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TOUGHER LAW PROPOSED FOR INJECTING WATER INTO MEAT

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THE STRENGTHENING OF THE LAW TO DEAL WITH SUCH OFFENCES AS INJECTING WATER INTO MEAT IS A MAIN PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) NO. 3 BILL, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

ANOTHER PROVISION IN THIS AMENDMENT BILL COVERS EXCESSIVELY NOISY AIR-CONDITIONERS.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY. IF ENACTED, IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE TO FAIL TO ABATE A NUISANCE CAUSED BY SUCH AIR-CONDITIONERS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE NEW LAW WOULD ENABLE ANY INSTRUMENTS USED FOR INJECTING WATER INTO MEAT TO BE SEIZED. IT WOULD ALSO MAKE THE SALE OF ADULTERATED MEAT AN OFFENCE AND WOULD MAKE LICENSEES RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SUCH OFFENCES COMMITTED ON THEIR PREMISES.

ON NOISY AIR-CONDITIONERS AND VENTILATORS, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AMENDING LEGISLATION INTRODUCED RECENTLY HAD MADE LEGAL ACTION POSSIBLE AGAINST NUISANCES CAUSED BY AIR-CONDITIONERS EMITTING BLASTS OF HOT AIR OR LEAKING WATER.

WHEN SUCH A NUISANCE IS DETECTED, IT BECOMES AN OFFENCE TO FAIL TO END IT WITHIN A REQUIRED PERIOD.

THE LATEST AMENDMENT BILL WOULD MAKE SIMILAR ACTION POSSIBLE IN THE CASE OF EXCESSIVELY NOISY AIR-CONDITIONERS.

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CROSS-TOLO HARBOUR SWIMMING RACE

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OWNERS, COXSWAINS AND PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF LOCAL CRAFT ARE URGED TO NAVIGATE WITH EXTREME CAUTION OFF TAI PO ON SUNDAY (JULY 11) WHEN THE CROSS-TOLO HARBOUR SWIMMING RACE IS HELD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THE RACE WOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 10.30 A.M. AND 12.30 P.M.

IT WOULD START FROM THE BEACH NEAR SHUEN WAN AND WOULD FINISH AT ISLAND HOUSE, YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO.

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PARENTS URGED TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN IMMUNISED
AGAINST MEASLES
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN URGED PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE IMMUNISED AGAINST THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE OF MEASLES, WHICH HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREASING IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE INCIDENCE OF MEASLES WENT UP FROM 60 CASES IN APRIL TO 130 IN MAY AND TO 260 LAST MONTH, BRINGING THE TOAL TO 600 CASES WITH FOUR DEATHS SO FAR THIS YEAR.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE INCIDENCE OF MEASLES HAS CONSIDERABLY INCREASED, IT HAS NOT REACHED EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS.

HOWEVER, TO PREVENT A MAJOR OUTBREAK PARENTS MUST IMMEDIATELY HAVE THEIR CHILDREN VACCINATED, HE SAID.

FREE VACCINE IS AVAILABLE AT ALL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN EVERY DISTRICT.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD EARLIER WARNED THE PUBLIC OF THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OUTBREAK OF MEASLES DURING THE LATTER PART OF 1975 OR EARLY 1976.

THIS WAS BECAUSE THE DISEASE HAD, IN THE PAST, DISPLAYED A DISTINCT BIENNIAL PATTERN OCCURING IN AN ENDEMIC FORM EVERY ALTERNATE WINTER/SPRING.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE LAST OUTBREAK OF MEASLES OCCURED IN LATE 1973 AND EARLY 1974 WHEN 53 CHILDREN DIED OF THE DISEASE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MEASLES IS A HIGHLY INFECTIOUS DISEASE AFFECTING MOSTLY CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.

+ALTHOUGH IT IS SELDOM FATAL, THE COMPLICATIONS OF THE INFECTION SUCH AS BRONCHO-PNEUMONIA OR ENCEPHALITIS, OFTEN LEAD TO DEATH,+ HE SAID.

A SURVEY BY THE DEPARTMENT SHOWED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN HONG KONG STILL REMAINED SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE DISEASE, ALTHOUGH SOME 41 PER CENT OF THE CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED.

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BUILDING INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT PUBLISHED

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THE REPORT ON THE THIRD MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE.

PREPARED BY THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, IT CONTAINS DETAILED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE INDUSTRY AND SHOWS THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH PRINCIPAL JOB.

APART FROM A FORECAST OF THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY, THERE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO COPE WITH THESE NEEDS.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE DRAWN UP IN THE LIGHT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN APRIL LAST YEAR BY THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION LIMITED, LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, SELLS AT $7 A COPY.

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LAND TO BE RESUMED FOR HOUSING ESTATE

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SOME 570,000 SQUARE FEET OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN TUEN MUN IS TO BE RESUMED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE II OF THE TAI HING HOUSING ESTATE.

THE RESUMPTION WILL INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF 230 STRUCTURES ON BOTH PRIVATE AND CROWN LAND AND A TOTAL OF 36 FAMILIES OCCUPYING TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES. THESE FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING IF ELIGIBLE OR ACCOMMODATION IN A LICENSED AREA.

THE TOTAL COST OF RESUMPTION IS ESTIMATED TO BE $6.3 MILLION OF WHICH ABOUT $5.8 MILLION IS TO BE OFFERED AS COMPENSATION FOR THE LAND AND THE REST AS PAYMENTS FOR CROPS AND FRUIT TREES, WELLS AND FISHPONDS AFFECTED.

PHASE II OF THE ESTATE, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BETWEEN 1979 AND 1980, WILL HOUSE 17,500 PEOPLE.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ESTATE, CAPABLE OF HOUSING SOME 29,000 PEOPLE, IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN NINE MONTHS' TIME.

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NEW AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER DUE SHORTLY

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AN EXPERIENCED CIVIL AVIATION MAN AND A FAMILIAR FACE TO HONG KONG, MR. KEN SMITH, ARRIVES FROM AUSTRALIA ON JULY 31 TO TAKE UP THE POST OF AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER AT KAI TAK.

HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED THE RETIRING MR. H.M. (JOHNNY) JOHNSTON WHO LEAVES ON JULY 15 TO JOIN THE OVERSEAS CONSULTANCY SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE BRITISH AIRPORTS AUTHORITY IN LONDON.

MR. SMITH'S ASSOCIATION WITH KAI TAK BEGAN IN FEBRUARY 1973 WHEN, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF A PREVIOUS AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER, MR. BILL MORGAN, HE WAS SECONDED TO HONG KONG FROM THE MELBOURNE (TULLAMARINE) AIRPORT WHERE HE WAS SENIOR DIRECTOR.

HE THEN HELD THE POST ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FOR 14 MONTHS UNTIL MR. JOHNSTON ARRIVED. THIS HONG KONG EXPERIENCE IS, AS THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR. ROY DOWNING, PUT IT, A GREAT ASSET NOT ONLY TO HIS WORK, BUT ALSO FOR THE FUTURE OVERALL WELL-BEING OF THE AIRPORT.

WELL KNOWN FOR HIS PROFESSIONALISM AND EXPERTISE IN AVIATION WORK, MR. SMITH FIRST JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION, AUSTRALIA, IN 1950 AND HAD SINCE HELD VARIOUS RESPONSIBLE POSTS, INCLUDING TEN YEARS AS AIRPORT MANAGER AT ESSENDON AIRPORT, AND AIRPORT DIRECTOR OF MELBOURNE AIRPORT.

HONOURS BESTOWED ON HIM INCLUDE A DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AND A MENTION IN DESPATCHES DURING THE WAR.

THE OUTGOING MANAGER, MR. JOHNSTON, 55, IS AN AVIATION ADMINISTRATOR WITH WORLD-WIDE EXPERIENCE. HE HELD THE SAME TITLE IN EDINBURGH AIRPORT IN SCOTLAND SINCE 1971.

AFTER AN OUTSTANDING CAREER WITH BOMBER COMMAND DURING THE WAR, HE WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER, THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AND A MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

HE LATER GAINED EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN A NUMBER OF CIVIL AVIATION POSTS, WHICH PROVED TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE DURING HIS HONG KONG SERVICE.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE SOME LIVELY ENTERTAINMENT AT THE YEUNG UK ROAD PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME BEGINS.

TO MARK THE START OF THE EVENT, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY AT 7.30 P.M.

ALSO OFFICIATING WILL BE MR. JAMES HAYES, DISTRICT OFFICER (TSUEN WAN) AND MR. HAROLD KWOK, CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (D.Y.R.C.C.).

CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE SPONSORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE D.Y.R.C.C.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE A DRAGON DANCE BY THE NEW TERRITORIES MARTIAL ART ASSOCIATION, A BAND DISPLAY BY THE GURKHAS AND A MOTOR CYCLING DRILL BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES.

ON SUNDAY, THE YAU MA TEI/TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT THE KOWLOON PARK AT 2 P.M.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE MR. CANICE MAK, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (YAU MA TEI)= PRESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND MR. MUI KAN-KIT, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER (YAU MA TEI) WHO IS ALSO THE ADVISER TO THE COMMITTEE.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW WITH FOLK DANCING, KARATE DEMONSTRATION, CHORUS-SINGING, AND JUDO DEMONSTRATION.

GAMES STALLS WITH OVER 6,000 PRIZES WILL ALSO BE SET UP FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF YOUNGSTERS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF REVENUE OFFICERS

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PREVENTIVE SERVICE, MR. PAUL WONG, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 31 ASSISTANT REVENUE OFFICERS AT 10.45 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE PARADE WILL BE HELD AT THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS. A LAUNCH WILL LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT PIER EAST ARM (OPPOSITE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING) AT 9.40 A.M.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO GO BY CAR, THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, NEAR THE OLD RAILWAY STATION BEFORE 9.30 A.M. A CAR, NO. AM 5606, WILL BE WAITING FOR THEM THERE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN BUTE STREET

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BUTE STREET, BETWEEN SHANGHAI STREET AND PORTLAND STREET, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (JULY 12).

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS RE-ROUTING THE PROHIBITION ON THE ENTRY OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES INTO THE SECTION OF BUTE STREET BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND NATHAN ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED. THIS WILL ALLOW PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES TO TRAVEL FROM SHANGHAI STREET THROUGH BUTE STREET TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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