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CS TO OPEN LARGEST HOS PROJECT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL ON THURSDAY (MARCH 21) OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF SIU HONG COURT IN TUEN MUN, THE LARGEST HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECT EVER DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 AM, DURING WHICH SIR PHILIP WILL ALSO PRESENT A SOUVENIR TO THE 40 00TH HOS FLAT OWNER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. A COACH (CZ 4759) TAKING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SIU HONG COURT WILL DEPART FROM THE OPEN AIR CARPARK NEXT TO SILVERCORD TOWER ON CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9.30 AM SHARP ON THURSDAY.

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QUOTA REVIEW IS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE - HO

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THE CURRENT TEXTILES QUOTA REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT CAN BE REGARDED AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE RAPIDLY GROWING PROTECTIONISM IN THE U.S., THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

+THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER ISSUED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT LAST DECEMBER ATTRACTED A DIVERSITY OF COMMENTS FROM MANY PEOPLE IN THE TRADE,+ MR HO TOLD THE ANNUAL SPRING DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO HANDLE THIS MATTER WITH EXTREME CARE AND THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS WILL REFLECT THE OVERRIDING INTEREST OF OUR EXPORT TRADE,+ MR HO SAID.

MR HO ALSO SAID THAT WHILE DEMAND FROM THE EUROPEAN MARKET FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE TO BE SOFT THIS YEAR IN VIEW OF THE STRONG LOCAL DOLLAR, OUR TRADE WITH CHINA WAS FORECAST TO MAINTAIN ITS PHENOMENAL GROWTH IN 1985.

+ALTHOUGH GROWTH OF THE U.S. MARKET WOULD PROBABLY SLOW DOWN IN 1985, MOST ECONOMISTS ARE SAYING THAT THERE WOULD BE A RESPECTABLE REAL GROWTH OF THREE TO FOUR PER CENT. HONG KONG WILL THUS CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM THIS GROWTH,+ HE SAID.

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URBCO TO STEP UP RELATIONSHIPS WITH DB'S  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO PURSUE AN EVEN MORE ACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH ALL 10 URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS NOW THAT THEY ARE TO HAVE THEIR OWN ELECTED CHAIRMEN.

BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS WILL BE STEPPED UP TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNCIL'S HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS ARE MAINTAINED WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AS A WHOLE, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AS INDIVIDUALS.

THIS FIRM POLICY LINE WAS AGREED AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY RATIFIED A RECOMMENDATION TO HOLD EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEWLY ELECTED URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS TO ESTABLISH IF AND HOW COUNCIL SERVICES TO THE DISTRICTS MIGHT BE IMPROVED.

THIS WAS ONE OF THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO TODAY'S MEETING BY THE COUNCIL'S WORKING PARTY ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, CHAIRED BY DR KIM CHAM.

+COUNCILLORS TODAY EXPRESSED A WIDE VARIETY OF VIEWS ON THE ONGOING EVOLUTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE COUNCIL'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN.

+NOW THAT DISTRICT BOARDS WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CHAIRMEN TO REPLACE THE FORMER GOVERNMENT CHAIRMEN, THE COUNCIL IS MORE ANXIOUS THAN EVER TO WORK IN AS MUCH AS IT CAN WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS WITH THE COMMON AIM OF IMPROVING DISTRICT SERVICES AND PROVIDING A BETTER LIFESTYLE FOR ALL.+

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JOINT FORUM TO ASSESS OFFENDERS' NEEDS

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ONE AREA IN THE FIELD OF SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS THAT DESERVES CLOSER SCRUTINY IS THE SCOPE FOR CLOSER CO-OPERATION AMONG VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LIONS CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING, SHE SAID AT PRESENT A PRESIDING JUDGE MIGHT CALL FOR REPORTS ON AN OFFENDER FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES.

THERE MIGHT BE MERIT IN ESTABLISHING A FORUM WHICH WOULD BRING TOGETHER THE SKILLS OF SOCIAL WORKERS, CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PEOPLE FROM OTHER PROFESSIONS TO JOINTLY ASSESS THE NEEDS OF AN OFFENDER, SHE SAID.

+THIS WOULD NOT ONLY AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PRESIDING JUDGE COULD BE ASSURED OF RECEIVING THE BEST ADVICE POSSIBLE ON THE BASIS OF WHICH HE CAN DECIDE ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE TREATMENT,+ SHE ADDED.

MRS DOE NOTED THAT IN RECENT YEARS, IN THE FIELD OF SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS AS IN OTHER WELFARE FIELDS, THERE HAD BEEN A SHIFT IN EMPHASIS FROM RESIDENTIAL CARE AND TRAINING TO MORE +COMMUNITY-BASED+ TREATMENT PROGRAMMES.

SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAD SUCCESSFULLY INTRODUCED A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS SCHEME AS A FURTHER OPTION TO CUSTODIAL SENTENCES, SHE SAID.

IN HONG KONG, THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR SUCH A SCHEME TO BE STARTED HERE, FOLLOWING A PILOT PROJECT OF LIMITED DURATION.

MRS DOE SAID THAT BEFORE SUCH A PILOT SCHEME COULD BE LAUNCHED, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO SEND AN OFFICER ABROAD TO STUDY THE MODUS OPERANDI, ASSESS THE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS AND DECIDE HOW IT COULD BEST BE APPLIED TO MEET OUR NEEDS.

+WE HOPE TO BE IN A POSITION TO DO THIS AS SOON AS RESOURCES PERMIT,+ SHE SAID.

ON THE DEPARTMENT'S USE OF VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS, MRS DOE SAID THAT SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE SCHEME IN 1978, MORE THAN 170 VOLUNTEERS HAD PARTICIPATED.

/+THIS INVOLVEMENT .....

+THIS INVOLVEMENT HAS PROVED TO BE HIGHLY SATISFYING TO BOTH THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE PROBATIONERS,+ SHE SAID.

COMMENTING ON CRITICISM OF THE SOCIAL WORK APPROACH TO THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS AS TOO SOFT AND LENIENT, MRS DOE SAID THERE WOULD PROBABLY NEVER BE A UNANIMITY OF VIEW ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE TREATMENT.

BUT SHE SAID THAT THE SOCIAL WORK APPROACH +IS BY NO MEANS A SOFT OPTION.+ +THE PROBATIONER,+ SHE SAID, +IS STILL SUBJECT TO SUPERVISION AND AUTHORITY, HIS LIBERTY IS CURTAILED AND HE KNOWS THAT IF HE BREACHES HIS PROBATION ORDER, HE IS LIABLE TO MORE SEVERE PUNISHMENT.+

MRS DOE NOTED THAT STATISTICS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS INDICATED THAT THE COURTS TENDED TO MAKE WIDER USE OF THE PROBATION SERVICE.

IN 1981/82, THE DEPARTMENT COMPLETED 8 310 SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORTS ON OFFENDERS, THERE WERE 3 245 PROBATIONERS UNDER SUPERVISION AND 2 231 NEW PROBATION CASES. IN 1984/85, THESE FIGURES HAD INCREASED TO 8 788, 3 468 AND 2 681 RESPECTIVELY.

+THIS UPWARD TREND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE,+ SHE SAID.

MRS DOE SAID THAT THE FIVE RESIDENTIAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT HAD COME UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE IN RECENT YEARS.

TO COPE WITH DEMAND, A NEW BOYS' HOME WAS BROUGHT INTO OPERATION LAST NOVEMBER FOR 60 PROBATIONERS UNDER 14.

+THIS PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED RELIEF,+ SHE SAID, +TO THE CONGESTED TRAINING SECTION OF OUR BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME AND ALLOWS US TO SEPARATE YOUNGER BOYS FROM OLDER ONES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MORE EFFECTIVE TRAINING.

+OUR REMAND CAPACITY HAS PROVED TO BE PARTICULARLY INADEQUATE IN RECENT YEARS,+ SHE SAID. +MAKE-SHIFT ARRANGEMENTS ARE HARDLY SATISFACTORY.+

TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF, THE DEPARTMENT WAS REPOSSESSING THE OLD MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME PREMISES TO OPERATE A TEMPORARY REMAND HOME FOR 36 GIRLS AND 24 BOYS.

+THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL BY OCTOBER THIS YEAR,+ MRS DOE SAID.

IN THE LONGER TERM, THERE WERE PLANS TO BUILD ANOTHER GIRLS' HOME OF 120 PLACES IN TUEN MUN AND TO REPROVISION THE CASTLE PEAK BOYS' HOME AND BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME IN TUEN MUN AND THE PLANNED JUNK BAY NEW TOWN RESPECTIVELY.

HK COMPARES WELL IN LABOUR MATTERS  
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OUR COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN LABOUR MATTERS WAS ONE OF THE BEST POSSIBLE DEFENCES IN THE FACE OF INCREASING PROTECTIONISM AND ALLEGATIONS OF UNFAIR COMPETITION, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING FRATERNITY, HONG KONG HAS TO LIVE UP TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF OTHER MEMBERS IN THE AREA OF LABOUR LEGISLATION,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENINSULA, MR CHEN SAID HONG KONG COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH ITS NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES IN THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS.

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD UP TO NOW APPLIED 49 CONVENTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, 30 IN FULL AND 19 WITH MODIFICATIONS- JAPAN HAD APPLIED 37 AND SINGAPORE 21, WHILE TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ILO.

+ALTHOUGH SIMPLE NUMERICAL COMPARISON IS BY ITSELF PERHAPS NOT SIGNIFICANT, WE CAN NEVERTHELESS ASSURE OUR TRADING PARTNERS THAT OUR EFFORTS IN RECENT YEARS ARE WELL IN LINE WITH OUR POLICY,+ MR CHEN SAID.

THE POLICY, STATED BY THE FORMER GOVERNOR AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1976, WAS THAT HONG KONG SHOULD ACHIEVE A LEVEL OF LABOUR LEGISLATION GOVERNING SAFETY AND HEALTH IN WORK AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AT LEAST BROADLY EQUIVALENT TO THE BEST IN OUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES WHOSE STAGES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS WERE SIMILAR TO OUR OWN, HE SAID.

MR CHEN SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD COME A LONG WAY SINCE THIS POLICY WAS STATED AND, AS MIGHT BE SEEN BY THE COMPARISON ON THE APPLICATION OF ILO CONVENTIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, WE WERE APPROACHING THE TARGET THAT WE HAD SET FOR OURSELVES.

ON LABOUR MATTERS, HONG KONG HAD ALSO APPLIED THE RELEVANT ARTICLES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, HE SAID. THESE COVENANTS AS APPLIED TO HONG KONG WILL REMAIN IN FORCE AFTER 1997, AS STATED IN SECTION XIII OF ANNEX 1 OF THE SINO-BRITISH DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

THESE INCLUDED THE RIGHT TO WORK, THE RIGHT TO THE ENJOYMENT OF JUST AND FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS OF WORK, THE RIGHT TO FORM AND JOIN TRADE UNIONS, AND THE PROTECTION OF WORKING MOTHERS, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PROVIDED VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE TO YOUNG PEOPLE, HELPED JOB-SEEKERS OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT AND ENFORCED THE VARIOUS LEGISLATION WHICH PROTECTED WORKERS, SUCH AS THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE, MR CHEN SAID.

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ORCHESTRA GAINS WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION

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THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA HAS GAINED WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION AS A PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA AND HAS SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING THE SOUND OF MUSIC TO VIRTUALLY EVERY CORNER OF THE TERRITORY, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL MR GERALD FORSGATE SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT AN URBAN COUNCIL RECEPTION TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORCHESTRA, MR FORSGATE SAID THAT WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF ITS POP AND COMMUNITY CONCERTS, THE PHILHARMONIC IS NOW PLAYING FOR LARGER AND MORE APPRECIATIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCES.

+THE 1983-84 SEASON SAW AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 300 PER CENT IN THE PHILHARMONIC'S AUDIENCE OVER THE PREVIOUS SEASON,+ HE NOTED, ADDING THAT SOME 231 000 PEOPLE ATTENDED LAST SEASON'S CONCERTS AND THAT INCOME FROM TICKET SALES ALSO DOUBLED THAT OF THE PREVIOUS SEASON.

NOTING THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS REMAINED THE PHILHARMONIC'S CHIEF SPONSOR SINCE ITS DEBUT AS HONG KONG'S FIRST PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA, MR FORSGATE HOPED THAT THE COUNCIL AND THE ORCHESTRA WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE CLOSER AND STRONGER RELATIONS AND WILL JOIN HANDS IN BRINGING PRIDE AND JOY TO THE LOCAL POPULATION.

HE IS CONFIDENT THE ORCHESTRA WILL BRING MUSIC TO AN EVER-GROWING CIRCLE OF ENTHUSIASTS AS PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO EXPAND THE COMMUNITY CONCERT PROGRAMME.

+SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO STUDENTS,+ HE SAID. +IT IS PLEASING TO NOTE THAT SOME 17 000 STUDENTS ATTENDED THE FREE PHILHARMONIC SCHOOL CONCERTS DURING THE LAST SEASON.+

MR FORSGATE ALSO PRAISED MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA FOR +TAKING ON THE NOBLE CAUSE OF PASSING ON THEIR MUSICAL SKILLS AND TALENTS TO OUR YOUNG BUDDING MUSICIANS+.

+THEY HAVE GENEROUSLY DEVOTED THEIR LEISURE TIME TO TEACHING AT THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, THUS PLAYING A VALUABLE ROLE IN THE TRAINING OF HONG KONG'S YOUNG MUSICIANS,+ HE SAID.

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LATEST REPORT ON LABOUR FORCE SURVEY OUT  
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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1984 IS NOW AVAILABLE.

IT CONTAINS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER.

IT ALSO PROVIDES A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

THE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AT \$7 PER COPY.

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NEW LAB HOLDS FIRST MEETING  
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MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY-APPOINTED LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD HELD THEIR FIRST MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS SEVERAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LABOUR LEGISLATION.

THE PROPOSALS INCLUDED AN AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A LONG SERVICE GRATUITY TO THOSE EMPLOYEES WITH THE REQUIRED QUALIFYING LENGTH OF SERVICE WHOSE CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT WERE TERMINATED FOR REASONS OTHER THAN RESIGNATION OR DISMISSAL FOR CAUSE.

DISMISSALS BY REASON OF REDUNDANCY WERE COVERED BY SEPARATE PROVISIONS ON SEVERANCE PAY.

THE BOARD WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THE IDEA OF THE LONG SERVICE GRATUITY SCHEME, BUT ADVISED THAT IT SHOULD BE DEFERRED FOR DISCUSSION IN THE NEXT MEETING SO AS TO ALLOW MEMBERS MORE TIME TO STUDY THE SCHEME.

THE BOARD ALSO DISCUSSED PROPOSALS TO MAKE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN REGISTRABLE WORKPLACES) REGULATIONS TO REMOVE SOME AMBIGUITIES IN THE WORDING OF EXISTING REGULATIONS.

A PAPER ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE WAS ALSO TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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THESE AMENDMENTS AIMED AT STATING MORE CLEARLY THE INTENTION OF THE LAW REGARDING THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK, I.E. THE PHYSICAL LOSS OF A PART OF THE BODY, THE LOSS OF THE FUNCTION OF A PART OF THE BODY, AND THE LOSS OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL FACULTY SHOULD BE COMPENSATED.

THE BOARD REVIEWED PROGRESS OF SEVERAL PIECES OF PROPOSED LABOUR LEGISLATION AND THE WORK OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LABOUR STANDARDS.

THE BOARD ALSO REVIEWED THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND ADVISED THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CHAIRED BY AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER AND THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO EMPOWER THE COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON EMPLOYMENT MATTERS IN HONG KONG IN GENERAL AND ON THE VARIOUS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN PARTICULAR.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, AND WAS ATTENDED BY FIVE EMPLOYERS' AND SIX EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES.

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4 120 HOS FLATS TO BE SOLD EQUALLY  
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THE 4 120 FLATS AT FOUR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME PROJECTS NOW BEING OFFERED FOR SALE UNDER PHASE VIIB OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME WILL BE SOLD TO GREEN FORM AND WHITE FORM APPLICANTS AT A RATIO OF 50 : 50, AS IN PREVIOUS SALES EXERCISES.

HOWEVER, 75 PER CENT OF THE 2 600 FLATS AT HOLFORD GARDENS IN SHA TIN, SUN LAI GARDEN IN NGAU CHI WAN AND GREENWOOD TERRACE IN CHAI WAN WOULD BE SOLD TO GREEN FORM APPLICANTS.

+THIS IS TO ENCOURAGE MORE BETTER-OFF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS TO PURCHASE FLATS AT MORE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS AND TO MOVE OUT OF THEIR LOW-RENT UNITS, THUS MAKING WAY FOR FAMILIES IN GREATER NEED OF SUBSIDISED HOMES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID TODAY.

UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, A MAXIMUM OF 1 950 FLATS AT HOLFORD GARDENS, SUN LAI GARDEN AND GREENWOOD TERRACE, TOGETHER WITH 110 OUT OF 1 520 FLATS AT PRIME VIEW GARDEN IN TUEN MUN, WILL BE OFFERED TO GREEN FORM APPLICANTS.

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+TENANTS OF MARK I/II ESTATES WILL BE GIVEN HIGHER PRIORITY OVER OTHER GREEN FORM APPLICANTS IN CHOOSING THE FLATS.

+THEREAFTER FLAT SELECTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF THREE GREEN FORM APPLICANTS ALTERNATING WITH ONE WHITE FORM APPLICANTS UNTIL THE QUOTA ALLOCATION FOR GREEN FORM APPLICANTS IS FILLED,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED PROSPECTIVE HOME-PURCHASERS THAT SAMPLE FLATS WERE CURRENTLY OPEN ON SITE FROM 12 NOON TO 5.30 PM DURING WEEKDAYS AND FROM 10.30 AM TO 5.30 PM ON COMING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

+BUT FOR PRIME VIEW GARDEN, SAMPLE FLATS ON SITE WILL ONLY BE OPEN ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 5.30 PM, WHILST MOCK UP FLATS ARE OPEN DAILY ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OI MAN COMMERCIAL CENTRE FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM.

+ASPIRING HOME-OWNERS CAN ALSO SEE FOR THEMSELVES DETAILS OF THE FOUR PROJECTS AT EXHIBITIONS AT THE MTR TSUEN WAN STATION AND NORTH POINT ESTATE, AS WELL AS TWO OTHERS AT YAU OI COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND BUTTERFLY COMMERCIAL CENTRE FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).+

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY (MARCH 25), AND A BALLOT WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

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JOINT RECITAL TO MARK YOUTH YEAR

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A JOINT RECITAL WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

THE RECITAL WILL BE PERFORMED BY A CLARINETTIST AND RECORDIST, MR HARRY WONG AND A TENOR, MR DAVID LUI AT 8 PM THIS THURSDAY (MARCH 21) AT THE RECITAL HALL, CITY HALL, 9/F, HIGH BLOCK.

MR WONG IS THE INSTRUCTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S OPERATIC CLASS IN HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND MR LUI IS A CONDUCTOR OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE TELEPHONE 5-283257.

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EXHIBITION EXTENDED TO MEET PUBLIC DEMAND

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AS PUBLIC RESPONSE FOR ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE EXHIBITION AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ON MARCH 23 - 24 HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING, THE OBSERVATORY HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE EXHIBITION TO MARCH 25.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23 BETWEEN 11.30 AM AND 5.30 PM, ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM AND MONDAY, MARCH 25 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID THAT ALL REQUESTS RECEIVED AT THE OBSERVATORY ON OR PRIOR TO MARCH 19 WOULD BE MET. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, NO NEW REQUESTS COULD BE ENTERTAINED, HE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION MARKS THE OPENING OF +WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY+, WHICH THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL BE CELEBRATING ON MARCH 23, TOGETHER WITH METEOROLOGICAL BODIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

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ROAD CLOSURES

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ONE ROAD IN KOWLOON AND TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY (MARCH 22) FOR ROAD WORKS.

IN KOWLOON, THE SLIP ROAD LINKING THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.45 AM FROM MARCH 22 TO 29.

DURING THE CLOSURE, KMB NO 59S HEADING FOR MONG KOK WILL PROCEED VIA KWAI CHUNG ROAD, LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

MOTORISTS ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD HEADING FOR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG LAI STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WESTBOUND.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE NORTHBOUND ENTRANCE OF THE SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN HO KA YUEN AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD IN FANLING WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 22 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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TRAFFIC HEADING FOR HO KA YUEN WILL HAVE TO DIVERT VIA THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT.

KMB ROUTES 69, 70 AND 73 WILL NOT STOP ON THIS SERVICE ROAD BUT WILL STOP AT THE BUS STOP WEST OF THE WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT.

ALSO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD OUTSIDE SHA TIN RACECOURSE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 5 AM ON MARCH 22.

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NOTE TO TV NEWS EDITORS:

PLEASE BROADCAST THE ABOVE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YOUR MORNING TRAFFIC BULLETINS.

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CLEARWAY HOURS TO BE REVISED  
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CLEARWAY HOURS AT THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD FROM 43 METRES EAST TO 50 METRES WEST OF PAN HOI STREET IN QUARRY BAY WILL BE REVISED FROM 7 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 22), FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF SLOPE WORK.

THE NEW CLEARWAY HOURS WILL BE 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY, DURING WHICH NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION.

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR POLICE STATIONS

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY POLICE STATION AND THE NORTH POINT POLICE STATION.

WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY POLICE STATION INCLUDE RE-ALLOCATION OF OFFICES, IMPROVEMENT TO THE REPORT ROOM, THE OFFICERS' MESS, CANTEEN AND KITCHEN FACILITIES CONVERSION OF THE ADJACENT INSPECTORATE QUARTERS BLOCK INTO BARRACKS, PROVISION OF THREE COVERED CARPARKS, DEMOLITION OF A GARAGE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY BLOCK TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND STORAGE SPACE.

AT THE NORTH POINT POLICE STATION, THE WORK WILL MAINLY BE CONVERSION OF OFFICES, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CANTEEN AND KITCHEN FACILITIES.

WORK ON THE TWO STATIONS IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1986.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. THE DEADLINE IS 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12.

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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TAPS OFF IN WAN CHAI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 22) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY GLOUCESTER ROAD, STEWART ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD AND MARSH ROAD.

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