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DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY A FURTHER SERIES OF SENIOR DIRECTORATE PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

MR PETER WILLIAMS TO SUCCEED MR LEWIS DAVIES AS SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES) ON THE LATTER'S RETIREMENT IN FEBRUARY 1985. MR WILLIAMS IS CURRENTLY COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

MR GEOFFREY BARNES TO SUCCEED MR WILLIAMS AS COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION IN JANUARY 1985. MR BARNES IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE.

MR PETER TSAO TO SUCCEED MR DENIS BRAY AS SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS ON THE LATTER'S RETIREMENT IN DECEMBER 1984. MR TSAO IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES.

MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE TO SUCCEED MR PETER TSAO AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES IN JANUARY 1985. SHE IS CURRENTLY SECONDED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES.

MRS IRENE YAU LEE CHE-YUN TO SUCCEED MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES IN JANUARY 1985. MRS YAU HAS BEEN AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES SINCE FEBRUARY 1984.

MR LI KWAN-HA PROMOTED SUBSTANTIVELY TO THE RANK OF SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

MR PATRICK MOSS PROMOTED SUBSTANTIVELY TO THE RANK OF DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID. MR MOSS HAS BEEN ACTING IN THE POST FOR THE PAST 15 MONTHS.

MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE TO SUCCEED MR JUSTIN YUE AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT ON THE LATTER'S RESIGNATION IN DECEMBER 1984. MR BROADBRIDGE IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

MR ROBERT SAUNDERS TO SUCCEED MR FRANK AU SHIU-WAI AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES ON THE LATTER'S RETIREMENT IN NOVEMBER 1984. MR SAUNDERS IS CURRENTLY A DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

MRS ELIZABETH WONG TO SUCCEED MR SAUNDERS AS DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN NOVEMBER 1984. MRS WONG IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS.

/MR CLIVE .....

MR CLIVE OXLEY TO SUCCEED MR HAROLD KWOK AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING ON THE LATTER'S TRANSFER IN SEPTEMBER 1984 TO A POST DEALING SPECIFICALLY WITH THE COMMONWEALTH BROADCASTING CONFERENCE. MR OXLEY IS CURRENTLY ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

MR DONALD TSANG TO BE APPOINTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1984. MR TSANG WAS DISTRICT OFFICER (SHA TIN) PRIOR TO THIS APPOINTMENT.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS FOLLOW:

MR LEWIS DAVIES, CMG, CBE, JP

AGED 61. AFTER MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN OTHER TERRITORIES, HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE IN NOVEMBER 1973 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A. HE SERVED AS SECRETARY FOR SECURITY BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1974 AND OCTOBER 1982. SINCE NOVEMBER 1982, HE HAS SERVED AS SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES). HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN JANUARY 1975.

MR PETER WILLIAMS, CBE

AGED 58. JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE IN FEBRUARY 1953 AS A CADET OFFICER CLASS II AND ROSE THROUGH A SERIES OF PROMOTIONS TO THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A IN AUGUST 1975. HE RETIRED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE IN AUGUST 1978. DURING THE PERIOD 1979 AND 1980, HE SERVED AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE. SINCE OCTOBER 1980, HE HAS BEEN COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

MR GEOFFREY BARNES, JP

AGED 51. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN MAY 1970 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AFTER SERVICE IN OTHER TERRITORIES. HE HAS SERVED IN A VARIETY OF POSTS, INCLUDING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY AND, SINCE JANUARY 1981, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1980. HE WILL BE GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE DURING THE TENURE OF HIS OFFICE AS COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

/MR DENIS .....

MR DENIS BRAY, CMG, CVO, JP

AGED 58. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JULY 1950 AS A CADET OFFICER CLASS II AND SERVED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS, INCLUDING THREE YEARS AS COMMISSIONER, LONDON FROM 1977 TO 1980. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS IN NOVEMBER 1973. HAS ACTED AS CHIEF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. MR BRAY WILL RETIRE FROM THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE IN DECEMBER 1984 AFTER 34-1/2 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WITH HONG KONG.

MR PETER TSAO KWANG-YUNG, CPM, JP

AGED 50. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN FEBRUARY 1955 AS A COMPUTER CLASS III. HE WAS APPOINTED AS AN ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER IN FEBRUARY 1966 AND, THROUGH A SERIES OF PROMOTIONS, ADVANCED TO THE RANK OF COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS IN JANUARY 1979. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN JULY 1982. SINCE FEBRUARY 1983, HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A IN JULY 1983.

MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE

AGED 37. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN MARCH 1972 AS A PROGRAMME OFFICER. PROMOTED TO HER PRESENT RANK OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING IN JULY 1984. CURRENTLY ON SECONDMENT TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES.

MRS IRENE YAU LEE CHE-YUN

AGED 41. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JULY 1964 AS A HOUSING ASSISTANT. PROMOTED TO HER PRESENT RANK OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 1984.

MR LI KWAN-HA, CPM

AGED 47. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN OCTOBER 1957 AS A PROBATIONARY SUB-INSPECTOR GRADE II. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN AUGUST 1979.

MR PATRICK MOSS, JP

AGED 42. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN MARCH 1977 AS A LEGAL AID OFFICER. PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID IN SEPTEMBER 1983.

/MR JUSTIN .....

MR JUSTIN YUE KWOK-HUNG, MBE

AGED 42. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN MAY 1968 AS AN ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER. HE HAS SERVED MAINLY IN THE FORMER TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO ITS DEFEDERALISATION AND WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN 1977 AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN 1979. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN 1982 AND HAS BEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT SINCE 1983.

MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE

AGED 49. APPOINTED AS CONTROLLER, PAY INVESTIGATION UNIT IN 1971 AND PAY ADVISER IN 1973. JOINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C IN 1975. SINCE 1979, HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN 1981.

MR FRANK AU SHIU-WAI, ISO

AGED 60. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER IN DECEMBER 1959. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES IN AUGUST 1982. HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS SENIOR POSTS IN THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. WILL PROCEED ON LEAVE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT IN NOVEMBER 1984. FELLOW OF INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS.

MR ROBERT SAUNDERS

AGED 52. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN MAY 1963. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN JUNE 1984. HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS SENIOR POSTS IN THE FORMER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. SINCE JULY 1, 1983, HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY (WORKS) IN THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND FELLOW OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

MRS ELIZABETH WONG CHIEN CHI-LIEN, JP

AGED 46. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN MAY 1969 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. HAS SERVED MAINLY IN FINANCE BRANCH AND IN THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT. SINCE FEBRUARY 1983, SHE HAS BEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS. SHE WAS PROMOTED TO HER PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1982.

/MR HAROLD .....

MR HAROLD KWOK WAI-HONG, JP

AGED 49. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN AUGUST 1961 AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER II. HE HAS SERVED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS INCLUDING THE FINANCE BRANCH, THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. SINCE MAY 1982, HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1981.

MR CLIVE OXLEY

AGED 48. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JUNE 1969 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. HE HAS SERVED MAINLY IN THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH. SINCE MARCH 1984, HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C IN MARCH 1978.

MR DONALD TSANG YAM-KUEN, JP

AGED 39. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JANUARY 1967 AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER II. HE HAS HAD WIDE EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. SINCE AUGUST 1982, HE HAS BEEN DISTRICT OFFICER, SHA TIN. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C IN APRIL 1979.

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TEST OF ACCEPTABILITY - MONITORING TEAM

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN THIS EVENING WELCOMED THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN LONDON TODAY OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RT HON SIR PATRICK NAIRNE, GCB, MC, AND MR JUSTICE SIMON LI FOOK-SEAN TO BE THE MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT MONITORING TEAM TO MONITOR THE WORK OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE SET UP BY THE GOVERNOR TO ASSESS AND REPORT ON THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT. THE FULL TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

+ON JULY 18, THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY DESCRIBED IN A STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD BE MADE TO TEST THE ACCEPTABILITY IN HONG KONG OF ANY AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY. HE EXPLAINED THAT A SMALL, INDEPENDENT TEAM WOULD BE APPOINTED TO MONITOR THE WORK OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE SET UP FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND TO CONFIRM IN A PUBLISHED REPORT WHETHER IT HAD CARRIED OUT ITS DUTIES PROPERLY, ACCURATELY AND IMPARTIALLY. ON AUGUST 7 COPIES OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MONITORING TEAM, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY, WERE PLACED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY.

/+THE FOREIGN .....

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+THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY HAS NOW APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE MONITORING TEAM:

\* THE RT HON SIR PATRICK NAIRNE, GCB, MC, MASTER OF ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD AND FORMERLY PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY.

\* MR JUSTICE SIMON LI, A JUSTICE OF APPEAL OF THE HONG KONG SUPREME COURT.

+THE MONITORING TEAM IS EXPECTED TO START WORK AT ABOUT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AND TO COMPLETE ITS TASK DURING NOVEMBER.+

COMMENTING ON THE APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE COMBINATION OF THE TALENTS AND EXPERIENCE OF TWO SUCH DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUALS WOULD DEFINITELY ENSURE THAT THE TASK OF THE MONITORING TEAM WAS EFFECTIVELY CARRIED OUT. MR JUSTICE LI, HE SAID, IS WELL KNOWN IN HONG KONG AS A PROMINENT AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY BOTH IN HIS JUDICIAL CAPACITY AND BECAUSE OF HIS MANY OTHER INTERESTS. SIR PATRICK BRINGS WITH HIM A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM CIVIL SERVICE AND SUBSEQUENTLY AS MASTER OF ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD, AND CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX.

THE COST OF THE MONITORING TEAM WOULD BE MET BY HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED.

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#### GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING \* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON TO TAKE PART IN ANOTHER ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE; AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR OSWALD CHEUNG; THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO; AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

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MACAU GOVERNOR TO VISIT HK OFFICIALLY  
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THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, HIS EXCELLENCY REAR-ADMIRAL ALMEIDA E COSTA, HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM SIR EDWARD YOUDE TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG ON AUGUST 31. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MADAM ALMEIDA E COSTA.

REAR-ADMIRAL ALMEIDA E COSTA WILL RECEIVE BRIEFINGS ON HONG KONG, TOUR THE TERRITORY BY HELICOPTER AND VISIT SHA TIN. THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL LUNCHEON AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

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JULY CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES RISE  
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JULY 1984 WERE 155.6 AND 155.4 RESPECTIVELY, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.1 POINT OR 0.1 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 0.2 POINT OR 0.2 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1983, CPI(A) ROSE BY 13.5 POINTS OR 9.5 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 13.6 POINTS OR 9.6 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO JULY 1984, AT 151.4 AND 150.9 RESPECTIVELY, WERE BOTH 10.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO JULY 1983.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD TO JULY 1984, BOTH THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.4 PER CENT EACH MONTH.

DURING JULY, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND ADMISSION CHARGES FOR CINEMAS WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT AND LIVE POULTRY DECREASED.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979-80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH, AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR JULY 1984 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY-SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1984 AND JULY 1983.

/(OCTOBER 1979) .....

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE=100)  
CPI(A) CPI(B)

SECTION	JUL. 83	JUN. 84	JUL. 84	JUL. 83	JUN. 84	JUL. 84
FOODSTUFFS	143.0	157.4	156.5	143.5	157.8	156.9
HOUSING	137.5	143.8	146.1	137.4	144.1	147.0
FUEL AND LIGHT	144.2	148.7	148.7	144.8	148.4	148.4
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	183.8	208.4	208.5	177.4	201.2	201.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	140.1	156.5	155.8	141.3	158.0	156.7
DURABLE GOODS	112.7	125.6	125.3	115.9	129.4	129.2
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	132.2	150.9	150.7	131.2	148.2	147.6
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	155.7	170.2	170.1	157.9	172.9	173.0
SERVICES	152.3	167.6	170.3	150.1	165.9	167.9
ALL ITEMS	142.1	155.5	155.6	141.8	155.2	155.4

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 0.9 POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B).

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUIT DECLINED AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF ORANGES, HONEYDEW MELONS, LYCHEES AND WATER MELONS.

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF LIVE POULTRY ALSO DECREASED DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF CHICKEN.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES WENT UP.

THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 2.3 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 2.9 POINTS IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF INCREASED RENTS AND RATES FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984.

LOWER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTER CLOTHING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO DROP BY 0.7 POINT IN CPI(A) AND 1.3 POINTS IN CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES ROSE BY 2.7 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 2.0 POINTS IN CPI(B), REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF THE RISE IN ADMISSION CHARGES FOR CINEMAS AND HIGHER FEES CHARGED FOR PASSPORTS, CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY AND RE-ENTRY PERMITS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TO 2 DECIMAL PLACES.)

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR JULY 1984, AVAILABLE AT \$3 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, 19TH FLOOR, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

THE REPORT IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BEAONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS. FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE 3-7216512.

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PROPOSAL GOING LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING SCALE OF INCREASE  
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IN A LETTER TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTAINER TRACTOR OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, MR L.H. KWAN, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE LATEST TRAILER LICENCE FEES PROPOSAL BY THE DEPARTMENT GOES MOST OF THE WAY TOWARDS MEETING THE SCALE OF INCREASE WHICH THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS THEMSELVES PROPOSED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL WOULD MEAN THAT SOME TRAILER OWNERS MIGHT PAY \$150 LESS THAN AT PRESENT, BUT EACH OWNER WOULD PAY ACCORDING TO THE CARRYING CAPACITY OF HIS OWN VEHICLES.

+MOST OWNERS WOULD PROBABLY PAY BETWEEN \$450 AND \$600 MORE THAN AT PRESENT. THE AVERAGE INCREASE WOULD BE ABOUT 61 PER CENT. SO IT IS APPARENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL NOT ONLY SECURES TRAILER OWNERS A MUCH LOWER INCREASE THAN WAS FIRST MOOTED BUT IT ALSO ACHIEVES A FAIR MEANS OF CHARGING IN RESPECT OF GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT. UNDER THE REVISED PROPOSAL THE ANNUAL LICENCE FEES FOR THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF CONTAINER TRAILERS WILL AVERAGE ABOUT \$1 380.

+THE DEPARTMENT URGES THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS TO RECONSIDER THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL AS TO THE TRAILER LICENCE FEE. OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION AND EXPLANATION,+ HE SAID.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER SENT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTAINER TRACTOR OWNERS' ASSOCIATION:

DEAR SIR,

FOLLOWING OUR RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON 16TH AUGUST, 1984, I SET OUT BELOW FOR CLARIFICATION THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS AND DRIVERS AND THE WAY IN WHICH IT IS CONSIDERED THEY CAN BEST BE SOLVED.

THE PROBLEMS

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LICENCE FEES FOR TRAILERS

THE CURRENT ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS WERE MADE UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 220) IN 1956 AND THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THOSE REGULATIONS SETS OUT THE LICENCE FEE FOR A TRAILER AS \$50 FOR EACH 5 HUNDRED WEIGHT (CWT) OR PART THEREOF OF THE UNLADEN WEIGHT OF THE TRAILER.

WHEN LICENCE FEES WERE REVIEWED IN 1974 THE TRAILER LICENCE FEE WAS NOT INCREASED, AND THE SAME FEE OF \$50 STILL APPLIES TODAY, 28 YEARS AFTER ITS INTRODUCTION.

BY WAY OF COMPARISON THE LICENCE FEE FOR A TRACTOR HAS MUCH MORE THAN DOUBLED SINCE CONTAINER TRAILERS WERE INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG IN 1969.

IN 1982 A NEW ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 374) WAS ENACTED AND IT IS DUE TO BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE ON 25TH AUGUST THIS YEAR. UNLIKE THE CURRENT ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) REGULATIONS WHICH EXPRESS THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF VEHICLES IN TERMS OF THEIR UNLADEN WEIGHT, THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE NEW ORDINANCE IN 1983, AND DUE TO TAKE EFFECT ON THE SAME DATE, SPECIFY THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF VEHICLES ACCORDING TO PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT. CONSEQUENTLY, THE LICENCE FEES FOR GOODS VEHICLES AS WELL AS FOR TRAILERS ARE BASED, IN THE NEW LEGISLATION, ON THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHTS OF THOSE CLASSES OF VEHICLE.

THIS PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT IS IN EFFECT THE TOTAL WEIGHT TO WHICH THE VEHICLE MAY OPERATE INCLUDING ITS UNLADEN WEIGHT AND THE WEIGHT OF ANY LOAD IT MAY LEGALLY CARRY.

AFTER THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS WERE GAZETTED ON 9TH SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS COMPLAINED THAT THE NEW TRAILER LICENCE FEE OF \$50 FOR EACH 250 KG OR PART THEREOF OF A TRAILER'S PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT WOULD INVOLVE EXTREMELY LARGE INCREASES IN LICENCE FEES FOR SOME TRAILERS. THE LEVEL OF THE FEE WAS THEN REVIEWED AND REVISED DOWNWARDS TO A PROPOSED LEVEL OF \$20 FOR EACH 250 KG OR PART THEREOF OF THE PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF THE TRAILER, AND THE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN AMENDED ACCORDINGLY.

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THERE IS NO DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN THE UNLADEN WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE AND THE PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF THAT VEHICLE. VEHICLES OF IDENTICAL UNLADEN WEIGHT CAN HAVE VERY DIFFERENT GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHTS AND VEHICLES WITH THE SAME GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT CAN HAVE VERY DIFFERENT UNLADEN WEIGHTS. AS EXAMPLES, TWO TRAILERS LICENSED IN HONG KONG HAVE THE SAME UNLADEN WEIGHT OF 5.25 CWT BUT THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF ONE IS 24 029 KG WHILE THAT OF THE OTHER IS 26 981. SIMILARLY TWO TRAILERS LICENSED IN HONG KONG HAVE THE SAME GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF 32 581 KG BUT THEIR UNLADEN WEIGHTS ARE 73.8 CWT AND 144.8 CWT. THE DIFFERENCES ARISE FROM THE FACT THAT THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO TRAILERS IN EACH CASE ARE NOT THE SAME.

IT FOLLOWS THEREFORE THAT THE FIRST-MENTIONED TWO TRAILERS OF IDENTICAL WEIGHT PAY THE SAME LICENCE FEE UNDER THE CURRENT REGULATIONS, AS THEIR FEES ARE ASSESSED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNLADEN WEIGHT. THOSE SAME TWO TRAILERS WOULD, HOWEVER, PAY DIFFERENT LICENCE FEES UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS AS THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF THE ONE TRAILER IS MORE THAN 250 KG HIGHER THAN THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF THE OTHER. IN CONVERTING THE BASIS OF THE FEE PAYMENT FROM UNLADEN WEIGHT TO GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT, WHATEVER THE LEVEL OF THE LICENCE FEE IT WILL EITHER INCREASE OR REDUCE THE FEE PAYABLE BY VARIOUS VEHICLES TO A DIFFERENT EXTENT.

IN SETTING THE NEW TRAILER LICENCE FEE AT \$20 FOR EACH 250 KG OR PART THEREOF THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE THE OPPORTUNITY WAS TAKEN TO INCORPORATE INTO THE LEVEL OF THE FEE A RECOMMENDED INCREASED OF 150 PER CENT SEEING THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO INCREASE IN THE FEE SINCE 1956. THE FEE OF \$20 ACTUALLY REPRESENTS AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 168 PER CENT. AS JUST EXPLAINED THE INCREASE CAN ONLY BE AN AVERAGE BECAUSE THE CHANGED BASIS OF PAYMENT TO PAYMENT ON GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT WILL AFFECT DIFFERENT TRAILERS TO A DIFFERING EXTENT. FIGURES SHOW THAT THE RESULTANT INCREASE IN THE FEE WOULD RANGE FROM FIVE PER CENT TO 332.7 PER CENT DEPENDING UPON THE TYPE OF TRAILER IN QUESTION.

SOME CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS AND OWNER/DRIVERS CONSIDERED THIS PROPOSED FEE LEVEL TO BE TOO HIGH AND SEVEN OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON 7TH AUGUST, 1984 TO NEGOTIATE A LOWER FEE. THEIR FINAL POSITION AT THE MEETING WAS THAT THE FEE SHOULD NOT RESULT IN AN INCREASE FOR ANY TRAILER OF MORE THAN ABOUT \$400 IN THE FIRST INSTANCE BUT THAT PHASED INCREASES LATER ON MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE TRADE DEPENDENT UPON THE PREVAILING ECONOMIC SITUATION. THEY CONSIDERED THAT THE \$20 FEE WAS UNREASONABLE AND THEY COULD NOT ABSORB THE FINANCIAL BURDEN. THE GOVERNMENT SIDE WAS ASKED TO REPLY WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. THE GOVERNMENT SIDE UNDERTOOK TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE PROPOSAL.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

AT THE SAME MEETING THE REPRESENTATIVES ALSO OBJECTED TO NEW ROAD TRAFFIC (PARKING) REGULATION 7 WHICH REQUIRES TRAILERS TO BE ATTACHED TO TRACTORS IF PARKED ON ANY ROAD. THEY COMPLAINED THAT INSUFFICIENT PARKING SPACE WAS PROVIDED FOR CONTAINER VEHICLES AND AS THERE ARE MORE TRAILERS THAN TRACTORS SOME TRAILERS WOULD ALWAYS HAVE TO BE PARKED ON THEIR OWN. THE GOVERNMENT SIDE EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW REGULATION WAS DIRECTED AT ALL TRAILERS, NOT JUST CONTAINER TRAILERS AND THAT ITS OBJECT WAS TO PREVENT THE INDISCRIMINATE PARKING OF TRAILERS WHICH NOT INFREQUENTLY POSED A HAZARD TO PUBLIC SAFETY WHEN THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE MEANS OF TOWING THEM AWAY. IN ADDITION, EXPLANATION WAS PROVIDED OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO MAKE MORE LAND AVAILABLE FOR CONTAINER VEHICLE PARKING.

CONTAINER PORT ROAD

THE REPRESENTATIVES ASKED THAT THE RECENTLY IMPOSED URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE CONTAINER PORT ROAD BE RESCINDED AS SOME DRIVERS NEEDED TO STOP THEIR VEHICLES IN THE ROAD TO COLLECT SHIPPING DOCUMENTS FROM THE CONTAINER TERMINALS. THE GOVERNMENT SIDE EXPLAINED WHY THE RESTRICTION HAD BEEN INTRODUCED AND NOTED THE REPRESENTATIVES' SUGGESTION THAT SEVERAL PARKING SPACES FOR PRIVATE CARS AND TAXIS BE DESIGNATED NEAR THE TERMINAL ENTRANCES SO THAT SPECIAL DELIVERY MESSENGERS COULD GAIN EASY ACCESS TO THE TERMINALS FOR COLLECTING SHIPPING DOCUMENTS. THEY UNDERTOOK TO SEEK A PRACTICAL SOLUTION WITH ALL CONCERNED.

VEHICLE EXAMINATION

THE REPRESENTATIVES ASKED WHETHER THE RE-EXAMINATION OF CONTAINER VEHICLES BY THE VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR LICENSING PURPOSES COULD BE CARRIED OUT AT TWO YEAR INTERVALS INSTEAD OF ANNUALLY AS THE LACK OF GARAGE FACILITIES IN HONG KONG MEANT THAT THE PREPARATION OF THE CONTAINER VEHICLES FOR INSPECTION OFTEN TOOK THE VEHICLES OFF THE ROAD FOR AS LONG AS TWO MONTHS AT A TIME. THE GOVERNMENT SIDE REPLIED THAT THE REQUEST WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

THE REPRESENTATIVES ALSO COMPLAINED THAT LOADED CONTAINER VEHICLES WERE SOMETIMES DETAINED BY THE POLICE FOR MINOR INFRINGEMENTS OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) REGULATIONS WITHOUT ALLOWING THE GOODS BEING CARRIED TO BE UNLOADED. THE GOVERNMENT SIDE AGREED TO AND HAS ALREADY PASSED ON THIS COMPLAINT TO THE POLICE.

PROPOSALS FOR THE SOLUTIONS  
=====LICENCE FEES

ON 13TH AUGUST, 1984, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT PROPOSED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS THAT THE \$20 TRAILER FEE SHOULD BE PAYABLE ONLY ON THAT PORTION OF THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF THE TRAILER WHICH IS ACTUALLY BORNE BY THE TRAILER, ON THE GROUNDS THAT A FEE IN RESPECT OF THE PORTION OF THE TRAILER'S GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT BORNE BY THE TRACTOR MAY BE SAID TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LICENCE FEE FOR THE TRACTOR WHICH IS ALSO PAYABLE ON A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT BASIS.

ON 16TH AUGUST, 1984, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WAS INFORMED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES FOUND THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE AND HAD COUNTER-PROPOSED AN INCREASE IN FEES WHICH WOULD AFFECT NO TRAILER BY MORE THAN 45 PER CENT IN 1984 WITH A FURTHER INCREASE OF 15 PER CENT IN 1985, AS LONG AS THERE WAS NO ACCOMPANYING INCREASE IN THE LICENCE FEE FOR TRACTORS. THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WAS ASKED TO GIVE A REPLY BY 18TH AUGUST, 1984.

THE LATEST PROPOSAL ABOUT THE TRAILER LICENCE FEE MADE BY THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS AND OPERATORS HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT BUT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THAT ITS OWN PROPOSAL TO LEVY THE LICENCE FEE ON MOST PART OF A TRAILER'S GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT BORNE EXCLUSIVELY BY THE TRAILER IS BOTH FAIR AND REASONABLE ON ITS OWN, AND FURTHERMORE THAT IT GOES MOST OF THE WAY TOWARDS MEETING THE SCALE OF INCREASE IN LICENCE FEES WHICH THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS' REPRESENTATIVES THEMSELVES PROPOSE.

THE FEES UNDER THE REVISED METHOD OF CALCULATION ARE AS SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLE. IN TERMS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL NO TRAILER OWNER WOULD PAY MORE IN LICENCE FEES THAN HE SHOULD IN RELATION TO ANY OTHER TRAILER OWNER. SOME MIGHT PAY AS MUCH AS \$150 LESS THAN AT PRESENT, OTHERS AS MUCH AS \$850 MORE BUT EACH OWNER WOULD PAY ACCORDING TO THE CARRYING CAPACITY OF HIS OWN VEHICLES. MOST OWNERS WOULD PROBABLY PAY BETWEEN \$450 AND \$600 MORE THAN AT PRESENT. THE AVERAGE INCREASE WOULD BE ABOUT 61 PER CENT SO IT IS APPARENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL NOT ONLY SECURES TRAILER OWNERS A MUCH LOWER INCREASE THAN AT FIRST MOOTED BUT IT ALSO ACHIEVES A FAIR MEANS OF CHARGING IN RESPECT OF GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT. TO ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE A GENERAL 45 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE FEES AS THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS' REQUEST WOULD, UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, NOT BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE, BUT AT THIS JUNCTURE WHEN THE BASIS OF CHARGING IS MOVING FROM A FEE BASED ON UNLADEN WEIGHT TO THE FAIRER BASIS OF CHARGING (ON GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT) FOR WHAT THE CONTAINER VEHICLE CAN ACTUALLY CARRY, SUCH A MOVE WOULD DEFEAT THE OBJECT OF THE NEW LEGISLATION.

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CONSEQUENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT URGES THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS TO RECONSIDER THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL AS TO THE TRAILER LICENCE FEE. OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION AND EXPLANATION.

CONTAINER PORT ROAD

AT A MEETING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS/ DRIVERS ON SITE IN THE CONTAINER PORT ROAD ON 10TH AUGUST, 1984, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT IF PARKING SPACES WERE DESIGNATED IN THE CONTAINER PORT ROAD, IT WAS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT THEY WOULD BE PERMANENTLY OCCUPIED BY VEHICLES LOADING AND UNLOADING AND WOULD NOT THUS SOLVE THE PROBLEM THEY WERE CREATED TO SOLVE. THE REPRESENTATIVES RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT THAT A SECTION OF THE CLEARWAY BE DERESTRICTED TO ALLOW TAXIS TO STOP AND THAT WRITTEN AGREEMENT BE OBTAINED FROM THE THREE TERMINAL OPERATORS PERMITTING PRIVATE CARS TO ENTER THE TERMINALS FOR THE COLLECTION OF NECESSARY SHIPPING DOCUMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO COUNSELS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS AND DRIVERS TO RECONSIDER THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF PARKING ON THE CONTAINER PORT ROAD. WHILE THAT PROPOSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES IS CAPABLE OF PHYSICAL IMPLEMENTATION, THE DEPARTMENT NOT ONLY DOUBTS THAT IT WOULD IN PRACTICE SOLVE THE PROBLEM FACED BY CONTAINER VEHICLE DRIVERS BUT ALSO CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY GENERATE A DIFFERENT BUT SERIOUS TRAFFIC PROBLEM LEADING TO THE INTERMITTENT BLOCKING OF THE ROAD.

ONCE AGAIN MAY I SAY THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN DETAIL AT ANY TIME WHICH MAY BE CONVENIENT EITHER TO YOU OR TO THE CONTAINER VEHICLE OWNERS AND DRIVERS.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

(R. J. POLE-EVANS)  
FOR COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT

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SCHOOL MEDICAL SCHEME FEE UP

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THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION FEE FOR ITS MEDICAL SCHEME WILL BE RAISED FROM \$5 TO \$10 A YEAR.

THE FEE INCREASE, APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENT \$5 ANNUAL FEE HAD REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1971.

+WITH INCREASED COSTS IN GENERAL, AND OF MEDICINE IN PARTICULAR, DURING THE PAST 13 YEARS, IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO BRING THE STUDENT'S CONTRIBUTION MORE INTO LINE WITH THE OVERALL COST OF A SCHEME WHICH IS HEAVILY SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT, + HE ADDED.

AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION WILL ALSO BE RAISED FROM \$50 TO \$65 PER STUDENT ENROLLED. THIS MEANS THAT EACH DOCTOR WILL RECEIVE \$75 PER STUDENT A YEAR.

THE SCHEME IS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY I TO FORM III.

ENROLMENT IS VOLUNTARY AND STUDENTS SHOULD ENROL THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLS.

FOR AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$10 A STUDENT MAY VISIT THE DOCTOR AS MANY TIMES AS HE WISHES FOR CONSULTATION AND MEDICATION.

AS AT MARCH 31, 1984 THERE WERE 308 444 PARTICIPATING STUDENTS, AND 262 DOCTORS REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD.

ONE IN EVERY THREE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL CHILDREN IS NOW PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME.

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METROPOLITAN GROWTH SEEN AS MANAGEABLE

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SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELDS OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADING THEIR SOCIETY IN DISENTANGLING ITSELF FROM PAST THEORIES FORMULATED ON PAST CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, DR N.K. CHAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

DR CHAN WAS SPEAKING ON THE OPENING DAY FOR THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION FOR PLANNING AND HOUSING. MORE THAN 240 DELEGATES ARE ATTENDING THE FIVE-DAY CONGRESS BEING HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

/+WE SHOULD .....

+WE SHOULD REGARD THE FUTURE TO BE IN OUR HANDS. I HOLD THE CONVICTION THAT METROPOLITAN AREAS COULD BE PLANNED AND DEVELOPED TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY DESIRABLE AND SOCIALLY SATISFYING PLACES TO LIVE IN,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT THE HYPOTHESIS THAT LARGE CITIES WERE THE CRADLES OF SINS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A FALLACY OF THE DEFEATIST AND THE PESSIMIST.

+UNSATISFACTORY METROPOLITAN AREAS WHICH WE SEE AND EXPERIENCE TODAY ARE THE PRODUCTS OF PAST UNPLANNED AND IMPROPERLY MANAGED URBANISATION WHICH CAUGHT PLANNERS, DECISION-MAKERS AND DEVELOPERS UNPREPARED.

+WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT A SOCIETY IS CHANGEABLE. WHAT WAS CORRECT (EVEN IF WE ASSUME IT WAS CORRECT) IN THE PAST MAY NOT BE TRUE FOR THE PRESENT AND WILL BECOME UNTRUE FOR THE FUTURE.+

DR CHAN SAID THAT LIKE ANY OTHER FORM OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT, A CITY HAD SUCH PROBLEMS AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, CROWDED LIVING CONDITIONS, UNDER-PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AND PRESSURE DUE TO KEEN COMPETITION.

+I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT, IF WE MANAGE TO FREE OURSELVES FROM THE BONDAGE OF HISTORY, WE CAN MORE READILY FIND THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS TO THE LARGE CITY PROBLEMS.

+I ALSO HOLD THE CONVICTION THAT IT IS NOT THE SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS THE CAUSE OF THESE PROBLEMS, IT IS THE WAY DEVELOPMENT IS ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE AND HOW IT IS MANAGED,+ HE SAID.

TAKING HONG KONG AS AN EXAMPLE, DR CHAN SAID THAT THE URBAN AREA HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO EXPAND VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY ACCORDING TO WELL-THOUGHT-OUT PLANS.

+THE HONG KONG RESIDENT AND OUR PLANNERS DO NOT MERELY ACCEPT HIGH-RISE DEVELOPMENT, THEY ALSO HAVE DEVELOPED WAYS TO MAKE THE BEST OF THE SITUATION, AS EVIDENT FROM THE HIGHER ACCOMMODATION VALUE OF THE HIGHER FLATS FROM WHERE THE RESIDENTS MAY ENJOY BETTER VIEWS AND LESS NOISE DISTURBANCE FROM THE STREETS,+ HE SAID.

THIS HIGH-RISE APPROACH, TOGETHER WITH THE ADOPTION OF MODERN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SKILLS, ENABLED HONG KONG TO MAXIMISE THE USE AND BENEFITS FROM VERY SCARCE LAND RESOURCES.

DR CHAN SAID THE MAIN URBAN AREA IN HONG KONG MIGHT GROW YET FURTHER.

IN A RECENTLY ANNOUNCED TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR HONG KONG UP TO THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE URBAN AREA HAD BEEN PROPOSED AS ONE OF THE PREFERRED STRATEGIES.

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FURTHER RECLAMATIONS WERE RECOMMENDED ALONG THE EXISTING SHORELINE WHICH WOULD HAVE A CAPACITY FOR ACCOMMODATING AN ADDITIONAL POPULATION OF MORE THAN ONE MILLION.

+THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FORMULATION PROCESS WAS BASED ON FINDINGS OF THOROUGH STUDIES WHICH SHOW, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT SUCH RECLAMATIONS FOR FURTHER URBAN GROWTH WOULD NOT ONLY BE PHYSICALLY PRACTICABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE BUT WILL ALSO GENERATE FEWER TRANSPORT PROBLEMS THAN CONTINUOUS DECENTRALISATION INTO THE COUNTRY AREAS.

+THE HONG KONG EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT WE MUST ACCEPT THE REALITY WHICH WE FACE AND TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO FIND SOLUTIONS.+

DR CHAN SAID ONE REASON FOR HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENT WAS ITS FLEXIBLE APPROACH, WHICH PROMOTED EFFICIENCY AND ENCOURAGED MEMBERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO CONTRIBUTE THE MOST TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT.

+ALMOST HALF OF THE HONG KONG POPULATION LIVE IN GOVERNMENT-BUILT SUBSIDISED HOUSING AND ENJOY ALL THE ADVANTAGES OFFERED BY WELL-PLANNED ESTATE LAYOUT IN A GOOD ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING NECESSARY RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

+THESE HOUSING ESTATES ARE MANAGED BY PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED HOUSING MANAGERS. IN THIS WAY, ABOUT HALF OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION LIVE UNDER PROPERLY MANAGED CONDITIONS.+

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, MANAGEMENT WAS ALSO PROVIDED IN MANY PRIVATE HOUSING AREAS.

THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG COULD THEREFORE BE SAID TO BE LIVING IN PROPERLY MANAGED HOUSING BLOCKS.

ON RAPID URBANISATION, DR CHAN SAID THIS NEEDED GOOD ADMINISTRATION. ONE APPROACH WAS TO DECENTRALISE PARTS OF THE DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY.

+HONG KONG, FOR ONE, IS ALREADY MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION. EIGHTEEN DISTRICT BOARDS WITH ELECTED LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS OF INTEREST CONCERNING THEIR INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AND TAKE ACTION ON LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES,+ DR CHAN SAID.

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SEMINARS ON GREEN PAPER

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RESIDENTS OF HUNG HOM AND TO KWA WAN WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT THROUGH TWO SEMINARS TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND THE FOLLOWING (WEDNESDAY) EVENINGS.

BOTH SEMINARS, ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL START AT 8 PM IN THE C.C.C.NIM TSI COLLEGE AT 170 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

CHAired BY AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CLEMENT CHEUNG, GUEST SPEAKERS AT TOMORROW'S SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR PAO PING-WING; A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR KONG PAK-KEUNG; CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TO KWA WAN AREA COMMITTEE, MR PATRICK L.T. WONG AND MRS MABEL CHOW; AND A SOCIAL WORKER, MISS CHENG HAU-YEE.

AT WEDNESDAY'S SEMINAR, THE CHAIRMEN OF FOUR AREA COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE PRESENT. THEY ARE MR PATRICK WONG OF TO KWA WAN SOUTH, MR LEUNG HOI OF TO KWA WAN NORTH, MR WOO WING-KI OF HUNG HOM SOUTH AND MR WONG WING-PIU OF HUNG HOM NORTH.

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RESTAURANT CHECKS BY HEALTH STAFF UP

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MORE THAN 380 RESTAURANT OPERATORS, LICENSED AND UNLICENSED, WERE PROSECUTED LAST MONTH COMPARED WITH 288 IN JULY LAST YEAR - AN INCREASE OF 32 PER CENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT FINES FOR THE MONTH, RANGING FROM \$100 TO OVER \$2 000, AMOUNTED TO SOME \$325 000. THIS COMPARED WITH \$250 910 COLLECTED IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS, 147 WERE INITIATED AGAINST LICENSED RESTAURANT OPERATORS WHO WERE IN BREACH OF VARIOUS HEALTH LAWS OR LICENSING CONDITIONS.

THESE INCLUDED THE USE OF OPEN SPACE FOR SCULLERY, STORAGE OR PREPARATION OF FOOD; DIRTY FOOD PREMISES; FOOD NOT STORED IN A SUITABLE CONTAINER; AND DEVIATION FROM APPROVED LAYOUT.

OF THE REMAINING CASES, 143 WERE CHARGED FOR OPERATING FOOD BUSINESSES WITHOUT LICENCES AND 91 FOR CARRYING OUT BUSINESSES IN BREACH OF COURT ORDERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID REGULAR INSPECTIONS ARE MADE BY HEALTH INSPECTORS ON FOOD BUSINESSES TO ENSURE THAT THE HEALTH LAWS AND THE LICENSING CONDITIONS ARE OBSERVED AND THE REQUISITE HYGIENE STANDARDS MAINTAINED.

+ANY CONTRAVENTION OF THE LAW IS LIABLE TO LEAD TO PROSECUTION OR SUSPENSION OF THE LICENCE,+ HE WARNED.

+UNLICENSED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS ARE DEALT WITH BY SUMMONSES AND IN PERSISTENT CASES, BY SUMMARY ARRESTS.+

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### SURVEY ON NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY COMPLETED

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DETAILS OF A RECENTLY-COMPLETED SURVEY ON THE NEEDS OF OLD PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY IS TO FIND OUT THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY AND REVIEW EXISTING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THE DISTRICT.

IT IS HOPED THAT FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DAILY LIVES, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, FINANCIAL SITUATION AND HEALTH CONDITIONS TO SENIOR RESIDENTS.

THE PROJECT IS SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG.

ALSO ATTENDING THE NEWS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, AND THE FIELD INSTRUCTOR OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY'S SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT, MR LAW CHI-KWONG.

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### FLOATING HOLIDAY REMINDER

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY WILL FALL ON AUGUST 27, THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST.

A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IF EMPLOYERS HAVE NOT ALREADY FIXED THE DATE OF THE SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY FOR THIS YEAR AND THEIR EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT REQUESTED THAT THE HOLIDAY BE ADDED TO THEIR PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, THEY SHOULD GIVE EMPLOYEES THE HOLIDAY ON AUGUST 27.

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HE SAID UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, EMPLOYERS HAVE TO FIX THE TWO FLOATING HOLIDAYS AND NOTIFY EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED AT A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BEFORE THE END OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.

ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$8 500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING THE PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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WORKSHOP ON CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY  
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A 12-SESSION WORKSHOP ON CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY WILL BE ORGANISED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ART TEACHERS IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

THE AIM OF THE WORKSHOP IS TO ENHANCE TEACHERS' KNOWLEDGE OF THIS FORM OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION THROUGH STUDIO PRACTICE.

THE WORKSHOP IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ART SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD ON 12 CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS FROM OCTOBER 6 AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY \$190 TO THE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES. THIS FEE WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE CANTONESE. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE LIMITED TO 25.

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APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH PRINCIPALS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO THE ART SECTION AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE BY SEPTEMBER 7.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPANTS WITH SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE ART SECTION ON 5-621006.

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MORNING JOGGING FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS  
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THE RUNNING TRACK AT YUEN LONG STADIUM WILL BE OPEN TO LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR JOGGING FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE TRACK WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 8 AM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

PARTICIPANTS MAY ALSO USE THE EIGHT-LANE ALL-WEATHER TRACK FOR OTHER PHYSICAL EXERCISES.

THEY ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR RUBBER SHOES AND TO KEEP AWAY FROM THE TURFED AREA OF THE STADIUM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

SOUVENIRS WILL BE GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE MORNING JOGGING ARE AVAILABLE AT YUEN LONG STADIUM, TAI YUK ROAD, OR THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE, KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE AND TWO PHOTOGRAPHS, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE STADIUM OR THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE BEFORE AUGUST 31 (FRIDAY).

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS COMMENDED  
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THIRTY-TWO OFFICERS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THEIR COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, TODAY (MONDAY) AT A CEREMONY IN THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

THE OFFICERS, INCLUDING SIX GENERAL GRADE STAFF, WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE LAST YEAR.

ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS, MR WAN TAK-MING, WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS ALERTNESS AND INITIATIVE IN DETECTING AND ARRESTING FOUR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ON TWO OCCASIONS.

FOUR CLERICAL OFFICERS OF THE BIRTHS REGISTRIES WERE ALSO COMMENDED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ALERTNESS IN DETECTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS USING FORGED IDENTITY CARD AND OTHER PERSONS' IDENTITY CARDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BIRTHS REGISTRATION FORMALITIES.

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POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLIDAYS  
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THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 25) AND NO DELIVERY ON MONDAY (AUGUST 27), BOTH OF WHICH ARE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

ON SATURDAY, 36 POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES, AND TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO POST OFFICES, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY.

DETAILS OF THE POST OFFICES WHICH WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LOCAL POST OFFICE OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-231071 OR 5-231072.

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142 PEOPLE FINED FOR OFFENCES IN PARKS

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MOTORISTS DRIVING INTO COUNTRY PARKS WITHOUT PERMISSION HAVE BECOME THE SECOND LARGEST GROUP OF PEOPLE FINED FOR OFFENCES IN THE PARKS AFTER LITTERBUGS.

LAST MONTH 22 PEOPLE WERE FINED FOR SUCH AN OFFENCE.

TWO OTHER PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR RIDING BICYCLES INTO THE COUNTRY PARKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY STRESSED THAT ROADS IN COUNTRY PARKS WERE NOT BUILT FOR USE BY VEHICLES.

IN JULY, 142 PEOPLE WERE FINED FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES IN THE PARKS. OF THESE, 104 WERE FINED FOR LITTERING.

SEVEN OTHERS WERE PROSECUTED FOR USING FIRES IN NON-DESIGNATED SITES DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

OTHER OFFENCES INCLUDED CAMPING IN NON-DESIGNATED SITES, DAMAGING PROPERTY AND POLLUTING WATER.

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NEW POST OFFICE FOR TSUEN WAN

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A NEW POST OFFICE PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES WILL BE OPENED IN TSUEN WAN NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 28).

THE OFFICE, LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 18-32 TSUEN WING STREET, WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING POST OFFICE AT 73 HAM TIN STREET WHICH WILL BE CLOSED DOWN THE SAME DAY.

IT WILL ALSO TAKE OVER REGISTERED MAIL AND PARCEL COLLECTION SERVICES AS WELL AS P.O. BOX FACILITIES NOW PROVIDED IN THE POST OFFICES AT 407 AND 455-457 CASTLE PEAK ROAD. THE NEW OFFICE WILL ACCEPT SPEEDPOST POSTINGS AS WELL.

ITS BUSINESS HOURS WILL BE 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY, AND ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE 0-4998888.

ALSO FROM NEXT TUESDAY, THE PRESENT POST OFFICE AT 455-457 CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED DOWN.

THE OFFICE AT 407 CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER NORMAL COUNTER SERVICES, AND WILL ACCEPT SPEEDPOST POSTINGS.

BUT ITS BUSINESS HOURS WILL BE CHANGED TO: 9 AM - 5 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND 9 AM - 1 PM ON SATURDAY. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER (0-4934028) REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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NEW SURFACE FOR TENNIS COURTS

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TENNIS COURTS FOR A PLAYGROUND UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE JUNCTION OF CARPENTER ROAD AND SHEK KU LUNG ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE SURFACED WITH SYNTHETIC MATERIAL.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLYING THE RUBBER-LIKE MATERIAL AND FOR CARRYING OUT THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

BESIDES THE FOUR TENNIS COURTS, THE PLAYGROUND WILL HAVE TWO VOLLEYBALL-CUM-BADMINTON COURTS AND TWO MINI-SOCCER PITCHES.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A TWO-STOREY SERVICE BUILDING WITH CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS AND A REFRESHMENT KIOSK.

THE WHOLE SITE AREA, COVERING ABOUT 1.35 HECTARES, WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE READY FOR USE ON COMPLETION OF THE SURFACING WORK EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE EXISTING CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS FOR GOODS VEHICLES ON A SECTION OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 22).

THE SECTION IS BETWEEN PEDDER STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL'S JUNCTION WITH PEDDER STREET. AND THE EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ARE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY, THE EXISTING CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND BETWEEN MURRAY ROAD AND PEDDER STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PEDDER STREET.

WITHIN THIS ZONE, NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIODS.

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WATER FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 83.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 489.532 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 508.026 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 86.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TAPS OFF IN NORTH POINT, YUEN LONG AND TAI HANG TUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT, YUEN LONG AND TAI HANG TUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 23) AND FRIDAY (AUGUST 24).

IN NORTH POINT, THE SUPPLY WILL BE OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS, AFFECTING PREMISES BOUNDED BY TIN CHIU STREET, KING'S ROAD, TONG SHUI ROAD AND JAVA ROAD, INCLUDING NORTH POINT FERRY PIER AS WELL AS CENTRAL MAIN BLOCK, EAST MAIN BLOCK AND EAST POINT BLOCK OF THE NORTH POINT ESTATE.

IN YUEN LONG, THE SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 11 HOURS FROM 8 PM THE SAME DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AND VILLAGES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM SHUI BIN WAI ROAD TO AU TAU, INCLUDING POK OI HOSPITAL, AND TAI TONG ROAD.

IN TAI HANG TUNG, WATER SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM THE SAME DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE THOSE ALONG TAI HANG TUNG ROAD AND TONG YAM STREET, INCLUDING TUNG FU HOUSE, TUNG WO HOUSE, TUNG WAN HOUSE, TUNG WING HOUSE AND BLOCK NOS. 3 TO 6 OF TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE.

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SALT WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 24 HOURS FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 23) FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT KWAI SHING EAST AND WEST ESTATES, BLOCKS 1 TO 19 OF TAI WO HAU ESTATE, AS WELL AS PREMISES ALONG KWAI HOP STREET AND THOSE BOUNDED BY CHUNG ON STREET, MA TAU PA ROAD, YEUNG UK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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