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PRIMARY SCHOOLS INVITED TO JOIN
JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SCHEME

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW SYSTEM OF ALLOCATION OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN 1981 FOR THEIR CURRENT PRIMARY FIVE PUPILS.

+ALL SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM PARENTS IF THEY CHOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLYING TO JOIN THE SCHEME IS OCTOBER 22,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PRIMARY SIX LEAVERS OF A PARTICIPATING PRIMARY SCHOOL WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A THREE-YEAR FREE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE, AND WOULD HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF CHOOSING THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOL BUT NOT SO FOR NON-PARTICIPANTS.

+SCHOOLS NOT TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME SHOULD CLEARLY INFORM PARENTS OF THE CONSEQUENCE,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD HELP ARRANGE PLACES FOR PUPILS CURRENTLY STUDYING IN PRIMARY FIVE OF NON-PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN OTHER PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AT PARENTS' REQUEST.

THE SCHEME WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1976 TO REPLACE THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IN 1978, HE SAID.

EXPLAINING THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A PRIMARY SIX PUPIL'S CHANCES OF BEING ALLOCATED A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF HIS CHOICE DEPEND ON THE SCHOOL'S INTERNAL ASSESSMENT AT THE END OF HIS PRIMARY FIVE YEAR AND AT THE END OF THE FIRST AND TOWARDS THE END OF THE SECOND TERM OF HIS PRIMARY SIX YEAR ON ALL SUBJECTS, EXCEPT PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN ALL SCHOOLS AND BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE IN SOME SCHOOLS.

TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, PUPILS OF ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAVE TO SIT THE DEPARTMENT'S ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST, RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO SCALE AND CONVERT INTERNAL ASSESSMENT INTO AN OVERALL ORDER OF MERIT.

+THE ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST IS NECESSARY AS DIFFERENT SCHOOLS MAY HAVE DIFFERENT CURRICULUM AND THE STANDARD OF MARKING OR ASSESSMENT MAY VARY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG IS DIVIDED INTO 24 +SCHOOL NETS+ BASED ON THE LOCATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

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IN EACH NET IS A COMPARABLE MIX OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS PLACES IN TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, AIDED SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, AND PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS. PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT LIMITED TO PARTICULAR NETS.

EACH PRIMARY SIX PUPIL HAS A CHOICE OF UP TO 30 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN HIS NET.

ALL THE PUPILS LISTED IN THE ORDER OF MERIT ARE THEN GROUPED INTO FIVE BANDS AND FED INTO A COMPUTER FOR ALLOCATION OF A PLACE IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL BASED ON PARENTAL CHOICE.

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BILLS ON BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GAZETTED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLISHED THE BANKING (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1979 AND THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1979 IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL IS DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM OF MINIMUM LIQUIDITY RATIOS TO BE OBSERVED BY REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

THE BILL AMENDS THE SYSTEM WHICH WAS SET OUT IN THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1978, BUT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN BROUGHT INTO FORCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE NEW SYSTEM HAD BEEN DESIGNED AFTER A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE MONTHLY STATISTICS WHICH THESE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTING TO THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SINCE THE END OF 1978.

+THE BASIC REQUIREMENT NOW PROPOSED IS THAT ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SHOULD HOLD IN THE FORM OF SPECIFIED LIQUID ASSETS AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST THE SUM OF 30 PER CENT OF THEIR SHORT TERM DEPOSIT LIABILITIES, AND 15 PER CENT OF THEIR OTHER DEPOSIT LIABILITIES. SHORT TERM LIABILITIES INCLUDE TIME DEPOSITS WHERE THE DEPOSITOR MAY OBTAIN EARLY REPAYMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGES OF 30 AND 15 ARE NOT SET OUT IN THE BILL- THEY ARE THE PERCENTAGES WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE SPECIFIED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, UNDER POWERS GIVEN IN THE BILL, AS SOON AS THE BILL COMES INTO FORCE. THEY CAN BE VARIED AT ANY TIME THEREAFTER.

THE BANKING (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL PROVIDES THAT SHORT TERM BALANCES HELD BY BANKS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WILL NOW BE SPECIFIED LIQUID ASSETS FOR BANKS, JUST AS THE BALANCES DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HOLD WITH BANKS ARE ALREADY SPECIFIED LIQUID ASSETS FOR THOSE COMPANIES, UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE NOT YET IN FORCE.

THE TWO BILLS MAKE SOME OTHER CHANGES TO THE LIST OF SPECIFIED LIQUID ASSETS FOR BOTH BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES; THESE INCLUDE A NEW POWER FOR THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO SPECIFY AS LIQUID ASSETS CERTAIN MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS. THIS WILL ENABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO SPECIFY, FOR EXAMPLE, HONG KONG DOLLAR CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AS LIQUID ASSETS WHEN HE JUDGES THAT THE SECONDARY MARKET IN THESE INSTRUMENTS IS MORE DEVELOPED.

THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 17, AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1980.

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NEW LEGISLATION TO REGULATE RICE TRADE
FOR PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS

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THE RESERVED COMMODITIES ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, WHICH ENSURE PROPER AND ORDERLY DISTRIBUTION OF RICE FROM IMPORTERS THROUGH WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS TO CONSUMERS, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1.

+THE NEW LEGISLATION CONFERS ADDITIONAL POWERS ON THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS TO, IF NECESSARY, SET THE PRICE AND CONTROL THE SALE OF RICE BY REGISTERED IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALERS,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THIS IS TO ENSURE NO UNDUE STOCKHOLDING, SPECULATION OR PROFITEERING TO THE DETRIMENT OF CONSUMERS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THERE IS NO RICE SHORTAGE IN HONG KONG AT PRESENT.

+IN FACT, THE OUTLOOK FOR WORLD RICE SUPPLIES IS GOOD,+ HE SAID.

THE NEED TO CONFER ADDITIONAL POWERS TO THE DIRECTOR AROSE FROM EXPERIENCE IN 1973 AND 1974 WHEN THERE WAS A WORLD-WIDE SHORTAGE OF RICE AND SHARP INCREASE OF RICE PRICES. THERE WERE INDICATIONS THEN THAT SOME RICE TRADERS WERE ATTEMPTING TO MANIPULATE THE SUPPLIES AND PRICES.

AT THAT TIME, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAD NO LEGAL POWERS TO INTERVENE BUT WAS ABLE TO REACH A VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT WITH THE RICE TRADE WHEREBY MAXIMUM MARK-UPS WERE FIXED IN RESPECT OF PRICES AT WHICH IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALERS WOULD SELL.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW LEGISLATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS WOULD NOT INTERVENE IN THE RICE MARKET UNLESS HE HAD CLEAR EVIDENCE OF SPECULATION, HOARDING OR PROFITEERING.

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UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD REGISTER RICE WHOLESALERS WHO WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN TRADING RECORDS.

+THE NEW LEGISLATION WILL CONTINUE TO CLASSIFY, IN ADDITION TO RICE, FROZEN MEAT AND FROZEN POULTRY AS RESERVED COMMODITIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +BUT COAL AND FIREWOOD AND CERTAIN MANUFACTURED RICE PRODUCTS ARE NOW EXCLUDED FROM THE LIST, AND NO LICENCES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR IMPORTS OR EXPORTS OF THESE ITEMS.+

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OLD ONE DOLLAR COINS WILL CEASE
TO BE LEGAL TENDER
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ALL OLD ONE DOLLAR COINS WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER FROM MARCH 1, 1980, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 95 MILLION OLD ONE DOLLAR COINS IN CIRCULATION, BUT A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE WILL HAVE CEASED TO CIRCULATE BECAUSE, FOR EXAMPLE, OF HAVING BEEN TAKEN OUT OF HONG KONG BY OVERSEAS VISITORS.

THE NEW SMALLER ONE DOLLAR COINS WERE MADE LEGAL TENDER WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 14, LAST YEAR. SINCE THAT DATE 119 MILLION NEW LIGHTER ONE DOLLAR COINS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO CIRCULATION AND OVER 116 MILLION OF THE OLD ONES HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN.

THE NEW COIN WEIGHS 7.1 GRAMMES, WITH AN EDGE THICKNESS OF 1.95 MM AND A DIAMETER OF 25.5 MM. THE OLD COIN WEIGHS 11.66 GRAMMES WITH AN EDGE THICKNESS OF 2.25 MM AND A DIAMETER OF 30 MM. BOTH COINS ARE MADE OF CUPRO-NICKEL.

IN 1973 THE COINAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED TO REVIEW HONG KONG'S COINAGE. THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS WORK IN JULY 1974 AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE OLD DOLLAR COIN BE REPLACED BY A SMALLER UNIT.

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IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE AGED STRESSED
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON THE COMMUNITY TO PRESERVE AND FOSTER THE ROLE OF CARING OLD PEOPLE IN LINE WITH THE TRADITIONAL FILIAL CONCEPT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE AGED, MR. LEE UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WITH SOCIAL CHANGES BROUGHT ABOUT BY RAPID SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC GROWTH THE LONG-HELD TRADITIONAL FILIAL CONCEPT FOR THE AGED HAD BEEN PUT TO TEST.

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+SOME OLD PEOPLE MAY FEEL THEY ARE BEING NEGLECTED AND DISINTEGRATED FROM THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS ONLY THROUGH SUSTAINED COMMUNITY CARE AND LOVE THAT ELDERLY PEOPLE CAN BE HELPED TO RETAIN SELF-RESPECT AND A SENSE OF BELONGING,+ HE STRESSED.

MR. LEE SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS, BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE SECTOR HAD DEVELOPED VARIOUS SERVICES TO ENABLE OLD PEOPLE TO REMAIN WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

THE CHEUNG SHA WAN MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE AGED WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF SUCH EFFORTS, HE ADDED.

RUN BY THE CARITAS-HONG KONG, THE CENTRE OFFERS A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO MEET THE VARYING NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY. ITS SERVICES INCLUDE HOME HELP, MEALS, LAUNDRY, PERSONAL GUIDANCE AND RECREATION.

THE CENTRE ALSO PROVIDES DAY CARE FOR OLD PEOPLE WHOSE FAMILIES ARE UNABLE TO LOOK AFTER THEM DURING THE DAYTIME.

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TWO KOWLOON MAXICAB ROUTES TO BE SUSPENDED * * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 9 OPERATING BETWEEN WATERLOO HILL (MAN FUK ROAD) AND TSIM SHA TSUI AND ROUTE NO. 10 BETWEEN KADOORIE AVENUE (BRAGA CIRCUIT) AND TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14) DUE TO POOR PATRONAGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ROUTE NO. 9 WAS INTRODUCED IN APRIL, BUT OBSERVATIONS CARRIED OUT BY TRANSPORT INSPECTORS IN JUNE REVEALED THAT THE DAILY PASSENGER TRAFFIC FOR THE ROUTE WAS POOR WITH AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT FIVE PASSENGERS PER TRIP.

IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PATRONAGE, THE ROUTE WAS REVISED ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND BUSINESS BEGAN TO PICK UP, RESULTING IN AN IMPROVEMENT IN TRAFFIC OF 13 PER CENT AND A MODEST PROFIT OF 14 CENTS A MILE, HE SAID.

ANOTHER SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND THIS SHOWED THAT PATRONAGE HAD INCREASED FURTHER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SERVICE COULD PROVE VIABLE IN THE LONG RUN. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE LOSSES SUFFERED SINCE APRIL, ONE OF THE PARTNERS OPERATING ROUTE NO. 9 HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW HIS SEVEN VEHICLES AND REVERT THEM TO ORDINARY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS OPERATION.

HE ADDED THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE FOR WATERLOO HILL TO CONTINUE TO BE SERVED BY THE OPERATOR OF ROUTES NO.1 AND 2 SO THAT THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC WOULD NOT BE INCONVENIENCED.

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AS FOR ROUTE NO. 10, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT ALSO SUFFERED THE SAME PROBLEMS SINCE IT WAS INTRODUCED IN APRIL. OBSERVATIONS CARRIED OUT BY TRANSPORT INSPECTORS IN JUNE REVEALED THAT THE AVERAGE DAILY PASSENGER TRAFFIC WAS ONLY FOUR PASSENGERS PER TRIP.

PEAK HOUR JOURNEYS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI IN THE EVENINGS WERE INVARIABLY FULL BUT AT MOST OTHER TIMES ONLY A HANDFUL OF PASSENGERS TRAVELLED.

THE TIMETABLE WAS NOT ADHERED TO THUS LEADING TO SEVERAL COMPLAINTS FROM INTENDING PASSENGERS AND LOSS OF TRAFFIC.

ALTHOUGH PASSENGER TRAFFIC BUILT UP STEADILY FROM 211 A DAY IN APRIL TO 318 IN AUGUST, THE DAILY REVENUE WAS INSUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN ECONOMIC OPERATION.

THE ROUTE WAS ALSO MODIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 15 TO IMPROVE PATRONAGE, BUT THE CHANGES WERE INEFFECTIVE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT EVEN IF FARES WERE DOUBLED, THE SERVICE WAS NOT LIKELY TO PROVE VIABLE.

HE SAID THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF PASSENGERS WERE CAR OWNERS AND WHILST THE SERVICE PROBABLY REMOVED ABOUT 200 CAR TRIPS A DAY FROM PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC FLOWS, THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT OFF-PEAK TRAFFIC TO JUSTIFY THE CONTINUATION OF THE SERVICE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE LOOKING INTO THIS SERVICE LATER ON WITH A VIEW TO REVIVING IT.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JULY

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THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JULY SHOW A DEFICIT OF \$263.3 MILLION COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$396.1 MILLION IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF \$16.9 MILLION FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$25.4 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN JULY, AT \$946.4 MILLION, WAS \$78 MILLION MORE THAN IN JULY, 1978.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS, AT \$683.1 MILLION, WERE \$210.8 MILLION MORE THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH IN 1978.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:SIR YUET-KEUNG TO OPEN MONG KOK ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN

THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN IN MONG KOK STADIUM, FLOWER MARKET ROAD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2.30 P.M. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEWIS DAVIES.

THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 10 000 RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS FROM THE DISTRICT, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES INCLUDING A MOCK BATTLE BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), LION AND DRAGON DANCES, SONGS AND PERFORMANCE BY TOP TV ARTISTES AND A +TELE-MATCH+ GAME.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. OFFICERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE PRESS.

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SITE FOR FUNERAL PARLOUR FOR SALE

A CROWN LAND SITE, FOR USE AS A FUNERAL PARLOUR AND MORTUARY, IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE, MEASURING 1 114 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, DIAMOND HILL IN KOWLOON.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 16.

TENDER FORM AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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BUILDING SITE CLASSIFICATION

THE BUILDING (PLANNING)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1979 WHICH CLASSIFY SITES BY REFERENCE TO THE STREETS ON WHICH THEY ABUT, HAVE COME INTO EFFECT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REGULATIONS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THE AMENDING REGULATIONS MADE CLEAR THAT IN CLASSIFYING SITES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE REGULATIONS, STREETS LESS THAN 4.5 METRES WIDE WERE TO BE DISREGARDED.

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