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MOTION ON EDUCATION REPORT AT LEGCO TOMORROW  
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AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S MOTION ON THE REPORT, +A PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION IN HONG KONG+, WILL BE MOVED BY THE REV THE HON PATRICK MCGOVERN AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A NUMBER OF OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE SPEAKING ON THE MOTION WHICH IS: +THAT THIS COUNCIL RECEIVES WITH APPROBATION+ THE REPORT +AND COMMENDS IT TO GOVERNMENT AS A BASIS ON WHICH THE CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.+

AT THE SAME MEETING, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED WHETHER IT IS SATISFIED THAT SUFFICIENT POLICE OFFICERS ARE DEPLOYED TO DETER AND COMBAT ARMED ROBBERIES IN HONG KONG.

IN REFERRING TO +THE INCREASING VIOLENCE OF ARMED ROBBERIES+, THE HON WONG LAM WILL ALSO ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE THE NUMBER OF ARMED ROBBERIES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SO FAR THIS YEAR, AND TO GIVE A COMPARISON OF THIS FIGURE WITH THE NUMBER THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE SIMILAR PERIOD LAST YEAR.

AND, DEBATE WILL RESUME ON TEN BILLS INTRODUCED AT THE PREVIOUS SITTING ON JUNE 29, PRIOR TO THEIR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READINGS.

THE BILLS ARE:

INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1983, IMPORT AND EXPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, CHILD CARE CENTRES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, LAND ACQUISITION (POSSESSORY TITLE) BILL 1983, INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1983, PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983.

IN ADDITION, ONE BILL, THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, WHICH PROVIDES FOR INCREASES IN THE RATE OF SICKNESS ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO EMPLOYEES UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, WILL BE INTRODUCED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, THE HON NEIL HENDERSON. DEBATE ON THIS BILL WILL BE ADJOURNED TILL JULY 27.

IN ANOTHER QUESTION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED HOW IT ENSURES THAT THE INTEREST RATES SET BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS ARE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BE ASKED IF IT WILL CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF COMPUTERISING THE PASSENGER CHECKING PROCEDURES AT IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS.

DUST AND NOISE NUISANCE FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES, AND WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE THEM WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF THE OTHER QUESTION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE THREE OTHER MOTIONS AT THE MEETING, TWO DEALING WITH THE INCREASE IN THE ISSUE OF TAXI LICENCES FOR THE URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES AREAS, AND THE OTHER DEALING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983. THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WILL SEEK APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE FURTHER THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXISTING REGULATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO SAFETY OF WORKING AT HEIGHTS.

THERE WILL BE FIVE SESSIONAL PAPERS. TWO WILL DEAL WITH SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS, AND THE THREE OTHERS ARE: CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WELFARE FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT, AND THE UMELCO POLICE GROUP 1982 REPORT.

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BIG ANTI-DRUG VARIETY SHOW COMING  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS WORRIED ABOUT THE INCREASING INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DRUGS AND IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO STOP THIS TREND.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR G.L. MORTIMER POINTED OUT THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF LOW STREET PRICE HEROIN DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS AS A RESULT OF THREE SUCCESSIVE BUMPER OPIUM CROPS IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE WAS POSING A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER PEOPLE.

AS AT DECEMBER 31, A TOTAL OF 1 685 YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE WAS RECORDED IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE, REPRESENTING FOUR PER CENT OF THE TOTAL OF 41 906 REGISTERED PERSONS.

MR MORTIMER SAID, +ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PERSONS WAS NOT GREAT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PERSONS, IT IS THE INCREASING INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DRUGS WHICH IS WORRYING.

+OF 3 464 PERSONS NEWLY REPORTED TO THE REGISTRY IN 1982, 927 OR 26.8 PER CENT WERE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

+THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 174 OR 23 PER CENT ON THE FIGURE OF 753 FOR 1981, AND MORE THAN DOUBLE THE FIGURE FOR 1980.

+THE MEAN AGE OF FIRST ILLICIT DRUG USE AMONG INDIVIDUALS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE NEWLY REPORTED TO THE REGISTRY HAS FALLEN FROM 17 IN 1980 TO 16.6 IN 1982,+ HE ADDED.

MR MORTIMER SAID THAT THE PRIMARY OBJECTS OF THIS YEAR'S ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WAS, THEREFORE, TO DISSUADE AND PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH ILLICIT DRUGS, AND TO ENCOURAGE THOSE ALREADY ADDICTED TO COME FORWARD FOR TREATMENT.

TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WAS TO ANNOUNCE THE DETAILS OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EDUCATIONAL VARIETY SHOW, A MAJOR EVENT OF THE CAMPAIGN.

THE SHOW, WHICH WILL BE STAGED AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ON JULY 17, IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (T.V. DIVISION) TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE AND TO EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN, TOLD THE CONFERENCE THAT IN TERMS OF A SINGLE T.V. PRODUCTION, THE SHOW WILL BE +AN UNPRECEDENTED SPECTACLE+, WITH STAGE, LIGHTING, AUDIO AND OTHER TECHNICAL EFFECTS.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HOSTED BY SINGER ROMAN TAM, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ARTISTES AND PERFORMING GROUPS COMPRISING FRANCES YIP, ELIZA CHAN, THE PAN ASIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, CHRIS BABIDA AND HIS ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SHOW'S ARTISTIC CONSULTANT, DR YIP WAI-HONG.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A FLIP-BOARD DISPLAY BY 1 000 CADETS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHOW IS WHEN ALL PERFORMERS APPEAR ON STAGE TO SING THE 1983 ACAN PUBLICITY SONG, +STRIVE FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE+, WITH THE AUDIENCE.

URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR STEPHEN M.L. LAU, SAID AT THE CONFERENCE THAT THE COUNCIL WAS HAPPY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN.

+THIS IS A MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY PROJECT WHICH THE URBAN COUNCIL IS ALWAYS READY TO SUPPORT,+ MR LAU SAID.

+WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF ALL ORGANISING PARTIES CONCERNED, THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE WILL GET THROUGH TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO UNDOUBTEDLY WILL HAVE A MOST ENJOYABLE EVENING.+

HE ADDED THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THE \$140 MILLION HONG KONG COLISEUM, ONE OF ASIA'S LARGEST MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR STADIA, TO BE OF PUBLIC SERVICE ON THIS PARTICULAR OCCASION.

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**\$45-M RECLAMATION CONTRACT SIGNED**

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$45-MILLION CONTRACT TO CHINA HARBOURS ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR A CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECT.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS AFTERNOON BY MR YU KWOK-LEUNG, DEPUTY PROJECT MANAGER OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 10.1 HECTARES OF LAND AT PILLAR POINT AND 1.4 HECTARES TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE TYPHOON SHELTER AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEA WALLS AND A BREAKWATER.

ALSO UNDER THE CONTRACT, A SECTION OF LUNG MUN ROAD BETWEEN BUTTERFLY BEACH AND PILLAR POINT WILL BE WIDENED TO A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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**CLOSURE ORDERS SOUGHT FOR FOUR BUILDINGS**

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (TUESDAY) DECLARED FOUR PRE-WAR BUILDINGS LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS, AND GAVE NOTICE THAT IT WOULD APPLY FOR ORDERS TO CLOSE THEM.

THEY ARE LOCATED AT 27 TSUNG SAU LANE WEST AND 18, 20 AND 22 TSUNG SAU LANE EAST.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THESE THREE-STOREY BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND TIMBER FLOORS HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE SINCE 1979.

AN INSPECTION OF THESE BUILDINGS WAS MADE FOLLOWING A RECENT COLLAPSE OF THE KITCHEN BLOCK OF NO. 25 TSUNG SAU LANE WEST WHICH WAS CLOSED ON JUNE 27, AND WILL BE DEMOLISHED.

THE BUILDINGS WERE IN A DILAPIDATED CONDITION AND WOULD NOT SAFELY WITHSTAND THE DEMOLITION OF NO. 25 TSUNG SAU LANE WEST.

IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS, IT WAS STATED.

ACCORDINGLY NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON AUGUST 9, 1983 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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**RAILWAY DEPOT TO BE BUILT**  
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A \$11.7 MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TODAY BY THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO CHINA CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CORPORATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT WAY DEPOT AT HO TUNG LAU.

THE DEPOT IS FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR LEUNG MIN-SUN, GOVERNMENT ENGINEER OF THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANY.

THE DEPOT WILL CONSIST OF FACILITIES FOR STORAGE OF PERMANENT WAY MATERIAL AND FOR WELDING OF RAILS INTO CONTINUOUS LONG LENGTHS FOR USE IN TRACK MAINTENANCE.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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**JOINT SCHOOL ECONOMICS EXHIBITION**  
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A JOINT SCHOOL ECONOMICS EXHIBITION (CERTIFICATE LEVEL) WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 13 AND 15 AT THE HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AT 1 KA NING PATH, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMICS EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE OPEN FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM ON JULY 13, FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON JULY 14 AND FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM ON JULY 15.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION ON 5-8392496 OR 5-8392500.

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**CALIBRATION TO CAUSE TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS**  
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WHEN VARIOUS APPROACH ROADS TO THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL ARE CLOSED EARLY IN THE MORNINGS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (JULY 14 AND 15) FOR THE CALIBRATION OF THE TUNNEL'S ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.

/FROM 1 AM .....

FROM 1 AM TO 2.30 AM ON JULY 14, THE ELEVATED ROAD LINKING THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED. HOWEVER, TRAFFIC HEADING FOR THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL MAY USE THE WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD TUNNEL APPROACH RAMP.

THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM ISLAND ROAD TO THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 2.30 AM TO 3.15 AM ON JULY 14, DURING WHICH TIME VEHICLES FROM THE SHOUSON HILL AREA SHOULD TRAVEL VIA OCEAN PARK ROAD TO THE TUNNEL.

THE TUNNEL APPROACH ROAD AT WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 AM TO 2 AM ON JULY 15 AND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NAM FUNG ROAD.

THE TUNNEL APPROACH RAMP LEADING FROM WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 2 AM TO 3 AM ON JULY 15, WITH TRAFFIC TO BE DIVERTED VIA STUBBS ROAD.

MAXICAB NO. 4 (ALL NIGHT SERVICE) WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NAM FUNG ROAD, DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD AND STUBBS ROAD.

POLICE AND TUNNEL CONTROL OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SALT WATER MAINS WORK  
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM ON FRIDAY (JULY 15) FOR MAINS WORK.

AFFECTED AREAS ARE HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, MA TAU WAI, KOWLOON CITY, MA TAU KOK, KOWLOON TONG, WANG TAU HOM, WONG TAI SIN, SAN PO KONG, INCLUDING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KAI TAK), LOK FU ESTATE, KOWLOON HOSPITAL, TUNG TAU AND FU SHAN ESTATES.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED  
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON WONG JOY-TIM ON MARCH 25, 1981 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT, AND THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHAN KWAI-TIM ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1981 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO 20 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

WONG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF A 56-YEAR-OLD WOMAN TO SAI-CHEE ON AUGUST 14, 1979.

CHAN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF A 27-YEAR-OLD WOMAN CHAN YUET-WAN IN DECEMBER 1971.

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