



## DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES  
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1986

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
FOSTERING STABLE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT KEY ROLE .....	1
FULL SUPPORT FOR INTEREST RATE CUTS .....	1
PROMOTIONS TO SENIOR RANKS .....	2
BILL MAKES TRANSFER OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT AN OFFENCE .....	3
ADVERTISEMENT SIGN CONTROL POWER TRANSFERRED .....	4
NO NEW CHOLERA CASES CONFIRMED .....	5
CEMETERIES RULES AMENDED FOR FAMILY NICHES .....	6
MORE HOUSING, OPEN SPACE FOR CHAI WAN .....	7
REALIGNMENT OF NT CIRCULAR ROAD SECTION PROPOSED .....	8
SIX MORE GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES FOR YUEN LONG .....	9
CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES SOUGHT .....	10
NEW PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY FOR PEI HO STREET .....	10
YAU MA TEI GEARS UP FOR CIVIC AWARENESS FESTIVAL .....	11
SOUTHERN DISTRICT SEMINAR ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS .....	12
YOUTH CHOIR TO HOLD MIDSUMMER CONCERT .....	13
BUILDINGS FEATURED IN SPECIAL STAMP PACK .....	13
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICE MOVE .....	14
SHORTER HOURS FOR GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS .....	14
AP LEI CHAU RESTRICTED ZONE .....	14
NORTH DISTRICT, KOWLOON TONG WATER CUT .....	15

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1986

- 1 -

FOSTERING STABLE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT KEY ROLE

\* \* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNMENT'S ESSENTIAL ROLE IN THE ECONOMY IS TO FOSTER A STABLE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT WITHIN WHICH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CAN FLOURISH, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THAT ENVIRONMENT ALLOWS COMPETITION AND, INDEED, PROMOTES THE SPIRIT OF THE ENTREPRENEUR,+ MR JACOBS SAID AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE 30TH TERM OF THE EXECUTIVE AND SUPERVISORY COMMITTEES OF THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT IN ANY FINANCIAL MARKET, SELF-REGULATION COULD STRENGTHEN THE INSTITUTIONS.

+YOUR SOCIETY SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW THIS CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE SOCIETY'S STRONG TRADITIONS, ITS SELF-DISCIPLINE AND INTEGRITY AND THE CONSEQUENT AND EFFECTIVE SELF-REGULATION WHICH HAD GUIDED IT.

THE RESPECT THE SOCIETY HAD EARNED FROM THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY WAS WELL DESERVED.

+OUR MUTUAL GOAL IS TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE HONG KONG'S STATUS AS A LEADING FINANCIAL CENTRE. I AM SURE WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT HAS SERVED US SO WELL,+ HE ADDED.

----- 0 -----

FULL SUPPORT FOR INTEREST RATE CUTS

\* \* \* \* \*

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTS THE REDUCTION IN INTEREST RATES DECIDED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS. THIS MEASURE IS IN RESPONSE TO CAPITAL INFLOWS FUELLED LARGELY BY SPECULATION ON THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN COMMENTING UPON RUMOURS, REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF DEPARTING FROM THE PRESENT LINKED RATE SYSTEM WHEREBY THE HONG KONG DOLLAR IS PEGGED AT A RATE OF 7.80 AGAINST THE U.S. DOLLAR.

HE ADDED, +WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED, AND DO NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE, REQUESTS FROM ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT FOR TALKS RELATING TO OUR CURRENCY. THE RUMOURS ARE TOTALLY GROUNDLESS.+

/+UNDER OUR .....

+UNDER OUR LINKED SYSTEM, THE PRESSURE ON THE HONG KONG DOLLAR RESULTING FROM IMBALANCES IN CAPITAL INFLOW OR OUTFLOW INEVITABLY FALLS ON THE INTEREST RATES. IT IS THEREFORE NATURAL IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES TO ADJUST INTEREST RATES DOWNWARDS TO ASSIST IN MOVING THE HONG KONG DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE CLOSER TO 7.80.

+WHILE THIS REDUCTION IN INTEREST RATES WILL BE WELCOMED BY BORROWERS, WE CANNOT YET BE CERTAIN WHETHER THE REDUCTION WILL BE SUSTAINABLE IN THE LONGER TERM. GIVEN THE LINKED SYSTEM, INTEREST RATES MUST RESPOND TO PRESSURES WHICH EMERGE IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET. THIS IS PART OF THE SYSTEM'S ADJUSTMENT PROCESS. THUS, WHETHER AND HOW LONG THE ADJUSTED LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES WILL BE MAINTAINABLE DEPENDS ON MOVEMENT OF INTEREST RATES INTERNATIONALLY, AND ON CAPITAL FLOWS. WE WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.+

-----  
 PROMOTIONS TO SENIOR RANKS  
 \* \* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE PROMOTIONS TO SENIOR RANKS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE:

TO SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

MR JOHN TODD	SECRETARY FOR HOUSING
MR JOHN YAXLEY	SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES
MR RONALD BRIDGE	SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER (DESIGNATE)
MR HARNAM GREWAL	SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT
MR AUGUSTINE CHUI	SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES (DESIGNATE)
MR BARRIE WIGGHAM	SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES (DESIGNATE)

TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A

DR JAMES HAYES	REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES)
MR YEUNG KAI-YIN	DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY
MRS ANSON CHAN	DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE

/MR MICHAEL .....

MR MICHAEL LEUNG            DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
MAN-KIN

MR HAMISH MACLEOD           DIRECTOR OF TRADE

MR GEOFFREY BARNES         COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION  
                                 AGAINST CORRUPTION

-----  
TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1  
-----

MR CHRISTOPHER WONG        SECRETARY GENERAL, STANDING COMMISSION  
KIM-KAM                     ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS  
                                 OF SERVICE

MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON      COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

DR RICHARD BUTLER          COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS

MR ALEC PURVES             DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES

MR CHAU TAK-HAY            REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON)

MR MICHAEL SUEN            DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES  
MING-YEUNG

MR JOHN CHAN CHO-CHAK     DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

----- 0 -----

BILL MAKES TRANSFER OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT AN OFFENCE  
\* \* \* \* \*

ANY PERSON WHO UNLAWFULLY TRANSFERS A TRAVEL DOCUMENT TO ANOTHER PERSON WILL FACE HEAVY PENALTIES IF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE IS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE DID NOT AT PRESENT CONTAIN ANY PROVISION PROHIBITING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ALTHOUGH FORGERY OR ALTERATION WITHOUT AUTHORITY DID CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE.

+AS A RESULT, ONLY A THEFT CHARGE CAN BE INSTIGATED AGAINST A PERSON WHO TRANSFERS HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENT (WHICH REMAINS THE PROPERTY OF THE ISSUING AUTHORITY) TO ANOTHER PERSON UNDER THE THEFT ORDINANCE. THIS IS NEITHER APPROPRIATE NOR EASY TO PROVE IN COURT. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SEEKS TO IMPROVE EXISTING LEGISLATION TO DETER POTENTIAL OFFENDERS,+ HE SAID.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1986

- 4 -

THE PROPOSAL IS CONTAINED IN THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 WHICH WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL SEEKS TO AMEND SECTION 42(2) OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO TRANSFERS A TRAVEL DOCUMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENTS ISSUED UNDER THE ORDINANCE SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE.

AS WITH OTHER OFFENCES UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OFFENDER WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF A \$20 000 FINE AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT ON SUMMARY CONVICTION AND TO A FINE OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR 14 YEARS ON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT.

A SIMILAR PROVISION RELATING TO HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS ALREADY EXISTS UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE PROPOSED MEASURE ANY PERSON WHO SOLD OR LENT A TRAVEL DOCUMENT TO ANOTHER PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THAT PERSON TO STAY IN HONG KONG OR TRAVEL ABROAD, WHETHER OR NOT FOR A FINANCIAL GAIN, WOULD BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE.

IN ADDITION, THE BILL PROVIDED FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF RECORDS KEPT BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION TO BE ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE IN COURT PROCEEDINGS. IT ALSO SOUGHT TO BROADEN THE DEFINITION OF +OWNER+ IN SECTION 2(1) OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE OWNER IN RELATION TO A VEHICLE, WHILE UNDER THE PRESENT LAW IT RELATED ONLY TO A SHIP OR AIRCRAFT.

+THIS PROPOSAL WILL ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION TO OVERCOME PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES NOW ENCOUNTERED IN SERVING NOTICES OF SEIZURE OF A VEHICLE WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF FORFEITURE UNDER RELEVANT PROVISION IN THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

ADVERTISEMENT SIGN CONTROL POWER TRANSFERRED  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS WILL NOW BE THE AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING REGULATIONS ON ADVERTISEMENT SIGNS AND THE CONTROL OF DANGEROUS SIGNS IN THE URBAN AREA RESPECTIVELY.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF THIRD SCHEDULE) ORDER 1986, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), PROVIDES FOR THIS TRANSFER OF POWER FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SAID THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD REQUESTED SOME TIME AGO TO DIVEST ITSELF OF ALL POWERS ON THE CONTROL OF ADVERTISEMENT SIGNS SINCE IT CONSIDERED THAT THIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY WAS NOT RELATED TO THE COUNCIL'S MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY.

MOREOVER, FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA, THE EXISTING AUTHORITY TO MAKE REGULATIONS IS THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL AND THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE DANGEROUS SIGNS IS THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS.

+THE ORDER WILL THEREFORE HELP TO STREAMLINE THE PROCEDURES BY BRINGING THE REGULATION-MAKING POWERS AND THE CONTROL OF ADVERTISEMENT SIGNS UNDER THE SAME AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY,+ HE SAID.

+IN PARTICULAR, PHYSICAL REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS SIGNS IN BOTH THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL AREAS WILL NOW BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS,+ HE ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT ABOUT \$500 000 IN CONTRACTOR'S CHARGES WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF DANGEROUS SIGNS IN 1986-87 FOR THOSE CASES WHERE THE OWNERS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTOR'S NOTICE TO REMOVE OR REPAIR THE STRUCTURES OR WHERE THE OWNERS COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED OR TRACED.

+MEANWHILE, THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH WILL COORDINATE AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW TO EXAMINE THE REMOVAL PROCEDURES ON OBSCENE AND INDECENT SIGNS AND TO TIDY UP THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

NO NEW CHOLERA CASES CONFIRMED  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THERE WAS NO CHOLERA CASE CONFIRMED TODAY (FRIDAY).

SINCE HONG KONG WAS DECLARED A CHOLERA INFECTED AREA EARLIER THIS MONTH, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 22 CONFIRMED CASES. AMONG THEM, 21 HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL DURING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 8 TO AUGUST 15.

THE ONLY CHOLERA PATIENT STILL RECEIVING TREATMENT IN HOSPITAL IS A 72-YEAR-OLD MAN WHOSE CONDITION HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY.

/MEANWHILE, .....

MEANWHILE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE VACCINATED AT THE EIGHT GOVERNMENT CLINICS AND THE PORT HEALTH OFFICES HAS CONTINUED TO DROP FROM YESTERDAY'S 1 206 TO TODAY'S 1 027.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE VACCINATED TODAY (YESTERDAY'S FIGURES ARE IN BRACKETS):

SAI YING PUN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	84	(107)
SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	80	(80)
KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	172	(216)
YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC	163	(203)
LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, TSUEN WAN	145	(190)
YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	80	(70)
SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	41	(31)
TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	33	(35)
PORT HEALTH OFFICES	229	(274)

----- 0 -----

CEMETERIES RULES AMENDED FOR FAMILY NICHES  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES (AMENDMENT) RULES 1986, WHICH ENABLE THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN SPECIAL REPOSITORIES AS FAMILY NICHES, WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS NEW CLASS OF NICHES WILL BE INCLUDED IN A COLUMBARIUM BEING BUILT AT THE TSUEN WAN CEMETERY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRUST FUNDS AND CEMETERIES SECTION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE COLUMBARIUM, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR, WOULD BE A 10-STORY BUILDING COMPRISING 27 342 STANDARD NICHES AND 1 925 FAMILY NICHES.

THE FAMILY NICHES WOULD BE IN ROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND THE TWO LOWER FLOORS OF THE BUILDING. THEY WERE INTENDED TO BE HIGH-QUALITY REPOSITORIES FOR THE ASHES OF MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY.

- 7 -

+THIS NEW FACILITY WILL PROVIDE A CONVENIENT WORSHIPPING PLACE FOR LARGE FAMILIES AND WILL OBTIATE THE TROUBLE OF TRAVELLING FROM ONE CEMETERY TO ANOTHER DURING THE CHING MING AND CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVALS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE SAID A FAMILY NICHE WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO A PERMITTED PERSON ON PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED FEE AND EACH NICHE MIGHT BE USED FOR THE DEPOSIT OF UP TO FOUR SETS OF CREMATED HUMAN ASHES.

+EACH NICHE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH INDIVIDUAL LIGHTING AND LOCKING DEVICES AND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES WILL ALSO PROVIDE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE TO FAMILY NICHES AFTER THEIR ALLOCATION.+

- - - - 0 - - - -

MORE HOUSING, OPEN SPACE FOR CHAI WAN  
\* \* \* \* \*

MORE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING BLOCKS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN CHAI WAN WITH THE INCORPORATION INTO THE DRAFT CHAI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN OF ABOUT 47 HECTARES OF LAND AT SIU SAI WAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE SIU SAI WAN DEVELOPMENT AREA IS INCLUDED IN THE PLANNING AREA TO CONFORM WITH THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD BOUNDARY.

LOCATED TO THE EAST OF CHAI WAN, THE LAND WILL BE USED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, AND HOME OWNERSHIP AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE PRIVATE HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY (GIC) FACILITIES AND DISTRICT OPEN SPACE.

IN THE AMENDED PLAN, AN ADDITIONAL 3.58 HECTARES OF OPEN SPACE WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT WITH THE REZONING OF FOUR SITES.

THESE ARE BETWEEN CHAI WAN ROAD AND KUT SHING STREET, TO THE SOUTH OF WAN TSUI ESTATE, AT THE JUNCTION OF YEE TAI STREET AND CHAI WAN ROAD AND BETWEEN SHEUNG ON STREET AND THE JUNCTION OF WING TAI ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD.

THE ZONING BOUNDARY OF A RESIDENTIAL SITE AT FEI TSUI ROAD IS REDUCED FROM 4.24 HECTARES TO 3.13 HECTARES DUE TO GEOTECHNICAL REASONS, AS A RESULT OF WHICH MORE GREEN BELT WILL BE PROVIDED.

AN AREA TO THE EAST OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY DEPOT DESIGNATED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND OPEN SPACE USES WILL NOW INCLUDE AN INTERNAL ROAD AND TWO GIC SITES.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1986

- 8 -

A WATERFRONT SITE ON CHAI WAN EAST RECLAMATION IS REZONED FROM GIC TO INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER SPECIFIED USES. THE CARGO HANDLING AREA WILL BE ENLARGED BY THE ADDITION OF 0.19 HECTARES OF LAND.

OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY SEPTEMBER 4.

- - - - 0 - - - -

REALIGNMENT OF NT CIRCULAR ROAD SECTION PROPOSED  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO ALTER THE ALIGNMENT OF A SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONS TO THE ROAD'S ORIGINAL ALIGNMENT BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE SECTION IS PART OF THE 12-KILOMETRE-LONG STRETCH OF THE CIRCULAR ROAD FROM AU TAU TO FAN KAM ROAD.

IT WILL RUN FROM YAU MEI SAN TSUEN TO WAI TSAI. THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT NOW PROPOSES TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL THAT THE ROAD ALIGNMENT BE SHIFTED UP TO 65 METRES TO THE EAST AT YAU MEI SAN TSUEN.

THIS ALTERATION TO THE ALIGNMENT WOULD NECESSITATE OTHER CHANGES. A FOOTBRIDGE AT WAI TSAI WOULD BE DELETED FROM THE PROJECT AND A FOOTBRIDGE NEAR YAU MEI SAN TSUEN WOULD BE RELOCATED TO A POSITION ABOUT 120 METRES TO THE NORTH.

AMENDMENTS TO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE HIGHWAY ARE PROPOSED.

THESE INCLUDE REALIGNMENT FURTHER TO THE EAST OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD OF A 750-METRE-LONG SECTION OF THE CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SAN WAI AND YAU MEI SAN TSUEN AND REPLACEMENT OF THE SINGLE TRUNK ROAD BRIDGE AT THE PLANNED FAIRVIEW PARK INTERCHANGE WITH TWO SHORTER BRIDGES AND AN EARTH EMBANKMENT IN THE CENTRE.

BESIDES THESE, A CULVERT WOULD BE BUILT ACROSS THE INTERCHANGE TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM, AND A PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS WOULD BE BUILT ACROSS THE TRUNK ROAD AND SERVICE ROADS AT THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE INTERCHANGE.

TWO ADDITIONAL ACCESS ROADS JOINING SERVICE ROADS NEAR FAIRVIEW PARK INTERCHANGE AND NGAU TAM MEI ROAD WOULD ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

/THERE .....

- 9 -

THERE ARE OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, WHICH FOLLOW A DETAILED ENGINEERING STUDY, ARE SHOWN ON A PLAN WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, AND AT THE ENQUIRY OFFICE OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY SEPTEMBER 12.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SIX MORE GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES FOR YUEN LONG  
\* \* \* \* \*

SIX NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN YUEN LONG TO IMPROVE TRANSPORT LINKS IN THE AREA, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

FOUR OF THESE NEW SERVICES, ROUTES 71, 72, 73 AND 74, WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE OTHER TWO, ROUTES 75 AND 76, WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL ON AUGUST 30.

ROUTE 71 WILL RUN FROM YUEN LONG (TAI HANG STREET) TO SHEK WU TONG (HO PUI) BETWEEN 6 AM AND 8 PM AT A TEN-MINUTE INTERVAL. THE FULL FARE WILL BE \$3 PER SINGLE JOURNEY AND THE SECTION FARES WILL BE \$1.50 AND \$2.

ROUTE 72 WILL OPERATE BETWEEN YUEN LONG (TAI HANG STREET) TO LUI KUNG TIN VIA KAM SHEUNG ROAD. IT WILL OPERATE FROM 6 AM TO 8.35 PM AT A EIGHT-MINUTE INTERVAL. THE FULL FARE WILL BE \$3 AND THE SECTION FARES WILL BE \$2 AND \$2.50.

ROUTES 73 AND 74 WILL RUN FROM FOOK TAK STREET IN YUEN LONG TO SUNG SHAN SAN TSUEN AND SHING UK TSUEN RESPECTIVELY. ROUTE 73 WILL OPERATE FROM 5.45 AM TO 8.53 PM AT AN EIGHT-MINUTE INTERVAL, WHILE ROUTE 74 WILL OPERATE FROM 5.45 AM TO 8.45 PM AT A TEN-MINUTE FREQUENCY.

THE FULL FARE FOR ROUTE 73 WILL BE \$2 AND THE SECTION FARES WILL BE \$1 AND \$1.50. THE FARE ON ROUTE 74 WILL BE \$1.50.

ROUTES 75 AND 76 WILL RUN FROM FOOK TAK STREET TO HA WAN TSUEN AND SIU HOM TSUEN RESPECTIVELY. ROUTE 75 WILL OPERATE FROM 5.35 AM TO 8.35 PM AT A 20-MINUTE INTERVAL. THE FULL FARE WILL BE \$3.50 AND THE SECTION FARES WILL RANGE FROM \$1.50 TO \$3.

RUNNING AT A 12-MINUTE INTERVAL, ROUTE 76 WILL OPERATE FROM 5.30 AM TO 8.38 PM. THE FULL FARE WILL BE \$3 AND THE SECTION FARES WILL RANGE FROM \$1 TO \$2.50.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1986

- 10 -

CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES SOUGHT  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY TO KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 15 FOR A CLOSURE ORDER ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE MAIN ROOF OF NOS. 11, 13, 15, 17 AND 21 TAK CHEONG LANE, KOWLOON.

THE AUTHORITY POSTED NOTICES OF ITS INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE CLOSURE ORDER ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY). IT INTENDS TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURES FIRST SO THAT THEY CAN THEN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THEIR OCCUPANTS OR THE PUBLIC.

A DEMOLITION ORDER WAS ISSUED IN MARCH, BUT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID DEMOLITION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS A CLOSURE ORDER WAS ISSUED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NEW PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY FOR PEI HO STREET  
\* \* \* \* \*

A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER TAI PO ROAD AT PEI HO STREET TO PROVIDE SAFER CROSSING FACILITY FOR RESIDENTS OF THIS BUSY AREA.

THE GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING AT-GRADE SIGNAL-CONTROLLED CROSSING.

THE WORK INCLUDES RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SECTION OF PEI HO STREET BETWEEN BERWICK STREET AND UN CHAU STREET AND DIVERSION OF SEWERS AND STORMWATER DRAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/11 .....

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1986

- 11 -

YAU MA TEI GEARS UP FOR CIVIC AWARENESS FESTIVAL  
\* \* \* \* \*

A FESTIVAL TO BOOST CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS IN YAU MA TEI DISTRICT WILL BE LAUNCHED LATER THIS YEAR, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MRS ENA CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE YAU MA TEI CIVIC EDUCATION FESTIVAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MRS CHAN SAID, +THE SPIRIT OF THE FESTIVAL IS TO STIMULATE CONCERN, AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC MATTERS AMONG INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT AT LARGE.+

+WE HOPE THAT BY TAKING PART IN THE ACTIVITIES, PARTICIPANTS CAN, THROUGH THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE, UNDERSTAND THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND BE BETTER PREPARED TO MEET THE CHANGES IN HONG KONG'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.+

THOUGH THE MAIN THRUST OF THE EVENT WOULD BE IN NOVEMBER WHEN THE FESTIVAL WAS TO BE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED, A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ORGANISED IN COMING MONTHS TO BUILD UP THE +CIVIC+ ATMOSPHERE, SHE SAID.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED INCLUDE A CIVIC IMPLEMENTATION SCHEME FOR YOUTH, CIVIC EDUCATION QUIZ, FAMILY CAMP, CARNIVAL AND A SEMINAR. ALL CATER TO THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT TARGET GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE CONVENORS OF THE THREE WORKING GROUPS OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

EXPLAINING THE CIVIC IMPLEMENTATION SCHEME FOR YOUTH, CONVENOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH, MR NG KIN-SUN, SAID PARTICIPANTS WOULD FORM GROUPS TO CARRY OUT THEIR OWN PROJECTS ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

SUBJECTS COVERED WILL INCLUDE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

+THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION LIES IN ITS PRACTICAL APPLICATION, AND YOUTH, THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS, WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY THEY LIVE IN AND WILL TAKE MORE INITIATIVE IN ORGANISING CIVIC ACTIVITIES,+ MR NG SAID.

THE SCHEME, WHICH STARTS NEXT WEEK, IS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 30. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE.

TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT AND ENTHUSIASM FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, A QUIZ GAME WOULD BE ORGANISED IN LATE OCTOBER, THE CONVENOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS, MR IP KWOK-CHUNG, SAID.

/+QUESTIONS .....

+QUESTIONS WILL FOCUS ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT AND ITS FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

TO ACHIEVE GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL, LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE FIVE AREA COMMITTEES WILL BE INVITED TO DESIGN GAME STALLS FOR A CARNIVAL WHICH WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 9.

AS FOR FAMILIES, THE CONVENOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FAMILIES, MR JOHN WU, SAID A CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP WOULD BE ORGANISED IN MID-NOVEMBER.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CAMP WOULD INCLUDE SEMINARS, GROUP DISCUSSIONS, FILM SHOWS AND VARIOUS COMPETITIONS AND GAMES TO HELP SPREAD KNOWLEDGE OF CIVIC EDUCATION, HE SAID.

THE FESTIVAL WILL CONCLUDE ON NOVEMBER 23 WITH A SEMINAR. THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$110 000, OF WHICH \$70 000 WILL COME FROM DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT SEMINAR ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS

\* \* \* \* \*

THE ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU AREA COMMITTEE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL HOLD A SEMINAR TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON FOR RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE AREA COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM AT THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE ABERDEEN CIVIC CENTRE.

+THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD ORGANISED A SIMILAR SEMINAR WITH THE POKFULAM AREA COMMITTEE LAST MONTH, AND SUCH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE COMING MONTHS IN THE OTHER FOUR AREAS OF THE DISTRICT - STANLEY AND SHEK O, TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN, WAH FU, AND WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS,+ ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SOUTHERN, MISS OLIVIA NIP, SAID.

+A SEMINAR FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE AREA COMMITTEES WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR TO WRAP UP THE WHOLE EXERCISE OF STRENGTHENING TIES AMONG THE BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND RESIDENT BODIES+, SHE ADDED.

TOMORROW'S SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE A VIDEO ON +THE NEW FACES OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT+, WHICH DEALS WITH THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S WORK, TO BE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING MATTERS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1986

- 13 -

ABOUT 70 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS IN ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL ALSO BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

YOUTH CHOIR TO HOLD MIDSUMMER CONCERT  
\* \* \* \* \*

SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT OF SONG AND DANCE BY THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH CHOIR ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 17), THANKS TO SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR MIDSUMMER CONCERT, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ABERDEEN CIVIC CENTRE, 203 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING INCLUDE 15 SONGS PERFORMED IN SOLO, DUETS, GROUP OR MIXED CHORUS, AND THREE CHINESE FOLK DANCES.

THE YOUTH CHOIR WAS FORMED IN 1983 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR MUSIC LOVERS OVER 16 YEARS OLD. MEMBERS HAVE REGULAR WEEKLY PRACTICES AND HAVE EVEN FORMED ITS OWN ROCK BAND.

+THE CHOIR HAD HOSTED SIX CONCERTS LAST YEAR, AND HAD MADE A NUMBER OF GUEST PERFORMANCES AT JOINT DISTRICT FUNCTIONS AND LOCAL CAMPAIGN VARIETY SHOWS,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

BUILDINGS FEATURED IN SPECIAL STAMP PACK  
\* \* \* \* \*

AN ATTRACTIVELY DESIGNED STAMP PACK FEATURING +OLD AND NEW BUILDINGS+ WILL BE RELEASED BY THE POST OFFICE ON MONDAY (AUGUST 18).

THE PACK CONTAINS TWO SETS OF STAMPS, ISSUED IN 1985, DEPICTING BOTH HISTORICAL AND NEW BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG.

/+THIS STAMP .....

- 14 -

+THIS STAMP PACK, WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL PHILATELIC COUNTERS FOR \$18, IS IDEAL AS A GIFT AS WELL AS FOR PERSONAL COLLECTION,+ A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS ARE LOCATED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THE BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, TSIM SHA TSUI, GRANVILLE ROAD, PEAK, AND AIRPORT POST OFFICES.

----- 0 -----

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICE MOVE  
\*\*\*\*\*

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY DIVISION, NOW LOCATED AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WILL BE OPERATING IN NEW PREMISES AT 30/F, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 18). THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE DIVISION IS 5-8623316.

----- 0 -----

SHORTER HOURS FOR GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS  
\*\*\*\*\*

THE OPERATING HOURS OF GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SHORTENED FROM THE EXISTING 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT TO 8 AM TO 8 PM WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 18).

THESE PARKING METERS ARE LOCATED IN KA HING ROAD, KA TING ROAD, KUNG YIP STREET, KWAI CHEONG ROAD, KWAI FAT ROAD, KWAI SAU ROAD, KWAI WING ROAD, KWAI TING ROAD, KWONG FAI CIRCUIT, LAI FONG STREET, TAI LIN PAI ROAD, WAH SING STREET, WING FONG ROAD, TAI YUEN STREET AND SHUN FONG STREET.

----- 0 -----

AP LEI CHAU RESTRICTED ZONE  
\*\*\*\*\*

FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 18), THE EASTERN KERBSIDE SECTION OF LEE CHI ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MAIN STREET, AP LEI CHAU AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

----- 0 -----

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1986

- 15 -

NORTH DISTRICT, KOWLOON TONG WATER CUT  
\* \* \* \* \*

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 18) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG JOCKEY CLUB ROAD FROM SAN FUNG AVENUE TO HUNG KIU, INCLUDING SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN AND SHEUNG SHUI WA SHAN.

IT WILL ALSO AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG MAN KAM TO ROAD FROM HUNG KIU TO MUK WU, INCLUDING HUNG KIU SAN TSUEN, FU TEI AU ROAD, LO WU TSUEN, LIU POK TSUEN, SAN UK LENG TSUEN, MUK WU TSUEN, SHA LENG TSUEN AND TAK YUET LAU.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE STOPPED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON THE SAME DAY FOR REPAIR WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE 24-72 LA SALLE ROAD, 120-123 DUMBARTON ROAD, AND HEREFORD ROAD, INCLUDING SUNDERLAND GARDEN AND MODEL VILLAGE.

- - - - 0 - - - -