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QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE

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+WITH THE APPROACH OF MY 60TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR, I HAVE BEEN REFLECTING ON THE CHANGES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE COMMONWEALTH DURING THE 34 YEARS IN WHICH I HAVE BEEN ITS HEAD.

+I HAVE NOW VISITED ALL THE INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND I HAVE WATCHED AND WELCOMED ITS GROWTH INTO A GROUP OF 49 NATIONS SPREAD OVER EVERY CONTINENT AND OCEAN AND CONTAINING A QUARTER OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

+EACH COUNTRY CHOOSES TO BELONG, BECAUSE IT BELIEVES THAT THE COMMONWEALTH HAS A VALUABLE PART TO PLAY IN THE WORLD. THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS ROLE WAS CLEARLY SHOWN AT THE SUCCESSFUL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING LAST YEAR AT NASSAU.

+MY THOUGHTS ARE OFTEN WITH THE MILLIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP MORE THAN HALF THE COMMONWEALTH, ESPECIALLY ON THIS COMMONWEALTH DAY. THEY DESERVE ALL THE HELP AND ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES WE CAN GIVE THEM.

+I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR THEM, AND IT IS THIS. I HAVE SEEN EVERYWHERE THE EAGERNESS AND SENSE OF ADVENTURE YOU ALL SHARE. I HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY YOUR COURAGE AND YOUR SYMPATHY FOR THOSE IN NEED, AND BY YOUR CAPACITY FOR FRIENDSHIP. I ASK YOU NOW TO TAKE EVERY CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, AND TO MEET THEM AND HELP THEM WHENEVER YOU CAN.

+TOGETHER YOU CAN NOT ONLY STRENGTHEN THE SPIRIT OF THE COMMONWEALTH ITSELF, BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTE, BY SHOWING GOODWILL, TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING, TO THE EASING OF WORLD TENSIONS WHICH THREATEN ALL PEOPLES. BETWEEN US WE CAN HELP TO ENSURE THAT WE MAY OVERCOME HARDSHIP AND POVERTY AND LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE AND FREEDOM.+

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CALL TO LIFT BAN ON PHOTOGRAPHS IN PROSPECTUS

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM HAS RECOMMENDED TO REPEAL THE RULE WHICH PROHIBITS THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND ILLUSTRATIONS IN A PROSPECTUS OF A HONG KONG REGISTERED COMPANY.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT THE POWERS OF INSPECTORS APPOINTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO INVESTIGATE COMPANIES, SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH THE BRITISH PROVISIONS.

/THESE RECOMMENDATIONS

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THESE RECOMMENDATIONS NOW UNDER STUDY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ARE COVERED IN THE SECOND REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE PUBLISHED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR JUSTICE CONS, EXPLAINED THAT, SINCE 1972 A PROSPECTUS ISSUED BY A HONG KONG REGISTERED COMPANY COULD NOT CONTAIN ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OR ILLUSTRATIONS.

THIS RULE WAS INTRODUCED IN THAT YEAR TO DEAL WITH CASES INVOLVING MISLEADING PHOTOGRAPHS AND ILLUSTRATIONS PUBLISHED IN COMPANIES' PROSPECTUSES ISSUED DURING THE STOCK MARKET BOOM IN 1971-72 AND EARLIER.

HAVING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION VIEWS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND A NUMBER OF UNDERWRITING INSTITUTIONS, THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED THAT THE INCLUSION OF GRAPHS, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC IN PROSPECTUSES CAN SOMETIMES MAKE THEM MORE COMPREHENSIBLE, PARTICULARLY WHEN A COMPANY IS INVOLVED IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.

+THE STANDING COMMITTEE THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE PROHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND ILLUSTRATIONS BE REPEALED AS REQUESTED BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES WILL STILL HAVE POWER TO REFUSE TO REGISTER A PROSPECTUS IF IT CONTAINS PHOTOGRAPHS OR ILLUSTRATIONS WHICH ARE MISLEADING,+ MR JUSTICE CONS SAID.

WITH REGARD TO INSPECTORS APPOINTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO INVESTIGATE COMPANIES, UNDER THE PRESENT PROVISIONS IN THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, ALL DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICERS AND AGENTS OF A COMPANY UNDER INVESTIGATION HAVE A DUTY TO PRODUCE THE COMPANY'S BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS TO THE INSPECTOR.

THE INSPECTOR ALSO HAS POWER TO EXAMINE ON OATH THE DIRECTORS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY AND TO APPLY TO THE COURT FOR EXAMINATION ANY OTHER PERSON ON OATH WHERE HE THINKS THIS IS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE INVESTIGATION.

+THE STANDING COMMITTEE RECEIVED REPRESENTATIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT THESE POWERS ARE INSUFFICIENT IN CASES WHERE THE BOOKS AND PAPERS OF A COMPANY ARE SCATTERED AMONG VARIOUS THIRD PARTIES WHO ARE NOT DIRECTORS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES OF A COMPANY AND SOME OF THESE REFUSE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE INSPECTOR.

+IN SUCH CASES, THE INSPECTOR HAS TO GO TO COURT FOR EXAMINATION OF THE THIRD PARTIES AND THIS CAN CAUSE DELAYS WHICH MAY BE SERIOUS IN URGENT CASES,+ MR JUSTICE CONS SAID.

IN BRITAIN, THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT WHERE AN INSPECTOR HAS POWER TO REQUIRE ANYONE WHOM HE CONSIDERS MAY POSSESS INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS TO PRODUCE ANY OF THE COMPANY'S BOOKS OR DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION AND TO EXAMINE ANYONE ON OATH WHOM HE CONSIDERS MAY POSSESS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.

/AN INSPECTOR

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AN INSPECTOR ALSO HAS POWER TO REQUIRE ANY DIRECTOR TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO BANK ACCOUNTS WHICH CONTAIN SUMS WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN, BUT WERE NOT, DISCLOSED IN THE COMPANY'S ACCOUNTS OR WHICH ARE CONNECTED WITH THE DIRECTOR'S MISCONDUCT TOWARDS THE COMPANY.

+THE STANDING COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE EXISTING POWERS IN THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE ARE INSUFFICIENT AND HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THEY BE AMENDED TO BRING THEM INTO LINE WITH THE BRITISH PROVISIONS,+ MR JUSTICE CONS SAID.

THE REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RECENTLY ALSO LISTED VARIOUS SUBJECTS WHICH WERE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

THESE SUBJECTS INCLUDED POSSIBLE REVISION OF THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE ON PROHIBITION OF PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY A COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ITS OWN SHARES, WHETHER A COMPANY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BUY ITS OWN SHARES AND WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE STATUTORY PROVISIONS ON WHAT PROFITS CAN BE DISTRIBUTED BY A COMPANY TO ITS SHAREHOLDERS.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETINGS IN 1985 ALSO CONSIDERED THE SUBJECT OF DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHAREHOLDINGS. AN INTERIM REPORT ON THIS WAS PUBLISHED FOR COMMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1985 AND THE COMMITTEE'S FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM, REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, HONG KONG.

COMMENTS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE APRIL 14.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SECOND REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM IN ENGLISH IS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICER.

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IMPACT OF MTR ISLAND LINE ANALYSED
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THE NUMBER OF DAILY PASSENGERS ON BUSES DROPPED BY AN OVERALL AVERAGE OF 14 PER CENT AND ON CROSS-HARBOUR FERRIES BY SEVEN PER CENT BETWEEN JUNE AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR COMPARED WITH MARCH FIGURES.

THIS WAS REVEALED IN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S SUMMARY REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE ON OTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES.

IN MARCH, TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND LINE, DAILY PATRONAGE ON BUSES WAS 1 275 600 PASSENGERS AND ON CROSS-HARBOUR FERRIES 310 300 PASSENGERS.

TRAMS, HOWEVER, SUFFERED VIRTUALLY NO PASSENGER LOSS. BETWEEN JUNE AND DECEMBER, THE OVERALL AVERAGE DECREASE WAS 0.8 PER CENT COMPARED WITH MARCH WHEN THEY WERE CARRYING 335 400 PASSENGERS DAILY.

DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, MTR, KCR AND GREEN MINIBUSES SHOWED HEALTHY GAINS IN PATRONAGE.

MTR GAINED 25 PER CENT COMPARED WITH MARCH WHEN IT WAS CARRYING 1 111 600 PASSENGERS DAILY- KCR PASSENGER VOLUME ROSE BY 12 PER CENT- AND GREEN MINIBUS PATRONAGE INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT.

THE HARDEST HIT WAS CMB CORRIDOR EXPRESS SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDE ROUTES SUCH AS NO. 10A, 10B, 20, 21, 22, 80 AND 81M. BETWEEN JUNE AND DECEMBER, THE AVERAGE PASSENGER VOLUME ON THESE ROUTES WAS 44 PER CENT BELOW THE MARCH FIGURES. NEXT CAME CMB SERVICES VIA THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, WHICH REGISTERED AN AVERAGE DECREASE OF 30 PER CENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, CORRIDOR URBAN BUS SERVICES, SUCH AS ROUTES NO. 2, 16 AND 82 WHICH RUN PARALLEL TO THE ISLAND LINE, REPORTED AN AVERAGE PASSENGER LOSS OF 14 PER CENT WHILE ROUTES WHICH ARE ONLY PARTLY PARALLEL WITH THE MTR EXTENSION, SUCH AS NO. 5, 10, 24 AND 81, SUFFERED AN AVERAGE DECLINE OF 11 PER CENT.

AS FOR CMB AND KMB CROSS-HARBOUR SERVICES, THE AVERAGE DECREASE IN PASSENGER VOLUME WAS 17 PER CENT. IN AUGUST, PATRONAGE PLUNGED TO A RECORD LOW OF 22 PER CENT BELOW THE MARCH FIGURES BUT IT GRADUALLY ROSE BACK TO JUST 12 PER CENT BELOW THE MARCH VOLUME IN DECEMBER.

THE ONLY BUS SERVICES WHICH REGISTERED A PASSENGER GROWTH WERE CMB'S FEEDER ROUTES TO MTR STATIONS. AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT WAS ACHIEVED DURING THE SEVEN MONTHS UNDER REVIEW.

/CROSS-HARBOUR

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CROSS-HARBOUR FERRY SERVICES OPERATED BY HYF AND STAR FERRY REPORTED AN AVERAGE PASSENGER LOSS OF NINE PER CENT AND THREE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURES IN MARCH.

THE THREE HARDEST HIT ROUTES WERE HYF'S NORTH POINT-HUNG HOM, SAI WAN HO-KOWLOON CITY AND SAI WAN HO-KWUN TONG SERVICES. IN DECEMBER, PATRONAGE ON THESE THREE ROUTES WERE 25 PER CENT TO 39 PER CENT DOWN ON THE MARCH VOLUME.

IN SEPTEMBER, PATRONAGE ON HYF'S CROSS-HARBOUR SERVICES HIT A RECORD LOW SINCE THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND LINE, DROPPING TO 12 PER CENT DOWN ON THE MARCH VOLUME.

AN UPWARD TREND THEN FOLLOWED, PUSHING THE FIGURE TO JUST SEVEN PER CENT BELOW THE MARCH VOLUME IN NOVEMBER. PATRONAGE HOWEVER DROPPED AGAIN IN DECEMBER TO 10 PER CENT DOWN ON THE MARCH AVERAGE.

THE STAR FERRY ALSO SAW ITS WORST MONTH IN SEPTEMBER, WITH THE PASSENGER VOLUME DROPPING TO NINE PER CENT BELOW THE MARCH LEVEL. HOWEVER PATRONAGE HAD RISEN STEADILY SINCE THEN. IN DECEMBER, A THREE PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE MARCH VOLUME WAS RECORDED.

THE RATE OF PASSENGER DECREASE FOR TRAMS WAS HIGHEST IN JUNE WHEN PATRONAGE DROPPED TO SIX PER CENT BELOW THE MARCH AVERAGE. HOWEVER, IN JULY AND THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1985, RIDERSHIP ON TRAMS WAS HIGHER THAN THE MARCH FIGURES.

THE ONLY MONTH IN WHICH GREEN MINIBUSES ON HONG KONG ISLAND SUFFERED A LOSS OF PASSENGERS WAS JUNE. PATRONAGE THEN GREW STEADILY AND IN THE LAST QUARTER, THE GROWTH LEVELLED OFF AT AROUND 14 PER CENT UP ON THE MARCH VOLUME.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH TRANSPORT PATTERNS ON HONG KONG ISLAND SEEMED TO HAVE SETTLED DOWN BY THE END OF 1985, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE GENERAL TRANSPORT SITUATION, ESPECIALLY AFTER MAY WHEN THE ISLAND LINE IS EXTENDED TO SHEUNG WAN.

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ASBESTOS CONTROLS COMING INTO FORCE IN AUGUST

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LEGISLATIVE MEASURES AIMED AT CONTROLLING THE USE OF ASBESTOS IN INDUSTRY WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE MEASURES, SET OUT IN THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ASBESTOS) SPECIAL REGULATIONS 1986, WERE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH.

+THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE NEW REGULATIONS IS TO PROTECT WORKERS EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN PROCESSES INVOLVING THE USE OF ASBESTOS IN VIEW OF THE ASSOCIATED SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS,+ MR YIP SAID.

+WORKERS WHO ARE EXPOSED TO PROLONGED INHALATION OF ASBESTOS DUST IN CONTAMINATED ENVIRONMENT OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS WOULD CONTRACT ASBESTOSIS AND MESOTHELIOMA.+

HE SAID THE NEW REGULATIONS WOULD PROHIBIT THE USE OF CROCIDOLITE (BLUE ASBESTOS) AND AMOSITE (BROWN ASBESTOS) AND SPRAYING OF MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS.

PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS USING ASBESTOS PROCESSES, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD BE REQUIRED TO GIVE NOT LESS THAN 28 DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR OF AN INTENTION TO USE SUCH PROCESS AND TO USE EXHAUST VENTILATION EQUIPMENT OR, WHERE THAT IS IMPRACTICABLE, ENSURE THAT ALL WORKERS ARE PROVIDED WITH, AND USE, APPROVED RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.

THEY MUST ALSO ENSURE THAT THE PLANT AND PREMISES ARE KEPT CLEAN AND FREE OF ASBESTOS DUST AND THAT LOOSE ASBESTOS OR ASBESTOS WASTE IS RECEIVED, DESPATCHED OR DISTRIBUTED IN A CLOSED RECEPTACLE WHICH MUST BEAR A WARNING NOTICE.

+THE REGULATIONS ALSO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IN ANY PROCESS INVOLVING ASBESTOS AND REQUIRE THAT WORKERS MUST BE MEDICALLY EXAMINED BEFORE BEING ENGAGED IN AN ASBESTOS PROCESS AND BE MEDICALLY EXAMINED PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER,+ HE ADDED.

MR YIP SAID THE NEW REGULATIONS WOULD COME INTO OPERATION ON AUGUST 1 BECAUSE MANY PROPRIETORS WOULD NEED TIME TO INSTALL EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEMS OR ACQUIRE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS.

+BREACH OF THE REGULATIONS THEREAFTER WILL BE AN OFFENCE AND BE LIABLE TO FINES VARYING FROM \$10 000 TO \$30 000, DEPENDING ON THE GRAVITY OF THE OFFENCES,+ HE SAID.

/MR YIP

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MR YIP SAID THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN CARRYING OUT, FREE OF CHARGE, SAFETY TRAINING COURSES ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS AND AMONG THESE TWO COURSES ON ASBESTOS HAZARDS WOULD BE OFFERED IN MARCH AND JUNE THIS YEAR.

FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS INTERESTED IN THE COURSES MAY CONTACT THE CENTRE AT HARBOUR BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG. (TEL. 5-8523563).

47 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JANUARY

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED 47 BUILDING PLANS IN JANUARY 1986, 10 MORE THAN FOR DECEMBER 1985.

THEY INCLUDED A 462-ROOM HOTEL AT MODY ROAD; A 32-STOREY APARTMENT BLOCK AT KOTEWALL ROAD; A 15-STOREY CARPARK-COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT SHUI CHE KWUN STREET IN YUEN LONG; A PETROL FILLING STATION AT CONTAINER PORT ROAD, KWAI CHUNG; AN EXTENSION TO THE MARINE SCIENCE LABORATORY AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; AND AN ELECTRICITY STATION AT JUNK BAY.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 16 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 10 IN KOWLOON AND 21 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE MONTH, CONSENT WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 59 PROJECTS - 13 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 11 IN KOWLOON AND 35 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE INCLUDED A HOTEL AND APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BLOCK AT THE JUNCTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST; A SHOP-OFFICE BUILDING AT WAI CHING STREET; A TEMPLE BUILDING IN TUEN MUN A CHAPEL AT LUNG TSAI TSUEN ROAD, CHEUNG CHAU; AND A FACTORY AT THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE OFFICE ALSO ISSUED 43 OCCUPATION PERMITS FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS DURING THE MONTH.

THEY INCLUDED A COMMUNITY CENTRE AT CHUNG HAU STREET; A PETROL FILLING STATION AT KOWLOON BAY; A SCHOOL EXTENSION AT KUNG LOK ROAD A FOOTBRIDGE AT SHA TIN; AND A TRAINING CENTRE IN TAI PO FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS WAS 139 164.3 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 67 858.8 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR DOMESTIC AND THE REST FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF THESE BUILDINGS WAS ABOUT \$489.6 MILLION.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 11 DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF 26 BUILDINGS.

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COURSES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE RUNNING TWO MORE 12-WEEK, PART-TIME, IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR SERVING PERMITTED AND REGISTERED KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE FIRST COURSE WILL START IN SEPTEMBER, AND THE OTHER IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED.

THE COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TWO THREE-HOUR SESSIONS A WEEK.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SERVING KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WITH THE BASIC TRAINING FOR IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF THEIR TEACHING. PARTICIPANTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL BE DESIGNATED +QUALIFIED ASSISTANT KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.+

THE COURSE WILL DEAL WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION, AS WELL AS A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FACTORS INFLUENCING THEIR LEARNING AND BEHAVIOUR WHICH ARE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO CLASSROOM PRACTICE.

EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE CONTENTS OF KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING THE GENERAL ORGANISATION OF TIME-TABLE AND ACTIVITIES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, THIRD FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY AND THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FIFTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAUMATI.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED FORMS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, KINDERGARTEN SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE APRIL 19.

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700 PEOPLE ATTEND CHILDREN'S CHORUS
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ABOUT 700 PEOPLE WERE TREATED TO A DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCE BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS AT THE MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL AT ITS THIRD ANNUAL CONCERT THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CHORUS'S 63 MEMBERS, AGED BETWEEN NINE AND 14, PERFORMED 16 PIECES OF MUSIC INCLUDING A SPECIALLY-COMPOSED +KOWLOON CITY SONG,+ FOLK SONGS, CHOIRS, CLASSICAL AND POP MUSIC.

THE CHILDREN'S CHORUS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982 WITH SUPPORT FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

ITS AIM IS TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN MUSIC AND TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF MUSIC THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND PERFORMANCES.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

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INTERCHANGE TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW
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A THREE-LEVEL INTERCHANGE WILL BE BUILT AT THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD INTERSECTION IN KWAI CHUNG TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

THE WORK INVOLVES BUILDING TWO TWIN-LANE FLYOVERS, ONE RUNNING ALONG THE LINE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN AN EAST-WEST DIRECTION, AND THE OTHER RUNNING NORTH-SOUTH FROM KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO CHEUNG WING ROAD.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE GROUND LEVEL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE JUNCTION TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FOOTBRIDGE COMPLEX WITH AN ELEVATED WALKWAY ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY UNDER CASTLE PEAK ROAD CONNECTING YIU WING LANE.

SECTIONS OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CHEUNG WING ROAD IN THE SAME VICINITY WILL BE WIDENED WITH ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LIGHTS INSTALLED. DURING CONSTRUCTION THE WIDTH OF THESE ROADS MAY HAVE TO BE REDUCED TEMPORARILY, BUT TRAFFIC WILL STILL BE ABLE TO USE THEM.

OTHER WORK INVOLVES CLOSING A SECTION OF KWONG FAI CIRCUIT FOR IT TO BE RECONSTRUCTED. AND SOME SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND POSTED ON THE SITE.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY MAY 6, 1986.

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KWUN TONG, KOWLOON CITY TRAFFIC CHANGES

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THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM KAI TIN ROAD NORTHBOUND IN KWUN TONG ONTO JUNK BAY ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 12) FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE SEWER CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

VEHICLES ON KAI TIN ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR JUNK BAY ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO JUNK BAY ROAD WESTBOUND, LEI YUE MUN ROAD WESTBOUND, KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND, KWUN TONG ROAD, HOI YUEN ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND KWUN TONG ROAD EASTBOUND.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME TIME, THE CUL-DE-SAC SECTION OF KOWLOON CITY ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SZE CHUEN STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE TO REGULATE TRAFFIC FLOW.

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