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AMENDMENTS TO UPDATE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILE ORDINANCE  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO UPDATE AND STREAMLINE THE EXISTING PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING CHILD ABUSE CASES UNDER THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED BY A WORKING GROUP SET UP LAST NOVEMBER FOLLOWING PUBLIC AND MEDIA INTEREST IN THE KOWK AH-NUI CASE AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE OMELCO STANDING PANEL ON WELFARE SERVICES.

"THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, NOTED THAT THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES ORDINANCE HAD UNDERGONE VARIOUS PIECEMEAL AMENDMENTS SINCE ITS ENACTMENT IN 1951 AND HAD OVER THE YEARS SHIFTED ITS FOCUS FROM THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS FROM PROSTITUTION AND OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION TO THE PROTECTION OF JUVENILES AND CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE WORKING GROUP FOUND THAT A NUMBER OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE WERE OUTDATED AND OTHERS SELDOM USED AND THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE ORDINANCE BE COMPREHENSIVELY REVIEWED, HAVING REGARD TO THE CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES AS WELL AS THE PROVISIONS OF OTHER RELATED ORDINANCES.

"AS THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO COMPLETE, THE WORKING GROUP CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY FOR CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO BE ENACTED URGENTLY IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING CHILD ABUSE CASES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 PROVIDES FOR CARE PROCEEDINGS IN RESPECT OF A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF SEVEN TO PROCEED IN HIS ABSENCE, PROVIDED THAT ONE OF HIS PARENTS OR HIS GUARDIAN IS PRESENT OR HAS BEEN FORMALLY NOTIFIED OF THE COURT HEARING IF HIS WHEREABOUTS IS KNOWN.

THE JUVENILE COURT WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THE DISCRETION TO REQUIRE ANY CHILD OR JUVENILE CONCERNED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT IF THIS IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE, A CHILD MUST BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT BEFORE A DECISION WAS MADE ON WHETHER HE WAS IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION. "THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO SERVE ANY USEFULL PURPOSE IF THE CHILD IS TOO YOUNG EITHER TO EXPRESS A VIEW OR FOR HIS VIEWS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE COURT. IT MAY ALSO BE A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR A YOUNG CHILD IF THE CASE IS CONTESTED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE PROVISION IN THE JUVENILE OFFENDERS ORDINANCE WHEREBY SEVEN YEARS WAS ACCEPTED AS THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY. "THE WORKING GROUP CONSIDERED THAT IT WOULD BE REASONABLE FOR A CHILD AGED SEVEN OR ABOVE, WHO IS OLD ENOUGH TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN ACTIONS, BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD IN CARE PROCEEDINGS IN RESPECT OF HIS OWN WELL BEING," HE ADDED.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE JUVENILE COURT TO INCLUDE IN SUPERVISION ORDERS REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND SURGICAL TREATMENT OF SUPERVISED PERSONS (ANY CHILD OR JUVENILE WHO IS NOT BEING ADEQUATELY TAKEN CARE OF WITHIN HIS FAMILY COULD BE PLACED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE UNDER A SUPERVISION ORDER).

"THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL ENABLE CHILDREN AND JUVENILES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO RECEIVE PROMPT MEDICAL TREATMENT WHENEVER NECESSARY. THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE CHILDREN AND JUVENILES TO BE DEALT WITH UNDER THIS PROVISION WOULD BE FORMALLY NOTIFIED OF THE COURT HEARING AND BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS BEFORE THE COURT. THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE DULY CONSIDERED BEFORE THE COURT ISSUED THE SUPERVISION ORDER.

"THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL NOT AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF A JUVENILE WHO HAS THE CAPACITY TO GIVE CONSENT TO THE TREATMENT HIMSELF," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE, THE JUVENILE COURT IS EMPOWERED TO INCLUDE IN SUPERVISION ORDERS SUCH REQUIREMENTS AS TO RESIDENCE OR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE MENTAL CONDITION OF THE SUPERVISED PERSON AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY. THERE IS NO MENTION IN THE ORDINANCE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE SUPERVISED PERSON.

"THIS HAS CAUSED SOME DIFFICULTIES, ESPECIALLY IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE UNCO-OPERATIVE PARENTS REFUSE TO GIVE CONSENT FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT OR EVEN TO UNDERGO MEDICAL EXAMINATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY HAVE SUSTAINED INJURIES. IT HAS ALSO PROVED TO BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PARENTAL CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE PARENTS ARE MENTALLY UNBALANCED OR HANDICAPPED. WITHOUT SUCH CONSENT, THE SUPERVISED CHILD OR JUVENILE MAY BE DEPRIVED OF THE NECESSARY MEDICAL TREATMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO AMEND THE PRESENT PROVISION TO ALLOW A CHILD WHO, IN THE OPINION OF ANY PROBATION OFFICER, ANY PERSON AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, OR ANY POLICE OFFICER OF THE RANK OF STATION SERGEANT, IS IN NEED OF URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION OR TREATMENT TO BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO A HOSPITAL INSTEAD OF TO A "PLACE OF REFUGE".

THE PRESENT ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT A PROBATION OFFICER, ANY PERSON AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, OR A POLICE OFFICER OF THE RANK OF STATION SERGEANT MAY TAKE A CHILD OR JUVENILE WHO APPEARS TO BE IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION TO A "PLACE OF REFUGE" DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES (PLACES OF REFUGE) ORDER. HOSPITALS ARE NOT AT PRESENT INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A CHILD WAS SUSPECTED OF HAVING BEEN ABUSED AND REQUIRED MEDICAL TREATMENT OR EXAMINATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE HAD SUSTAINED INJURIES, AND WHEN PARENTAL CONSENT FOR THE CHILD TO RECEIVE SUCH TREATMENT COULD NOT BE OBTAINED, THE CHILD COULD ONLY BE TAKEN TO A "PLACE OF REFUGE" IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO A HOSPITAL AFTERWARDS BY THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PLACE OF REFUGE. "THIS PROCEDURE IS CUMBERSOME AND MAY NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD SHOULD HE REQUIRE IMMEDIATE HOSPITAL CARE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO AMEND THE POWER OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO ENTER PREMISES BY FORCE.

UNDER THE PRESENT ORDINANCE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE OR AN AUTHORISED OFFICER, IS EMPOWERED TO ENTER PREMISES BY FORCE IF NECESSARY IN PURSUANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. "THIS POWER HAS BEEN USED VERY SPARINGLY, HOWEVER, IN THE LIGHT OF PUBLIC CONCERN OVER THE KWOK AH-NUI INCIDENT AND AFTER CONSIDERING PROVISION IN THE ENGLISH LAW WHICH REQUIRES A WARRANT TO BE ISSUED BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE BEFORE DOMESTIC PREMISES CAN BE ENTERED BY FORCE IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCE, IT WAS THEN PROPOSED TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR THE DIRECTOR TO OBTAIN A WARRANT FROM A MAGISTRATE, JUVENILE COURT OR DISTRICT COURT BEFORE ENTERING ANY PREMISES BY FORCE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OTHER PROVISIONS REGARDING PEACEFUL ENTRY, SEARCH, AND REMOVAL OF ANY FEMALE, CHILD OR JUVENILE AT RISK TO A PLACE OF REFUGE, ARE STILL CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND WILL BE RETAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE HONG KONG FAMILY LAW ASSOCIATION, THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND ALL SUPPORTED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT ALSO SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

THE BILL WILL BE GAZETTED ON JUNE 26 AND INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 8.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE BILL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, 7/F CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD OR TO OMELCO, AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

FURTHER MEASURES ON RENT CONTROL PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED FURTHER MEASURES ON RENT CONTROL FOLLOWING AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE WORKING OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE AND AN ASSESSMENT OF MARKET CONDITIONS DURING 1986.

THESE MEASURES, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 8, INCLUDE:

- \* INCREASE FROM 30 TO 35 TIMES THE STANDARD RENT FOR THE PERMITTED RENT OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES; AND
- \* THE EXTENSION BY TWO YEARS OF THE LIFE OF PART II OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE FROM DECEMBER 19, 1987 TO DECEMBER 18, 1989.

IN ANNOUNCING THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN PERMITTED RENT OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT RENTS OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES ARE CONTROLLED BY REFERENCE TO THOSE PAYABLE AS AT DECEMBER 25, 1941 TERMED THE "STANDARD RENT". WHEN MULTIPLIED BY A FACTOR, THIS GIVES THE PERMITTED RENT, PROVIDED THAT IT DOES NOT EXCEED THE PREVAILING MARKET RENT. THE PROPOSED INCREASE RAISES THE FACTOR FROM LAST YEAR'S 30 TO 35.

EXCLUDING RURAL VILLAGE HOUSES, THERE ARE SOME 1,860 PRE-WAR DOMESTIC UNITS EFFECTIVELY UNDER CONTROL AS AT THE END OF 1986. RAISING THE FACTOR FROM 30 TO 35 WOULD RESULT IN AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF ABOUT 17 PER CENT OR \$190 PER MONTH, ON CURRENT PERMITTED RENT, BRINGING SUCH RENTS TO ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF PREVAILING MARKET RENT.

IF APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THIS PROPOSAL WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 10 WHEN IT WILL BE GAZETTED.

AS REGARDS THE EXTENSION OF PART II, THE SPOKESMAN SAID PART II OF THE ORDINANCE IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 18, 1987.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE LIFE OF PART II BY TWO YEARS WILL CONTINUE THE DUAL PROTECTION OF RENT CONTROL AND SECURITY OF TENURE TO ABOUT 180,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR SOME 650,000 PERSONS.

DESPITE A SERIES OF ADJUSTMENTS TO THE RENT INCREASE SYSTEM WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF NARROWING THE GAP BETWEEN CONTROLLED RENTS AND PREVAILING MARKET RENT AND THE CURRENT STABILITY OF THE MARKET, THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CONTROLLED AND PREVAILING MARKET RENTS CONTINUES. THEREFORE THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO PROPOSE TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THIS LEGISLATION FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS.

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THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THIS PROPOSED EXTENSION WOULD NOT JEOPARDISE THE SUPPLY OR AVAILABILITY OF NEW ACCOMMODATION FOR LETTING, SINCE NEW BUILDINGS AND FRESH LETTINGS ARE EXCLUDED FROM PART II CONTROLS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THESE PROPOSED CHANGES CAN SEEK HELP FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

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TUEN MUN NULLAH SOON TO BE AN ASSET

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT SOMETHING WAS NOW BEING DONE TO TACKLE THE POLLUTION PROBLEM IN TUEN MUN NULLAH AND IT SHOULD BE AN ASSET RATHER THAN A LIABILITY FOR THE NEW TOWN IN THE 1990'S.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF HIS VISIT TO TUEN MUN, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE TWO SORTS OF POLLUTION, ONE WAS INDUSTRIAL AND THE OTHER ANIMAL WASTE.

"AND I'VE BEEN TOLD -- AND IT'S VERY VERY ENCOURAGING -- THAT THE INDUSTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN CAUSING SOME OF THE POLLUTION BY INDUSTRIAL WASTE GOING STRAIGHT INTO THE WATER NULLAHS, HAVE ALL AGREED TO TAKE MEASURES TO DEAL WITH IT. THAT WILL HELP A LOT," HE SAID.

THE ANIMAL WASTE WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH OVER A LONGER TIME, SIR DAVID ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS TACKLING THE POLLUTION PROBLEM IN TWO WAYS. "ONE IS TO DEAL WITH INDUSTRIAL WASTE, AND THAT'S WHERE INDUSTRIAL WASTE PIPES HAVE BEEN WRONGLY CONNECTED TO WHAT SHOULD BE RAIN WATER SEWAGE SYSTEM. THE SECOND IS ANIMAL WASTE, FOR WHICH LEGISLATION IS BEING BROUGHT IN TO DEAL WITH IT."

"INEVITABLY, THAT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME, BUT WE ARE GOING AT IT AND WE WILL GO ON WORKING AT IT," HE ADDED.

ASKED WHY IT TOOK SO LONG TO CLEAN UP THE NULLAH, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE PEOPLE HAD BEEN CONCENTRATING THEIR ATTENTION ON OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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"I IMAGINE IT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING THEIR ATTENTION ON A LOT OF OTHER THINGS. IF YOU LOOK AROUND YOU, YOU CAN SEE THE IMMENSE AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT GOING ON, THAT HAS PROBABLY CONCENTRATED PEOPLE'S ATTENTION."

"WHEN YOU'VE GOT TO A CERTAIN STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, THEN YOU CAN START TRYING TO TIDY UP AND DEAL WITH THINGS LIKE ENVIRONMENT AND POLLUTION," HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMPARE THE POLLUTION PROBLEM WITH THAT IN YUEN LONG, SIR DAVID SAID THAT BOTH NULLAHS WERE SERIOUS POLLUTION AREAS. "THEY ARE BOTH AREAS WHERE EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION AND WHERE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE IT.

"BUT IN BOTH CASES, IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO GET THE SORT OF STANDARD THAT WE ALL WANT TO SEE," HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON HIS VISIT TO TUEN MUN, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THE OLD PARTS OF THE AREA AND THE NEW PARTS WERE BEING BROUGHT TOGETHER.

"AND OBVIOUSLY THAT CREATES SOME PROBLEMS WHEN YOU DEVELOP A NEW TOWN, LIKE POLLUTION AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

"BUT IT'S VERY ENCOURAGING INDEED TO SEE HOW MUCH HARD WORK IS BEING PUT IN TO SOLVING ALL THESE PROBLEMS," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED WHY HE CHOSE TO VISIT THE VILLAGE OF LUNG KWU TAAN SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS VERY INTERESTED TO SEE RURAL LIFE IN A TRADITIONAL VILLAGE WHICH WAS ON THE EDGE OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROBLEMS IT FACED.

"I WAS VERY INTERESTED TO SEE IT. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL AREA," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR TOURS TUEN MUN  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED TUEN MUN TO LEARN ABOUT THE CHARACTERISTICS AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE STILL GROWING NEW TOWN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY, NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, THEY FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO TUEN MUN FROM HMS TAMAR. ON THE WAY TO THE NEW TOWN, THE PROJECT MANAGER, NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES, MR SIU CHUEN, GAVE A BRIEFING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS POLLUTION PROBLEMS.

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ON ARRIVAL AT THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION, THEY WERE MET BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT. THEY THEN DROVE TO LUNG KWU TAAN AND WERE GREETED BY THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR LAU SZE-CHUEN.

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT WITH A POPULATION OF 960, THE VILLAGE WAS ONE OF THE UNSPOILED AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES IN THE TERRITORY. AFTER WALKING THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND TALKING TO SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS, THE PARTY WENT TO THE WU KING AND BUTTERFLY ESTATES.

ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR ANTHONY HUI, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE BRIEFED ON THE BROAD RANGE OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN THE ESTATES.

THEY THEN WENT TO THE ROOF OF WU BOON HOUSE TO HAVE A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CASTLE PEAK BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND ADJACENT DEVELOPMENTS. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR RONALD CROSS, BRIEFED SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON ON LAND MATTERS AND POLLUTION CONTROL ISSUES.

ON THE WAY TO THE ESTATE'S COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND MARKET, THE GOVERNOR DROPPED IN AT A DB MEMBER'S WARD OFFICE AND A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY-BUILDING WORK AND THE FUNCTION OF THESE OFFICES.

AT THE PUI TO ROAD BRIDGE, MR SIU TOLD THE GOVERNOR ABOUT A RECENT EXERCISE TO ABATE INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION OF THE TUEN MUN NULLAH.

AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE YAN OI TONG, THE LARGEST COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE DISTRICT, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE MET BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SHUE; THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR LO CHI-CHUNG, AND THE OTHER DIRECTORS. THE TONG IS A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL, MEDICAL, SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

DURING THE TOUR OF THE TONG'S FACILITIES, WHICH INCLUDED THE GAMES HALL, LIBRARY, ELDERLY CENTRE AND NURSERY, THE GOVERNOR TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS.

AT THE END OF THE TOUR, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON ATTENDED A TEA RECEPTION IN THE DANCE STUDIO AND MET DB MEMBERS, COMMUNITY AND RURAL PERSONALITIES AND THE TONG'S DIRECTORS.

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TEXTILE QUOTA GROUPS TO MERGE

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THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD TODAY (THURSDAY) AGREED TO COMBINE TWO GROUPS OF TEXTILE CATEGORIES WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1988.

DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID THAT A REVIEW OF GROUP D, COTTON, WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS, AND OF GROUP E, SILK BLEND AND OTHER VEGETABLE FIBRE SWEATERS, HAD BEEN MADE.

THIS HAD SHOWN THAT IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO COMBINE THE TWO GROUPS BOTH FROM THE POINTS OF VIEW OF PRODUCTION AND QUOTA HOLDING PATTERNS WHICH WERE SIMILAR.

THE BOARD, THEREFORE, ADVISED, AND IT WAS DECIDED, THAT THE TWO GROUPS SHOULD BE COMBINED FROM THE START OF 1988, HE SAID.

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PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH COMPUTER STUDIES

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TO EXPLORE WAYS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE SUBJECT OF COMPUTER STUDIES IN SCHOOLS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR FOR SOME 200 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON JULY 4 (SATURDAY).

COMPUTER STUDIES TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR AT THE HALL OF THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 21 SASSOON ROAD, POKFULAM, IN THE MORNING OF JULY 4.

THE SEMINAR WILL FEATURE TALKS ON THE CODE OF ETHICS OF A COMPUTER PROFESSIONAL BY THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER STUDIES, CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, DR N. V. BALASUBRAMANIAN, AND ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF COMPUTER PIRACY BY A BARRISTER-AT-LAW, MR PAUL P. L. CHAN.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, COMPUTER EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE MONDAY (JUNE 22).

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GRADUATION OF TEACHERS REFRESHER COURSES

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THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 10TH REFRESHER COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND OF THE SECOND REFRESHER COURSE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LANGUAGE TEACHERS AT THE INSTITUTE ON FRIDAY (JUNE 19).

THE CEREMONY WILL COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF AN END-OF-COURSE EXHIBITION OF LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING MATERIALS PREPARED BY COURSE PARTICIPANTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y. T. LI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AT THE INSTITUTE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAY (JUNE 20) AND FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAY (JUNE 22) TO THURSDAY (JUNE 25).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION AT 21ST FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK, AT 2 PM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 19).

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UNREGISTERED PRIVATE TUTORIAL SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS TO BE AVOIDED

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STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE THE SERVICES OF UNREGISTERED PRIVATE TUTORIAL SCHOOLS OR INSTITUTIONS WHICH MAY BE OPERATING IN PREMISES WHERE THERE IS RISK TO STUDENTS IN THE EVENT OF FIRE AND MAY BE EMPLOYING UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS.

THE ADVICE WAS GIVEN JOINTLY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND CONSUMER COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS AND PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON HOW TO SELECT A PRIVATE TUTORIAL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO USE THE SUMMER VACATION EITHER TO MAKE A HEAD START WITH THEIR STUDIES IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OR TO CATCH UP WITH THOSE SUBJECTS IN WHICH THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO WELL IN THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO USE THE SERVICES OF A PRIVATE TUTORIAL SCHOOL REGISTERED UNDER THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE BECAUSE PROVISIONS IN THE MAIN ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS ENABLE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO ENSURE THAT A SCHOOL CONDUCTS ITS ACTIVITIES IN SUITABLE PREMISES WITH QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND IN A PROPER AND SATISFACTORY MANNER.

"ONE CAN TELL WHETHER OR NOT A PRIVATE TUTORIAL ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN REGISTERED AS A SCHOOL BY LOOKING FOR THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WHICH THE OPERATOR OF A REGISTERED SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO DISPLAY IN HIS PREMISES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IF ONE IS IN DOUBT, HE SHOULD CHECK WITH THE REGISTRATION SECTION AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 5-8392292 OR THE NEAREST DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE.

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WAN CHAI ILLEGAL STRUCTURE TO BE DEMOLISHED

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AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT C ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF 233-243 LOCKHART ROAD, WAN CHAI, IS TO BE CLOSED SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE DISTRICT COURT, HONG KONG, ON AUGUST 20 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS FOLLOWS THE OWNER'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO, REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WANTS TO CLOSE IT TO AVOID DANGER TO THE OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC.

DEMOLITION WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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SAI KUNG DB TO DISCUSS GREEN PAPER

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

MEANWHILE, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE POLICY ON MARICULTURE AND THE PROPOSED MARICULTURE ZONES IN SAI KUNG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REPORT BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - MR WAN YUET-KAU, THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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SHA TIN DB TO COLLECT VIEWS ON GREEN PAPER

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SHA TIN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE A BETTER INSIGHT INTO THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT FROM A SERIES OF EIGHT BRIEFING SESSIONS TO BE HELD AT VARIOUS AREAS OF THE DISTRICT BEGINNING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ORGANISED BY A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE BRIEFING SESSIONS WILL FORM PART OF THE FIRST PHASE OF A THREE-STAGE PROGRAMME TO SOUND OUT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS SET OUT IN THE GREEN PAPER.

THEY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 8 PM BETWEEN JUNE 19 AND 27 AT THE POK HONG COMMUNITY HALL, LUNG HANG ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SUN TIN WAI COMMUNITY HALL, MEI LAM PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHA KOK COMMUNITY HALL, LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND SKH LAM KAU MOU SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BE AT HAND TO HELP EXPLAIN THE VARIOUS OPTIONS IN THE GREEN PAPER AND RECORD RESIDENTS' VIEWS WHEN NECESSARY.

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE A LARGE-SCALE SEMINAR AT THE END OF JULY IN WHICH COMMUNITY LEADERS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER.

DURING THE THIRD PHASE, A DISTRICT SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED ALONG WITH VARIOUS DISCUSSIONS JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO COLLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS.

CHAired BY DR FANNY CHEUNG, THE WORKING GROUP ON THE GREEN PAPER COMPRISES 16 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WITH A BUDGET OF ABOUT \$76,000.

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#### CS VISITS CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) MET SENIOR STAFF OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS ITS WORK WHEN HE VISITED THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT EMPIRE CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

HE WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, DR K.F. NIP ON ARRIVAL AND WAS BRIEFED ON MAJOR PROJECTS NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN OR PLANNED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION UNDER THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

HE ALSO VIEWED DISPLAYS ILLUSTRATING THE WORK OF THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, WHICH INCLUDES THE HEADQUARTERS, PLANNING AND DESIGN DIVISIONS.

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SINGAPOREAN BAND ARRIVES IN HK

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THE NATIONAL THEATRE SYMPHONIC BAND OF SINGAPORE HAS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG FOR AN EIGHT-DAY VISIT.

THE 50-MEMBER BAND WILL HAVE MUSIC EXCHANGE WITH THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

DURING ITS STAY IN HONG KONG, THE BAND WILL GIVE THREE CONCERTS INCLUDING ONE COMMUNITY CONCERT AT NEW TOWN PLAZA ON SUNDAY FROM 11.30 AM TO 12.30 PM AND TWO LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT THE LANDMARK AND ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

THE BAND MADE ITS DEBUT APPEARANCE ON THE SINGAPORE MUSIC SCENE IN 1978. SINCE THEN, IT HAS DEVELOPED INTO AN ACTIVE AND MORE PROFICIENT GROUP OF MUSIC MAKERS, BRINGING TO MUSIC LOVERS A GREAT VARIETY OF CLASSICAL, FOLK, POPULAR AND CONTEMPORARY MUSIC.

THE BAND BASICALLY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AMATEUR MUSICIANS TO MEET TOGETHER AND MAKE MUSIC. THE MEMBERS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, MEETING TWICE A WEEK FOR REHEARSALS.

IT WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON THURSDAY (JUNE 25).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CONCERT TO BE PERFORMED BY THE NATIONAL THEATRE SYMPHONIC BAND OF SINGAPORE AT NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN FROM 11.30 AM TO 12.30 PM ON SUNDAY.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDED

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THE MAXIMUM LIMITS OF WEIGHT AND SIZE FOR SPEEDPOST ITEMS TO UNITED ARAB EMIRATES WILL BE INCREASED FROM MONDAY (JUNE 22), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR A SPEEDPOST ITEM WILL BE INCREASED FROM 15 KILOGRAMS TO 20 KILOGRAMS AND THE MAXIMUM SIZE EXTENDED TO 1.5 METRES IN LENGTH AND 3 METRES FOR THE LENGTH AND GIRTH COMBINED.

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"SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES, MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE," HE SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES AT 5-8471108.

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UPGC SECRETARIAT ON THE MOVE

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THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE CURRENTLY HOUSED IN THE QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL MOVE TO SUITE 202, 2ND FLOOR, HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG AND COMMENCE OPERATION ON JUNE 22, 1987.

HOWEVER, THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION OF UPGC, WHICH ADMINISTERS THE TWO SCHEMES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES IN HONG KONG AND THE U. K., WILL STILL BE LOCATED AT THE PRESENT ADDRESS AT GROUND AND MEZZ. FLOORS, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN CENTRAL

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HARBOUR VIEW STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 20).

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF AN ESCALATOR FOR THE FOOTBRIDGE AT THE STREET. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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