE USE OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AS WELL AS THE COMPETENCE OF CRANE OPERATORS," MR MAK ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

PARAMEDIC AMBULANCE SERVICE

* * * * *

A SUM OF \$6.95 MILLION HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT ESTIMATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARAMEDIC AMBULANCE SERVICE.

IT WILL BE USED FOR TRAINING STAFF AND PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR 24 EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS AT THE AMBULANCE TRAINING SCHOOL TODAY (FRIDAY), MR LAM SAID IN ADDITION, ABOUT \$2 MILLION HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO MEET RECURRENT EXPENDITURE FOR CONSUMABLE ITEMS.

/"OUR PLAN

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 7 -

"OUR PLAN IS TO OPERATE 21 PARAMEDIC AMBULANCES AT THE END OF THIS YEAR WITH AN ULTIMATE AIM OF INCREASING THE NUMBER TO 33 BY 1996," HE SAID.

THE GRADUATES COMPRISED TWO AMBULANCE OFFICERS AND 22 AMBULANCEMEN. THEY HAD COMPLETED A SIX-WEEK EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANT LEVEL II COURSE.

MR LAM TOLD THEM THAT IT WOULD TAKE CONTINUING PRACTICE TO CONSOLIDATE AND SHARPEN THE SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE THEY HAD LEARNT.

THEY WILL BE ATTACHED TO HOSPITALS FOR A SHORT PERIOD BEFORE BEING DEPLOYED TO MAN THE AMBULANCES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FOUR RURAL OUTLINE ZONING PLANS PUBLISHED

* * * * *

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GAZETTING OF FOUR DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS (OZPS) FOR MAI PO AND FAIRVIEW PARK AND NAM SANG WAI IN NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES; AND LUK KENG AND WO HANG AND KWU TUNG SOUTH IN NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID: "THESE PLANS REPLACE THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA (DPA) PLANS COVERING THE SAME AREAS IN THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INDICATE DEFINITE AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE ZONES TO GUIDE AND CONTROL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREAS.

"THE DPA PLANS ARE INTERIM PLANS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1991. THEY SERVE TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND CONTROL ON LAND USES IN THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES.

"UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE DPAS ARE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT."

A MAIN FEATURE IN THE MAI PO AND FAIRVIEW PARK OZP IS THE MAI PO NATURE RESERVE, WHICH PROVIDES FEEDING AND ROOSTING HABITATS FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS.

IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND SUSTAIN THE NATURE RESERVE AND ITS ADJOINING WILDLIFE HABITATS, ABOUT 430 HECTARES AND 312 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST' ('SSSI') AND 'CONSERVATION AREA' RESPECTIVELY. THESE AMOUNT TO ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA OF THE PLAN.

ABOUT 155 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)' TO COVER TWO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, NAMELY FAIRVIEW PARK AND PALM SPRINGS.

ABOUT 15 HECTARES HAVE BEEN ZONED 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D)' TO ENCOURAGE UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING TEMPORARY DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

/AN AREA

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 8 -

AN AREA OF ABOUT SIX HECTARES ALONG FAIRVIEW PARK BOULEVARD HAS BEEN ZONED 'COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL'.

IN ADDITION, ABOUT 35 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT' TO FACILITATE EXISTING AND FUTURE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS.

OTHER TYPES OF LAND USES INCLUDE ABOUT 33 HECTARES OF 'RECREATION' ZONE FOR RECREATION AND ECO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENTARY TO THE SSSI AND THE WETLAND AREAS; SEVEN HECTARES OF 'OPEN SPACE' ZONE; 10 HECTARES OF 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' ZONE; AND THREE HECTARES OF 'OPEN STORAGE' ZONE TO CATER FOR THE DEMAND FOR OPEN STORAGE SITES IN THE AREA.

THE NAM SANG WAI OZP ALSO GIVES RECOGNITION TO THE NEED TO PROTECT THE MAI PO NATURE RESERVE AND TO PRESERVE THE LANDSCAPE AND WETLAND HABITATS IN THE DEEP BAY AREA.

ABOUT 140 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'CONSERVATION AREA' AND 'GREEN BELT' ON THE PLAN.

TO CATER FOR THE NEED OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, ABOUT 16 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)' IN CHUNG HAU YU MAN SAN TSUEN.

MEANWHILE, ABOUT 30 HECTARES IN TAI SHANG WAI, MAN YUEN TSUEN AND TO THE SOUTH OF KAM TIN RIVER HAVE BEEN ZONED 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D)' TO ENCOURAGE UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING TEMPORARY DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

ABOUT 33 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT' FOR EXISTING AND FUTURE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS.

IN ADDITION, ABOUT 200 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'RECREATION' FOR RECREATION AND ECO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ARE COMPLEMENTARY TO THE NEARBY SSSIS AND THE ADJOINING WETLAND AREAS.

AN AREA OF ABOUT 57 HECTARES TO THE NORTH OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG SECTION) HAS BEEN ZONED 'UNDETERMINED'. ANY PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS OR REDEVELOPMENTS IN THIS ZONE WOULD REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF MASTER LAYOUT PLANS TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

OTHER TYPES OF LAND USES INCLUDE ABOUT 11 HECTARES OF 'OPEN SPACE' ZONE; SEVEN HECTARES OF 'OPEN STORAGE' ZONE; FOUR HECTARES OF 'INDUSTRIAL (GROUP D)' ZONE; AND FOUR HECTARES OF 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' ZONE.

THE MAIN FEATURE IN THE LUK KENG AND WO HANG OZP, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE DESIGNATION OF 110 HECTARES OF 'AGRICULTURE' ZONE, WHICH AIMS AT PRESERVING GOOD AGRICULTURAL LAND.

ABOUT NINE HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'COASTAL PROTECTION AREA' ON THE OZP TO RETAIN THE EXISTING NATURAL COASTLINE AND TO PROTECT AREAS OF ECOLOGICAL AND LANDSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE; AND 195 HECTARES HAVE BEEN ZONED 'CONSERVATION AREA' TO PROTECT THE NATURAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA.

/INCLUDED

INCLUDED IN THIS ZONE ARE TWO SITES OF ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE, LUK KENG MARSH AND SHEUNG WO HANG FUNG SHUI WOODLAND, AND AN ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE IN SHA TAU KOK LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF NAM CHUNG LEI UK.

TWO SITES OF ABOUT TWO HECTARES IN PAK HOK LAM (YIM TSO HA EGRETRY) AND A CHAU HAVE BEEN ZONED 'SSSIS'.

AN IMPORTANT EGRETRY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE YIM TSO HA EGRETRY PROVIDES A NESTING PLACE FOR DIFFERENT SPECIES OF EGRETS AND HERONS.

THE SSSI IN A CHAU IS AN IMPORTANT HABITAT OF BIRDS, PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT BREEDING SITE FOR PASSAGE MIGRANTS.

OTHER LAND USES ON THE PLAN INCLUDE ABOUT 31 HECTARES OF 'VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT' ZONE; 11 HECTARES OF 'RECREATION' ZONE; THREE HECTARES OF 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' ZONE; AND 42 HECTARES OF 'GREEN BELT'.

SIMILAR TO THE LUK KENG AND WO HANG OZP, ABOUT HALF OF THE TOTAL LAND AREAS (257 HECTARES) OF THE KWU TUNG SOUTH OZP HAVE BEEN ZONED 'AGRICULTURE'.

TO FACILITATE LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, ABOUT 31 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)'.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS ZONE ARE RESTRICTED TO A PLOT RATIO FROM 0.2 TO 0.43, A SITE COVERAGE OF 10 PER CENT TO 20 PER CENT AND A BUILDING HEIGHT OF TWO STOREYS NOT EXCEEDING 7.6 METRES TO THREE STOREYS NOT EXCEEDING 12.05 METRES.

ABOUT 40 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED 'VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT' FOR EXISTING AND FUTURE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS.

MEANWHILE, THERE ARE ABOUT 133 HECTARES OF 'GREEN BELT' TO DELINEATE URBAN GROWTH LIMITS. DEVELOPMENTS MAY ONLY BE PERMITTED IF THEY ARE JUSTIFIED ON PLANNING GROUNDS.

OTHER TYPES OF LAND USES INCLUDE ABOUT 13 HECTARES OF 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' ZONE; 50 HECTARES OF 'RECREATION' ZONE; AND THREE HECTARES OF 'OPEN SPACE'.

THE FOUR OZPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL AUGUST 3 IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE DRAFT MAI PO AND FAIRVIEW PARK OZP (NO. S/YL-MP/1) AND THE DRAFT NAM SANG WAI OZP (NO. S/YL-NSW/1) CAN ALSO BE SEEN IN THE FOLLOWING OFFICES :

- * TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,
11TH FLOOR, METROPLAZA TOWER 1,
223 HING FONG ROAD,
KWAI FONG,
NEW TERRITORIES; AND

/* YUEN LONG

- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE,
YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING,
269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD,
YUEN LONG,
NEW TERRITORIES.

MEANWHILE, THE DRAFT LUK KENG AND WO HANG OZP (NO. S/NE-LK/1) AND THE DRAFT KWU TUNG SOUTH OZP (NO. S/NE-KTS/1) CAN BE INSPECTED IN THE FOLLOWING OFFICES :

- * SHA TIN AND NORTH EAST DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD,
SHA TIN,
NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE,
THIRD FLOOR, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
PIK FUNG ROAD,
FANLING,
NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLANS MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING BEFORE AUGUST 3.

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING AND KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICES, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SPECIAL MARINE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES

* * * * *

SPECIAL MARINE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE WHEN THE HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL RACES 1994 ARE HELD, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE INTERNATIONAL RACES WILL TAKE PLACE OFF THE EAST TSIM SHA TSUI WATERFRONT BETWEEN THE HUNG HOM RAILWAY PIER AND NEW WORLD CENTRE FROM NOON TO 7 PM ON JUNE 18 (SATURDAY) AND FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON JUNE 19 (SUNDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID MOORING BUOYS MARKING THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF THE RACE AREA WOULD BE LAID ABOUT 325 METRE SOUTH OF THE SEAWALL OF THE WATERFRONT ON JUNE 6 AND THEY WOULD REMAIN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JUNE 24.

BETWEEN JUNE 17 AND 19, LIGHTERS, FERRIES AND LAUNCHES WOULD BE FASTENED TO THE BUOYS AND ENCLOSE THE RACE AREA, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

"EXCEPT CRAFT INVOLVING THE RACES, ALL VESSELS WILL BE FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE RACE AREA," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

OWNERS AND COXSWAINS OF SMALL VESSELS ARE ALSO REMINDED DRAGON BOATS MAY PRACTISE WITHIN THE AREA DURING DAYTIME FROM NOW UNTIL JUNE 18.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 11 -

A PONTOON WILL BE MOORED TO THE LANDING STEPS AT THE EAST TSIM SHA TSUI WATERFRONT DURING THE PRACTICE SESSIONS.

OWNERS AND COXSWAINS OF SMALL VESSELS ARE ADVISED TO USE OTHER LANDING STEPS NEARBY.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THAT ALL VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THE VICINITY SHOULD PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL DIRECTORY PUBLISHED

* * * * *

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PUBLICATION OF THE LATEST EDITION OF ITS ANNUAL DIRECTORY "HONG KONG TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS".

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: "THIS YEAR, THE DIRECTORY COVERS A TOTAL OF SOME 240 TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL BODIES IN HONG KONG.

"THEY INCLUDE GOVERNMENT-FUNDED INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT BODIES SUCH AS THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND HONG KONG TECHNOLOGY CENTRE CORPORATION, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, DISTRICT TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVE BODIES OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

"INFORMATION SUCH AS THE ORGANISATIONS' ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS, NAMES OF KEY OFFICE-BEARERS, SIZE OF MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL ELECTION DATES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE DIRECTORY WAS A USEFUL REFERENCE GUIDE FOR TRADERS, MANUFACTURERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THEIR EVERYDAY BUSINESSES AND RESEARCH WORK.

ENQUIRIES OR REQUESTS FOR FREE COPIES OF THE DIRECTORY CAN BE ADDRESSED TO THE DATA AND SERVICES DIVISION, INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, 5 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI OR TELEPHONE 736 0722.

- - - - 0 - - - -

BA DISAPPOINTED BY TVB

* * * * *

THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY HAS NOTED THAT DESPITE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY TVB TO THE EFFECT THAT TVB WOULD WISH TO AVOID A CONTINUATION OF THE DISRUPTION TO VIEWERS CAUSED BY THE COMPETITIVE SCHEDULING OF THE "PAO" SERIES ON BOTH CHINESE SERVICES, TVB HAS DECIDED TO RE-RUN THE SERIES EARLY AND TO BROADCAST THE SAME STORY AS THAT CARRIED BY ATV.

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ARE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED BY THESE LATEST PLANS OF TVB WHICH THEY REGARD AS A MARK OF BAD FAITH.

THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WILL TAKE THIS INCIDENT INTO CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AS IT UNDERTAKES THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF TVB'S LICENCE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/12

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 12 -

TENDERS FOR TUNG CHUNG SERVICE RESERVOIR

* * * * *

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CIVIL WORKS OF THE TUNG CHUNG FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR ON NORTH LANTAU.

THE CONTRACT, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME, IS ONE OF A NUMBER TO BE OFFERED UNDER THE "WATER SUPPLY TO NORTH LANTAU AND RAW WATER TRANSFER TO SILVERMINE BAY TREATMENT WORKS" PROJECT.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES RAW WATER LAND AND SUBMARINE MAINS FROM TAI LAM CHUNG TO SIU HO WAN, SIU HO WAN WATER TREATMENT WORKS AND PUMPING STATION, TUNG CHUNG FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR, THE ASSOCIATED PUMPING AND DISTRIBUTION WATER MAINS, SIU HO WAN/SILVERMINE BAY AQUEDUCT AND PUI O 'B' PUMPING STATION.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL PROVIDE A PERMANENT WATER SUPPLY TO NORTH LANTAU AND ALLOWS WATER TRANSFER BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH LANTAU.

THE CIVIL WORKS CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SERVICE RESERVOIR OF STAGE I CAPACITY OF 40,000 CUBIC METRES AND ASSOCIATED WATER MAINS, PROVIDING TREATED WATER TO THE EXISTING COMMUNITY IN TUNG CHUNG, TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN AND THE NEW AIRPORT.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 1994 FOR COMPLETION IN APRIL 1996.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PYPUN/SWK WATER CONSULTANTS, 301 ASIAN HOUSE, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TENDERS INVITED FOR HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE WORK

* * * * *

THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT WORK OF ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND MEDICAL PLANTS IN YAN CHAI HOSPITAL.

ONLY CONTRACTORS WITH SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, ADEQUATE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL CAPACITY AND WITH PROPER ORGANISATION SETUP OF EXECUTING CONTRACT WORK ARE INVITED TO TENDER.

A NOTICE OF THE TENDER INVITATION WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CONTRACT SECTION OF THE EMSD, ROOM 811, EIGHTH FLOOR, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE TENDER CLOSING DATE IS NOON ON JULY 1.

- - - - 0 - - - -

- 13 -

IMPROVEMENT ROAD WORKS PROPOSED

* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED WIDENING AND UPGRADING PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGES AT THE JUNCTION OF BUTE STREET AND SAI YEE STREET AND THE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AT THE JUNCTION OF LUEN WAN STREET AND ARGYLE STREET.

THIS IS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION BETWEEN THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY MONG KOK STATION DEVELOPMENTS AND ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY IN MONG KOK.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL COMPRISE MAINLY THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FOOTBRIDGE AT BUTE STREET; CONSTRUCTION OF ESCALATORS, STAIRS AND LIFT FOR THE DISABLED AT BUTE STREET AND LUEN WAN STREET, CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN COVERED WALKWAY ALONG LUEN WAN STREET AT THE PLATFORM LEVEL LEADING TO THE KCRC MONG KOK STATION AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STAIRCASES AT BUTE STREET AND LUEN WAN STREET.

A NOTICE OUTLINING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RELATED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND THE YAU TSIM/MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 30 LUEN WAN STREET, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD ADDRESS HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE AUGUST 2 DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

YOUTH URGED TO SUPPORT VOTER REGISTRATION

* * * * *

THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PO PUI-LEONG, HAS APPEALED TO THE YOUTH TO SUPPORT VOTER REGISTRATION IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION OF THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION AT TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE TODAY (FRIDAY), MR PO ENCOURAGED ELIGIBLE YOUTHS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS IN RESPONSE TO THE LOWERING OF THE VOTING AGE FROM 21 TO 18.

HE SAID: "YOUTHS MAY MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BY EXERCISING THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND LET THEIR VOICES BE HEARD."

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TAI PO IN THE COMING WEEKS.

THESE WILL INCLUDE INTENSIVE VISITS TO HOUSEHOLDS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND REGISTRATION EXERCISES IN BUSY STREETS NEAR TAI PO MARKET AND TAI WO KCRC STATIONS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 14 -

CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES

* * * * *

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE TWO UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN NORTH POINT SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT CAUSING DANGER TO OTHER OCCUPANTS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE TWO SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURES, BEING USED FOR DWELLING AND STORAGE PURPOSES, ARE LOCATED ON THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING AT 80 AND 82 JAVA ROAD.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR TWO CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON OCTOBER 7 WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DOMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

CROWN RENT PAYMENT DUE ON JUNE 24

* * * * *

DEMAND NOTES HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR CROWN RENTS THAT EXCEED \$100 PER YEAR FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING JUNE 24.

ALSO ISSUED ARE THOSE FOR CROWN RENTS FOR THE FIVE YEARS ENDING JUNE 24 THAT DO NOT EXCEED \$100 A YEAR AND HAVE TO BE PAID ONLY ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE USING THE PAYMENT BY PHONE SERVICE OR BY POST ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, PO BOX 8000, GPO, HONG KONG, OR, IN PERSON, AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE TREASURY HEADQUARTERS COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE, IMMIGRATION TOWER, FIRST FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG;
- * THE CENTRAL SUB-TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- * THE NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY, MAX SHARE CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, 373 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG;
- * THE SAI WAN HO SUB-TREASURY, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO, HONG KONG;
- * THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE), KOWLOON;
- * THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON; AND
- * DISTRICT OFFICE AT SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN OR KWAI TSING.

/MEMBERS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE DEMAND NOTES SHOULD BRING ALONG THOSE FOR ANY PREVIOUS PERIOD TO ANY OF THE TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID.

DUPLICATE DEMAND NOTES WILL BE ISSUED TO THEM, HE SAID.

IF THEY CANNOT PRODUCE DEMAND NOTES FOR ANY PREVIOUS PERIOD, THEY SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE CROWN RENT UNIT OF THE TREASURY AT IMMIGRATION TOWER, 30TH FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED CROWN RENT PAYERS WHO HAD SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION THAT IF THE WORDING "PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY AUTOPAY" WAS SHOWN ON THE NOTES, PAYMENT WOULD BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON JUNE 24.

"THEY SHOULD ENSURE THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE FUNDS ON THAT DATE," HE SAID.

"IF THE ABOVE WORDING IS NOT SHOWN ON THE DEMAND NOTES, CROWN RENT PAYERS SHOULD PAY ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT IN THE DEMAND NOTES," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED PAYERS TO SAVE QUEUING TIMES BY USING THE PAYMENT BY PHONE SERVICE, BY POST, OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE COLLECTION OFFICES.

"HOWEVER, THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY IS AUTOPAY," HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR AUTOPAY ARE AVAILABLE FROM TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL MAJOR BANKS IN HONG KONG OR BY TELEPHONING 829 4999.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT PAYMENT BY TELEPHONE SERVICE, PLEASE CALL 170 222 329.

ENQUIRIES ON OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS FOR CROWN RENT MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES. THE FEE IS \$50 FOR EACH ENQUIRY PER PROPERTY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TAXPAYERS TOLD TO FILE RETURNS NOW
* * * * *

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT REMINDED TAXPAYERS THAT INDIVIDUALS' TAX RETURNS ISSUED ON MAY 2 WERE NOW DUE FOR LODGMENT UNLESS AN EXTENSION OF TIME HAD BEEN GRANTED.

A 24-HOUR TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO OFFER PRACTICAL ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE RETURNS, HE SAID.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 594 0888.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1994

- 16 -

POST OFFICES TO CLOSE DURING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

* * * * *

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE FORTHCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF THE QUEEN AND THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR MIKE PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID A SPECIAL MAIL DELIVERY WOULD BE PROVIDED ON JUNE 11, BUT THERE WOULD BE NO DELIVERY ON JUNE 12, 13 AND 14.

- - - - 0 - - - -

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

* * * * *

	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,505	0930	-1,026
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,359	1000	-1,026
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-1,026
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-1,026	1200	-1,026
LAF TODAY	-120	1500	-1,026
		1600	-1,026

LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER TWI 124.9 *+0.1* 3.6.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.44	18 MONTHS	2511	4.15	97.81	5.81
1 MONTH	3.65	24 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.42	6.21
3 MONTHS	4.09	29 MONTHS	3610	4.20	95.04	6.57
6 MONTHS	4.59	32 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.21	6.71
12 MONTHS	5.23	35 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.57	6.81

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 20,950 MN

CLOSED 3 JUNE 1994

- - - - 0 - - - -