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HYGIENE AT CENTRE OF ANTI-CHOLERA ACTION
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REAFFIRMED ITS POLICY ON THE CONTROL OF CHOLERA, AND RESTATED THAT INOCULATION IS NOT THE MOST EFFECTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTIVE MEASURE.

AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE CONTROL OF THE DISEASE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO STEP UP ITS EFFORTS ON FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

THE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP ON AUGUST 4 TO CO-ORDINATE ALL MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF CHOLERA AFTER HONG KONG WAS DECLARED TO BE INFECTED.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE, INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE MEETING AGREED THAT EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CONCENTRATED ON FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE, INCLUDING THE INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES, CRACKING DOWN ON ILLEGAL FOOD HAWKERS, AND SAMPLING OF BEACH, SWIMMING POOL AND WELL WATER.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO PUT GREATER EMPHASIS ON EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO PREVENT THE DISEASE, THROUGH PUBLICITY IN THE MASS MEDIA, ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST ON TELEVISION AND RADIO, POSTER DISPLAYS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS.

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CHOLERA TOTAL RISES TO 20
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TWO NEW CASES OF CHOLERA WERE CONFIRMED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THIS BRINGS TO 20 THE NUMBER OF CASES CONFIRMED SINCE HONG KONG WAS DECLARED CHOLERA INFECTED LAST WEEK.

THE NEW PATIENTS ARE MEN, AGED 82 AND 34, AND THEY HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS LOCAL CASES. ONE PATIENT LIVES IN SHAM SHUI PO AND THE OTHER IN KOWLOON CITY.

UP TO 4 PM TODAY, A TOTAL OF 13 192 PEOPLE HAD BEEN INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE AT THE EIGHT INOCULATION CENTRES AND THREE PORT HEALTH OFFICES.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SEEKING INOCULATION AT THE EIGHT CENTRES TOTALLED 11 493, DOWN FROM 14 005 YESTERDAY.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBERS (WITH YESTERDAY'S FIGURES IN BRACKETS):

SAI YING PUN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	661	(851)
SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	950	(1 400)
KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	3 950	(3 700)
YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC	1 600	(1 700)
LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, TSUEN WAN	1 800	(2 325)
YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	1 200	(1 686)
SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	623	(963)
TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	709	(1 380)
PORT HEALTH OFFICES	1 699	(1 846)

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MONITORING OF WATER QUALITY STEPPED-UP
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AS PART OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STEPPED-UP ACTION TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT HAS STRENGTHENED ITS MONITORING OF WATER QUALITY IN PUBLIC BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND SWIMMING POOLS IN THE URBAN AREA.

+STAFF AT THE URBAN COUNCIL'S 13 SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES TAKE WATER SAMPLES FROM THE POOLS ONCE EVERY TWO HOURS TO ENSURE THAT THE CHLORINE CONTENT MEETS THE REQUIRED STANDARD ALL THE TIME AND THAT NO BACTERIA CAN GROW IN THE WATERS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY.

+WATER SAMPLES ARE TAKEN EVEN EVERY HOUR FROM THOSE CROWDED SWIMMING POOLS, SUCH AS THE KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MONTHLY WATER SAMPLES ARE TAKEN FROM ALL SWIMMING POOLS FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RESULTS OF ALL THE WATER SAMPLES SO FAR THIS YEAR SHOWED THAT THE E. COLI COUNT PER 100 ML OF WATER WAS BEYOND ZERO, WHICH IS WELL WITHIN THE SAFETY STANDARD.

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+TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE SAFE FOR SWIMMING, THE DEPARTMENT'S DISTRICT HEALTH STAFF TAKE SAMPLES FROM THE 12 GAZETTED BEACHES ONCE EVERY FORTNIGHT FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS BY THE PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE,+ HE SAID.

+THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES IS EMPOWERED TO CLOSE ANY BATHING BEACH WHEN ITS WATER CONSTITUTES A HAZARD TO PUBLIC HEALTH.+

MEANWHILE, MONITORING OF WATER QUALITY IN PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS WHICH CATER FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF RESIDENTS HAS ALREADY BEEN ENHANCED.

+WATER SAMPLES ARE TAKEN ONCE EVERY FORTNIGHT FROM ALL SUCH PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS TO ASSESS THEIR BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH INSPECTORS WILL TEACH THE MANAGEMENT OF SUCH PRIVATE POOLS ON WAYS TO TEST THE RESIDUAL CHLORINE CONTENT SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE LEVEL IS ALWAYS WITHIN THE SAFETY STANDARD.+

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CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD STALLS IN KWUN TONG * * *

MORE THAN 20 ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD STALLS WERE TODAY CLEARED FROM A PRIVATE SIDE LANE IN HOW MING STREET, KWUN TONG, IN A SPECIAL OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+THE OPERATION STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING FOLLOWING CONSENT GIVEN BY THE LANDLORD FOR USD STAFF TO MOVE INTO THE SIDE LANE,+ SAID CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTOR, MR LAW SHEK-KEI, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION.

HE SAID A LARGE QUANTITY OF PARAPHERNALIA USED FOR THE COOKED FOOD BUSINESS WERE SEIZED DURING THE OPERATION.
+THESE INCLUDE TWO DIRTY AND BROKEN ABANDONED VANS WHICH HAD BEEN USED BY THE ILLEGAL STALLS OPERATORS AS STOREROOMS FOR FOOD,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE OPERATION, MR LAW SAID HEALTH INSPECTORS ALSO COLLECTED 10 ENVIRONMENTAL SWABS FOR ANALYSIS.

+THE ENTIRE LANE WILL BE HOSED DOWN BY USD CLEANSING STAFF WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ANTI-PEST MEASURES TO BE CARRIED OUT BY PEST CONTROL STAFF,+ HE ADDED.

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MEANWHILE, MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS TODAY CONTINUED SERIES OF OPERATIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD HAWKING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

A TOTAL OF 61 ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD HAWKERS WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH CAUSING OBSTRUCTION AND ILLEGAL HAWKING.

A BREAKDOWN OF THE ARRESTS IN THE 11 URBAN DISTRICTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

EASTERN	2
WAN CHAI	13
CENTRAL	5
WESTERN	0
SOUTHERN	3
YAU MA TEI	1
SHAM SHUI PO	7
WONG TAI SIN	0
KWUN TONG	6
KOWLOON CITY	7
MONG KOK	17

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PROPOSAL TO AMEND COMPENSATION LAW ENDORSED
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THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD TODAY (THURSDAY) ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THE ORIGINAL INTENTION OF THE LAW SO THAT EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES COULD APPLY TO THE COURT TO CANCEL AN AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION IF IT WAS ENTERED INTO IN IGNORANCE OF, OR UNDER A MISTAKE AS TO, THE TRUE NATURE OR EXTENT OF AN EMPLOYEE'S INJURY.

THE PROPOSAL, WHICH IS EMBODIED IN THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, WOULD ENABLE THE COURT TO ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO AN INJURED WORKER IN THE LIGHT OF MORE ACCURATE ASSESSMENT ON THE EXTENT OF HIS INJURIES.

AT THE BOARD'S MEETING TODAY, IT ADVISED THAT A COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE BOARD SHOULD BE SET UP TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS, EMPLOYEES' UNIONS, RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER RELATED ORGANISATIONS.

THE BOARD ALSO AGREED TO A PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE CANCER OF THE BLADDER AS AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE WHICH CAN BE COMPENSATED UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

MEMBERS FURTHER CONSIDERED A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE FUND TO COVER THE PAYMENT OF WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE. AT PRESENT THE FUND ONLY COVERS ARREARS OF WAGES OWED BY INSOLVENT EMPLOYERS.

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IT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE COVERAGE OF THE WAGE SECURITY FUND SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS EXTENSION WOULD NOT RESULT IN ANY INCREASE IN THE PRESENT RATE OF LEVY.

THE EXTENT OF THE COVERAGE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD FOLLOWING A FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE RELEVANT FACTS AND FIGURES AND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE VARIOUS OPTIONS.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD OF THE PROGRESS MADE ON TWO PROPOSALS WHICH THEY HAD CONSIDERED AND ENDORSED AT PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS. THE FIRST PROVIDES FOR STAFF RETIREMENT SCHEMES INVOLVING WAGE DEDUCTIONS TO BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AND THE SECOND CONCERNS VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADE UNIONS ORDINANCE TO IMPROVE UNION ADMINISTRATION GENERALLY.

THE BOARD ALSO AGREED TO THE PUBLICATION OF AN ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS ACTIVITIES AND NOTED A REPORT ON HONG KONG'S RECENT ATTENDANCE AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY REVOKED THE REGISTRATION OF FIRST BANGKOK CITY FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUND THAT THE COMPANY IS BEING WOUND UP.

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SHIPPING, PORT, CARGO STATISTICS RELEASED
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IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, 3 208 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 19.2 MILLION NRT (NET REGISTERED TONS) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 192 (OR 6 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 9 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985.

THESE FIGURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT+ PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM SAMPLED MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT. WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, INCREASE WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+184), OIL TANKERS (+21) AND LOG-TIMBER CARRIERS (+13), WHILE THE NUMBER OF SEMI-CONTAINER VESSELS AND ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF VESSELS DROPPED (-45 AND -24 RESPECTIVELY).

INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE NOTED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+183), PANAMA (+31), SINGAPORE (+26) AND SOUTH KOREA (+17); BUT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN LIBERIA (-28) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (-23). THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10 000 DWT (DEADWEIGHT TONS) INCREASED (+84).

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, THERE WERE 3 224 OUTGOING SHIPS, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 19.2 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 197 (OR 7 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 8 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED IN HONG KONG ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM SAMPLED MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 20 PER CENT. ABOUT 67 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 84 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 16 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO. OF THE CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, 51 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING RE-EXPORTS) AND 49 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE JAPAN (17 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (13 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (12 PER CENT) AND CHINA (11 PER CENT), WHILE THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S. (21 PER CENT), TAIWAN (15 PER CENT), CHINA (8 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (8 PER CENT).

TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (28 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (17 PER CENT); AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (19 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (15 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1985, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA (+58 PER CENT), THE U.S. (+48 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+24 PER CENT); BUT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (-10 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (-6 PER CENT).

AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 15 PER CENT. AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASE IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF LOGS AND TIMBER (+135 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (+57 PER CENT) AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS (+44 PER CENT).

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DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT. INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE (+72 PER CENT), INDONESIA (+36 PER CENT) AND SOUTH KOREA (+30 PER CENT) BUT DECREASES WERE NOTED FOR THOSE TO CHINA (-47 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (-4 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (+199 PER CENT), CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER (+166 PER CENT) AND GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, N.E.S. (+106 PER CENT), BUT SEABORNE EXPORTS OF COTTON GARMENTS DROPPED (-3 PER CENT).

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPOWNERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986 ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT+ FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 1986, WHICH IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$14 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED ON THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-455422.

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MORE STAGES IN TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME BEING IMPLEMENTED

STAGES TWO AND THREE OF THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME RELATING TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM NEXT THURSDAY (AUGUST 14) AND FROM THE END OF AUGUST RESPECTIVELY.

DETAILS WERE OUTLINED BY MR WAN MAN-LEUNG, ACTING SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ENGINEERING KOWLOON DIVISION, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE RECONSTRUCTION, WHICH WILL TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE, WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANE TO THE FLYOVER ON WHICH THE FLOW IS REACHING SATURATION LEVEL.

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THE THREE-STAGE DIVERSION SCHEME HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO TRAFFIC DURING RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

STAGE ONE OF THE SCHEME, DESIGNED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF STAGES TWO AND THREE, TOOK EFFECT ON JUNE 26.

WHEN STAGE THREE BEGINS, ONE OF THE THREE LANES OF THE EXISTING FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FOR DEMOLITION AND THE REMAINING TWO LANES WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

MR WAN POINTED OUT THAT SOME CONGESTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS THE STAGES TWO AND THREE ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN EFFECT.

BUT ONCE DRIVERS, AND RESIDENTS IN THE AREA, BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, TRAFFIC SHOULD BE SMOOTHER.

MR WAN EMPHASISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE ARRANGEMENTS.

UNDER STAGE TWO, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND GREEN MINIBUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT FROM WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND ON TO PUI CHING ROAD EASTBOUND.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR HO MAN TIN CAN TAKE A DIVERSION ALONG WATERLOO ROAD, SOARES AVENUE, ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD AND PUI CHING ROAD.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED, MOTORISTS PROCEEDING TO HONG KONG AND KOWLOON SOUTH ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE WYLIE ROAD, WHILE VEHICLES FROM NATHAN ROAD HEADING FOR HONG KONG SHOULD USE GASCOIGNE ROAD INSTEAD.

TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SO AS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT FROM WATERLOO ROAD ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST OR FROM PROCEEDING NORTH TO BOUNDARY STREET.

ALL AFFECTED VEHICLES SHOULD USE THE DIVERSION ROUTE FOR STAGE ONE: ARGYLE STREET, KADOORIE AVENUE, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, EMBANKMENT ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET.

HOWEVER, U-TURNING TRAFFIC UNDERNEATH THE WATERLOO ROAD FLYOVER WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

UNDER STAGE THREE, THE NORTHBOUND LANE ON THE FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED. THE DATE FOR CLOSURE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR KOWLOON TONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD USE THE GROUND LEVEL CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND PROCEED NORTH ALONG WATERLOO ROAD.

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TO HELP MAINTAIN A SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THE DIVERSION ROUTE, A 7-10 AM AND 4-7 PM NO STOPPING RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON WATERLOO ROAD SECTIONS BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND PUI CHING ROAD-SOARES AVENUE.

TO EASE THE TRAFFIC LOAD ALONG PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, PARTICULARLY AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET, MOTORISTS FROM HONG KONG HEADING FOR KOWLOON WEST AND TSUEN WAN ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE THIS ROUTE: CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL INTERCHANGE, GASCOIGNE ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER, FERRY STREET, TONG MEI ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD OR GASCOIGNE ROAD, NATHAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT AND KOWLOON EAST SHOULD USE THE EAST KOWLOON WAY.

IN ADDITION, THE NORTHBOUND BUS STOP AT PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD UNDER PUI CHING ROAD FLYOVER FOR CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES 103, 113 AND 170 WILL BE SUSPENDED.

MR WAN SAID THAT TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THE SCHEME, MAPS AND SCHEDULES ON GENERAL TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON STREET NOTICE BOARDS IN THE AFFECTED DISTRICTS. COPIES OF THE MAP WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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TENDERS FOR TAXI LICENCES PROCESSED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED PROCESSING TENDERS FOR THE LATEST BATCH OF 100 URBAN TAXI LICENCES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A TOTAL OF 357 TENDERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE OF JULY 11. +THE HIGHEST TENDER ACCEPTED WAS \$374 533 AND THE LOWEST \$363 000,+ HE SAID.

THE AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$372 042 MARKED AN INCREASE OF 27.4 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS TENDER EXERCISE IN JANUARY.

DETAILS CONCERNING SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED WILL BE PUBLISHED IN TOMORROW'S GAZETTE.

IN MID-JULY, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL DECIDED THAT THE MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUE OF NEW LICENCES FOR NEW TERRITORIES AND LANTAU TAXIS WOULD CONTINUE FOR TWO YEARS UNTIL JULY 1988 WHILE THE NUMBER OF URBAN TAXIS WOULD BE LIMITED TO 14 400.

+THIS MEANS THAT OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, URBAN TAXI LICENCES WILL CONTINUE TO BE TENDERED AT A RATE OF 200 PER YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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ANIMAL WASTES CONTROL PACKAGE
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A PACKAGE OF NEW MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 11 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR IAN HOWARD, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR RICHARD HOARE, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR FRANCIS HO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

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YAU MA TEI DB TO DISCUSS MISMANAGED BUILDINGS
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MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE A RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE ANOTHER 15 TARGET BUILDINGS FOR IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE RECOMMENDATION IS PUT FORWARD BY THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE.

CHAIRD BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER AND COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE COMMITTEE RECENTLY REVIEWED THE SITUATION OF THE 30 TARGET BUILDINGS IDENTIFIED LAST YEAR.

ELEVEN BUILDINGS HAD ACHIEVED SATISFACTORY PROGRESS AND WERE HANDED BACK TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

THE COMMITTEE THEREFORE SUGGESTED ANOTHER 15 BUILDINGS BE INCLUDED TO THE TARGET LIST TO HELP TACKLE THEIR MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

ALSO TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING ARE TWO PAPERS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS - ONE ON A SURVEY ON WATER DRIPPING FROM AIR CONDITIONERS AND THE OTHER ON LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE FORMATION OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND THE CIVIC EDUCATION FESTIVAL, AND INFORMATION PAPERS ON THE STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN AND THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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SEMINARS ON FAN MUSSEL CULTURE ORGANISED
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THREE HALF-DAY SEMINARS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT THIS MONTH TO INTRODUCE TO MARICULTURISTS TWO NEW METHODS FOR FAN MUSSEL CULTURE RECENTLY DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 15 AT THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SHA TAU KOK PRIMARY SCHOOL, ON AUGUST 18 AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TAI PO KAU FISHERIES OFFICE, AND ON AUGUST 20 AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM. THE STARTING TIME IS 2.30 PM.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SEMINAR IS LIMITED TO 30. INTERESTED MARICULTURISTS SHOULD TELEPHONE 5-520171 EXT. 22 FOR REGISTRATION ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE SEMINARS WOULD HELP TO DIVERSIFY MARICULTURE AND ALSO TO BOOST PRODUCTIVITY.

+IN VIEW OF THE HIGH NATURAL MORTALITY OF FAN MUSSELS CULTURED LOCALLY BY THE TRADITIONAL METHOD, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED THE RAFT AND BOTTOM CAGE CULTURE METHODS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FORMER INVOLVES CULTURING FAN MUSSELS IN SMALL SAND-FILLED POCKETS ARRANGED IN A RACK HANGING VERTICALLY FROM A RAFT WHILE FOR THE LATTER A NET CAGE IS SECURED ON THE SEABED.

+THE NEW CULTURE METHODS HAVE REDUCED CONSIDERABLY THE MORTALITY OF FAN MUSSELS, THEREBY INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY BY NINE TO TEN TIMES,+ HE SAID.

THE SEMINARS FORM PART OF A SERIES OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AIMED AT INCREASING THE PRODUCTIVITY OF MARICULTURE.

ASPECTS OF MARICULTURE ARE INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR TALKS IN THE +FISHERMEN'S HALF-HOUR+, A WEEKLY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG RADIO PROGRAMME.

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DB MEMBERS TOUR POLLUTED SPOTS
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THIRTEEN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TODAY (THURSDAY) TOURED A NUMBER OF SITES TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH POLLUTED CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND IN TSUEN WAN.

THEY WENT TO TSUEN WAN NULLAH IN THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD AREA WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF INDISCRIMINATE DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE THROUGH THE STORM WATER SYSTEM.

MEMBERS THEN WENT TO THE CHUNG NAM BUILDING TO SEE THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING. THEY ALSO VISITED TIEN CHU VE-TSIN ON TSING YI ISLAND TO SEE HOW CHEMICAL WASTE WAS DISCHARGED.

THEY SAW A BARGE IN OPERATION AT THE KWAI CHUNG CARGO TERMINAL COLLECTING OILY WASTE FROM VESSELS AND WERE BRIEFED ON A SIMPLE RECYCLING OPERATION ON BOARD THE BARGE.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THE TECHNICALITIES OF DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE DURING THE VISIT.

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RESTRICTED ZONES SET UP IN CENTRAL
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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED PEAK HOUR (7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 9):

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHATER ROAD BETWEEN CLUB STREET AND MURRAY ROAD
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHATER ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MURRAY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF MURRAY ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATER ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF MURRAY ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT EIGHT METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LAMBETH WALK TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE FOR GOODS VEHICLES ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED SECTIONS OF CHATER ROAD WILL BE LIFTED AT THE SAME TIME.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SAN PO KONG SLIP ROAD
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THE SLIP ROAD ON THE FLYOVER IN SAN PO KONG INTERCHANGE LEADING FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND TO CHOI HUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 10) TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS HEADING FOR CHOI HUNG ROAD FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND SHOULD USE THE GROUND LEVEL CARRIAGEWAY LEADING FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST TO CHOI HUNG ROAD.

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