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STATEMENT ON HAN DONGFANG

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IN A MEETING WITH NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY OFFICIALS, THE ACTING POLITICAL ADVISER, MR JOHN ASHTON, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN AT THE EXPULSION FROM CHINA INTO HONG KONG ON AUGUST 14 OF MR HAN DONGFANG.

MR ASHTON POINTED OUT THAT THIS ACTION WAS CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

HE CALLED ON THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT URGENTLY TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION, AND TO ALLOW MR HAN TO RE-ENTER CHINA.

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STATEMENT ON HUTCHVISION'S APPOINTMENTS

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IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPOINTMENTS AT HUTCHVISION LIMITED, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID: "NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY HAS ANY SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO MAKE ON THESE APPOINTMENTS."

"THEY HAVE NO REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS.

"HUTCHVISION HONG KONG LIMITED REMAINS THE LICENCE HOLDER AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADHERENCE TO LICENCE CONDITIONS INCLUDING PROGRAMME STANDARDS.

"AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, HUTCHVISION HAS PROVED A RESPONSIBLE LICENSEE IN THE PAST AND WE CAN EXPECT THIS TO CONTINUE TO BE THE CASE."

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VEHICLE PARKING SITES BEING SOUGHT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE PARKING SITES FOR VEHICLES DISPLACED BY THE CLOSURE OF THE TWO TEMPORARY VEHICLE PARKS ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

ONE OF THE PARKS WAS CLOSED ON AUGUST 1. THE OTHER WILL BE CLOSED BY MID-SEPTEMBER. THE SITES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WORKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE TWO VEHICLE PARKS PROVIDED SOME 500 SPACES FOR PARKING OF GOODS VEHICLES.

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"IN VIEW OF THE IMMINENT NEED, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AND OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED, HAS BEEN ACTIVELY REVIEWING THE PARKING DEMAND FOR GOODS VEHICLES AND LOOKING INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF MAKING AVAILABLE OTHER ALTERNATIVE SITES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"INITIAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN EFFECTED ON THE PROVISION OF ON-STREET OVERNIGHT PARKING SPACES IN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA IN WESTERN, AND HEUNG YIP ROAD IN SOUTHERN. SOME 90 SPACES ARE THUS PROVIDED.

"A FURTHER 110 ON-STREET OVERNIGHT PARKING SPACES WILL BE PROVIDED IN FUNG MAT STREET AND WESTERN PARK ROAD ON THE WESTERN WATERFRONT," HE SAID.

A SITE IN SIU SAI WAN IS BEING PROCESSED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WITH A VIEW TO LETTING OUT ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FOR GOODS VEHICLE PARKING. THE SITE IS ABOUT 5,000 SQUARE METRES AND CAN ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN 100 GOODS VEHICLES.

THERE ARE A FEW TEMPORARY CAR PARKS IN QUARRY BAY WHERE PARKING OF ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES IS PERMITTED. THE TENANCY FOR THESE SITES WILL EXPIRE SOME TIME IN 1994, AND WILL BE RENEWED ON CONDITION THAT THESE SHALL BE USED SOLELY FOR GOODS VEHICLE PARKING.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE CONVERSION TO GOODS VEHICLE PARKING WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPACES FOR MORE THAN 100 GOODS VEHICLES.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SOME TEMPORARY SITES MAY BE AVAILABLE AT BELCHER BAY RECLAMATION PHASE I FROM AUGUST 1994 TO JANUARY 1997 AND WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN 200 SPACES FOR GOODS VEHICLE PARKING.

THE SITE AT TELEGRAPH BAY RECLAMATION IS NOW VACANT WITHOUT AN ACCESS ROAD. THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES, IS NOW EXAMINING THE PROVISION OF AN ACCESS ROAD TO THE SITE FOR GOODS VEHICLE PARKING.

THE SPOKESMAN ASSURED GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING VERY HARD TO FIND ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR THEM. ANY AVAILABLE SITES WOULD BE OPEN FOR USE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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BOARD TO REVIEW DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD WILL REVIEW THE DRAFT SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE WESTERN RECLAMATION AREA.

THE DRAFT PLAN, WHICH CONTAINS SEVERAL AMENDMENTS, WAS CONSIDERED AGAIN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH.

IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER CHANGES IN LAND USES ASSOCIATED WITH THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE WESTERN RECLAMATION AREA, THE COUNCIL REFERRED THE DRAFT PLAN BACK TO THE BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT.

"THE BOARD WILL AMEND THE DRAFT PLAN, WHICH, AFTER INCORPORATING THE LATEST AMENDMENTS, WILL BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN DUE COURSE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

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\$105M DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SPEND \$105 MILLION IN THE NEXT 29 MONTHS TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE WORKS WAS SIGNED THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING BETWEEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES (OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE), MR SIH NAM-SEN, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR, WING FAI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ALL EXISTING PUBLIC SEWERS, STORMWATER DRAINS, PUMPING STATIONS, FLOOD STORAGE PONDS AND SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES, MR SIH SAID.

"THE CONTRACT ALSO INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF MINOR SEWERS, DRAINS AND DRAINAGE STRUCTURES AND PLANTS," HE ADDED.

ALL THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN NEXT WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 25) FOR COMPLETION IN JANUARY 1996.

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PROPERTY TRANSACTION FIGURES FOR JULY

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF BUILDING UNITS, MAINLY FLATS, RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION IN THE LAND REGISTRY LAST MONTH INCREASED BY 47.4 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND BY 49.8 PER CENT COMPARED WITH JULY LAST YEAR.

THE LARGE INCREASE WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE AGREEMENTS SUBMITTED FOR REGISTRATION IN RESPECT OF SEVERAL MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN MA ON SHAN, SHAM TSENG, TSING LUNG TAU AND FANLING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ALL, 18,881 AGREEMENTS FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF BUILDING UNITS WERE RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION DURING THE MONTH. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED WAS \$55.83 BILLION.

THESE FIGURES ARE INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION IN THE URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES LAND REGISTRIES RELEASED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE LAND REGISTRAR.

A TABLE SHOWING THE RELEVANT STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1993 AND FOR JULY LAST YEAR IS ALSO RELEASED.

THERE WERE SEVEN BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 15,564 OTHER MORTGAGES RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION IN THE MONTH, COMPARED WITH ONE AND 18,296 RESPECTIVELY IN JULY LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW BUILDING MORTGAGES IN THE MONTH WAS \$0.38 BILLION COMPARED WITH \$0.05 BILLION IN JULY LAST YEAR.

BECAUSE OF SEVERAL HUGE MORTGAGES SUBMITTED FOR REGISTRATION LAST MONTH, THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW MORTGAGES OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES ROSE BY 131.9 PER CENT, FROM \$7.29 BILLION IN JULY 1992 TO \$16.91 BILLION IN JULY THIS YEAR.

REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS, AS EVIDENCED BY DISCHARGES AND MORTGAGEE'S RECEIPTS, DECREASED BY 26.5 PER CENT, FROM \$3.69 BILLION IN JULY LAST YEAR TO \$2.71 BILLION IN JULY THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TABLES SHOWING THE CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY STATISTICS IN RESPECT OF DEEDS RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION IN THE URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES AND A COMPARISON OF MONTHLY STATISTICS WILL BE FAXED AND BOXED.

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THE LAND REGISTRY
 Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received for
 registration in the Urban and New Territories District Land Registries

Month : July 1993

Item	Nature of Deeds	Number of Deeds received for registration			Consideration (\$)		
		Urban	New Territories	Total	Urban	New Territories	Total
1.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units	10,760 (11,218)	8,121 (8,242)	18,881 (19,460)	41,182,545,607.11	14,650,034,508.55	55,832,580,115.66
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	47	355	402	12,373,805,322.00	1,677,370,815.26	14,051,176,137.26
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	10,807	8,476	19,283	53,556,350,929.11	16,327,405,323.81	69,883,756,252.92
3.	Assignments of Building Units	8,408 (8,685)	7,105 (7,287)	15,513 (15,972)	26,800,996,582.95	9,626,682,805.34	36,427,679,388.29
4.	Assignments of Land	42	621	663	12,585,813,200.00	1,217,316,397.89	13,803,129,597.89
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	8,450	7,726	16,176	39,386,809,782.95	10,843,999,203.23	50,230,808,986.18
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	6	1	7	304,500,000.00	80,000,000.00	384,500,000.00
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	9,037	6,527	15,564	14,574,551,392.41	2,332,038,889.23	16,906,590,281.64
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	9,043	6,528	15,571	14,879,051,392.41	2,412,038,889.23	17,291,090,281.64
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	6,658	3,823	10,481	2,060,339,249.08	651,244,201.82	2,711,583,450.90
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	407	151	558			
9.	Exclusion Orders	2	0	2			
10.	Others	3,536	2,854	6,390			
	Total	38,903	29,558	68,461	109,882,551,353.55	30,234,687,618.09	140,117,238,971.64

Note : Figures in brackets denote number of units involved

THE LAND REGISTRY
Comparison of Monthly Statistics

Month : July 1993

Item	1993 July	1993 June	1992 July	July 1993 Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with			
				June 1993		July 1992	
				No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage
1. Agreements for Sales and Purchase of Building Units							
(a) No.	18,881	12,807	12,607	- 6,074	+ 47.4	+ 6,274	- 49.8
(b) Consideration	\$55,832,580,115.66	\$43,435,385,441.43	\$30,528,294,780.10	+ \$12,397,194,674.23	+ 28.5	+ \$25,304,285,335.56	+ 82.9
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land							
(a) No.	402	339	504	+ 63	+ 18.6	- 102	- 20.2
(b) Consideration	\$14,051,176,137.26	\$9,548,962,141.72	\$11,430,087,438.40	+ \$4,502,213,995.54	+ 47.1	+ \$2,621,088,698.86	+ 22.9
Sub-total of (1) + (2)							
(a) No.	19,283	13,146	13,111	+ 6,137	+ 46.7	+ 6,172	+ 47.1
(b) Consideration	\$69,883,756,252.92	\$52,984,347,583.15	\$41,958,382,218.50	+ \$16,899,408,669.77	+ 31.9	+ \$27,925,374,034.42	+ 66.6
3. Assignments of Building Units							
(a) No.	15,513	11,123	18,202	+ 4,390	+ 39.5	- 2,689	- 14.8
(b) Consideration	\$36,427,679,388.29	\$23,239,881,877.00	\$34,164,183,190.87	+ \$13,187,797,511.29	+ 56.7	+ \$2,263,496,197.42	+ 6.6
4. Assignments of Land							
(a) No.	663	664	856	- 1	- 0.2	- 193	- 22.5
(b) Consideration	\$13,803,129,597.89	\$4,212,205,466.72	\$7,752,491,248.20	+ \$9,590,924,131.17	+ 227.7	+ \$6,050,638,349.69	+ 78.0
Sub-total of (3) + (4)							
(a) No.	16,176	11,787	19,058	+ 4,389	+ 37.2	- 2,882	- 15.1
(b) Consideration	\$50,230,808,986.18	\$27,452,087,343.72	\$41,916,674,439.07	+ \$22,778,721,642.46	+ 83.0	+ \$8,314,134,547.11	+ 19.8
5. Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges							
(a) No.	7	7	1	0	0.0	+ 6	- 600.0
(b) Consideration	\$384,500,000.00	\$162,183,000.00	\$4,800,000.00	+ \$222,317,000.00	+ 137.1	- \$379,700,000.00	- 7,910.4
6. Other Mortgages/Legal Charges							
(a) No.	15,564	12,216	18,296	+ 3,348	+ 27.4	- 2,732	- 14.9
(b) Consideration	\$16,906,590,281.64	\$6,665,429,054.67	\$7,291,406,758.85	+ \$10,241,161,226.97	+ 153.6	+ \$9,615,183,522.79	+ 131.9
Sub-total of (5) + (6)							
(a) No.	15,571	12,223	18,297	+ 3,348	+ 27.4	- 2,726	- 14.9
(b) Consideration	\$17,291,090,281.64	\$6,827,612,054.67	\$7,296,206,758.85	+ \$10,463,478,226.97	+ 153.3	+ \$9,994,883,522.79	+ 137.0
7. Receipts/Discharges/Releases							
(a) No.	10,481	8,252	12,523	+ 2,229	+ 27.0	- 2,042	- 16.3
(b) Consideration	\$2,711,583,450.90	\$3,498,246,315.92	\$3,691,636,871.63	- \$786,662,865.02	- 22.5	- \$980,053,420.73	- 26.5

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1,290 APPLY FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF FORM 6 PLACES

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID 1,290 STUDENTS HAD APPLIED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF THE REMAINING 232 SECONDARY 6 PLACES.

HE REMINDED APPLICANTS THAT RESULTS WOULD BE DISPLAYED NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 24) AT THE SAME CENTRE WHERE THEY APPLIED.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS SHOULD TAKE THEIR ALLOCATION SLIPS TO THEIR CHOSEN SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION BEFORE 3.30 PM ON THE SAME DAY.

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SPECIAL MAIL DELIVERY ON AUGUST 28

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THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MRS DORIS HO, ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT A SPECIAL MAIL DELIVERY WOULD BE PROVIDED ON THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY ON AUGUST 28.

NO DELIVERY WOULD BE MADE ON AUGUST 29 AND 30.

ALL POST OFFICES WOULD BE CLOSED FROM AUGUST 28 TO 30.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN TAI PO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL GO OFF FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 20) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT KAM SHAN ROAD, SHEK LIN ROAD, PAK SHING STREET, KAM SHAN TSUEN, KAM SHEK SAN TSUEN AND SHEK KWU LUNG.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,040
REVERSAL OF LAF	+960
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-600
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,400
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.0 *+0.0* 18.8.93	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.21 PCT	15 MONTHS	2411	4.375	101.18	3.68
1 MONTH	3.02 PCT	18 MONTHS	2502	4.625	101.24	3.92
3 MONTHS	3.04 PCT	21 MONTHS	2505	4.75	99.25	4.24
6 MONTHS	3.14 PCT	24 MONTHS	2508	3.75	100.56	4.38
12 MONTHS	3.47 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,463 MN

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