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HEAVIER PENALTY FOR KIDNAPPING

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THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR KIDNAPPING WILL BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH THE PUNISHMENT FOR OTHER SERIOUS CRIMES UNDER THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSONS ORDINANCE.

A BILL SEEKING TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FROM A PRISON TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT SEVERAL HIGH COURT JUDGES, WHILE PASSING SENTENCE IN SEPARATE CASES OF KIDNAPPING OF JUVENILES, SUGGESTED THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY SHOULD BE RAISED. THE CALL HAS BEEN REPEATED AND SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS AIMED AT SETTING THE RIGHT LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO HAD COMMITTED WHAT WAS REGARDED UNIVERSALLY AS A DESPICABLE CRIME AND THUS SHOULD PROVIDE A GREATER DETERRENT. KIDNAPPING WAS RECOGNISED TO BE A CRIME WITH THE MOST SERIOUS - AND SOMETIMES FATAL - CONSEQUENCES FOR THE VICTIMS, AND THOSE IMMEDIATELY AROUND THEM.

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COORDINATION MEETING

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THE COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, WILL BE LEAVING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) NIGHT FOR EUROPE TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE DEVELOPING TEXTILES EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO BE HELD IN GENEVA THROUGHOUT NEXT WEEK.

MR MILLS WILL BE JOINED BY THE COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS (GENEVA), MR T.H. CHAU AND THE COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS (BRUSSELS), MR N.C.M. YEK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE SAID TODAY THAT AT THE MEETING THE DEVELOPING TEXTILES EXPORTING COUNTRIES WOULD DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATING THEIR POSITIONS IN READINESS FOR THEIR FORTHCOMING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MAJOR TEXTILES IMPORTING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

THE COMMUNITY HAS ADOPTED A VERY RESTRICTIVE MANDATE FOR SUCH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING DEMANDS FOR MEASURES WHICH, IN THE VIEW OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL DISCUSS HOW SUCH DEMANDS CAN BE RESISTED, AND WILL ALSO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF OTHER TRADE-RELATED ISSUES.

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NEW TEN-CENT COIN FROM JULY 2

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THE NEW TEN-CENT COIN, WHICH IS SMALLER AND LIGHTER THAN THE PRESENT COIN, WILL BE INTRODUCED IN JULY. THE GOVERNOR HAS, BY A PROCLAMATION WHICH WILL APPEAR IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW, FIXED JULY 2 AS THE DATE FROM WHICH THE COINS WILL BE LEGAL TENDER FOR ANY AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING TWO DOLLARS.

IN 1974, ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COINAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED A PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE TEN-CENT COIN WHEN THE FIVE-CENT COIN PLAYED A LESS SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE CURRENCY SYSTEM.

THE REVERSE OF THE NEW TEN-CENT COIN WILL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY THE ARABIC NUMERAL +10+ IN THE CENTRE. THE OBERSE WILL CARRY THE SAME PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN AS ON ALL THE COINS INTRODUCED IN RECENT YEARS (\$5, \$2, \$1, 50 CENT AND 20 CENT).

THE NEW ROUND COIN WILL STILL BE IN NICKEL BRASS (79 PER CENT COPPER, 20 PER CENT ZINC, 1 PER CENT NICKEL) BUT WILL HAVE A PLAIN INSTEAD OF MILLED EDGE. IT WILL HAVE A DIAMETER OF 17.50 MM, A THICKNESS OF 1.15 MM AT THE EDGE AND WEIGHT OF 1.85 GRAMS (COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT COIN'S 20.57 MM, 1.85 MM AND 4.54 GRAMS RESPECTIVELY).

THE OLD TEN-CENT COINS WILL BE WITHDRAWN AS THEY PASS THROUGH THE BANKS. THERE ARE AT PRESENT 546 MILLION TEN-CENT COINS IN CIRCULATION BUT IT IS THOUGHT THAT A LARGE PROPORTION HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY LOST.

THE DATE AFTER WHICH THE EXISTING COINS WILL NO LONGER BE LEGAL TENDER HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED. THIS WILL BE DONE WHEN THERE ARE SUFFICIENT NEW DESIGN TEN-CENT COINS IN CIRCULATION TO MEET PUBLIC DEMAND FOR THIS CURRENCY UNIT AND WHEN IT APPEARS THAT THE NUMBER OF OLD COINS ACTUALLY IN CIRCULATION IS NO LONGER SIGNIFICANT IN CASH TRANSACTIONS.

GOOD NOTICE OF THE DATE WHEN THE OLD COIN WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER WILL BE GIVEN, SO THAT THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN COINS TO THE BANKS.

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SIR PHILIP VISITS POST OFFICE
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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, VISITED THE POST OFFICE THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE, SIR PHILIP SAW THE WORK OF THE FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT AND TV MONITORING SECTIONS, COUNTER SERVICES AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND ALSO POSTAL OPERATIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE IN HUNG HOM.

ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES OF FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG IS TO ENSURE THAT RADIO FREQUENCIES ARE ALLOCATED, AND THE POWER OF TRANSMISSION CONTROLLED, TO AVOID MUTUAL INTERFERENCE OR TO THE SYSTEMS OPERATING IN NEIGHBOURING TERRITORIES, SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD.

THE TV MONITORING SECTION, HE LEARNED, WAS PRIMARILY TO MONITOR THE PRODUCTION AND TRANSMISSION QUALITY OF BROADCASTS BY THE TELEVISION COMPANIES. IT ALSO PROVIDES TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE PLANNING OF TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCAST SYSTEMS IN HONG KONG.

SIR PHILIP VISITED THE GPO COUNTER AND THE POPULAR PHILATELIC COUNTER ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF THE BUILDING BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$57.1 MILLION, THE CENTRE IS EQUIPPED WITH SOPHISTICATED MECHANISATION SYSTEMS FOR THE HANDLING OF ALL INWARD AND OUTWARD INTERNATIONAL MAIL AND COLLECTIONS FROM STREET LETTER BOXES IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AREAS.

THE FACILITIES AT THE CENTRE ENABLE THE POST OFFICE TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICE AND TO COPE WITH THE EVER-INCREASING VOLUME OF MAIL WHICH HAS BEEN EXPANDING AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 13 PER CENT PER ANNUM OVER THE PAST DECADE.

LAST YEAR, SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD, THE POST OFFICE HANDLED 470 MILLION POSTAL ITEMS. A PUBLIC COUNTER WAS OPENED AT THE CENTRE ON APRIL 1 TO SERVE THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AREA.

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EXPERT'S REPORT DUE SHORTLY

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A PRELIMINARY REPORT IS EXPECTED WITHIN A FEW WEEKS WHICH COULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A FULL-SCALE CONSULTANCY ON HONG KONG'S QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES AND THE ACCREDITATION OF TESTING LABORATORIES, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REPORT, BEING PRODUCED BY THE REGISTRAR OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TESTING AUTHORITIES, WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS LAST MONTH WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF TESTING LABORATORIES, INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ADDRESSING A LUNCH MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES LTD. TODAY, MR DORWARD SAID, +YOUR ASSOCIATION WILL INCREASINGLY PUT ITS MARK ON THE EVOLUTION OF QUALITY CERTIFICATION - A FIELD WHERE WE LOOK FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMING YEARS, WITH INPUTS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR GENERALLY, YOUR ASSOCIATION IN PARTICULAR, AND FROM THE GOVERNMENT.+

REFERRING TO THE WINNING DESIGN IN A LOGO COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION, MR DORWARD NOTED, +IT IS TRIANGULAR, SYMBOLISING THE TRIPARTITE RELATIONSHIP IN THIS FIELD OF GOVERNMENT, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND THE TESTING LABORATORIES. THE THREE SECTORS ARE INTERDEPENDENT AND WORKING TOGETHER.

+I AM CONFIDENT THEY WILL CARRY FORWARD THIS IMPORTANT WORK SO NECESSARY AS PART OF THE CONTINUAL PROCESS OF UPGRADING ON WHICH OUR EXPORTING FUTURE MUST DEPEND,+ HE ADDED.

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HONG KONG SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS, 1970-1980

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS JUST PUBLISHED A HANDBOOK SETTING OUT IN CONCISE FORM THE MAJOR STATISTICS MOST DESCRIPTIVE OF THE MAIN TRENDS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG OVER THE ELEVEN-YEAR PERIOD 1970-1980.

THE PUBLICATION CONTAINS 143 TABLES AND 53 GRAPHS AND CHARTS, TOGETHER WITH DETAILED EXPLANATORY NOTES ON SOURCES AND COVERAGE.

THE PRESENT EDITION IS THE FOURTH IN THE SERIES. THE LAST ONE WAS PRODUCED IN 1978, COVERING THE YEARS 1967-1977.

A NUMBER OF CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PRESENTATION AND CONTENT, THE MOST IMPORTANT BEING THAT STATISTICS WHICH HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE ONLY IN RECENT YEARS HAVE ALSO BEEN INCLUDED.

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EXAMPLES ARE THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION ON 'DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES AND SERVICES' AND THE INCORPORATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT CENSUSES AND SURVEYS SUCH AS THE 1978 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, THE 1979 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATES SECTOR, THE 1979 SURVEY OF THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS AND THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS.

THE PUBLICATION IS NOW ON SALE AT \$30 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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VIOLET PEEL CLINIC MOVES

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THE VIOLET PEEL OUTPATIENT CLINIC AND THE METHADONE CENTRE AT SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND WILL MOVE INTO TEMPORARY PREMISES EARLY NEXT MONTH AFTER MORE THAN 45 YEARS OF PROVIDING OUTPATIENT SERVICES IN WAN CHAI.

THE MOVE IS NECESSITATED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE.

WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 3, THE VIOLET PEEL CLINIC WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN A SPECIALLY BUILT STRUCTURE AT ADMIRALTY EAST IN HARCOURT ROAD, NEXT TO THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND ADMIRALTY CENTRE, OPPOSITE THE HONG KONG RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE METHADONE CLINIC AT VIOLET PEEL WILL ALSO MOVE TO A NEW ADDRESS WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY (APRIL 25) AT NO. 219 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST IN WAN CHAI.

BOTH CLINICS WILL BE RELOCATED AT SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND WHEN A NEW COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY COMPLEX AT THE MTR STATION CONCOURSE IS COMPLETED IN MID-1986.

THE VIOLET PEEL CLINIC, BUILT IN THE LATE 1930'S, NOW SERVES ABOUT 1 000 PATIENTS EACH DAY AND HAS PROVIDED IMPORTANT MEDICAL SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES.

IN ADDITION TO GENERAL OUTPATIENT CONSULTATIONS, THE CLINIC PROVIDES A COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE.

BOTH SERVICES WILL CONTINUE AT THE TEMPORARY CLINIC AT ADMIRALTY EAST.

THE METHADONE CLINIC, WHICH WAS SET UP IN 1975, CATERS TO ABOUT 850 PATIENTS EACH DAY.

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TEMPORARY CURTAILMENT OF TRAM SERVICES
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TRAM SERVICES WILL BE CURTAILED THIS SATURDAY (APRIL 24)
FOR WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY
ISLAND LINE.

HOWEVER, TRAM SERVICES BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND HAPPY
VALLEY WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

THE DEPARTURE TIME OF THE LAST TRAMS IN OTHER SECTIONS
WILL BE:

WESTBOUND TRAMS

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>DEPARTURE TIME</u>
SHAU KEI WAN	WESTERN MARKET	10.50 PM
NORTH POINT	WHITTY STREET	11.03 PM
NORTH POINT	WESTERN MARKET	11.03 PM
HAPPY VALLEY	KENNEDY TOWN	11.10 PM
HAPPY VALLEY	WHITTY STREET	11.10 PM
HAPPY VALLEY	WESTERN MARKET	11.10 PM

EASTBOUND TRAMS

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>DEPARTURE TIME</u>
KENNEDY TOWN	HAPPY VALLEY	11.43 PM
WHITTY STREET	NORTH POINT	11.38 PM
WHITTY STREET	HAPPY VALLEY	11.49 PM
WESTERN MARKET	SHAU KEI WAN	11.30 PM
WESTERN MARKET	NORTH POINT	11.46 PM
WESTERN MARKET	HAPPY VALLEY	11.57 PM

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NEW ADDRESSES FOR SOME JUDICIARY OFFICES

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SEVERAL OFFICES OF THE JUDICIARY WILL OPERATE AT NEW ADDRESSES FROM MONDAY (APRIL 26).

THE SUPREME COURT'S BAILIFFS OFFICE IN MURRAY HOUSE AND THE BAILIFF SUMMONS OFFICE IN FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING WILL MOVE TO ROOM 404, HANG CHONG BUILDING, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE COURT INTERPRETERS OFFICE, THE OATHS OFFICE AND THE COURT TRANSLATIONS OFFICE IN MURRAY HOUSE AND THE LAW REPORTS EDITING OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE IN HANG CHONG BUILDING WILL MOVE TO UNIT B3, UNITED CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE OFFICES WILL CHANGE TO :

SUPREME COURT'S BAILIFFS OFFICE	5-233574
BAILIFF SUMMONS OFFICE	5-222801
COURT INTERPRETERS OFFICE	} 5-296088
OATHS OFFICE	
COURT TRANSLATIONS OFFICE	
LAW REPORTS EDITING OFFICE	5-296139
COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE (SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER)	5-296136

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT PLACE IN CENTRAL BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND HARBOUR VIEW STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 24) FOR PIPE LAYING WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES HEADING FOR THE PLB TERMINUS BETWEEN CONNAUGHT CENTRE AND CENTRAL BUS STATION WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HARBOUR VIEW STREET, WHICH WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY EASTBOUND.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT ONE MONTH.

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