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NEW FREEDOM OF EVIDENCE BY SPOUSES PROPOSED  
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SPOUSES OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES WILL BE PERMITTED TO TESTIFY FOR THE PROSECUTION IN FUTURE IF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EXISTING LEGISLATION IS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIS IS THE MAIN PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) BILL 1980, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

AT THE MOMENT, THE SPOUSE OF A DEFENDANT CAN TESTIFY FOR THE DEFENCE BUT IS PREVENTED BY LAW FROM APPEARING AS A WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION, EVEN IF HE OR SHE WISHES TO.

THE BILL SEEKS TO REMOVE THIS PROHIBITION, THEREBY ENABLING A PERSON TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIS OR HER SPOUSE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT A SPOUSE WILL HAVE COMPLETE FREEDOM TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO GIVE EVIDENCE OR TO DISCLOSE ANY PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION MADE WITH THE DEFENDANT DURING THEIR MARRIAGE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS DRAFTED AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CHIEF JUSTICE, THE BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE LAW SOCIETY.

ALSO PROPOSED IN THE BILL ARE AMENDMENTS TO TWO PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE WHICH ARE BASED ON ENGLISH LEGISLATION, AND WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF JUDICIAL INTERPRETATION AND REFORM IN ENGLAND.

ONE AMENDMENT PERMITS CROSS-EXAMINATION AS TO THE CHARACTER OF AN ACCUSED PERSON WHO TESTIFIES AGAINST ANOTHER DEFENDANT IN THE SAME TRIAL. THE OTHER PROVIDES GROUNDS FOR AN APPEAL AGAINST CONVICTION WHERE A PLEA OF GUILTY IS ENTERED IN ERROR.

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STIFFER PENALTIES FOR UNSCRUPULOUS VEHICLE OWNERS  
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE STIFFER PENALTIES TO DEAL WITH VEHICLE OWNERS WHO REFUSE TO IDENTIFY DRIVERS SUSPECTED OF HAVING COMMITTED MOVING TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE BILL EMPOWERS THE COURT TO ORDER AN OWNER TO DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON DRIVING HIS VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF AN ALLEGED OFFENCE.

AT THE MOMENT, PERSONS FAILING TO PROVIDE THE POLICE WITH THE INFORMATION ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

UNDER THE BILL, ANY PERSON WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE COURT ORDER WILL BE LIABLE TO:

- \* A FINE OF \$50 A DAY WHILE THE DEFAULT CONTINUES, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5 000, OR
- \* IMPRISONMENT UNTIL HE HAS REMEDIED HIS DEFAULT, FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

OFFENDERS CAN ALSO BE DISQUALIFIED FROM HOLDING OR OBTAINING A DRIVING LICENCE FOR THE SAME PERIOD AS FOR THE COMMISSION OF THE TRAFFIC OFFENCE ITSELF.

THE BILL WILL REQUIRE THE COURT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACTS OF THE TRAFFIC OFFENCE IN DETERMINING THE SENTENCE FOR NON-DISCLOSURE.

VEHICLE OWNERS WILL STILL BE ENTITLED TO AN ACQUITTAL IF THEY CAN PROVE THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW, OR CANNOT WITH REASONABLE DILIGENCE ASCERTAIN, THE PARTICULARS OF THE DRIVER INVOLVED IN THE ALLEGED OFFENCE.

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#### ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION

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AT LEAST ONE MILLION PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD DIE EACH YEAR OF DISEASES RELATED TO SMOKING WHICH IS NOW THE LARGEST SINGLE PREVENTABLE CAUSE OF ILL HEALTH AND THREATENS TO BECOME TOMORROW'S MAJOR HEALTH HAZARD OF THE WORLD.

ACCORDING TO WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION STATISTICS, 90 PER CENT OF ALL LUNG CANCER DEATHS ARE SMOKERS, SO ARE 25 PER CENT OF DEATHS FROM CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES AND 75 PER CENT OF ALL DEATHS FROM CHRONIC BRONCHITIS.

IN ORDER TO SHOW THE PUBLIC HOW SMOKING AFFECTS HEALTH, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG CARDIOLOGICAL SOCIETY, WILL JOINTLY MOUNT A 'SMOKING OR HEALTH EXHIBITION' AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL NEXT WEEK.

THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION, SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG HEART FOUNDATION, WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (APRIL 7) WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED BY WHO AS THE WORLD HEALTH DAY FOR 1980.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING HEALTH EDUCATION DRIVE THIS YEAR TO ENCOURAGE SMOKERS TO GIVE UP THE HABIT AND TO PREVENT YOUNGSTERS FROM SMOKING.

OTHER HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED WILL INCLUDE MOBILE DISPLAY IN COMMUNITY CENTRES AND SCHOOLS, SEMINARS FOR YOUTH GROUPS AND STUDENTS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

THE ANTI-SMOKING DRIVE IS IN LINE WITH THE THEME OF THE WORLD HEALTH DAY FOR 1980 WHICH IS +SMOKING OR HEALTH: THE CHOICE IS YOURS+.

NOTE TO EDITORS: THE ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CIGARETTE SMOKING, IN THE MAIN CONCOURSE OF THE OCEAN TERMINAL AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 7). YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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RECLAMATION FOR ISLAND CORRIDOR  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY INVITED TENDERS FOR WORK ON A RECLAMATION WHICH WILL FORM PART OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

ABOUT THREE HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN WATSON ROAD AND OIL STREET IN NORTH POINT WILL BE RECLAIMED FOR THE ROAD PROJECT.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID STAGE ONE OF THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF A TWO-KILOMETRE ELEVATED ROAD RUNNING ALONG THE COAST BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND HEALTHY STREET WEST IN NORTH POINT.

A SECTION OF THIS WILL BE BUILT OVER THE RECLAMATION.

HE ADDED THAT THE RECLAMATION WILL ALSO PROVIDE FACILITIES TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF WATER FRONTAGE AND SEA ACCESS TO THE WATERFRONT LOTS.

WORK ON THE RECLAMATION WILL START IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA FOR PWD'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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POWER SUB-STATION FOR ELECTRIC TRAIN  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) AWARDED A \$2.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POWER SUB-STATION AT TAI WAI, SHA TIN, FOR THE FUTURE ELECTRIFIED RAILWAY SYSTEM.

THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING BY MR HSU TSE-LIN, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION CO LTD OF JAPAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PWD SAID THAT THE PROJECT FORMED PART OF THE ELECTRIFICATION AND MODERNISATION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

THE WORK, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE, WILL ALSO COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD AS WELL AS SITE FORMATION, FOUNDATION AND DRAINAGE WORK.

HE SAID TRANSFORMERS AND OTHER ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE POWER SUB-STATION WOULD BE SUPPLIED AND INSTALLED UNDER SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TRANSMARK, THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS, THROUGH THEIR SUB-CONSULTANTS, (MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, SPENCE ROBINSON AND RANKINE AND HILL), UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION LISTENS TO VIEWS OF PRINCIPALS  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY TODAY (THURSDAY) SAW A SEMINAR ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT IN SESSION AND LISTENED TO GROUP DISCUSSIONS BY HEADS OF AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

HEADS OF ABOUT 700 AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR HELD AT THREE CENTRES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY.

MR TOPLEY DROPPED IN AT THE NEW TERRITORIES CENTRE AT KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE IN WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR IS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE SCHOOL HEADS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES TALKS BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, PARTICIPANTS TALKED ABOUT WAYS TO PROMOTE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, PARENTS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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THEY ALSO DISCUSSED FAIR TREATMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF TEACHERS, TIMETABLING AND DEPLOYMENT OF STAFF.

OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PASS ON TO THE PRINCIPALS SOME OF THE VIEWS OF TEACHERS CONCERNING SCHOOL MANAGEMENT WHICH WERE EXPRESSED AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED LAST MONTH FOR TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

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### SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR MAKES TV DEBUT \* \* \* \* \*

THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR INAUGURATED LAST MONTH WILL MAKE ITS TV DEBUT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON ON RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S WEEKLY PROGRAMME, +HAPPY VALLEY+.

IN THE HALF-HOUR PROGRAMME, THE CHOIR WILL SING TWO EASTER SONGS AND A CHINESE FOLK SONG DEPICTING SPRING AND YOUTH.

THE CHOIR WILL ALSO JOIN THE PROGRAMME COMPERE, 12-YEAR-OLD MISS LUK KA-MENG, IN SINGING A FAMOUS SONG ENTITLED +WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HENS?+, WHICH IS POPULAR WITH LOCAL CHILDREN.

THE PROGRAMME WAS SHOT ON LOCATION AT SHA TIN RACE COURSE. IT WILL BE BROADCAST ON CHANNEL ONE OF RTV AT 5.30 PM TODAY AND ON TVB JADE AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 6).

THE TV APPEARANCE WILL BE THE FIRST OF TWO PERFORMANCES THE CHOIR IS TO GIVE DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAY.

IT WILL GIVE A CONCERT IN THE GROUND FLOOR LOBBY OF THE HOTEL MIRAMAR AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY.

ENTITLED +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+, THE CONCERT IS SPONSORED BY GOVERNMENT'S MUSIC OFFICE. ADMISSION IS FREE.

CONDUCTING AND ACCOMPANYING THE CHOIR ON THE PIANO IN THEIR TWO PERFORMANCES WILL BE ITS TUTOR, MR FUNG KIN-HONG, AND THE MUSIC OFFICE'S CHIEF INSTRUCTOR, MR YIP CHI-KWONG.

THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WAS FORMED BY SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PROVIDE A RECREATIONAL OUTLET FOR LOCAL CHILDREN AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS.

IT HAS 75 MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN SEVEN AND 12, ALL OF WHOM ARE LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN.

WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND SAI KUNG COMMUNITY, THE CHOIR IS PLANNING TO RECRUIT 90 NEW MEMBERS IN MAY TO FORM A TEENAGE SINGING GROUP.

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AIRPORT'S TRANSIT AREA TO HAVE  
MONEY CHANGING SERVICE

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR A SHOP SPACE TO PROVIDE MONEY CHANGING SERVICE IN THE TRANSIT AREA OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE TENANCY FOR SHOP NO D1 WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS FROM JUNE 4, 1980.

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TENDER BOX AT THE ENTRANCE HALL OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1980.

EACH TENDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RECEIPT SHOWING THAT THE TENDERER HAS DEPOSITED WITH THE TREASURY A SUM OF \$10 000 AS A PLEDGE OF HIS BONA FIDES.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY, OR AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY FOR PRISONS STAFF

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT SPORTS ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD AN ANNUAL FAMILY DAY AT THE FOOTBALL PITCH OF TAI LAM DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE ON SATURDAY (APRIL 5) FOR MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF GAMES STALLS AND COMPETITIONS. THERE WILL BE TWO ARMY SARACEN CARS ON DISPLAY. THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR T.G. GARNER, WILL ATTEND.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE ANNUAL FAMILY DAY OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FOOTBALL PITCH OF TAI LAM DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE AT 16-1/2 MILESTONE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES ON SATURDAY (APRIL 5) STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED LEAVING KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER (NEXT TO THE STAR FERRY PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI) AT 1.30 PM SHARP.

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