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+DRIVING POINTS+ BILL TO BE AMENDED*** * * * ***

A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING-OFFENCE POINTS) BILL 1983 WILL BE MOVED BY MR S.L. CHEN, CONVENOR OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 8.

THE MAIN AMENDMENT, RELATING TO A CLAUSE 8(1), SEEKS TO REDUCE THE PERIOD OVER WHICH POINTS ARE COLLECTED, FROM THREE YEARS TO TWO YEARS. THIS WILL SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POINTS THAT MANY DRIVERS WILL BE AWARDED.

IN LINE WITH THIS AMENDMENT, AN ADJUSTMENT WILL BE MADE TO CLAUSE 3(3), REDUCING BY ONE YEAR THE PERIOD OVER WHICH RECORDS ARE KEPT — FROM SIX TO FIVE YEARS.

CLAUSE 8(6) WILL BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE DISCRETIONARY POWER OF THE MAGISTRATE IN ALLOCATING POINTS AND TO PROVIDE THAT, WHERE TWO OR MORE POINTS WERE INCURRED IN RESPECT OF OFFENCES ARISING FROM THE SAME, OR SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME ACT, HE SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ONLY THE OFFENCE ATTRACTING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS. OR, IF THE SEVERAL OFFENCES ATTRACT THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS, HE SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ONLY THE POINTS IN RESPECT OF ONE OF THE OFFENCES.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT SCHEDULE ITEMS FIVE, EIGHT AND NINE BE AMENDED TO ATTRACT THREE POINTS, INSTEAD OF THE FIVE ORIGINALLY PROVIDED FOR. THESE SCHEDULE ITEMS DEAL WITH THE OFFENCES OF DRIVING IN EXCESS OF A SPEED LIMIT BY MORE THAN 15 KILOMETERS AN HOUR, FAILING TO GIVE PARTICULARS AFTER AN ACCIDENT AND FAILING TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT.

SCHEDULE ITEMS 10 (+FAILING TO STOP WHEN REQUIRED BY POLICE OFFICER OR TRAFFIC WARDEN+) AND 16 (+FAILING TO GIVE WAY TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES+) ARE TO BE DELETED, THEREBY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES ATTRACTING DEMERIT POINTS FROM 16 TO 14, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL REMAIN OFFENCES UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS RESPECTIVELY.

ITEM 16 IS BEING DELETED BECAUSE IN SOME NARROW AND CONGESTED ROADS IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE SAFELY TO GIVE WAY TO SUCH AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, AND FAILURE TO DO SO COULD NOT BE REGARDED AS AN ACT OF UNSAFE DRIVING.

CANCER RESEARCH FACILITIES EXPANDED

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LABORATORY FACILITIES FOR CANCER RESEARCH WILL BE GREATLY EXPANDED FOLLOWING THE RECENT COMPLETION OF THE NAM LONG HOSPITAL PHASE TWO EXTENSION PROJECT, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXTENSION, DR THONG ALSO REVEALED THAT THERE WERE PLANS TO EXPAND THE HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE MORE BEDS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THE PHASE TWO EXTENSION PROJECT CONSISTS OF AN ADDITIONAL THREE STOREYS TO THE EXISTING TOWER BLOCK OF THE HOSPITAL, PROVIDING MORE LABORATORY FACILITIES AND DOCTORS' QUARTERS.

+THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY HAS, IN THE PAST, BEEN FOSTERING AND FINANCING MANY RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY AND AT THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, WHERE RESEARCH LABORATORY SPACE IS VERY LIMITED,+ SAID DR THONG.

+THE COMPLETION OF TWO LABORATORY FLOORS IN THIS EXTENSION PROJECT WILL PROVIDE GREATLY ENHANCED LABORATORY FACILITIES FOR CANCER RESEARCH,+ HE ADDED.

DR THONG SAID THAT PLANS WERE ON HAND TO FURTHER EXPAND THE NAM LONG HOSPITAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BEDSPACE TO THE 180-BED HOSPITAL.

HE SAID IT WOULD INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WING PARALLEL TO THE PRESENT MAIN BLOCK AND WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NURSES' QUARTERS AND COMMON ROOM FACILITIES AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL 120 BEDS BY 1985.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE THAT CANCER WAS A LEADING HEALTH PROBLEM IN THE COMMUNITY AND WAS PLANNING TO INCREASE RADIATION AND CHEMOTHERAPY FACILITIES, HE SAID.

+IN ADDITION TO WHAT IS ALREADY PROVIDED IN THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT REGIONAL HOSPITALS AND IN THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SIMILAR FACILITIES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, SHAU KEI WAN HOSPITAL AND THE EAST KOWLOON HOSPITAL,+ DR THONG CONCLUDED.

ADULT TRAM FARE TO BE 60 CENTS FROM JULY
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A 10-CENT INCREASE IN TRAM FARES FOR ADULTS FROM JULY 1. ADULT FARES WILL BE 60 CENTS BUT FARES FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 20 CENTS AND 30 CENTS RESPECTIVELY.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST ADJUSTMENT IN TRAM FARES IN TWO YEARS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE APPLICATION BY THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS COMPANY FOR A FARE INCREASE WAS FIRST SUBMITTED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

THE APPLICATION WAS STUDIED IN DETAIL, AND THE INCREASE NOW APPROVED IS THE LOWEST NECESSARY FOR THE COMPANY TO MEET HIGHER OPERATING COSTS.

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LABOUR SUPPLY PROJECTED FOR NEXT 20 YEARS
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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED +LABOUR SUPPLY PROJECTIONS FOR HONG KONG+ IS PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 1983 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THE ARTICLE GIVES A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE METHODOLOGY AND ASSUMPTIONS EMPLOYED IN THE REVISED PROJECTION OF THE LABOUR SUPPLY FOR THE NEXT TWO DECADES, WHICH WAS COMPLETED FOLLOWING THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS.

THE PROJECTED TREND OF LABOUR SUPPLY VARIES ACCORDING TO SEX AND AGE FROM 1981 TO 2001.

THE MALE LABOUR FORCE IN THE YOUNGER AGE GROUPS 15 TO 19 AND 20 TO 24 IS EXPECTED TO DECREASE, WHILE THAT IN THE OLDER AGE GROUPS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN THE NEXT TWO DECADES.

THE INCREASE IS PARTICULARLY MARKED FOR THE 35 TO 44 AND 45 TO 54 AGE GROUPS.

THE FEMALE LABOUR FORCE SUPPLY IS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TREND.

THE MEDIAN AGE FOR THE MALE POPULATION IN THE LABOUR FORCE IS EXPECTED TO RISE FROM 32.9 YEARS IN 1981 TO 40 YEARS IN 2001 AND THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR FEMALES ARE 28.8 AND 38.4 RESPECTIVELY. FURTHERMORE, THE TOTAL LABOUR SUPPLY IS EXPECTED TO GROW FROM 2.58 MILLION IN 1981 TO 3.19 MILLION IN 1991 AND 3.72 MILLION IN 2001.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE PROJECTION OF LABOUR SUPPLY ARE CONTAINED IN THE REVIEW ARTICLE.

THE MONTHLY DIGEST WILL BE ON SALE SOON AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AT \$25 PER COPY.

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TUEN MUN LAUNCHES TREE PLANTING DAY

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PLANT A TOTAL OF 60 000 SEEDLINGS OF EVERGREEN TREES, SHRUBS AND SEASONAL FLOWERS IN TUEN MUN DURING THE CURRENT PLANTING SEASON, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR CHOI YING-WAI, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY, MR CHOI SAID THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED FOR MORE GREENERY BECAUSE OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING DAY WAS ORGANISED BY THE NTSD TO PROMOTE GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN A SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

AT THE CEREMONY, A GROUP OF 130 STUDENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS PLANTED ABOUT 60 YOUNG TREES AT THE TSING WAH REST GARDEN NEXT TO CHI LOK FA YUEN, A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HOUSING ESTATE.

+IN THE YEARS AHEAD, THESE TREES WILL MAKE TUEN MUN A STILL MORE PLEASANT PLACE TO WORK AND TO LIVE IN,+ MR CHOI SAID.

MR CHOI SAID THAT THE NTSD WOULD ORGANISE A HORTICULTURE CLUB FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS NEXT MONTH (JULY).

BESIDES ACQUIRING PLANTING KNOWLEDGE, PARTICIPANTS WOULD VISIT LOCAL NURSERIES, HE ADDED.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR RICKY FUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR NG CHEUK-TAI, LATER JOINED MR CHOI IN PLANTING SEVERAL YOUNG TREES.

MEANWHILE, RESIDENTS OF NORTH DISTRICT WILL LAUNCH THEIR DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME ON FRIDAY (JUNE 3).

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A TREE PLANTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON A LAND STRIP ALONG A NEW ROAD LEADING TO CHOI YUEN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN SHEUNG SHUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY TO BE HELD ON A LAND STRIP AT A NEW ROAD LEADING TO CHOI YUEN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI, AT 11 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 3).

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTE FOR LOK FU
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A NEW MAXICAB ROUTE LINKING LOK FU WITH HONG KONG AIRPORT WILL BE IN SERVICE FROM FRIDAY (JUNE 3).

THE NEW ROUTE, NO. 14, WILL OPERATE VIA WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD, FU MEI STREET EAST, HENG LAM STREET, FUNG MO STREET, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, TUNG TSING ROAD, LOK SIN ROAD, KAI TAK ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, FUK LO TSUEN ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD AND OLYMPIC AVENUE.

THE RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE VIA OLYMPIC AVENUE, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, GRAMPIAN ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, TA KU LING ROAD, LOK SIN ROAD, TUNG LUNG ROAD, TUNG WOR ROAD, TUNG LUNG ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, FUNG MO STREET, HENG LAM STREET, FU MEI STREET EAST, WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD, FU MEI STREET, FU YUE STREET, WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD AND WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD.

THE ROUTE WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 10.35 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE SERVICE FREQUENCY ON THE ROUTE WILL BE 12 MINUTES DURING PEAK HOURS AND 18 MINUTES DURING OFF-PEAK PERIODS, AND THE FARE WILL BE \$1.50 EACH WAY.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES
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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 3), PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON FU YUE STREET, WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD AND THE SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD BETWEEN WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD AND FU MEI STREET.

THE VEHICLES WILL ALSO BE BANNED FROM THE TWO SLIP ROADS OFF TAI PO ROAD LEADING TO SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON PLBS ON SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, TAM KON PO STREET AND WANG POK STREET WILL BE RESCINDED.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, VEHICLES LEAVING POWER STREET EXTENSION IN NORTH POINT WILL HAVE TO TURN LEFT INTO ELECTRIC ROAD EASTBOUND.

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PLEASURE BOAT SITE FOR RENT
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE IN TAI TAM OFF TAI TAM RESERVOIR ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE SITE, OF ABOUT 3 550 SQUARE METRES IS TO BE USED FOR THE STORAGE OF PLEASURE BOATS AND ANCILLARY CAR PARKING.

THE INITIAL TENANCY OF THE SITE WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS AND THEREAFTER QUARTERLY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON JUNE 17.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG, SOUTH, NEW WORLD TOWER 6TH FLOOR, 16-18 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOP ORGANISED
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THE ART SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE WILL ORGANISE A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON THE TEACHING OF SCREEN PRINTING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ART TEACHERS ON JULY 20 AND 21.

THE WORKSHOP, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, WILL BE HELD AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, 4/F, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY, THE WORKSHOP CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE 30 TEACHERS AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE INSPECTOR (ART) AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 25.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE WORKSHOP CAN BE MADE TO THE ART SECTION ON 5-621006.

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