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PASSAGE OF NATIONALITY BILL WELCOMED

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A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) WELCOMED THE PASSAGE OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) BILL THROUGH ITS REPORT STAGE AND THIRD READING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

COMMENTING ON THE TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL, HE SAID THE ONE WHICH STIPULATED THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DISCHARGE OF HIS FUNCTIONS UNDER THE ACT WOULD PROVIDE FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE WHOLE SCHEME.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THIS AMENDMENT," HE SAID.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT RELATED TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO BE RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR REGISTRATION AS BRITISH CITIZENS IN A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME AND WAS MAINLY PROCEDURAL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS AMENDMENT AIMS AT CLARIFYING A PREVIOUS SUB-CLAUSE IN THE BILL AND RESULTS IN NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE," HE SAID.

"THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE BILL TO BE REFERRED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS, WHERE IT WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ITS FIRST AND SECOND READINGS, COMMITTEE STAGE, REPORT STAGE, AND THIRD READING.

"WE ARE STILL AIMING TO OBTAIN ROYAL ASSENT TO THE BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT RISES FOR THE SUMMER RECESS," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE MAIN LEGISLATION, THE TERMS OF THE SELECTION SCHEME FOR THE GRANT OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP WOULD BE SET OUT IN AN ORDER IN COUNCIL. THE ORDER IN COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY A RESOLUTION OF EACH HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT.

"WE HOPE THIS CAN BE DONE IN OCTOBER, AND THAT WE CAN START INVITING APPLICATIONS UNDER THE SCHEME SHORTLY AFTERWARDS," HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD TSANG, WILL MEET THE MEDIA THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE LATEST POSITION OF THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE. THE SESSION WILL BE HELD IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL. IT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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FEB-APR UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED STABLE DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY - APRIL 1990, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL 1990 WAS 1.8 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.3 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1990 AND 1.5 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASES OF 0.5 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND 0.3 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN FEBRUARY - APRIL 1990 WAS ESTIMATED AT 48,700, COMPARED WITH 36,800 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1990 AND 40,500 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1989.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SIGNS THAT THE LABOUR MARKET MIGHT HAVE EASED OFF MARGINALLY, THERE WAS STILL NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT A TREND HAS EMERGED.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH - MAY 1990, WHICH PROVIDES AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION, WAS 1.6 PER CENT. THIS COMPARES WITH 1.5 PER CENT FOR BOTH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1990 AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1989.

THE INCREASES OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE RESPECTIVE PERIODS ARE LIKELY TO BE STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL 1990 WAS 0.7 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.9 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1990 AND 0.8 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASES OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN FEBRUARY - APRIL 1990 WAS 20,300, COMPARED WITH 24,800 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1990 AND 22,200 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1989.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

/COMMENTING ON .....

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH - MAY 1990 WAS 1.6 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.0 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL 1990 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,500 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND JUNE 30 AT \$11.50 PER COPY.

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PMG OUTLINES MEASURES TO COPE WITH GROWTH IN MAIL TRAFFIC

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THE POST OFFICE, FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S SPIRIT OF CONSTRAINT ON RESOURCES, HAS INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO COPE WITH THE INCREASE IN MAIL TRAFFIC WHILE MAINTAINING EFFICIENT POSTAL SERVICES, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING THE 1990 ASIAN DIRECT MARKETING SYMPOSIUM, MR WONG POINTED OUT THAT MAIL TRAFFIC IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN INCREASING AT THE CONSISTENTLY HIGH RATE OF OVER 10 PER CENT PER YEAR COMPOUND IN RECENT YEARS, AND THIS WAS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

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"THIS RAPID GROWTH HAS COME FROM THE DIRECT MAIL SECTOR AND THE INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES. LAST YEAR WE HANDLED OVER 830 MILLION MAIL ITEMS, OR 2.3 MILLION ITEMS A DAY," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE REVENUE, HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE MANPOWER SITUATION.

"INCREASED TRAFFIC REQUIRES EXTRA STAFF TO PROCESS AND DELIVER THE MAIL. BUT THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE IS A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, AND WE FOLLOW THE GOVERNMENT'S SPIRIT OF CONSTRAINT ON RESOURCES," HE SAID.

MR WONG EXPLAINED HOW THE POST OFFICE HANDLED THE TRAFFIC INCREASE AND MAINTAINED EFFICIENT POSTAL SERVICES. HE POINTED OUT THAT, FIRSTLY, THE POST OFFICE RECOGNISED THE NEED FOR INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVED EFFICIENCY, AND IT THEREFORE EXERCISED STRICT SUPERVISION AND MONITORED STAFF PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY.

"SECONDLY, WE HAVE RECENTLY STREAMLINED OUR DELIVERY POLICY SO THAT THE MAINLY RESIDENTIAL AREAS RECEIVE ONE MAIL DELIVERY EACH DAY WHILE THE COMMERCIAL AREAS RECEIVE TWO MAIL DELIVERIES EACH DAY.

"THIRDLY, WE EMPLOY TEMPORARY STAFF FOR SIMPLE MAIL PROCESSING AND RE-DEPLOY PERMANENT STAFF TO THE PRIORITY TASK OF DELIVERING LETTER MAIL.

"FOURTHLY, WE RELY ON MECHANISATION AND AUTOMATION AS FAR AS POSSIBLE," HE SAID, ADDING THAT EARLY NEXT MONTH THE POST OFFICE WOULD COMMISSION A NEW MECHANISED LETTER SORTING SYSTEM COSTING \$120 MILLION.

MR WONG SAID THE SORTING SYSTEM WOULD BE THE FIRST IN THE WORLD TO USE MODERN OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION AND VIDEO CODING TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT POST CODES.

"EACH MACHINE CAN PROCESS 30,000 ITEMS PER HOUR, AND IS IDEALLY SUITABLE FOR PROCESSING BULK POSTINGS BY DIRECT MARKETERS," HE SAID.

MR WONG POINTED OUT THAT IN ORDER TO REAP THE FULL BENEFITS OF THIS NEW SORTING EQUIPMENT, FULL CO-OPERATION FROM THE DIRECT MARKETERS IN ADDRESSING AND MAKING UP MAIL PROPERLY WAS NEEDED.

HE REFERRED TO SOME COMMON FAILURES OF BULK POSTERS WHICH RESULTED IN ONLY 67 PER CENT OF TYPEWRITTEN MAIL ITEMS BEING ABLE TO BE READ DURING THE TRIAL PERIOD.

HE SAID HE HAD DISTRIBUTED A BOOKLET GIVING GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT.

MR WONG ALSO APPEALED TO THE MARKETERS TO USE THE "POSTPAK" ITEMS WHICH WERE GOOD QUALITY ENVELOPES AND CARTONS, IN DIFFERENT SIZES, FOR SENDING ITEMS BY POST. THEY WERE IDEAL FOR DESPATCHING PROMOTIONAL ITEMS, HE SAID.

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TURNING TO A QUESTION RAISED ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING A LOWER POSTAGE RATE FOR BULK MAILERS IN HONG KONG WITH A SLOWER DELIVERY SERVICE SIMILAR TO THE THIRD CLASS MAIL SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES, MR WONG EXPLAINED THAT A PRE-CONDITION FOR THIS PROPOSITION WAS UNOCCUPIED TIME IN THE SORTING OFFICE SO THAT STAFF COULD HANDLE THIRD CLASS ITEMS WHEN THEY WERE FREE.

HE SAID THE SITUATION IN THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE WAS DIFFERENT AS THE MANPOWER SITUATION WAS TIGHT AND THE STAFF WERE ALREADY FULLY OCCUPIED, AND HE WAS THEREFORE NOT IN A POSITION TO OFFER A CHEAPER SERVICE TO BULK MAILERS.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG ALREADY HAD BULK SURFACE MAIL, AND A DISCOUNTED RATE WAS OFFERED FOR NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS AND BOOKS.

"WE FOLLOW THE SPIRIT AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION ON THIS MATTER, AND NO DISCOUNT IS AVAILABLE FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL PRINTED PAPERS," HE SAID.

MR WONG ADDED THAT THE POST OFFICE ALSO OFFERED A BULK AIRMAIL SERVICE AT A CHEAPER RATE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COST OF CONVEYANCE HE COULD NOT OFFER AN EVEN CHEAPER RATE FOR NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS AND BOOKS.

NOTING THAT DIRECT MARKETERS WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT CUSTOMERS OF THE POST OFFICE, MR WONG SAID THAT HE REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN MEETING THEIR NEEDS.

"WE WILL TRY TO RESPOND IN AS POSITIVE AND FLEXIBLE A MANNER AS POSSIBLE. IT IS OUR OBJECTIVE TO GROW AND EXPAND WITH THE DIRECT MARKETING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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PROVISIONAL LEGCO ELECTORAL ROLL TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW

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THE PROVISIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLL TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) CARRIES 59,004 NAMES, SHOWING A MINOR INCREASE OF 317 ENTRIES FROM THE 1989 REGISTER.

THERE ARE 525 NEW ENTRIES, OFFSET BY A REDUCTION OF 208 VOTERS DUE TO DEATH AND CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS.

THERE IS LITTLE CHANGE IN THE POTENTIAL ELECTORATE AND THE REGISTRATION RATE SHOWS A MINOR IMPROVEMENT FROM 55.9 PER CENT TO 56.5 PER CENT.

/THE PROVISIONAL .....

THE PROVISIONAL ELECTORAL ROLL IS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION UP TO JULY 2 AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE AT HARBOUR CENTRE, WAN CHAI AND AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S DISTRICT OFFICES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN, YAU TSIM, KWUN TONG, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN.

ELIGIBLE PERSONS MAY ALSO SEND IN APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION ON SPECIFIED FORMS DURING THE SAME PERIOD ENDING JULY 2 FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REGISTER TO BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY AUGUST.

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GOVT TO PRINT LAWS IN LOOSE-LEAF FORM  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BEGIN PUBLISHING BILINGUAL LAWS IN LOOSE-LEAF FORM BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR TO REPLACE THE PRESENT EDITION OF LAWS OF HONG KONG.

IN THE MEANTIME THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN THE PROGRAMME TO STORE THE ENTIRE CHINESE AND ENGLISH TEXTS OF THE LAWS INTO A COMPUTER DATABASE IN ORDER TO SPEED UP RESEARCH WORK IN THE FUTURE.

A NEW FORMAT FOR PUBLISHING THE LAWS OF HONG KONG BECOMES NECESSARY FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME TO ENACT LAWS IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH FROM APRIL 1989. THE LOOSE LEAVES WILL ACCOMMODATE BOTH TEXTS ON THE SAME PAGE, PROVIDING EASY REFERENCE FOR USERS.

LAWS IN THE NEW FORMAT CAN ALSO BE UPDATED MORE QUICKLY AS REPLACEMENT PAGES CAN BE INSERTED CONVENIENTLY.

AT PRESENT THE LAWS OF HONG KONG ARE PUBLISHED BOTH IN THE GAZETTE AND IN A CONSOLIDATED EDITION. EACH YEAR AROUND JULY BOOKLETS OF NEW AND CONSOLIDATED LEGISLATION TOGETHER WITH A VOLUME OF UNCONSOLIDATED MINOR AMENDMENTS ARE PUBLISHED, BRINGING THE LAWS UP TO DATE AS ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

TO HELP USERS RECORD CHANGES SINCE DECEMBER 31, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES REGULARLY AMENDMENT SLIPS, CALLED NOTER-UP ISSUES, WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO BE CUT UP AND PASTED INTO THE BOOKLETS.

THE CUT AND PASTE NOTER-UP SYSTEM IS LABOUR-INTENSIVE, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO KEEP THE LAWS OF HONG KONG FULLY UP TO DATE.

THE FIRST VOLUMES OF THE LOOSE-LEAF EDITION ARE EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED BEFORE THE END OF 1991. THE WHOLE EDITION WOULD BE PUBLISHED OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD.

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DURING THIS THREE-YEAR PHASE IN PERIOD, THE NOTER-UP SERVICE WOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR THOSE LAWS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED IN LOOSE-LEAF FORM.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT REPLACEMENT OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG IN THE NEW LOOSE-LEAF FORMAT WILL COST ABOUT \$31 MILLION OVER THREE YEARS.

THIS COMPARES WITH THE COST OF ABOUT \$26 MILLION WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN NECESSARY IN ANY CASE TO REPRINT THE LAWS OF HONG KONG IN BILINGUAL FORM IF THE PRESENT SYSTEM IS MAINTAINED. THE BULK OF THE COST IS IN THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT PRINTER'S LABOUR COSTS WHICH WILL BE ABSORBED.

ONCE THE ENTIRE SET OF LAWS HAS BEEN REPRINTED, FUTURE PRODUCTION COSTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FAR LOWER WITH THE NEW FORMAT. MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR THE LOOSE-LEAF EDITION WILL ALSO BE MUCH LOWER.

A BILL ENABLING THE PUBLICATION OF THE LOOSE-LEAF LAWS WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 27 THIS YEAR.

ON THE PROGRAMME TO STORE LAWS IN A COMPUTER DATABASE, THE LAW DRAFTING DIVISION OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR COMPLETED INPUTTING MORE THAN 300 OF THE 500-PLUS MAIN ORDINANCES.

THE BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCES WILL BE ON THE COMPUTER BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. A START HAS ALSO BEEN MADE TO INPUT CHINESE TEXTS OF THE LAWS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO MORE YEARS TO COMPLETE INPUTTING ALL THE SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION INTO THE COMPUTER.

THE SYSTEM ENABLES COUNSEL TO EXTRACT REFERENCES FROM THE LAWS THROUGH THE COMPUTER'S QUICK SEARCH FACILITIES INSTEAD OF HAVING TO DO IT MANUALLY AS AT PRESENT.

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GOVERNOR VISITS CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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EDUCATION IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO REHABILITATE YOUNG OFFENDERS: THIS IS BORNE OUT BY THE FACT THAT INMATES PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS HAVE ATTAINED REMARKABLE RESULTS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WAS TOLD TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO PRISONERS DURING VISITS TO THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND PIK UK PRISON.

/THE COMMISSIONER .....

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, WHO ACCOMPANIED THE GOVERNOR ON HIS VISIT, TOLD SIR DAVID THAT MORE THAN 1,400 INMATES HAD TAKEN PART IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS SINCE 1979.

THEY HAD A PASS RATE OF 85 PER CENT. OVER 500 INMATES ACHIEVED DISTINCTIONS AND ABOUT 200 OBTAINED CREDITS.

AT THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, THE GOVERNOR LEARNED THAT YOUNG PRISONERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND HALF-DAY SCHOOL AND HALF-DAY VOCATIONAL TRAINING AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION PROGRAMME.

THE INMATES ARE PLACED IN EDUCATION CLASSES RELATIVE TO THEIR PREVIOUS ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT. VOCATIONAL CLASSES PROVIDED FOR THEM ARE GEARED TO BOTH TRAINING AND ACTUAL WORKING SKILLS IN CARPENTRY, TAILORING, LAUNDRY, RADIO AND TELEVISION REPAIRS, ELECTRONICS AND BOOK-BINDING.

DURING HIS TOUR OF PIK UK PRISON, SIR DAVID WATCHED THE OPERATION OF THE INSTITUTION'S LAUNDRY, WHICH IS THE LARGEST IN EAST ASIA AND HAS A MAXIMUM OUTPUT OF 16,000 KILOGRAMS PER DAY.

ALL PRISONERS IN THE MEDIUM SECURITY PRISON ARE ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF HIGH PRODUCTIVE TRADES AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES SUCH AS ROAD BUILDING, GRASS CUTTING, AND CLEANING BEACHES AND PICNIC AREAS.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO NOTED THAT EVENING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, WHICH ARE ATTENDED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, ARE CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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AUSTRALIAN MINISTER VISITS CSD  
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THE MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA, MR MICHAEL YABSLEY, TODAY (THURSDAY) STARTED A TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

HE FIRST CALLED ON THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, THIS MORNING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS. THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON PRISON MANAGEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR INMATES.

MR YABSLEY THEN WENT TO HEI LING CHAU DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE AND LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TREATMENT AND YOUNG OFFENDER PROGRAMMES.

HE WILL VISIT PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, PIK UK PRISON, TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN, TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE TOMORROW.

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LADY WILSON TOURS KOWLOON SCHOOLS

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LADY WILSON SPENT THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING VISITING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT TWO SCHOOLS IN KOWLOON.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS), MRS ALICE CHENG, LADY WILSON FIRST WENT TO SKH KEI HIN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NGAU TAU KOK WHICH HAS SUCCESSFULLY ADOPTED AN ACTIVITY APPROACH SINCE 1972.

DURING A TOUR OF THE CLASSROOMS, LADY WILSON TALKED TO THE CHILDREN. SHE WAS TOLD THAT THE STUDENTS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO THEIR STUDIES.

LADY WILSON LATER VISITED THE GOOD HOPE SCHOOL AT CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WHERE SHE SAW STUDENTS BEING TAUGHT VARIOUS SUBJECTS AND WATCHED THE SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA GROUP PRACTISING.

THE SCHOOL HAS 1,232 STUDENTS IN 36 CLASSES, AND HAS 60 CLUBS COMPRISING ACADEMIC, INTEREST AND SPORTS GROUPS.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO HIRE DISABLED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, TODAY (THURSDAY) CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO HIRE DISABLED PEOPLE.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE WHEN HE VISITED A NINE-MEMBER MOBILE CLEANSING TEAM CURRENTLY EMPLOYED TO WORK AT A KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL BUILDING.

THE TEAM IS A MODEL OF THE SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SCHEME BEING EXPERIMENTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT UNIT, WHICH WAS SET UP LAST NOVEMBER.

"THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT WIDENING THE SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE," MR CARTLAND SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE TEAM HAD SO FAR RECEIVED FIVE REGULAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS AFTER ATTENDING A SIX-MONTH TRAINING COURSE ON CLEANSING SERVICE AT THE KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED.

"THE MEMBERS STARTED TAKING UP WORK LAST MONTH, DURING WHICH THEY HAD EARNED A TOTAL OF \$10,400," HE SAID.

IN VIEW OF FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS, ANOTHER CLEANSING TEAM WAS BEING PLANNED, MR CARTLAND SAID.

DURING THE VISIT, MR CARTLAND ALSO PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO FIVE EMPLOYERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SUPPORT TO THE MOBILE CLEANSING TEAM.

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ANTI-II OPERATION IN TO KWA WAN, HUNG HOM  
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IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATORS CONDUCTED A LARGE-SCALE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT OPERATION IN TO KWA WAN AND HUNG HOM AREAS YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

IDENTITY CHECKS WERE MADE ON MORE THAN 180 PERSONS AT 42 PLACES.

DURING THE OPERATION, NINE OVERSTAYERS AND ONE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT FROM CHINA WERE APPREHENDED.

THE NINE OVERSTAYERS - TWO MEN AGED 20 AND 29, AND SEVEN WOMEN AGED BETWEEN 18 TO 61 - ARE NATIVES OF FUKIEN. THEY ARE TWO-WAY PERMIT HOLDERS AND HAVE OVERSTAYED FOR TWO TO NINE MONTHS IN HONG KONG.

THE FEMALE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT, AGED 28, IS A NATIVE OF HAI FUNG AND CLAIMED TO HAVE SNEAKED INTO HONG KONG IN AUGUST 87. HER HUSBAND, A HONG KONG RESIDENT, IS ASSISTING WITH INVESTIGATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT REITERATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

HE STRESSED THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BREACHED THEIR CONDITION OF STAY HERE ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5,000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET THESE PEOPLE TO COMMIT THE OFFENCE ARE ALSO LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND PENALTY.

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MOBILE EXHIBITION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN TUEN MUN  
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THE FIRST MOBILE EXHIBITION ON MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE BUILDING IN SAN CHING ROAD.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EXHIBITION WILL COVER PROJECTS CO-ORDINATED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S WORKS SECTION TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNAL FACILITIES IN THE PAST YEAR.

"THERE WILL BE 15 PANELS DISPLAYING COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE SITES WHERE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE," A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND AT THE SAME TIME ENHANCING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE," HE SAID.

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THE MOBILE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT SIX LOCATIONS. THE VENUES AND DATES ARE:

TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE	JUNE 15 - 25
TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES	JUNE 26 - JULY 13
TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL	JULY 16 - 20
ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE	JULY 23 - 27
SHAN KING COMMUNITY HALL	JULY 30 - AUGUST 3
BUTTERFLY BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE	AUGUST 6 - 10

IT WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS EXHIBITION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 10 AM IN THE RURAL COMMITTEE'S HALL, GROUND FLOOR, RURAL COMMITTEE BUILDING, SAN CHING ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS  
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL STUDY VARIOUS TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE UPGRADING A SECTION OF PO LO CHE ROAD BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND PO LO CHE INTO A TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, COMPLETE WITH FOOTPATHS, PARKING SPACES AND LAY-BYS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPLORE WAYS TO ENSURE ROAD SAFETY AT A SHARP BEND NEAR THE BRUNA CELESTE HOME FOR THE AGED IN CLEARWATER BAY ROAD.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF FIVE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF 18 BUS STOP SHELTERS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS OF MARINE DEPT OFFICES

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SEVERAL OFFICES OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE GENERAL HOLIDAYS FROM SATURDAY (JUNE 16) TO MONDAY (JUNE 18).

THEY ARE:

- \* THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL (CENTRAL) WHICH WILL REMAIN OPEN CONTINUOUSLY;
- \* THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL (TSIM SHA TSUI) WHICH WILL BE OPEN AS NORMAL FROM 6 AM TO 10 PM DAILY;
- \* THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS AT WAN CHAI, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN, WESTERN DISTRICT, RAMBLER CHANNEL, CHAI WAN, SHAM SHUI PO, SHEUNG WAN, CHA KWO LING AND THE PUBLIC WATERFRONTS AT YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON BAY AND TUEN MUN, WHICH WILL BE OPEN FOR NORMAL OPERATION FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM;
- \* THE VESSEL TRAFFIC CENTRE WHICH WILL REMAIN OPEN CONTINUOUSLY;
- \* THE VICTORIA MARINE OFFICE AT ROOM 314, THIRD FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 17) FOR ENTRY AND OUTWARD CLEARANCE ONLY; AND
- \* THE PORT FORMALITIES AND DANGEROUS GOODS OFFICE AT ROOM 318, THIRD FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 17).

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICE

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN ON SATURDAY (JUNE 16), WHICH IS THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, AND MONDAY (JUNE 18), THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND THE SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, THE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE, THE YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC IN KOWLOON; AND THE SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND THE YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT BIWEEKLY INTERVALS DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION. THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.

GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

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THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "4" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS. SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 31.5.90)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 14.6.90)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	3	3
CHUNG HOM KOK	2	2
DEEP WATER BAY	1	1
HAIRPIN	3	3
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	3	3
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	2	1
TURTLE COVE	2	2
STANLEY MAIN	2	2
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1

## TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	2	2
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	2	2
BUTTERFLY	2	2

## ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	2	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	2	2
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	1	1
TONG FUK	1	1
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	2	2
SILVERMINE BAY	4	3
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	1	1
TUNG O*	2	2

## SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	2	2
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	1	1
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	2	2
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	3	3

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ANGLERS'	2	2
APPROACH	2	2
CASAM	2	2
GEMINI	2	2
HOI MEI WAN	2	2
LIDO	2	2
TING KAU	3	3
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	1	1

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.  
\* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

ST STEPHEN'S, FROM "2" TO "1".

THE CHANGE IS WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THE BEACH.

SILVERMINE BAY, FROM "4" TO "3".

SILVERMINE BAY BEACH IS UPGRADED ON THIS OCCASION, AS THE WATER QUALITY HAS IMPROVED FOLLOWING ABATEMENT OF THE SEWAGE POLLUTION WHICH WAS A MAJOR FACTOR GIVING RISE TO THE ORIGINAL "POOR" GRADING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR PAUL HOLMES, THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF THE EPD, ON TEL. 835 1234.

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ACTION ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN TUNG CHOI STREET

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN TUNG CHOI STREET, KOWLOON, SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IS LOCATED ON THE ROOF OVER THE NINTH FLOOR OF TUNG KOK BUILDING, 37 TUNG CHOI STREET.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON AUGUST 16 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE TODAY (THURSDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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ID CARD REMINDER FOR MEN BORN IN 1918-22

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 AND 1922 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE JUNE 30.

"TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH, MEN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO REPLACE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE HONG KONG AND WEST KOWLOON NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS. OTHER ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI  
TEL. NO. 574 7070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,  
NGAU TAU KOK  
TEL. NO. 755 3669

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI  
TEL. NO. 723 2424

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TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET  
TEL. NO. 498 0117

SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,  
11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET  
TEL. NO. 605 9108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 477 1543

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN  
TEL. NO. 458 0646

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI  
TEL. NO. 672 7191

THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY  
DIALLING 824 0303 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS TO BRING  
ALONG.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR  
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE  
SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 16) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY TO  
FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT YIP SHING STREET.

DURING THE PERIOD OF WATER SUSPENSION, WEAK WATER PRESSURE WILL  
OCCUR IN CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY WO YI HOP ROAD, LEI MUK ROAD,  
CHUN PIN STREET AND TA CHUEN PING STREET, INCLUDING SHEK KIN STREET  
AND LAM TIN STREET.

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TEMPORARY PARTIAL LANE CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS OF TAI LAM BRIDGE, THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES OF BOTH CARRIAGEWAYS OF TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR SIU LAM INTERCHANGE WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED IN TURN DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

- \* FROM SUNDAY (JUNE 17) TO JULY 21, TRAFFIC LANES OF THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY.
- \* FROM SUNDAY (JUNE 17) TO SEPTEMBER 20, TRAFFIC LANES OF THE TUEN MUN-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 16), THE SECTION OF TAT CHEE AVENUE, IN SHAM SHUI PO, FROM A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TSEUK KIU STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN HUNG HOM

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 16), THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM TAI WAN ROAD NEAR BLOCK 2 OF HUNG HOM ESTATE WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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