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Appointments to Curriculum Development Council announced

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The Secretary for Education and Manpower, Mr Michael Leung, today (Wednesday) announced the appointment of Dr Cheng Hon-kwan as the Chairman of the Curriculum Development Council (CDC).

Four new members have been appointed to the Council. They are Mr Chan Hon-sum, Mr Lee Ming-kwan, Mrs Tsang Chan Yuen-cheung and Ms Yun Fung-king.

In addition, the following serving members have been re-appointed:

Mr Chan Kai-yeen

Mr Choi Chee-cheong

Dr Chuang Siu-leung, Andrew Ms Fung Pik-ye

Mr Lau Man-chung

Mr Lau Yiu-fai, Ronald

Ms Lee Wai-ling

Mr Li Shiu-tsang, MBE, JP

Mrs Ling Lau Yuet-fun, Laura Dr Lo Nai-kwai, Leslie

Dr Pang King-chee

Mr Seid Sun-ng

Mr So Chung-ping, Norman

Mrs Wong Lam Yuen-ching, Eunice

Dr Leung Yat-ming, Assistant Director (Curriculum Development Institute) of the Education Department, serves as the Vice-Chairman in his ex-officio capacity.

All appointments are for a period of two years with effect from September 1.

Mr Leung thanked the out-going Chairman Mr Kenneth Ting Woo-shou, and other members Dr Jack Chan Cham-kit, Mr Au Pak-kuen, Mr Tong Tang Shek-leung and Mr Wu Siu-wai for their contributions to the CDC in the past years.

Following are biographic notes of the new Chairman and the newly appointed members:

Dr Cheng Hon-kwan is the Director of HK Cheng and Partners Ltd Consulting Engineers and Chairman of Kennedy and Donkin International Ltd.

Mr Chan Hon Sum is a teacher of CCC Kwei Wah Shan College;

Mr Lee Ming-kwan is an Associate Professor and Associate Head of Department of Applied Social Studies of Hong Kong Polytechnic University;

Mrs Tsang Chan Yuen-cheung is the Chairman of Parents-Teachers Association of St Stephen's Girls' College; and

Ms Yun Fung-king is a teacher of Po Leung Kuk Luk Hing Too Primary School (AM).

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### General Sir Michael Rose to honour the Volunteers

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General Sir Michael Rose, who earned international recognition as the United Nations Commander in Bosnia, is to represent the Army Board and the Chief of the General Staff at the last parades of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (the Volunteers), in recognition of their 141 years of service and as a mark of the high regard in which the Regiment is held within the British Army.

Since his service in Bosnia, General Rose has been promoted and is now the Adjutant General, the second most senior officer in the British Army.

General Rose and the Chief Secretary, Mrs Anson Chan, will jointly take the salute when, for the last time, the Regiment exercises its right of freedom of entry into the city of Hong Kong by marching through the streets "with colours flying, bayonets fixed, and bands playing".

On Saturday (September 2) afternoon, more than 1,000 members of the Regiment will march in review past the saluting dais outside the Convention Centre in Wan Chai.

General Rose will also visit units of the Garrison during his short four-day visit.

General Rose is probably the best-known serving soldier in the British Army, having served as the United Nations Commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina from 1993 to 1994. Earlier in his career he commanded 22 SAS Regiment during the Falklands Conflict in the South Atlantic and during the Iranian Embassy Siege in London.

He took up his post as Adjutant General in July on promotion to General. As such he is responsible for all personnel and training issues within the British Army.

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### Additional bus bay at Kowloon tunnel entrance

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An additional bus bay at the Kowloon entrance of the Cross Harbour Tunnel will be opened for cross-harbour buses on Sunday (September 3) as part of the measures to improve traffic flow in the tunnel area.

Announcing the new arrangement today (Wednesday), the Chief Traffic Engineer (Kowloon) of the Transport Department, Mr Chan Kwei-sang, said the existing bus bay had been very congested, particularly during the morning peak hours.

At present, tunnel buses had to queue for a long time in order to enter the existing bus bay, thus causing obstruction to other vehicles, Mr Chan said.

He added that bus passengers also had to queue along the staircases all the way up to the footbridges and walkways linking the Kowloon-Canton Railway Kowloon Station during the peak hours.

"The inadequate capacity of the existing bus bay has adversely affected tunnel bus services and their reliability," Mr Chan said.

In addition, passengers travelling from Kowloon and the New Territories to Hong Kong Island have been encouraged to use the KCR line and change for tunnel buses at the Kowloon Station to relieve pressure on the Mass Transit Railway Nathan Road Corridor.

Therefore, the capacity of the existing bus bay needed to be expanded to meet this increasing demand.

The additional bus bay with a shelter is located on the island between the existing bus bay and the toll plaza.

The work also includes the construction of a footbridge extension and a staircase from the existing footbridge to connect the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The weighbridge system and the lighting mast in the area have also been relocated.

"As a start, it will be used by bus route nos. 107, 170 and 171 and adequate direction signs will be put up to guide passengers," Mr Chan said.

The additional bus bay will provide more space for passenger boarding and alighting and reduce the dwelling time for tunnel buses.

It has been supported by the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Yau Tsim Mong District Board.

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Revision of fee for obtaining rental information

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The fee payable by landlords and tenants for obtaining information on market rent from the Rating and Valuation Department will be revised on Friday (September 1).

A Government spokesman said the fee would be revised to \$700 from \$570 to offset higher operating costs.

The spokesman said the information would only be available to landlords and tenants, or their authorised professional advisers, who had applied to the Lands Tribunal for tenancy renewal under Part IV of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance.

Under these provisions, landlords and tenants of domestic premises may, prior to the expiration of a current tenancy, freely agree on the renewal of the tenancy, he said.

But if the parties involved cannot agree on the rent, they may apply to the Lands Tribunal for a decision.

"The rental data provided by the department can serve as a reference to the landlords and their tenants so that they can negotiate an amicable settlement or can base the rental figures in presenting their cases before the Lands Tribunal," the spokesman said.

Information of up to six reported comparable rentals for similar accommodation in nearby areas is provided for each application. Application forms are available at the Lands Tribunal and the Rating and Valuation Department.

Completed forms should be sent to the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation, 111 Leighton Road, third floor, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Enquiries can be made to a rent officer of the department on tel 2805 7666 or 2805 7888.

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24-hour computer answering service on intellectual property

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As from September 1, people who need quick answers to questions about copyright, trademarks and patents will be able to ask a speaking computer in the Intellectual Property Department.

The new system, known as an "Interactive Voice Processing System" will operate round-the-clock in Cantonese and English.

Apart from being able to answer frequently-asked technical questions about applying for registration of trademarks or how to protect works through copyright, the new system can also send samples of trademark application forms automatically to callers who have a fax.

"The new system will allow people to get answers to most common questions at any time of day or night. In office hours, it also provides an option to speak to our staff directly for answers about particular cases," a spokesman for the Intellectual Property Department said.

The new enquiry service has four telephone and two fax lines and can be reached by phone on 2803 5860.

People who can connect to the Internet can read the text of the answers under questions on the World Wide Web at - <http://www.houston.com.hk/hkgipd/>

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Citybus operation under close watch

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The Transport Department is closely monitoring the operation of Citybus, which will start running 14 former China Motor Bus Company's routes on Friday (September 1), to ensure smooth operation, a spokesman for the department said today (Wednesday).

Of the routes, 12 are on Hong Kong Island and two are cross-harbour services (please see table). CMB will continue to operate these routes until midnight tomorrow (August 31).

The spokesman said: "The role of the Transport Department is to co-ordinate and monitor this operation to ensure that bus services will not be disrupted by the change of operator.

"At the same time, the department will deploy staff to monitor the Citybus operation on Friday to make sure that Citybus is able to provide adequate service for these 14 routes as well as all its other bus services."

Passengers on these routes should look for the Citybus bus stop sign which is yellow instead of the usual blue sign of the China Motor Bus Company.

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#### New Citybus routes from September 1

Route	7	Shek Pai Wan - Central
	11	Jardine's Lookout - Central
	37	Chi Fu - Central
	40	Wah Fu - Wan Chai Ferry
	40M	Wah Fu - Wan Chai Ferry
	71	Wong Chuk Hang - Central
	73	Wah Fu - Stanley Prison
	85	Siu Sai Wan - North Point
	99	South Horizons - Sai Wan Ho
	260	Stanley Prison - Central
	511	Jardine's Lookout - Central
	592	South Horizons - Causeway Bay
	103	Pokfield Road - Chuk Yuen Estate
	182	City One Sha Tin - Central

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#### Two lots of land up for auction

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The Lands Department will auction two lots of land in the New Territories tomorrow (Thursday).

The public auction will begin at 2.30 pm in the concert hall of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui.

The first lot, located in Area 37, Tai Po, has an area of 15,300 square metres for residential use.

Located in Shing Yiu Street, Kwai Chung, the second lot has an area of 6,525 square metres for industrial or godown use.

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Attention News Editors:

Your representatives are invited to cover the auction.

A press area will be designated. Photographers are advised to bring along telephoto lenses.

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#### Buildings Department prosecutes demolition contractors

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The Buildings Department has prosecuted two demolition contractors for contravention of the Buildings Ordinance.

The contractors are alleged to have carried out demolition works without the consent of the Building Authority and have failed to take precautionary measures to ensure safety.

"We are concerned about safety. Demolition is a dangerous operation. Demolition contractors must follow safety rules," a spokesman for the department said.

The two demolition sites involved are located at 7B Bowen Road and 97-103 Queen's Road Central. The defendants are Tak Son Engineering Co. Ltd., Willey Construction and Engineering Co. Ltd. and an employee of the latter, Mr Shum Pui-pan.

Hearing of the two cases is scheduled for September 29 in the Western Magistracy.

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August 1995 issue of Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics

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Two feature articles entitled "Trading Firms with Manufacturing-related Functions" and "Review of Transshipment Business in Hong Kong (1983-1994)" are published in the August 1995 issue of the Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics.

Driven by China's open economic policies together with low labour and land costs there, local manufacturers have been relocating their manufacturing processes rapidly across the border through sub-contract processing arrangement in China (SPAC).

In some cases, essentially all manufacturing processes in a factory are moved to China and the local firm has shifted its operational status from that of manufacturing to that of trading. Besides, many traditional import/export firms have also become engaged in SPAC to take advantage of cheap, abundant resources in China.

There are views that manufacturing firms and trading firms with manufacturing-related functions should be considered similar for certain analytical purposes. The article "Trading Firms with Manufacturing-related Functions" discusses the above development.

Transshipment activities play a significant role in the port of Hong Kong. In 1994, transshipment cargo accounts for around one-quarter of the total ocean cargo handled by the port of Hong Kong. The article "Review of Transshipment Business in Hong Kong (1983-1994)" looks at the development of the transshipment business during the past decade.

The August 1995 issue of the Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics is on sale at \$50 a copy.

It contains all information about Hong Kong's latest situation regarding economic growth, the labour market, inflation and many other social and economic issues that have important impact on business and everyday life.

Purchase of this publication can be made at the Government Publication Centre, ground floor, Low Block, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong.

The publication is also available for sale at the Publications Unit of the Census and Statistics Department, 19th Floor, Wanchai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Regular subscription can also be arranged with the Publications (Sales) Office of the Information Services Department on tel 2598 8194.

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Election forum for Kowloon West Constituency

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Residents are invited to attend a Legislative Council election forum for the Kowloon West geographical constituency organised by the Sham Shui Po District Office tomorrow (Thursday).

The forum will begin at 8 pm at the Lai Kok Community Hall, Lai Kok Estate, Lai Chi Kok.

The forum will enable eligible voters to have a better understanding of the platforms of candidates running in their constituency and will allow candidates to have floor discussions with the public. Mr Fung Kin-kee, Mr Fu Shu-wan and Ms Wong Yin-ping are the candidates for the Kowloon West constituency.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

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	<u>\$ million</u>	<u>Time (hours)</u>	<u>Cumulative change (\$million)</u>
Opening balance in the account	1,333	0930	-119
Closing balance in the account	1,095	1000	-119
Change attributable to :		1100	-129
Money market activity	-118	1200	-118
LAF today	-120	1500	-118
		1600	-118

LAF rate 4.25% bid/6.25% offer TWI 122.3 \*+0.3\* 30.8.95

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF bills		EF notes				
Terms	Yield	Term	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	5.80	2 years	2708	6.06	99.94	6.18
1 month	5.79	3 years	3807	6.16	99.29	6.53
3 months	5.81	5 years	5006	6.60	98.31	7.14
6 months	5.83	5 years	M501	7.90	101.46	7.66
12 months	5.89					

Total turnover of EF bills and notes - \$17,198 million

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