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BILL OF RIGHTS: DOCUMENT TO ENHANCE HUMAN RIGHTS

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THE TASK FOR DRAFTERS OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS WAS TO TRY AND PRODUCE A DOCUMENT THAT WOULD ENHANCE HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONG KONG IN THE LONG TERM, ASSISTANT SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR PHILIP DYKES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORGANISED BY THE FACULTY OF LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR DYKES EXPLAINED THE BASIC CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE DRAFTING OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

"THE PURPOSE OF ANY MEANINGFUL BILL OF RIGHTS IS TO ENHANCE THE STATUS OF BASIC RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AND TO SECURE THEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE WITHIN A GIVEN CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK," HE SAID.

A BILL OF RIGHTS MUST BE DRAFTED IN SUCH A WAY AS FIRST, TO ENSURE THAT THE BILL ACHIEVES ITS PURPOSE OF ENHANCING RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, AND SECONDLY, TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS ALSO A CONSTITUTIONALLY COMPETENT DOCUMENT.

"FAILURE TO DO EITHER OF THESE MEANS THAT THE PRODUCT - THE BILL OF RIGHTS - IS FLAWED AND THE OBJECTIVE HAS NOT BEEN ATTAINED," MR DYKES EXPLAINED.

MR DYKES SAID THAT THE FORMAL CONSTRAINTS WERE THE EXISTING LIMITATIONS ON THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ENACT CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS, AND THE BASIC LAW.

THE REAL PROBLEM WAS ENTRENCHMENT AND THERE WERE BASICALLY TWO OPTIONS FOR ENTRENCHMENT BEFORE 1997.

THE FIRST OPTION WAS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS OR INVITE THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO CREATE THROUGH AN ORDER IN COUNCIL OR IMPERIAL ACT A NEW SOURCE OF LEGAL AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO PLACE THE BILL OF RIGHTS ABOVE ALL OTHER LOCAL LAWS.

THE SECOND WAS TO DEVISE LOCAL CONSTRAINTS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHEREBY THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION WHICH WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE BILL OF RIGHTS WAS MADE PROCEDURALLY DIFFICULT AND HIGHLY PUBLIC.

"WE WERE NATURALLY ATTRACTED TO THE SECOND OPTION. BUT THERE WAS A DIFFICULTY RIGHT ON OUR DOORSTEP BEFORE WE WENT ON TO CONSIDER THE COMPATIBILITY OF THIS OPTION WITH THE BASIC LAWS," MR DYKES SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE COLONIAL LAWS VALIDITY ACT, ONLY "REPRESENTATIVE" LEGISLATURES WITH MORE THAN ONE HALF OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED HAD THE POWER TO ENACT LAWS RELATING TO THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION, POWERS AND PROCEDURE. "NON-REPRESENTATIVE" LEGISLATURES WERE INCAPABLE OF CHANGING ITS CONSTITUTION WITHOUT SOME EXPRESS IMPERIAL AUTHORITY.

SELF-IMPOSED CHECKS ON THE LEGISLATURE WHICH WOULD PROTECT A BILL OF RIGHTS SUCH AS SPECIAL MAJORITY VOTING OR THE DELAYED ENACTMENT OF INCONSISTENT BILLS WERE LIKELY TO BE CHARACTERISED AS THE KIND OF THINGS WHICH ONLY A "REPRESENTATIVE" LEGISLATURE COULD ACHIEVE.

"GOING THIS WAY MEANT THAT WE WOULD FALL FOUL OF THE ACT UNLESS WE ASKED THE UK GOVERNMENT TO AMEND THE ACT AND EXEMPT US FROM ITS APPLICATION AS FAR AS TAKING THESE STEPS TO PROTECT THE BILL OF RIGHTS WAS CONCERNED.

"THIS WAS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED NOT BECAUSE WE DID NOT THINK THE BRITISH WOULD SLACKEN THE CONSTITUTIONAL REINS IF REQUESTED BUT BECAUSE OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HEALTH OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS UNDER THE BASIC LAW IF WE SOUGHT TO IMPOSE FORMAL CONSTRAINTS ON THE POWERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OR IN FACT IF WE DID ANYTHING WHICH WAS LIKELY TO BE CONSTRUED AS SUCH," HE SAID.

ARTICLE 8 OF THE BASIC LAW SAYS THAT ANY LAW PREVIOUSLY IN FORCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED UNLESS IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE BASIC LAW.

"THE ULTIMATE ARBITER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL VALIDITY OF LAWS IN FORCE IN HONG KONG AFTER 1997 WILL BE THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS UNDER THE TERMS OF ARTICLE 157 TO 159 OF THE BASIC LAW."

HE POINTED OUT THAT A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR HONG KONG WOULD HAVE TO CONFORM TO THE BASIC LAW IF IT WAS TO HAVE ANY LONG TERM PROSPECTS TO DO THIS, IT WOULD HAVE TO SURVIVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RITES OF PASSAGE UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE BASIC LAW FROM MIDNIGHT ON OR AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 AND SHOULD NOT INVITE IMMEDIATE REFERRAL TO THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS FOR INTERPRETATION AND POSSIBLE REVISION, EXCISE FROM THE LAWS OF HONG KONG.

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REPATRIATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INCREASES SLIGHTLY

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THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS REPATRIATED DAILY TO CHINA HAS INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL POLICE COMMANDER, BORDER OPERATIONS, MR STEPHEN BROWN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT MAN KAM TO BORDER POST, MR BROWN POINTED OUT THAT THE STATISTICS DEPENDED MUCH ON THE WEATHER AND THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE CAUGHT.

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"THERE IS A SEASONAL INCREASE AND DECREASE WITH THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PROBLEM. IT DECLINES IN WINTER AND RISES AGAIN IN THE WARMER WEATHER AND IT IS ALSO AFFECTED BY THE NUMBER OF FARMERS COMING SOUTH AFTER THE HARVEST AND PEOPLE NOT COMING SOUTH BECAUSE THEY HAVE ACTUALLY GOT HARVESTS TO GET IN," HE SAID.

MR BROWN NOTED THAT THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT IN THE PAST THREE DAYS AVERAGED OUT BE BETWEEN 60 AND 70. IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ABOUT 4,000 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE CAUGHT AND REPATRIATED TO CHINA.

COMPARED WITH FIGURES IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, MR BROWN SAID THIS WAS ONLY A SLIGHT INCREASE.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE REPATRIATION POLICY AND ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT WERE SENT BACK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

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POLICE CHILDREN RECEIVE \$4.35 MILLION  
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BURSARIES TOTALLING \$4.35 MILLION WILL BE AWARDED THIS YEAR TO 1,677 CHILDREN OF POLICE OFFICERS, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR'S AMOUNT.

SPEAKING AT THE 23RD ANNUAL BURSARY CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION OF THE POLICE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST AND THE POLICE EDUCATION AND WELFARE TRUST AT THE POLICE SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB TODAY (SATURDAY), THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, NOTED THAT MANY POLICE CHILDREN HAD BEEN BENEFITED FROM THE FUND OVER THE PAST 23 YEARS.

THIS YEAR THE AWARDS INCLUDED 253 BURSARIES GIVEN TO STUDENTS AT LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND 171 TO THOSE STUDYING IN OVERSEAS TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

CONGRATULATING THE RECIPIENTS, MR LI REMINDED THEM TO EXPLOIT THEIR POTENTIAL TO THE FULL AND MAKE FULL USE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES GIVEN.

NOTING THAT A CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED LAST APRIL TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS, MR LI THANKED THOSE OFFICERS AND PAST BENEFICIARIES WHO SUPPORTED THE APPEAL AND WERE CONTRIBUTING DONATIONS ON A MONTHLY BASIS. HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR MAKING GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE TRUSTS.

/THE CHAIRMAN .....

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR HUI CHUN-KEUNG, EXPLAINED THAT THE APPEAL FOR MORE FUNDS WAS THE RESULT OF AN ESCALATING RISE IN TUITION FEES AS WELL AS THE INCREASED COST FOR TEXT BOOKS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE DONATIONS WHICH POURED IN HAD FULLY REFLECTED THE SENSE OF MUTUAL-HELP AND CAMARADERIE WITHIN THE FORCE, AND THE CONTINUED APPRECIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BY THE COMMUNITY.

THE ASSETS OF THE POLICE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1967, HAVE RISEN IN VALUE FROM THE INITIAL SUM OF \$2.7 MILLION TO THE CURRENT AMOUNT OF \$31.5 MILLION, WHILE THE POLICE EDUCATION AND WELFARE TRUST HAVE INCREASED TO \$12.5 MILLION FROM \$1 MILLION.

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POLICE CLARIFICATION ON FIGURES

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A NUMBER OF REPORTS HAVE APPEARED IN THE LOCAL PRESS CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE BY MR LI KWAN-HA, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, ON THE SUBJECT OF POLICE RECRUITMENT, TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON MARCH 29, 1990 DURING THE EXAMINATION OF THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 1990-91. IN PARTICULAR, REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE TO THE NUMBER OF RECRUITS WHO LEFT THE FORCE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TRAINING.

THE FIGURES GIVEN BY MR LI FOR PREMATURE WASTAGE REFER TO THOSE OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE FORCE WHO LEFT OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL BEFORE REACHING RETIREMENT AGE, NOT JUST OFFICERS WHO WERE RECRUITED IN THE YEARS 1988 AND 1989 RESPECTIVELY. WHEN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THOSE RECRUITS TAKEN ON STRENGTH THEN THE EQUIVALENT OF 49.1 PER CENT FOR INSPECTOR AND 91.1 PER CENT FOR RECRUIT CONSTABLES LEFT THE FORCE PREMATURELY.

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MORE TENDERING EXERCISES FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN FACTORY TENANTS

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL CONTINUE TO ARRANGE TENDERING EXERCISES FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN FACTORY BLOCK I TENANTS AFTER MAY 31, THE SCHEDULED DATE FOR THEM TO MOVE OUT OF THE BLOCK.

A HOUSING SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THIS WAS TO ENABLE THOSE OPERATORS WHO WISHED TO RENT ALTERNATIVE UNITS TO CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE ALTERNATIVE FACTORY PREMISES WERE NOT YET READY FOR OCCUPATION BECAUSE OF FITTING OUT, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE TEMPORARY STORAGE PLACES.

EARLIER, 15 MORE TENANTS OF THE BLOCK SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ALTERNATIVE UNITS IN A RESTRICTED TENDERING EXERCISE, THE SIXTH TO BE HELD FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN MAY LAST YEAR THAT THE BLOCK WOULD BE DEMOLISHED.

THIS HAS BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATORS WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ALTERNATIVE UNITS TO 75.

THE 15 UNITS TAKEN UP BY TENANTS IN THE LATEST TENDERING EXERCISE ARE MOSTLY SITUATED IN THE URBAN AREA.

RANGING FROM 24 TO 160 SQUARE METRES, THE UNITS WERE LET AT MONTHLY RENTS OF BETWEEN \$410 AND \$11 540, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THEM WERE AWARDED TO BIDS EQUIVALENT TO THE UPSET MONTHLY RENT INCLUDING RATES.

SO FAR, EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TOTALLING MORE THAN \$13 MILLION HAVE BEEN PAID TO 110 TENANTS. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 38 PER CENT OF THE \$34.18 MILLION ALLOCATED TO ASSIST THE BLOCK'S TENANTS.

"SOME OF THEM HAVE ALREADY MOVED OUT AND SURRENDERED THEIR UNITS TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEXT TENDERING EXERCISE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 12.

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SITE AGENT FINED FOR NOT WEARING HELMET  
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SITE MANAGERMENTS SHOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THEIR WORKERS TO FOLLOW IN COMPLYING WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, REITERATED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONS ON SITE WEAR SUITABLE SAFETY HELMETS.

SITE SUPERVISORS ARE PARTICULARLY REQUIRED TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THEIR LEADING ROLE AND THE INFLUENCE THEY HAVE ON WORKERS, HE STRESSED.

IN A RECENT CASE, A SITE AGENT OF A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WHO WAS FOUND FAILING TO WEAR A SAFETY HELMET DURING A VISIT BY FACTORY INSPECTORS, WAS CONVICTED AND FINED \$1,000 BY A SHA TIN MAGISTRATE.

/"THE DEPARTMENT .....

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"THE DEPARTMENT TAKES A VERY SERIOUS VIEW ON THE OFFENCE AS THIS HAS A VERY BAD EFFECT ON WORKERS.

"ANY PERSON WHO BREACHES THE PROVISION IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000," MR CHAN SAID.

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CONCESSION TICKETS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND STUDENTS  
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EFFECTIVE AS FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY), SENIOR CITIZENS AND STUDENTS MAY HAVE THEIR EARLY BOOKINGS ON HALF-PRICE CONCESSION TICKETS ON URBAN COUNCIL'S ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL POINTED OUT THAT NEW MEASURES WOULD ENABLE SENIOR CITIZENS AND STUDENTS TO BOOK THEIR TICKETS ABOUT ONE MONTH BEFORE THE PRESENTATIONS BEGIN INSTEAD OF SEVEN DAYS.

"IT IS THE SAME AS THE COUNTER BOOKING TIME FOR NORMAL PATRONS.

"IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, TICKETS ARE ON SALE ABOUT ONE MONTH BEFORE PRESENTATIONS BEGIN. UNDER THE PREVIOUS CONCESSION ARRANGEMENT, SENIOR CITIZENS AND STUDENTS COULD ONLY PURCHASE THEIR TICKETS SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE.

"BENEFICIARIES OF THE SCHEME WILL INCLUDE SENIOR CITIZENS, AGED MORE THAN 60, AND FULL-TIME STUDENTS.

"AS FOR TICKET PRICES, SENIOR CITIZENS AND STUDENTS MAY BUY TICKETS AT HALF OF THE LOWEST PRICE WITH A MINIMUM PAYMENT OF \$15 OR PAY THE LOWEST PRICE IN FULL FOR HIGHER-PRICED SEATS.

"THEY ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO BUY TICKETS FOR OMNIMAX AND SKY SHOWS AT THE HONG KONG SPACE MUSEUM AT \$10 EACH.

"THE CONCESSION TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD UNDER A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVE BASIS SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF TICKETS AT ALL URBAN COUNCIL'S URBTEXT OUTLETS.

THESE OUTLETS ARE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, CITY HALL, HONG KONG COLISEUM, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE, NAGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, SHATIN TOWN HALL, TUEN MUN TOWN HALL, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND TOM LEE MUSIC CO LTD (CAMERON LANE, MAN YEE BUILDING, TAIKOO SHING CITYPLAZA AND HENNESSY ROAD).

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CASH AWARD FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION ON CRANE SHOOTING

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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REITERATED ITS APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE CRUEL SHOOTING OF A PAIR OF CRANES AND A RUDDY SHELDUCK KEPT IN VICTORIA PARK EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THE SECOND APPEAL FOLLOWS THE RECEIPT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AN OFFER OF \$5 000 IN CASH AWARD FROM A PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZEN FOR ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE CALLOUS INCIDENT WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE ARREST OF THE CULPRIT.

"IT IS ALARMING TO ALLOW FOR SUCH WANTON AND CRUEL DESTRUCTION OF RARE AND BEAUTIFUL BIRDS. IT IS A DISGRACE TO OUR COMMUNITY," THE DONAR SAID IN HIS LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT.

"IT IS THEREFORE THE DUTY OF EVERYONE OF US TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY ACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST BIRDS AND ANIMALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ENDANGERED SPECIES KEPT IN PUBLIC PARKS AND GARDENS."

WELCOMING THE MOVE, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF OFFICER (SPECIAL GARDENING) MR CHEUNG YIN-FAI, SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN MUCH PUBLIC CONCERN OVER THIS SAD INCIDENT BUT SO FAR, NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOOTING WAS FORTHCOMING.

"ALTHOUGH THE CASE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE POLICE, ANY PUBLIC INFORMATION WOULD HELP US AND THE POLICE IN THE INVESTIGATION AND BRING THE CULPRIT TO JUSTICE.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE USEFUL INFORMATION TO OFFER MAY EITHER CONTACT THE VICTORIA PARK OFFICE (TELEPHONE NO. 8904204) OR THE CAUSEWAY BAY POLICE STATION. ALTERNATIVELY, THEY ARE ALSO WELCOME TO RING THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT 7236034," HE SAID.

THE SHOOTING OCCURRED ON MARCH 6 AT VICTORIA PARK WHERE A FEMALE WHITE-NAPED CRANE WAS SHOT DEAD, AND A MALE CRANE AND A RUDDY SHELDUCK WERE INJURED AND BLINDED IN ONE EYE.

WHILE NOTING THAT THE INJURED MALE CRANE AND THE RUDDY SHELDUCK WERE MAKING STEADY RECOVERY, MR CHEUNG REPEATED THE DEPARTMENT'S WARNING THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE PLEASURE GROUNDS (URBAN COUNCIL) BY-LAWS FOR ANYONE TO SHOOT ANIMAL AND BIRD EXHIBITS WITH AN AIR GUN IN ANY PUBLIC PARKS AND GARDENS.

"SUCH MISBEHAVIOUR IS ALSO A VIOLATION AGAINST THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ORDINANCE. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY, IF CONVICTED, IS A FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS," HE ADDED.

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KOWLOON TSAI SPORTS GROUND RE-OPENS AFTER MODERNISATION

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SCHOOLS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ANOTHER TOP-CLASS VENUE FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING AND COMPETITIONS WHEN THE URBAN COUNCIL'S REDEVELOPED KOWLOON TSAI SPORTS GROUND RE-OPENS TOMORROW (APRIL 1).

"THE 26-YEAR-OLD KOWLOON TSAI SPORTS GROUND HAS JUST UNDERGONE A FULL SCALE MODERNISATION PROJECT TO MEET THE URBAN COMMUNITY'S ASPIRATIONS FOR BETTER-QUALITY SPORTING FACILITIES," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, DR SAMUEL WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THE \$15-MILLION UPGRADING WORK INCLUDED THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SEVEN-LANE CONVENTIONAL ATHLETIC TRACK BY A WORLD STANDARD EIGHT-LANE TRACK MADE OF LONG-LASTING SYNTHETIC ALL-WEATHER MATERIAL," DR WONG SAID.

"THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ALSO PROVIDED A COVERED CONCRETE SPECTATOR STAND WITH 1 250 FIBREGLASS SEATS," HE SAID.

OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 1.2 HECTARES, THE REDEVELOPED SPORTS GROUND IS ALSO PROVIDED WITH A FULL-SIZE TURFED PITCH FOR SOCCER, RUGBY AND HOCKEY GAMES AS WELL AS A HOST OF FACILITIES FOR FIELD EVENTS SUCH AS HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, POLE VAULT, JAVELIN, DISCUS AND SHOT PUT.

OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES IN THE SPORTS GROUND INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS, LOCKERS, A FIRST AID ROOM AND AN OFFICE.

"LOCATED CENTRALLY IN KOWLOON, THE SPORTS GROUND WITH ITS MODERN FACILITIES WILL NO DOUBT PROVE TO BE A POPULAR VENUE FOR FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS IN THE URBAN AREAS," DR WONG SAID.

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DB TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED RE-DEMARCATON OF THE DISTRICT'S CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES FOR THE 1991 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AT A MEETING ON MONDAY (APRIL 2).

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY FARE STRUCTURE SUBMITTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT THE FARE STRUCTURE BE CHANGED TO ENABLE THE FARE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN THE NORTH SHORE AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT BUS ROUTES TO BE REDUCED.

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MEMBERS WILL STUDY A REPORT OF THE "DISTRICT BOARD MEETS AREA COMMITTEES" SEMINAR HELD EARLIER TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1990-91, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD'S FOUR COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (APRIL 2) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7 - 11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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STOPPING ON YELLOW STRIPED MARKINGS PROHIBITED FROM APRIL 1  
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MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO STOP ON YELLOW STRIPED LIGHT SIGNAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS FROM TOMORROW (APRIL 1).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS WAS ENACTED RECENTLY TO ENSURE THAT THE SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE OF PEDESTRIANS WHILE CROSSING THE ROAD COULD BE PROTECTED.

HE SAID OFFENDERS OF THIS REGULATION WOULD BE INITIALLY PROSECUTED BY SUMMONS, PENDING THE PRODUCTION OF NEW FIXED PENALTY TICKETS OF \$200 LATER THIS YEAR. THEREAFTER THE OFFENCE WOULD CARRY A FIXED PENALTY OF \$200.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT A NUMBER OF NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO GUIDE ROAD USERS FROM APRIL 1 UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

SOME OF THESE INCLUDED A NUMBER OF NEW SIGNS ON CYCLING RESTRICTIONS, WARNING SIGN TO MOTORISTS FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AHEAD AND A NEW SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SIGN.

AN AMENDMENT CLARIFIES THE REQUIREMENT TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS AT ROAD WORKS AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY. PREVIOUSLY, THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES ONLY DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS.

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ANOTHER AMENDMENT AUTHORISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS EXCEEDING 16 METRES IN COMBINED LENGTH TO BE DRIVEN ON THE ROAD.

TO ENSURE THAT NO LOAD IS CARRIED ON THE TAILGATE OF GOODS VEHICLES, ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS STIPULATES THE PROPER WAY OF FASTENING OVERHANGING LOADS ON GOODS VEHICLES. THE PURPOSE IS TO ENSURE THAT LOADS ARE NOT CARRIED IN A PRECARIOUS MANNER.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN YAU TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE GAS PIPELAYING WORKS, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YAU TONG FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 2) FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS:

- THE SECTION OF YAU TONG ROAD BETWEEN YAN WING STREET AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- VEHICLES ON YAU TONG ROAD HEADING FOR LEI YUE MUN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHA KWO LING ROAD, KO CHIU ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD.
- KMB BUS ROUTE NO. 14B FROM YAU TONG TO NGAU TAU KOK WILL BE DIVERTED VIA YAN WING STREET SOUTHBOUND, KO CHIU ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD INSTEAD OF YAN WING STREET NORTHBOUND, YAU TONG ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD.
- KMB BUS ROUTE NO. 14C FROM SAM KA TSUEN FERRY TO KWUN TONG (YUE MAN SQUARE) AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 24M SERVING LAM TIN/LAM TIN MTR STATION WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KO CHIU ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD IN LIEU OF YAN WING STREET, YAU TONG ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE ON NT CIRCULAR ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD WIDENING WORKS ON THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, THE OUTER LANE OF THE CIRCULAR ROAD, YUEN LONG BOUND, BETWEEN TSUNG PAK LONG AND KWU TUNG WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 2) FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY ON PEKING ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 2), THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PEKING ROAD BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND KOWLOON PARK DRIVE WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 2), THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WHITTY STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY FOR FIVE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM DAILY FROM MONDAY (APRIL 2) TO WEDNESDAY (APRIL 4) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FLYOVER THERE.

MOTORISTS ON FERRY STREET SOUTHBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA JORDAN ROAD EASTBOUND INTO GASCOIGNE ROAD EASTBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON GASCOIGNE ROAD WESTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA JORDAN ROAD WESTBOUND OR KANSU STREET WESTBOUND INTO FERRY STREET NORTHBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF AIRPORT EAST FLYOVER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF THE ROLLER GRILL OF A DROP ARM BARRIER, THE AIRPORT EAST FLYOVER LINKING PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST (EASTBOUND) WITH THE EASTERN END OF THE DEPARTURES CIRCUIT IN THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 5.30 AM DAILY ON APRIL 2, 3 AND 4.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT SHA TIN WAI ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD TS IN SHA TIN, FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM FOR THREE DAYS STARTING MONDAY (APRIL 2), THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD BETWEEN NGAN SHING STREET AND SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

DURING THE HOUR OF CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NGAN SHING STREET, SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND SHA TIN ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS ON SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NGAN SHING STREET HEADING FOR SHA KOK ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHA TIN WAI ROAD EASTBOUND, SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, SHA TIN WAI ROAD EASTBOUND AND SHA KOK STREET.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE FIRST STAGE OF A ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT ON ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, WHICH WILL START ON MONDAY (APRIL 2), TWO INNER LANES OF ABOUT 400 METRES ON BOTH EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS FRONTING PROVIDENT CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED.

THE WORK ON EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY WILL START AT 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 2) AND THAT ON WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY WILL START AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 4). EACH OF THE RESURFACING WORK WILL LAST FOR 10 DAYS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH PATIENCE AND CARE.

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