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ENHANCEMENTS TO HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TERMS APPROVED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO A NUMBER OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S TERMS OF SERVICE AND BRIDGING-OVER ARRANGEMENTS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

"THESE WERE MADE IN THE LIGHT OF THE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY STAFF AND WERE LARGELY BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY," SHE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE MODIFICATIONS, MRS WONG SAID THE ENHANCED PACKAGE WAS A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT ON THE PREVIOUS PROPOSALS.

SEVERAL OF THE MORE IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) IN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSALS BY THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE COSTING OF THE GOVERNMENT PACKAGE OF FRINGE BENEFITS. IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT, EXCEPT FOR STAFF ON THE TRAINING PAY SCALE, ALL DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE COSTING, ON THE GROUNDS THAT IN PRACTICE THE QUARTERS REPRESENT A HOUSING BENEFIT TO THE STAFF WHO OCCUPY THEM.

TO INCLUDE THESE QUARTERS IN THE CALCULATION WOULD CONSIDERABLY INCREASE THE CASH ALLOWANCE TO STAFF IN THE SECOND BAND (RANKS WITH MPS POINTS BEGINNING AT 34 OR ENDING BETWEEN 34 AND 44B ON THE NEW SCALE). HOWEVER, THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WILL IN FUTURE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS ARE ALLOCATED STRICTLY ON OPERATIONAL GROUNDS.

- (B) THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S VIEW THAT A HOUSING LOAN SCHEME SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO STAFF. THE HOUSING LOAN SCHEME WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF DETAILED EXPLANATION BY THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.
- (C) THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE PROVIDED THAT THE CASH ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE REDUCED BY 10 PER CENT. THIS REDUCTION HAS BEEN REMOVED.
- (D) CIVIL SERVANTS BETWEEN MPS POINTS 34 AND 44B ON THE NEW SCALE (BAND 2), WHO MAY HAVE PRIVATE TENANCY ALLOWANCE, HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY DISSATISFIED OVER THE CASH ALLOWANCE PERCENTAGE THEY WOULD RECEIVE. BY SPLITTING THIS BAND INTO TWO, THE CASH ALLOWANCE WILL CORRESPOND MORE CLOSELY TO THE VALUE OF CIVIL SERVICE BENEFITS RECEIVED FOR THE RESPECTIVE BANDS.

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- (E) ANOTHER MODIFICATION IS IN RELATION TO THE BRIDGING-OVER ARRANGEMENTS IN TERMS OF THE EARNED PENSION OF CIVIL SERVANTS. PREVIOUSLY, CIVIL SERVANTS OPTING FOR FULL HA TERMS CAN HAVE THEIR EARNED PENSION DEFERRED OR FROZEN DEPENDING ON WHETHER THEY ARE ON THE NEW OR OLD PENSION TERMS, AND WHETHER THEY HAVE 10 YEARS OF SERVICE.

TWO CHANGES ARE NOW MADE :

- (1) FOR THOSE WHO OPT FOR FULL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TERMS, THE CALCULATION OF THEIR EARNED PENSION WILL BE BASED ON THEIR SALARY POINT AT THE TIME OF THEIR DEPARTURE FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE (INSTEAD OF THE SALARY AMOUNT ADJUSTED BY ANNUAL PENSION INCREASE). THE PENSION THEY WOULD GET ON RETIREMENT FROM THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WILL THUS BENEFIT FROM ANY SUBSEQUENT IMPROVEMENT IN CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES.
- (2) STAFF CAN ALSO HAVE THE CHOICE OF CONTINUING TO EARN PENSION ENTITLEMENTS AS IF THEY WERE CIVIL SERVANTS DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY; THOSE WHO SO OPT WILL NOT RECEIVE BENEFITS UNDER THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY PROVIDENT FUND AND THEIR CASH ALLOWANCE WILL BE REDUCED BY SIX TO 11 PERCENTAGE POINTS, SINCE A PENSION SCHEME IS MORE COSTLY TO THE EMPLOYER THAN A PROVIDENT FUND.

SINCE THE REPORT OF THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WAS TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 4, THERE HAS BEEN A THREE-MONTH CONSULTATION EXERCISE.

COMMENTING ON THE ENHANCED PACKAGE, MRS WONG SAID THIS HAD BEEN PREPARED HAVING REGARD TO FEEDBACK FROM STAFF.

"THE PACKAGE IS CONSIDERED TO BE MOST REASONABLE, AND HAS FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF STAFF. THIS IS THE GOVERNMENT'S FINAL OFFER.

"HOWEVER, STAFF WILL STILL HAVE THE OPTION TO REMAIN IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. THEY WILL BE GIVEN THREE YEARS TO EXERCISE THE OPTION," SHE POINTED OUT.

ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, MRS WONG SAID THE INCLUSION OF THE VALUE OF THE DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS IN THE CASH ALLOWANCE COULD COST AN ADDITIONAL \$70 MILLION A YEAR, BUT THIS COST WOULD BE OFFSET INSOFAR AS IT WAS POSSIBLE TO RECOVER THE DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF.

"THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE 10 PER CENT REDUCTION OF THE CASH ALLOWANCE IS ESTIMATED TO COST AN ADDITIONAL \$50 MILLION PER ANNUM, AS COMPARED TO THE TERMS PRESENTLY ON OFFER," SHE SAID.

/MRS WONG

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MRS WONG ADDED THAT THE OTHER MAIN CONCERNS OF THE STAFF WERE ALSO BEING ADDRESSED, INCLUDING THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S FUTURE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND THE NEW HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

"WITH REGARD TO THE FORMER, THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WILL SOON ISSUE THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S PERSONNEL POLICIES SUMMARY AND EMPLOYEES' HANDBOOK TO STAFF FOR THEIR COMMENTS.

"THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY IS IN THE PROCESS OF REVISING THE PROPOSED HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND WILL SHORTLY CONSULT CONCERNED STAFF AGAIN," SHE SAID.

REGARDING SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY IS APPROACHING INDIVIDUAL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS TO DISCUSS DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS WILL BE GIVEN A GRACE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO JOIN THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND SEPARATE SUBVENTION OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WILL CEASE AT THE END OF THE THIRD YEAR.

AS REGARDS FEE-CHARGING, MRS WONG STRESSED THAT NO CHANGE TO THE CURRENT FEE-CHARGING BASIS WOULD BE MADE UNTIL A BROAD STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FEES AND WAIVER ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN DEvised IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

SHE FURTHER STRESSED THAT UNDER THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BILL ITSELF, THERE WAS PROVISION WHICH STATED CLEARLY THAT NO PERSON SHOULD BE PREVENTED, THROUGH LACK OF MEANS, FROM OBTAINING ADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

TWO TABLES SHOWING THE COMPARISON OF THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE PACKAGE WHICH HAVE BEEN CHANGED IN VARIOUS STAGES, AND THE PREVIOUS AND PRESENT BRIDGING-OVER ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED.

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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS PRAISED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMENDED THE EFFORTS OF THE HONG KONG COALITION OF SERVICE INDUSTRIES (HKCSI) IN PRODUCING A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON THE URUGUAY ROUND SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT).

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING TO SEE THE OUTCOME OF AN EXTENSIVE EXERCISE UNDERTAKEN BY THE HKCSI ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE.

HE SAID THE EXERCISE HAD PRODUCED VALUABLE INPUTS TO THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING THE CURRENT URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE IN SERVICES.

"THE HKCSI'S STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES CONSISTS OF VIEWS FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SERVICE INDUSTRIES ON THE MAIN PROVISIONS THAT SHOULD BE COVERED IN A SERVICE AGREEMENT.

"THE STATEMENT WOULD DEFINITELY BE USEFUL IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO OUR STRATEGY IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

"NOT ONLY DOES THE STATEMENT FACILITATE THE GOVERNMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE INDUSTRIES' BROAD THINKING ON WHETHER FUNDAMENTAL GATT PRINCIPLES SHOULD APPLY HERE, BUT IT ALSO SHEDS MUCH LIGHT ON THE ACTUAL BARRIERS ENCOUNTERED BY OUR SERVICE INDUSTRIES IN EXPORTING THEIR SERVICES OVERSEAS," MR CHAN SAID.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHARED WITH THE HKCSI A FIRM COMMITMENT TOWARDS THE SUCCESS OF THE URUGUAY ROUND MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR TOWARDS CONCLUDING A MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES.

"THE STRONG SUPPORT RENDERED BY THE HKCSI AND OUR SERVICE INDUSTRIES HAS INDEED STRENGTHENED THE HANDS OF OUR NEGOTIATORS IN THE DIFFICULT TALKS AHEAD," MR CHAN SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE HONG KONG COALITION OF SERVICE INDUSTRIES, NOT ONLY IN THE RUN-UP TO THE END OF THE URUGUAY ROUND BUT ALSO BEYOND, IN PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S SERVICE INDUSTRIES WHICH ARE COMMANDING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT SHARE IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH," HE ADDED.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JULY 14) AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

EH8288	BW 88	EH 228	AE3383
BB3502	EH 378	EH9283	EG6789
EG 871	EH9887	EK 100	EH 990
CX 350	EG 218	EH 133	EH4000
AJ7227	EH 14	7393	EH3809
EG 339	EH9983	CF9968	EG 418
CT1122	EF 823	EH1128	EF6377
EF8689	EJ 299	EK 9	AP6848
EH 130	EH2823	EG8128	EH1800
BC 638	EH3223	EH 883	EF8898

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 153RD ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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HK-GUANGDONG ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP FORMED

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THE HONG KONG-GUANGDONG ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LIAISON GROUP IS OFFICIALLY FORMED TODAY (TUESDAY) AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM ON ITS ESTABLISHMENT BY RESPECTIVE OFFICIALS.

REPRESENTING THE HONG KONG SIDE OF THE GROUP AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY WAS THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES. REPRESENTING THE CHINESE SIDE WAS THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE GUANGDONG ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE, MR QIANG BINGHUAN.

/MR BARNES

MR BARNES SAID HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG HAD REGULAR CONTACTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ISSUES IN RECENT YEARS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE THE CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL EFFORTS IN AREAS BORDERING GUANGDONG AND HONG KONG.

"ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION DOES NOT RESPECT BOUNDARIES. THERE ARE ISSUES OF MUTUAL, INTERNATIONAL INTEREST AND PROBLEMS AFFECTING TERRITORIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER," MR BARNES SAID.

THE LIAISON GROUP, WHICH WILL HOLD REGULAR JOINT MEETINGS ALTERNATELY IN GUANGDONG AND HONG KONG, WILL:

- * CONSULT ON AIR QUALITY, WATER QUALITY AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES RELATING TO AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN;
- * REVIEW EXISTING AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT MAY GIVE RISE TO ADVERSE EFFECTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN BOTH HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG, AND CONSULT ON APPROPRIATE MITIGATING MEASURES TO REDUCE SUCH EFFECTS;
- * CONSULT ON CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR DEALING WITH POLLUTION INCIDENTS WHICH AFFECT BOTH SIDES;
- * ARRANGE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON COMMON POLLUTANTS, ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WASTE TREATMENT AND OTHER MATTERS INVOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THAT ARE OF MUTUAL CONCERN; AND
- * REVIEW PERIODICALLY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LIAISON GROUP IN RELATION TO BOTH ITS ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND THE TECHNICAL CONTENT OF ITS PROGRAMME, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMMES.

IF NECESSARY, AND WITH THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES, AD HOC MEETINGS OF THE LIAISON GROUP MAY BE HELD TO RESOLVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS.

THE GROUP WILL, IF REQUIRED, SET UP SUB-GROUPS OF TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS. THE TASK OF THE SUB-GROUPS WILL BE TO COMPILE AND PREPARE MATERIAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE LIAISON GROUP.

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE MADE UP OF RELEVANT OFFICERS FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND GUANGDONG. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG SIDE OF THE GROUP IS MR BARNES AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GUANGDONG SIDE IS MR QIANG.

MEASURES TO RESTORE MORALE OF TEACHING PROFESSION

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THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING HARD TO FORMULATE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM MEASURES TO RESTORE MORALE OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION AND TO IMPROVE ITS ATTRACTIVENESS, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION THIS AFTERNOON, MR YEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING TWO SHORT TERM MEASURES TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE GENERALLY FOR TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS.

THE FIRST AIMED TO IMPROVE THEIR PAY AND PROMOTION PROSPECTS.

HE NOTED THAT A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS REGARDING THE PAY, STRUCTURE AND RELATED MATTERS OF ALL THE EDUCATION GRADES HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

"ALTHOUGH THE STANDING COMMISSION IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH CIVIL SERVANTS ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GOVERNMENT TEACHING STREAM WILL ALSO AFFECT AIDED SCHOOLS," MR YEUNG SAID.

WHILE HE DECLINED TO RELEASE THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED PACKAGE SO AS NOT TO PRE-EMPT OR INFLUENCE THE DELIBERATION OF THE COMMISSION, MR YEUNG, HOWEVER, TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THE PROPOSED PACKAGE SOUGHT TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BY MAKING THE TEACHING PROFESSION MORE ATTRACTIVE IN TERMS OF PAY SCALES AND PROMOTION PROSPECT.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE STANDING COMMISSION WILL MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNMENT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

"THE OTHER SHORT TERM MEASURE WE ARE LOOKING INTO RELATES TO THE AIDED, RATHER THAN THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR," MR YEUNG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE TEACHERS IN AIDED SCHOOL PARITY OF TREATMENT WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

"FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES EXIST IN THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECTORS, BUT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE GAP TO BE NARROWED FOR AIDED SCHOOL TEACHERS, FOR EXAMPLE IN SUCH AREAS AS ASSISTANCE TOWARDS HOUSING," HE SAID.

"THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT ARE NOW EXPLORING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT, IF ALL GOES WELL, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT A PACKAGE OF APPROPRIATE MEASURES BY THE END OF THE YEAR," MR YEUNG SAID.

ON MEDIUM TERM MEASURES, MR YEUNG SAID THE ENHANCEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT WAS ONLY ONE FACET OF IMPROVING THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

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"MORE NEED TO BE DONE IN THE NON-MONETARY AREAS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE AREA OF JOB SATISFACTION, IN THE EXERCISE OF INITIATIVE AND CREATIVITY, IN THE ENHANCEMENT OF PROFESSIONALISM THROUGH TRAINING, IN THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS, AND IN THE DEVOLUTION OF A GREATER DEGREE OF AUTHORITY TO HEADMASTERS AND TEACHERS," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT TARGETS AND CRITERION-REFERENCED TESTS, AND THE DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO SCHOOLS WERE TWO POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THIS DIRECTION.

ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT TARGETS AND CRITERION-REFERENCED TESTS, MR YEUNG SAID ON THE PEDAGOGICAL LEVEL, THE TESTING INVOLVED CHANGING THE EMPHASIS IN SCHOOLS FROM TEACHING TO LEARNING.

UNDER THE CRITERION-REFERENCED SYSTEM, TEACHERS COULD ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PROGRESS AT THEIR OWN PACE, AND COULD ADDRESS THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES AS SHOWN UP BY THE ASSESSMENTS, MR YEUNG SAID.

"TEACHERS WILL THUS HAVE A MUCH CLEARER IDEA OF WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM AND THIS MUST LEAD TO GREATER JOB SATISFACTION AND SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT.

"UNDER SUCH A SYSTEM, A STUDENT WILL BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT PROGRESS HE OR SHE HAS ATTAINED UP THE LADDER OF ATTAINMENT TARGETS.

"ALTHOUGH EACH STUDENT WILL PROGRESS AT A DIFFERENT PACE, THEIR PROGRESS IS VISIBLE AND THIS CREATES GREAT INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT HIGHER STEP.

"TEACHING AND LEARNING SHOULD BE GREAT FUN AFTER THIS," HE SAID.

REGARDING THE DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO SCHOOLS, MR YEUNG SAID WHEN MANY SCHOOL BODIES WERE INEXPERIENCED AND SOME WERE MOTIVATED BY POLITICAL AS WELL AS EDUCATION AIMS, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED FIRM CENTRAL CONTROL OVER THE SYLLABUS AND THE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND OVER THE MANNER IN WHICH SCHOOLS SPENT THE PUBLIC FUNDS.

"NOW THAT OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM IS MATURING, WE ARE REVIEWING THE WAY IN WHICH THE CODES OF AID ARE BEING INTERPRETED AND APPLIED, IN ORDER TO GIVE SCHOOLS A GREATER DEGREE OF AUTONOMY AND INITIATIVE," HE SAID.

"THE DEVOLUTION OF DECISION-MAKING POWER TO THE SCHOOLS WILL MAKE THEM MORE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE AND SHOULD FOSTER STRONGER LEADERSHIP AMONG SCHOOL HEADS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES.

"IT WILL HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ROLE OF TEACHERS WITHIN THE SCHOOLS, WHOSE JOB AS A RESULT WILL BECOME LESS CONSTRAINED BY BUREAUCRACY," MR YEUNG SAID.

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LOOKING INTO FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS, MR YEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NEED TO CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY AND PRACTICABILITY OF MOVING TOWARDS AN ALL-GRADUATE, TRAINED TEACHING PROFESSION.

"AS FAR AS THE PREPARATION OF GRADUATE TEACHERS IS CONCERNED, WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON ACHIEVING TEACHER TRAINING FOR 80 PER CENT OF ALL GRADUATE TEACHERS BY 1994 AS RECOMMENDED IN THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S SECOND REPORT PUBLISHED IN 1986," HE SAID.

"WE HAVE SOME WAY TO GO TO REACH AN ALL-GRADUATE TEACHING PROFESSION, SUCH AS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

"HOWEVER EXPENSIVE, AND HOWEVER DIFFICULT THIS MAY BE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SUPPLY OF GRADUATES WILLING TO GO INTO TEACHING, I BELIEVE THAT THE CASE FOR IT MUST AT LEAST BE EXAMINED WITH CARE," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG SAID HE SHOULD BE RECOMMENDING TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION THAT IT SHOULD LOOK EVEN MORE CLOSELY THAN IT HAD DONE PREVIOUSLY AT THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

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RAINFALL IN JUNE NEAR NORMAL
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RAINFALL IN JUNE WAS CLOSE TO NORMAL, WITH THE 448.1 MILLIMETRES RECORDED BEING ONLY FOUR PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL FIGURE OF 431.8 MILLIMETRES, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID IN ITS MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL OF 1,081.2 MILLIMETRES FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WAS ABOUT NINE PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL OF 992.9 MILLIMETRES.

AFTER MAY ENDED IN FINE CONDITIONS, THE WEATHER DETERIORATED ON THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE AS A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FROM GUANGDONG CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST LATER THAT DAY. HEAVY DOWNPOURS ACCOMPANIED BY SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED AHEAD OF AND DURING THE PASSAGE OF THE TROUGH.

THE DAILY RAINFALL OF 144.8 MILLIMETRES WAS THE HIGHEST RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SO FAR FOR THE YEAR. OVER 100 MILLIMETRES FELL DURING A TWO-HOUR PERIOD AROUND NOON TIME. THE DELUGE RESULTED IN 18 CASES OF FLOODING BEING REPORTED IN HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALTHOUGH NO FLOODING WAS REPORTED IN KOWLOON, RAIN-RELATED INCIDENTS CAUSED DISRUPTIONS OF ROAD TRAFFIC.

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AS THE RAIN GRADUALLY EASED OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS, A FRESH EASTERLY AIRSTREAM MAINTAINED CLOUDY CONDITIONS AND BROUGHT SLIGHTLY COOLER WEATHER. THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JUNE 3 WAS THE LOWEST RECORDED FOR THE MONTH.

FOLLOWING THE MODERATION OF THE EASTERLIES LATER THAT DAY, THE WEATHER ON JUNE 4 TO 7 WAS A MIXTURE OF BRIEF SUNSHINE AND PASSING SHOWERS.

THE WEATHER BECAME MORE UNSETTLED AGAIN ON JUNE 8 WITH THE OCCASIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THUNDERSTORMS AS ANOTHER TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE PASSED THROUGH THAT EVENING.

WHILE THE EASTERLIES FRESHENED OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS, RAINY WEATHER WITH ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS PERSISTED UNTIL THE MORNING OF JUNE 11. THE WEATHER IMPROVED LATER THAT DAY ONCE THE EASTERLIES SUBSIDED. BESIDES SOME OFFSHORE FOG PATCHES OVERNIGHT, THE WEATHER BECAME GENERALLY FINE FOR THE NEXT FOUR DAYS.

AS AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE WEST OF LUZON DEVELOPED INTO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION CALLED NATHAN, THE EASTERLIES FRESHENED AGAIN IN HONG KONG ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 15.

A STRENGTHENING NATHAN TRACKED WEST-SOUTHWESTWARDS TO XISHA EARLY ON JUNE 16 BEFORE TURNING TO A NORTH-NORTHWESTWARD COURSE THAT NIGHT. ANOTHER DIRECTIONAL CHANGE TO THE NORTHWEST LATER ON JUNE 17 TOOK NATHAN ACROSS LEIZHOU PENINSULA THE NEXT DAY.

WHILE NATHAN WAS MOVING ACROSS THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, DISTURBED WEATHER ALONG THE PERIPHERY OF ITS CIRCULATION BROUGHT WINDY CONDITIONS AND SQUALLY SHOWERS TO THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS.

A CARGO SHIP, THE TIEN FU, SANK ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 16 NEAR THE NINEPIN ISLANDS. THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP WAS MISSING AND THREE OF THE CREW MEMBERS WERE DROWNED IN ROUGH SEAS.

IN HONG KONG, TWO PEOPLE WERE SWEEPED AWAY BY SURGING WAVES WHILE SWIMMING AND ROWING IN SAI KUNG.

ACCIDENTS INSHORE WERE MOSTLY CONNECTED WITH COLLAPSED SCAFFOLDINGS, FALLING DEBRIS AND UPROOTED TREES.

AS NATHAN DISSIPATED OVER GUANGXI, SUNNY AND HOT WEATHER SET IN ON JUNE 19. THE FINE SPELL WAS INTERRUPTED BY A HAZY DAY ON JUNE 22 AS WINDS TURNED WEST TO NORTHWESTERLY. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A CLOUDY DAY BEFORE THE FINE WEATHER RETURNED ON JUNE 24.

DURING THE FOLLOWING THREE DAYS, SHOWERS OCCURRED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING, THE HEAVIEST BEING ACCOMPANIED BY THUNDER AND LIGHTNING ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 26.

HOWEVER, THESE SHOWERS DID LITTLE TO ALLEVIATE THE INTENSE HEAT DURING DAYTIME. THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 32.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JUNE 27 WAS THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH AND ALSO THE HIGHEST SO FAR THIS YEAR.

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THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY ON JUNE 29 AS TYPHOON PERCY APPROACHED THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF CHINA. AN OUTER RAINBAND OF PERCY BROUGHT SOME SHOWERS THAT MORNING. HOWEVER, HEAVIER RAIN DID NOT MATERIALISE TILL THE NEXT DAY AS PERCY MOVED FURTHER INLAND.

AN UNSTABLE SOUTHWESTERLY AIRSTREAM ENCROACHED UPON THE COASTAL AREAS IN THE WAKE OF PERCY. INTENSE RAIN CLOUDS DEVELOPED FREQUENTLY OVER THE PEARL RIVER ESTUARY AND MOVED IN SUCCESSION ACROSS THE TERRITORY, BRINGING PERIODS OF HEAVY RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS WHICH PERSISTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

THREE CASES OF LANDSLIPS AND OVER 30 CASES OF FLOODING WERE REPORTED, MOSTLY IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. A BOY WAS DROWNED AFTER BEING WASHED AWAY IN A FLOODED CULVERT IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE SEVERE WEATHER ALSO DISRUPTED ROAD TRAFFIC IN MANY PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN JUNE.

DURING THE MONTH, NINE AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT ON JUNE 1, 6-11, 17, 26, 28-30. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 1, 8, 16 AND 30 AND LANDSLIP WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 1 AND 30.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
SEVERE TROPICAL	1	JUNE 17 4.05 PM	JUNE 17 10 PM
STORM NATHAN	3	JUNE 17 10 PM	JUNE 18 10.10 AM
TYPHOON PERCY	1	JUNE 28 8 AM	JUNE 29 1.30 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	149.7 HOURS ;	9.5 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	13.89 MJ/SQ.M ;	2.80 MJ/SQ.M BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	448.1 MM ;	16.3 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	77 PER CENT ;	2 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	85 PER CENT ;	1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL

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MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	30.1 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	27.9 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	26.2 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	25.0 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	105.6 MM ;	42.1 MM BELOW NORMAL

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UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN YUEN LONG TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN YUEN LONG SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT FLAT D, SECOND FLOOR, HANG FAT MANSION, 8-18 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 6 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD SCHEME IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE 1990-91 SOUTHERN DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD SCHEME.

NOW IN ITS FIFTH YEAR, THE SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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AIMING TO GIVE DUE RECOGNITION TO VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL OR COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE SCHEME ALSO ENCOURAGES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

"ANY ONE WHO HAS RENDERED SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE NEEDY, SUCH AS THE ELDERLY AND THE HANDICAPPED, OR HAS SERVED IN LOCAL RESIDENTS OR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED," A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE ARE SIX DIVISIONS IN THE AWARD SCHEME, NAMELY:

- * CHILDREN DIVISION (AGED UNDER 15),
- * STUDENTS DIVISION (AGED 15 OR ABOVE),
- * WORKING PEOPLE DIVISION,
- * NON-WORKING PEOPLE DIVISION (AGED UNDER 60),
- * SENIOR CITIZENS DIVISION (FOR RETIREES AGED 60 OR ABOVE), AND
- * GROUP DIVISION.

"LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS, YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE ALL WELCOME TO PUT FORWARD THEIR NOMINATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 10.

ABOUT 100 NOMINEES, INCLUDING THE THREE WINNERS IN EACH OF THE SIX DIVISIONS, WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A DAY CAMP IN THE LEI YUE MUN PARK IN OCTOBER TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

THE WINNERS WILL ALSO BE AWARDED OUTSTANDING SERVICE CERTIFICATES AND BOOK COUPONS AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION TO BE HELD AT THE CAMP.

DETAILS OF THE AWARD SCHEME AND NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN ABBA COMMERCIAL BUILDING, LEI TUNG ESTATE, WAH FU ESTATE AND STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 552 0508.

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ISLANDERS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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RESIDENTS LIVING ON THE OUTLYING ISLANDS SHOULD TAKE THE CHANCE TO SIGN UP AS VOTERS DURING THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE NEXT MONTH, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"AS REGISTERED VOTERS, THEY CAN CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP), MR SALKELD ALSO URGED YOUNG ISLANDERS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO WIDEN THEIR SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE.

"TO REGISTER AS A VOTER IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARDS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, WHILE TO TAKE PART IN THE SYP WOULD HELP DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIALS THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICES," HE SAID.

AFTER THE OPENING, 250 YOUTHS TOOK PART IN A TELEMATCH AT THE TAI O PUBLIC SCHOOL ON LANTAU.

TWENTY-FIVE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE LINED UP OVER 50 RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGSTERS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 ON THE ISLANDS THIS YEAR, WITH A SPONSORSHIP OF \$122,000 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

A PROGRAMME LEAFLET OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SYP CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AT MUI WO, LANTAU AND ON CHEUNG CHAU.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 852 4327.

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR WORKING AT HEIGHTS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS OF THE DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH WORKING AT HEIGHTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

"ACCIDENTS OFTEN OCCUR AS A RESULT OF INADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN OR FAILURE TO USE THE SAFETY BELTS PROVIDED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE REMINDER WAS GIVEN FOLLOWING THREE ACCIDENTS LAST WEEKEND IN WHICH THREE WORKERS WERE KILLED AFTER FALLING FROM HEIGHTS.

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"UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, BUILDING CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SAFE MEANS OF ACCESS AND EGRESS, SUITABLE WORKING PLATFORMS, SECURED GUARDRAILS FOR FLOOR EDGES AND SUITABLE COVERS FOR FLOOR OPENINGS," HE SAID.

"WHERE IT IS NOT PRACTICABLE TO ADOPT THE PRECAUTIONS, SUITABLE SAFETY BELTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED AND BE KEPT READILY ACCESSIBLE FOR USE BY SITE WORKERS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE ALSO URGED WORKERS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS BY USING THE SAFETY BELTS AS INSTRUCTED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WILL CONTINUE ITS RIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ANY FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS FOR WORKERS WORKING AT HEIGHTS.

"ANY CONTRACTOR WHO FAILS TO OBSERVE THE PRECAUTIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000," HE SAID.

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CYC MEMBERS ON OVERSEAS EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

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FORTY-ONE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL LEAVE FOR JAPAN AND SINGAPORE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (JULY 14 AND 15) ON OVERSEAS EDUCATIONAL TOURS.

THE TRIPS ARE IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE IN THIS YEAR'S CYC MERIT AWARD SCHEME.

THE TRIPS ARE SPONSORED BY THE LAW'S FOUNDATION, WITH THE HELP OF THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE SINGAPORE COMMISSION IN HONG KONG.

TO MARK THEIR DEPARTURE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL PRESENT A FLAG TO THE DELEGATION AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FLAG PRESENTATION CERMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CAROLINE ROOM, LEE GARDENS HOTEL, FIRST FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY AT 4.15 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS UC CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 12).

MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON THE PRIORITY OF THE PROJECTS IN THE APPROVED, ADVANCED AND PRELIMINARY STAGES OF PLANNING.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS FOR SETTING UP A MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTRE AT THE SITE OF THE FORMER MENTAL HOSPITAL IN HIGH STREET AND CONVERTING THE EXISTING SHEK TONG TSUI MARKET IN HILL ROAD INTO A SITTING-OUT AREA.

A QUESTION ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF OUTDOOR REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE RAISED AND A PAPER ON THE CENTRAL, WESTERN AND WAN CHAI WEST SEWERAGE MASTERPLAN STUDY WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 12) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB TO DISCUSS BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE SETTLED BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR 1990-91 AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PROGRAMME, PREPARED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL FORM THE BASIC GUIDELINE FOR THE BUS SERVICE DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH DISTRICT IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO CANCEL FOUR MONEY-LOSING BUS ROUTES IN THE DISTRICT.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE NAMING OF ROADS IN THE FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN AND AN INFORMATION PAPER ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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DB TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 12).

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER FOUR FUND APPLICATIONS TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO ORGANISE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES ON KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JULY 12) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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DB TO DISCUSS CANCELLATION OF BUS ROUTES

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MEMBERS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE CANCELLATION OF TWO MONEY-LOSING BUS ROUTES SERVING THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 12).

THESE TWO ROUTES ARE 6E, WHICH PLYS BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND CHEUNG SHA WAN, AND 71X, WHICH RUNS BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND CHEUNG SHA WAN.

A DETAILED BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE DISTRICT FOR 1990-91 WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JULY 12) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 12), RIGHT-TURNING FROM SOUTHBOUND POKFULAM ROAD INTO THIRD STREET (NEAR ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH) WILL BE BANNED.

VEHICLES ON SOUTHBOUND POKFULAM ROAD HEADING FOR THIRD STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO MAKE U-TURN AT THE POKFIELD ROAD BUS TERMINUS ONTO NORTHBOUND POKFULAM ROAD, BEFORE JOINING THIRD STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, RIGHT-TURNING FROM NORTHBOUND POKFULAM ROAD INTO FIRST STREET WILL BE BANNED.

VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND POKFULAM ROAD HEADING FOR FIRST STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THIRD STREET (NEAR ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH), EASTERN STREET, SECOND STREET, CENTRE STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, POKFULAM ROAD BEFORE JOINING FIRST STREET.

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