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LEGISLATIVE STEP TO HELP YOUNG ADDICTS
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LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS WOULD REMEDY THE SITUATION WHERE ADDICTS AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 19 WERE PREVENTED FROM SEEKING VOLUNTARY TREATMENT BECAUSE THE CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WAS NOT FORTHCOMING, THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON JAMES FINDLAY, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE DRUG ADDICTS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, MR FINDLAY SAID THE BILL SOUGHT TO AMEND SECTION (7) OF THE DRUG ADDICTS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION ORDINANCE.

UNDER THIS SECTION, HE SAID, A YOUNG ADDICT AGED UNDER 19 REQUIRED THE CONSENT OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN BEFORE HE OR SHE COULD BE ADMITTED TO ONE OF THE TWO TREATMENT CENTRES RUN BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS.

IF THE CONSENT WAS NOT FORTHCOMING, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE MIGHT APPLY FOR A CARE AND PROTECTION ORDER UNDER THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES ORDINANCE TO ASSUME LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP OF THE ADDICT AND THEREAFTER APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE CENTRE ON THE ADDICT'S BEHALF.

+THE DIRECTOR'S POWER, HOWEVER, IS CONFINED TO YOUNG PERSONS AGED 18 YEARS OR BELOW,+ MR FINDLAY SAID.

THE BILL THEREFORE PROPOSED TO LOWER THE MAXIMUM AGE LIMIT FOR A YOUNG PERSON FROM 19 TO 18 YEARS.

+THIS AMENDMENT WOULD BRING THE DRUG ADDICTS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION ORDINANCE IN LINE WITH THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES ORDINANCE.+

MR FINDLAY SAID OTHER AMENDMENTS PROPOSED INCLUDED A PROVISION FOR VISITS BY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE TO THE TREATMENT CENTRES AT LEAST ONCE IN EVERY THREE MONTHS INSTEAD OF MONTHLY AND CANCELLATION OF THE PROVISION FOR GAZETTING SUCH VISITS.

THE BILL ALSO SOUGHT TO UPDATE THE MONETARY PENALTIES UNDER THE ORDINANCE WHICH HAD NOT BEEN REVISED SINCE 1960 AND, IN ADDITION, PROVIDED FOR THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY TO REPLACE THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, A DEFUNCT POST, ON THE ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE APPEAL BOARD.

MR FINDLAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE COUNCIL'S AD HOC GROUP WHICH, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR HO KAM-FAI, +DEVOTED A LOT OF TIME IN SCRUTINISING THIS BILL+.

HE SAID THE AD HOC GROUP WAS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE BILL EXCEPT THAT ITS MEMBERS PREFERRED TO RETAIN THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT OF MONTHLY VISIT BY JP'S.

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+IN FACT MR HUI YIN-FAT, A MEMBER OF THE AD HOC GROUP, IS GOING TO MOVE A COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENT TO THE BILL TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT OF A MONTHLY VISIT,+ HE SAID, AND THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD SUPPORT THIS COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENT.

HE NOTED THAT THE WORK OF THESE TREATMENT CENTRES WAS A VALUABLE SERVICE TO THOSE MOST IN NEED OF HELP IN CURING THEIR ADDICTION TO NARCOTICS AND HE WAS SURE +MEMBERS WILL WISH TO SUPPORT THESE REFINEMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK UNDER WHICH THEY OPERATE.+

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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EXAMINATION OF DOUBLE TAXATION ISSUE
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THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE WILL EXAMINE THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE TAXATION, WHICH COULD ARISE FOR SOME COMPANIES TRADING WITH CHINA, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WAS TOLD TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON THOMAS CLYDESDALE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID: +GIVEN THE CONCERN EXPRESSED, AND ITS SOURCE, I SHALL ASK THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE TO CONSULT WITH THE TAXATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

+HE WILL EXAMINE ALL THE ISSUES, INCLUDING IF AND HOW THE PROBLEMS OF TAXATION OF HONG KONG SOURCED INCOME BY OTHER JURISDICTIONS MIGHT BE OVERCOME WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF REVENUE OR THE CREATION OF EXPENSIVE PRECEDENTS+.

SIR JOHN SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF INCREASING INVOLVEMENT OF HONG KONG COMPANIES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES IN BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF DIFFERING VIEWS BEING TAKEN ON THE SOURCE OF INCOME ARISING THEREFROM, IT WAS LIKELY THAT SOME HONG KONG SOURCED INCOME WAS BEING TAXED THERE.

HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT YET CONVINCED THAT IT POSED A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE CONTINUATION OF HONG KONG AS A SUITABLE BASE FOR TRADE WITH CHINA OR ELSEWHERE.

SIR JOHN SAID DOUBLE TAXATION AROSE WHEN THE SAME ITEM OF INCOME WAS LIABLE TO TAX IN TWO JURISDICTIONS.

+RELIEF CAN BE PROVIDED EITHER BY ONE TAX AUTHORITY RELINQUISHING ITS CLAIM TO TAX IN FAVOUR OF ANOTHER, OR BY ONE TAX AUTHORITY ALLOWING TAX PAID TO ANOTHER AS A DEDUCTION AGAINST INCOME OR AS A CREDIT AGAINST TAX ASSESSED,+ HE SAID.

+THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR TAXATION SYSTEM IS THE TERRITORIAL SOURCE PRINCIPLE UNDER WHICH ONLY PROFITS AND REMUNERATION HAVING A SOURCE IN HONG KONG ARE CHARGEABLE TO HONG KONG TAX.+

THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW WAS THAT CONVENTIONAL DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENTS HAD NO PLACE IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

SINCE ONLY HONG KONG SOURCED INCOME WAS TAXED, THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THAT IF AND WHEN DOUBLE TAXATION AROSE, RELIEF SHOULD BE GIVEN NOT BY HONG KONG BUT BY THE JURISDICTION SEEKING TO TAX SUCH INCOME.

SIR JOHN ADDED THAT MANY OF HONG KONG'S TRADING PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA, RECOGNISED THIS AND PROVIDED UNILATERAL RELIEF TO AVOID DOUBLE TAXATION OF HONG KONG SOURCED INCOME.

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ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST IDENTIFYING AIDS VICTIMS

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO SAFEGUARD THE ANONYMITY OF PEOPLE BEING INVESTIGATED AS SUSPECTED AIDS CARRIERS OR PATIENTS, INCLUDING SAFEKEEPING OF RECORDS, USE OF CODE-NAMES FOR PEOPLE UNDER INVESTIGATION AND SPECIAL METHODS OF LABELLING SPECIMENS, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON JOHN CHAMBERS, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS BY THE HON TAI CHIN-WAH, MR CHAMBERS SAID WHENEVER POSSIBLE AIDS VICTIMS WERE ACCOMMODATED IN SEPARATE HOSPITAL ROOMS FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY.

+IN ADDITION, ALL STAFF WORKING IN HOSPITALS AND CLINICS ARE REGULARLY REMINDED TO OBSERVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY REGULATIONS AND NOT TO COMMUNICATE TO UNAUTHORISED PERSONS WITHOUT AUTHORITY ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO PATIENTS UNDER THEIR CARE,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ALSO MADE AN APPEAL RECENTLY FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF THE NEWS MEDIA IN REFRAINING FROM PUBLISHING THE NAMES OR OTHER PARTICULARS OF PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF HAVING BEEN EXPOSED TO THE AIDS VIRUS.

+SO FAR THIS APPEAL HAS BEEN RESPECTED, AND I TRUST THAT OUR PRESS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO,+ HE SAID.

CONCERNING ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE SUSPECTED AIDS CARRIER, MR CHAMBERS SAID A SPECIAL CLINIC STAFFED BY EXPERIENCED SENIOR MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF WAS SET UP IN SEPTEMBER 1985 TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION AND COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR SUSPECTED AIDS CARRIERS OR PATIENTS.

+WHERE NECESSARY THE SERVICES OF SOCIAL WORKERS AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS CAN ALSO BE ENLISTED.

+THERE IS ALSO A TELEPHONE COUNSELLING SERVICE AND PAMPHLETS HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION BOTH TO THE PUBLIC AND TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS,+ HE ADDED.

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PROMOTION FOCUS ON NOISE HAZARD AT WORKPLACE
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THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC AWARENESS THAT NOISE IS A HEALTH HAZARD IN THE WORKPLACE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE AREAS OF FOCUS IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CAMPAIGNS SINCE 1978, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE HON NEIL HENDERSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP, MR HENDERSON SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD PRODUCED A RANGE OF PUBLICITY MATERIAL ON THE SUBJECT AND HAD DRAWN UP A CODE OF PRACTICE ON THE PROTECTION OF HEARING.

+THERE ARE SPECIAL COURSES ON THE SUBJECT AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE AND THE TOPIC IS ALSO COVERED IN MORE GENERAL COURSES AND SEMINARS ON INDUSTRIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE PROMOTION EFFORT WAS SUPPORTED BY THE WORK OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S TRIPARTITE SAFETY COMMITTEE AND ITS INDUSTRY-BASED SUB-COMMITTEES AND BY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OWN NOISE CONTROL OFFICE AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION.

MR HENDERSON EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS, THE PROPRIETOR OF AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING WAS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SUITABLE EAR PROTECTORS AND TO MAKE THEM READILY AVAILABLE FOR THE USE OF THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO WERE EXPOSED TO LEVELS OF NOISE LIKELY TO POSE A THREAT TO HEALTH.

+EMPLOYEES ARE SIMILARLY REQUIRED TO WEAR THE EAR PROTECTORS PROVIDED,+ HE SAID.

ON THE REPORTED NUMBER OF WORKERS SUFFERING FROM LOSS OF HEARING DUE TO EXPOSURE TO EXCESSIVE NOISE LEVEL IN THE WORKPLACE, MR HENDERSON SAID THERE WAS NO READY SOURCE OF STATISTICS.

+LOSS OF HEARING IS A GRADUAL PROCESS WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE OVER A LONG PERIOD OF YEARS AND IS THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO MEASURE OBJECTIVELY.

+IT MAY ALSO BE CAUSED BY FACTORS OTHER THAN NOISE AT THE WORKPLACE,+ HE SAID.

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'SOFT DRUG' SITUATION MONITORED CLOSELY
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ABUSE OF NON-OPIATE DRUGS, OR 'SOFT' DRUGS, DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM AT THE PRESENT TIME WHEN COMPARED WITH ABUSE OF HEROIN, THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON JAMES FINDLAY, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON ROSANNA TAM, MR FINDLAY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT SURVEY RESULTS AND FIGURES FOR DRUG SEIZURES, PROSECUTIONS AND HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS HAD INDICATED SOME INCREASE IN THE ABUSE OF MANDRAX AND MARIJUANA.

THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WOULD BE REVIEWING THE POSITION IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HE SAID.

MR FINDLAY SAID THE NUMBER OF YOUTHS PROSECUTED FOR NON-OPIATE DRUG OFFENCES IN THE PAST THREE YEARS WAS 76 IN 1983, 61 IN 1984 AND 101 IN 1985.

A SURVEY COVERING 18 SCHOOLS AND 2 500 STUDENTS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT IN JUNE LAST YEAR TO COLLECT DATA ON THE ABUSE OF NON-OPIATE DRUGS.

+THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONDUCT ANOTHER SCHOOL SURVEY IN 1987-88,+ HE SAID.

+ALSO, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE IS PROPOSING TO CONDUCT A SURVEY ON THE ABUSE OF DRUGS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL.+

MR FINDLAY SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN MONITORING THE 'SOFT' DRUG SITUATION VERY CLOSELY SINCE 1983 WHEN ACAN ESTABLISHED A WORKING PARTY ON THE CONTROL OF PSYCHOTROPIC AND NON-OPIATE NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES.

THE WORKING PARTY HAD SUBMITTED ITS FIRST INTERIM REPORT TO ACAN IN JUNE 1984, AND MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS ON THE DRUGS IN QUESTION.

THE MAJORITY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED. THESE INCLUDED THE SCHEDULING OF SECONAL AS A DANGEROUS DRUG; A REQUIREMENT FOR WHOLESALERS OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS TO EMPLOY A QUALIFIED PHARMACIST; THE SENDING OF RETURNS TO ACAN OF THE IMPORT, EXPORT, MANUFACTURE, STOCK HOLDING AND CONSUMPTION TRENDS OF NON-OPIATE DRUGS OF ABUSE; AND THE INSPECTION OF THE DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS OF REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

IN ADDITION, PREVENTIVE EDUCATION PUBLICITY THROUGH POSTERS, TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOOL TALKS WAS BEING UNDERTAKEN TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

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CROWN COUNSEL REMINDED OF TIME FACTOR
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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS HAS CIRCULATED REMINDERS TO ALL CROWN COUNSEL DRAWING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE SIX-MONTH STATUTORY PERIOD FOR THE PROSECUTION OF A SUMMARY OFFENCE, THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON JAMES FINDLAY, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON HUI YIN-FAT ON A RECENT CASE IN WHICH A CHARGE AGAINST A BUSINESSMAN FOR BETTING WITH A BOOKMAKER WAS DISMISSED DUE TO THE EXPIRY OF THE SIX-MONTH STATUTORY PERIOD.

MR FINDLAY SAID THE DISMISSAL OF THE CHARGE IN QUESTION RESULTED FROM A SIMPLE OVERSIGHT WHICH, ALTHOUGH REGRETTABLE, WAS ALSO UNDERSTANDABLE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

HE SAID THE CHARGE AROSE FROM A VERY EXTENSIVE OPERATION, CALLED +OPERATION BOXBUSH+, MOUNTED BY THE POLICE AGAINST ILLEGAL BOOKMAKING.

A TOTAL OF 29 PEOPLE WERE CHARGED IN WHAT WAS AN IMPORTANT AND SUCCESSFUL OPERATION BY THE POLICE AND THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS.

+IN CONSIDERING THE APPROPRIATE CHARGES TO BE LAID, ON THE BASIS OF AN ENORMOUS VOLUME OF DOCUMENTATION SEIZED IN TWO SERIES OF RAIDS ON 65 PREMISES, THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR THE PROSECUTION OF SUMMARY OFFENCES WAS OVERLOOKED,+ HE EXPLAINED.

MR FINDLAY SAID NO ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN AGAINST THE CROWN COUNSEL WHO INADVERTENTLY FAILED TO ADVISE THE POLICE TO LAY THE CHARGE WITHIN THE STATUTORY PERIOD -- NOR DID HE BELIEVED THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION WAS WARRANTED IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

+INDEED, THE PARTICULAR CROWN COUNSEL WAS PRAISED BY THE STAFF OFFICER OF THE ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIMES BUREAU FOR THE QUALITY OF HIS OVERALL LEGAL ADVICE ON AN IMMENSELY COMPLICATED OPERATION,+ HE NOTED.

HE ADDED THAT THAT ASSESSMENT HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS.

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BOUGHT PLACES SCHEME: THREE SCHOOLS CLOSE
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THREE PRIVATE SCHOOLS HAVE CLOSED SINCE THE GOVERNMENT INFORMED 17 SUCH SCHOOLS IN MARCH LAST YEAR THAT IT WOULD CEASE TO BUY FORM 1 PLACES FROM THEM. THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE HON NEIL HENDERSON, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS BY THE HON SELINA CHOW, MR HENDERSON SAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SAY WHETHER CLOSURE WAS THE RESULT OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM THE PHASING OUT OF THREE SCHOOLS FROM THE BOUGHT-PLACE SCHEME OR FROM OTHER CAUSES.

OF THE 1 332 STUDENTS AFFECTED, HE SAID 266 WERE FORM 5 GRADUATES, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM WOULD BE COMPLETING THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION AT THAT POINT.

MR HENDERSON SAID THE 17 PRIVATE SCHOOLS WERE INFORMED IN MARCH LAST YEAR THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD CEASE TO BUY FORM 1 PLACES FROM THEM WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1986. THE REMAINING BOUGHT PLACES, IN FORM 2 AND FORM 3, WOULD BE PHASED OUT OVER THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS.

+WHENEVER A SCHOOL INDICATES ITS INTENTION TO CLOSE, FOR WHATEVER REASON, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THE SCHOOL WITH INFORMATION ABOUT VACANCIES IN NEARBY SCHOOLS FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF STUDENTS,+ HE SAID.

+ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE IS ALSO PROVIDED BY DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS DIRECTLY TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS APPROACHING THEM.+

PLACES WERE FOUND IN THIS WAY FOR THE STUDENTS DISPLACED FROM THE SCHOOLS WHICH HAD CLOSED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, HE ADDED.

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BANNING OF IMITATION FIREARMS UNDER STUDY
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LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS AIMED AT BANNING THE POSSESSION OF IMITATION FIREARMS THAT VERY CLOSELY RESEMBLE GENUINE FIREARMS OR REPLICA FIREARMS, THEREBY REDUCING THE POTENTIAL FOR THEIR USE IN CRIME, ARE BEING EXAMINED BY A WORKING GROUP OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON JAMES FINDLAY, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS REPLYING TO DR THE HON CHIU HIN-KWONG, WHO HAD ASKED WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ORDINANCE RELATING TO IMITATION WEAPONS.

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MR FINDLAY SAID AS WAS NOTED IN THE LAST FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE REPORT, A NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES HAD ARISEN IN PREPARING THIS UNIQUE LEGISLATION, PARTICULARLY IN DEFINING ADEQUATELY IN LAW THE MEANING OF IMITATION FIREARMS.

+SOME OF THESE DIFFICULTIES ARE STILL UNSOLVED,+ HE SAID.
+THE WORKING GROUP IS NOW STUDYING THE PROBLEM.+

+THE INTENTION IS TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND ON WHETHER THEY ARE IN FACT PRACTICABLE IN LEGAL TERMS, AT THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING IN JULY.+

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REVIEW OF LIMITS ON ELECTION EXPENSES * * * * *

A REVIEW OF THE LIMITS ON ELECTION EXPENSES IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY A WORKING GROUP, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON LEE YU-TAI, SIR DAVID SAID AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN SET UP TO REVIEW ELECTORAL PROVISIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE RECENT URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

+THE LIMITS ON ELECTION EXPENSES IS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS FOR THE REVIEW WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

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USEFUL ADVICE FOR NEW MAGISTRATES * * * * *

A REVIEW CARRIED OUT IN 1985 SHOWED THAT THE LAY ASSESSOR SCHEME WAS USEFUL IN ASSISTING NEWLY-ARRIVED EXPATRIATE MAGISTRATES TO UNDERSTAND HONG KONG AND CHINESE CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM DR THE HON DANIEL TSE, SIR DAVID SAID THE REVIEW RECOMMENDED THAT UPON APPOINTMENT EACH NEW EXPATRIATE MAGISTRATE SHOULD HAVE THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ASSESSOR FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS.

+THIS HAS BEEN AND IS BEING DONE,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

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MONG KOK DB BY-ELECTION TOMORROW

IT IS ELECTION DAY TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FOR THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TAI KOK TSUI CONSTITUENCY.

THE BY-ELECTION IS TO RETURN A CANDIDATE TO FILL A SEAT VACATED BY A MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE CONSTITUENCY ARE URGED TO MAKE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO VOTE TOMORROW.

FOUR CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTESTING THE SEAT - MR LAI SHIU-NIN (52), AN AIRCRAFT TECHNICIAN; MR CHAN CHUNG-KIT (37), AN ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER; MR LEE CHUNG-MING (39), A SEWING MACHINE TECHNICIAN; AND MISS ELAINE WONG (26), A REPORTER.

TWO POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPENED BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 10.30 PM FOR ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES.

THEY ARE KEI TSUN PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 150 TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND MING KEI COLLEGE AT 16 OAK STREET.

ELECTORS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD ONLY VOTE AT THE DESIGNATED STATIONS SPECIFIED IN THE POLLING CARDS.

THEY MUST CAST THEIR VOTES IN PERSON AND MAY NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE.

A BROADCAST VAN WILL ALSO BE TOURING THE TAI KOK TSUI AREA TOMORROW APPEALING TO ELECTORS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR BY-ELECTION:

A PRESS CENTRE FOR THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TAI KOK TSUI CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION WILL BE SET UP AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

THE PRESS CENTRE WILL OPEN AT 7.30 AM TOMORROW WHEN POLLING STARTS UNTIL THE TWO POLLING STATIONS CLOSE AT 10.30 PM. PRESS ENQUIRIES MAY ALSO BE MADE TO THE CENTRE ON 3-802251 AND 3-815291.

THE COUNTING OF VOTES WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE POLL AT THE COUNTING STATION IN THE T.S. LO HALL AT QUEEN ELIZABETH II YOUTH CENTRE, 10 YIM PO FONG STREET.

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TWO OF THE NEW POSTS APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ARE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND GOVERNMENT ENGINEER WITH THE NEW HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT. THE POST OF PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, PREVIOUSLY HEAD OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, HAS BEEN DELETED.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT FOR IMPLEMENTING TRANSPORT POLICY. HOWEVER, ON WORKS POLICY, CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, CONTRACT PROCEDURES AND CO-ORDINATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

IT WAS FELT NECESSARY TO CREATE A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT FOR HONG KONG'S ROADS BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING DEMANDS ON THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

EXPENDITURE ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS HAS INCREASED FROM \$36 MILLION IN 1969, WHEN THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE WAS FORMED, TO \$825 MILLION THIS FINANCIAL YEAR. ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE HAS INCREASED IN THE SAME PERIOD FROM \$14 MILLION TO \$325 MILLION.

THE NEW DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR 150 HIGHWAY-RELATED PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION (WORTH \$1 800 MILLION), 85 PROJECTS IN AN ADVANCED PLANNING STAGE, 1 323 KILOMETRES OF EXISTING ROADS, THREE MAJOR ROAD TUNNELS, 540 FLYOVERS AND 390 FOOTBRIDGES.

IT WILL BE ORGANISED IN THREE REGIONS - HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES - EACH HEADED BY A REGIONAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER. THE THREE REGIONS WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A HEADQUARTERS COMPRISING TWO SPECIALIST DIVISIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGHWAYS STRUCTURES AND LIGHTING, AND FIVE UNITS SPECIALISING IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ADVICE, LANDSCAPING, SURVEYING AND COMPUTERISED BILL SERVICES.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO INCLUDE AN EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING GOVERNMENT INPUT AND PROVIDING LIAISON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL COMPANY. THIS TEAM WILL ALSO DEAL WITH ENGINEERING WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

THE THREE OTHER DIRECTORATE POSTS APPROVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ARE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES (TO HEAD THE NEW CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT), ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CHIEF ENGINEER.

THESE WILL BE OFFSET BY DELETION OF THE POSTS OF DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AND CHIEF ENGINEER.

AT THE SAME TIME THE COMMITTEE HAS DELETED THE PERMANENT POST OF MASS TRANSIT ADVISER WITH THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND REPLACED IT WITH THE SUPERNUMERARY POST OF CHIEF ENGINEER IN THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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THE RESTRUCTURED DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIST OF THREE OFFICES. THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MARINE WORKS, INCLUDING RECLAMATION, DRAINS AND SEWERS, SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS, AND MAINTENANCE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS AT THE AIRPORT.

EXCEPT IN THE NEW TOWNS IT WILL ALSO CARRY OUT ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND MAJOR SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT.

THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE SAFE AND ECONOMIC UTILISATION OF LAND. IT WILL PLACE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE STABILITY OF EXISTING AND FUTURE SLOPES ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDING AND ENGINEERING WORKS.

THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING, DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF 1 632 PERMANENT, NON-DIRECTORATE POSTS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (TO BE RETITLED CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT) TO THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE TRANSFER OF 36 PERMANENT POSTS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FORMED UNDER THE FIRST STAGE OF THE REORGANISATION LAST MONTH BY COMBINING THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WITH THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ALSO AS PART OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE REORGANISATION THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BDD WAS FORMED INTO A SEPARATE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WAS RESTRUCTURED INTO THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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\$16.6 MILLION COMMITMENT TO ADB
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) APPROVED A SUM OF \$16.6 MILLION AS HONG KONG'S COMMITMENT TO THE PAID-IN PORTION OF THE THIRD GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

THIS SUM FORMS PART OF THE TOTAL APPROVED FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF \$331.8 MILLION ARISING FROM A SUBSCRIPTION BY HONG KONG TO THE BANK'S CAPITAL INCREASE.

/THE REMAINING

THE REMAINING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT, AMOUNTING TO \$315.2 MILLION, IS A CONTINGENT LIABILITY OF THE CALLABLE SHARES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CALL ONLY AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY ADB TO MEET ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. IN THE HISTORY OF ADB, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A CALL ON THE CALLABLE SHARES.

ADB'S THIRD GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE, WHICH THE BANK APPROVED IN APRIL 1983, IS AIMED AT SUSTAINING ITS DEVELOPMENT LENDING ACTIVITIES FOR 1983-87.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID HONG KONG HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SINCE MARCH 1969. +IT IS THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANISATION OF WHICH HONG KONG IS A MEMBER IN ITS OWN RIGHT.+

HE SAID SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BANK'S THIRD GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE WAS ESSENTIAL IF HONG KONG WAS TO FULFIL ITS ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE BANK.

+IT IS ALSO A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION THAT HONG KONG INTENDS TO CONTINUE AS A MEMBER IN THIS INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION AFTER 1997,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER SAID HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN ADB AFTER 1997 HAD BEEN ASSURED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, BY AN AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

OTHER THAN THE INTANGIBLE BENEFIT OF POLITICAL GOODWILL, HE ADDED, HONG KONG HAD ALSO OBTAINED DIRECT BENEFITS FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP OF THE BANK.

+LOANS TOTALLING SOME US\$95 MILLION HAVE BEEN RAISED FROM ADB TO FINANCE FIVE LOCAL PROJECTS. THEY ARE THE LOK ON PAI SEA WATER DESALTING PLANT IN 1972, THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN 1976, THE SHA TIN URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HOUSING) IN 1977, THE SHA TIN HOSPITAL-POLYCLINIC IN 1978 AND THE SECOND SHA TIN URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN 1980.

+COMPANIES IN HONG KONG ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO BID FOR TENDERS RELATED TO ADB-FINANCED PROJECTS AS A RESULT OF HONG KONG'S MEMBERSHIP OF ADB. AS OF DECEMBER 1985, THE VALUE OF SUCH CONTRACTS AWARDED TO HONG KONG FIRMS WAS ESTIMATED TO BE US\$89 MILLION,+ HE SAID.

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BUS TERMINI RELOCATED TO RUMSEY STREET

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THE TERMINI OF TWO BUS ROUTES OPERATED BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL BE RELOCATED FROM MACAU FERRY PIER TO RUMSEY STREET FROM FRIDAY (MAY 23) TO COPE WITH THE OPENING OF THE SHEUNG WAN MTR STATION.

THE TWO BUS ROUTES ARE 3 AND 71 CURRENTLY LINKING MACAU FERRY PIER WITH POKFIELD ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG RESPECTIVELY.

+THE RUMSEY STREET BUS TERMINUS IS LINKED TO AN EXIT OF THE SHEUNG WAN MTR STATION'S EASTERN CONCOURSE BY A FOOTBRIDGE SPANNING CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND COMMUTERS CAN EASILY INTERCHANGE AT THIS POINT,+ A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ON ROUTE 3, BUSES DEPARTING FROM THE RUMSEY STREET TERMINUS WILL TRAVEL VIA PIER ROAD AND GILMAN STREET INSTEAD OF VIA MACAU FERRY PIER ACCESS ROAD BEFORE TURNING INTO CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

ON RETURN JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL, BUSES WILL PROCEED TO RUMSEY STREET DIRECT AFTER TURNING INTO DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. THEY WILL NO LONGER PASS THROUGH QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND MACAU FERRY PIER ACCESS ROAD.

ON ROUTE 71, BUSES LEAVING RUMSEY STREET WILL PROCEED TO GILMAN STREET VIA PIER ROAD.

FREQUENCY OF THE BUSES REMAINS UNCHANGED, RANGING FROM 15 TO 20 MINUTES ON ROUTE 71 AND SIX TO 12 MINUTES ON ROUTE 3.

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NEW CENTRE TO CATER FOR NEEDS OF YOUTH

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THE POPULATION IN BUTTERFLY ESTATE IS VERY YOUNG AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO SET UP A CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE WITH STUDY-READING ROOM FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SALVATION ARMY BUTTERFLY ESTATE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE IN TUEN MUN, SHE SAID: +THE POPULATION IN TUEN MUN IS RELATIVELY YOUNG, WITH ABOUT 49 PER CENT AGED 24 OR BELOW.

+I UNDERSTAND THAT THE POPULATION HERE IN BUTTERFLY ESTATE AND IN NEIGHBOURING WU KING ESTATE IS SIMILARLY YOUTHFUL.+

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THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE CENTRE IS THE SIXTH CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE RUN BY THE SALVATION ARMY IN HONG KONG, AND HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WITH A \$923 500 GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND.

+ I AM SURE THAT THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE USED THE CENTRE SINCE IT COMMENCED OPERATIONS IN DECEMBER 1985, AND THOSE WHO USE IT IN FUTURE, WILL FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAKING FRIENDS AND ESTABLISHING NEW INTERESTS AS WELL AS THE CHANCE FOR SELF DEVELOPMENT,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES IN THE CENTRE, YOUTH WORKERS NEED TO DEVELOP PROGRAMMES THAT ARE STIMULATING, WELL ORGANISED AND SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG WHO ARE EXPOSED TO DIFFERENT PATTERNS OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL BEHAVIOUR.

YOUTH WORKERS SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO REACH OUT TO THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE LESS LIKELY TO ATTEND ORGANISED ACTIVITIES, MRS CHAN ADDED.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TO BE DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 1986-87.

THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE CLEARING BACK LANES, TIDYING-UP CLEARED LANES, PROVIDING SITTING-OUT FACILITIES ON A CLEARED SITE AT MODEL VILLAGE AND THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR DIRECTORY BOARDS.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ENDORSED THE ALLOCATION OF \$350 000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT SAID THAT ANOTHER \$466 000 HAD BEEN EARMARKED TO CARRY OUT FOUR PROJECTS THIS YEAR WHICH HAD BEEN ENDORSED TOWARDS THE END OF 1985-86.

THESE INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTSTEPS ON A SLOPE BETWEEN HO MAN TIN STREET AND HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD. THE PROJECT, AT THE COST OF \$184 000, WILL PROVIDE A PROPER FLIGHT OF STAIRS ON THE SLOPE WHICH IS STEEP AND COVERED WITH SCRUBS AND MOSS, AND HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY USED BY RESIDENTS AS A SHORT CUT.

ANOTHER PROJECT IS THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC STREET LIGHTS IN LAI CHI YUEN, HO KAR YUEN AND HAU WONG TEMPLE NEW VILLAGE. THE PROJECT WILL COST \$205 000.

/BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL THAT PUBLIC STREET LIGHTS INSTALLED IN SQUATTER AREAS BY DISTRICT BOARD BE TAKEN OVER BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR MAINTENANCE AND PAYMENT OF ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

VIEWS OF MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS IN SQUATTER AREAS UNDER THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWIN 2 000-METRE-LONG SEWAGE SUBMARINE OUTFALL IN TO KWA WAN TO MEET ADDITIONAL POPULATION IN THE WHAMPOA REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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SPECIAL FOCUS ON ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, INDUSTRY
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A SPECIAL REVIEW, ENTITLED +STUDY OF THE STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY+, IS INCLUDED IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE NEED FOR A STUDY ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES, THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED, AND THE CLASSIFICATION PRINCIPLES THAT WERE EVOLVED AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION AND CONSULTATION AMONG PARTIES CONCERNED.

THE RESULTING LISTS OF PRODUCTS AND CONSTITUENT INDUSTRIES THAT ARE NOW COLLECTIVELY CALLED ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY RESPECTIVELY ARE ALSO PRESENTED.

PRIOR TO THE STUDY, DIFFERENT SETS OF FIGURES ON ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY WERE QUOTED BY DIFFERENT PARTIES. NOW, WITH A COMMONLY ACCEPTED CLASSIFICATION AS DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLE, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS MAY REFER TO A CONSISTENT SET OF STATISTICS FOR PURPOSES OF RESEARCH AND MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT AREA.

THE ARTICLE ALSO INCLUDES A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AS REFLECTED IN TRADE AND PRODUCTION STATISTICS COMPILED ON THE BASIS OF THE CLASSIFICATIONS NOW AGREED ON.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS ON SALE AT \$28 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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PRAISE FOR GROUP'S EDUCATION SERVICES
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION.

MR LEUNG EXTENDED HIS THANKS WHEN THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROUP, LED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR ROBERT CHAN CHIN-YUAN, MADE A COURTESY CALL OF HIM AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE GROUP OPERATED 13 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 16 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH AM AND PM SESSIONS, FIVE KINDERGARTENS, ONE SPECIAL SCHOOL AND ONE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL. THE TOTAL ENROLMENT WAS 24 374.

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ROAD CLOSED, RESTRICTED ZONE SET UP
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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS IT, TAI HANG TUNG ROAD BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT SITE OF TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE PHASE FOUR AND NAM SHAN ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM ON MAY 23 AND 24.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ONLY EMERGENCY VEHICLES MAY GAIN ACCESS TO NAM SHAN STREET, LUNG CHU STREET AND TO YUEN STREET VIA THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ACCESS AT THE REDEVELOPMENT SITE OF TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE PHASE FOUR.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON MAY 24, TAI PO TAI WO ROAD BETWEEN TING KOK ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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TEMPORARY LEFT TURN BAN
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TO FACILITATE TRENCH WORK, WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO ICE HOUSE STREET BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 7 PM ON SATURDAY (MAY 24).

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA POTTINGER STREET TO REJOIN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE AGAIN FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAY (MAY 25).

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