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## AG EXPLAINS HOW LEGAL STRUCTURE WILL CHANGE

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THE PROGRESSIVE LOCALISATION OF ALL LEGISLATION THAT IS AT PRESENT DERIVED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO GIVE EFFECT TO CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES MENTIONED IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON HONG KONG, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID IN LONDON TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CONTEMPORARY CHINA INSTITUTE OF THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES OF LONDON UNIVERSITY, MR THOMAS SAID THIS LOCALISATION WOULD RESULT IN HONG KONG'S LAWS BEING SELF-STANDING AND NOT DEPENDENT UPON UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION BY THE TIME THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY TOOK PLACE.

+IN THAT WAY THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION CAN EXPECT TO INHERIT THE LAWS IN FORCE IN HONG KONG IN A FORM THAT WILL NOT CONTRAVENE THE BASIC LAW,+ HE SAID IN HIS SPEECH ON 'HONG KONG'S LEGAL SYSTEM AND 1997'.

EXAMPLES OF AREAS IN WHICH HONG KONG MUST LOCALISE ITS OWN LAWS AND CEASE TO RELY UPON UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION WERE TO BE FOUND IN THE FIELDS OF MERCHANT SHIPPING, CIVIL AVIATION, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS.

+THESE SUBJECTS HAVE ALL BEEN MARKED DOWN BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS MATTERS FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT A FURTHER SERIES OF REFORMS WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN THE BASIC LAW HAS BEEN PUBLISHED,+ HE SAID.

MR THOMAS EXPLAINED THAT IT FOLLOWED FROM THE JOINT DECLARATION THAT CHANGES MUST BE MADE TO THE LAWS IN ORDER TO CONSTITUTE A FINAL COURT OF APPEAL, TAKING THE PLACE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, IN A MANNER THAT WAS CONSISTENT BOTH WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW.

HE SAID HE AGREED WITH THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND OTHERS THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH THIS COURT OF APPEAL WELL BEFORE 1997 IN ORDER TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

+IT WOULD BE MUCH TO THE ADVANTAGE OF HONG KONG IF ITS JURISPRUDENCE COULD BE ESTABLISHED WELL BEFORE 1997 SO THAT THE AUTHORITY OF ITS JUDGMENTS CAN BE APPRECIATED, ESPECIALLY BY IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS INTERESTS, AT HOME AND ABROAD.+

MR THOMAS SAID HE CONSIDERED IT IMPERATIVE TO PROMOTE THE USE OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE IN LEGISLATION.

THERE HAD BEEN SOME UNEASE EXPRESSED THAT PRODUCING LEGISLATION IN CHINESE AS WELL AS ENGLISH WOULD TEND TO UNDERMINE THE USE OF ENGLISH IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, BUT HIS OWN VIEW WAS THAT THE USE OF ENGLISH IN THE COURTS TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS OF LAW WAS BOUND TO CONTINUE BECAUSE ENGLISH WAS THE LANGUAGE OF THE COMMON LAW. EQUALLY HE WAS SURE THAT CANTONESE WOULD BE USED TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS OF FACT.

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HE WENT ON: +BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE USE OF CHINESE IN LOCAL ORDINANCES IS A DIFFERENT MATTER. I THINK IT IS PLAINLY DESIRABLE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS TERRITORY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE CHINESE SPEAKING, SHOULD BE ABLE TO READ AND UNDERSTAND IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE THE PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW WHICH IN SO MANY RESPECTS GOVERNS THEIR LIVES, THEIR HOUSING, THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS.+

MR THOMAS POINTED OUT THAT A DISCUSSION PAPER SETTING OUT THE VARIOUS METHODS OF PRODUCING AN AUTHENTIC CHINESE VERSION OF HONG KONG STATUTE LAW HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT.

CODIFICATION OF SELECTED AREAS OF THE COMMON LAW WAS ANOTHER HIGHLY DESIRABLE TASK TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE TRANSITION PERIOD, AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION WAS ALREADY LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER.

MR THOMAS ALSO SUMMARISED THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

IN CONCLUSION, HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMON LAW, AND SAID: +THE COMMON LAW IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN HONG KONG. THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY'S HISTORY, THE VALUES AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE COMMON LAW HAVE MATCHED THE SUCCESSIVE NEEDS OF ITS TRADERS, ITS IMMIGRANTS, ITS ENTREPRENEURS AND ITS FOREIGN INVESTORS. THE COMMON LAW HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE GOOD ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE TERRITORY, SO IT IS AN IMPORTANT FOUNDATION OF HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

+THE JOINT DECLARATION'S ASSURANCES THAT THE COMMON LAW, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE OTHER ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF HONG KONG'S LEGAL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM, WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE BASIC LAW BEYOND 1997 HAS BEEN AMONG THE MAIN REASONS FOR CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF THE TERRITORY.+

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#### SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED \* \* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) A FURTHER SERIES OF SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:-

DR NIP KAM-FAN WILL BE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES. HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT SINCE OCTOBER 1984.

MR HAROLD BEATON WILL BE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS. HE HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER SINCE MARCH 1981.

THE APPOINTMENTS WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JUNE 1, 1986 WHEN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE REORGANISATION OF THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

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THIS PHASE OF THE REORGANISATION INVOLVED THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BEING TRANSFORMED INTO AN INDEPENDENT HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND THE REMAINING OFFICES BEING RESTRUCTURED TO FORM A NEW CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

DR STUART REED HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1. HE HAD BEEN COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SINCE NOVEMBER 1980.

MR MIAO CHI HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES. HE HAD BEEN GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER SINCE FEBRUARY 1982.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DR NIP KAM-FAN, J.P.

AGED 53, DR NIP JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN AUGUST 1956 AS AN APPRENTICE ENGINEER. SINCE THEN, HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS SENIOR POSTS IN THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH. HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT IN OCTOBER 1984.

MR HAROLD BEATON, J.P.

AGED 55, MR BEATON JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN DECEMBER 1960 AS AN ENGINEER. HE HAS HELD VARIOUS SENIOR APPOINTMENTS IN THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN MARCH 1981.

DR STUART REED

AGED 50, DR REED JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JULY 1977 AS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISER. HE WAS APPOINTED IN NOVEMBER 1980 AS COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO HEAD THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. HE HAS BEEN TAKING CHARGE OF THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

MR MIAO CHI

AGED 52, MR MIAO JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN DECEMBER 1963 AS AN ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL ENGINEER. HIS CAREER HAS BEEN SPENT ENTIRELY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER IN FEBRUARY 1982.

NEW COMMITTEE FOR KEEP HK CLEAN CAMPAIGN  
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THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL THIS YEAR BE A TERRITORY-WIDE JOINT UNDERTAKING BY THE REGIONAL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AND WILL BE OVERSEEN BY A STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISING MEMBERS OF BOTH COUNCILS.

THIS FORMULA WAS ENDORSED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOLLOWING A SIMILAR DECISION TAKEN BY THE URBAN COUNCIL ON MAY 20.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY A URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER WITH A REGIONAL COUNCILLOR SERVING AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. THE ORDER WILL BE REVERSED NEXT YEAR, AND IT IS INTENDED THAT THIS ROTATION OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP WILL CONTINUE FOR AS LONG AS THE COMMITTEE EXISTS.

FIVE MEMBERS FROM EACH COUNCIL, WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORISATION TO MAKE POLICY DECISIONS, WILL SIT ON THE COMMITTEE.

DECISIONS CONCERNING TERRITORY-WIDE MATTERS WILL BE MADE ON BEHALF OF BOTH COUNCILS BUT IMPLEMENTED IN THE URBAN AREA UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE.

A PUBLICITY COMMITTEE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE SET UP TO PREPARE TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY STRATEGY.

IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES AND WILL COMPRISE STAFF OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ALL PUBLICITY WITH A TERRITORY-WIDE APPEAL WILL BE FUNDED JOINTLY BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL ON A ONE-THIRD AND TWO-THIRDS BASIS RESPECTIVELY.

PUBLICITY ITEMS OF EXCLUSIVE INTEREST TO ONE COUNCIL WILL BE FUNDED BY IT.

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SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP ON MONITORING AIR QUALITY  
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT SENT A THREE-MEMBER DELEGATION TO CANTON TO ATTEND THE FIRST HONG KONG-CHINA WORKSHOP ON AIR QUALITY MONITORING, HELD FROM MAY 21 TO 23.

LED BY SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR JONATHAN BOWER, THE DELEGATION JOINED REPRESENTATIVES FROM PEKING, SHANGHAI AND CANTON IN REVIEWING PROGRESS MADE IN AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN THE RESPECTIVE CITIES.

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MR BOWER SAID THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, TAKING A SERIOUS APPROACH TO URBAN AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS, WERE MOBILISING RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. MONITORING NETWORKS IN MAJOR CITIES WERE TO BE EXPANDED AND MODERNISED, AND WHILE THE MONITORING EFFORT LAGGED SOMEWHAT BEHIND WHEN COMPARED TO THOSE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SUCH AS JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, +THEY ARE LEARNING AND CATCHING UP VERY FAST+.

THE WORKSHOP HAD BEEN A SUCCESS AND WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR FUTURE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, HE ADDED.

MR BOWER ALSO SAID THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WAS SEEKING TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF ITS AIR QUALITY INVESTIGATIONS BY ESTABLISHING MONITORING STATIONS IN RURAL AND NEW TOWN AREAS. THIS EFFORT WOULD BE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S AIR QUALITY CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES EXPECTED TO BE IN FORCE LATER THIS YEAR.

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## GOVERNOR TO VISIT SHAM SHUI PO

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL VISIT SHAM SHUI PO TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO LOOK OVER THE DISTRICT'S FACILITIES AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

DURING HIS VISIT, SIR EDWARD WILL VIEW THE DISTRICT FROM A VANTAGE POINT IN PAK TIN AND WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE LATEST MAJOR PROJECTS, INCLUDING RECLAMATION OF LAI CHI KOK BAY.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE.

TOWARDS THE END OF HIS TOUR, SIR EDWARD WILL ALSO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT A TEA RECEPTION IN THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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## NOTE TO EDITORS:

TRANSPORT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR OF SHAM SHUI PO. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2 PM TOMORROW AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, FROM WHERE THREE GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WILL TAKE THEM TO THE VANTAGE POINT IN PAK TIN. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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FARE RISE ON THREE MINIBUS ROUTES  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED FARE INCREASES FOR THREE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY (JUNE 1).

THE NEW FARES FOR ROUTES 10, 11 AND 31, WHICH OPERATE IN CAUSEWAY BAY, TIN WAN AND SANDY BAY, WILL BE \$4. THE OVERNIGHT SERVICE OF ON ROUTE 31 WILL CHARGE \$4.5.

FARE RISES FOR FOUR OTHER GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WERE APPROVED EARLIER THIS MONTH. THESE ROUTES WERE 9, 21M, 22 AND 23 WHICH OPERATE IN CENTRAL, TAI HANG, POK FU LAM AND KENNEDY TOWN.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE FARE INCREASES FOR THE SEVEN ROUTES RANGED FROM 30 CENTS TO \$1.

+APPROVAL WAS GIVEN AFTER CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE OPERATING DETAILS AND FINANCIAL RETURNS SUBMITTED BY OPERATORS,+ HE SAID.

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LAST PUBLIC SESSION FOR SELECT COMMITTEE  
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THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME, CHAIRED BY MR PETER C. WONG, WILL MEET WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR JAMES FINDLAY, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, MR JOSEPH DUFFY, IN A PUBLIC SESSION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON SATURDAY (MAY 31) AT 9.30 AM.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO HAS NOT YET MET THE COMMITTEE, HAS REQUESTED THE SESSION TO PRESENT HIS VIEWS.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST PUBLIC SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY MET WITH THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT THREE TIMES, THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION TWICE, AND ONCE EACH WITH THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND THE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE END OF THE CURRENT SESSION.

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY.

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CIVIC EDUCATION DRIVE FOR EASTERN DISTRICT  
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IN VIEW OF RAPID PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE TO PREPARE THEMSELVES TO BE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP, MR PAUL YIN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE +86 CIVIC EDUCATION IN EASTERN DISTRICT+, MR YIN SAID BOTH THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE FULLY SUPPORTED THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION BY ORGANISING AND CO-ORDINATING CIVIC EDUCATION ORIENTED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED THIS SATURDAY (MAY 31) TO HELP THE PUBLIC BECOME MORE AWARE OF AND TO FULFIL THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

MR YIN SAID THAT TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN, A SEMINAR ON CIVIC EDUCATION WOULD BE HELD ON SATURDAY AT DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL.

+A SERIES OF CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATED BY THE SUB-GROUPS ON YOUTH, SCHOOLS, AREA COMMITTEES, COMMUNITIES AND INDUSTRY, WILL ALSO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE COMING 10 MONTHS,+ HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, SAID THAT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE FULLY SUPPORTED THE CAMPAIGN AND WAS PLANNING A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS SETTING UP A CIVIC EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTRE, ORGANISING SCHOOL TALKS AND SEMINARS ON GOVERNMENT'S WORK AND CO-ORGANISING A CIVIC EDUCATION FUN DAY WITH THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN VICTORIA PARK.

IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 100 COLOURFUL COUPLETS WITH THE CAMPAIGN MESSAGE HAVE BEEN PUT UP ON LAMP-POSTS ALONG PROMINENT ROADS IN THE DISTRICT.

TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE LAUNCHING OF +86 CIVIC EDUCATION IN EASTERN DISTRICT+ A TEAM OF YOUNG CIVIC PIONEERS WILL RIDE AN OPEN-TOP DOUBLE DECKER BUS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING ALONG MAIN ROADS AND TO DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY HANDOUTS TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE +86 CIVIC EDUCATION IN EASTERN DISTRICT+ IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE MR ERIC LEE, THE CONVENER OF YOUTH SUB-GROUP; MRS CHOW SUN FONG-CHUNG, THE CONVENER OF SCHOOLS SUB-GROUP; MR YUE HUI-KWONG, THE CONVENER OF AREA COMMITTEE SUB-GROUP; AND MR YUEN KEE-KWONG, THE CONVENER OF COMMUNITY SUB-GROUP.

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TEACHERS TO DISCUSS CIVIC EDUCATION  
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A SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MAY 31) WILL ENABLE TEACHERS FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SHAM SHUI PO TO DISCUSS THEIR EXPERIENCES IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION WHICH ALSO STARTS ON SATURDAY AT THE GERTRUDE SIMON LUTHERAN COLLEGE, AT 150 PRATAS STREET.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG, WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR WHICH STARTS AT 9.30 AM WITH A TALK BY SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, ON CARRYING OUT CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH SOCIAL PARTICIPATION.

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE AN ICAC REPRESENTATIVE, WHO WILL TALK ON THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION IN CIVIC EDUCATION, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHO WILL DESCRIBE THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIC EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTRE.

THE EXHIBITION INCLUDES ITEMS PROVIDED BY THE CIVIC EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTRE, THE ICAC, AND SCHOOLS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAY, FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY, AND FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAY.

BOTH THE SEMINAR AND THE EXHIBITION ARE AMONG ACTIVITIES IN A CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO SCHOOL LIAISON GROUP AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD. THERE IS ALSO AN INTERVIEW COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND LEARN MORE ABOUT CURRENT AFFAIRS THROUGH IN-DEPTH REPORTING EXERCISES.

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BUS TOUR TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS  
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A TEAM OF 30 CIVIC-MINDED STUDENTS WILL SPEND THE MORNING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT HELPING TO PROMOTE THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WHICH STARTS THERE ON SATURDAY (MAY 31).

THESE YOUNG 'CIVIC PIONEERS', INCLUDING 15 BRASS BAND PLAYERS, WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT IN AN OPEN-TOP BUS AND DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY MATERIAL TO RESIDENTS.

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EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP, MR PAUL YIN, CONVENER OF THE PUBLICITY SUB-GROUP, MRS LAU MA LAI-WAH, AND STAFF OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ALSO BE ON BOARD THE BUS, TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE STUDENTS IN PROMOTING CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PUBLICITY BUS TOUR WHICH WILL START AT 11 AM TOMORROW OUTSIDE THE TIN HAU MTR STATION ENTRANCE (FACING KING'S ROAD).

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YAU MA TEI BOARD HAS NEW COMMITTEE

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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD HAS INCREASED THE NUMBER OF ITS COMMITTEES TO THREE BY ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE OTHER TWO COMMITTEES ARE THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

+EXPERIENCE HAS INDICATED THAT FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE SOLELY FOR TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS WILL ENABLE THE BOARD TO CONCENTRATE ON WIDER AND GENERAL ISSUES,+ MR YIP SAID.

THE NEW COMMITTEE WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IDENTIFY TRAFFIC, ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT AND MAKE PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

+THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REPORT REGULARLY TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AND WHERE NECESSARY RECOMMEND CHANGES IN POLICIES,+ HE SAID.

MR YIP SAID THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PLAN INCLUDED MONITORING THE BUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND FERRY SERVICES, STUDYING TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT AND MANAGEMENT SCHEMES, AND PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY.

THE OTHER TWO COMMITTEES WOULD CONCENTRATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

+PREPARATORY WORK IS ALREADY UNDERWAY FOR TWO MAJOR CAMPAIGNS TO BE LAUNCHED LATER THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

/A SUM .....

A SUM OF \$50 000 FROM DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS HAD BEEN EARMARKED FOR A CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO BE ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE AND \$30 000 HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN TO BE PROMOTED BY THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WAS TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS.

+A CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS HAS BEEN SET UP FOR THE OVERALL PLANNING, ORGANISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGN,+ MR YIP SAID.

OTHER PROJECTS PLANNED INCLUDED VISITS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, RESEARCH ON COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND PUBLISHING THE 'YAU MA TEI DISTRICT STRATEGY'.

MR YIP SAID THE DISTRICT STRATEGY WAS A DOCUMENT WHICH OUTLINED IN BROAD TERMS THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS PROGRAMME AREAS.

IT DESCRIBED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT AND COVERED THREE MAIN ASPECTS, NAMELY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN WOULD HELP TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN MAINTAINING A CLEAN AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, MR YIP SAID.

PUBLICITY WOULD ALSO BE MOUNTED TO URGE LOCAL RESIDENTS NOT TO THROW RUBBISH OUT OF THE WINDOW OR INTO BASINS AND DRAINS.

TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND ALSO TO INTRODUCE USEFUL MODERN HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO THEM, AN EXHIBITION ON HOME BEAUTIFICATION DESIGNS WOULD BE ORGANISED, HE SAID.

DURING THE YEAR, THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WOULD PUBLISH A HANDBOOK ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AND WAYS TO TACKLE THEM.

OTHER WORK PLANNED BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDED VARIOUS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN REAR LANES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO AMENITY FACILITIES.

IN THE MEANTIME, MR YIP SAID, A STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN WAS BEING ARRANGED FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CITY MANAGEMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND WELFARE SERVICES.

EXCEPT FOR THE STUDY TOUR WHICH WOULD BE AT MEMBERS' OWN EXPENSE, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEES WOULD BE FUNDED FROM THE \$1.06 MILLION DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS ALLOCATED IN 1986-87, HE SAID.

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258 000 DOGS INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES  
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MORE THAN 258 000 DOGS HAVE BEEN INOCULATED SINCE THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE BEGAN IN OCTOBER 1980.

ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO RABIES OUTBREAK SINCE AUGUST 1984, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS STRICTLY ENFORCING CONTROL MEASURES TO PREVENT ANY RESURGENCE OF THE DISEASE.

THESE MEASURES INCLUDE THE QUARANTINE OF IMPORTED DOGS AND CATS, CONTROL OF STRAY DOGS AND COMPULSORY DETENTION AND OBSERVATION OF ANIMALS WHICH HAVE BITTEN PEOPLE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THESE POINTS TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF A DISTRICT INOCULATION DRIVE TO BE MOUNTED IN TAI PO AND SAI KUNG NEXT MONTH.

THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE INOCULATION TEAMS WILL VISIT VILLAGES IN TAI PO FROM JUNE 2 TO 30 AND VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG FROM JUNE 3 TO 10.

APART FROM THE REMOTE RURAL VILLAGES, THEY WILL ALSO CALL ON MARICULTURE RAFTS IN THE FISH CULTURE ZONES OF AP CHAU, SAI LAU KONG, WONG WAN, LEUNG SHUEN WAN, KAU SAI, MA WAN, KAU LAU WAN, LO FU WAT, TUNG CHUNG AND PO TOI DURING THE PERIOD.

THE TAI PO VILLAGES INCLUDE SHUI WO, SHEUNG PAK NGAU SHEK, HA PAK NGAU SHEK, SHE SHAN TSUEN, TIN LIU HA, SAN TSUEN, LUNG A PAI, SAN TONG AND PING LONG.

THE SAI KUNG VILLAGES ARE TAI HANG HAU, MANG KUNG UK, PAN LONG WAN, TAI WAN TAU AND PIK SHUI SUN TSUEN.

+THESE VISITS ARE BEING ARRANGED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF THE VILLAGES CONCERNED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DOG OWNERS IN THESE VILLAGES AND FISH CULTURE ZONES SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE MOBILE SERVICE TO HAVE THEIR PETS INOCULATED AND LICENSED, HE SAID.

+THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT ANY PERSON KEEPING A DOG OVER FIVE MONTHS' OLD WITHOUT A LICENCE WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND MAKE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON CONVICTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

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DETAILS OF SAFETY IN OUTDOOR SPORTS  
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS COMMITTEE, DR S.F. LAM, WILL BE SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3.30 PM AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

HE WILL OUTLINE THE WORK OF HIS COMMITTEE AND ALSO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF ITS PUBLICITY PROGRAMME FOR THE COMING SPORTS SEASON TO ALERT THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISING SAFETY IN WATER AND LAND SPORTS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE 1986 WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR J.A. FORTUNE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE 1986 LAND SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR P.E. BIRNEY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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MORE TIME TO CONSIDER MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION  
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THE DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO INFORM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY WILL USE CHINESE AS THE TEACHING MEDIUM HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM JUNE 30 TO OCTOBER 31 THIS YEAR.

THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION HAD CONSIDERED VIEWS OF SUPERVISORS AND HEADS OF SCHOOLS AS WELL AS PARTIES CONCERNED FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN MID-APRIL OF A PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO ADOPT CHINESE.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION SHOULD GIVE SCHOOLS AMPLE TIME TO REACH A DECISION. HOWEVER, SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE ALREADY DECIDED OR ARE ABLE TO DO SO BY JUNE 30 SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR RETURNS BY THAT DATE RATHER THAN WAIT TILL OCTOBER.

IN A CIRCULAR TO SCHOOLS IN APRIL, THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT ADDITIONAL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AND OTHER RESOURCES WOULD BE PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS ON A SCALE DEPENDENT ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS USED CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION FOR SUBJECTS OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

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SOUTH LANTAU TO GET PIPED WATER SUPPLY  
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PEOPLE LIVING IN SOUTH LANTAU WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH PIPED CHLORINATED WATER IN PHASES STARTING FROM OCTOBER.

AT A MEETING OF THE LANTAU AREA COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY), ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF ISLANDS DISTRICT, MR WILSON FUNG, SAID A CONTRACT HAD BEEN LET TO LAY A PIPED SYSTEM SO THAT CHLORINATED WATER FROM SHEK PIK RESERVOIR COULD BE CONNECTED TO HOUSEHOLDS IN PUI O, CHEUNG SHA, TONG FUK, SHUI HAU, SAN SHEK WAN AND HAM TIN.

WORK ON THE SYSTEM WILL BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND 7 000 RESIDENTS WILL BENEFIT.

THE PROJECT REPRESENTS AN INITIAL STEP IN A PLAN TO SUPPLY PIPED WATER TO ALL OF SOUTH LANTAU. CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1988 WHICH WILL MEAN THAT MOST RESIDENTS LIVING IN SOUTH LANTAU WILL HAVE PROPER METERED WATER SUPPLY.

FOR MANY YEARS, RESIDENTS IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN USING STREAM WATER WHICH WAS NOT CHLORINATED.

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ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES FOR FEMALE INMATES  
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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MRS PEGGY LAM, AWARDED 22 ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES TO 12 YOUNG FEMALE INMATES AT TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE GIRLS, AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 20, HAD TAKEN PART IN THREE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR AND MARCH THIS YEAR, WHILE UNDERGOING TRAINING AT THE INSTITUTION.

SEVEN OF THE GIRLS RECEIVED CERTIFICATES FOR CREDITABLE PASSES IN THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE (FOOD AND BEVERAGE) EXAMINATION, FIRST INTRODUCED TO HONG KONG LAST DECEMBER.

THE OTHER FIVE GIRLS TOOK PART IN EXAMINATIONS THAT INCLUDED PITMAN TYPING AND PITMAN ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. RESULTS IN BOTH EXAMINATIONS WERE ENCOURAGING.

MRS LAM PRAISED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS COURSES TO FEMALE INMATES AND UPGRADING THEIR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE. SHE ALSO ENCOURAGED THE GIRLS TO SUSTAIN THEIR EFFORTS IN RE-INTEGRATING INTO THE SOCIETY.

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COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE JSEA REVIEW  
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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE REVIEW OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) SYSTEM AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (CENTRAL, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT), MR TSE KUM-SHING, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE REPORT ON THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS, A PROPOSED PROJECT ON HEALTH EDUCATION AND A PROPOSED COMMUNITY THERAPEUTIC CENTRE AT BELCHER'S STREET IN WESTERN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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SEMINAR ON CAREER IN FREIGHT INDUSTRY  
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TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON CAREERS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS IN THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY.

ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON JULY 19 AT 10 AM AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

FREIGHT TRANSPORT EXPERTS WILL BE INVITED TO TALK ON CAREERS IN AIR AND SEA FREIGHT, CARGO HANDLING TERMINALS, WAREHOUSING, TRUCKING AND CONTAINER HAULAGE. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SLIDE SHOW AND A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION.

THE SEMINAR IS FREE AND EACH SCHOOL CAN MAKE RESERVATIONS BY JULY 1 FOR A MAXIMUM OF 20 SEATS.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, ON 5-8932341 EXT. 254.

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RESTRICTED ZONES DESIGNATED  
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THE TSING YI FERRY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 31).

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUS TERMINUS.

FROM SUNDAY (JUNE 1), THE SAI KUNG-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, BETWEEN ANDERSON ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, WILL BE A PROHIBITED ZONE FOR GOODS VEHICLES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM.

THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON THE SAME SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A GOODS VEHICLE PROHIBITED ZONE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM.

NO GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PROHIBITED AREAS.

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