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TEXTILE 'HOT LINE' KEPT BUSY  
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THIRTY-THREE CALLS WERE RECEIVED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY TRADE OFFICERS MANNING THE +HOT+ LINE TELEPHONE SERVICE TO ANSWER QUERIES ON THE PROPOSED NEW AMERICAN RULES ON TEXTILE IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES.

THE GENERAL TREND OF THE CALLS WAS ONE OF CONFUSION AS TO WHAT THE ORIGIN RULES MEANT. THE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS WERE ALSO SEEN AS COMPLICATED AND CONFUSING.

THERE WERE WORRIES OVER LOSS OF BUSINESS WITH SOME OF THE CALLERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE KNITWEAR INDUSTRY, EXPRESSING FEARS THERE MIGHT BE SUBSTANTIAL CUTBACKS IN ORDERS.

SOME REPORTED THAT ORDERS HAD ALREADY BEEN HELD UP.

OTHERS REPORTED THAT THEY THEMSELVES WERE HESITANT IN ACCEPTING NEW ORDERS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

A FEW ASSUMED THAT THE ORIGIN RULES WOULD HAVE LIMITED EFFECTS ON THEM.

COMMENTING ON THE CALLS, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THIS FEEDBACK GENERALLY CONFIRMS THE SORT OF ANXIETIES WE HAD EXPECTED AND THE UNCERTAINTY AND DISRUPTION THAT THE NEW REGULATIONS HAVE ALREADY INTRODUCED INTO LEGITIMATE TRADE.

+IT IS CLEAR THAT SOME BUSINESS ARE ALREADY EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS, EVEN ONE MONTH BEFORE THE REGULATIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO TAKE EFFECT.+

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BILL PROVIDES FOR SHARING OF DAMAGES  
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A BILL SEEKING TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION ON THE SHARING OF DAMAGES BETWEEN WRONGDOERS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO WIDEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PERSON WHO SHARES LIABILITY WITH ANOTHER PERSON IS OBLIGED TO CONTRIBUTE A SHARE OF THE DAMAGES.

IN OTHER WORDS, DEFENDANTS WILL HAVE A WIDER RIGHT TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTION FROM OTHERS WHO WERE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE, HE SAID.

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AN IMPORTANT PROPOSAL SET OUT IN THE BILL ABOLISHES AN EXISTING RULE WHICH RELEASES A SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT DEFENDANTS FROM PAYING DAMAGES ONCE A JUDGMENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST THE FIRST DEFENDANT.

AMONG OTHER PROVISIONS, THE BILL ENTITLES A DEFENDANT TO CLAIM A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE DAMAGES FROM ANOTHER DEFENDANT REGARDLESS OF THE LEGAL BASIS OF HIS LIABILITY TO THE INJURED PARTY, WHETHER TORT, BREACH OF CONTRACT OR TRUST OR OTHERWISE.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF A PURCHASER BUYS A KETTLE FROM A SHOP AND THE KETTLE EXPLODES THE FIRST TIME IT IS USED, THE PURCHASER MAY SUE THE SHOP FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT. THE SHOP WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RESIST THE CLAIM AS BY LAW THERE IS AN IMPLIED CONDITION IN SUCH CONTRACTS THAT THE KETTLE IS FIT FOR ITS PURPOSE. THE PURCHASER MAY CHOOSE TO SUE THE MANUFACTURER OF THE KETTLE WHOSE FAULT CAUSED THE EXPLOSION BUT THE PURCHASER WOULD HAVE TO PROVE NEGLIGENCE, WHICH MAY BE DIFFICULT SO HE SUES THE SHOP AND WINS. UNDER THE PRESENT LAW THE SHOP CANNOT CLAIM CONTRIBUTION FROM THE MANUFACTURER (WHICH MAY BE 100 PER CENT) TOWARDS THE DAMAGES IT MUST PAY THE PURCHASER AS THE ACTION BROUGHT BY THE PURCHASER WAS FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT. THIS BILL WILL ENABLE THE SHOP TO CLAIM CONTRIBUTION FROM THE MANUFACTURER IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT A DEFENDANT IS ENTITLED TO CONTRIBUTION TO THE DAMAGES EVEN THOUGH HE HAS CEASED TO BE LIABLE TO THE INJURED PARTY, FOR EXAMPLE, BY HAVING AGREED TO PAY DAMAGES AND THUS SETTLED THE ACTION. HE IS ALSO ENTITLED TO CONTRIBUTION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER HE WAS IN FACT LIABLE, IF HE HAS MADE A BONA FIDE SETTLEMENT WITH THE INJURED PARTY, PROVIDED THAT THE OTHER DEFENDANT FROM WHOM CONTRIBUTION IS SOUGHT WAS HIMSELF LIABLE TO THE INJURED PARTY.

+THESE TWO PROVISIONS REFLECT THE POLICY OF THE LAW TO ENCOURAGE SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES WITHOUT RECOURSE TO LITIGATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE COURT WILL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION IN THESE CASES, WHICH WILL BE LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT THE CONTRIBUTOR WOULD HAVE HAD TO PAY IF THE INJURED PARTY HAD SUED HIM.

THE CIVIL LIABILITY (CONTRIBUTION) BILL 1984 IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 10 AND TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON NOVEMBER 21.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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+OSPREY+ ENQUIRY REPORT STUDIED  
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED AN ADVANCE COPY OF THE REPORT BY THE MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY INTO THE LOSS OF THE OSPREY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY.

HE SAID THAT THE REPORT WAS ALREADY BEING STUDIED BY THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS.

WHILE EXPLAINING THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT ACTION THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY HAD ALREADY SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW EXISTING OFFSHORE SEARCH AND RESCUE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THE GROUP COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES OF SECURITY BRANCH, ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH, CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND MARINE DEPARTMENT, AND WOULD CO-OPT REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND SERVICES - SUCH AS THE RAF, ROYAL NAVY, ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, AND MARINE POLICE - TO ATTEND AS NECESSARY. AT AN EARLY STAGE IN ITS WORK THE GROUP WOULD BE CONSIDERING THE COURT'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT'S EXISTING SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANISATION VERY CAREFULLY.

ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COURT REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO REGISTRATION, LICENSING, AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF VESSELS IN HONG KONG WATERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THESE MATTERS WERE NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.

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MINISTER TO SEE WORK FOR DISABLED HERE

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THE UK MINISTER FOR THE DISABLED, MR ANTONY NEWTON WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 12) FOR A 15-DAY VISIT.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK HE WILL SEE A CROSS-SECTION OF HONG KONG'S REHABILITATION SERVICES UNDER A PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

MR NEWTON WILL ALSO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND MEET HONG KONG'S DISABLED ATHLETES AT A DINNER TO BE HOSTED BY DR HARRY FANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THE MINISTER WILL BE BRIEFED BY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND WILL MEET UMELCO AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD DURING A VISIT TO EASTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

HE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 17 AND LEAVE HONG KONG ON AUGUST 26.

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WARNING LETTERS SERVED ON LICENSEE

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WRITTEN WARNINGS HAVE BEEN SERVED ON THE OPERATOR OF A KIOSK AT REPULSE BAY BEACH THAT HE MUST COMPLY WITH URBAN COUNCIL REGULATIONS CONCERNING PRICES.

AND SURPRISE INSPECTIONS OF ALL COUNCIL-OWNED KIOSKS AT BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE REGULATIONS ARE BEING COMPLIED WITH.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN WHO WAS REPLYING TO CRITICISM OF OVER-CHARGING AT BEACH KIOSKS DURING THE CURRENT HEAT-WAVE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +AS PART OF THE LEASE CONDITIONS, LICENSEES OF COUNCIL-OWNED KIOSKS MUST PROMINENTLY DISPLAY AN APPROVED LIST OF PRICES OF REFRESHMENTS, INCLUDING BEER AND SOFT DRINKS, AND MUST ABIDE BY THESE PRICES.

+ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT KIOSK STAFF OVER-CHARGING FOR DRINKS GIVE AS AN EXCUSE, 'THIS IS THE AFTERNOON PRICE' OR 'THAT'S THE PRICE FOR THE DRINKS -- THIS IS THE PRICE FOR THE CHILLED DRINKS.'

+THERE IS ONLY ONE PRICE, AND THAT IS THE PRICE GIVEN ON THE PRICE LIST.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD ALWAYS INSPECT THE PRICE LISTS AND PAY THE EXACT PRICE GIVEN FOR WHATEVER THEY ARE PURCHASING.

+IF THERE IS NO PRICE LIST ON DISPLAY, OR IF AN ATTEMPT IS STILL MADE TO OVER-CHARGE THEM, THEY ARE URGED TO GO TO THE OFFICE OF THE BEACH STAFF AND LODGE A COMPLAINT WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED UP ON THE SPOT.

+WE NEED THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN THIS WAY TO STAMP OUT ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS AT OVER-CHARGING.+

IF AN OPERATOR CONTINUED TO OVER-CHARGE DESPITE WRITTEN WARNINGS, THE CASE WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL ITSELF AND LEGAL ADVICE TAKEN ON ENDING THE LEASE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TOXIN FOUND IN UNCOOKED FISH

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY EXPLAINED THAT TESTS MADE ON MINCED UNCOOKED FISH EATEN BY A WOMAN WHO DIED OF FOOD POISONING LAST MONTH HAD REVEALED PUFFER-FISH TOXIN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE VICTIM'S MEAL COMPRISED MINCED UNCOOKED FISH WITH CHILLI AND OTHER SEASONING, TINNED SARDINE, PORK AND BEEF, AND RICE.

+FOLLOWING THE WOMAN'S DEATH, TESTS WERE MADE OF THE REMAINS OF THE MINCED UNCOOKED FISH, AND THESE PROVED THAT PUFFER-FISH TOXIN WAS PRESENT IN THE FISH.+

THE STATE OF THE MINCED FISH PREVENTED ANALYSTS FROM DETERMINING WHAT TYPE OR TYPES OF FISH HAD BEEN USED TO MAKE THE MINCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS WELL KNOWN THAT FISHERFOLK SOLD VARIOUS TYPES OF FISH TO THE PUBLIC AFTER RETURNING TO SHAU KEI WAN WITH THEIR CATCHES.

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MP TO MEET PRESS

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MR IVAN LAWRENCE, QC, CONSERVATIVE MP, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (AUGUST 13) AT 10.30 AM AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS' MESS, 3RD FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

MR LAWRENCE WILL THEN LEAVE HONG KONG IN THE EVENING AFTER A NINE-DAY VISIT.

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TAX CERTIFICATE INTEREST REDUCED

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A DECREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES HAS BEEN AUTHORISED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

AS FROM TODAY (FRIDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 10.8 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 12.84 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.90 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETED MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED TODAY OR AFTER.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED BEFORE TODAY WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:-

- 12% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 4 DECEMBER 1981 AND BEFORE 4 JUNE 1982;
- 10.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 4 JUNE 1982 AND BEFORE 27 AUGUST 1982;
- 9% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 27 AUGUST 1982 AND BEFORE 3 DECEMBER 1982;
- 7.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 3 DECEMBER 1982 AND BEFORE 27 MAY 1983;
- 10.2% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 27 MAY 1983 AND BEFORE 28 OCTOBER 1983;
- 12% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 28 OCTOBER 1983 AND BEFORE 7 NOVEMBER 1983;
- 9.6% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 7 NOVEMBER 1983 AND BEFORE 10 FEBRUARY 1984;
- 7.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 10 FEBRUARY 1984 AND BEFORE 23 MARCH 1984;
- 5.16% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 23 MARCH 1984 AND BEFORE 18 MAY 1984;
- 8.4% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 18 MAY 1984 AND BEFORE 6 JULY 1984;
- 10.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 6 JULY 1984 AND BEFORE 13 JULY 1984; AND

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12.84% LER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON  
OR AFTER 13 JULY 1984 AND BEFORE  
10 AUGUST 1984

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES  
TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETED MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR  
PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: \$1 000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON 10 AUGUST 1984,  
10 SEPTEMBER 1984 AND 10 OCTOBER 1984 RESPECTIVELY,  
SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON 10 NOVEMBER 1984  
WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:-

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| ON \$1 000, 10 AUGUST 1984 TO 10 NOVEMBER 1984<br>3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$9.00 PER MONTH    | = \$27.00     |
| ON \$2 000, 10 SEPTEMBER 1984 TO 10 NOVEMBER 1984<br>2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$9.00 PER MONTH | = \$18.00     |
| ON \$1 000, 10 OCTOBER 1984 TO 10 NOVEMBER 1984<br>1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$9.00 PER MONTH    | = \$ 9.00     |
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WOMEN'S I.D. CARD SCHEME - PHASE 14  
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THE 14TH PHASE OF THE I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME, TARGETTED AT  
WOMEN BORN IN 1957 AND 1958, WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN AUGUST 20  
AND SEPTEMBER 22.

+AN ESTIMATED 106 000 WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS,  
INCLUDING GREEN-SEAL CARD HOLDERS, WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR  
NEW CARDS DURING THE FIVE-WEEK PERIOD,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE  
IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THOSE WHO ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE  
BACK BEFORE THE END OF THE PHASE MAY APPLY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR  
RETURN.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR  
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+ANY PERSON WHO ENTERS HONG KONG ILLEGALLY WILL BE REPATRIATED  
ONCE HE OR SHE IS DETECTED AND CONVICTED,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, WOMEN BORN IN 1959 AND 1960 WERE REMINDED THAT  
THERE ARE ONLY SEVEN WORKING DAYS LEFT FOR THEM TO APPLY FOR NEW  
I.D. CARDS.

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### ISLANDERS TO AIR VIEWS THROUGH FORUM

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THE PROVISION OF SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AS WELL AS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SERVICES ON THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL BE SOME OF THE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE DISTRICT'S OPEN FORUM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 12) AFTERNOON.

ISLANDS IS THE SIXTH DISTRICT TO HOLD THE FORUM, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE 18 DISTRICT OFFICES AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO AIR THEIR VIEWS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON LOCAL ISSUES.

ON SUNDAY, SPEAKERS ON THE PANEL WILL INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND WONG; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR KWONG PING-YAU, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND MR YIU KAI-HANG; AND THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE 90-MINUTE FORUM WILL START AT 3 PM IN TUNG WAN PLAYGROUND ON CHEUNG CHAU. IT WILL BE RECORDED AND BROADCAST ON RTHK RADIO 1 AT 8 AM THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY (AUGUST 18).

THE OTHER 12 DISTRICTS WILL HOLD SIMILAR FORUMS ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER.

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### NEW MAXICAB SERVICES FOR SHA TIN

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FOUR NEW MAXICAB ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN NEXT WEEK.

ROUTE NO. 65 RUNNING FROM SIU LEK YUEN TO FO TAN VIA NGAU PEI SHA STREET, SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, FO TAN ROAD AND MIN FONG STREET WILL START ON MONDAY (AUGUST 13), OPERATING FROM 6 AM TO 11 PM, AT A FARE OF \$1.50.

ROUTE NO. 63K WILL START TO OPERATE FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 14), PLYING BETWEEN TAI WAI KCR STATION AND MUI LEE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA VIA TSUEN NAM ROAD, TAI WAI AND MEI TIN ROAD. IT WILL RUN FROM 6.30 AM TO 11.30 PM, CHARGING \$1.

ROUTE NO. 64K, RUNNING FROM TAI WAI KCR STATION TO LOWER SHING MUN T.H.A. VIA TSUEN NAM ROAD, TAI WAI AND LOWER SHING MUN ROAD, WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED ON TUESDAY. HOURS OF OPERATION WILL BE FROM 6.25 AM TO 11.25 PM. THE FARE WILL BE \$1.

NO. 65R, FROM SHA TIN KCR STATION TO SHA TIN MEI SHA FERRY TERMINAL VIA TAI PO ROAD, WILL START TO OPERATE FROM WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 15), RUNNING DAILY FROM 8.15 AM TO 7.15 PM. FARE WILL BE \$1.50.

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SUMMER PROJECT HELPS YOUTHS INTEGRATE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN YING-LUN, TODAY (FRIDAY) WENT TO SEE HOW NEW ARRIVALS IN HONG KONG BENEFIT FROM THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

DURING A VISIT TO THE +HONG KONG 1 2 3+ SERVICES PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG RED CROSS AT THE CHONG GENE HANG COLLEGE IN CHAI WAN, HE SAW NEWLY-ARRIVED YOUNGSTERS PLAYING AND LEARNING TOGETHER WITH CHILDREN BORN AND RAISED HERE.

ACCOMPANYING MR CHAN ON THE VISIT WERE MRS PEGGY WONG, PRINCIPAL YOUTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS; MR CHOI WING-ON, MEMBER OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND MISS ALICE CHAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE AIM OF THE PROJECT IS TO HELP RECENT ARRIVALS FROM CHINA, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, FIT INTO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO MIX WITH THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

OVER 100 YOUNGSTERS, RANGING FROM THE AGE OF EIGHT TO 14, TOOK PART IN THE PROJECT.

FIFTY OF THEM WERE NEW ARRIVALS FROM CHINA AND THE REST WERE FROM THE YUE WAN TEMPORARY HOUSING ESTATE.

THE TWO-WEEK PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES AS FILM SHOWS, PICNICS, SPEECH COMPETITIONS, BALL GAMES, AND VISITS TO FACTORIES AND THE SPACE MUSEUM.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS WHO HELPED WITH WORK ON THE PROJECT ARE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM CANNOSIAN CONVENT SCHOOL, CHONG GENE HANG COLLEGE, SALESIAN SCHOOL, PRECIOUS BLOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MR CHAN SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE BOTH THE VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING THEMSELVES AND BENEFITING FROM THE EXPERIENCE.

ACTING AS A JUDGE IN A SPEECH COMPETITION, HE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE ELOQUENCE OF THE CONTESTANTS.

TODAY'S VISIT IS ONE OF THE VISITS ARRANGED THIS SUMMER FOR SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND UMELCO MEMBERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

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### YOUTHS TO REPAIR VILLAGE FOOTPATH

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ABOUT 100 KWUN TONG YOUTHS AND LOCAL VILLAGERS WILL TOGETHER REPAIR A FOOTPATH IN LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 12).

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL SHOVEL THE FIRST SPADE OF CONCRETE TO START OFF THE EXERCISE.

HE WILL ALSO UNVEIL A PLAQUE BEARING THE NEW NAME FOR THE FOOTPATH - +YOUTH PATH+ - TO COMMEMORATE THE EFFORTS OF THE YOUNG VOLUNTEERS.

APART FROM REPAIRING THE 130-METRE FOOTPATH, THE YOUTHS WILL ALSO WEED THE OVERGROWN GRASS NEARBY TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE VILLAGE.

THE YOUTH AMBASSADOR TRAINING SCHEME - PART OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME - WAS HELD FOR ABOUT 90 YOUNG PEOPLE IN LATE JULY TO ENABLE THEM TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

SUNDAY'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT EXERCISE AT LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO PUT TO PRACTICE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT THROUGH A SERIES OF TALKS AND A TRAINING CAMP.

THE EXERCISE IS ORGANISED BY THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LEI YUE MUN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

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### NEW FEATURE AT POST OFFICE OPENING

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LOCAL PHILATELISTS MAY BE INTERESTED IN A NEW FEATURE MARKING THE OPENING NEXT WEEK OF A NEW POST OFFICE ON LAMMA ISLAND, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE POST OFFICE AT 2 MAIN STREET, YUNG SHUE WAN, LAMMA ISLAND ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 16), UNREGISTERED +FIRST DAY+ COVERS PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATE-STAMP AND HANDED BACK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL PROVIDE THE NORMAL RANGE OF COUNTER SERVICES AS WELL AS 100 PRIVATE POST BOXES FOR RENTAL.

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WITH THE OPENING OF THE POST OFFICE, THERE WILL BE 96 POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG ALTOGETHER, HE SAID.

THE POST OFFICE WILL BE OPENED AT 11 AM ON THAT DAY BY MR FONG LOI, CHAIRMAN OF THE LAMMA AREA COMMITTEE, ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, TOGETHER WITH THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DAVID H.T. LAN, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER (ISLANDS), MR WILLIAM C.C. YAP.

THE POST OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AT NOON.

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#### PART-TIME EVENING COURSES OFFERED

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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES UNDER THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SOME VACANCIES IN 25 PART-TIME EVENING COURSES DUE TO START IN SEPTEMBER.

A TOTAL OF 96 EVENING COURSES WILL BE OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR AND 71 OF THEM WERE FILLED IN MAY.

+COURSES IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, DESIGN, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING, TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES ARE FULLY SUBSCRIBED,+ A VTC SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED AGAIN FOR ENTRY TO A SMALL NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN THE OTHER 25 COURSES IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, AND MARINE AND FABRICATION,+ HE ADDED.

THE EVENING COURSES ARE MAINLY AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS TO PROVIDE ONE TO THREE YEARS COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE WORKING IN THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, NAMELY, MORRISON HILL, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG, KWAI CHUNG AND LEE WAI LEE AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CONCERNED ON OR BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY WEEK (AUGUST 18).

DETAILS OF THESE COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPERS.

THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED IN MAY, INCLUDING THOSE WHO SAT FOR THE CURRENT HKCEE NEED NOT RE-APPLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS FOR JUNK BAY

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A SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE BUILT AT SUI CHIK SHA IN JUNK BAY TO SERVE THE NEW TOWN'S TARGETTED POPULATION OF 175 000.

THE JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 300-METRE LONG, 2.5-METRE DIAMETER SEWER, A MAIN WORKS BUILDING, TWO PUMPING STATIONS, A GENERATOR HOUSE AND SUBSTATION, SCREENING EQUIPMENT AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

THE WORKS WILL BE ABLE TO TREAT 54 000 CUBIC METRES OF RAW SEWAGE DAILY AND DISCHARGE THE TREATED SEWAGE THROUGH A 3.4 KILOMETRE SUBMARINE OUTFALL INTO TATHONG CHANNEL.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 30 MONTHS.

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SHA TIN ROAD BUILDING CONTINUES

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A NUMBER OF NEW ROADS ARE TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN AS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW TOWN.

THE NEW ROADS WILL SERVE RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS OPPOSITE THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE COURSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF SHING MUN RIVER.

IN ADDITION, A SECTION OF A NEW TRUNK ROAD WILL ALSO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT MA ON SHAN.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORK IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

THE RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE,  
CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE,  
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
WEST WING ENTRANCE;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (SHA TIN),  
2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN; AND
- \* SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE,  
KCR HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR,  
SHA TIN STATION, SHA TIN.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE OCTOBER 9.

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MORE LAND FOR TAI PO ESTATE  
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ANOTHER 16 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE FORMED FOR THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE \$81.2-MILLION CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER (GENERAL), MR AU CHI-LAU, AND THE DIRECTOR (ENGINEERING SERVICES) OF LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY. LIMITED, MR JACK BRAZIER.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, WHICH IS THE FINAL PHASE OF STAGE III FOR PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL 20 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE ESTATE, WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 760-METRE SEAWALL AT TOLO HARBOUR. IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND ROAD WORKS.

UNDER THE FIRST TWO STAGES OF THE ESTATE, 45 HECTARES OF LAND HAD BEEN FORMED SINCE EARLY 1976.

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TAPS OFF IN TWO HK AREAS  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI HANG AND NORTH POINT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON MONDAY (AUGUST 13) EVENING.

IN TAI HANG, THE SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES ALONG TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN NEW METHOD COLLEGE AND TAI HANG DRIVE, YIK KWAN AVENUE, LI KWAN AVENUE, FUK KWAN AVENUE, LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD, WANG FUNG TERRACE, CHUN FAI TERRACE, TAI HANG DRIVE AND CHUN FAI ROAD.

IN NORTH POINT, THE SUSPENSION WILL BE FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY MERCURY STREET, KING'S ROAD, LAU SIN STREET AND ELECTRIC ROAD.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1984

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GOOD RESPONSE TO SALES OF TRIDENT FLATS

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ABOUT 1 300 HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS ON THE TWO TRIDENT BLOCKS AT MAY SHING COURT IN SHA TIN HAVE BEEN SOLD TO ELIGIBLE GREEN-FORM APPLICANTS OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

+THEY REPRESENT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE 1 632 TRIDENT FLATS WHICH ARE BEING SOLD FIRST TO APPLICANTS FROM PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS UNDER THE CURRENT PHASE VIA SALES EXERCISE,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

+THE REMAINING FLATS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SOLD OUT WITHIN NEXT WEEK,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID SELECTION WOULD ALSO BEGIN NEXT WEEK OF FLATS ON ANOTHER BLOCK AT MAY SHING COURT AS WELL AS THOSE AT CHOI PO COURT IN SHEUNG SHUI, TAI PO PLAZA IN TAI PO AND SIU HONG COURT PHASE IV IN TUEN MUN.

THE PHASE VIA FLATS ARE PRICED FROM \$98 100 TO \$248 800 WITH GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 41.3 AND 64.3 SQUARE METRES.

+TO ENABLE PURCHASERS OF THE PHASE VIA FLATS TO PERSONALLY ASSESS THE VALUE OF THE FLATS BEFORE MAKING THEIR SELECTIONS, SHOW FLATS AT CHOI PO COURT AND SIU HONG COURT WILL AGAIN BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING IN WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO AUGUST 27.

+THEIR OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 9.00 AM TO 5.00 PM,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, SAMPLE FLATS AT TAI PO PLAZA ARE OPEN DAILY FOR PUBLIC VIEWING UNTIL AUGUST 31 TO GIVE HOME-PURCHASERS ANOTHER CHANCE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE FLAT DESIGNS AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE FIRST PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME PROJECT IN TAI PO.

+THEY ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 11.30 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 3.00 PM TO 4.00 PM BETWEEN MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS AND FROM 9.00 AM TO 5.00 PM ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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