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LAW REFORM ON CIVIL DEBTORS PROPOSED

THE LAW GOVERNING THE IMPRISONMENT OF CIVIL DEBTORS IS TO BE REFORMED SO THAT IN FUTURE A PERSON FROM WHOM MONEY IS CLAIMED WILL ONLY BE IMPRISONED AFTER HE HAS BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE A COURT AND ONLY BY ORDER OF THE JUDGE.

THE JUDGE WILL ONLY HAVE POWER TO ORDER IMPRISONMENT IF THE DEBTOR IS ABLE TO PAY BUT HAS AVOIDED MEETING ANY PART OF HIS DEBT, OR HAS OBSTRUCTED THE COURT.

THESE LAW REFORM MEASURES ARE PROPOSED UNDER A DEBTORS (ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT) BILL 1983 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE EXISTING LEGISLATION RELATING TO IMPRISONMENT FOR CIVIL DEBT IS CONTAINED IN TWO SEPARATE ORDERS OF THE RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

UNDER ONE OF THESE ORDERS, A PERSON TRYING TO LEAVE THE TERRITORY WITH HIS ASSETS TO AVOID A LAW SUIT CAN BE IMPRISONED BY ORDER OF A JUDGE. THIS IS INFREQUENTLY USED.

THE OTHER ORDER GIVES AUTHORITY, AFTER JUDGEMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN, FOR IMPRISONMENT OF THE DEBTOR FOR UP TO A YEAR AS A MEANS OF ENFORCING PAYMENT OF THE JUDGEMENT DEBT.

THIS IS FREQUENTLY USED IN HONG KONG AND WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAS TO BE AN ORDER OF A JUDGE BEFORE THE IMPRISONMENT TAKES PLACE IS CURRENTLY BEING ARGUED BEFORE THE COURTS.

IN RESPECT OF THE PRESENT POSITION A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +THERE HAS BEEN CRITICISM OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. IN PARTICULAR, THE HON PETER C. WONG, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO DEVISE AN EFFECTIVE MACHINERY FOR RECOVERING MONEY FROM A DEBTOR WHO HAD EITHER ASSETS OR A REGULAR INCOME, HAS ARGUED THAT POVERTY IS NOT A CRIME AND THAT IMPRISONMENT AS A FORM OF PUNISHMENT SHOULD HAVE NO PLACE IN THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES OF THE CIVIL LAW.+

THE REVISED LEGISLATION NOW PROPOSED HAS TWO KEY FEATURES :-

- (A) THERE WILL BE AN EXPRESS REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS AGAINST WHOM JUDGEMENT HAS BEEN ENTERED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE A HIGH COURT OR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OR THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR EXAMINATION BEFORE AN ORDER OF IMPRISONMENT CAN BE MADE.
- (B) THERE WILL BE A SET PROCESS BY WHICH THE DEBTOR APPEARS BEFORE THE COURT. IN ALL CASES THE JUDGEMENT CREDITOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND IT WILL BE A MATTER FOR THE COURT WHETHER AN ORDER SHOULD BE SERVED ON THE JUDGEMENT DEBTOR REQUIRING HIM TO APPEAR FOR AN EXAMINATION INTO HIS FINANCIAL POSITION WITHOUT ARREST, OR WHETHER AN ORDER SHOULD BE ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST.

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WHEN THE DEBTOR APPEARS BEFORE THE JUDGE, THE JUDGE WILL EITHER EXAMINE HIM STRAIGHT AWAY OR WILL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A FURTHER HEARING. HE WILL HAVE POWER TO ALLOW THE DEBTOR TO BE RELEASED, IF UNDER ARREST, PENDING ANY FURTHER HEARING ALTHOUGH HIS RELEASE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

AT THE APPOINTED TIME AN EXAMINATION OF THE DEBTOR WILL TAKE PLACE AND THE JUDGE WILL ONLY HAVE POWER TO ORDER IMPRISONMENT IF THE DEBTOR HAS THE ABILITY TO MEET EITHER ALL OR PART OF THE DEBT, BUT HAS FAILED TO DO SO; IS FOUND TO HAVE TRANSFERRED HIS ASSETS TO AVOID PAYMENT OF THE DEBT, OR REFUSES TO DISCLOSE HIS ASSETS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

IF THE JUDGE FINDS THAT THE DEBTOR HAS NO ASSETS AVAILABLE TO SATISFY THE DEBT, WHETHER OR NOT THIS HAS RESULTED FROM EXTRAVAGANT LIVING, HE WILL HAVE NO POWER TO ORDER HIS IMPRISONMENT. IF THE DEBTOR HAS NO MEANS BUT HAS A REGULAR INCOME, THE JUDGE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATE ORDER FOR PAYMENT BY INSTALMENTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE PROPOSALS REPRESENT A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE EXTREME POSITION OF NO IMPRISONMENT AT ALL AND THE SORT OF PRACTICES THAT PREVAILED IN THE PAST. WHAT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO DO IS TO TRY TO GIVE JUDGEMENT CREDITORS REASONABLE SANCTIONS IN THE CASE OF DEBTORS WHO REALLY HAVE TRIED TO GET AWAY WITHOUT PAYMENT WHEN THEY HAVE ASSETS, AND AT THE SAME TIME TRY TO INTRODUCE PROCEDURES THAT PROTECT THE MAN WHO HAS FALLEN ON HARD TIMES, THE ORDINARY DEBTORS IF YOU LIKE, FROM BEING INCARCERATED WHEN HE SIMPLY CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE SUMS WHICH HE OWES.+

ANOTHER PROPOSED REFORM IS IN RESPECT OF THE POWER TO IMPRISON PERSONS WHO INTEND TO LEAVE HONG KONG EVEN BEFORE THE ACTION FOR THE MONEY CLAIMED HAS BEEN STARTED.

UNDER THE REVISED LEGISLATION, THIS WILL ONLY APPLY TO PERSONS WHO ARE EITHER ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG, OR WHO CARRY ON BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

THE REVISED LEGISLATION ALSO INCLUDES A PROVISION VALIDATING ACTION TAKEN PRIOR TO THE HIGH COURT RULING LAST MONTH THAT NO ONE COULD LAWFULLY BE IMPRISONED IN EXECUTION OF A JUDGEMENT DEBT WITHOUT PRIOR ORDER OF A JUDGE.

THE BILL WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 7 AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON DECEMBER 21.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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BILLS AIM TO PROTECT TRADING INTERESTS

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A SERIES OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AIMED AT PROTECTING HONG KONG'S TRADING INTERESTS AND FACILITATING THE PROCESSING OF IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE AND THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE.

THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1983 GAZETTED TODAY SEEKS TO INCREASE FROM SIX MONTHS TO TWO YEARS THE MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR IMPORTING OR EXPORTING UNMANIFESTED CARGO, IN LINE WITH THE PENALTIES FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENSING OFFENCES.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN CONTROLS ON IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENCES OR DECLARATIONS AND TO FACILITATE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.

IT PROPOSES TO DO IT BY MAKING IT AN OFFENCE NOT ONLY TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORT AND EXPORT APPLICATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OR TO ALTER A LICENCE BUT ALSO TO CAUSE SUCH A STATEMENT TO BE MADE, TO FORGE A LICENCE OR TO USE A FORGED OR ALTERED LICENCE.

TO COMPLEMENT THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, A NEW SECTION HAS BEEN PROPOSED MAKING THE DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS OF A CORPORATION GUILTY OF THE OFFENCE OF MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT WHICH THE CORPORATION ITSELF HAS COMMITTED UNLESS THE DIRECTOR OR MANAGER PROVES HE DID NOT KNOW THE OFFENCE WAS BEING COMMITTED OR DID ALL HE REASONABLY COULD TO PREVENT IT.

ANOTHER GAZETTE BILL -- THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 -- PROPOSES TO RAISE FROM \$500 TO \$1 000 THE VALUE OF CLOTHING SAMPLES EXEMPTED FROM DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS.

TO DETER IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION IRREGULARITIES, THE BILL SEEKS TO RAISE FROM \$5 000 TO \$10 000 THE MAXIMUM SURCHARGE THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE MAY IMPOSE ON AN EXPORTER WHO HAS UNDERSTATED THE VALUE OF CLOTHING IN AN EXPORT DECLARATION OR FAILED TO LODGE SUCH A DECLARATION.

IN ADDITION, THE BILL SEEKS TO INCREASE THE FINE FOR KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE DECLARATION FROM \$5 000 TO \$10 000.

THE FIRST READING OF THE TWO AMENDMENT BILLS AND COMMENCEMENT OF SECOND READING DEBATE AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE ON DECEMBER 21, 1983, AND COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING WILL BE ON JANUARY 11, 1984.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE AMENDMENTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR C.S. LI OF TRADE CONTROLS OPERATIONS BRANCH OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AT 5-8916825.

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SEPARATE TAX ASSESSMENT BILL

LEGISLATION GIVING EFFECT TO THE PROPOSALS BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH THIS YEAR TO ALLOW SEPARATE ASSESSMENT OF TAX FOR MARRIED WOMEN HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND IS PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE GAZETTE AS THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) BILL 1983.

IN HIS SPEECH, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT HIS PROPOSALS, IF ENACTED, WOULD MEET THE COMPLAINTS THAT THE PRESENT LEGISLATION WAS AN AFFRONT TO WOMEN IN THAT IT RENDERED THEM SECOND CLASS CITIZENS. ALTHOUGH THE MEASURES WOULD NOT GIVE RISE TO ANY TAX SAVINGS IN INDIVIDUAL CASES, THEY WOULD ACCORD LEGAL PERSONALITY TO WOMEN WHICH HAD BEEN A MAIN PREOCCUPATION OF THOSE SEEKING AMENDMENTS TO THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

THE BILL NOW PROPOSED, IF ENACTED, WOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR AND ELECTION FOR SEPARATE ASSESSMENT WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE RETURN REQUIRED FOR SALARIES TAX OR FOR PERSONAL ASSESSMENT BEGINNING FROM THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT 1984-85.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE BILL WOULD REMOVE THOSE PROVISIONS IN THE PRESENT LEGISLATION WHICH WERE CONSIDERED OUTDATED AND OFFENSIVE.

UNDER THE EXISTING PROVISIONS, THE INCOME OF A WIFE IS DEEMED TO BE THAT OF HER HUSBAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF SALARIES TAX AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT, AND THE WIFE IS DEEMED TO BE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON AS HER HUSBAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROFITS TAX.

THE BILL WILL REPEAL ALL THESE AND WILL INSTEAD RECOGNISE EACH SPOUSE AS A SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL CHARGEABLE TO TAX. INCOMES OF THE SPOUSES WILL BE AGGREGATED FOR SALARIES TAX AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT.

+IF THE SPOUSES JOINTLY ELECT FOR SEPARATE ASSESSMENT FOR SALARIES TAX, THEY WOULD HAVE TO DECLARE THEIR RESPECTIVE INCOMES IN A JOINT RETURN AND WOULD BE SERVED WITH A NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT AND DEMAND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL SHARE OF THE TOTAL TAX PAYABLE.+

+THE HUSBAND WOULD REMAIN LIABLE TO SUBMIT THE JOINT RETURN IN TIME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANY OBJECTION OR APPEAL AGAINST THE ASSESSMENT OF TAX WILL BE REGARDED AS BEING MADE JOINTLY, AS IT COULD AFFECT THE JOINT LIABILITY OF THE SPOUSES.

PROVISIONAL TAX WILL STILL BE PAYABLE AND IF THERE WAS SEPARATE ASSESSMENT, THE TAX WILL BE APPORTIONED BETWEEN THE SPOUSES BY REFERENCE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SHARES OF THE INCOME OF THE PRECEDING YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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WHEN AN ELECTION IS MADE FOR SEPARATE ASSESSMENT, EACH SPOUSE WILL ASSUME INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS, SUCH AS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DECLARE THE ACCURATE AMOUNT OF THE SPOUSE'S OWN INCOME AND TO PAY THEIR RELEVANT SHARE OF THE TAX, AND THE RIGHT TO OBJECT IF AGGRIEVED BY THE ASSESSMENT.

IN THE CASE OF PERSONAL ASSESSMENT, WHEN COMPUTING THE TOTAL INCOME OF A SPOUSE, THE EXISTING FACILITY FOR SETTING OFF A LOSS INCURRED IN BUSINESS AGAINST INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES WOULD REMAIN.

+HOWEVER, ANY LOSS WHICH EXCEEDED A SPOUSE'S OTHER INCOME FOR A PARTICULAR YEAR WOULD FIRST HAVE TO BE SET OFF AGAINST THE TOTAL INCOME OF HIS OR HER SPOUSE FOR THAT YEAR BEFORE BEING CARRIED FORWARD TO A SUBSEQUENT YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS REGARDS PROFITS TAX, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT, A WIFE WAS DEEMED TO BE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON AS HER HUSBAND. THE REMOVAL OF THIS DEEMING SECTION COULD GIVE RISE TO TAX-AVOIDANCE OPPORTUNITIES. HOWEVER, THESE WILL BE COUNTERED BY A NEW PROVISION WHICH WILL PROHIBIT OR LIMIT THE DEDUCTIONS FOR SALARIES, INTEREST AND RENT PAID BY ONE SPOUSE TO THE OTHER, AND WILL PERMIT THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE TO SUBSTITUTE MARKET VALUE FOR SALE PRICE ON ASSETS SOLD BY ONE SPOUSE TO THE OTHER.

THE BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 7, AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON DECEMBER 21.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY DO SO IN WRITING TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, AT WINDSOR HOUSE, 26TH FLOOR, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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ADMIRALTY II SITE TO BE AUCTIONED
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT IS TO OFFER THE ADMIRALTY II SITE FOR SALE BY AUCTION NEXT MONTH.

THE SITE, MEASURING 6 312 SQUARE METRES, IS AT THE JUNCTION OF COTTON TREE DRIVE AND QUEENSWAY.

THE PURCHASER WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COSTING NOT LESS THAN \$226 MILLION BEFORE MARCH 31, 1989.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD INCLUDE A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. THIS WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY.

THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, MR JOHN TODD, SAID THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS IN RESPECT OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION INSTALLATIONS ON THE SITE.

POSSESSION OF THE SITE WOULD BE PHASED, HE SAID, BUT THE MAIN PORTION ON WHICH THE COMMERCIAL TOWERS WOULD BE ERECTED WOULD BE HANDED OVER AS SOON AS THE SITE WAS BOUGHT OR WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE PURCHASE DATE.

MR TODD SAID THE DECISION TO SELL THE SITE HAD BEEN TAKEN BECAUSE INTEREST HAD BEEN SHOWN IN IT.

+IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT DEVELOPERS ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING THE SITE AND ALSO IN SPENDING FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL SUMS ON DEVELOPING IT,+ HE SAID.

+OBVIOUSLY WE CANNOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE SAME PRICE PAID WHEN THE MARKET WAS AT ITS PEAK, BUT WE ARE STILL ANTICIPATING A MINIMUM OF \$300 MILLION FOR THIS PROMINENT SITE,+ HE SAID.

FOUNDATIONS BUILT BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR A MULTI-STOREY COMMERCIAL BUILDING WERE ALREADY IN PLACE, MR TODD SAID. THE SALE WOULD GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE TO BE UTILISED AND ALSO FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADMIRALTY AREA TO BE COMPLETED.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE JADE BALLROOM OF THE FURAMA HOTEL AT 2.30 PM ON JANUARY 18.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. SALE PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE LOCATIONS.

CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON, AND ISLANDS, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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CIVIL SERVICE OPEN TO CRITICISM
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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR NEIL HENDERSON, SAID TODAY THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE WAS PROBABLY THE MOST OPEN TO PUBLIC CRITICISM IN THE WORLD.

+WE HAVE NO PARTY POLITICIANS TO EXCHANGE ARTILLERY BARRAGES UNDER WHICH CIVIL SERVANTS CAN HIDE IN THEIR TRENCHES, WE HAVE A PRESS WHICH IS OVERALL REASONABLY RESPONSIBLE AND COULD NOT BE SAID TO SHRINK FROM WHAT IT CONCEIVES AS ITS PUBLIC DUTY TO CASTIGATE AND EXPOSE WHERE IT THINKS IT PERCEIVES INADEQUACIES AND SHORTCOMINGS,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE ASIAN CONFERENCE FOR TEACHERS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS, MR HENDERSON SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATIVE PROCESS IN ITSELF LED TO MUCH WELL-VOICED CRITICISM ALONG THE WAY.

+WE HAVE A WIDE VARIETY OF INTEREST GROUPS, SUNDRY VOCAL ACADEMICS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ALL READY TO SAY THEIR PIECE. THE WELCOME DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT BOARDS HAS ENABLED LOCAL CRITICISM OF WHAT IS A RATHER CENTRALISED GOVERNMENT, TO FIND A FOCUS THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN RATHER LACKING AS THE POPULATION HAS EXPANDED DRAMATICALLY OUTWARDS FROM THE 'OLD' TOWNS OF KOWLOON AND VICTORIA,+ HE POINTED OUT.

MR HENDERSON SAID THAT IN ADDITION THERE WERE THE MORE FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL, HEUNG YEE KUK AND UMELCO.

ON THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION OF CIVIL SERVANTS AND THEIR ROLE IN SOCIETY, MR HENDERSON SAID THERE WAS AN IMPROVED RESPECT FOR CIVIL SERVANTS, AND THIS TOGETHER WITH A STRONGER ATTITUDE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE AGAINST CORRUPTION, AND THE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THIS, HAD ALL HELPED THE STATUS OF THE CIVIL SERVANTS IN SOCIETY.

+THERE WILL ALWAYS BE COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND THE GOVERNED, BUT I THINK IT IS BEING MORE STEADILY APPRECIATED AND UNDERSTOOD THAT CIVIL SERVANTS ARE DEVOTING MORE EFFORTS - OFTEN BY QUITE JUNIOR OFFICERS - TO EXPLAINING POLICIES AND BEING MORE RESPONSIVE TO PERCEIVED NEEDS FOR CHANGE,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE ROLE OF TEACHERS IN SOCIETY, MR HENDERSON SAID FOCUS SHOULD BE PUT ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF TEACHERS.

HE ALSO NOTED THE INCREASING INVOLVEMENT OF TEACHERS IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

SOME OF THESE TEACHERS WERE MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND MANY WERE ACTIVE IN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HE SAID.

+THIS IS DOUBLY WELCOME FIRSTLY BECAUSE TEACHERS HAVE SO MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE AND SECONDLY IT BRINGS THEM INTO CONTACT WITH ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF MEN IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND SERVES TO AMELIORATE THE SOMETIMES ISOLATED NATURE OF THE TEACHING ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED
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DETAILS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR SHAU KEI WAN ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY'S) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE AMENDMENTS INVOLVED ALTERATION OF ZONING BOUNDARIES AND THE REZONING OF SEVERAL SITES.

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS IS TO ADJUST THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF THE 'COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL', 'OPEN SPACE' AND 'GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY' SITES NEAR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION, SOUTH OF ALDRICH BAY, TO REFLECT CHANGES TO LOCAL ROAD PATTERNS AND THE SLIP ROADS OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SITE TO THE SOUTH-EAST OF SAI WAN HO STREET WAS REZONED FROM 'GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY' TO +OPEN SPACE+.

THE CARGO HANDLING SITE FRONTING ALDRICH BAY IS REZONED FROM +OTHER SPECIFIED USE+ TO +OPEN SPACE+ AND +ROAD RESERVE+.

HE SAID THE SITE RESERVED FOR A TRAM DEPOT AT SHAU KEI WAN ROAD IS NOW REZONED FROM 'OTHER SPECIFIED USE' TO 'OPEN SPACE'.

ALSO, PART OF THE SITE ZONED +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY+ IN A KUNG NGAM IS REZONED TO +OTHER SPECIFIED USE+ AND IS EARMARKED FOR A SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), 884-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG; AND THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS SHOULD SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

OCTOBER MONETARY STATISTICS

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 1983 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY.

PROBABLY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE MEASURES TAKEN ON OCTOBER 17 TO STABILISE THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR, THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS FELL, REFLECTING BOTH THE VALUATION EFFECT ARISING FROM THE EXCHANGE RATE HAVING BEEN STABILISED AT A STRONGER LEVEL AND A MODEST SWITCH BACK INTO HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY INCREASED ON ALL DEFINITIONS.

HOWEVER, THE BROADER DEFINITIONS OF TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY, THAT IS TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3, DECREASED BECAUSE OF THE CONTRACTION IN THE FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENTS.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES FELL IN OCTOBER. WITHIN THIS TOTAL, HOWEVER, HONG KONG DOLLAR LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE SHOWED SOME INCREASE.

(A STATISTICAL TABLE GIVING A SUMMARY OF THE MONETARY STATISTICS IS ATTACHED)

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

THE NARROWEST DEFINITION OF HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY, HKM\$1, ROSE FURTHER BY 0.7 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, COMPARED WITH 0.9 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

THIS REFLECTED AN INCREASE IN HK\$ DEMAND DEPOSITS OFFSETTING A FALL IN THE PUBLIC'S HOLDING OF NOTES AND COINS.

THE HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON THE BROADER DEFINITIONS, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, ROSE BY 0.9 PER CENT AND 3.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, REVERSING THE CORRESPONDING FALLS OF 0.3 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, HK\$M1 ROSE BY 4.6 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 2.5 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 2.6 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 10.6 PER CENT, 7.5 PER CENT AND 3.9 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 CONTINUED TO INCREASE, BY 1.1 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A RISE OF 0.9 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3, HOWEVER, FELL BY 2.5 PER CENT AND 1.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE VALUATION EFFECT ARISING FROM A STRONGER HONG KONG DOLLAR, IN CONTRAST TO THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES OF 3.8 PER CENT AND 3.7 RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 5.5 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 4.3 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 5.0 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 6.4 PER CENT, 22.0 PER CENT AND 19.3 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 3.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, AFTER A DECLINE OF 1.0 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

THERE WAS PROBABLY SOME SWITCH BY PERSONAL CUSTOMERS OUT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS BACK TO HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, CONSEQUENT UPON THE REMOVAL OF THE 10 PER CENT INTEREST WITHHOLDING TAX ON HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ON OCTOBER 17, 1983, WHILE THE STABILISATION OF THE EXCHANGE RATE MAY HAVE INDUCED A MORE GENERAL WILLINGNESS TO HOLD THE LOCAL CURRENCY.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, THERE WAS A SHIFT FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS INTO TIME DEPOSITS.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.8 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS BY 3.5 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS FELL SHARPLY BY 6.5 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 8.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER- PART OF THE DECLINE WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE VALUATION EFFECT OF THE STRONGER HONG KONG DOLLAR.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 0.9 PER CENT, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 5.5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, THEY GREW BY 6.8 PER CENT, AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, BY 20.5 PER CENT.

WITHIN THIS TOTAL, HONG KONG DOLLAR LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 3.0 PER CENT IN OCTOBER FOLLOWING ONE OF 0.5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

SIMILAR LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCY, HOWEVER, FELL BY 7.0 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A RISE OF 12.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, BOTH FIGURES PARTLY EXPLAINING THE VALUATION EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE EXCHANGE RATE.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG, MOST OF WHICH ARE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS, FELL BY 0.3 PER CENT FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 3.4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION

THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION OF THE MONETARY SECTOR SHOWED A NET LIABILITY OF \$23.2 BILLION AT THE END OF OCTOBER, COMPARED WITH \$28.2 BILLION AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD NET LIABILITIES OF \$17.0 BILLION AND \$6.2 BILLION RESPECTIVELY.

STATISTICS COLLECTED (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SHOW THAT THE MONETARY SECTOR HAD NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF \$26.2 BILLION AND THAT THESE WERE MORE THAN COVERED BY NET FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF \$49.1 BILLION.

LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS ROSE TO 52.9 PER CENT FROM 49.7 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL TO 67.7 PER CENT FROM 68.0 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN OPERATION INCREASED BY 1 TO 134. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WAS UNCHANGED AT 30 AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 1 TO 318.

(% change to October 1983)

<u>Money Supply</u>	<u>Oct 1983</u>	<u>Sep 1983</u>	<u>Jul 1983</u>	<u>Oct 1982</u>
M1 - HK\$	27,792	27,592 (+ 0.7%)	26,560 (+ 4.6%)	25,122 (+10.6%)
Foreign Currency	2,547	2,417 (+ 5.4%)	2,186 (+16.5%)	3,404 (-25.2%)
Total	30,339	30,009 (+ 1.1%)	28,746 (+ 5.5%)	28,526 (+ 6.4%)
M2 - HK\$	128,076	126,939 (+ 0.9%)	124,922 (+ 2.5%)	119,097 (+ 7.5%)
Foreign Currency	118,906	126,446 (- 6.0%)	111,915 (+ 6.2%)	83,315 (+42.7%)
Total	246,982	253,385 (- 2.5%)	236,837 (+ 4.3%)	202,412 (+22.0%)
M3 - HK\$	153,146	148,529 (+ 3.1%)	149,235 (+ 2.6%)	147,374 (+ 3.9%)
Foreign Currency	141,257	150,922 (- 6.4%)	131,211 (+ 7.7%)	99,488 (+42.0%)
Total	294,402	299,451 (- 1.7%)	280,446 (+ 5.0%)	246,862 (+19.3%)
<u>Deposits</u>				
Demand deposits	18,101	17,544 (+ 3.2%)	16,948 (+ 6.8%)	17,570 (+ 3.0%)
Savings deposit	66,553	71,150 (- 6.5%)	70,652 (- 5.8%)	66,175 (+ 0.6%)
Time deposits with banks	145,191	146,941 (- 1.2%)	132,453 (+ 9.6%)	103,404 (+40.4%)
Time deposits with dtcs	46,264	44,776 (+ 3.3%)	42,484 (+ 8.9%)	43,239 (+ 7.0%)
All HK\$ deposits	138,820	133,627 (+ 3.9%)	135,043 (+ 2.8%)	134,091 (+ 3.5%)
All foreign currency deposits	137,290	146,785 (- 6.5%)	127,493 (+ 7.7%)	96,297 (+42.6%)
Total	276,110	280,412 (- 1.5%)	262,536 (+ 5.2%)	230,388 (+19.8%)
<u>Loans and advances</u>				
To finance Hong Kong's visible trade	29,150	29,276 (- 0.4%)	27,992 (+ 4.1%)	25,435 (+14.6%)
To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong	2,965	3,073 (- 3.5%)	2,730 (+ 8.6%)	2,724 (+ 8.8%)
Other loans for use in Hong Kong	212,091	212,802 (- 0.3%)	202,674 (+ 4.6%)	183,703 (+15.5%)
Other loans for use outside Hong Kong	128,915	127,339 (+ 1.2%)	115,840 (+11.3%)	99,314 (+29.8%)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	17,639	21,818 (- 19.2%)	16,712 (+ 5.5%)	13,222 (+33.4%)
All loans in HK\$	196,339	197,055 (- 0.4%)	194,248 (+ 1.1%)	177,644 (+10.5%)
All loans in foreign currencies	194,421	197,253 (- 1.4%)	171,699 (+13.2%)	146,754 (+32.5%)
Total	390,760	394,308 (- 0.9%)	365,947 (+ 6.8%)	324,398 (+20.5%)

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC PLAN FOR SUNDAY WALK
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4) TO ALLOW FOR THE "WALK FOR MILLIONS" HELD BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE FOLLOWING RE-ROUTING WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 5.30 PM:

- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM GOVERNMENT STADIUM TO TUNG LO WAN ROAD.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD FROM LEIGHTON ROAD TO GOVERNMENT STADIUM WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, WITH TRAFFIC RESTRICTED TO THE NORTHERN LANE.
- * BROADWOOD ROAD FROM VENTRIS ROAD TO LINK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE NORTHSIDE LANE ONLY.
- * BLUE POOL ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SING WOO ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE WESTERN LANE.
- * BLUE POOL ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SING WOO ROAD TO TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND, EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, WHICH WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL NORTH UNDER THE DIRECTION OF POLICE PERSONNEL ON DUTY.
- * TAI HANG ROAD FROM STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO MOUNT BUTLER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND, EXCEPT FOR BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 41 AND 62 AND MAXICABS ON ROUTE NO. 24, WHICH WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL EASTWARD. ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE SOUTHERN LANE.
- * MOUNT BUTLER ROAD BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND HENDERSON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE WESTERN LANE.
- * THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE.

IN ADDITION, LINK ROAD FROM BROADWOOD ROAD TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5.30 PM WITH TRAFFIC RESTRICTED TO THE NORTHERN LANE.

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A NUMBER OF ROAD CLOSURES WILL ALSO BE INVOLVED:

- * VENTRIS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5.30 PM EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS;
- * BLUE POOL ROAD SOUTH OF TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5.30 PM;
- * MOST OF TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR RESIDENTS AND THOSE WITH POLICE APPROVAL BETWEEN 8 AM AND 3 PM;
- * LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8.45 AM AND 9.30 AM;
- * MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE AND PRICE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR RESIDENTS AND THOSE WITH POLICE APPROVAL BETWEEN 9 AM AND APPROXIMATELY 5.30 PM;
- * MOUNT PARKER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED AT ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH POLICE APPROVAL BETWEEN 9 AM AND APPROXIMATELY 2.30 PM.

ALL PARKING SPACES ON GOVERNMENT STADIUM SLIP ROAD, VENTRIS ROAD (EASTERN SIDE), TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD, PRICE ROAD AND MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 6 AM TO 6 PM.

THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC TRANSPORT DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 5.30 PM:

- * CMB ROUTE NO.19 ON JOURNEYS TO TAI HANG ROAD WILL NOT OPERATE VIA STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT, BUT WILL TRAVEL VIA GREEN LANE AND TERMINATE AT THE TERMINUS FOR CMB ROUTE 1 AT BROOM ROAD. ON JOURNEYS TO NORTH POINT FERRY, IT WILL OPERATE VIA BROOM ROAD, BLUE POOL ROAD AND SING WOO ROAD;
- * CMB ROUTE NO. 11 WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TAI HANG ROAD, MOUNT BUTLER ROAD, PERKINS ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD;
- * MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 5 WILL OPERATE VIA STUBBS ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST INSTEAD OF BLUE POOL ROAD.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH UTMOST CARE IN THE VICINITY OF GOVERNMENT STADIUM, BLUE POOL ROAD AND STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

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QUIT NOW, SMOKERS ARE TOLD
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THE MESSAGE WAS QUITE CLEAR AT TWO ANTI-SMOKING SEMINARS HELD TODAY AT KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI - QUIT SMOKING NOW, CIGARETTES ARE HAZARDOUS AND DESTRUCTIVE TO HEALTH.

THE SEMINARS WERE PART OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE DRIVE LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

OPENING THE SEMINAR AT THE BUDDHIST YIP KEI NAM MEMORIAL COLLEGE AT CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF TSING YI, MR BARTON IRELAND, SAID MANY CHILDREN START SMOKING IN THE MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT SMOKING CAN GIVE THEM A 'LIFT', PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL, OR CAN HELP CALM THEIR NERVES AND QUELL FEAR AND INSECURITY.

+OTHERS FEEL THAT SMOKING SHOWS MATURITY AND THAT IF THEY DO NOT SMOKE THEY WILL BE TREATED AS OUTSIDERS BY THEIR CONTEMPORARIES,+ HE SAID.

+BELIEVE ME, NOTHING CAN JUSTIFY ENSLAVING YOURSELF TO THIS DESTRUCTIVE ADDICTION.+

+THE SMOKER'S ODDS OF DYING OF LUNG CANCER ARE SEVEN TIMES AS HIGH AS THOSE OF THE NON-SMOKER. A 20-YEAR SURVEY BY BRITISH DOCTORS SHOWS THAT, ON AVERAGE, THREE OUT OF 10 SMOKERS WILL DIE AS A RESULT OF THEIR HABIT. ON AVERAGE, THOSE WHO DIE WILL CUT SHORT THEIR LIVES BY 10 TO 15 YEARS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE SOBERING FACTS,+ MR IRELAND SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OTHER SEMINAR HELD AT THE COTTON SPINNERS' ASSOCIATION PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOL, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG SOUTH, MR ALAN HO, SAID IT WAS SHOCKING TO FIND THAT 12 PER CENT OF FORM 1 TO FORM 3 STUDENTS WERE SMOKERS.

HE SAID THIS WAS SHOWN IN A RECENT SURVEY BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON SMOKING HABITS AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

+TAKING UP SMOKING AS EARLY AS STUDENT DAYS IS, OF COURSE, HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH, AND WILL ALSO INCREASE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF FAMILY,+ HE ADDED.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT.

A THIRD SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, (DECEMBER 4) AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

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REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES REVISING CERTAIN FEES
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AN ORDER RAISING SEVEN TYPES OF FEES PAYABLE TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

UNDER THE COMPANIES (FEES)(AMENDMENT) ORDER 1983, THESE FEES COVERING THE INSPECTION, ISSUANCE, CERTIFICATION AND PHOTOCOPYING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS WILL BE INCREASED FROM JANUARY 3, 1984.

THE SERVICES INVOLVED ARE USED MAINLY BY SOLICITORS, ACCOUNTANTS AND CHARTERED SECRETARIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTING THESE PROFESSIONS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND HAVE RAISED NO OBJECTION TO THE FEE INCREASES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EXISTING FEES RANGE FROM \$1 TO \$10 AND THE REVISED FEES WILL RANGE FROM \$3 TO \$50.

THE REVISION HAD BEEN MADE TO BRING THE FEES INTO LINE WITH THOSE FOR OTHER COMPARABLE SERVICES, HE ADDED.

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ROAD SAFETY TEACHING KIT FOR LOAN
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COPIES OF A TEACHING KIT AIMED AT PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY AMONG PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE KIT IS USED IN TEACHING THE ROAD SAFETY TOPICS COVERED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S HEALTH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUSES, AND IS ALSO APPLICABLE FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE INTERESTS OR NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE EXPERIENCING ANY PROBLEMS AS ROAD USERS.

ENTITLED 'ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION FOR SCHOOLS', THE KIT IS PRODUCED BY A JOINT WORKING PARTY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL.

THE KIT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE MODULES, WITH A SET OF WORKCARDS. EACH WORKCARD HAS A PICTURE SHOWING A TRAFFIC SCENE OR FEATURE, TOGETHER WITH SUGGESTED QUESTIONS AND SOME HELPFUL HINT THAT A TEACHER CAN BRING UP DURING CLASS DISCUSSION.

THE CARDS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A GRADED TEACHING APPROACH FOR STUDENTS OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

COPIES OF THE KIT ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO SCHOOLS FROM THE AUDIO VISUAL RESOURCES LIBRARY, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ROOM 228, LEE GARDENS, 2ND FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE KIT OR PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS FOR BORROWING CAN BE MADE TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION ON 5-8392362.

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FIGHT-CRIME CARNIVAL BEING HELD SUNDAY
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RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS IN SAI KUNG WILL LEARN ABOUT CRIME FIGHTING THROUGH FUN AND GAMES IN A CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4).

AT THE CARNIVAL, AN EXHIBITION ON POLICE WORK AND A DISPLAY OF SECURITY SYSTEMS WILL HELP TEACH PARTICIPANTS HOW TO PREVENT CRIME.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK AT AN ARMoured CAR USED BY THE POLICE DURING RIOTS.

TWENTY GAME STALLS WILL BE PUT UP BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, JUNIOR POLICE CALL, AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO BRING FUN AND LAUGHTER TO THE PARTICIPANTS WHILE SPREADING THE FIGHT-CRIME MESSAGE.

THE +BEST DECORATED+ AND THE +MOST POPULAR+ GAME STALLS WILL ALSO BE SELECTED.

THE SIX-HOUR CARNIVAL, TO BE HELD AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN SAI KUNG FROM 12.30 PM, WILL ALSO FEATURE A LION DANCE, FOLK DANCES AND A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES INCLUDING ACROBATICS, MAGIC AND SINGING BY MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, LOCAL SCHOOL BANDS AND THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR PEDRO CHING AND CHAIRMEN OF SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEES, MR CHUNG POON AND MR YAU KI, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, AT \$36 700.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT-CRIME CARNIVAL'S OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4) AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

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TAI PO GETS SET FOR SPORTS FESTIVAL
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TAI PO'S FIRST DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL, WHICH BEGINS ON DECEMBER 10, WILL ALSO MARK THE OPENING OF A 2 700-SQUARE-METRE SPORTS COMPLEX IN THE HEART OF THE NEW TOWN.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE TWO-WEEK FESTIVAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN, SAID THAT IN THE PAST IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO HOLD LARGE-SCALE SPORTING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT DUE TO THE LACK OF A PROPER VENUE.

+WITH THE OPENING OF THE FIRST PURPOSE-BUILT LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN THE DISTRICT, SUCH A FESTIVAL CAN BE HELD ANNUALLY TO PROMOTE THE STANDARD OF SPORTS AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY A VISITING CHINESE GYMNASTICS TEAM, LOCAL BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL TEAMS, AND MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTORS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE COMPETITIONS IN TABLE TENNIS, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, ORIENTEERING, BOWLING, TENNIS, BADMINTON, FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER AND LONG DISTANCE RUNNING.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN WONG, SAID THAT ABOUT \$170 000 WOULD BE SPENT ON THE FESTIVAL, WITH \$50 000 BEING PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE COMPETITIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THESE ORGANISATIONS.

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AVIATION CHIEF ON LEAVE
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MR B.D. KEEP, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WILL GO ON A SHORT LEAVE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

DURING HIS WEEK-LONG ABSENCE, MR TREVOR THORPE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WILL ACT IN HIS CAPACITY.

MR KEEP, WHO WAS AWARDED THE OBE IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR LIST, WILL RECEIVE HIS INSIGNIA AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 6).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

HALL TO BE OPENED

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OPEN THE ROTARY HALL OF THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION'S NEW LIFE FARM IN SIU HANG VILLAGE, TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4).

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR HO SAI-CHU; DISTRICT 345 GOVERNOR OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, MR PHILIP LAI; AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 12 NOON. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 11 AM FOR TUEN MUN.

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1983 LAND SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN

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THE 1983 LAND SPORTS SAFETY ACTIVITIES DAY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4) AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, STARTING AT 10 AM.

MR P.J. WILLIAMSON, COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE AND MR CHAM SIU-LEUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON 1983 LAND SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FUNCTION.

THERE WILL BE A SAFETY DEMONSTRATION, PLAY-IN AND DISPLAYS OF CYCLING, ARCHERY, ROPE COURSE, ORIENTEERING, CAMPING AND ROLLER SKATING AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE AND FIRST AID TECHNIQUES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE THE PRESS TO AND FROM THE DESTINATION. TWO 11-SEATER VANS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 8.30 AM SHARP AND TAKE THE PRESS BACK AT ABOUT NOON.

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TEMPORARY STREET ALTERATION
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THERE WILL BE A TEMPORARY STREET ALTERATION AT HOLY CROSS PATH, SHAU KEI WAN, TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAI WAN HO STATION CONCOURSE OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS THE SECTION OF HOLY CROSS PATH RUNNING FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHAU KEI WAN ROAD TO A POINT 15 METRES NORTH OF THE NORTHERN KERBLINE OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD. THE WESTERN FOOTPATH ALONG THE SECTION WILL BE CLOSED WHILE THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 4.5 METRES.

THE DATE FOR THE STREET ALTERATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE STREET ALTERATION IS GAZETTED TODAY. COPIES OF THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH THE STREET ALTERATION PLAN (NO. MT/G/274), MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AT CGO WEST WING THE DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN) AT 884-886 KING'S ROAD OR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION IN MURRAY BUILDING, COTTON TREE DRIVE.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE STREET ALTERATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AND MUST REACH HIS OFFICE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE ROAD IS REINSTATED.

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SATURDAY NIGHT TRAMWORK
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TRAM SERVICES WILL BE CURTAILED TOMORROW (DECEMBER 3) EVENING TO ALLOW TRACK RENEWAL WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT WHITTY STREET.

THE LAST TRAMS WILL LEAVE FROM NORTH POINT TO WHITTY STREET AND FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO KENNEDY TOWN AT 10.20 PM, FROM KENNEDY TOWN TO HAPPY VALLEY AT 10.53 PM AND FROM WHITTY STREET TO NORTH POINT AT 11 PM.

SERVICES BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND WESTERN MARKET, AND BETWEEN HAPPY VALLEY AND SHAU KEI WAN, WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT TRAM SERVICES WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL BY 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE FOR SUNDAY SHOW
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE 'COLOURFUL AGING' VARIETY SHOW AND EXHIBITION AT EDINBURGH PLACE, THE SECTION OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST BETWEEN THE EASTERN END OF URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND QUEEN'S PIER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM NOON TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4).

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PING-PONG COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS

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A ONE-MONTH TABLE TENNIS INSTRUCTORS' COURSE WILL START FROM JANUARY 3, NEXT YEAR.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD TWICE A WEEK, FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM, AT THE ASSOCIATION'S PREMISES AT 59 WAN CHAI ROAD.

THIRTY PLACES ARE OPEN FOR THE COURSE WHICH IS FOR MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE. THE ENTRY FEE IS \$30 EACH PERSON.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE. FOR INQUIRIES TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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WAN CHAI TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 5) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES IN LOCKHART ROAD, FENWICK STREET AND FLEMING ROAD, AS WELL AS 210-258 HENNESSY ROAD, 104-173 THOMSON ROAD, AND 183-211 JOHNSTON ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

BOY SCOUTS TO PARADE

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL INSPECT A PARADE OF BOY SCOUTS AT THEIR ANNUAL RALLY ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4).

MR MACPHERSON, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION (NEW TERRITORIES REGION), WILL ALSO PRESENT TROPHIES TO THE OUTSTANDING TEAMS AND LONG SERVICE AWARDS TO THE MEMBERS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NEW TERRITORIES SCOUTS RALLY STARTING AT 2.30 PM AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN TUEN MUN.

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