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'GODDESS OF DEMOCRACY' WOULD NOT BE WELCOME IN HK: GOVERNOR

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IT HAS BEEN MADE QUITE CLEAR TO THE ORGANISERS OF THE "GODDESS OF DEMOCRACY" FOR A LONG TIME THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE WELCOME IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"IT WOULD NOT BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO COME INTO HONG KONG IF THEY ASK FOR PERMISSION," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID WAS ASKED BY REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY'S ABERDEEN TRAINING CENTRE IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALLOW THE "GODDESS OF DEMOCRACY" TO DOCK IN HONG KONG.

"WE HAVE A POLICY HERE OF MAKING SURE THAT HONG KONG IS NOT USED AS BATTLE FIELD FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S POLITICAL BATTLES AND IT WOULD BE QUITE INCONSISTENT WITH THAT POLICY TO HAVE A SHIP OF THAT SORT COMING INTO HONG KONG.

"SO FAR AS I KNOW IT HASN'T ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO COME INTO HONG KONG. BUT IT'S SLIGHTLY STRANGE THAT IT'S SAID THAT IT IS GOING TO COME TO HONG KONG BECAUSE SO FAR AS I KNOW ITS INTENTION WAS TO GO TO TAIWAN AND COMING TO HONG KONG IS A MAJOR DIVERSION FROM THAT ROUTE.

"WE ARE HARDLY ON A DIRECT ROUTE TO TAIWAN. SO IT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT IS A SEARCH FOR PUBLICITY," HE SAID.

ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RECONSIDER USING ARMY TO TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF VBP DETENTION CENTRES, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY HAD SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY THAT WE WOULD NOT RULE THAT OUT BUT IT WAS NOT A STEP THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE.

"WE WOULDN'T WANT TO TAKE IT BEFORE WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO. WE WANT TO KEEP THIS AS A CIVILIAN WAY OF HANDLING IT. I BELIEVE AT THE MOMENT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND THE POLICE ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF HANDLING IT.

"THEY HAVE BEEN HANDLING IT WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE AND COMMON SENSE. I AM SURE THEY WILL GO ON DOING THAT," THE GOVERNOR ADDED.

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MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PRESENTS NEW OPPORTUNITIES
TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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GOVERNMENT'S MASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME TO BUILD A NEW AIRPORT AND TO REMODEL THE PORT WILL PRESENT NEW CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITIES TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ABERDEEN TRAINING CENTRE OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY.

SIR DAVID SAID TO MEET THE MANPOWER NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR ALONE, AT LEAST 15,000 MORE WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE MID-1990S, NOTING THAT TODAY, SOME 95,000 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN FULL-TIME (MEANING OTHER THAN CASUAL) JOBS IN THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING SECTOR OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

HE SAID THE OPENING OF THE ABERDEEN TRAINING CENTRE, WHICH WAS THE THIRD TRAINING CENTRE RUN BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, HAD COME AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME.

"WE NOW HAVE THE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES WHICH THE INDUSTRY SO CLEARLY NEEDS IF IT IS TO EXPAND AND FACE UP TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE 1990S."

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE QUALITY OF THE INDUSTRY'S LABOUR FORCE WAS CRUCIAL IF HONG KONG WAS TO MEET THE DEMANDS PLACED ON THE TERRITORY BY CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND THE PACE OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE.

"IMPROVEMENTS IN TECHNIQUE AND SKILL, AND ABOVE ALL GREATER AWARENESS OF AND ATTENTION TO SAFETY, ARE VITAL," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE INDUSTRY TO ENSURE THE PRODUCTION OF THE TRAINED WORKFORCE THAT HONG KONG NEEDED.

"AS PART OF THIS CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT THE GOVERNMENT IS HELPING TO PROMOTE THE RECRUITMENT OF TRAINEES FOR THE AUTHORITY'S CENTRES THROUGH A PROGRAMME OF REGULAR PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS.

"THE GOVERNMENT CAN ALSO ASSIST IN FINDING JOBS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING. AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL THREE PERMANENT TRAINING CENTRES.

"THIS NEW TRAINING CENTRE IS THEREFORE A REAL SYMBOL OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND THE GOVERNMENT," THE GOVERNOR CONCLUDED.

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WINDING-UP OF TWO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES

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ORDERS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE WINDING-UP OF TWO HONG KONG LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES, THE GRAND UNION LIFE ASSURANCE LIMITED AND THE HANG LUNG INSURANCE LIMITED.

THE ORDERS WERE MADE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR WINDING-UP OF THE COMPANIES BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL ON FEBRUARY 5, 1990, IN HIS CAPACITY AS INSURANCE AUTHORITY.

IN THE CASE OF GRAND UNION, THE GROUNDS FOR THE PETITION WERE THAT (1) THE COMPANY WAS INSOLVENT, (2) IT HAD FAILED TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS, (3) IT HAD FAILED TO KEEP PROPER BOOKS OF ACCOUNT AND (4) IN THE OPINION OF THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY IT WAS EXPEDIENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IT BE WOUND UP.

IN THE CASE OF HANG LUNG INSURANCE THE GROUNDS WERE THAT THE COMPANY HAD FAILED TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS AND IN THE OPINION OF THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY IT WAS EXPEDIENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IT BE WOUND UP.

HANG LUNG INSURANCE WAS MANAGED BY GRAND UNION AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE TWO WERE MANAGED AS ONE.

THE COMPANIES WILL NOW BE TAKEN OVER BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL IN HIS CAPACITY AS OFFICIAL RECEIVER.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT HE WAS NOW IN A POSITION TO CARRY OUT A CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT HE HAD ENTERED INTO WITH DAH SING INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, A MEMBER OF THE DAH SING GROUP, AND WOULD DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT THE LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESSES OF GRAND UNION AND HANG LUNG INSURANCE, INCLUDING CERTAIN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO DAH SING LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

TO FACILITATE THIS ARRANGEMENT DAH SING WOULD BE AUTHORISED UNDER THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE TO CARRY ON LONG TERM INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

MR GLEESON, SPEAKING AS INSURANCE AUTHORITY, SAID HE WAS GLAD TO SEE DAH SING ENTERING THE INSURANCE MARKET AND WAS VERY PLEASED THAT THEY WOULD BE TAKING OVER THE LIFE POLICIES OF THE 10,000 OR SO AFFECTED POLICYHOLDERS.

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HE BELIEVED THE POLICYHOLDERS WOULD ALSO BE VERY PLEASED WITH THIS RESULT AS OTHERWISE THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THEIR CHANCES AS CREDITORS OF THE TWO COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION AND WAIT FOR, POSSIBLY, SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE RECEIVING A DIVIDEND WHICH, IN THE END, WAS LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN A 100 PER CENT OF THEIR CLAIMS.

THE DAH SING GROUP WAS OF GOOD REPUTATION AND STANDING, AND IN TRANSFERRING THE POLICIES TO A MEMBER OF THE GROUP THE POLICYHOLDERS WOULD BE IN GOOD HANDS, SAID MR GLEESON.

HE SAID THAT BOTH THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY AND THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER WOULD BE WRITING TO ALL THE POLICYHOLDERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND HE BELIEVED IT WAS IN THEIR OWN BEST INTERESTS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE TRANSFER FORMS, WHEN THEY RECEIVED THEM, WITHOUT DELAY.

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COMMISSIONER EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF TRS WORK

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON MET AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO 15 MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TACTICAL RESPONSE SQUADRON (TRS) FOR THEIR EFFORT IN FOILING A MASS ATTEMPT BY VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO BREAK OUT FROM THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE EARLY THIS MORNING.

DURING THE INCIDENT, ABOUT 50 VBP, ALL ARMED WITH AXES AND HOME-MADE WEAPONS, ATTEMPTED TO BREAK OUT FROM THE DETENTION CENTRE. THE TRS MEMBERS ON MOBILE PERIMETER PATROL RESPONDED QUICKLY IN THWARTING THE MASS ESCAPE.

ALSO IN A DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER ISSUED TODAY (THURSDAY), THE COMMISSIONER COMMENDED ALL STAFF WHO TOOK PART IN THE OPERATION.

IN THE ORDER, MR CHAN SAID: "I AM PLEASED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUCCESS OF OUR OFFICERS IN THWARTING A MASS ATTEMPT BY THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO BREAKOUT FROM WHITEHEAD IN THE EARLY HOURS THIS MORNING. MY APPRECIATION GOES TO ALL OFFICERS WHO RESPONDED AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE TRS AND THE WHITEHEAD STAFF WHO TOOK PART IN THE ACTION."

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO RECORDED HIS APPRECIATION OF THE STERLING EFFORT OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE WHITEHEAD STAFF, MEMBERS OF THE TRS AND TRAINEES OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN COPING WITH THE THREAT OF MASS ESCAPE AT WHITEHEAD IN THE PAST FEW DAYS:

"THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OFFICERS CONCERNED," MR CHAN ADDED.

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REDEMPTION OF LETTERS B EXPLAINED

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THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THE MAJORITY OF OUTSTANDING LETTERS B (NEW TERRITORIES LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS) WOULD BE REDEEMED BY 1993.

THE REMARK WAS MADE AT THE OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (PAC) HELD IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

DURING THE HEARING, MR EASON NOTED THAT THE COMMITMENT CURRENTLY STOOD AT EIGHT MILLION SQUARE FEET, WHICH WAS CONSIDERABLY DOWN FROM THE 37 MILLION SQUARE FEET IN 1983.

HE SAID NO CHANGES TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF REDEMPTION WERE CONTEMPLATED.

IN RESPONSE TO THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S VIEW THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS FORGOING MORE REVENUE THAN IT SHOULD IN REDEEMING LETTERS B, MR EASON EXPLAINED THAT THE STATEMENT OF THE COMMITMENT IN MONETARY TERMS IN THE GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT WAS HYPOTHETICAL.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS REDEEMING AN OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO NEW TERRITORIES OWNERS WHOSE LAND HAD BEEN ACQUIRED MANY YEARS AGO TO DEVELOP THE NEW TOWNS. THE EXACT AMOUNT OF THE COMMITMENT WAS HARD TO QUANTIFY BECAUSE OF THE PASSAGE OF TIME.

HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT A REVIEW OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF REDEEMING LETTERS B WAS UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

HE SAID THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT, POINTS RAISED IN THE PAC DISCUSSION AND THE QUESTION OF THE RESPECTIVE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE LETTER B HOLDERS AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALL BE EXAMINED IN THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THE INTENTION OF THE REVIEW WAS TO CONFIRM THAT THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE ADHERED TO, NOT TO PROPOSE CHANGES.

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INTRODUCTION OF LEAD FREE PETROL NEXT YEAR

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH THE OIL INDUSTRY TO INTRODUCE UNLEADED PETROL INTO HONG KONG AT ALL RETAIL OUTLETS FROM APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR ROBERT LAW, SAID LEGISLATION WAS BEING DRAFTED TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH INTRODUCTION OF THE FUEL AND TO PAVE THE WAY FOR MORE STRINGENT EMISSION STANDARDS FOR VEHICLES COMING INTO HONG KONG LATER NEXT YEAR.

MR LAW SAID THE USE OF UNLEADED PETROL WOULD ALLOW THE INTRODUCTION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTER TECHNOLOGY INTO HONG KONG TO ENABLE NEW PETROL ENGINED VEHICLES TO MEET THE TOUGHER EMISSION STANDARDS.

"LEAD QUICKLY POISONS THE CONVERTERS AND MAKES THEM INEFFECTIVE," HE SAID.

THE USE OF UNLEADED PETROL WOULD ALSO HELP REDUCE LEAD IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND IN ROADSIDE DUST.

MR LAW SAID THE EPD ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF PETROL ENGINED VEHICLES WOULD BE ABLE TO USE UNLEADED PETROL.

"ONLY VERY OLD VEHICLES AND SOME HIGHER PERFORMANCE CARS WILL CONTINUE TO NEED LEADED PETROL," HE ADDED.

THE EPD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OIL COMPANIES AND MOTOR TRADERS, WILL BE PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF INFORMATION FOR MOTORISTS LATER THIS YEAR.

"AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PACKAGE WILL ENABLE MOTORISTS TO KNOW WHETHER THEIR VEHICLES CAN USE UNLEADED PETROL AND, IF NOT, THE NEAREST LOCATION OF AN OUTLET SELLING LEADED PETROL AFTER APRIL 1, 1991," MR LAW SAID.

"IN ORDER TO GET THE MAXIMUM ENVIRONMENT BENEFIT FROM UNLEADED PETROL, MOTORISTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO USE THIS NEW PETROL.

"ONE INCENTIVE BEING CONSIDERED IS TO MAKE THE NEW FUEL AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET AT A PRICE SIGNIFICANTLY CHEAPER THAN LEADED PETROL," MR LAW ADDED.

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U.S. ANTI-DUMPING CASE AGAINST MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS

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A TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TODAY (THURSDAY) WELCOMED THE NEWS THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAD DECIDED TO REVISE SOME OF THE PRELIMINARY ANTI-DUMPING MARGINS ON MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS FROM HONG KONG.

"THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS TAKEN A FAIR DECISION TO RECALCULATE SOME OF THE FIGURES IN THE LIGHT OF REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE HONG KONG INDUSTRY," AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, SAID.

"CERTAIN ARITHMETICAL ERRORS WERE DRAWN TO THE INVESTIGATORS' ATTENTION. THESE HAVE NOW BEEN RECTIFIED," HE EXPLAINED.

"THE EFFECT IS TO REDUCE THE DUMPING MARGIN IN RESPECT OF PROSPERITY FROM 12.04 PER CENT TO 2.8 PER CENT; AND THE TRADE WEIGHTED AVERAGE TO APPLY TO PRODUCTS FROM ALL COMPANIES NOT INVESTIGATED FROM 5.9 PER CENT TO 2.25 PER CENT.

"NATURALLY WE VERY MUCH WELCOME THIS NEWS," HE SAID, "ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CASE WHICH CONCERN US."

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO LIAISE CLOSELY WITH THE INDUSTRY ON THE CASE AND ASSIST THE INDUSTRY TO DEAL WITH IT WHENEVER THIS WAS APPROPRIATE.

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LABELLING OF SWEATERS TO U.S.

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES HAD NOW CONFIRMED THE WORDING WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED IN FUTURE FOR LABELS ON CERTAIN SILK BLEND AND OTHER VEGETABLE FIBRE SWEATERS EXPORTED TO THE U.S. UNDER CATEGORY 845 (2) AND 846 (2) OF THE HONG KONG/UNITED STATES TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

A SPOKESMAN SAID, FOR ALL IMPORTS ENTERING THE U.S. ON OR AFTER JUNE 29, SUCH SWEATERS MAY NO LONGER, UNDER U.S. REGULATIONS, BE LABELLED "MADE IN HONG KONG".

THE U.S. AUTHORITIES HAD NOW CONFIRMED THAT AN ACCEPTABLE LABEL FOR SUCH SWEATERS WOULD BE "ASSEMBLED IN HONG KONG. KNIT IN CHINA", OR "ASSEMBLED AND FINISHED IN HONG KONG. KNIT IN CHINA". THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THIS WORDING WOULD MEET HONG KONG REQUIREMENTS.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID DETAILS OF THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN A COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR TO BE ISSUED TO THE TRADE.

"WE HAVE MADE REPEATED REQUESTS TO THE U.S. AUTHORITIES FOR A DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE REQUIREMENTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE WE ONLY NOW KNOW WHAT NEW WORDING WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN THE FUTURE," HE ADDED.

"UNFORTUNATELY, THE U.S. AUTHORITIES DID NOT FEEL ABLE TO COMPLY WITH OUR REQUEST."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW LABELLING REQUIREMENT ARISES FROM A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE U.S. FEDERAL REGISTER IN MARCH.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME. AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG DURING RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

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HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.

GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "4" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

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THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES
IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 19.4.90)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 3.5.90)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	2	2
CHUNG HOM KOK	1	2
DEEP WATER BAY	1	1
HAIRPIN	1	1
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	2	2
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	1	1
TURTLE COVE	1	2
STANLEY MAIN	2	1
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1
TUEN MUN DISTRICT -----		
OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	2	3
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	2	3
BUTTERFLY	2	3

/ISLANDS DISTRICT

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ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	2	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	2	2
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	1	2
TONG FUK	1	1
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	1	1
SILVERMINE BAY	3	4
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	2	2
TUNG O*	1	1

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	1	1
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	2	3
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	2	2

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	2	2
APPROACH	3	3
CASAM	2	2
GEMINI	2	2
HOI MEI WAN	3	3
LIDO	2	2
TING KAU	3	4
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	1	1

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

STANLEY MAIN, FROM "2" TO "1"; CHUNG HOM KOK, TURTLE COVE AND KWUN YAM WAN, FROM "1" TO "2"; NEW CAFETERIA, KADOORIE, BUTTERFLY AND SILVERSTRAND, FROM "2" TO "3".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

SILVERMINE BAY AND TING KAU, FROM "3" TO "4". SILVERMINE BAY BEACH IS RECENTLY POLLUTED BY SEWAGE DISCHARGING FROM ITS HINTERLAND.

POLLUTION OF TING KAU BEACH IS DUE TO THE SPORADIC OVERFLOWING OF IMPROPERLY TREATED SEWAGE FROM A MANHOLE OF THE SEWAGE OUTFALL AT THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE BEACH.

OCCASIONAL LAPSES AT BEACHES RECENTLY RECOVERED FROM SERIOUS POLLUTION IS TO BE EXPECTED. IN THESE CASES THE RAINY AND OVERCAST WEATHER DURING APRIL HAS BEEN THE DIRECT CAUSE OF POLLUTION APPEARING AT THE BEACHES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR DAVID L. HALL, ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF THE EPD, ON TEL. 835 1234.

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16 PRESENTED GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATIONS

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ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRESENTED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES TO 16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES.

THE RECIPIENTS - TWO WOMEN AND 14 MEN FROM 13 DISTRICTS - HAVE RENDERED VALUABLE SERVICES IN VARIOUS FIELDS, INCLUDING CIVIC EDUCATION, EDUCATION, FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, AND SERVICES TO YOUTH AND THE ELDERLY.

THEY ARE MR CHENG WING-CHUN (KWAI TSING), MR HO WING-FAT (YAU TSIM), MR LIU MAN-TING (SHA TIN), MR CHAN CHUN-FAT (WONG TAI SIN), MR LI MO (TUEN MUN), MR CHENG WAH-NAM (TSUEN WAN), MR LAI KAM-TIN (KWAI TSING), MR SO CHOI-HING (KOWLOON CITY), MR CHAN KWOK-NING (YUEN LONG), MR HO CHOI-CHIU (WAN CHAI), MR TSUI SHING-CHEUNG (KOWLOON CITY), MR POON CHUN-KAU (TAI PO), MR LUNG KING-KWONG (SOUTHERN), MR LAU KIN-WING (NORTH), MISS CHOW MEI-LIN (KOWLOON CITY), AND MISS LEUNG SHUN-KAM (SHAM SHUI PO).

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NORTH DB TO DISCUSS PHA REPORT

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AT A SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR NIGEL SHIPMAN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE REPORT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO CONVERT THE FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE AND HOSTEL INTO A PROBATION HOME FOR GIRLS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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APLIU STREET ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE SALE OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS AND THE STACKING OF JUNK AT APLIU STREET AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT A RECREATIONAL PARK AT MISSION HILL.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDE LIVING CONDITIONS AT THE UN CHAU STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ESTATES, AS WELL AS DESIGN PROBLEMS OF ON-STREET FIXED PITCH STALLS FOR DRY GOODS.

A MEMBER WILL RAISE TWO MOTIONS ON THE REHOUSING OF RESIDENTS TO BE AFFECTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AT PAK TIN AND UN CHAU STREET ESTATES.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER FIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TOTALLING MORE THAN \$360,000. THESE INCLUDE THE PAINTING OF A MURAL AT SO UK ESTATE, INSTALLATION OF PLANTERS AT NAM CHEONG STREET AND FAT TSEUNG STREET, PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR MORNING WALKERS AT BEACON HILL AND ERECTION OF RAILINGS ALONG FAT TSEUNG STREET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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EASTERN DB WORK REPORT PUBLISHED

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS PUBLISHED A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON ITS WORK DURING THE PRESENT TERM, WHICH STARTED IN APRIL 1988.

THE 56-PAGE, SEVEN-CHAPTER REPORT DEPICTS THE DISTRICT'S OUTLOOK, THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS THREE COMMITTEES, AND THE OPERATION OF THE DB MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME.

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THE CONCLUDING CHAPTER TAKES A LOOK AT THE DISTRICT'S LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE 1990'S.

THESE INCLUDE HOUSING PROJECTS IN CHAI WAN, SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS AND ALDRICH BAY, THE PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE KING'S ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

IN THE PREFACE TO THE REPORT, THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, STATED THAT SEVERAL MAMMOTH HOUSING PROJECTS SUCH AS THE SIU SAI WAN DEVELOPMENT, THE SHAU KEI WAN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND THE ALDRICH BAY RECLAMATION PROJECT WERE PROGRESSING AT FULL STEAM.

"MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO MEDICAL SERVICE, TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO CATER FOR AN EXPANDING POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT.

"THE BOARD HAS BEEN FULLY COMMITTED TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND WILL WORK EARNESTLY TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

COPIES OF THE REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO OBTAIN A FREE COPY ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES AND THE HENG FA CHUEN PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER.

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SHELTERED WORKER AIMS TO BE GOLD MEDALLIST

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TWENTY-FOUR YEAR OLD CHEUNG YAU-FAT, WHO WORKS AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PAK TIN SHELTERED WORKSHOP, HAS A DREAM HE WISHES TO REALISE. AND HE SET HIS STANDARD HIGH -- TO BE A GOLD MEDALLIST IN TRACK EVENTS IN THE EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SPECIAL OLYMPIC NEXT YEAR.

MR CHEUNG REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN THE SECOND SHANGHAI SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN 1988 AND WAS RECRUITED INTO THE HONG KONG TEAM OF THE BEST OF THE VERY BEST ATHLETES. HE IS NOW RECEIVING TRAINING IN ORDER TO BE SELECTED TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN NEXT YEAR'S SPECIAL OLYMPIC TO BE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES.

ALTHOUGH MR CHEUNG IS MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, HE HAS MUCH CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF.

"I HAVE TO THANK MY INSTRUCTORS AND FELLOW WORKERS AT THE SHELTERED WORKSHOP," HE SAID.

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"WHEN I JOINED THE WORKSHOP IN 1985, I WAS TIMID AND HAD DIFFICULTY EXPRESSING MYSELF. THEY OPENED A NEW WORLD FOR ME BY GIVING ME TRAINING IN ALL SORTS OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES."

MR CHEUNG DISCOVERED HIS POTENTIAL IN TRACK EVENTS AND STARTED WORKING TO MAKE HIS DREAM COME TRUE.

THE REGIONAL OFFICER (WEST KOWLOON) OF THE SWD, MRS PUN LEE WAI-CHUN, SAID: "WITH SUPPORT FROM PEOPLE WHO CARE, THE DISABLED COULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY, LEARN TO BE INDEPENDENT AND BECOME A VALUABLE MEMBER OF SOCIETY."

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 31 SHELTERED WORKSHOPS IN THE TERRITORY, PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT FOR MORE THAN 4,000 WORKERS. IN THESE WORKSHOPS, THE DISABLED ARE ASSISTED TO ENGAGE IN USEFUL WORK AND TO BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT.

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PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION

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THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE OPEN STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN THEATRE 2 OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE ON SATURDAY (MAY 5), BEGINNING AT 10.30 AM.

THE COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE POST OFFICE AT THE END OF LAST YEAR WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ENTRIES WERE INVITED FROM ADULTS, SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS ON THE THEME "CHRISTMAS". A TOTAL OF 8,542 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED.

AFTER ADJUDICATION BY THE STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE TWO WINNING ENTRIES WERE CHOSEN IN EACH CLASS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING A SET OF STAMPS TO BE ISSUED IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

ANOTHER FOUR OUTSTANDING DESIGNS WERE CHOSEN FOR REPRODUCTION ON POSTCARDS TO BE ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, AND MEMBERS OF THE STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY TO PRESENT MERIT CERTIFICATES AND CASH PRIZES TO THE WINNERS. ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE HEADMASTERS AND TEACHERS OF THE WINNING SCHOOLS.

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ALL WINNING ENTRIES, TOGETHER WITH THE ACTUAL STAMP DESIGNS FOR "CHRISTMAS 1990" AND POSTCARDS, WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE FOYER OUTSIDE THEATRE 2.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE OPEN STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MAY 5), BEGINNING AT 10.30 AM IN THEATRE 2 OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, 1 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR TEACHERS

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THE PLACEMENT SERVICE UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL AGAIN BE IN OPERATION FROM MONDAY (MAY 7) TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO OBTAIN NEW TEACHING POSTS.

FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1975, THE PLACEMENT SERVICE AIMS TO HELP REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT AS A RESULT OF THE DROP IN POPULATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE AS WELL AS A SHIFT OF POPULATION FROM THE URBAN AREA TO NEW TOWNS.

THE UNIT HAS HELPED ABOUT 5,470 TEACHERS IN SECURING ALTERNATIVE TEACHING POSTS OVER THE PAST YEARS.

"WE WILL BE GIVING THESE TEACHERS FULL ASSISTANCE AGAIN THIS YEAR. OUR 100 PER CENT SUCCESS RATE OVER THE PAST YEARS OWES MUCH TO THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF SCHOOL HEADS AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS MOST GRATEFUL," THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR KWOK WAI-CHIU, WHO HEADS THE UNIT, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS STAFFED BY FOUR OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION AND IS LOCATED IN ROOM 611, SIXTH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

REDUNDANT TEACHERS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE UNIT BETWEEN MAY 17 AND 24 (9 AM - 12.45 PM AND 2.15 PM - 4.45 PM).

THE SCHEDULE OF REGISTRATION IS:

MAY 17 (THURSDAY)	FOR TEACHERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES (SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS)
MAY 18 (FRIDAY)	FOR TEACHERS IN KWUN TONG AND YAU MA TEI

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MAY 21 (MONDAY)	FOR TEACHERS IN WONG TAI SIN, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO AND KOWLOON CITY
MAY 22 (TUESDAY)	FOR TEACHERS IN TAI PO, NORTH AND TSUEN WAN
MAY 23 (WEDNESDAY)	FOR TEACHERS IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI
MAY 24 (THURSDAY)	FOR TEACHERS IN TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 782 5958, 782 6484, 782 6525
AND 782 5583 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

MR KWOK REMARKED THAT TEACHERS CONCERNED WILL BE INFORMED BY
LETTER OF THEIR REDUNDANCY UNDER THE AGREED PRINCIPLE OF "LAST IN,
FIRST OUT".

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE UNIT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE. ONCE REGISTERED, THEY WILL ALL BE
HELPED TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHING POST IN AN AIDED PRIMARY
SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER," MR KWOK STRESSED.

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CHILDREN SHOW ARTISTIC IMPRESSION OF LOVE FOR THEIR MOTHERS
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THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR (OPERATION AND SUPPORTING SERVICES)
OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS C.H. KONG, WILL OFFICIATE
AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PAINTING
COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE ON SATURDAY
(MAY 5).

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF
THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON,
IS TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THEIR MOTHERS.

THE THEME IS BASED ON FAMOUS CZECH COMPOSER DVORAK'S "THE SONG
MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME" AND THE 1,500 CHILDREN WHO TOOK PART, HAD TO USE
THEIR IMAGINATION TO INTERPRET IT THROUGH A PAINTING, PRINT, COLLAGE,
OR ANY OTHER TWO-DIMENSIONAL UNMOUNTED WORK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE
PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION AT
THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT AT
10.30 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 5).

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ID CARD REMINDER FOR MEN BORN IN 1923-27

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 OR 1927 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE MAY 26.

"TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH, MEN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO REPLACE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE HONG KONG AND WEST KOWLOON NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS. OTHER ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG	: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI TEL. NO. 574 7070
EAST KOWLOON	: AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK TEL. NO. 755 3669
WEST KOWLOON	: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI TEL. NO. 723 2424
TSUEN WAN	: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET TEL. NO. 498 0117
SHA TIN	: SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, 11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET TEL. NO. 605 9108
YUEN LONG	: HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31, HOP YICK ROAD TEL. NO. 477 1543

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TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
CHI LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 458 0646

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 672 7191

THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY
DIALLING 824 0303 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS TO BRING
ALONG.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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INSURANCE FOR PARCELS TO THE PHILIPPINES

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WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 7, AIR AND SURFACE PARCELS TO THE
PHILIPPINES MAY BE ACCEPTED FOR INSURANCE UP TO THE MAXIMUM INSURED
VALUE OF \$1,500, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG,
ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN 1989 OVER 82,000 PARCELS WERE DESPATCHED TO THE PHILIPPINES,
REPRESENTING ABOUT SIX PER CENT OF TOTAL OUTWARD PARCEL TRAFFIC, HE
SAID.

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ACTION ON UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN
UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN SHEK KIP MEI SO THAT THEY CAN BE
DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPANTS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THEY ARE LOCATED AT THE ROOF OVER THE THIRD FLOOR OF NOS. 1 TO
3, 5, AND 7 TO 14 OF YIU TUNG STREET AND ON THE GROUND FLOOR
STAIRCASE LANDING OF NOS. 3 TO 14 OF THE SAME STREET.

THE CLOSURE FORMS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED
UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JANUARY REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF
THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE
TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 3 THIS YEAR WERE POSTED ON
CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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'FLEXI DESIGN' PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR MA ON SHAN
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CONSTRUCTION WORK ON A 'FLEXI DESIGN' PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MA ON SHAN HAS BEGUN FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$28.67 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

LOCATED IN AREA 100, MA ON SHAN, THE BUILDING SITE OF THE SCHOOL COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,502 SQUARE METRES.

THE SCHOOL WILL COMPRISE A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK TO ACCOMMODATE 30 CLASSROOMS AND SPECIAL ROOMS, A COVERED PLAYGROUND, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, A BASKETBALL COURT AND ANCILLARY BUILDINGS INCLUDING STAFF QUARTERS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

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AIDS EXHIBITION IN SHEK KIP MEI
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT AIDS WHEN THEY VISIT AN AIDS EXHIBITION IN SHEK KIP MEI WHICH WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY (MAY 5).

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION, THE 10TH IN A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON AIDS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, WILL BE HELD AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM DAILY.

"THE EXHIBITION AIMS AT INCREASING COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AIDS, AND FOSTERING A POSITIVE, SYMPATHETIC AND SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE IN THE COMMUNITY TOWARDS AIDS PATIENTS AND CARRIERS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE FOCUS IS ON YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE MORE LIKELY THAN OTHERS TO ENGAGE IN RISK BEHAVIOUR, YET ARE OFTEN LESS LIKELY TO BE AWARE OF THE RISKS OF INFECTION WITH AIDS," HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION, BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE AIDS COUNSELLING AND HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, COVERS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AIDS.

APART FROM SHOWING THE WORLDWIDE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE, IT ALSO ILLUSTRATES HOW AIDS THREATENS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE WAYS IN WHICH THIS CAN BE COUNTERED.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON AIDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS WHO WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN HANDSOME PRIZES BY ANSWERING A QUIZ DESIGNED TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE ON AIDS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL RUN UNTIL MONDAY (MAY 7), AND WILL MOVE TO LUNG HANG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN SHA TIN ON MAY 18.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 5), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN WESTERN WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY:

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THIRD STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WESTERN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 13 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THIRD STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH POK FU LAM ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 13 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WESTERN STREET;
- * THE SECTION OF HIGH STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 17 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WESTERN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 26 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SECTION OF WESTERN STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THIRD STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 14 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE SECTION OF WESTERN STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HIGH STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 5), THE SOUTHBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (KWAI CHUNG) FROM A POINT ABOUT 300 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHEK PAI STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 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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