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HEAVIER PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL GAMBLING PROPOSED
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AN AMENDMENT BILL SEEKING TO PROVIDE HEAVIER SENTENCES FOR THE OPERATORS OF ILLEGAL GAMBLING ENTERPRISES AND FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE GAMBLING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 ALSO PROPOSES A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO MAKE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEGISLATION MORE EFFECTIVE.

"THE BILL STEMS FROM OPTIONS PUT FORWARD IN THE 1986 TRIAD DISCUSSION DOCUMENT AND THE PROPOSED MEASURES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE AMENDMENTS, HE SAID, THE MAXIMUM FINES FOR OPERATORS OF ILLEGAL GAMBLING ENTERPRISES, BOOKMAKERS AND PEOPLE RUNNING ILLEGAL LOTTERIES WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT \$500,000 TO \$5 MILLION.

"THE TRIAD AND ORGANISED CRIME SYNDICATES WHICH RUN ILLEGAL GAMBLING OPERATIONS MAKE LARGE PROFITS FROM THESE 'BUSINESSES', AND THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF STRIKING BACK AT THE SYNDICATES IS TO SEEK TO DEPRIVE THEM OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF THEIR CAPITAL," HE SAID.

"IN ORDER TO DETER PUNTERS FROM FREQUENTING ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND BOOKMAKING CONCERNS, A SCALE OF SENTENCES IS PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SENTENCES FOR PEOPLE REPEATEDLY CAUGHT GAMBLING ILLEGALLY.

"THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE FOR FIRST OFFENDERS IS THE SAME AS AT PRESENT, BUT THAT FOR REPEATED OFFENDERS IS INCREASED TO \$20,000 AND SIX-MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON SECOND OFFENCE AND \$30,000 AND A NINE-MONTH PRISON SENTENCE ON THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS."

THE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE INCLUDE ALLOWING ALL COURTS TO ORDER DISCONNECTION OF TELEPHONE LINES USED IN BOOKMAKING OPERATIONS.

ALSO INCLUDED IS AN AMENDMENT EMPOWERING ALL COURTS TO ORDER FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND EQUIPMENT SEIZED BY THE POLICE DURING RAIDS ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING CONCERNS.

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SEMINAR WILL BEGIN FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN

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A FOOD HYGIENE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON JUNE 12 WILL LAUNCH A TERRITORY-WIDE FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT PROMOTING GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES AND PERSONAL HABITS IN ORDER TO MINIMISE THE OCCURRENCE OF FOOD-BORNE DISEASES, FOOD POISONING AND VIRAL HEPATITIS A.

THE CAMPAIGN THEME IS "BETTER HYGIENE, SAFER FOOD", STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER HYGIENE PRACTICES.

THE SEMINAR ON JUNE 12 (MONDAY) WILL BE THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF 25 TO BE HELD AT 16 DIFFERENT VENUES DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

IN PARTICULAR, THE SEMINARS ARE INTENDED FOR FOOD TRADERS, WITH THE OBJECT OF MAKING THEM FULLY AWARE OF HOW FOOD-BORNE DISEASES CAN BE PREVENTED BY ADOPTION OF PROPER FOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES AND GOOD PERSONAL HABITS IN CONDUCTING THEIR BUSINESS.

THESE EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS, TO BE CONDUCTED BY EXPERIENCED HEALTH OFFICIALS, WILL PROVIDE UPDATED INFORMATION ON FOOD SAFETY AND FOOD HYGIENE.

A SLIDE SHOW AND A FILM ON FOOD HYGIENE PRINCIPLES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SEMINARS. PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN AN OPEN DISCUSSION.

BESIDES THESE SEMINARS THERE WILL BE THREE SEMINARS ORGANISED SPECIALLY FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS. THESE ARE BEING ARRANGED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

PRINTED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON FOOD HYGIENE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THESE SEMINARS, AND ALSO TO SCHOOLS, THROUGH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AS TEACHING AIDS AND REFERENCE MATERIAL.

A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS.

FOOD TRADERS, TEACHERS OR INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED AN INVITATION BUT WISH TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS MAY TELEPHONE 3-7236234 (HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH) FOR INFORMATION AND DETAILS OF SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.

TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPAIGN, AN OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM ON JUNE 12 AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S PUBLIC HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE, DR RONALD LEUNG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE, DR PANG HOK-TUEN.

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ENLARGED MAXIMUM MEMBERSHIP OF CONSUMER COUNCIL PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL ORDINANCE TO PERMIT AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS THAT MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE PROPOSAL WAS CONTAINED IN THE CONSUMER COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION, THE GOVERNOR WAS EMPOWERED TO APPOINT NOT LESS THAN 13 NOR MORE THAN 15 MEMBERS TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

"HOWEVER, WITH THE INCREASE IN THE COUNCIL'S WORKLOAD BROUGHT ABOUT BY A GROWING PUBLIC AWARENESS ON CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO REDUCE THE BURDEN ON INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO APPOINT MEMBERS FROM A WIDER SELECTION OF PROFESSIONS AND BACKGROUNDS," HE ADDED.

UNDER THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED WILL BE RAISED FROM 15 TO 20.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 21.

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CERTAIN EXPORT LICENSING CONTROLS LIFTED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO REMOVE THE EXPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS POWERED BY MAINS SUPPLY AND PROCESSED AND MANUFACTURED FOODSTUFFS FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THE DECISION WAS MADE FOLLOWING A REVIEW AND ON THE ADVICE OF THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD.

TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS DECISION, THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT OF SECOND SCHEDULE) ORDER 1989 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL ON THESE PRODUCTS WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1973 IN RESPONSE TO OVERSEAS COMPLAINTS THAT SOME HONG KONG EXPORTS WERE DANGEROUS OR UNHYGIENIC.

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"A RECENT REVIEW BY THE GOVERNMENT REVEALED THAT OVER TIME THE ORIGINAL GROUND FOR CONTROL IS NO LONGER VALID.

"IN GENERAL, THESE PRODUCTS ARE NOWADAYS WELL ACCEPTED OVERSEAS WITH LITTLE COMPLAINT, IF ANY," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE MANUFACTURERS THEMSELVES TO ADHERE TO THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL OR NATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS IN THEIR MANUFACTURE OF PROCESSED FOODSTUFFS AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS.

"THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS AT PRESENT ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE PLANNING OF A SUSTAINED QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME, INCLUDING A VOLUNTARY FACTORY CERTIFICATION SCHEME, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF PROVIDING ASSURANCE FOR THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS," HE SAID.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ISSUED SOME 838,000 LICENCES COVERING EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS AND PROCESSED AND MANUFACTURED FOODSTUFFS LAST YEAR.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE REMOVAL OF THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT ON THESE ITEMS WILL GREATLY WELCOMED BY TRADERS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSING YI OZP
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSING YI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A BOARD SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE AMENDMENTS RELATE TO A GENERAL LAND USE REVISION OF THE TSING YI TOWN CENTRE.

TWO SITES WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 3.4 HECTARES LOCATED TO THE WEST OF THE PIER CONCOURSE ARE REZONED FROM 'COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL' AND 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)'.

THEY ARE RESERVED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROPOSED HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATE AND A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 7,500 PERSONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, TWO SITES WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 0.92 HECTARE AT THE JUNCTION OF ROAD TY4 AND TSING LUK STREET ARE REZONED FROM 'COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL' TO 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' TO ACCOMMODATE A PROPOSED URBAN CLINIC, A GOVERNMENT JOINT-USER BUILDING AND A MARKET COMPLEX.

/THESE FACILITIES

THESE FACILITIES WOULD BE CENTRALLY LOCATED IN RELATION TO THE NEARBY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TOWN CENTRE.

ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT PROGRAMME, THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MID-1990'S.

A VEGETATED KNOLL AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT FIVE HECTARES LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF TSING YI GARDEN ARE REZONED FROM 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' AND 'COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL' TO 'OPEN SPACE'.

THIS SITE WILL FORM THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE PROPOSED TOWN PARK FOR TSING YI ISLAND.

A STRIP OF LAND WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT TWO HECTARES LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF TSING YI GARDEN IS REZONED FROM 'COMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL' AND 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' TO 'OPEN SPACE'.

THIS WILL SERVE AS AN OPEN AREA BETWEEN THE HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL TOWERS IN TSING YI GARDEN AND THE LOW-RISE RESIDENTIAL TOWERS IN TSING YI GARDEN AND THE LOW-RISE HOUSES AND TEMPLES IN AND NEAR CHUNG MEI TSUEN.

THE AMENDMENTS DO NOT RESULT IN ANY POPULATION INCREASE IN TSING YI TOWN CENTRE AS THEY ARE ONLY SWAPPING OF SITES FOR RESIDENTIAL USE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE AREA OF LAND ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES WILL BE DECREASED BY ABOUT FIVE HECTARES, WHILST THE AREA FOR OPEN SPACE WILL BE INCREASED BY ABOUT SEVEN HECTARES.

THE INCREASED OPEN SPACE PROVISION WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE THE GENERAL AMENITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE TOWN CENTRE OF THE ISLAND.

APART FROM THE AMENDMENTS, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT FURTHER REVISIONS TO THE PLAN WOULD LIKELY BE REQUIRED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THESE INCLUDE THE POSSIBLE LAND USE REVISIONS IN TSING YI NORTH.

THE CURRENT CONSULTANCY STUDIES ON CONTAINER PORT EXPANSION AND ROUTE 3 ARE STILL IN PROGRESS AND DECISIONS ON THE LOCATION AND ALIGNMENT OF THESE FACILITIES ARE YET TO BE MADE BY GOVERNMENT.

ANY FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN WILL BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT:

- * TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HK.
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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- * TSING YI DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, CHEUNG CHING ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, TSING YI ISLAND.
- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE AUGUST 2, 1989.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION AT 382 NATHAN ROAD AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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PROPOSAL TO EXTEND INSOLVENCY FUND TO COVER SEVERANCE PAYMENTS
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AN AMENDMENT BILL SEEKING TO EXTEND THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND TO COVER SEVERANCE PAYMENTS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 21.

AT PRESENT, EMPLOYEES MAY SEEK FROM THE FUND ARREARS OF WAGES UP TO FOUR MONTHS' SALARY BUT NOT EXCEEDING \$8,000, AND SEVEN DAYS' WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$2,000.

UNDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, THE FUND WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER SEVERANCE PAYMENTS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$4,000 SO AS TO TIDE AN EMPLOYEE OVER THE DIFFICULT PERIOD AFTER SUDDEN LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR A FOUR-MONTH TIME BAR ON APPLICATIONS FOR WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE AND SEVERANCE PAYMENTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS LONG AFTER TERMINATION OF PAYMENT, WHICH COULD PROVE DIFFICULT TO VERIFY AND MIGHT LEAD TO ABUSE.

THE FUND IS FINANCED BY A LEVY OF \$100 PER ANNUM ON EACH BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE. HOWEVER, THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT INVOLVE AN INCREASE IN THE LEVY AND WILL NOT LEAD TO ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR EMPLOYERS.

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INSPECTOR APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE AFFAIRS
OF JADEMAN (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON HIM BY SECTION 143 (1) (C) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 32), HAS APPOINTED MR MARVIN CHEUNG, A PARTNER IN PEAT MARWICK, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, AS AN INSPECTOR TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF JADEMAN (HOLDINGS) LIMITED.

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INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR AUXILIARY BEACH LITTER WARDENS

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THE TENTH AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME WILL BE INAUGURATED BY URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR RONALD LEUNG, AT CITY HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SCHEME IS AMONG THE STUDENT PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN. ABOUT 600 STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME THIS YEAR.

COMING FROM 30 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THESE FORM THREE TO FORM SIX STUDENTS WILL HELP THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CLEAN UP THE BEACHES AT REPULSE BAY, DEEP WATER BAY, SHEK O, STANLEY AND BIG WAVE BAY DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THEY WILL ALSO ADVISE BEACH-GOERS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR LITTER PROPERLY.

AT TOMORROW'S CEREMONY, THE STUDENTS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THEIR ROLE. THEY WILL RECEIVE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN CAPS AND T-SHIRTS WHICH THEY WILL WEAR WHILE ON DUTY AT THE BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE THEATRE, CITY HALL LOW BLOCK, CENTRAL. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SEMINAR IN WAN CHAI ON DB'S AND AREA COMMITTEES

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A SEMINAR ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISTRICT BOARDS AND AREA COMMITTEES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL EXAMINE THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE DIFFERENT ROLES OF THE TWO BODIES, WILL BE ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE FIVE AREA COMMITTEES IN WAN CHAI.

SPEAKING AT THE FUNCTION WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, AND CHAIRMEN OF THE FIVE AREA COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE GLOUCESTER ROOM, EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY. A TEA RECEPTION WILL BEGIN AT 5 PM AND THE SEMINAR WILL START AT 5.30 PM.

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BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP IN YAU TSIM

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A "BLOCK-TO-BLOCK AND MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS CLEAN-UP" WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JULY 11.

DURING THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IN 30 AREAS, AND DEPLOY MORE STAFF MEMBERS TO CLEAN UP PUBLIC PLACES AND COLLECT JUNK AT THE COLLECTION POINTS IN THE AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, RESIDENTS WILL BE URGED TO DISPOSE OF JUNK AT THE COLLECTION POINTS AND TO CLEAN UP THE PUBLIC PLACES IN THEIR BUILDINGS.

/A CEREMONY

A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN YAU MA TEI TOMORROW MORNING TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO, THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, URBAN COUNCILLORS, MR WU MAN-KEUNG AND MR WONG KWOK-LUNG, AS WELL AS THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT, MR CHAN TAI-YIU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT "BLOCK-TO-BLOCK AND MULTI-STOREY BUILDING CLEAN-UP", WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN YAU MA TEI.

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MUSICAL TO PROMOTE CLEAN HONG KONG AWARENESS
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A CHILDREN'S MUSICAL SHOW, ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE 1989 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, WILL BE STAGED ON SUNDAY (JUNE 4) AT THE AMPHITHEATRE OF SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK.

ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE AND PERFORMED BY THE "TOGETHER TRY" GROUP OF THE FRINGE CLUB, THE MUSICAL IS AIMED AT APPEALING TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

THE 45-MINUTE SHOW WILL PINPOINT HUMAN WEAKNESSES WHICH CAUSE PEOPLE TO LITTER AND ALSO SUGGEST SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOW IN SOME WAY.

"WE HOPE THAT THE NEW FORMAT, WITH TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AUDIENCE AND ACTORS, WOULD BETTER CONVEY THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID.

THE MUSICAL WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM, AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR JOSEPH CHAN, WILL ATTEND THE SHOW AND OFFICIATE AT A SOUVENIR PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHILDREN'S MUSICAL SHOW WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 4) AT THE AMPHITHEATRE OF SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK.

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NATURE CONSERVATION FUN DAY IN SOUTHERN
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A NATURE CONSERVATION FUN DAY WILL BE HELD IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (JUNE 4) TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED).

THE EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE ACTIVITIES WILL BEGIN WITH A NATURE CONSERVATION OUTING TO THE SCENIC ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK. COVERING A TOTAL DISTANCE OF FIVE KILOMETRES. THE OUTING WILL START FROM THE PARK'S MANAGEMENT CENTRE. PROCEED VIA THE HONG KONG TRAIL AND FINISH AT CHI FU FA YUEN IN POK FU LAM.

"THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO SIGN A 'PRESERVE THE NATURE DECLARATION' TO SIGNIFY THEIR COMMITMENT TO CONSERVING THE COUNTRYSIDE," THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TSE KIT-HO, SAID.

FOR THOSE WHO PREFER A SHORTER TRIP. THERE WILL BE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE WHICH ENDS AT PEEL RISE.

"TO JOIN THE OUTING, RESIDENTS ONLY HAVE TO ASSEMBLE BY 9.30 AM AT THE PARK'S MANAGEMENT CENTRE WHICH IS LOCATED IN ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD, NEAR YUE KWONG CHUEN." MR TSE SAID.

PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETE THE JOURNEY WILL BE AWARDED SOUVENIRS AND BE TREATED TO A CARNIVAL AT THE SKATING RINK IN CHI FU FA YUEN.

THE CARNIVAL, WHICH WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION AND VARIOUS GAME STALLS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MESSAGES. WILL START AT 11 AM. IT IS OPEN TO ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FUN DAY CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-540271.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED ABOUT \$15,000 FOR THE ORGANISATION OF WED PROGRAMMES IN THE DISTRICT. AND THESE ALSO INCLUDE AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION QUIZ, AND AN "IDENTIFY THE POLLUTION SOURCE" PHOTO COMPETITION.

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FS TO ATTEND DRAGON BOAT RACE IN SHA TIN
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SHA TIN DRAGON BOAT RACE ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE DAY'S PROGRAMME.

A TOTAL OF 123 TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN 26 EVENTS ON A SECTION OF THE SHING MUN RIVER BETWEEN SAND MARTIN BRIDGE AND BANYAN BRIDGE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, THE DRAGON BOAT RACE PROGRAMME IN SHA TIN WILL BE THE LARGEST IN HONG KONG.

A PERMANENT SPECTATOR STAND, COSTING \$700,000 AND HAVING A CAPACITY OF 600 PEOPLE, WILL ALSO COME INTO USE.

AND WITH NEW DRAGON BOATS DONATED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD THIS YEAR, THE 40-STRONG FLEET IS NOW ALSO ONE OF THE BIGGEST IN THE TERRITORY.

AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY TO LAUNCH THE NEW BOATS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JUNE 4).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SAND MARTIN BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WHEN THE RACES BEGIN.

THE RACE PROGRAMME THIS YEAR IS ORGANISED WITH A BUDGET OF ABOUT \$700,000, OF WHICH \$200,000 WILL BE MET BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, \$15,000 BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, \$30,000 BY ENTRY FEES AND THE REST BY PRIVATE SPONSORS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR THE THREE NEW DRAGON BOATS DONATED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD TO THE SHA TIN DRAGON BOAT RACE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SHING MUN RIVER PROMENADE ADJACENT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AT 10.45 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 4).

SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR ANDREW WONG; AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS MR CHOY KAN-PUI, MR WONG PO-MING, MR LAU HON-KIT AND MR LEE KWONG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

PRESS BADGES FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE SHA TIN DRAGON BOAT RACES NEXT THURSDAY ARE BOXED AT GIS. PLEASE CONTACT INFORMATION OFFICER/SHA TIN, MRS DIANA LEE, ON 0-6065440 IF EXTRA BADGES ARE REQUIRED.

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NEW DRAGON BOATS FOR LAUNCHING IN TAI PO
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A CEREMONY TO LAUNCH TWO NEWLY BUILT DRAGON BOATS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JUNE 4) AT THE TAI WONG YEH SHRINE IN YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO.

THE DRAGON BOATS WILL COMPETE IN THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE TO BE HELD ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8).

THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION RACE BY WINNING TEAMS IN LAST YEAR'S RACE.

OFFICIATING AT THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, AND THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE DRAGON BOATS AT TAI WONG YEH SHRINE IN YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 4).

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1988 SURVEY OF TRANSPORT, RELATED SERVICES BEGINS
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THE 1988 SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES HAS COMMENCED, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY AND REPRESENTS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME IN THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURES AND PERFORMANCE OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS IN HONG KONG.

THE AIMS OF THE SURVEY ARE TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SECTORS CONCERNED TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG, AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

ABOUT 3,600 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY.

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THE SURVEY COVERS LAND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS PUBLIC BUSES, TRAMWAYS, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TRUCKS, FERRIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES AND AIRLINES. IT ALSO COVERS SUCH TRANSPORT-RELATED SERVICES AS THOSE PROVIDED BY CARPARKS, TRAVEL AGENTS AND CARGO FORWARDING AGENTS.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEY. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31, THIS YEAR.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THESE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WHILST ON DUTY, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION, SO AS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE. ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE RETURNS, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRANSPORT AND SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8235088.

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WORKS TO EXTEND LANDFILL INTAKE

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO UNDERTAKE SITE WORKS AND SANITARY LANDFILL OPERATION IN THE JUNK BAY LANDFILL.

UNDER THE PHASE II CONTRACT OF JUNK BAY LANDFILL STAGE II, THESE WORKS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING LANDFILLING OPERATION IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE AN ADDITIONAL 3.3 MILLION TONNES OF REFUSE.

THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ONE-KILOMETRE LONG CATCHWATER AND EXTRACTION OF EARTH MATERIAL FROM NEARBY BORROW AREA FOR DAILY COVERING OF COMPACTED REFUSE.

THE LANDFILL OPERATION, IT CONSISTS ESSENTIALLY OF SPREADING AND COMPACTING REFUSE IN LAYERS, AND COVERING EACH LAYER WITH EARTH.

THE CONTRACTOR WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO SEAL OFF ALL WORKING FACES OF THE LANDFILL DAILY IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS 20 MONTHS AND WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DRAINAGE (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION, OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR NT ROAD PROJECT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A ROAD PROJECT IN SHEK WU HUI AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF A LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - ROAD L3 - WHICH EXTENDS WESTWARD FROM TAI PING ESTATE, VEHICULAR ACCESSES, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, ROADSIDE AMENITIES AND STREET FURNITURE.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS AND THE WIDENING OF A SECTION OF FAN KAM ROAD AT THE PERIPHERY OF DODWELL RIDGE CAMP IN AREA 34 TO SERVE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT SITE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1989 AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 30, 1989.

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NEW FARE SCALE CEILING FOR GREEN MINIBUSES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE FARE CEILINGS OF GREEN MINIBUSES WITH EFFECT FROM THIS SUNDAY (JUNE 4).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE REVISION WOULD BRING AN UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF 20 TO 30 PER CENT TO THE MAXIMUM FARES THAT MIGHT BE CHARGED BY GREEN MINIBUSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTANCES OF INDIVIDUAL ROUTES.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 1,300 GREEN MINIBUSES OPERATING A TOTAL OF 180 ROUTES IN THE TERRITORY WITH A GENERAL FARE RANGE OF \$1 TO \$4 DURING NORMAL SCHEDULED OPERATING HOURS.

IN VIEW OF THE RISE IN OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS SINCE THE LAST REVISION IN MARCH 1986, GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS HAD APPLIED FOR AN INCREASE IN THE FARE CEILINGS. THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AGREED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR AN ADJUSTMENT.

"THE NEW FARE SCALE ONLY INDICATES THE MAXIMUM FARE THAT CAN BE CHARGED FOR A GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE FARES OF GREEN MINIBUSES WILL BE INCREASED AUTOMATICALLY UPON THE REVISION.

"OPERATORS CAN, IF THEY WISH, CHARGE A BELOW-THE-CEILING FARE. MORE THAN HALF OF THE OPERATORS ARE NOT CHARGING THE MAXIMUM RATES AT THE MOMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE OPERATORS HAVE TO APPLY TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL FOR FARE INCREASE ON ANY INDIVIDUAL ROUTES," HE ADDED.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE EXISTING FARE SCALE AND THE NEW FARE SCALE FOR GREEN MINIBUSES:

JOURNEY DISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING (KM)	EXISTING SCALE (\$)	REVISED SCALE (\$)
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2	1.00	1.30
3	1.30	1.70
5	2.00	2.50
7	-	3.50
8	3.30	4.00
10	-	4.50
11	4.00	5.00
15	4.60	5.50
20	6.00	8.00
30	9.00	12.00
40	12.00	15.00
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TAXI TENDER DEPOSIT DOUBLED
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THE DEPOSIT FOR TENDERING A TAXI LICENCE WILL BE DOUBLED FROM \$25,000 TO \$50,000. THE AIM IS TO DISCOURAGE TENDERERS WHO ARE NOT GENUINE TAXI OPERATORS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE PRESENT TAXI LICENSING SYSTEM AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC).

HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO RESTRICTION ON THE TRANSFER OF NEWLY ISSUED LICENCES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM HAD UNREASONABLY PUSHED UP THE LICENCE PRICE TO THE EXTENT THAT GENUINE TAXI OPERATORS WERE PREVENTED FROM OBTAINING THE LICENCES AND ENTERING THE TAXI TRADE.

THERE WAS NO MONOPOLY IN THE HOLDING OF TAXI LICENCES, WHICH WERE READILY AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET. NINETY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE EXISTING URBAN TAXI LICENCES WERE HELD BY INDIVIDUALS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE TAXI LICENCE PREMIUM WAS AN INVESTMENT WHICH A TAXI OPERATOR HAD TO MAKE IN ENTERING THE TRADE.

THE PREMIUM LEVEL HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ASSESSING TAXI FARE INCREASE APPLICATIONS AND WOULD NOT THEREFORE AFFECT THE TAXI FARE, HE ADDED.

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EXTENSION OF PARKING METER OPERATION IN NORTH POINT
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE 11 PARKING METERS IN NORTH POINT ROAD WILL ALSO OPERATE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 4).

THESE TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS WILL OPERATE FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, AND FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON WEEKDAYS. THE PARKING CHARGE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT \$1 FOR 30 MINUTES.

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