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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, AND THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 78 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, EIGHT WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AT THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

THE REMAINING 70 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED THIS MORNING, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 43,824 PERSONS, 5,477 VEHICLES AND 1,811 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

A TOTAL OF TWO PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, 16 WERE SUMMONED AND A FURTHER SEVEN WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF $1,000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 2,817 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF NINE PERSONS IN NINE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

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ANOTHER 18 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE EITHER KEEPING NO RECORD OR INCOMPLETE RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES, OR POSSESSING NO RECORD AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO $50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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DISTRICT BOARDS BRIEFED ON EPD'S WORK
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MORE THAN 180 NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS FROM THE URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS ATTENDED TWO BRIEFING SESSIONS ORGANISED BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (FRIDAY).

DB MEMBERS WERE TOLD ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICY AND THE WORK OF THE MAIN EXECUTIVE ARM, THE EPD.

THE BRIEFING IS INTENDED TO STIMULATE DB MEMBERS' INTEREST AND UNDERSTANDING AND TO SOLICIT THEIR CO-OPERATION IN DEALING WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT THE TERRITORY FACES AT BOTH THE LOCAL AND THE STRATEGIC LEVELS.

OFFICERS FROM EPD'S AIR GROUP, NOISE GROUP, PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP, LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL GROUP, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING GROUP WERE ON HAND AT THE BRIEFING SESSIONS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE DB MEMBERS.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSE OF THE BRIEFING, THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID THAT SINCE THEY WERE ESTABLISHED, DISTRICT BOARDS HAD BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN INCREASING THE AWARENESS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO THE THREAT POSED BY POLLUTION AND TO THE NEED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

"WE IN THE EPD ARE VERY KEEN TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THESE DISTRICTS AND TO GET THE NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN TO SOLVE THEM.

"IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO SORT OUT PRIORITIES FOR ACTION AND WE ARE PLANNING TO DO THIS THROUGH THE PREPARATION OF DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENTS (DES)," DR REED CONTINUED.

"THESE STATEMENTS WILL IDENTIFY ALL THE MAJOR PROBLEMS AND SET OUT THE ACTION THAT IS PLANNED FOR DEALING WITH THEM.

"THE FIRST DRAFT DES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE IN THE NEAR FUTURE," HE ADDED.

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BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO HANOI TO VISIT HK
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THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO HANOI, MR EMRYS DAVIES, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM JUNE 16 TO 19 ON HIS WAY TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

HE WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HE WILL ALSO TALK TO BUSINESSMEN ABOUT TRADE WITH VIETNAM.

MR DAVIES, WHO LAST VISITED HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, WILL STAY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

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INDUSTRIES NEED TO BE MORE CAPITAL, KNOWLEDGE INTENSIVE
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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG CAN NO LONGER RELY ON PRICE COMPETITIVENESS ALONE IN ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURE WORK WITH A RELATIVELY HIGH LABOUR CONTENT, AND HAVE TO BE MORE CAPITAL AND KNOWLEDGE INTENSIVE TO COMPETE MORE IN TERMS OF TECHNOLOGY, QUALITY, AND INNOVATION.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT A CONFERENCE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MBA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE THREE-YEAR MBA (CUHK) ASSOCIATION LTD.

HE EXPLAINED THAT AS HONG KONG'S ECONOMY GREW AND COSTS ROSE, MORE AND MORE OF ITS LABOUR INTENSIVE AND SUB-ASSEMBLY PROCESSES WERE BEING SUB-CONTRACTED ACROSS THE BORDER.

HONG KONG WAS ALSO FACING INCREASING COMPETITION FROM ITS ASIAN NEIGHBOURS IN THE MARKET FOR THE MORE SOPHISTICATED AND INNOVATIVE CONSUMER PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY IN ELECTRONICS.

"THE INNOVATION OF MORE SOPHISTICATED, HIGHER VALUE-ADDED, AND BETTER QUALITY PRODUCTS GENERALLY REQUIRE INCREASINGLY HIGHER TECHNOLOGY," HE ADDED.

"IN A MARKET WITH RAPID CHANGES AND KEEN COMPETITION, PRODUCTIVITY, QUALITY AND INNOVATION ARE THE KEY TO SURVIVAL AND TECHNOLOGY IS THE MEANS TO IMPROVE COMPETITIVENESS.

"THE USE OF COMPUTER AND OTHER AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIES IN DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, TESTING AND MANAGEMENT WOULD ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY.

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"TO PRODUCE QUALITY GOODS OF HIGHER PRECISION AND ACCURACY WITH BETTER RELIABILITY AND LOWER DEFECT RATES, MANUFACTURERS MUST MAKE USE OF NOT ONLY HARD TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS ADVANCED MACHINERY, PRODUCTION PROCESSES, TESTING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT BUT ALSO SOFT TECHNOLOGIES LIKE MODERN QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS."

MR LEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS SUPPORTING INDUSTRY IN TWO MAIN AREAS, INFRASTRUCTURAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL, IN LINE WITH CREATING A FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR PRIVATE INITIATIVES.

"IN TERMS OF INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT, IT PROVIDES INDUSTRIAL LAND AND ACCOMMODATION, AS WELL AS THE NECESSARY MANPOWER TRAINING TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND FOR MORE TECHNOLOGICALLY QUALIFIED MANPOWER.

"DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT IS, HOWEVER, AIMED TO ACHIEVE HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTIVITY, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY COMPETITIVENESS OF OUR MANUFACTURED GOODS AND TO PROMOTE PRODUCT AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION."

THE VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT MEASURES TOGETHER WITH INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION EFFORTS WERE INTENDED TO FACILITATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY THE APPLICATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES, MR LEUNG ADDED.

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JI PENGFEI SEES AIRPORT OPERATIONS

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THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF CHINA'S STATE COUNCIL, MR JI PENGFEI, VISITED THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING TO LOOK AT ITS OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES AND TO LEARN ABOUT ITS LATEST DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

MR JI AND HIS PARTY WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, AND THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR TREVOR THORPE.

AT A BRIEFING SESSION IN THE VIP ROOM, MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE AIRPORT PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, NOT LEAST IN TERMS OF FACILITATING THE STEADY GROWTH IN TRADE AND TOURISM BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

A PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED TO LOOK INTO THE FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE PORT, AIRPORT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES, MRS CHAN SAID.

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THE GOVERNMENT HOPED TO TAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THE NEXT STEPS IN PORT DEVELOPMENT AND THE LOCATION AND TIMING OF AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION BY LATE 1989, SHE ADDED.

SHE TOLD MR JI THAT SHE VERY MUCH HOPED THAT, SHOULD A FINAL DECISION BE TAKEN TO CONSTRUCT A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT, THIS PROJECT WOULD RECEIVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF CHINA AS IT WOULD BE VITAL TO THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE TWO ECONOMIES.

MRS CHAN ALSO BRIEFED MR JI ON A SERIES OF AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANCIES WHICH HAD BEEN SET IN TRAIN TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG WOULD HAVE ADEQUATE AIRPORT FACILITIES WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

AMONG THESE WAS THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTANCY WHICH WAS DUE TO REPORT IN THE FINAL QUARTER OF THIS YEAR ON THE ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF THE AIRPORT, WITH A VIEW TO TAKING A PRELIMINARY DECISION BY THE END OF THE YEAR ON THE NEED FOR AND THE TIMING OF THE PROVISION OF A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

MRS CHAN TOLD MR JI THAT ANOTHER CONSULTANCY STUDY HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT. THIS STUDY STARTED IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND WAS DUE TO RUN FOR SOME 15 MONTHS WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING A PREFERRED REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SITE IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR.

A THIRD CONSULTANCY, MRS CHAN SAID, WOULD BE APPOINTED TO UPDATE THE MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPING A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK WHICH WAS PREPARED IN 1983. THIS CONSULTANCY WOULD ALSO EVALUATE THE RELATIVE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF DEVELOPING A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK OR IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR.

AFTER THE BRIEFING, MR JI TOURED THE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AREAS OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING BEFORE TAKING A BUS TOUR TO SEE THE AIRFIELD, AIRCRAFT PARKING AREAS, MAINTENANCE, CARGO AND FIRE FIGHTING FACILITIES.

MR JI ENDED HIS VISIT AFTER LOOKING OVER THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE AND TOWER.

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COMPUTER MODEL TO HELP SOLVE MARICULTURE PROBLEMS

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A MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT TO PREDICT CHANGES IN THE ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS IN LOCAL FISH CULTURE ZONES HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE PROJECT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS IN THE WORLD IN ITS APPLICATION IN FISH FARMING.

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IN THE FORM OF A COMPUTER MODEL, IT AIMS TO PROVIDE FORECASTS OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF OXYGEN DEPLETION IN THE WATERS WHICH MAY LEAD TO FISH KILLS, AND TO DETERMINE THE MAXIMUM LIMIT OF FISH STOCK AND ORGANIC LOADING IN THE FISH CULTURE ZONE.

CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, THE PROJECT WAS STARTED IN 1986 WHEN A COMPUTER MODEL WAS FORMULATED TO SIMULATE THE ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS IN YUNG SHUE AU AS A TYPICAL FISH CULTURE ZONE LOCATED IN SHELTERED WATERS.

AFTER TWO YEARS OF EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND FIELD WORK, THE COMPUTER MODEL DEVELOPED HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FAIRLY ACCURATE PREDICTIONS OF THE CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF DISSOLVED OXYGEN IN THE WATERS.

THESE PREDICTIONS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED TO BE IN SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH ACTUAL FIELD MEASUREMENTS.

THE SENIOR FISHERIES OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR RUDOLF WU, TODAY (FRIDAY) DESCRIBED THE COMPUTER MODEL AS "A VERY EFFECTIVE SCIENTIFIC TOOL FOR MARICULTURE MANAGEMENT".

"THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN LEVEL IN THE WATERS IS MODELLED BY QUANTIFYING THE COMPLICATED INTERACTIONS OF A NUMBER OF BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL FACTORS INCLUDING PHOTOSYNTHETIC PRODUCTION AND RESPIRATORY ACTIVITIES OF THE MARINE BIOTA, LIGHT INTENSITY, WATER TEMPERATURE, TIDAL FLUSHING AND WIND SPEED.

"BY FEEDING THE NECESSARY DATE INTO THE COMPUTER, THE MODEL ALSO HELPS TO DETERMINE THE CARRYING CAPACITY OF THE WATER BODY IN RELATION TO ORGANIC LOADING AND FISH STOCK DENSITY."

THE MODEL HAS ALSO IDENTIFIED THAT ALGAL RESPIRATION, FISH RESPIRATION AND BOTTOM SEDIMENT RESPIRATION IN YUNG SHUE AU ARE UNEXPECTEDLY HIGH.

"COUPLED WITH ADVERSE METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS, SUCH HIGH OXYGEN CONSUMPTION RATES MAY CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO MAJOR FISH KILLS," DR WU POINTED OUT.

HE SAID THAT THE COMPUTER MODEL COULD BE MODIFIED FOR APPLICATION FOR USE IN OTHER FISH CULTURE ZONES IN THE TERRITORY.

THE RESEARCH TEAM FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG COMPRISES DR JOSEPH LEE AND PROFESSOR Y.K. CHEUNG. THEIR WORK WAS SUPPORTED BY A GRANT AWARDED BY THE CROUCHER FOUNDATION.

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CONSULTANT APPOINTED TO SET UP DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS APPOINTED THE CONSULTANT, MESSRS. BINNIE & PARTNERS (HONG KONG), TO SET UP LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT DEMONSTRATION PLANTS AT PRIVATE LIVESTOCK FARMS.

WORK ON THE $8 MILLION PROJECT WILL START IMMEDIATELY AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

AT THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY), EPD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (WASTE AND WATER), MR MIKE STOKOE, SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT WAS TO DEMONSTRATE THE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY AND OPERATING COST OF THE VARIOUS LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS RECOMMENDED BY EPD UNDER PRIVATE FARM WORKING CONDITIONS.

"THIS IS ALSO ANOTHER MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS IN COMPLYING WITH THE REGULATIONS ON THE CONTROL OF LIVESTOCK WASTE."

A PARTNER OF MESSRS. BINNIE & PARTNERS (HK), MR A.J. VAIL, SAID IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY OF THE PROJECT, THE THREE PROJECT TEAMS WILL IMMEDIATELY VISIT ALL THE 24 SHORTLISTED FARMS BEFORE RECOMMENDING WHICH FARMS SHOULD BE SELECTED FOR THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

THE CONSULTANT WILL THEN DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, COMMISSION AND OPERATE VARIOUS LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS AT THE SELECTED FARMS.

THE SYSTEMS WILL THEN BE HANDED OVER TO THE PARTICIPATING FARMERS WHO ALSO WILL BE TRAINED TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANT.

THE DEMONSTRATION SYSTEM COVER THE DRY-MUCK-OUT, WET-MUCK-OUT, PIG-ON-LITTER AND THE HYBRID SYSTEMS AT PIG, POULTRY AND MIXED FARMS.

THIS PROJECT WAS INITIATED AFTER FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1987, AND IS PART OF A CONTINUOUS EFFORT BY GOVERNMENT TO DEMONSTRATE THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVEN LIVESTOCK WASTE SYSTEMS BEING OPERATED AT THE TA KWU LING PIG BREEDING CENTRE BUT UNDER PRIVATE FARM CONDITIONS.

A STEERING GROUP, CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS, WAS SET UP IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT AND TO SELECT SUITABLE FARMS FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES.

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HOME HELP CENTRE OPENS
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) COMMENDED THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOME HELP SERVICE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOCIETY'S WEST KOWLOON (LAI KOK) CENTRE IN SHAM SHUI PO, MRS WONG NOTED THAT THE SOCIETY USED TO ADOPT THE "HOME BASED MODEL" FOR ITS HOME HELP SERVICE, UNDER WHICH HOME HELPERS PREPARED MEALS, PURCHASED DAILY NECESSITIES AND CARRIED OUT LAUNDRY AND CLEANSING WORK AT THE CLIENTS' HOMES.

SHE SAID THAT SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIFIED HOME HELP POLICY IN 1982, THE SOCIETY HAD EXTENDED THIS SERVICE TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED.

IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICE, THE SOCIETY CARRIED OUT VARIOUS PILOT PROJECTS AND HAD ADOPTED THE "CENTRALISED KITCHEN MODEL", UNDER WHICH MEALS WERE PREPARED AND COOKED AT A CENTRAL KITCHEN AND THEN DELIVERED TO INDIVIDUAL CLIENT'S HOME, SHE SAID.

"WHILE A CLIENT CAN RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL CARE UNDER THE 'HOME BASED MODEL', MORE CLIENTS ARE SERVED UNDER THE COMBINED FACILITIES OF CENTRALISED KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY SERVICES," MRS WONG NOTED.

"AS BOTH MODELS OF SERVICES ARE IN OPERATION IN THIS NEW CENTRE IN SHAM SHUI PO, WHERE THE ELDERLY MAKE UP SOME 14 PER CENT OF THE OVER 400,000 POPULATION, CLIENTS CAN OPT FOR THE MODEL WHICH IS MOST SUITED TO THEIR NEEDS.

"I HOPE THE SOCIETY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MORE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES TO ASSIST FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS IN NEED," SHE ADDED.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON SECURITIES BILL
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THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) BILL 1988 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL, FIRST PUBLISHED IN JUNE 1987 AS A WHITE BILL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION, PROPOSES TO REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF LISTED COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG TO DISCLOSE THEIR SHAREHOLDINGS AND SHARE DEALINGS.

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MR DAVID NENDICK, WHO WILL BE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, WILL CHAIR A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (JUNE 6) AT 2 PM AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM TO EXPLAIN THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BILL, PARTICULARLY AMENDMENTS MADE AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC COMMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) BILL 1988 WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (JUNE 6) AT 2 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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PUBLIC FINANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 GAZETTED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND EXISTING LEGISLATION TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT DECISIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SHALL CONTINUE TO HAVE LEGAL EFFECT AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS DESIRABLE TO MAKE SUCH AN AMENDMENT AS THERE WERE PROVISIONS FOR THE PERIODIC DISSOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"THERE IS SOME DOUBT WHETHER, FROM THE DATE OF THE DISSOLUTION, CERTAIN DECISIONS MADE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE, IN PARTICULAR THE DELEGATION OF ITS POWER UNDER SECTION 8 (3) TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, WILL AS A MATTER OF LAW CONTINUE TO HAVE EFFECT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IF THEY DO NOT, THE NORMAL CONDUCT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL BUSINESS WOULD BE DISRUPTED," HE ADDED.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 15.

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METROPLAN EXHIBITION OPENED
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THE METROPLAN STUDY PROCESS WILL BE VERY DEMANDING AND REQUIRE THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR F.K. HU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR HU WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "METROPLAN - AIMS FOR A BETTER CITY EXHIBITION" AT THE LANDMARK WEST BRIDGE IN CENTRAL.

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD EXPERIENCED DRAMATIC CHANGES AND ITS PEOPLE HAD PRODUCED A THRIVING AND EXCITING PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK.

"HOWEVER, THIS GROWTH HAS ALSO BROUGHT PROBLEMS AND WE NEED TO DEVELOP NEW IDEAS AS TO HOW TO IMPROVE THINGS," HE SAID.

"WE NEED TO BETTER CO-ORDINATE THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY.

"TO THAT END, METROPLAN IS BEING PREPARED TO PRODUCE A FRAMEWORK FOR LONG TERM URBAN GROWTH AROUND THE HARBOUR.

"METROPLAN WILL NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF CURRENT INVESTMENT PLANS.

"RATHER, IT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES UP TO 2011 WHERE NEW INITIATIVES CAN BE PURSUED BY BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

"TO HELP BRING METROPLAN IDEAS TO FRUITION IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COORDINATED IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKS."

THE EXHIBITION OPENS DAILY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 7 PM FROM TODAY TO TUESDAY (JUNE 7).

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LEK YUEN BRIDGE WILL BE SHA TIN LANDMARK
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THE LEK YUEN BRIDGE WILL BECOME VERY POPULAR AND RANK AS AN IMPORTANT LANDMARK IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR BARNES WAS OFFICIALLY OPENING THE 170-METRE BRIDGE WHICH SPANS THE SHING MUN RIVER.

HE DESCRIBED THE BRIDGE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SHA TIN CENTRAL AREA BOTH IN TERMS OF ITS ROLE AND ITS DESIGN.

AS A PEDESTRIAN FACILITY, THE BRIDGE CONNECTS THE PROMENADE SYSTEM ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER CHANNEL AND GIVES DIRECT ACCESS TO THE MAJOR RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN CENTRE TO THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER CHANNEL.

MR BARNES POINTED OUT THAT THE TRADITIONAL DESIGN OF THE 11-ARCH BRIDGE WAS IN ACCORD WITH THE MANY CHINESE THEMES IN THE ADJOINING TOWN PARK AND SERVED AS A USEFUL REMINDER THAT THE MODERN TOWN WAS NOT VERY LONG AGO A SMALL VILLAGE.

THE DESIGN AND HIGH-QUALITY FINISH OF THE BRIDGE PROVIDED NOT JUST A USEFUL PEDESTRIAN LINK BUT ALSO A PROMENADE WHICH WAS PLEASANT TO WALK ALONG AS WELL AS TO LOOK AT.

"I CAN SEE THE BRIDGE BECOMING VERY POPULAR AND AN IMPORTANT LANDMARK IN THE NEW TOWN," HE SAID.

MR BARNES SAID THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT OWED MUCH TO THE FULL COMMITMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS WHO HAD CONCEIVED AND DESIGNED IT AND TO THE CONTRACTORS.

AMONG THE MANY SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE BRIDGE ARE ITS RAINWATER DRAIN OUTLETS WHICH ARE DECORATED BY STONE CARVINGS IN THE SHAPE OF A DRAGON HEAD.

FOURTEEN PAIRS OF ORNATE LAMP-POSTS, ORDERED SPECIALLY FROM THE UNITED STATES, FORM ANOTHER ATTRACTION.

MATERIAL USED IN CONSTRUCTING THE BRIDGE INCLUDED 2,909 TONNES OF CONCRETE, 236 TONNES OF STEEL REINFORCEMENT AND 5,250 KILOGRAMS OF FINISHING MATERIAL.

THE BRIDGE WAS BUILT BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN 22 MONTHS, AT A COST OF $10 MILLION.

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AUTHORISATION FOR WORKS GIVEN
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WORKS AT THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED TO PROCEED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED (RECLAMATION) ORDINANCE.

THE WORK ITEMS IN KOWLOON ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL (REVISED SCHEME).

THESE INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF A TWIN 2.2 METRES DIAMETRE SUBMARINE PUMPING MAINS TO CONVEY SEWAGE FROM THE CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION TO THE STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR TREATMENT.

A 150 MILLIMETRES DIAMETRE WATER SUPPLY PIPE WILL ALSO BE LAID IN A DREDGED TRENCH WHICH WILL BE BACKFILLED AFTER CONSTRUCTION.

AN EXISTING PIER AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WATERFRONT WILL BE DEMOLISHED AND RECONSTRUCTED ON THE SAME SITE AND A NEW PIER WILL BE BUILT TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE EXISTING PIERS.

THE WORKS WILL AFFECT 10.5 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN AND THE STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

THE SECOND WORK ITEM IS THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 7,900 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TSING LUNG TAU IN TSUEN WAN.

THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED AS A BARGE LOADING AREA FOR THE SHIPMENT OF ROCK FILL MATERIALS PRODUCED IN TSING LUNG TAU TO THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL 7 SITE.

THE THIRD WORK ITEM IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JETTY AT THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE JETTY IS FOR THE LOADING OF SLUDGE PRODUCED AT THE TREATMENT WORKS. ABOUT 6.5 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT.

NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION FOR THE CHEUNG SHA WAN AND SHA TIN PROJECTS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND THE NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION FOR THE TSING LUNG TAU PROJECT WAS GAZETTED ON MAY 27 THIS YEAR.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER SUCH FORESHORE AND SEABED THAT WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE WORKS MAY DELIVER A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DAY OF NOTICE.

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THE CLAIM SHOULD STATE THE SUM OF MONEY HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM TOGETHER WITH SUCH PARTICULARS AS HE MAY POSSESS TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CLAIM.

COPIES OF PLANS OF THESE WORKS AND COPIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION MAY BE INSPECTED BY THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TIGHTER CONTROL ON BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS PROPOSED

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A BILL GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) SEEKS TO REQUIRE (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GENUINE PRIVATE HOMES) "ANY PLACE OPENED, KEPT OR USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLAYING BILLIARDS, SNOOKER, POOL OR SIMILAR GAMES" TO BE LICENSED BY THE AUTHORITY - THE URBAN COUNCIL OR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL - UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 ALSO SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT WHERE APPROPRIATE ANY BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENT FROM THE REQUIRMENT OF OBTAINING A LICENCE.

A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EXISTING LAW, ANY PERSON WHO CONDUCTED THE BUSINESS OF A PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOON WAS REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT A PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOON LICENCE.

A PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOON WAS ANY PLACE OPENED, KEPT OR USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLAYING BILLIARDS, SNOOKER, POOL OR SIMILAR GAMES TO WHICH THE PUBLIC WERE ADMITTED WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT FOR ADMISSION.

"OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE GAME OF BILLIARDS HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE POPULAR AND A LARGE NUMBER OF BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN THE NAME OF PRIVATE CLUBS WHICH ARE SUPPOSEDLY OPEN ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, MEMBERSHIP OF SOME OF THESE PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS IS EASILY AND ALMOST INSTANTLY AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH PAYMENT OF A SMALL ENTRANCE FEE ($5 TO $10).

"THESE CLUBS PROVIDE FACILITIES VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE FOUND IN PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS, AND A CHARGE IS LEVIED ON THE USE OF FACILITIES, MOSTLY ON AN HOURLY BASIS.

"THEY ARE IN FACT OPERATING AS DE FACTO PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS UNDER THE GUISE OF PRIVATE CLUBS, THEREBY AVOIDING THE NEED TO BE SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF LICENCE FEES AND LICENSING CONDITIONS."

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THESE LICENSING CONDITIONS INCLUDED A PROVISION THAT PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO OPERATE BETWEEN 2 AM AND 8 AM.

"MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE SO-CALLED PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE RELEVANT BY-LAWS UNDER CHAPTER 132 WHICH ENABLE THE AUTHORITY AND PUBLIC OFFICERS AUTHORISED BY THE AUTHORITY TO VISIT THE LICENSED PREMISES TO ENSURE THAT THE OPERATOR MAINTAINS GOOD ORDER ON THE PREMISES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 204 PRIVATE CLUBS WITH BILLIARD FACILITIES IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA, AND 83 IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

"THERE IS LITTLE PRACTICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PRESENTLY LICENSED PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS AND THE MAJORITY OF PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS.

"INCREASED INCIDENCE OF CRIME IN PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS IS A MATTER FOR SERIOUS CONCERN, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE POTENTIAL EFFECT ON YOUNG PERSONS MIXING WITH UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS ON PREMISES NOT SUBJECT TO CONTROL.

"THIS VIEW WAS SHARED BY THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE TRADE WHEN THEY WERE CONSULTED ON THIS ISSUE."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC, FROM THE LAW AND ORDER, PUBLIC HEALTH, FIRE AND STRUCTURAL SAFETY POINTS OF VIEW, IT WAS NECESSARY TO EXTEND CONTROL TO THE MAJORITY OF THE PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS.

"THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE SUPPORTED BY THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS," HE SAID.

AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE BILL, IT IS INTENDED THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS WILL AMEND THE PLACES OF AMUSEMENT (URBAN COUNCIL)/(REGIONAL COUNCIL) BY-LAWS TO EXEMPT FROM LICENSING ANY CLASS OR DESCRIPTION OF BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENT THAT IT IS INTENDED SHOULD BE EXEMPTED.

"THIS SHOULD CATER FOR THE MAJORITY OF BONA FIDE CLUBS WITH INCIDENTAL BILLIARD FACILITIES."

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 15.

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ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
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POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE POST OFFICE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11 (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY) AND NO DELIVERY ON MONDAY, JUNE 13.

ONE JUNE 11, 42 POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO NOON. THEY INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND TSUEN WING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POSTS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JUNE 13.

DETAILS OF THE 42 POST OFFICES WHICH WILL BE OPEN ON JUNE 11 CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY POST OFFICE OR FROM THE POSTAL ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-231071.

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VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS DISTRIBUTED WITH WATER BILLS
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COPIES OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE SENT TO ABOUT 500,000 WATER ACCOUNT HOLDERS TOGETHER WITH THEIR WATER BILLS THIS MONTH.

EXPLAINING THIS ARRANGMENT, THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THIS WAS THE SECOND PART OF AN EXERCISE AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT YET ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL TO REGISTER.

"IT ALSO ENABLES THOSE REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO HAVE CHANGED RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES TO REPORT SUCH CHANGES," MR LAI SAID.

"NEW APPLICANTS, WHEN ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION, WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE NEXT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN MARCH 1989.

"RESIDENTS UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES ARE INVITED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30."

THE SAME ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE LAST SUMMER WHEN OVER 800,000 COPIES OF REGISTRATION FORMS WERE SENT TO WATER ACCOUNT HOLDERS, DRAWING A REASONABLE RESPONSE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT RESIDENTS WHO WERE ALREADY REGISTERED ELECTORS NEED NOT RE-APPLY BUT SHOULD KEEP THE REGISTRATION OFFICER INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

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TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL BILL GAZETTED

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A BILL TO GRANT A 30-YEAR FRANCHISE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL BILL 1988 IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 8).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL COVERED THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE FRANCHISE HOLDER MUST CARRY OUT. THESE INCLUDED THE COMPLETION OF THE TUNNEL IN 37 MONTHS.

THE GAMMON-NISHIMATSU CONSORTIUM, WHICH HAS WON THE FRANCHISE, HAS FORMED THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL CO. LTD. TO CARRY OUT THESE OBLIGATIONS.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN ONCE THE BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THE ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE IS MID-1991.

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ENROLMENT BEGINS FOR TECHNICAL SUMMER COURSES

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EMPLOYEES ARE NOW BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR 236 COURSES OFFERED BY THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL THIS SUMMER.

THE SUMMER SHORT COURSES COVER A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS IN MANY FIELDS.

THEY ARE APPLIED SCIENCE, CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, COMPUTING STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, MARINE ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING, PRINTING AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

THE COURSES, RANGING FROM EIGHT TO 60 HOURS, ARE OFFERED MAINLY FOR PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT WHO WANT TO UPDATE THEIR SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE, THOUGH SOME OF THEM ARE RELATED TO HOBBY AND LEISURE SUBJECTS.

DETAILS OF THE COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE PRESS TOMORROW (SATURDAY). CLOSING DATE OF ENROLMENT IS JUNE 20.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES TO APPLICANTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND DISTRICT OFFICES, STARTING FROM TOMORROW.

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INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME
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THE NINTH AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME WILL BE INAUGURATED BY URBAN COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, AT THE CITY HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SCHEME IS ONE OF THE STUDENT PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN. ABOUT 640 STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME THIS YEAR.

COMING FROM 32 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THESE FORM THREE TO FORM SIX STUDENTS WILL HELP THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CLEAN UP THE REPULSE BAY, DEEP WATER BAY, SHEK O, STANLEY MAIN BEACH AND BIG WAVE BEACH DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

THEY WILL ALSO ADVISE BEACH-GOERS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR LITTER PROPERLY.

AT TOMORROW'S CEREMONY, THE STUDENTS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THEIR DUTY. THEY WILL RECEIVE THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN CAPS AND T-SHIRTS WHICH THEY WILL WEAR WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTY ON THE BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 3.30 PM IN THE CONCERT HALL, CITY HALL LOW BLOCK, HONG KONG. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SAI KUNG DB TO DISCUSS REVALUATION OF RATES
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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO DISCUSS THE REVALUATION OF RATES IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, MR C.S. WONG, WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE ISSUE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS.

THE INTRODUCTION OF SUMMER TIME IN HONG KONG WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING.

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THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (INFORMATION) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, MR MIKE ROWSE, WILL INVITE MEMBERS TO COMMENT ON THE DESIRABILITY OF THE PROPOSAL.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG. A PAPER ON THE ISSUE WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' REFERENCE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN PHASE III DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND CLEARANCE OF HANG HAU TOWN, APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU, AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. IT WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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ACCESS ROAD TO SHA LO WAN, LANTAU

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AN ACCESS ROAD WILL BE BUILT FROM NGONG PING ROAD TO SHAM WAT ON LANTAU ISLAND.

IT FORMS THE FIRST STAGE OF A PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT AN ACCESS ROAD FROM NGONG PING ROAD TO SHA LO WAN.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACCESS ROAD. A NOTICE IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE RECONSTRUCTION, WIDENING AND PROVISION OF PASSING PLACES ALONG THE SECTION OF THE EXISTING SHAM WAT ROAD NORTH OF NGONG PING ROAD; THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD WITH PASSING PLACES ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF THE EXISTING EARTH TRACK FROM SHAM WAT ROAD TO SHAM WAT; AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED, AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED, BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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BREAKWATERS AND CARGO WORKING AREA FOR KWUN TONG ROAD PROJECT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BREAKWATERS AND A CARGO WORKING AREA FOR KWUN TONG BYPASS PHASE II.

THESE ARE ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION WORKS TO ENABLE THE MAIN CONTRACT FOR THE KWUN TONG BYPASS PHASE II TO COMMENCE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

THE WORKS ARE IN TWO SECTIONS WHICH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE FIRST SECTION CONSISTS OF BUILDING A NEW BREAKWATER AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING BREAKWATERS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE KWUN TONG TYPHOON SHELTER.

THESE WORKS WILL INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE EXISTING TYPHOON SHELTER TO COMPENSATE FOR A FUTURE REDUCTION IN SIZE DUE TO THE SPACE OCCUPIED BY THE KWUN TONG BYPASS PHASE II ROAD STRUCTURE ITSELF.

THE SECOND SECTION INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA AND ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ON THE CHA KWO LING WATERFRONT.

THE NEW CARGO WORKING AREA WILL BE USED TO RELOCATE PART OF THE EXISTING KWUN TONG PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA WHICH WILL BE CLOSED TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF KWUN TONG BYPASS PHASE II.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL COMMENCE IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY FREEMAN FOX/MAUNSELL FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE ON INVITATION TO TENDER IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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RECLAMATION IN JUNK BAY, ERECTION OF BEACON IN SAI KUNG PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 20.10 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT JUNK BAY.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING, SCHOOLS, OPEN SPACE AND ROADS IN CONNECTION WITH THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

WORK WILL COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO INTENDS TO ERECT AN UNLIT BEACON SOUTHWEST OF YEUNG CHAU IN SAI KUNG HOI (INNER PORT SHELTER).

IT WILL BE ERECTED ON TOP OF A SUBMERGED ROCK TO AID NAVIGATION OF VESSELS IN THE VICINITY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICES TOGETHER WITH THE RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITES.

THE PLANS CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 2, THIS YEAR.

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DEVELOPMENT OF TIN WAN CLOSE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT
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A PORTION OF TIN WAN CLOSE IN ABERDEEN IS TO BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT, THE EXISTING FOOTPATH AT TIN WAN CLOSE WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED.

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THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF TIN WAN CLOSE IS SCHEDULED TO BE IMPLEMENTED UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

THE EXISTING FOOTPATH WILL BE IMPROVED AFTER THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IS COMPLETED.

A NOTICE ON THE PROJECT IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

IT CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, HARBOUR CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 2 THIS YEAR.

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REPROVISIONING OF CHOI HUNG BUS TERMINUS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF CHOI HUNG BUS TERMINUS.

A NOTICE FOR INVITATION TO TENDER IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING CHOI HUNG BUS TERMINUS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL APPROACHES AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INTERCHANGE.

ANCILLARY WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THIS CONTRACT WILL BE THE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY AMENITY BUILDING, DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND MINOR WORKS IN CHOI HUNG ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MOTT, HAY AND ANDERSON HONG KONG LIMITED FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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SPORTS PROGRAMME STARTS OFF WITH EXCITING MATCHES

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AN "INTER-HONG SPORTS PROGRAMME" WILL START OFF ON SUNDAY (JUNE 5) MORNING WITH A SERIES OF EXCITING TELEMATCHES AT THE BLAKE GARDEN IN PO HING FONG, SHEUNG WAN.

A TOTAL OF 16 TEAMS, EACH REPRESENTING A FIRM OR AN ESTABLISHMENT IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, WILL TAKE PART IN THE MATCHES.

THE "INTER-HONG SPORTS PROGRAMME" IS AIMED AT PROMOTING RECREATION AND SPORTS AMONG WORKING PEOPLE. A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS IN BASKETBALL, MINI-SOCCER, BADMINTON, SWIMMING AND SQUASH WILL BE HELD THIS MONTH AND IN JULY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY WILL BE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE.

THE PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "INTER-HONG SPORTS PROGRAMME" TO BEGIN AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 5) AT THE BLAKE GARDEN IN PO HING FONG, SHEUNG WAN.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE FACES DEMOLITION

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK A CLOSURE ORDER AGAINST AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON AND OVER THE YARD INCLUDING A COCKLOFT, AT NO. 1 IVY STREET, GROUND FLOOR, TAI KOK TSUI, KOWLOON, SO THAT ITS DEMOLITION COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON AUGUST 4 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN CENTRAL
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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MONDAY (JUNE 6) FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

ELGIN STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND STAUNTON STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON THAT DAY FOR CABLE-LAYING WORK.

TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS, MERCER STREET BETWEEN BONHAM STRAND AND HOUSE NO. 4 MERCER STREET WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM. AT THE SAME TIME, THE REMAINING SECTION OF MERCER STREET WILL BECOME A CUL-DE -SAC. VEHICLES SHOULD ENTER MERCER STREET VIA JERVOIS STREET.

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THE NEW TERRITORIES RECREATIONAL BUS ROUTE NO. 91R, PLYING BETWEEN DIAMOND HILL MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AND CLEAR WATER BAY, WILL BE RE-INTRODUCED FROM SUNDAY, JUNE 5.

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE ONLY ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN SUMMER AT A 10-MINUTE INTERVAL FROM 7.30 AM TO 8 PM. THE FARE WILL BE $3 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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