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HONG KONG'S PRINCIPLES IN COMMERCIAL DEALINGS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID THIS EVENING THAT THE DECISION BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE TO ALLOW HONG KONG'S OWN AIRLINE TO FLY TO LONDON WAS +A BRAVE ONE FOR FAIR PLAY, FREER COMPETITION, AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE CONSUMER.+

+THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE ALWAYS ASK FOR IN OUR COMMERCIAL DEALINGS WITH OTHERS AND WHAT WE ALWAYS GIVE OTHERS WHO DEAL WITH US.

+IT IS A HAPPY DAY IN WHICH WE SEE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, ON WHICH WE DEPEND SO GREATLY, TAKING A RESOLUTE STAND ON THESE PRINCIPLES,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING TO THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AT ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER IN THE OCEAN CENTRE, SIR MURRAY SAID THESE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED OBLIGATIONS AS WELL AS BENEFITS.

+DECISIONS ON LICENCES TO LAND IN HONG KONG LIE WITH THE HONG KONG AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY ALONE. IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT DIRECTION, AND THERE IS NO RIGHT OF APPEAL.

+BUT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS ENTITLED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THAT BODY, AND IN PRINCIPLE STANDS READY TO SUPPORT APPLICATIONS FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO MATCH THOSE PROVIDED IN LONDON. IN ALL FAIRNESS, WE COULD NOT DO LESS,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS THE THREE SECTORS OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY HAD ALL TENDED TO LOOK EAST AND WEST TO THE GREAT DEVELOPED MARKET OF NORTH AMERICA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, AND ALSO, TO SOME EXTENT, TO THE GROWTH AREAS TO OUR SOUTH.

+IN ALL THESE AREAS WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF PRESSURES WHICH SUGGEST THE BENEFITS OF A MORE DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY IN HONG KONG.

+NOW, IN ADDITION, WE MUST LOOK NORTH TO THE DEVELOPING ECONOMIC LINKS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. CONSIDERABLE AS ARE THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES, THEY ALL TEND TO SUPPORT THE CASE FOR DIVERSIFICATION.+

SIR MURRAY SAID IN THIS EVOLVING SITUATION THE GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY AND THE ECONOMY.

MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED AND ARE BEING GRADUALLY IMPLEMENTED, HE SAID.

+BUT THE FACT THAT IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT RESPECTS THE GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE FEDERATION AND OTHERS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

/+I SUGGEST

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+I SUGGEST THAT NOW THAT GOVERNMENT HAS REVIEWED THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROCESS OF DIVERSIFICATION CAN BE FACILITATED BY THE MODIFICATION OF EXISTING POLICIES OR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICIES, SO IT WOULD BE TIMELY FOR THE FEDERATION TO REVIEW ITS ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE COMPLEMENTARY INPUT TO THE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE GOING TO RESULT.+

WE SHALL NOW BE LOOKING MORE AND MORE TO THE FEDERATION FOR PROMPT AND RELIABLE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE, HE SAID.

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UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS ORDER
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ALL PERSONS WHO LEAVE, OR SEEK TO LEAVE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WITHOUT PERMISSION HAVE BEEN DECLARED TO BE UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS TO HONG KONG.

PERSONS WHO HAVE A RIGHT TO LAND IN HONG KONG OR HAVE VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OR HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO LAND BY A HONG KONG IMMIGRATION OFFICER ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THIS DECLARATION.

THE DECLARATION WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL IN AN ORDER PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, IF A SHIP ENTERS HONG KONG WITH ANY UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS ON BOARD, HER MASTER, EACH MEMBER OF THE CREW, THE OWNER AND HIS AGENT AND ANY PERSON WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VOYAGE, COMMIT AN OFFENCE AND ARE LIABLE TO PENALTIES UP TO A FINE OF \$5 000 000 AND LIFE IMPRISONMENT. THE SHIP OR OTHER PROPERTY, INCLUDING MONEY, USED TO FACILITATE THE ENTRY OF UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS IS ALSO LIABLE TO FORFEITURE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DECLARATION WILL ENABLE THE AUTHORITIES TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THOSE WHO ORGANISE THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF PEOPLE FROM CHINA. DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ABOUT 27 000 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA WERE ARRESTED BY THE SECURITY FORCES AND REPATRIATED TO CHINA. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT DURING THE SAME PERIOD ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA HAD EVADED ARREST AND WOULD EVENTUALLY SETTLE DOWN IN HONG KONG.

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GOVERNMENT ACTS ON SCHOOL INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DRAFTED AMENDMENTS TO THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT TWO PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

THE PROPOSALS, CONTAINED IN THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 AND THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1980, WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY (JUNE 25).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY HAD CONSIDERED THAT SOME CONFUSION MIGHT HAVE ARISEN OVER THE EXACT NATURE OF THE ORDER SUSPENDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER OF 1978.

+BECAUSE OF THE WORDING OF THE ORDINANCE, IT COULD HAVE BEEN THOUGHT THAT THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION HAD INTENDED TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL PERMANENTLY, EVEN THOUGH HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO CANCEL THE SCHOOL'S REGISTRATION TO DO SO,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+TO REMOVE ANY DOUBT IN FUTURE, THE BILL STIPULATES CLEARLY THAT THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE EMPOWERED IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES TO SUSPEND THE ACTIVITIES OF A SCHOOL, WHILE THE AUTHORITY TO CLOSE A SCHOOL PERMANENTLY WOULD REST WITH THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF AIDED SCHOOLS, INCLUDING FINANCE.

A SUBSEQUENT REVIEW HAS SHOWN THAT THERE ARE INADEQUATE CONTROLS ON THE USE OF PROFITS DERIVED FROM BUSINESS OR TRADING OPERATIONS IN THESE SCHOOLS.

THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE CONTROLS APPLICABLE TO ALL SCHOOLS RECEIVING PUBLIC FUNDS WHEREBY ANY SUPERVISOR OR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WOULD REQUIRE THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION BEFORE OPERATING A BUSINESS UNDERTAKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES.

PRIOR PERMISSION WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED BEFORE ANY ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE WITH OTHER PARTIES FOR THE SUPPLY OF FOOD, DRINKS, BOOKS, UNIFORMS OR OTHER ITEMS USED BY STUDENTS OR THE SCHOOL ITSELF.

THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND DETAILS OF THE INTENDED DISPOSAL OF BUSINESS PROFITS. THE CONSENT OF THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE REQUIRED IF THE PROFITS WERE TO BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE NOT DIRECTLY BENEFITTING THE STUDENTS OF A SCHOOL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +PERSONS ALREADY CARRYING OUT BUSINESS OR TRADING OPERATIONS IN SCHOOLS WILL BE GIVEN AMPLE NOTICE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE REGULATIONS WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.+

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO PROCEED WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY FOR AIDED SCHOOLS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BODIES OF THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE.

+FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, IT WAS FELT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL TO ADD THE NAMES OF SOME 900 SCHOOLS TO THE SCHEDULE. IT WAS ALSO CONSIDERED THAT THE TYPE OF CORRUPTION WHICH COULD ARISE IN AIDED SCHOOLS COULD BE DEALT WITH UNDER EXISTING PROVISIONS AS WELL AS CURRENT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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AMENDMENTS TO PREVENTION OF BRIBERY BILL PROPOSED

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FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG'S ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS WILL BE MOVED AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE OF THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY (JUNE 25).

THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE THE RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY SEVERAL COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL INCLUDE A NEW PROVISION ALLOWING FOR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO SUSPECTS PREVENTED FROM DISPOSING OF THEIR PROPERTY.

THE PROVISION WOULD APPLY IF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION REFUSED TO GIVE HIS CONSENT FOR PROPERTY TO BE RELEASED AND IT TRANSPIRED THAT THE PERSON UNDER INVESTIGATION WAS NOT CHARGED WITH AN OFFENCE OR WAS ACQUITTED.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL, THE SUSPECT WOULD BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR ANY LOSS SUSTAINED IF HE WAS UNABLE TO MEET ANY CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY INCURRED BEFORE THE RESTRAINING NOTICE WAS SERVED.

THE NEW PROPOSALS WOULD ALSO ALTER SOME PROVISIONS OF THE BILL RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE ICAC, ONE OF WHICH WAS TO EMPOWER ICAC OFFICERS TO DETAIN ANY PERSON FOUND ON PREMISES UNDERGOING AUTHORISED SEARCHES. IT IS NOW PROPOSED THAT A PERSON SHOULD NOT BE DETAINED FOR MORE THAN THREE HOURS UNLESS HE IS ARRESTED.

THE BILL ALSO REQUIRED SUSPECTS TO SUPPLY TO THE ICAC INFORMATION TO WHICH THEY HAVE ACCESS, RATHER THAN JUST IN THEIR POSSESSION. A NEW PROPOSAL CHANGES THE REQUIREMENT TO COVER INFORMATION TO WHICH A SUSPECT MAY REASONABLY HAVE ACCESS AND TO EXCLUDE INFORMATION WHICH IS READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

MEMBERS OF UMELCO HAVE ALSO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PROVISIONS OF THE BILL GOVERNING THE RE-EMPLOYMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF CORRUPTION OFFENCES.

THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS TO EMPOWER THE COURTS TO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF CONVICTED PERSONS AS DIRECTORS OR IN OTHER MANAGERIAL POSITIONS FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO SEVEN YEARS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO AMEND THIS PROVISION, RESTRICTING IT TO RE-EMPLOYMENT ONLY IN THE SAME PUBLIC BODY OR CORPORATION, OR ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANISATIONS, IN WHICH THE PERSON WAS EMPLOYED PRIOR TO HIS CONVICTION.

IT IS PROPOSED TO MAKE IT CLEAR, BY ADDITIONAL WORDING IN THE BILL, THAT THE PROHIBITION WAS ALSO INTENDED TO APPLY TO PERSONS PRACTISING A PROFESSION OR WHO WERE OTHERWISE SELF-EMPLOYED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE PROHIBITION WOULD APPLY ONLY TO SENIOR POSITIONS AND WOULD BE IMPOSED ONLY WHERE THE COURTS CONSIDERED IT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO DO SO.

THE BILL EXTENDED FROM SIX MONTHS TO THREE YEARS THE TIME LIMIT OF PROSECUTION ON A NUMBER OF CORRUPTION OFFENCES. IT IS NOW PROPOSED TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM PERIOD TO TWO YEARS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A FEW OTHER CHANGES ARE PROPOSED, MAINLY TO 'TIDY UP' CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ORIGINAL BILL.

THE MAIN PROPOSAL IS THE ADDITION OF A NEW PROVISION TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT NO OFFENCE IS COMMITTED IF A PUBLIC SERVANT OTHER THAN A GOVERNMENT OFFICER SOLICITS OR ACCEPTS AN ADVANTAGE DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE PERMISSION OF HIS EMPLOYER.

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SCHEME * * * * *

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SET UP LAST NOVEMBER AS A PILOT SCHEME HAS SUCCEEDED IN PROVIDING A NEW ARENA AND NEW HOPE OF FINDING SOLUTIONS WHICH FIT LOCAL CONDITIONS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR A.G. EASON, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF NEW OFFICE BEARERS OF AREA COMMITTEES IN KWUN TONG, MR EASON SAID THOUGH THE COMMITTEE HAD NOT TURNED KWUN TONG INTO PARADISE IN A SHORT TIME, IT HAD SUCCEEDED IN GETTING OFFICIALS TOGETHER TO MAKE A REAL COLLECTIVE ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY KWUN TONG'S PROBLEMS, BOTH BIG AND SMALL.

+IT HAS ALSO PROVIDED A FOCAL POINT IN THE DISTRICT TO CHECK THE EXTENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESS OR FAILURE IN MEETING RESIDENTS' NEEDS. AND A FOCAL POINT TOO TO WHICH RESIDENTS' SUGGESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED,+ HE SAID.

MR EASON ALSO NOTED THAT SINCE THE COMMITTEE'S INCEPTION IT HAS HAD SOME SMALL TANGIBLE SUCCESSES IN CHANGING THINGS FOR THE BETTER IN KWUN TONG AND IN PLANNING MORE IMPROVEMENTS.

/+BUT CLEARLY

+BUT CLEARLY AFTER SUCH A SHORT TIME, MAJOR TANGIBLE ADVANCES HAVE YET TO COME.

+THE PROMISE IS THERE HOWEVER. GIVEN THE SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS AND GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE, THERE IS NO REASON WHY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SHOULD NOT MAKE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ESSENTIAL PROCESS OF MAKING GOVERNMENT MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KWUN TONG) MR DAVID TSUI ALSO SPOKE AT THE CEREMONY ON THE ROLES OF AREA COMMITTEES.

MR TSUI SAID THAT ONE OF THEIR IMPORTANT ROLES WAS TO ASSIST IN BUILDING UP FROM PEOPLE THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMMES A WHOLESOME COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE IN AN AREA SHOULD FEEL THAT THEY WERE NOT ONLY LIVING IN A CUBICLE OF A HOUSING ESTATE BUT IN A COMMUNITY WHERE THEIR SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS WERE MET.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES IN A BIG DISTRICT LIKE KWUN TONG WITH A POPULATION OF 650 000 WAS TO FACILITATE THE FORUM OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT.

+WE HOPE THAT WITH A GROUP OF PEOPLE COMING FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE, WITH DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND, INCLINATION AND VIEWS THEY WOULD COLLECTIVELY PAINT A FAIRLY BALANCED PICTURE OF THE AREA IN WHICH THEY RESIDE AND TO IMPRESS THIS MENTAL PICTURE ON THE GOVERNMENT.+

HE ALSO NOTED THAT IT WAS AREA COMMITTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES TO FIND OUT WHERE THE AREA DEFICIENCIES LAY, TO EXAMINE TOWN PLANS IN PARTICULAR LAYOUT PLANS FOR EACH AREA TO SEE WHETHER PRESENT DEFICIENCIES WOULD BE MET IN FUTURE, AND TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS AS WELL AS TO ADVISE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COURSE INTAKE DOUBLED

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THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IS TO DOUBLE THE INTAKE OF STUDENTS FOR ITS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OFFICER COURSE IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE INCREASE WOULD GREATLY ASSIST EFFORTS BEING MADE TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN HONG KONG.

THE COMMISSIONER WAS SPEAKING AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING COURSE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

+I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT THE COURSE IS IN GREAT DEMAND AND THE POLYTECHNIC HAS DECIDED TO DOUBLE THE INTAKE IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR BY ADDING ONE MORE CLASS,+ HE SAID.

+I HOPE THAT IN DUE COURSE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF QUALIFIED SAFETY OFFICERS WILL BE PRODUCED TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED DEMAND.+

THE COMMISSIONER STRESSED THAT EMPLOYERS COULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS BY EMPLOYING QUALIFIED SAFETY OFFICERS AND GIVING THEM PROPERLY DESIGNED DUTIES.

THE DUTIES FALL INTO THE FOLLOWING BROAD AREAS:

- * TO INSPECT THE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING TO DETERMINE IF ANY MACHINERY PLANT, EQUIPMENT, APPLIANCE OR PROCESS, OR ANY TYPE OF MANUAL LABOUR IS LIABLE TO CAUSE RISK OF BODILY INJURY, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION-
- * TO INVESTIGATE ANY ACCIDENTS AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES IN THE UNDERTAKING AND TAKE REMEDIAL ACTION TO REMOVE THE CAUSES- AND
- * TO ORGANISE SAFETY CAMPAIGNS, TRAINING COURSES, COMPETITIONS, CONTESTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN THE INTEREST OF EMPLOYEES IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

MR HENDERSON ALSO SAID THAT TO BE AN EFFECTIVE SAFETY OFFICER ONE SHOULD HAVE A SENSE OF PROFESSIONALISM AND ALWAYS KEEP UP WITH DEVELOPMENTS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT INCREASED WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BOOST THE COST OF ACCIDENTS TO EMPLOYERS IN TERMS OF INCREASED INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

AS INSURANCE RATES WERE BASED ON CLAIM EXPERIENCE, A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS WOULD CAUSE THE BASIC PREMIUM TO BE REDUCED.

+SIMILARLY, A FIRM WITH AN IMPROVED SAFETY RECORD SHOULD BE ABLE TO SECURE BETTER TERMS FROM ITS INSURER. AS THE AMOUNT INVOLVED BECOMES LARGER THE MONETARY SAVINGS DUE TO IMPROVED SAFETY WILL BECOME MORE VISIBLE.

+IN THIS CONNECTION, I HOPE THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL GRANT CERTAIN REDUCTIONS OF PREMIUM AS AN INCENTIVE TO FIRMS EMPLOYING SAFETY OFFICERS,+ HE ADDED.

THE COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCED THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY WERE JOINTLY ORGANISING A CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXHIBITION FROM AUGUST 9 TO 17 AT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY.

+I HOPE YOU WILL VISIT THE EXHIBITION AND ENCOURAGE BOTH WORKERS AND SUPERVISORS IN YOUR FIRMS TO DO THE SAME,+ HE SAID.

MR HENDERSON LATER PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO MIDDLE-MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL WHO HAD COMPLETED THE ONE-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING COURSE.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLYTECHNIC, DR KEITH LEGG, SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE COURSE HAD BEEN REFLECTED BY THE FACT THAT THERE WERE 271 APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

+WITH THE RECENT HIGH RATE OF SERIOUS INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN HONG KONG, I CANNOT OVER-STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAMME.

+IT IS EVIDENT THAT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION, ACTIVE MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN IN THE TRAINING OF MORE QUALIFIED SAFETY OFFICERS WHO WILL BRING HOME THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO MANAGEMENT STAFF AND WORKERS ALIKE,+ HE NOTED.

DR LEGG POINTED OUT THAT THE COURSE WAS ONE OF THOSE OFFERED BY THE POLYTECHNIC IN CONJUNCTION WITH INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF SOCIETY.

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TWELVE NT SITES FOR TENDER

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO OFFER 12 NEW TERRITORIES SITES TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS NEXT MONTH. DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE SITES, TOTALLING MORE THAN 7.8 HECTARES, ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

SIX OF THE SITES ARE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN, THREE IN YUEN LONG, TWO IN TUEN MUN AND THE OTHER IS ON TSING YI ISLAND.

FIVE OF THE SHA TIN SITES, MEASURING BETWEEN 1 328 SQUARE METRES AND 17 300 SQUARE METRES, ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THEY HAVE PLOT RATIOS OF 0.4, 0.6 OR 2.1.

THE OTHER SHA TIN SITE, AT FO TAN, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT. IT MEASURES 4 344 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF ALMOST \$31 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

THE TSING YI SITE, MEASURING 7 660 SQUARE METRES, IS ALSO FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT. IT IS SITUATED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE ISLAND AND IS PART OF A RECENTLY COMPLETED RECLAMATION AREA. THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$52 MILLION, ALSO TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

THE REMAINING FIVE SITES ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

TWO ARE IN TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE OCCUPYING 4 999 SQUARE METRES AND 4 496 SQUARE METRES IN AREA.

THE OTHER THREE ARE LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN. THEY MEASURE 692, 2 800 AND 2 682 SQUARE METRES.

APPLICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH CHEQUE DEPOSIT, SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE APPLICATION BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, FIFTH FLOOR, HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS, BEFORE NOON ON JULY 18.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE AVAILABLE FROM NTA HEADQUARTERS OR FROM ANY OF THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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INSTALLATION OF NEW PARKING METERS
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A TOTAL OF 1 360 NEW PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO REPLACE OLDER TYPES OF METERS.

THEY WILL BE SET UP ON FIVE CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS FROM JUNE 22 IN AREAS INCLUDING NORTH POINT, CAUSEWAY BAY, HAPPY VALLEY, WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND THE PEAK.

THESE NEW 'DUNCAN' METERS HAD BEEN TRIED OUT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR. THEY HAVE A BETTER LOCKING SYSTEM AND ARE DESIGNED TO REJECT FAKE COINS.

THEY ONLY GIVE TIME WHEN FED WITH COINS OF THE CORRECT DENOMINATION AND ARE NOT ACTIVATED BY COINS OF SMALLER OR LARGER SIZE.

AFTER INSERTING A CORRECT COIN, A HANDLE ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE SLOT HAS TO BE TURNED TO THE RIGHT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE UNTIL THE RED FLAG IS LOWERED.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE IMPROVED SECURITY FEATURES OF THE NEW METERS SHOULD CUT LOSS OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE FROM THEFT AND INTERFERENCE.

IN HIS LAST REPORT, THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT ESTIMATED THAT \$3.8 MILLION HAD BEEN LOST IN THIS WAY.

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COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY
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THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1979, WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON MONDAY (JUNE 23).

A COMMENCEMENT NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDING LEGISLATION SETS OUT PROVISIONS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LOST SHARE CERTIFICATES.

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JETTY FOR LAMMA POWER STATION

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT AN AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JETTY FOR THE POWER STATION ON LAMMA ISLAND.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM TODAY.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH A RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG- THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING- OR AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (ISLANDS), INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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MAXICAB FARES REVISION

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FARES ON 12 MORE MAXICAB ROUTES ON HK ISLAND WILL BE INCREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 40 PER CENT FROM SUNDAY (JUNE 22).

THEY ARE ROUTES 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 AND 20. THE REVISED CHARGES RANGE FROM 50 CENTS TO \$2.50.

FARES ON ROUTES 1, 2, 3, 9, 19 AND FOR THE ALL NIGHT SERVICE ON ROUTE 5 WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR FARE INCREASE BY THE MAXICAB OPERATORS WAS APPROVED AFTER A DETAILED SURVEY INTO THE OPERATING COSTS OF THE SERVICES.

THE REVISION, HE SAID, WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO INCREASES IN FUEL COSTS, DRIVERS' WAGES AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

MEANWHILE FROM SUNDAY, THE EVENING SERVICE ON MAXICAB ROUTE 8 WILL BE EXTENDED TO 11 PM AND THE FREQUENCY ON ROUTE 4 WILL BE INCREASED FOLLOWING ITS EXTENSION TO SHEK PAI WAN IN ABERDEEN.

ROUTE 11 BETWEEN TIN WAN AND CAUSEWAY BAY WILL OPERATE AN ALL-DAY SERVICE AT A BASIC FREQUENCY OF 12 MINUTES WHICH WILL BE INCREASED TO SIX MINUTES IN THE EVENINGS WHEN ROUTE 10 STOPS TO RUN.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1980

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW PREMISES FOR SWD TSUEN WAN OFFICE
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, WHICH CO-ORDINATES WELFARE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT, HAS MOVED TO MORE CENTRALLY LOCATED PREMISES FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE NEW OFFICE IS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF FAR EAST BANK BUILDING AT 135 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

TO MARK ITS OFFICIAL OPENING, A CEREMONY AND A DISPLAY OF WELFARE SERVICES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10.50 AM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER (TSUEN WAN), MR LUI HAU-TUEN, AND LOCAL COMMUNITY AND RURAL LEADERS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE DISPLAY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEW OFFICE.

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EXPORT RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENT AND RETURNS
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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY ON EXPORTS OF CATEGORIES 78 (MEN'S AND BOYS') AND 81 (WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND INFANTS') WOVEN OUTER GARMENTS PRODUCTS.

THE ISSUE OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS FOR SUCH EXPORTS HAD BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE APRIL 12, 1980 AT THE REQUEST OF THE EEC.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED THAT ALL 1980 EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION WILL BE HONOURED. SUBJECT TO THIS, QUOTAS WILL BE OFFERED TO ELIGIBLE COMPANIES WITH SHIPMENT PERFORMANCE IN THESE TWO CATEGORIES DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1979 TO MARCH 31, 1980.

TO FACILITATE THE CALCULATION OF QUOTAS, THE DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR RETURNS FROM EXPORTERS ON SUCH EXPORTS TO THE EEC IN THE REFERENCE PERIOD. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JUNE 30, 1980.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS ON DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.

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CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS LIFTED
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THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON A 50 METRE SECTION OF TRUE LIGHT LANE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KENT ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 23).

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SPEECH BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR AT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF
THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES
IN THE OCEAN CENTRE ON JUNE 20, 1980

Mr Wu, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to join you, Mr Chairman, in paying tribute to the founders of the Federation and to those who have guided it through the last twenty years. And, to complete the list, let me add the name you modestly omitted, which is your own. As you prepare to step down after five years of wise and active leadership, I am sure those who have been associated with the Federation during that period would wish to join with me in publicly acknowledging your valuable contribution.

My theme tonight is this Federation which has served Hong Kong so well for so long. But first I must say how delighted I am, how delighted Hong Kong is, that our own airline has at last been licensed to fly to London. We all realise the difficulty of the situation in which the Secretary for Trade was placed. We see his decision as a brave one for fair play, freer competition, and consideration for the consumer. This is exactly what we always ask for in our commercial dealings with others and what we always give others who deal with us. It is a happy day in which we see the British Government, on which we depend so greatly, taking a resolute stand on these principles.

These principles involve obligations as well as benefits. Decisions on licences to land in Hong Kong lie with the Hong Kong Air Transport Licensing Authority alone. It is not subject to government direction, and there is no right of appeal. But the Hong Kong Government is entitled to make representations to that body, and in principle stands ready to support applications for arrangements to match those provided in London. In all fairness, we could not do less.

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When the Federation was founded, Hong Kong was still recovering from the loss of the China entrepot trade in the '50s and the simultaneous influx of population. Sir Alexander Grantham's decision to establish the Federation at that time of rapid transition was timely, and I particularly like his phrase, which you have quoted, that the Federation should be "strong, fully representative, uninhibited, non-sectional, specialist organisation". I particularly relish "uninhibited" which I note the Federation has properly taken to heart.

It was in the years following the formation of the Federation that the metamorphosis of Hong Kong took place -- its change from a very successful but little-known port, to a great centre of industry, commerce, finance, tourism and communications, known and respected throughout the world. Many individual men and women, and of course the people of Hong Kong as a whole played their part; but tonight it is to the part played by the Federation that I would like to pay my tribute.

As you face the third decade of the Federation, as well as the challenge of the eighties, it is, I suggest, a time to look again at those enlightened words of Sir Alexander Grantham and to reappraise the role and direction of the Federation.

Over the last 20 years the three sectors of Hong Kong's economy have all tended to look east and west to the great developed market of North America, Japan and Europe, and also, to some extent, to the growth areas to our south. In all these areas we are conscious of pressures which suggest the benefits of a more diversified economy in Hong Kong. Now, in addition, we must look north to the developing economic links with the People's Republic of China. Considerable as are the new opportunities, they all tend to support the case for diversification.

In this evolving situation the Government is seeking to respond to the needs of industry and the economy. Most of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Diversification, including the establishment of an Industrial Development Board, have already been

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accepted and are being gradually implemented. But the fact that in several important respects the Government has responded positively to suggestions made by the Federation and others is only the beginning. I suggest that now that Government has reviewed the extent to which the process of diversification can be facilitated by the modification of existing policies or the introduction of new policies, so it would be timely for the Federation to review its ability to provide the complementary input to the activities which are going to result. We shall now be looking more and more to the Federation for prompt and reliable advice and assistance from "a strong, fully representative, uninhibited, non-sectional specialist organisation". I am confident we shall not be disappointed.

I offer my most sincere congratulations to the Federation on this, its 20th Anniversary and I wish it all success in the years ahead.