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NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION
PROPOSED TO CONTROL THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING LEGISLATION TO CONTROL THE COLLECTION, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF ALL TYPES OF SOLID AND SEMI-SOLID WASTE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE WASTE DISPOSAL BILL 1979, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), WAS THE FIRST OF FIVE BILLS AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER PROTECTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. FURTHER LEGISLATIVE MEASURES, CONCERNING AIR, WATER AND NOISE POLLUTION, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS, ARE PLANNED FOR INTRODUCTION WITHIN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT A WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROPOSED BILL, WOULD ADVISE THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL WHERE CONCERNED, ON A COMPREHENSIVE WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN AND THE FORMULATION OF CODES OF PRACTICE.

THE WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN OR ANY REVISION OF THIS PLAN WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE GAZETTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

THE MAIN AIM OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, HOWEVER, IS TO ENSURE THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF WASTES, IN PARTICULAR THOSE OF A HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC NATURE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED IN RECENT MONTHS ABOUT THE THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY CAUSED BY THE INDISCRIMINATE DISPOSAL OF WASTE SUBSTANCES AND THE BILL REFLECTS THIS CONCERN BY REQUIRING PROSPECTIVE DISPOSERS OF CERTAIN PRESCRIBED WASTES TO DISPOSE OF THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH LICENCE CONDITIONS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

OFFENDERS WILL BE LIABLE TO FINES OF UP TO \$50,000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$100,000 FOR THE SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE.

THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT TOXIC WASTES MAY BE BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG FOR DISPOSAL PURPOSES, AND THEREBY CREATE A HAZARDOUS SITUATION.

UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, AN INTENDING IMPORTER MUST OBTAIN A LICENCE BEFORE BRINGING THE WASTE INTO HONG KONG, UNLESS THE SUBSTANCE IS BEING IMPORTED FOR A MANUFACTURING PROCESS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A FINE OF UP TO \$50,000.

THERE WILL BE PHASED INTRODUCTION OF THESE PROVISIONS IN THE BILL TO MATCH THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE RELEVANT DETAILED REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE BILL.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL ALSO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ANY LAND FOR WASTE DISPOSAL WITHOUT A LICENCE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, UNLESS SUCH LAND IS A CONTROLLED TIP, OR THE SUBSTANCE IS INERT MATERIAL USED FOR LANDFILL, OR A SUBSTANCE BEING USED IN THE COURSE OF AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL OPERATIONS.

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THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PROVISO IN RELATION TO AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL OPERATION WOULD ALLOW THE RECYCLING OF ANIMAL WASTES.

HE STRESSED THAT THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN THE BILL FOR MAKING REGULATIONS DEALING WITH THE REPROCESSING OR RECYCLING OF ANY MATERIAL IN WASTE, SHOULD THIS PROVE TO BE BENEFICIAL.

IN ORDER TO HAVE ONE COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE COVERING THE COLLECTION, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE, A NUMBER OF EXISTING PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED IN THE BILL INCLUDING THE PRESENT SCHEME OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION WHEREBY EITHER THE COLLECTION AUTHORITY OR ANY PERSON LICENSED BY THAT AUTHORITY MAY COLLECT HOUSEHOLD WASTE. ONLY WHERE NO SERVICE IS PROVIDED MAY ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR COLLECTION.

PROVISION IS ALSO MADE FOR THE COLLECTION AUTHORITY TO REMOVE TRADE OR ANIMAL WASTE, IF REQUESTED TO DO SO, AND TO CHARGE A FEE FOR THE SERVICE.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PROVISIONS IN THE BILL WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE OTHER FOUR BILLS. THESE INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR:

- * AN APPEALS BOARD TO DEAL WITH SUCH CASES AS REFUSAL TO ISSUE LICENCES, CANCELLATION OF LICENCES, AND OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED METHOD OF DISPOSAL FOR A PRESCRIBED SUBSTANCE-
- * THE LEGISLATION TO APPLY ALSO TO THE CROWN- AND
- * CONSULTATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM), AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WHERE CONCERNED, OR ANY REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL REQUIRE AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, THE PUBLIC CLEANSING AND PREVENTION OF NUISANCES BY-LAWS AND THE PUBLIC CLEANSING AND PREVENTION OF NUISANCES (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS.

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PING CHAU DESIGNATED AS AREA IN WHICH
CARRYING OF ID CARDS IS COMPULSORY
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY) MADE AN ORDER, EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 16, DESIGNATING PING CHAU IN MIRS BAY AS AN AREA IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHO ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, MUST CARRY IDENTITY CARDS AND PRODUCE THEM FOR INSPECTION ON DEMAND BY POLICE OFFICERS.

THE ORDER WAS MADE UNDER THE NEWLY PASSED REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WHICH EMPOWERS THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TO MAKE REGULATIONS TO EFFECT THE COMPULSORY CARRYING, AND PRODUCTION OF IDENTITY CARDS IN SPECIFIED AREAS.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEWIS DAVIES, SAID AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 4) THE NEW LEGISLATION WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE SECURITY FORCES IN HELPING TO IDENTIFY THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED HONG KONG ILLEGALLY.

MR. DAVIES ALSO TOLD THE COUNCIL THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT INTEND TO DESIGNATE LARGE AREAS OF POPULATION AS PLACES IN WHICH PEOPLE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CARRY THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

PING CHAU IS AN ISLAND CLOSE TO CHINA AND A VERY POPULAR HOLIDAY RESORT FOR PEOPLE FROM THE URBAN AREAS.

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LEGISLATION TO FACILITATE THE GRANTING OF
MATRIMONIAL RELIEF
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PROPOSALS TO AMEND THREE ORDINANCES CONCERNING MARRIAGE WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MARRIAGE REFORM (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 AND THE MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979.

THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE REFORM (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 IS DESIGNED TO PERMIT ONE PARTY TO APPLY TO THE COURT FOR A DECLARATION THAT A CHINESE CUSTOMARY MARRIAGE SUBSISTS WHERE THE OTHER PARTY TO THE MARRIAGE CANNOT BE TRACED OR NOTIFIED.

UNDER THE EXISTING LAW, SUCH AN APPLICATION TO THE COURT FOR A DECLARATION CAN ONLY BE MADE BY ONE PARTY IF THE OTHER PARTY DISPUTES THE EXISTENCE OF THE MARRIAGE OR IS UNWILLING TO JOIN IN ANY APPLICATION TO THE REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES FOR REGISTRATION.

THIS MEANS THAT AN APPLICATION TO THE COURT CANNOT BE MADE IF THE OTHER PARTY CANNOT BE TRACED OR NOTIFIED OF THE APPLICATION.

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A REGISTERED CUSTOMARY MARRIAGE MAY ONLY BE DISSOLVED BY MUTUAL CONSENT, WHEREAS A REGISTERED MODERN MARRIAGE CAN BE DISSOLVED EITHER BY MUTUAL CONSENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES OR BY APPLYING TO THE COURT FOR A DIVORCE ON THE GROUNDS OF ADULTERY, DESERTION FOR TWO YEARS OR LIVING APART FOR FIVE YEARS.

EXPLAINING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +A PROVISION IN THE AMENDMENT WILL ENABLE REGISTERED CUSTOMARY MARRIAGES TO BE DISSOLVED IN THE SAME WAY AS REGISTERED MODERN MARRIAGES NAMELY, EITHER BY MUTUAL CONSENTS OR BY TAKING DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS THROUGH THE COURT.+

THE PROPOSED MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 WILL APPLY TO REGISTERED MODERN OR CUSTOMARY MARRIAGES AND IS DESIGNED TO RESTRICT A FORMER HUSBAND FROM APPLYING FOR MAINTENANCE WHERE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAINTENANCE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY FIXED IN THE DIVORCE AGREEMENT TERMINATING THE MARRIAGE, IN THE SAME WAY AS FORMER WIFE IS CURRENTLY RESTRICTED.

THE PROPOSED MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 WILL ENABLE A COURT HEARING MATRIMONIAL PETITIONS TO REVOKE AN EXISTING MAINTENANCE ORDER MADE BY ANOTHER COURT, SO THAT THE PARTIES WILL NOT BE COMPELLED TO GO BACK TO THAT OTHER COURT AND APPLY FOR THE ORDER TO BE REVOKED.

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AMENDMENTS TO FIXED PENALTY PARKING ORDINANCE

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THE AMENDMENTS TO THE FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTION) ORDINANCE WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON MONDAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENTS SIMPLIFY REGULATIONS CONCERNING ILLEGAL OBSTRUCTION AND PARKING WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CONTRAVENTIONS FROM 13 TO 12 FOR WHICH FIXED PENALTY TICKETS MAY BE GIVEN.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID BOTH THE MOTORING PUBLIC IN GENERAL AND OPERATORS OF LARGE VEHICLES IN PARTICULAR WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE REVISED LAWS DESIGNED TO RECOGNISE THE ACUTE PARKING NEEDS IN HONG KONG.

+UNDER THE NEW PROVISIONS LARGE VEHICLES, SUCH AS GOODS VEHICLES AND TOURIST BUSES, MAY NOW OCCUPY MORE THAN ONE SPACE WHEN THEY STOP AT OFFICIAL ON-STREET PARKING PLACES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, WHERE SPACES ARE CONTROLLED BY PARKING METERS, THE USE OF EACH METERED SPACE MUST BE PAID,+ HE EMPHASISED.

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THE NEW AMENDMENTS ALSO AMPLIFY THE LEGAL POSITION OF MOTORISTS FACED WITH DEFECTIVE PARKING METERS.

+REGULATIONS NOW COVER CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A COIN CANNOT BE INSERTED DUE TO THE METER BEING JAMMED, A POINT WHICH WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY CLEARLY DEFINED,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

+NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT WILL STILL BE NECESSARY FOR DEFECTIVE METERS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COMPLAINTS SECTION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT BY CALLING ONE OF THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS POSTED AT EACH LOCATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

THE NEW SCHEDULES TO THE ORDINANCE ALSO SET OUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THERE MAY BE DEFENCE TO COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR RECOVERY OF FIXED PENALTIES.

THESE INCLUDE VEHICLES ENGAGED IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS= PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES AND THE TRAMWAY= IN CASES OF EMERGENCY= VEHICLES USED ON POSTAL AND BUS SERVICES= WHEN LOADING AND UNLOADING PASSENGERS AND GOODS= AND WHERE MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS OR OTHER STOPPAGES OCCUR BEYOND THE DRIVERS' CONTROL.

UNDER AMENDED LAW, PAYMENT OF COURT COSTS -- RANGING FROM \$20 TO \$400 -- WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MAGISTRATE. PREVIOUSLY, WHEN CASES WERE BROUGHT TO COURT, IT WAS MANDATORY TO ORDER PAYMENT OF COSTS BY DEFENDANTS FOUND LIABLE FOR THE FIXED PENALTIES INCURRED.

THE PAYMENT PERIOD FOR FIXED PENALTY TICKETS ALSO HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM SEVEN TO 21 DAYS AND THE TICKET ITSELF HAS BEEN REDESIGNED TO PROVIDE OFFENDERS WITH MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE ALLEGED CONTRAVENTIONS= HOW TO MAKE ENQUIRIES= AND WHERE TO MAKE PAYMENTS.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE NEW LEGISLATION IS THE INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL DISTRESS WARRANTS APPLICABLE TO ANY FIXED PENALTY DEBTS WHICH REMAIN UNPAID FOR MORE THAN A MONTH. THESE EMPOWER COURT BAILIFFS TO SEIZE ANY MOVABLE PROPERTY (NOT MERELY VEHICLES) BELONGING TO DEFAULTERS IN PAYMENT OF DEBTS.

PREVIOUSLY, TO ENFORCE PAYMENT, IT WAS NECESSARY FIRST TO SEIZE THE DEBTORS' VEHICLES UNDER COURT ORDERS AND DETAIN THESE FOR FOUR MONTHS BEFORE BEING ABLE TO OBTAIN DISTRESS WARRANTS.

+OWNERS SHOULD PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS AT ALL TIMES BY ENSURING THAT IF LIABILITY IS CONTESTED, THEY ATTEND COURT IN PERSON AND MAKE ANY PAYMENT DIRECTED BY THE MAGISTRATE,+ HE SAID.

+FINALLY, MOTORISTS ARE AGAIN REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE WHEN PARKING THEIR VEHICLES, TO DO SO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, IN ORDER TO PREVENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CONGESTION OF THE ROADS,+ HE ADDED.

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YUEN LONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME STARTS

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THE 1979 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN YUEN LONG AIMED AT PROVIDING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR SOME 60,000 YOUNG PEOPLE SWUNG INTO ACTION THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S PROGRAMME AT YUEN LONG'S HEUNG YEE KUK SECONDARY SCHOOL, MORE THAN 1,000 LOCAL STUDENTS GOT THEIR FIRST TASTE OF +SUMMER FUN+.

THEY WERE ENTERTAINED TO A SERIES OF COLOURFUL PERFORMANCES PUT ON BY SOME 200 PARTICIPANTS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

AMONG THE PERFORMANCES ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WERE A FLAG PARADE, BRASS BAND MUSIC, CYCLING DEMONSTRATION, SONG AND DANCES AND A GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (NORTH WEST) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN LAUNCHED THE PROGRAMME WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER.

ADDRESSING A PACKED AUDIENCE, MR. SWEETMAN SAID THIS WAS THE ELEVENTH YEAR OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES WHICH WERE NOW WELL ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

+THE PROGRAMMES INVOLVE A GREAT NUMBER OF DIFFERENT BODIES INCLUDING VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, THE BRITISH FORCES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND A VARIETY OF CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+THIS CONCENTRATION OF RESOURCES ENABLES A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, HELPING THEM TO DEVELOP THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE, SKILLS AND INTEREST, FOSTERING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN DIFFERENT WAYS,+ HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, MR. SWEETMAN POINTED OUT, IT ALSO ENABLED YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE A BREAK FROM THEIR CROWDED LIVING CONDITIONS AND HEAVY ACADEMIC WORKLOAD.

THE ACTIVITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE ALL FORMS OF SPORTS, CLASSES AND COMPETITIONS IN MUSIC, DANCING AND ART, AS WELL AS CAMPING AND BOATING.

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STUDENT-TEACHERS GET MORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS AT THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL BE INCREASED FROM SEPTEMBER, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE INTEREST-FREE LOANS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WILL BE RAISED FROM \$1,200 TO \$2,400 PER ANNUM WHILE THE MAXIMUM GRANT FOR ELIGIBLE NEEDY STUDENTS GOES UP FROM \$1,600 TO \$2,000 PER ANNUM.

THE NEW TUITION FEES FOR THESE TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGES WERE ALSO GAZETTED TODAY. AS FROM SEPTEMBER THE FEES WILL BE \$620 PER ANNUM PER STUDENT. THE OLD FEES OF \$400 HAD REMAINED STATIC FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS.

GRANTHAM, NORTHCOTE AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGES OF EDUCATION OFFER FULL-TIME TWO-YEAR COURSES WHICH PREPARE TEACHERS FOR PRIMARY AND THE JUNIOR FORMS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THE COLLEGES ALSO OFFER PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS.

THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AND OFFERS TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE, TWO-YEAR PART-TIME COURSE FOR IN-SERVICE TECHNICAL TEACHERS AND A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE FOR QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PEOPLE WISHING TO TAKE UP TECHNICAL TEACHING AS A CAREER.

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FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME TECHNICAL COURSES

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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR THE FULL-TIME, SANDWICH, BLOCK-RELEASE AND PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES OF THE 1979-80 SESSION.

THE COURSES INCLUDE CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, MARINE AND FABRICATION, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, PRINTING AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND A GUIDE TO APPLICANTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR BLOCK-RELEASE AND PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ENGAGED IN WORK APPROPRIATE TO THE COURSE APPLIED FOR. THEY MUST BE SPONSORED AND HAVE FORMS SIGNED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTES ON AUGUST 17, 1979. LATE AND INADEQUATELY COMPLETED FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

THE FIVE INSTITUTES ARE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

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TENDERS FOR KCR'S ELECTRIFICATION TO BE CALLED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO INVITE TENDERS WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS FROM PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AN OVERHEAD LINE CURRENT COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

THE WORK FORMS PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE EXISTING RAILWAY BETWEEN KOWLOON AND LO WU.

MANUFACTURERS WITH AT LEAST 10 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN THE SUPPLY OF OVERHEAD LINE EQUIPMENT FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION PURPOSES MAY WRITE TO THE GOVERNMENT APPOINTED CONSULTING ENGINEERS, TRANSMARK, AT BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING, 12TH FLOOR, 1 KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, KOWLOON, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, AND DETAILS OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE LIST OF PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE RAILWAY WILL BE ABOUT 33 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH. THE CONTRACT WOULD INVOLVE THE SUPPLY OF SOME 80 SINGLE-TRACK KILOMETRES OF OVERHEAD LINE EQUIPMENT SUITABLE FOR SUPPLYING TRACTION CURRENT AT 25 KV A.C. SINGLE PHASE TO MULTIPLE UNIT ELECTRIC TRAINS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SYSTEM WILL BEGIN NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1980 AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BEFORE THE COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICES IN 1982.

THE WORK WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TRANSMARK WHILE THE PROJECT IS UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL BUILDING SERVICES FOR STAGE 1 OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PERMANENT SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WOULD BE THE 12TH SUB-CONTRACT TO THE MAIN CIVIL CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT.

IT INCLUDES LIGHTING AND SMALL POWER FOR PLANT BUILDINGS, ACCOMMODATION BLOCKS, LABORATORIES, OFFICES AND OTHER STRUCTURES ON THE WORKS.

PART OF THE PROJECT IS BEING FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS FROM CONTRACTORS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1981, THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WILL SERVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 230,000 IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

AT THE MOMENT, SEWAGE FROM SHA TIN IS BEING TREATED AT THE TEMPORARY AND INTERIM SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY WATSON (HONG KONG) CONSULTING ENGINEERS, WHO ARE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THIS PROJECT UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WATSON (HONG KONG) ARE ALSO SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION WORK INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

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HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND

THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 18.

THE BILL SEEKS TO WIDEN THE SCOPE OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND TO BRING FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR WITHIN ITS SCOPE FOR RELIEF OF HARDSHIP, WITHOUT THE NEED FOR THEM TO PROVE THAT THEIR CURRENT SITUATION IS SPECIFICALLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO HARDSHIP SUFFERED SOME 40 YEARS AGO.

THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE REASONABLE BECAUSE MEDICAL ADVICE HAS INDICATED THAT SEVERE MALNUTRITION AND BRUTAL TREATMENT OVER A PROLONGED PERIOD IS LIKELY TO BRING ABOUT SENILITY EARLIER THAN USUAL, OR OTHERWISE BE A PROBABLE CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE OF IMPAIRED EARNING CAPACITY.

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BY VIRTUE OF OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE ORDINANCE, DEPENDANTS OF SUCH FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR WILL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT.

+HOWEVER, FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR OR THEIR DEPENDANTS WILL STILL HAVE TO PROVE NEED. THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO EARN A REASONABLE LIVING WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FUND,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO AVOID DOUBT, THE OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO BEING TAKEN TO LIST SEPARATELY THE AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE, THE ROYAL NAVAL YARD POLICE AND THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE IN THE LIST OF FORCES AND ORGANISATIONS WHOSE MEMBERS OR DEPENDANTS OF SUCH MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT.

THE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED ON FEBRUARY 21, 1947, BY THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND ORDINANCE.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE, EDUCATION, BENEFIT OR ADVANCEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES AND ORGANISATIONS LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE WHO SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE PACIFIC WAR, AND THEIR DEPENDANTS.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND IS VESTED IN A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 101 BENEFICIARIES, ALL AGED OVER 40. THE CURRENT RATES OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE PER MONTH ARE \$870 FOR A SINGLE PERSON, \$1,740 FOR A COUPLE, \$580 FOR EACH OF THE FIRST TWO DEPENDANT CHILDREN AND \$445 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT CHILD.

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PRIZES FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST WINNERS

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WINNERS OF THE +HONG KONG IN PROGRESS+ PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES THEATRE.

THE 32 PRIZE-WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS WERE SELECTED FROM 926 ENTRIES FOR THE CONTEST, WHICH WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING HONG KONG'S IMAGE BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

THE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS, TOGETHER WITH 130 OTHERS WHICH HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR EXHIBITION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN AUGUST ARE NOW BEING SENT TO LONDON BY AIR. THERE WILL BE TWO EXHIBITIONS, ONE IN THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL AND THE OTHER IN THE PENTAX GALLERY.

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OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE SIR KENNETH PING-FAN FUNG, VICE PATRON OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG- MR. YUEN KANG-CHUEN AND MR. CHANG HUNG-CHEON- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG RESPECTIVELY- MR. PETER MOSS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION (PUBLICITY)- AND MR. ARTHUR HACKER, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (CREATIVE AND DESIGN).

MR. MOSS WILL ALSO DELIVER A SPEECH AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE +HONG KONG IN PROGRESS+ PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR, AT 11.15 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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GOVT ENGINEER LEAVES FOR MEETING ON TRANSPORTATION IN HONOLULU
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DR. NIP KAM-FAN, GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER (TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT), OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, LEFT TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR HONOLULU TO ATTEND THE PACIFIC HEMISPHERE REGIONAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS (ITE).

IT IS THE 32ND ANNUAL MEETING OF ITE. THE MEETING WILL START ON SUNDAY AND END ON JULY 12.

THIS SHOULD PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, HONG KONG, JAPAN AND MALAYSIA TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON TRANSPORTATION TOPICS.

DURING THE FIVE-DAY MEETING, DR. NIP WILL PRESENT A PAPER ENTITLED +EFFECT OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ON THE CROSS-HARBOUR FERRY SERVICES IN HONG KONG.+

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DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TO RETIRE
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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. E.H. NICHOLS, WILL BE RETIRING FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR. J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WHOSE PROMOTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

MR. NICHOLS WILL BE 54 IN DECEMBER 1979. AFTER WORKING FOR 12 YEARS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE OF SIERRA LEONE, HE JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN FEBRUARY 1959 AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IN APRIL 1966. HE IS CONCURRENTLY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY, REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND CREDIT UNIONS, AND DIRECTOR OF MARKETING, AND HE HOLDS MANY OTHER IMPORTANT OFFICES INCLUDING TRUSTEESHIP OF THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID LOAN FUND AND THE J.E. JOSEPH TRUST FUND, AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE SCIENTIFIC CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

HE IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE CO-ORDINATING THE UNITED NATIONS SOUTH CHINA SEA FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, AND HAS ALSO REPRESENTED HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AT REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION.

MR. RIDDELL-SWAN IS AGED 53 AND WAS FIRST APPOINTED AS A VETERINARY OFFICER IN MAY 1956. HE BECAME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IN OCTOBER 1964 AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN MAY 1971. HE HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES ON MANY OCCASIONS.

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TENDERS FOR LAYING OF PIPELINE INVITED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF A SYSTEM OF WATER MAINS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE SYSTEM IS PART OF THE SCHEME TO PROVIDE FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLIES TO THE AREA.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROJECT COMPRISED LAYING ABOUT 3,300 METRES OF ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPES RANGING FROM 150 MM TO 450 MM IN DIAMETER.

ALSO INCLUDED WAS 2,600 METRES OF MILD STEEL PIPES RANGING BETWEEN 600 MM AND 900 MM IN DIAMETER.

+WORK SHOULD GET UNDER WAY IN SEPTEMBER AND BE FINISHED IN ABOUT 15 MONTHS,+ SAID THE PWD SPOKESMAN.

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