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RIDDING MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATIONS OF TRIADS

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NEW LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ARE PLANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATIONS FROM BECOMING FRONTS FOR TRIAD SOCIETIES OR FALLING UNDER THEIR CONTROL OR INFLUENCE.

THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MANY HONOURABLE SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS FOSTER THE MARTIAL ARTS AND THAT THEY PROVIDE A HEALTHY RECREATIONAL PURSUIT AND FORM OF EXERCISE FOR MANY PEOPLE. HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF A CERTAIN PROPORTION OF MARTIAL ARTS GROUPS, THERE WAS A CLOSE CONNECTION WITH ORGANISED CRIME, PARTICULARLY INVOLVING TRIAD ELEMENTS.

+THE INTENTION, THEREFORE, IS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THE ELIMINATION OF THE CRIMINAL CONNECTIONS, WITHOUT DISCOURAGING BONA FIDE STUDENTS AND MARTIAL ARTS FOLLOWERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

AT THE MOMENT MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATIONS WHICH REGISTER AS SOCIETIES UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE ARE SUBJECT TO LEGAL PROVISIONS TO PREVENT THEIR OFFICE BEARERS, OR A GROUP OF THEIR MEMBERS, FROM BEING OFFICE BEARERS OR MEMBERS OF TRIAD SOCIETIES.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME AREAS WHERE THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES INADEQUATE CONTROLS. IN ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, SOME MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATIONS COULD EVADE THESE CONTROLS BY REGISTERING AS BUSINESSES UNDER THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

IN ORDER TO CORRECT THIS, THE BILL SEEKS TO BRING ALL THESE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE AMBIT OF A STRENGTHENED SOCIETIES ORDINANCE, AS WELL AS TO INCREASE EXISTING PENALTIES UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

UNDER ONE OF THE MAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN THE BILL THE ORDINANCE WILL APPLY TO ANY SOCIETY REGISTERED UNDER THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE WHICH HAS BEEN SERVED A NOTICE BY THE REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES STATING THAT THE SOCIETY IS CONSIDERED NOT TO BE OPERATING SOLELY FOR RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, SOCIAL OR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

THE REGISTRAR WILL BE PERMITTED TO REFUSE TO REGISTER, OR TO REFUSE TO EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION, A SOCIETY WHERE AN OFFICE BEARER HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE THAT THE REGISTRAR CONSIDERS RENDERS HIM UNFIT FOR THAT OFFICE.

THE GROUNDS ON WHICH THE REGISTRAR MAY CANCEL THE REGISTRATION OR EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION OF A SOCIETY WILL BE EXTENDED TO PREVENT REGISTERED SOCIETIES FROM BEING INFILTRATED OR CONTROLLED BY TRIAD SOCIETIES, OR BEING SYNONYMOUS WITH THEM, TO PREVENT PERSONS OF BAD CHARACTER FROM FREQUENTING SOCIETY PREMISES AND TO ENSURE THAT THE PREMISES ARE NOT USED FOR TRIAD RITUALS, TRIAD INITIATION CEREMONIES OR OTHER ILLEGAL PURPOSES.

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SOCIETIES REGISTERED UNDER THE ORDINANCE MAY BE REQUIRED TO KEEP A REGISTER OF MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE PARTICULARS OF PREMISES USED.

THE EXISTING PROVISIONS FOR DETERMINING APPEALS, WHEREBY IN SOME CASES THEY MAY BE MADE TO THE SUPREME COURT AND IN OTHER CASES TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, WILL BE SIMPLIFIED SO THAT ALL APPEALS AGAINST ANY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION MADE UNDER THE ORDINANCE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW REGULATORY MEASURES WOULD BE EXERCISED ONLY WHEN THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT A SOCIETY WAS UNDER UNDESIRABLE INFLUENCE OR CONTROL, OR WAS LINKED TO OTHER UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN OFFENCES WHICH HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE THE ORDINANCE WAS LAST REVIEWED IN 1964 AND WHICH ARE CONSIDERED INADEQUATE TODAY.

THE PROPOSED INCREASES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- FAILING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE REGISTRAR OR GIVING FALSE INFORMATION, FROM A FINE OF \$500 TO \$2 000;
- INDUCING OR INTIMIDATING A PERSON TO JOIN AN UNLAWFUL SOCIETY, FROM A FINE OF \$1 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT TO \$5 000 AND THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT;
- PROCURING AID FOR AN UNLAWFUL SOCIETY, FROM A FINE OF \$500 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT TO \$2 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT;
- REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH A FINGERPRINT AND PHOTOGRAPH ORDER, FROM A FINE OF \$200 TO \$1 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT;
- FAILING TO COMPLY WITH A WINDING UP ORDER, FROM A FINE OF \$1 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT TO \$2 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

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HONG KONG - SHENZHEN AGREEMENT SIGNED
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AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHENZHEN AND HONG KONG ON OPENING NEW LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WAS SIGNED TODAY IN SHENZHEN.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SHENZHEN MUNICIPALITY, MR ZHEN XIPEI, AND THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MACLAREN.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU SHORTLY OVER THE FACSIMILE NETWORK.

COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE DUTY OFFICER IN THE GIS PRESS ROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR.

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NEW FERRY SERVICES BILL PLANNED

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THE GOVERNMENT GAVE NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY OF ITS INTENTION TO INTRODUCE A NEW FERRY SERVICES BILL 1982 INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEEK.

THIS BILL IS DESIGNED TO BRING TOGETHER INTO ONE ENACTMENT ALL OF THE TRANSPORT, FRANCHISE AND LICENSING ASPECTS OF THE LAW RELATING TO FERRY OPERATIONS.

IF IT IS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL, SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO REQUIRE THE FERRY OPERATORS TO DISPLAY NOTICES OF THEIR SERVICES AND TO GIVE THEM ADEQUATE POWERS TO STOP IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR OF PASSENGERS.

THE LAW GOVERNING THESE OPERATIONS IS AT PRESENT CONTAINED IN THREE SEPARATE ORDINANCES: THE FERRIES ORDINANCE, THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (SERVICES) ORDINANCE, AND THE +STAR+ FERRY COMPANY (SERVICES) ORDINANCE.

IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THESE EXISTING ORDINANCES THE NEW BILL SEEKS TO EXTEND CONTROLS OVER THE PROVISION OF A PROPER AND EFFICIENT SERVICE BY THE FRANCHISED FERRY OPERATORS, AND ALSO TO REQUIRE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THEM AND THE GOVERNMENT OVER THE FORWARD PLANNING OF THEIR ROUTES AND SERVICES.

IT ALSO SEEKS TO PROVIDE FOR NEW FRANCHISES FOR THESE OPERATORS, TO COME INTO EFFECT AFTER THE CURRENT FRANCHISES EXPIRE AT THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR. DETAILS OF THE NEW FRANCHISES ARE NOW UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT, THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY AND THE +STAR+ FERRY COMPANY.

UNDER THE FERRY SERVICES BILL, THE TWO MAJOR FERRY COMPANIES WILL BE GIVEN FRANCHISES WHICH MAY BE EXTENDED TO 15 YEARS AT ANY ONE TIME.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ONE OF THE CONDITIONS TO ANY EXTENSION WOULD BE WHETHER THE COMPANY WAS CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING A PROPER AND EFFICIENT SERVICE.

THE GOVERNOR WOULD BE ABLE TO APPOINT UP TO TWO DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF THE COMPANY TO GIVE IT APPROPRIATE INFORMATION AND ADVICE AND TO OBTAIN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS ACTIVITIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMPANY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL FIVE-YEAR PLAN WHICH WILL BE USED TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS AND IF THE PLAN CANNOT BE AGREED BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL ARBITRATE.

FURTHERMORE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE EMPOWERED TO GIVE DIRECTIONS TO THE COMPANY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS NOT COVERED BY FORWARD PLANNING AND TO DEAL WITH MATTERS NOT AGREED WITH THE COMPANY.

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THE COMPANY CAN OBJECT TO THESE DIRECTIONS AND IF THE OBJECTION IS ON FINANCIAL GROUNDS, IT WILL BE REFERRED TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL WILL BE ABLE TO IMPOSE A FINANCIAL PENALTY ON THE COMPANY IF IT FAILED TO COMPLY WITH ITS FRANCHISE OR THE NEW LAW, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN THE CASE OF THE MINOR FERRY SERVICES, INCLUDING KAI-TO TYPE OF OPERATIONS IN THE OUTLYING AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, GOVERNMENT CONTROL WILL BE EXERCISED THROUGH LICENCES GRANTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THE COMMISSIONER WILL HAVE POWERS TO DETERMINE FARES, TIMETABLES AND VARIATIONS OF SERVICES BUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH HE APPLIES THESE POWERS WILL VARY ACCORDING TO THE TYPE OF SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED.

THE FERRY SERVICES BILL ALSO ALLOWS FOR A SCHEME OF PROFIT CONTROL TO BE AGREED BETWEEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND THE GRANTEE OF A FRANCHISE, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

ALL FERRY OPERATORS, INCLUDING THE TWO MAJOR COMPANIES, WILL BE ABLE TO APPEAL TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL IF THEY ARE AGGRIEVED BY ANY DECISION OR REQUIREMENT BY PUBLIC OFFICERS.

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AMS TO HOLD COMPETITION

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS FINAL CONTEST OF PROFICIENCY ON SUNDAY MORNING TO SELECT A CHAMPION TEAM.

THE EVENT, HELD BIENNIALLY, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PERTH STREET PLAYGROUND, HO MAN TIN.

THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT RAISING THE STANDARD OF PROFICIENCY AND ENHANCING TEAM WORK.

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE COMPETITIONS ARE INSPECTION AND TURNOUT, SQUAD DRILL, STRETCHER DRILL, NURSING, FIRST AID AND QUIZ ON CIVIL DEFENCE KNOWLEDGE, OPERATION DUTIES AND PARA-MEDICAL SUBJECTS.

ALL THE 88 SUB-UNIT TEAMS ARE TAKING PART IN THE CONTESTS HELD IN THE FOUR REGIONS. THE TEAM WITH THE BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE WILL BE AWARDED THE COMMISSIONER'S SHIELD.

SOME EVENTS OF THE FINAL COMPETITION HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD, AND THE REMAINING EVENTS TO BE CONTESTED ON SUNDAY WILL BE INSPECTION AND TURNOUT.

A DEMONSTRATION ON APPLICATION OF FIRST AID TECHNIQUES UPON MOCK CASUALTIES WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FOUR REGIONAL WINNING TEAMS.

TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED BY DR K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WHO IS ALSO COMMISSIONER OF AMS.

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TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT THE AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED AS A RESULT OF CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT PLAN WHICH WAS LAST GAZETTED ON DECEMBER 12, 1980.

THE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE :

- * REZONING AN AREA OF ABOUT 0.65 HECTARES IN WAN TAU KOK FROM GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE TO RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) USE.
- * REPOSITIONING A PROPOSED FUNERAL PARLOUR SITE IN KWONG FUK ROAD.
- * REZONING ABOUT 31 HECTARES OF LAND IN FUNG YUEN VALLEY FROM GREEN BELT AND VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT TO OTHER SPECIFIED USE AND ANNOTATED 'COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT AREA'. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA WILL BE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL APPROVAL OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.
- * REZONING ABOUT 14 HECTARES OF LAND AT THE ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME FROM GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE TO UNDETERMINED USE IN VIEW OF THE NEED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA. IN THE INTERIM, ALL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS IN THE AREA WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.
- * EXTENSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF A NUMBER OF VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT AREAS TO ALLOW FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE VILLAGES.

THE SCHEDULE OF USES FOR THE OTHER SPECIFIED USES ZONE HAS ALSO BEEN REVISED.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TAI PO), TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE MAP SALES SECTION OF LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT \$10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT AN OBJECTION IN WRITING, ON OR BEFORE MAY 13, TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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MAKING BEST USE OF BANKING EXPERTISE

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MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS WILL HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN NOMINATING THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IF A BILL GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) IS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE PROPOSAL, UNDER THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, WILL ALSO ENABLE THE ASSOCIATION TO MAKE THE BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL EXPERTISE AVAILABLE AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE LICENSED BANKS AND EACH MEMBER DESIGNATES A REPRESENTATIVE OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION.

THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS PROVED SOMEWHAT UNHELPFUL TO THE SMOOTH-RUNNING OF THE ASSOCIATION BECAUSE THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE MAY FREQUENTLY HAVE TO BE ABSENT FROM HONG KONG, SOMETIMES AT VERY SHORT NOTICE.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS ALSO HAD DIFFICULTY IN SETTING UP TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEES ON DIFFERENT SPECIALISED SUBJECTS BECAUSE ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL CAN BE DESIGNATED AT ANY ONE TIME TO REPRESENT A MEMBER.

UNDER THE BILL NOW PROPOSED, OTHER THAN AT GENERAL MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, A MEMBER MAY BE REPRESENTED BY ANY PERSON EMPLOYED BY IT IN A MANAGERIAL CAPACITY AND NOMINATED IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT MEETING.

THERE WILL BE NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE NOMINATED BY A MEMBER AT THE SAME TIME TO REPRESENT IT AT DIFFERENT MEETINGS.

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GUIDANCE SCHEME FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

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A SCHEME TO HELP PRIMARY 6 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT SECONDARY EDUCATION WAS OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN SHA TIN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SCHEME, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID STUDENTS OR PARENTS ENCOUNTERING ANY SCHOOL PROBLEMS COULD SEEK ADVICE FROM THEIR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT PROBLEMS SURROUNDING PRIMARY 6 STUDENTS ARE MAINLY SCHOOL WORK PRESSURE, NEW SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, HUMAN RELATIONS AND THE GENERATION GAP.

BUT SHE ASSURED STUDENTS AND PARENTS THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS, WHO WERE PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS, COULD HELP THEM FIND A SOLUTION THROUGH PERSONAL GUIDANCE, AND GROUP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

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+THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE PART IN IMPLEMENTING THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SCHEME AND IN SHA TIN ALONE, THERE ARE FIVE SUCH OFFICERS FROM FOUR SWD SUBVENTED VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,+ SHE SAID.

+THEY PAY REGULAR VISITS TO THE LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS OFFERING HELP TO BOTH STUDENTS AND PARENTS.+

THE SCHEME IN SHA TIN WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THREE PARTS - EXHIBITIONS AND OPEN SEMINARS AT THE DISTRICTS' THREE COMMUNITY HALLS AND A SERIES OF SEMINARS TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE SCHOOLS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WAS HELD AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL WERE THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (SERVICES), MRS TERESA WEI, AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE.

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NEW KCR REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE FROM TODAY

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY REGULATIONS 1982 DEALING WITH THE NEW ELECTRIFIED TRAIN SERVICE CAME INTO EFFECT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIRST PHASE OF ELECTRIFIED SERVICE BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN WILL BEGIN NEXT THURSDAY (MAY 6), FOLLOWED BY THE SECOND PHASE UP TO TAI PO MARKET IN FEBRUARY AND THE ENTIRE LINE UP TO LO WU IN THE SUMMER OF 1983.

THE NEW REGULATIONS, WHICH ARE MORE LOGICAL IN PRESENTATION AND EASIER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF A NEW RAILWAY, WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

COMMENTING ON THE FRESH REGULATIONS, A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID SOME SECTIONS OF THE EXISTING ORDINANCE HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE AND INCORPORATED INTO THE REVISED REGULATIONS TO COPE WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTRIFIED SERVICE.

HE SAID THAT SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE MODERNISED AND ELECTRIFIED SERVICE INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF AN AUTOMATIC REVENUE COLLECTION SYSTEM AND THE ENHANCED SAFETY OF THE RAILWAY.

THE REGULATIONS, AMONG OTHERS, PROVIDE FOR HIGHER PENALTIES OF UP TO \$10 000 FINE OR TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ANYONE CAUGHT TAMPERING WITH ANY OF THE EQUIPMENT OR INSTALLATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE RAILWAY.

FLYING KITES, BALLOONS OR MODEL AIRCRAFTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE RAILWAY IS PROHIBITED BECAUSE THIS COULD INTERFERE WITH, OR CAUSE DAMAGE TO, THE OVERHEAD WIRES AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 OR SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

THE PENALTIES FOR TRESPASSING AND UNAUTHORISED SALES ON THE RAILWAY HAVE ALSO BEEN RAISED TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000.

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CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED

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ABOUT 2 500 ELDERLY AND DISABLED PEOPLE IN SHA TIN WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) TREATED TO A DINNER PARTY ORGANISED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE PARTY, CO-ORDINATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER, IS TO SHOW CONCERN FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT THE DINNER HELD IN THE ALICE PALACE RESTAURANT IN SHA TIN, THE SECRETARY FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, URGED THE DISTRICT BOARD TO PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE YEAR-ROUND NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY, WHOM HE SAID HAD CONTRIBUTED VERY MUCH TO SOCIETY.

NOTING MORE PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE PARTY THIS YEAR, MR AKERS-JONES SAID: +THIS SERVES AS A REMINDER TO US ALL THAT NOT ONLY IS THE NUMBER OF ELDERLY PEOPLE GROWING AS THE TOWN INCREASES IN SIZE, BUT ALSO THAT PEOPLE ARE LIVING LONGER THAN EVER BEFORE AND THAT THERE ARE NOW MORE ELDERLY PEOPLE IN OUR POPULATION.+

+THIS WE MUST PLAN FOR,+ HE EMPHASISED.

EARLIER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING GROUP, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, TOLD THE ELDERLY AT THE GATHERING TO DEVELOP THEIR INDEPENDENCE, SHOW CONCERN TO THEIR YOUNGER GENERATIONS AND OFFER THEM ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A HARMONIOUS AND HAPPY FAMILY LIFE.

TO THE DISABLED, HE ADVISED THEM TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE.

OTHER PROGRAMMES FOR THE GUESTS INCLUDED CHINESE OPERATIC SINGING, AN EXHIBITION, A SEMINAR, AND A FILM AND SLIDE SHOW ON ELDERLY SERVICES AT THE WO CHE AND SHA KOK COMMUNITY HALLS.

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TIMETABLES FOR OLD AND NEW TRAINS

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL INTRODUCE A NEW TIMETABLE FOR THE DIESEL-HAULED PASSENGER TRAINS ON SUNDAY (MAY 2) IN ORDER TO TIE IN WITH THE INNER-SUBURBAN ELECTRIFIED SERVICE TO BE COMMISSIONED ON MAY 6.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KCR SAID TODAY THERE ARE AT PRESENT 34 TRAINS -- 17 NORTHBOUND AND 17 SOUTHBOUND -- RUNNING DAILY BETWEEN KOWLOON AND LOWU, INCLUDING ONE DOWN TRAIN FROM TAI PO MARKET.

WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED TIMETABLE, THE NUMBER OF TRAINS IN OPERATION REMAINS UNCHANGED BUT THE TIME SCHEDULE IS SLIGHTLY ALTERED, HE SAID.

PASSENGERS ARE REMINDED TO TAKE DIESEL-HAULED TRAINS FOR DESTINATIONS NORTH OF SHA TIN BECAUSE THE ELECTRIC TRAINS ONLY OPERATE BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN.

THE ELECTRIFIED SERVICE WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FROM 2 PM ON MAY 6 AFTER AN OPENING CEREMONY IN THE MORNING. IT WILL RUN AT 10 MINUTES INTERVALS.

THE FIRST ELECTRIC TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 6.12 AM AND SHA TIN STATION AT 6.10 AM, WHILE THE LAST TRAINS WILL LEAVE THE TWO STATIONS AT 12.02 AM AND 11.50 PM DAILY.

UNLIKE THE DIESEL-HAULED TRAINS, THE ELECTRIC TRAINS WILL STOP AT A NEW STATION AT KOWLOON TONG, WHICH IS AN INTERCHANGE WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

MEANWHILE, THE KCR IS CONTINUING THE SIMULATION RUNS OF ELECTRIC TRAINS BETWEEN MAY 2 AND MAY 5 IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEW ELECTRIFIED SERVICE.

COMMUTERS ARE REMINDED NOT TO BOARD THE ELECTRIC TRAINS STOPPING AT STATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED TO KEEP AWAY FROM THE TRACKS AT ALL TIMES BECAUSE ELECTRIC TRAINS ARE SOMETIMES RUNNING AT A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 120 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

COPIES OF THE NEW TIMETABLE ARE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF COMMUTERS.

TIME SCHEDULES FOR THE EXPRESS THROUGH TRAINS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND GUANGZHOU REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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MORE MAXICAB ROUTES IN TSUEN WAN
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STARTING FROM SUNDAY (MAY 2), THREE NEW MAXICAB ROUTES - 80, 81 AND 82 - WILL COME INTO OPERATION, LINKING TSUEN WAN WITH CHUEN LUNG, LO WAI AND SHING MUN.

ROUTE 80 WILL TRAVEL FROM TSUEN WAN TO CHUEN LUNG VIA CHUEN LUNG STREET, SHIU WO STREET, CHUNG ON STREET, TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET, TAI HO ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHING MUN ROAD, TEXACO ROAD EXTENSION, ROUTE TWISK AND CHUEN LUNG ACCESS ROAD.

RETURNS WILL BE VIA TEXACO ROAD, TSUEN FU STREET, TSUEN WAH STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CHUNG ON STREET. THE OPERATING HOURS ARE FROM 5.50 AM TO 11.30 PM WITH AN EIGHT-MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING PEAK HOURS. THE FARE FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY IS \$1.50.

ROUTE 81 WILL TRAVEL FROM TSUEN WAN TO LO WAI VIA SHIU WO STREET, CHUNG ON STREET, TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET, TAI HO ROAD, SHA TSUI ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND ITS EXTENSION, SHEK WAI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD AND LO WAI ROAD.

RETURN TRIP WILL BE ROUTED VIA CHUEN LUNG STREET. IT WILL OPERATE FROM 6 AM TO 11.40 PM WITH A FOUR-MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING PEAK HOURS. THE FARE IS \$1 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.

ROUTE 82 WILL TRAVEL FROM TSUEN WAN TO SHING MUN VIA SHIU WO STREET, CHUNG ON STREET, TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET, TAI HO ROAD, SHA TSUI ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND ITS EXTENSION, SHEK WAI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, LO WAI ROAD, SAM TUNG UK ROAD AND SHING MUN ROAD.

RETURN TRIP WILL BE VIA CHUEN LUNG STREET. IT WILL OPERATE FROM 6.05 AM TO 11.45 PM WITH A SIX-MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING PEAK HOURS. THE FLAT FARE PER SINGLE JOURNEY IS \$1.

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FIRST CLINIC ON TSING YI ISLAND
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RESIDENTS OF TSING YI ISLAND WILL ENJOY BETTER MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES WHEN A NEW GOVERNMENT CLINIC OPENS NEXT WEEK RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF THEIR HOUSING ESTATE.

THE CLINIC, OCCUPYING 1 200 SQUARE METRES ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN CHEUNG HONG ESTATE, WILL PROVIDE GENERAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC FROM MONDAY, AND WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME, WILL ALSO OFFER FAMILY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE SETTING UP OF THE CLINIC ON THE ISLAND WAS TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED INCREASING DEMAND FOR THE SERVICE.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE POPULATION ON THE ISLAND WILL REACH 200 000 AT THE END OF THE DECADE WHEN THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IS COMPLETED AROUND THE CHEUNG HONG ESTATE,+ HE SAID.

THE GENERAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT OF THE CLINIC, COMPRISING FOUR CONSULTATION ROOMS, WILL BE OPEN FIVE AND A HALF DAYS A WEEK.

THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES CENTRE, TO BE SET UP AT THE CLINIC, WILL PROVIDE THE USUAL RANGE OF SERVICES, INCLUDING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, COMPREHENSIVE OBSERVATION SCHEME AND FAMILY PLANNING.

THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE OFFICE WILL PROVIDE THE BASE FOR ARRANGING NURSING CARE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

VILLAGERS ON THE NORTHERN SHORE OF THE ISLAND WILL ALSO BE REGULARLY VISITED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S THIRD FLOATING CLINIC, THE ROTARY, WHEN IT IS PUT IN SERVICE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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HONG KONG-FINLAND TEXTILE TALKS

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NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW HONG KONG-FINLAND TEXTILE AGREEMENT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RECENTLY EXTENDED MFA WILL COMMENCE ON MONDAY (MAY 3) IN HONG KONG.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR JUSTIN YUE, WILL LEAD THE HONG KONG DELEGATION. LEADING THE FINNISH SIDE WILL BE MR RISTO RANNALI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE CURRENT TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR EXPORT RESTRAINT ON FIVE CATEGORIES OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION ARRANGEMENT COVERING ANOTHER SIX CATEGORIES. IT EXPIRES AT THE END OF JULY THIS YEAR.

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BUILDINGS TO BE RESUMED FOR MTR ISLAND LINE
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TWO POST-WAR SIX-STORY BUILDINGS AT 131 AND 133 NAM ON STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE RESUMED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

THE RESUMPTION ORDER, MADE UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

ABOUT 140 PEOPLE WILL BE AFFECTED. DOMESTIC TENANTS WILL BE OFFERED REHOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S POLICY AND STATUTORY COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE.

ALSO GAZETTED TODAY IS A NOTICE IN RESPECT OF THE ALTERATIONS OF TWO STREETS IN SHAU KEI WAN TO FACILITATE THE WORK ON THE ISLAND LINE.

THE ALTERATIONS DEAL WITH THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF A LORRY PARK AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF THE JUNCTION OF TAI ON STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND THE REDUCTION IN WIDTH OF A SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST BETWEEN KENG SHAN LANE AND YUEN HING LANE.

THE DATE FOR THE ALTERATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AND TRAFFIC SIGNS PUT UP.

PLANS SHOWING THE ALTERATION ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING, AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN, WAN CHAI AND EASTERN.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AND MUST REACH HIS OFFICE WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF A PERMANENT CLOSURE OR WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF RE-INSTATEMENT OF AN ALTERATION.

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SUSPENSION OF SALT WATER SUPPLY
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO NINE AREAS WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 24 HOURS FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 3) TO 9 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WORK IN REPLACING A DEFECTIVE SLUICE VALVE AT THE JUNCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD AND LAI YIP STREET.

THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE: KWUN TONG, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, NGAU CHI WAN, SAN PO KONG, PING SHEK, CHOI HUNG, KOWLOON BAY AND FU SHAN ESTATE.

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FERRY SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION FROM OPERATORS OF FERRY SERVICES IN JUNK BAY TO REVISE THEIR FARES AS A RESULT OF HIGHER OPERATIONAL COSTS.

FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) THE COMPANY WILL RAISE ITS CHARGES FROM \$1 TO \$1.50 FOR THE SERVICE BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND RENNIE'S MILL, WHILE THAT BETWEEN RENNIE'S MILL AND HANG HAU TOWN WILL GO UP FROM 70 CENTS TO \$1.50.

MEANWHILE, FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 2 PM TO 3 PM TOMORROW FOR THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL.

THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE CHI MA WAN-CHEUNG CHAU ROUTE.

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MORE HOLIDAYS FOR WORKERS PROPOSED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FROM 10 TO 11 A YEAR BY INTRODUCING AN ADDITIONAL FLOATING HOLIDAY WITH EFFECT FROM 1983.

THE PROPOSAL IS CONTAINED IN THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

IN ORDER TO GIVE EMPLOYEES LONGER WEEKENDS, THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES THAT IN A YEAR IN WHICH LUNAR NEW YEAR OR THE SECOND OR THIRD DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FALLS ON A SUNDAY THEN THE DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY WILL BE A HOLIDAY.

IN A YEAR IN WHICH THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL FALLS ON A SUNDAY, THEN THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

AND WHERE A HOLIDAY FALLS ON A REST DAY, AN EMPLOYEE WILL BE GRANTED A HOLIDAY ON THE NEXT DAY THEREAFTER.

IF AN EMPLOYER DOES NOT FIX ONE OR BOTH OF THE FLOATING HOLIDAYS, SUCH DAY OR DAYS WILL, AT THE REQUEST OF AN EMPLOYEE, BE ADDED TO HIS PAID ANNUAL LEAVE.

IF AN EMPLOYER DOES NOT FIX ONE OR BOTH OF THE FLOATING HOLIDAYS AND AN EMPLOYEE DOES NOT REQUEST THEY BE ADDED TO HIS ANNUAL LEAVE, THEN THE DAYS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE LAST DAY IN JUNE AND ON THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST IF BOTH ARE NOT FIXED, OR IF ONE IS NOT FIXED ON ONE OF THOSE DAYS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE EMPLOYER.

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CIVIC-MINDED STUDENTS GET AWARDS

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A HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN STUDENTS FROM 25 SCHOOLS WERE PRESENTED WITH MERIT BADGES TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

THE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED BY MRS LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS AND FIVE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE TUNG KOON DISTRICT SOCIETY FONG SHU CHUEN SCHOOL.

THE MERIT AWARD SCHEME WAS SET UP BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB FOUR YEARS AGO TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PERSONAL INTEREST IN COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND THE WELFARE OF SOCIETY.

AWARDS IN THE FORM OF GREEN, ORANGE AND PURPLE BADGES ARE GIVEN TO MEMBERS ACCORDING TO THE DURATION, DIFFICULTY AND EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION.

THE RECIPIENTS ARE RECOMMENDED BY TEACHERS FOR APPROVAL BY THE CYC COMMITTEE.

AT TODAY'S PRESENTATION CEREMONY, PRIZES WERE ALSO AWARDED TO WINNERS OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CARTOON COMPETITION AND THE COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, BOTH ORGANISED BY CYC.

MR HANDRICK NG, PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER OF INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND MR LAI CHING-WAI, COUNTRY PARKS PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, BOTH ADJUDICATORS OF THE TWO COMPETITIONS, PRESENTED BOOK TOKENS VALUED AT \$200, \$150, \$100 AND \$50 TO THE WINNERS.

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