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BILL OF RIGHTS FOR HONG KONG

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED, AS THE BASIS FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION, A DRAFT BILL OF RIGHTS FOR HONG KONG, TOGETHER WITH A COMMENTARY EXPLAINING ITS CONTENTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE DRAFT BILL OF RIGHTS SEEKS TO GIVE EFFECT IN LOCAL LAW TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, AS APPLIED TO HONG KONG.

"THE BILL WILL MAKE THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS CONTAINED IN THE COVENANT JUSTICIABLE," HE SAID. "THIS MEANS THAT A PERSON WHOSE RIGHTS UNDER THE BILL HAVE BEEN CONTRAVENED BY ANY LAW OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACT WILL BE ABLE TO SEEK REDRESS IN THE COURTS."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AS APPLIED TO HONG KONG WILL BE ENTRENCHED THROUGH THE SUPREME CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS: THE LETTERS PATENT BEFORE 1997, AND THE BASIC LAW THEREAFTER.

"THUS, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER 1997 THE COVENANT, AS APPLIED TO HONG KONG, WILL BE SUPERIOR TO ALL LAWS ENACTED IN HONG KONG.

"THE BILL OF RIGHTS, AS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE COVENANT, WILL BE THE BENCH MARK BY WHICH ALL LAWS ENACTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE TESTED," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BILL WAS FURTHER EMPHASISED BY THE INCLUSION IN THE TEXT OF AN INTERPRETATION CLAUSE ENJOINING JUDGES, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO CONSTRUE EXISTING AND FUTURE LEGISLATION CONSISTENTLY WITH THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

"ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE PROPOSING THAT, AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE, A CLAUSE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE BILLS MAKING THEM SUBJECT TO THE BILL OF RIGHTS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO PROPOSING A TWO-YEAR "FREEZE" PERIOD AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF THE BILL.

"THE FREEZE WILL ONLY AFFECT EXISTING STATUTORY LEGISLATION AND WILL NOT COVER COMMON LAW OR ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES.

"THESE WILL BE LIABLE TO CHALLENGE UNDER THE BILL FROM ITS COMMENCEMENT.

"ANY NEW LEGISLATION AND AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LEGISLATION ENACTED AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE BILL WILL ALSO BE LIABLE TO CHALLENGE UNDER THE BILL UPON THEIR ENACTMENT.

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"THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE 'FREEZE' PERIOD IS TO ALLOW TIME TO REMOVE ANY UNCERTAINTIES IN EXISTING LEGISLATION," HE SAID.

THERE WILL BE A TWO-MONTH PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD WHICH WILL END ON MAY 16.

"30,000 COPIES OF THE BILINGUAL DRAFT BILL HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND ARE NOW AVAILABLE, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMENTARY EXPLAINING ITS CONTENTS, FREE OF CHARGE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SEND THEIR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BILL TO THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

"AT THE END OF THE CONSULTATION PERIOD, A FINAL BILL WILL BE PREPARED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COMMENTS RECEIVED, FOR RESUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

"WE EXPECT THE BILL TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JULY THIS YEAR," HE ADDED.

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AUDITORS' PROVISIONS IN BANKING LAW TO BE CHANGED  
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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE WORKINGS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE RELATING TO AUDITORS OF AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPLAINING THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE BANKING (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1990, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROVISIONS WOULD APPLY TO BANKS, RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS WOULD PUT IT BEYOND DOUBT THAT ON THE VERY RARE OCCASIONS WHEN AN AUDITOR OF AN AUTHORISED INSTITUTION DISCUSSES HIS CLIENT'S AFFAIRS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING WITHOUT INVOLVING THE INSTITUTION, THE AUDITOR DOES NOT BREACH HIS DUTY OF CONFIDENCE TO HIS CLIENT AND WOULD NOT BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES.

"AN EXAMPLE OF THOSE OCCASIONS WOULD BE WHEN MANAGEMENT FRAUD IS SUSPECTED," HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED WAS IN LINE WITH UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION.

"ANOTHER AMENDMENT REQUIRES CERTAIN NOTIFICATIONS TO BE GIVEN TO THE COMMISSIONER, FOR INSTANCE IN RELATION TO A CHANGE OF AUDITOR OR QUALIFICATION OF AN AUDITOR'S REPORT ON AN INSTITUTION'S PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS.

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"THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO WIDEN THE SCOPE FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST AUDITORS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A MISCELLANY OF TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS MAINLY TO REPEAL OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO UNINCORPORATED BANKS AND TO REMOVE UNCERTAINTIES IS PROPOSED IN THE BILL, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL CAN BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER 2, 24TH FLOOR OR TO OMELCO AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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UK HOME OFFICE UNDER-SECRETARY TO VISIT HK  
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THE BRITISH HOME OFFICE PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, MR PETER LLOYD, WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH HONG KONG.

MR LLOYD, WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY IN THE HOME OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY MATTERS, WILL MEET A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF PEOPLE AND HOLD TALKS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

HE WILL CALL ON THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO; AND THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY. MR LLOYD WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD TSANG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR LAURENCE LEUNG.

MR LLOYD WILL ALSO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF OMELCO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE ARRIVAL OF MR LLOYD SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT 5.40 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). MR LLOYD WILL ARRIVE BY FLIGHT BA 035 (ETA: 6.25 PM).

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HK'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WILL BECOME MORE PRODUCTIVE

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HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WILL BECOME MORE PRODUCTIVE, ALTHOUGH LEANER IN SIZE, IN THE FUTURE THROUGH THE UPGRADING OF ITS MANUFACTURING PROCESSES AND MOVING INTO HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR LEUNG SAID THIS WAS THE ONLY ROUTE HONG KONG COULD TAKE IN THE FACE OF INCREASING COMPETITION FROM LOW-COST ECONOMIES AND DEMAND BY ITS MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS FOR EVER-HIGHER STANDARDS OF PRODUCT QUALITY AND INNOVATION.

ADDRESSING A GATHERING OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, MR LEUNG EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN LOCAL MANUFACTURERS' ABILITY TO UPGRADE THEIR PRODUCTION LINES. MANY ALREADY HAD, RECOGNISING THAT SUCH INVESTMENT COULD REAP SUBSTANTIAL REWARDS, HE NOTED.

HE SAID THIS WAS COMPLEMENTARY TO THE EXPLOITATION OF REGIONAL OUTWARD PROCESSING OPPORTUNITIES IN SO FAR AS THESE REMAINED VIABLE OPTIONS.

"AS THESE OUTWARD PROCESSING OPERATIONS THEMSELVES CONTINUE TO UPGRADE, THERE WILL BE A NEED, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR HONG KONG'S SUPPORTING LINKAGE INDUSTRIES TO BECOME EVEN MORE TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED.

"LIKewise, IN ORDER TO COMPETE AGAINST EMERGING DYNAMIC ECONOMIES, HONG KONG'S OWN MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS WILL NEED TO BECOME MORE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL INTENSIVE AND ACHIEVE EVEN HIGHER QUALITY STANDARDS WORLD-WIDE," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID IN THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING, HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY MORE COST-EFFECTIVE AUTOMATION; A SOUND FRAMEWORK OF QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES; A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND POSSIBLY A SCIENCE PARK; AND THE AVAILABILITY OF MORE TECHNOLOGISTS AND MORE TRAINING IN SKILLS APPLICABLE TO MANUFACTURING.

"SOME OF THESE SUPPORT SERVICES ARE ALREADY TAKING SHAPE," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG ALSO PREDICTED THAT THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING WOULD BE FURTHER ASSISTED BY INCREASING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

OVERSEAS INTERESTS IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES NOW RUN UP TO \$26 BILLION. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND ACCOUNT FOR A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF HONG KONG'S LARGE INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND ITS TOTAL MANUFACTURED EXPORTS.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT ABOUT 600 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS WITH OVERSEAS INVESTMENT, REPRESENTING ABOUT 1.2 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER. YET THEY EMPLOY ABOUT 108,000 WORKERS (12.8 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE) AND ACCOUNT FOR 23.4 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL DOMESTIC MANUFACTURED EXPORTS.

MR LEUNG ALSO EXPECTED HONG KONG WOULD SEE A NEW GENERATION OF MODERN MANUFACTURERS. THEY WOULD OPERATE IN CLEAN, WELL DESIGNED AND WELL SERVICED FACTORIES AND THEIR PRODUCTS WOULD ACHIEVE INCREASING INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR QUALITY.

"OUR 'SWEATSHOP' IMAGE, ALREADY EXAGGERATED, WILL HAVE GONE FOREVER," MR LEUNG SAID.

HE SAID WORLD TRADE WAS EXPECTED TO EXPAND EXPONENTIALLY, PARTICULARLY TRADE IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

"ECONOMIC REALITIES ALSO NECESSITATE THE CONTINUAL EXPANSION OF CHINA'S TRADE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"HONG KONG IS EXPECTED TO PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE ECONOMICALLY BOTH AS A REGIONAL CENTRE AND AS THE GATEWAY TO CHINA," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG ADDED THAT THE TERM "MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY" WAS EVOLVING TO ENCOMPASS MORE OF THE MANUFACTURING TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, QUALITY ASSURANCE, TESTING AND OTHER SKILL-INTENSIVE BACK-UP SERVICES.

"ACTUAL ASSEMBLY-TYPE PRODUCTION IS LIKELY TO DIVERSIFY MORE INTO NEIGHBOURING REGIONS WITH LOWER COSTS, INCLUDING SOUTH CHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

"SO HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP INTO A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR, RATHER THAN A CENTRE OF, MANUFACTURING," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID HE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE MAIN TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO THRIVE IN THE YEARS AHEAD, BUT WERE LIKELY TO ACCOUNT FOR A DECREASING PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL WORKFORCE.

"YET WHAT THEY MAY LOSE IN EMPLOYMENT SIZE, THEY ARE LIKELY TO GAIN IN VALUE-ADDED. AVERAGE FACTORY EMPLOYMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO FALL GRADUALLY AS AUTOMATION BECOMES EVEN MORE COMMON.

"ELECTRONICS WILL PROBABLY BE AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT INDUSTRY SECTOR THAN IT IS NOW. OTHER NEW SECTORS, SUCH AS CHEMICAL PROCESSING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY, MAY WELL EMERGE," HE SAID.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HONG KONG WAS UNIQUELY VULNERABLE TO EVENTS OUTSIDE ITS CONTROL, MR LEUNG STRESSED THAT HONG KONG MUST NOT, HOWEVER, ALLOW OVER-PESSIMISM TO BLIND ITSELF TO DYNAMIC OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD.

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HE SAID THERE WERE CHALLENGES AHEAD, "BUT NOTHING CAN ALTER HONG KONG'S GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC."

ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORITATIVE WORLD COMPETITIVENESS REPORT 1989 PRODUCED BY THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM, HONG KONG REMAINED A FAVOURABLE CHOICE FOR MANY OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

AS THE WORLD'S 11TH LARGEST EXPORTER AND IMPORTER IN 1988, IT IS A VITAL PART OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM. ITS MANY FORMAL AND COMMERCIAL INTERNATIONAL LINKS WILL CONTINUE BEYOND THE 20TH CENTURY, MR LEUNG SAID.

NOTE:

THE FULL TEXT OF MR LEUNG'S SPEECH WILL BE BOXED.

DEVELOPMENT OF CLINICAL GENETIC SERVICE  
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CLINICAL GENETICS IS AN IMPORTANT SPECIALTY IN PREVENTIVE CARE, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF MEDICAL GENETICS, DR LEE, PATRON OF THE SOCIETY, SAID THAT TO SUPPORT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CLINICAL GENETIC SERVICE, A NEW POST OF CONSULTANT IN CLINICAL GENETICS WOULD BE CREATED IN HIS DEPARTMENT.

DR LEE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SOCIETY, THE SERVICE WOULD BE IMPROVED AND DEVELOPED FURTHER TO MEET THE NEED OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE NOTED THAT 1989 HAD BEEN A FRUITFUL YEAR FOR THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF MEDICAL GENETICS.

"SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE SOCIETY IN 1987, THE MEMBERSHIP HAD GROWN STEADILY TO 36," HE SAID.

"THE GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP IS IN PARALLEL WITH THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE BOTH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS."

DR LEE SAID THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE SOCIETY HAD CONTRIBUTED A GREAT DEAL IN IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE IN CLINICAL GENETICS AMONG PROFESSIONALS AS WELL AS PROMOTING UTILISATION OF THE CLINICAL GENETIC SERVICE.

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NT TAXI OPERATORS URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN SURVEY  
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TAXI OPERATORS AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE TAXI TRADE THERE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE SURVEY WOULD HELP THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS CORRECTLY THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF THE TRADE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SURVEY IS AN ANNUAL EXERCISE AND IS CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE SAME PERIOD EVERY YEAR SO THAT A COMPARISON CAN BE MADE WITH PREVIOUS YEARS.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY BE USED FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

THE SURVEY CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS: QUESTIONNAIRE AND METER READING. NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR THE EXERCISE.

OWNERS OF THE SELECTED TAXIS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE ON THEIR OPERATIONS WHICH INCLUDE ITEMS SUCH AS OPERATING FORMAT, INCOME AND FUEL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY APRIL 10.

TAXI OPERATORS ARE ALSO ASKED TO PRESENT THEIR TAXIS TWICE FOR METER READING FROM MARCH 19 TO MARCH 23 AND FROM MARCH 26 TO MARCH 30, BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12.30 PM OR BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM, AT ANY OF THE SIX METER READING CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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RESTAURANT OPERATOR FINED FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS  
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THE OPERATOR OF A ROAST GOOSE AND SEAFOOD RESTAURANT IN SHA TIN WAS FINED \$2,000 TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

IT WAS THE FIRST PROSECUTION INVOLVING THE USE OF INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS IN RESTAURANTS SINCE THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 LAST YEAR.

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THE DEFENDANT, THE POWER LUCK INDUSTRIES LTD, WHICH WAS TRADING AS SUN KEUNG KEE ROASTED GOOSE AND SEAFOOD RESTAURANT IN HOLFORD GARDEN, SHA TIN, ADMITTED THE CHARGE AT THE SHA TIN MAGISTRACY.

THE PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR ANDREW WONG, SAID OF THE 114 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE, FIVE WERE LODGED AGAINST RESTAURANTS.

HE REMINDED RESTAURANT OPERATORS TO ENSURE THAT THEY USED ACCURATE WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT WHEN SUPPLYING GOODS BY WEIGHT OR MEASURE.

"OTHER THAN THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT RESTAURANTS, 78 WERE LODGED AGAINST RETAILERS OF VARIOUS FOOD ITEMS AND THE REMAINDER WERE AGAINST VARIOUS TYPES OF TRADE INCLUDING HAWKERS, DEPARTMENT STORES, SUPERMARKETS AND PETROL STATIONS," HE SAID.

THE COURT HEARD THAT OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, ACTING ON A COMPLAINT, INSPECTED SUN KEUNG KEE ROASTED GOOSE AND SEAFOOD RESTAURANT ON OCTOBER 31 LAST YEAR.

A CHINESE STEELYARD, WHICH WAS USED FOR SELLING SEAFOOD, WAS FOUND TO BE INACCURATE ON A PRELIMINARY CHECK.

THE WEIGHING INSTRUMENT WAS LATER REFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY FOR FURTHER TESTING AND THE RESULT SHOWED THAT THE HIGHEST ERROR IN THE STEELYARD WAS 18.75 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT OF THE GOODS.

ANY PERSON WANTING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SHOULD CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 714 6146) OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE MADE TO DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 852 3185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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TAI PO DB STUDY GROUP LEAVES FOR JAPAN  
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR GROUP LEFT FOR JAPAN THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT.

THE GROUP, LED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG, COMPRISES 10 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS YIU, AND STAFF OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT.

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THE GROUP WILL VISIT FUKUOKA AND NAGASAKI ON KYUSHU TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT THERE.

IN FUKUOKA, THEY WILL CALL ON THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OFFICIALS.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTRE, A SPORTS PARK, A FISH CULTURE CENTRE AND HANDICRAFT FACTORIES.

THEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON TUESDAY (MARCH 20).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR GROUP TAKEN AT THE AIRPORT WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED.

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOOK EXHIBITION OPENS TOMORROW

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A THREE-DAY BOOK EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING AT THE YWCA ANNE BLACK CENTRE, 5 MAN FUK ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD HILL, KOWLOON CITY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOEY LAM; SENIOR DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR CHIU BING-KWAN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' LIAISON COMMITTEE, MADAM HILDA KWAN.

THE EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, IS INTENDED TO INTRODUCE VARIOUS READING MATERIALS TO STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

ABOUT 10,000 BOOKS AND STATIONERY WILL BE ON DISPLAY, AND FOR SALE AT A 10 TO 15 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOOK EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE YWCA ANNE BLACK CENTRE, 5 MAN FUK ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD HILL.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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AMENDMENT TO DRAFT CHEUNG SHA WAN OZP  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT CHEUNG SHA WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE AMENDMENT IS TO REZONE PART OF THE FORMER SHAM SHUI PO CAMP SITE FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)", IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC RENTAL ESTATE AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

THE SITE LIES WEST OF YEN CHOW STREET ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD, AND HAS AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 3.4 HECTARES.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES UNTIL MAY 16:

- THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG;
- THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD BY MAY 16 THIS YEAR.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, OR AT THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED COPY.

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DREDGING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PIER  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT DREDGING AT TATHONG CHANNEL TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATION.

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 312 HECTARES OF SEABED AT MID-TATHONG CHANNEL AND 139 HECTARES OF SEABED AT NORTH TATHONG CHANNEL.

/THE EXTENT .....

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THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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 MAY 15 THIS YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

ALSO, AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC PIER WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 480 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT LEUNG SHUEN WAN, SAI KUNG.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE BERTHING OF BOATS AND POINTS OF ACCESS. THE WORK WILL COMMENCE IN MAY AND WILL BE COMPLETED ABOUT AUGUST THIS YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 1991.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EFFLUENT TUNNEL

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 7.5 KILOMETRE EFFLUENT TUNNEL FROM SHA TIN TO DIAMOND HILL.

THE THREE METRE DRIVEN BORE, CONCRETE LINED TUNNEL IS PART OF THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME WHEREBY TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT FROM TAI PO AND SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE PUMPED THROUGH TO THE HEAD OF KAI TAK NULLAH.

THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE PORTAL EARTHWORKS, AN ACCESS ROAD, DRAINAGE AND TWIN 1.4 METRE DIAMETER RISING MAINS AT SHA TIN; TOGETHER WITH A TERMINAL ACCESS SHAFT WITH FAN CHAMBER AND CONTROL ROOM AT DIAMOND HILL.

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THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS 31 MONTHS.

THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME IS PART OF THE TOLO HARBOUR ACTION PLAN. ITS AIM IS TO REDUCE POLLUTION IN TOLO HARBOUR, ONE MANIFESTATION OF WHICH IS THE FORMATION OF "RED TIDES".

APART FROM REDUCING POLLUTION IN TOLO HARBOUR, THE SCHEME, WHEN COMPLETED TOWARDS THE END OF 1992, WILL, BY VIRTUE OF THE FLUSHING EFFECT OF THE HIGHLY TREATED EFFLUENT, ASSIST IN CLEANING OUT THE KAI TAK NULLAH AND TYPHOON SHELTER DOWNSTREAM.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 27.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST 1 IN GROUP C FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE OR WATER WORKS OR ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST II FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE OR WATER WORKS WILL BE PERMITTED TO TENDER.

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#### CONSTRUCTION OF HILLSIDE ESCALATOR LINK APPROVED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS AUTHORISED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HILLSIDE ESCALATOR LINK BETWEEN CENTRAL AND THE MID-LEVELS TO GIVE RESIDENTS MORE TRANSPORT OPTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO AREAS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE COVERED ESCALATOR LINK, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$100 MILLION, WILL START IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE ESCALATOR LINK WILL COMPRISE TRAVELATORS, ESCALATORS AND FOOTBRIDGES. IT WILL PROVIDE A MORE ATTRACTIVE, CONVENIENT AND PHYSICALLY LESS DEMANDING PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM THE CENTRAL DISTRICT TO CONDUIT ROAD.

THE ESCALATOR SYSTEM WILL START FROM THE EXISTING ELEVATED WALKWAY IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

FROM THE NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF HANG SENG BANK, THE ESCALATOR WILL CROSS DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BY TWO FOOTBRIDGES LEADING TO AN ENCLOSED WALKWAY IN CENTRAL MARKET.

IT THEN CROSSES QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BY A FOOTBRIDGE, AND PROCEEDS UP COCHRANE STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND SHELLEY STREET BY ESCALATOR AND TRAVELATORS.

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THE LINK CONTINUES AT GROUND LEVEL ALONG SHELLEY STREET AND THEN CROSSES THE JUNCTION AT CAINE ROAD BY A FOOTBRIDGE.

FROM SHELLEY STREET, IT CONTINUES ON AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE UP MOSQUE JUNCTION, PEEL STREET, ACROSS ROBINSON ROAD, AND THEN AT GROUND LEVEL UP TO CONDUIT ROAD.

ESCALATORS AND STAIRWAYS CONNECTING THE ELEVATED SECTION OF THE SYSTEM AND THE ADJACENT GROUND LEVEL ROADS WILL BE PROVIDED AT INTERMEDIATE LOCATIONS, SO THAT PEDESTRIANS CAN JOIN OR LEAVE THE ESCALATOR LINK AT CONVENIENT POINTS ALONG THE ROUTE.

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NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY (MARCH 19) TO CATER FOR THE TRAVEL DEMAND AT THE LUNG PING ROAD TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE NEW CIRCULAR ROUTE 32M WILL RUN BETWEEN LUNG PING ROAD TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND SHEK KIP MEI MTR STATION VIA LUNG PING ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET, BERWICK STREET, SHEK KIP MEI STREET, WOH CHAI STREET, WAI CHI STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET AND LUNG PING ROAD.

IT WILL OPERATE AT A FREQUENCY OF 12 TO 15 MINUTES FROM 7 AM TO 10.30 PM DAILY. THE FARE WILL BE \$1.70 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 9 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 18), PART OF THE CARRIAGEWAY AT THE JUNCTION OF NAM CHEONG STREET WITH WOH CHAI STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE OCCUPIED FOR EMERGENCY DRAINAGE REPAIR.

DURING THE WORKS PERIOD WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 24 HOURS, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF THE POLICE IN CASE OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DIVERSION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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