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WORLD ATTENTION ON HK GOLD MARKET

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THE HONG KONG GOLD MARKET IS NOW PROBABLY THE THIRD LARGEST IN THE WORLD, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING, MR DEREK MURPHY, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR MURPHY WAS ADDRESSING THE EIGHTH INTERAMERICAN CONFERENCE OF SECURITIES COMMISSIONS AND SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS BEING HELD IN QUITO, ECUADOR FROM APRIL 17 TO 23.

EVEN THOUGH SYDNEY AND TOKYO ARE THE FIRST MAJOR MARKETS TO OPEN IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION, IT IS THE HONG KONG GOLD MARKET ON WHICH THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE FOCUSED EVERY MONDAY MORNING FOR THE FIRST PRICE FIXING AFTER THE WEEKEND, MR MURPHY POINTED OUT.

INTERNATIONAL GOLD TRADING IS ONE OF THE ASPECTS HE TOUCHED ON IN HIS DISCUSSION OF HONG KONG AS A GLOBAL FINANCIAL CENTRE AND AS A BASE FOR INVESTMENTS GENERALLY.

MR MURPHY CONCEDED THAT AN +OVER-ZEALOUS BANKING SECTOR IN A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT+ CONTRIBUTED IN LARGE MEASURE TO SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FALTERING PROPERTY MARKET IN 1981-82.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM REMAINED FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND.

+INDEED, IT MIGHT BE ARGUED THAT THE FAILURE OF A SMALL HANDFUL OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WILL, IN THE LONGER TERM, BE A SALUTARY REMINDER THAT ONE OF THE VIRTUES OF A LARGELY FREE-ENTERPRISE SYSTEM IS THAT THE FAILURE OF THE WEAKEST LINK MAY RESULT IN A STRONGER CHAIN,+ HE ADDED.

THE TERRITORY'S HIGH ADAPTABILITY IN RESPONDING TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES, IN CREATING NEW FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND IN OPENING NEW MARKETS WAS ALSO ONE DIMENSION WHICH +AUGURS WELL FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF HONG KONG AS A MAJOR CENTRE, ABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY TO OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY ARISE,+ MR MURPHY SAID.

IN VIEW OF THE +SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR+ OF SHARE MARKET TRANSACTIONS, MR MURPHY SAW A GROWING NEED FOR WORLD COOPERATION IN SURVEILLANCE AND MARKET INTELLIGENCE.

+I PERCEIVE IT TO BE NOT ONLY OUR RIGHT, BUT OUR DUTY, TO THE INTERNATIONAL INVESTOR, BOTH ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL, FOR THE SECURITIES MARKET REGULATORS IN HONG KONG TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ASSIST INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, SUBJECT ONLY TO OVERRIDING LEGAL RESTRAINTS IN THE DISSEMINATION OF SECRET INFORMATION,+ HE SAID.

ON THE SINO-BRITISH TALKS OVER HONG KONG'S FUTURE, MR MURPHY EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT AN +ACCEPTABLE, PRAGMATIC SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG, AND THAT INVESTMENT IN THE TERRITORY WILL BE SAFEGUARDED.+

THOUGHTS ON URBAN RENEWAL

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COORDINATED CLEAN-UP EXERCISES, HELPED BY THE FORMATION OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TEAMS AND THE MORAL ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN BY DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE A REAL IMPRESSION ON PAVEMENTS AND BACKLANES.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) IN A SPEECH ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE OLDER URBAN AREAS TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG.

+THIS KIND OF COOPERATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE URBAN COUNCIL MUST BE INTENSIFIED, AND IT COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN OTHER AREAS ALSO, SUCH AS BETTER CONTROL OF UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES AND OFFENSIVE TRADES AND POLLUTION, WHERE GOVERNMENT OR THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS A CONTROL FUNCTION,+ HE SAID.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY STRESSED THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE AREAS THAT HONG KONG SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS ENERGIES ON IN THE PROCESS OF URBAN RENEWAL.

+URBAN RENEWAL IS A COMPLICATED PROCESS; IT HAS BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL WHEN DONE FOR SOUND ECONOMIC REASONS; BUT IT IS ALWAYS COSTLY, EVEN WHERE IT WILL RESULT IN AN APPRECIATION OF PROPERTY VALUES,+ MR BARNES SAID.

+IN HONG KONG, BECAUSE OF EXISTING HIGH DENSITIES AND THE NEED TO THIN OUT RATHER THAN INTENSIFY DEVELOPMENT, PROPERTY VALUES ARE NOT LIKELY TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY.

+SO URBAN RENEWAL COSTS WILL TEND TO FALL ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR.+

HOWEVER, MR BARNES NOTED THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT HONG KONG COULD AFFORD WHOLESALE REPLANNING AND REPLACEMENT OF DETERIORATED AREAS EXCEPT AT AN UNACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE OF OTHER PRIORITIES.

HE SUGGESTED, INSTEAD, THAT ENERGIES SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, BETTER BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE, AND SELECTED URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS IN AREAS OF GREATEST NEED.

ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT, MR BARNES SAID PRIVATE BUILDINGS PRODUCED MUCH GREATER PROBLEMS, BECAUSE THEIR INTERNAL ORDER WAS THE AFFAIR OF THOSE WHO LIVED IN THEM AND THEIR MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE THEIR OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITY.

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+AT THE SAME TIME THEIR CONDITION AND APPEARANCE ARE CRUCIAL TO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, AND SO A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT MUST BE THE SECOND ELEMENT OF SELECTIVE URBAN RENEWAL.+

THE THIRD ELEMENT IS SELECTIVE URBAN RENEWAL ITSELF AND HE EXPLAINED THAT BY THIS HE MEANT THAT +THE INNER PARTS OF THE URBAN AREAS MUST BE EXAMINED AND THOSE WHICH HAVE DETERIORATED FURTHEST MUST BE SELECTED FOR INTENSIVE STUDY.+

+THE AIM OF THIS STUDY WOULD BE TO PLAN HOW, WITH A MINIMUM OF DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND DISRUPTION OF RESIDENTS, A MORE ACCEPTABLE PEDESTRIAN AND MOTOR CIRCULATION CAN BE PROVIDED AND OTHER FACILITIES BUILT,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS A COMPLEX EXERCISE INVOLVING PLANNING, CONTROL OF BUILDING ACQUISITIONS, REHOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION BOTH OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ALSO OF NEW RESIDENTIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS.

+AS WE ARE DEALING WITH LEASED LAND, AND PLANNING CONTROLS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE PROVIDED IN EITHER CROWN LEASES OR PRESENT LEGISLATION, I WOULD FORESEE THE NEED FOR NEW SPECIALLY DRAFTED LEGISLATION.+

HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT A DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WITH STATUTORY POWERS OF PURCHASE MIGHT BE A MORE EFFECTIVE AGENT THAN GOVERNMENT IN EXECUTING THIS KIND OF PROGRAMME.

+I AM BY NO MEANS YET PERSUADED THAT AN AGENCY OR CORPORATION IS THE BEST MEANS OF DEALING WITH THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS WE ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER IN HONG KONG.

+HOWEVER, THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN ACHIEVING ANYTHING IS LIKELY TO BE DETERMINATION AND PERSISTENCE IN THE FACE OF HIGH EXPENSE AND ONLY GRADUALLY REALISED TANGIBLE ADVANTAGES.

+IF ESTABLISHING A DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CAN HELP SUSTAIN DETERMINATION AND PERSISTENCE AND ALSO HELP TO MAKE THE PROCEDURES QUICKER AND MORE FLEXIBLE, THEN IT MAY BE WORTH A TRY.

+IN THE PRESENT RECESSION, NOT MUCH IN THE WAY OF ACTUAL URBAN RENEWAL IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN.

+BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO CLEAR OUT THINKING AND PREPARE POLICY AND LEGISLATION FOR THE FUTURE. AND THIS IS WHAT WE ARE BEGINNING TO DO NOW,+ HE SAID.

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ELECTION CANDIDATES URGED TO COME FORWARD
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ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTIONS ON MAY 12 WERE URGED TODAY BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MRS REGINA IP, TO COME FORWARD EARLY AS THE DEADLINE WAS ONLY THREE DAYS AWAY.

TODAY (TUESDAY), ONE CANDIDATE --- MR GIUSEPPE SALAROLI (47) FOR THE QUARRY BAY CONSTITUENCY --- SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

LAST WEEK, MR TSE KIT-TO (51) WAS NOMINATED TO STAND IN THE TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN CONSTITUENCY.

SO FAR, THEY ARE THE ONLY CANDIDATES FOR THEIR CONSTITUENCIES.

TWO SEATS --- ONE IN THE EASTERN AND THE OTHER IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARDS --- WERE MADE VACANT FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF TWO DB MEMBERS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL LAST MONTH.

MRS IP STRESSED THAT DISTRICT BOARDS HAD BEEN PROVIDING INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART DIRECTLY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

+PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE WELFARE OF THE DISTRICT AT HEART SHOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY BY COMING OUT AS CANDIDATES IN THE COMING BY-ELECTIONS,+ SHE ADDED.

FIVE POLLING STATIONS WILL BE SET UP ON ELECTION DAY FOR THE 9 836 VOTERS IN TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN CONSTITUENCY AND THE 22 155 VOTERS IN THE QUARRY BAY CONSTITUENCY.

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE AND SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE APRIL 22.

ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS IS QUALIFIED FOR NOMINATION.

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COACH LINK FOR OUTLYING DEVELOPMENTS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (APRIL 19) GRANTED SEVEN RESIDENTIAL COACH LICENCES TO QUALIFIED OPERATORS.

ISSUING THE LICENCES THIS MORNING, MR RICHARD SCURFIELD, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT (NEW TERRITORIES), SAID THE PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE RESIDENTIAL COACH SERVICES OFTEN CAME FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS.

HE ALSO DESCRIBED THE AGREEMENT TO RUN THE COACH SERVICES AS +A MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE+ BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THE EXPERTISE OF THE PRIVATE BUS OPERATORS.

+RESIDENTIAL COACH SERVICES ARE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR PROVIDING PEAK HOUR SERVICES FOR LOWER DENSITY HOUSING AREAS,+ MR SCURFIELD POINTED OUT.

THE NEW ROUTES WILL LINK TAI YUEN ESTATE WITH KWUN TONG; TUEN MUN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WITH KWUN TONG; CITY ONE SHA TIN WITH KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION AND HUNG HOM FERRY PIER; CHI LOK FA YUEN WITH MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, TSUEN WAN AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THEIR SCHEDULES OF SERVICE AND METHOD OF OPERATION ARE STIPULATED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. THE FARES LEVIED WILL RANGE FROM \$1.5 TO \$5 PER TRIP.

ALTOGETHER, THERE ARE NOW 15 RESIDENTIAL COACH ROUTES OPERATING IN THE TERRITORY.

+MOST OF THESE ARE BEING PROVIDED WITHIN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ MR SCURFIELD SAID.

+THIS IS TO BE EXPECTED AS DEVELOPMENT IS RAPIDLY GOING ON IN THE AREA,+ HE ADDED.

FIVE MORE ROUTES ARE BEING ORGANISED AND OPERATORS WILL BE GRANTED LICENCES SOON.

MR SCURFIELD WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE INVITING LARGE SCALE APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL COACH SERVICES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

+HOWEVER, APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY STILL BE SUBMITTED ANY TIME TO THE DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

+WE WILL CONSIDER ISSUING ADDITIONAL LICENCES WHERE IT CAN BE SHOWN THAT EXISTING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES DO NOT ADEQUATELY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS DURING PEAK HOURS.+

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REMEDIAL TEACHING SERVICE A SUCCESS

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GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE RESPONDED FAVOURABLY TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CALL TO PROVIDE A REMEDIAL TEACHING SERVICE FOR THE LESS ABLE PUPILS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR LEUNG, WHO WAS ADDRESSING HEADS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG (SOUTH AND NORTH) AREAS AT A LUNCHEON MEETING, SAID THAT AN INITIAL REVIEW SHOWED THAT RESULTS HAD BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING.

APART FROM ISSUING GUIDELINES TO SCHOOLS ON THE POSSIBLE MODES OF CONDUCTING REMEDIAL TEACHING, THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALLOWED SCHOOLS GREAT FLEXIBILITY TO EXPERIMENT WITH OTHER APPROACHES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND THESE HAD PROVED TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO HELD SEMINARS FOR SCHOOL HEADS AND CONDUCTED CONSULTATIONS WITH SCHOOL MANAGERMENTS AND TEACHER ORGANISATIONS TO HELP PROMOTE THE SERVICE AND IN HELPING SCHOOLS WITH ANY PROBLEMS.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THIS SERVICE AND CARRY OUT REGULAR REVIEWS TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

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GOOD HEALTH POSTER DESIGN AND SLOGAN CONTEST

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SOME 300 YOUNGSTERS HAVE ALREADY SENT IN THEIR ENTRIES FOR THE GOOD HEALTH POSTER DESIGN AND SLOGAN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

AND MANY MORE ENTRIES ARE EXPECTED.

THE COMPETITION, AIMED AT ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO DEVELOP GOOD HEALTH HABITS, IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TERRITORY-WIDE CAMPAIGN ON PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT DESCRIBED THE RESPONSE AS ENCOURAGING, AND SAID ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SENT IN BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON APRIL 30.

THE DESIGN MUST SHOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PERSONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE, WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL IN THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

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THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS -- A JUNIOR SECTION FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12 YEARS OF AGE, WITH THE THEME ON FOOD HYGIENE; AN INTERMEDIATE SECTION FOR THOSE BETWEEN 13 AND 15 YEARS OF AGE, ON THE IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNISATION, AND A SENIOR SECTION FOR THOSE BETWEEN 16 AND 18, ON GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES.

EIGHT PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH SECTION, THE TOP THREE BEING A TROPHY AND BOOK COUPON WORTH \$300, \$400 AND \$500 RESPECTIVELY.

ONLY ONE ENTRY MAY BE SUBMITTED BY EACH PARTICIPANT, ON PAPER MEASURING 42 X 60 CM, AND BEARING THE NAME, AGE, TELEPHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS, NAME OF SCHOOL AND CLASS ATTENDED.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AT 181-185 GLOUCESTER ROAD, 2ND FLOOR, HONG KONG OR THE SHA TIN HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AT LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-720861.

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QUARTERLY HOUSEHOLD SURVEY
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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR THE QUARTER NOVEMBER 1982 - JANUARY 1983 IS NOW ON SALE.

IT CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS AND OCCUPATION.

IT ALSO CONTAINS INFORMATION ON HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED AND MAIN ACTION TAKEN TO LOOK FOR WORK BY JOB SEEKERS.

FINDINGS OF THIS SURVEY ARE COMPARED WITH THOSE OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEYS IN PREVIOUS QUARTERS, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, A SPOKESMAN OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

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REMINDER TO MANUAL WORKERS TAKING UP OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT
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MANUAL WORKERS GOING OVERSEAS FOR EMPLOYMENT WERE REMINDED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT THAT THEY SHOULD ENTER INTO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS WITH THEIR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACTS FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THEIR OWN INTEREST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE CONTRACTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ATTESTATION BEFORE THE WORKERS GO ABROAD. DULY ATTESTED WRITTEN CONTRACTS WOULD NOT ONLY CLEARLY DEFINE THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, BUT ALSO ENSURE THE REASONABLENESS OF THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.

ALL OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS MUST INCLUDE DETAILS OF PAY, NATURE AND HOURS OF WORK, HOLIDAYS, PAYMENT OF OVERTIME, SICKNESS ALLOWANCE, EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION, PROVISIONS FOR FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION, REPATRIATION ARRANGEMENTS AND PROVISIONS FOR DEPENDANTS.

WITHOUT AN ATTESTED CONTRACT, A WORKER WOULD PUT HIMSELF IN A MOST DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE OVER EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS.

A VERBAL AGREEMENT OR A WRITTEN CONTRACT PRIVATELY ENTERED INTO, WHICH USUALLY DOES NOT ADEQUATELY COVER ALL ASPECTS OF EMPLOYMENT, IS ALWAYS A SUBJECT OF CONTENTION. MOREOVER, THE ABSENCE OF AN ATTESTED CONTRACT WOULD TO A GREAT EXTENT IMPEDE THE DEPARTMENT FROM INTERVENING IN DISPUTES.

+A WORKER SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO WORK IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY WITHOUT THE PROTECTION OF A PROPERLY ATTESTED CONTRACT,+ HE OBSERVED.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON THOSE WORKERS WISHING TO TAKE UP OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT TO CONSULT THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE PROPER COURSES TO FOLLOW.

THE SERVICE IS SITUATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF SINCERE INSURANCE BUILDING AT 4 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE TELEPHONE FOR ENQUIRIES IS 5-281035.

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PERMITS FOR CARS TO CROSS BORDER

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BUSINESSMEN WITH SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS IN THE SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE MAY AGAIN APPLY FOR PERMITS FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR PRIVATE CARS TO CROSS THE BORDER AT MAN KAM TO.

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT LAST YEAR, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL AGAIN BE ISSUING A LIMITED NUMBER OF PERMITS STRICTLY FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE INFORMATION OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT 61 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON.

+AND APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN MAY 16,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7333111.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON LUI SIU-HOI ON APRIL 3, 1981 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

LUI WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHAN WING-WAH ON DECEMBER 17, 1979.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS PASSING OUT PARADE
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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND IN SPORTS ROAD AT 9.05 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 21).

FORTY THREE ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND 36 IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS WILL BE ON PARADE.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE BANDS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PARADE.

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WATER CUT IN WAN CHAI
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 22) UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SPRING GARDEN LANE, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, LUN FAT STREET AND JOHNSTON ROAD.

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