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HK READY TO HELP OVER SHENZHEN FIRE

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HONG KONG WAS READY TO OFFER ANY FURTHER HELP AND ASSISTANCE SHENZHEN MIGHT REQUIRE FOLLOWING THE FIRE YESTERDAY.

"IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN DO, WE WILL CERTAINLY TRY TO HELP," HE SAID.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CONFERENCE, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE EVERYTHING THAT A GOOD NEIGHBOUR WOULD DO UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO THE MAYOR OF SHENZHEN OFFERING THE GOVERNMENT'S CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO ALL THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES OR WERE INJURED IN THE FIRE.

ASKED ABOUT SAFETY OF THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, SIR DAVID SAID NO PARALLELS SHOULD BE DRAWN BETWEEN WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR DAYA BAY.

"THERE IS A VERY CLOSE CONTROL OF DAYA BAY AND ITS DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

"IT'S BEING DEVELOPED UNDER INTERNATIONAL CODES OF PRACTICE.

"WE, OF COURSE, ARE IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES OVER THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF IT AND ALSO INDEED OF ANY OF THE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF ANY ACCIDENT OR EMERGENCY.

"WE ARE PUTTING IN PLACE ARRANGEMENTS AGREED BY BOTH SIDES TO ENSURE THAT THEY WILL BE AS SAFE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN MAKE IT.

SIR DAVID ALSO REJECTED SUGGESTIONS THAT THERE WERE PARALLELS BETWEEN THE SHENZHEN INCIDENT AND THE STORAGE FACILITIES ON TSING YI ISLAND.

HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE EXTREMELY TIGHT PROCEDURES ON TSING YI AND THE FIRE SERVICES CARRIED OUT REGULAR INSPECTIONS.

"WE HAVE VERY TIGHT REGULATIONS AS TO THE STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND LPG AND SO ON. AND I THINK THAT PEOPLE CAN REST ASSURED THAT THE SORT OF THING THAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY IN SHENZHEN COULD NOT HAPPEN ON TSING YI.

"I BELIEVE THAT ALL THE PRECAUTIONS WE HAVE TAKEN WOULD PREVENT SUCH AN ACCIDENT HAPPENING IN THAT WAY," HE ADDED.

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WATER FROM CHINA NOT AFFECTED BY SHENZHEN EXPLOSION

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THE EXPLOSION AND FIRE IN SHENZHEN YESTERDAY DID NOT AFFECT THE QUALITY OF WATER FROM CHINA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR QINGSHUI RIVER WHICH IS NOT A TRIBUTARY TO SHENZHEN RESERVOIR WHERE THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO HONG KONG IS DRAWN.

THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR CHINA WATER SUPPLY, THE DONGSHEN WATER SUPPLY BUREAU, INFORMED WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT THIS MORNING THAT AFTER THE INCIDENT, THE SHENZHEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU HAD TESTED THE WATER AT SHENZHEN RESERVOIR.

"IT IS REPORTED THAT UP TO PRESENT, NO EFFECT OF THE EXPLOSION AND FIRE HAS BEEN DETECTED IN THE WATER BEING SUPPLIED TO HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUOUS MONITORING AT MUK WU RECEPTION POINT HAD NOT DETECTED ANY CHANGE IN WATER QUALITY SINCE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE TREATED WATER SUPPLIED TO CONSUMERS COMPLIED WITH THE PRESCRIBED STANDARDS AND WAS SAFE FOR DRINKING.

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MESSAGE FROM SIR DAVID FORD, ACTING GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG
TO MR LI YOUWEI, MAYOR OF SHENZHEN

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THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WITH SHOCK THE EVENTS IN SHENZHEN FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSIONS THERE YESTERDAY. ON THEIR BEHALF, AND THAT OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SYMPATHY TO THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES FOR THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE AND DAMAGE TO THE LIVELIHOOD OF SO MANY PEOPLE CAUSED BY THE EXPLOSIONS AND SUBSEQUENT FIRE. I ALSO SEND PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE CASUALTIES.

AS YOU KNOW, THE EMERGENCY SERVICES IN HONG KONG WERE WORKING THROUGH LAST NIGHT TO SEE WHAT ASSISTANCE WE COULD PROVIDE SHOULD YOU NEED IT. WE REMAIN READY TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN, FOR EXAMPLE TO SUPPORT YOUR FIRE FIGHTING OPERATIONS OR PROVIDE BACK UP FOR YOUR HOSPITALS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD BE USEFUL.

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SHENZHEN FOOD AND WATER NOT POLLUTED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE SHENZHEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU THAT IT HAD BEEN MONITORING THE AIR, WATER AND VEGETABLES IN THE CITY SINCE THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT OCCURRED YESTERDAY.

UP TO NOW, THEY HAVE NOT DISCOVERED THAT THESE HAVE BEEN POLLUTED IN ANY WAY.

THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES WOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IF THEY DISCOVER ANY CONTAMINATION OF FOOD OR WATER TO BE EXPORTED TO HONG KONG.

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CHECKS ON IMPORTED VEGETABLES

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (FRIDAY) HAS STEPPED UP EXAMINATION OF IMPORTED VEGETABLES, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM SHENZHEN AND BUJI.

A TOTAL OF 48 VEHICLES CONTAINING VEGETABLES WERE INSPECTED AND THE VEGETABLES EXAMINED DID NOT CONTAIN EXCESSIVE DUST OR UNUSUAL SMELL. SAMPLES OF VEGETABLES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR FURTHER LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS.

THE RESULTS, WHICH WERE AVAILABLE TONIGHT, SHOWED NO EVIDENCE OF POLLUTION AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT.

AS A GENERAL PRECAUTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE AGAIN REMINDED TO OBSERVE GOOD FOOD HYGIENE PRACTICE INCLUDING THOROUGH WASHING AND COOKING OF VEGETABLES BEFORE CONSUMPTION.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS ALSO CONTACTED THE COMMODITY INSPECTION BUREAU, THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING EXPORTED VEGETABLES. THE BUREAU CONFIRMED THAT VEGETABLES EXPORTED TO HONG KONG WERE NOT CONTAMINATED AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION.

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STRICT MEASURES MAINTAINED FOR EXPLOSIVES

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STRICT SAFETY MEASURES RELATING TO EXPLOSIVES ARE MAINTAINED IN HONG KONG IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT STRESSED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE DEPARTMENT'S MINES AND QUARRIES DIVISION HAS OVER 26 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN THE HANDLING OF EXPLOSIVES. THERE HAS BEEN NO ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION ARISING FROM STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES DURING THAT TIME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SAFETY MEASURES MAINTAINED INCLUDED PROPER PACKAGING, SEPARATION OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS, PROHIBITION OF SMOKING AND FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES.

SAFE DISTANCES ARE MAINTAINED FROM OTHER FACILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS LAID DOWN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM EXPLOSIVES ACT.

WORK IS PROCEEDING ON A PLAN TO MOVE THE MAIN GOVERNMENT EXPLOSIVES DEPOT ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND TO KAU SHAT WAN ON LANTAU IN EARLY 1997.

THE EXPLOSIVES STORED ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND IN A MUCH SMALLER DEPOT AT PIPERS HILL, TAI PO, ARE DELIVERED TO BLASTING SITES BY THE MINES AND QUARRIES DIVISION IN SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED EXPLOSIVES VESSELS AND TRUCKS UNDER STRICT SUPERVISION.

THE UNITED KINGDOM ROAD TRAFFIC (CARRIAGE OF EXPLOSIVES) REGULATIONS AND THE ASSOCIATED CODE OF PRACTICE ARE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

PRACTICALLY ALL THE EXPLOSIVES CONSUMED IN HONG KONG ARE USED IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TWO MAIN TYPES OF EXPLOSIVES ARE USED. THEY ARE BULK EXPLOSIVES SUCH AS AMMONIUM NITRATE MIXTURES (ANFO) AND CARTRIDGED EXPLOSIVES.

THE AMMONIUM NITRATE USED IN ANFO IS CONTROLLED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES.

BULK EXPLOSIVES ARE MANUFACTURED LOCALLY UNDER A LICENCE GRANTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MINES FOR USE ON THE SAME DAY. NO OVERNIGHT STORAGE IS PERMITTED.

THE MINES AND QUARRIES DIVISION CARRIES OUT REGULAR INSPECTIONS OF THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

SOME CARTRIDGED EXPLOSIVES ARE MANUFACTURED IN HONG KONG IN A LICENCED FACTORY ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND. OVERNIGHT STORAGE OF CARTRIDGED EXPLOSIVES IS PERMITTED, BUT ONLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPLOSIVE DEPOTS AND LICENCED MAGAZINES.

GREEN PAPER ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN THE MAKING
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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN WILL BE A LIVELY ISSUE FOR DEBATE WHEN A GREEN PAPER IS PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CONFERENCE, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAD TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT.

"AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A FAST GROWING ECONOMY AND THE CONTINUED PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS, WOMEN ARE PLAYING A MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN MANY FACETS OF OUR COMMUNITY LIFE.

"SO THERE IS NO DOUBT THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE IN THIS OPEN BUT COMPETITIVE SOCIETY, FOR WOMEN TO REACH THE TOP," HE SAID.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSAL SECONDARY EDUCATION A COUPLE OF DECADES AGO AND A DOUBLING OF THE PLACES AT UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN A HEALTHY INCREASE IN WOMEN MANAGERS, PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN HONG KONG.

OF THE PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING LAWYERS, DOCTORS, ACCOUNTANTS, NO FEWER THAN 32 PER CENT ARE WOMEN.

AS REGARDS THE GAP OF PAY DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG WAS NOT DOING TOO BADLY IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN THE LEAD BY INTRODUCING EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN AND MEN 18 YEARS AGO, HE SAID.

THE MEDIAN INCOME OF WOMEN IN RELATION TO THAT OF MEN INCREASES APPRECIABLY FROM 69 PER CENT IN 1981 TO 77 PER CENT IN 1991.

THE WAGE DIFFERENTIALS WILL CONTINUE TO NARROW BECAUSE THE TIGHT LABOUR MARKET IN THE TERRITORY WILL LEAVE LITTLE SCOPE FOR EMPLOYERS TO PAY FEMALE EMPLOYEES DIFFERENTLY FROM THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS FOR JOBS OF EQUAL VALUE, HE ADDED.

PEOPLE HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE

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HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR FUTURE, ACCORDING TO AN OPINION POLL CONDUCTED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) LAST MONTH.

RELEASING THE FINDINGS OF THE TELEPHONE SURVEY TODAY (FRIDAY), A CNTA SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ONLY 40 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER "HONG KONG'S FUTURE" - A SIGNIFICANT 8 PER CENT DROP OVER THE 48 PER CENT RECORDED IN THE LAST SURVEY IN MAY.

THE SURVEY WAS THE 47TH BIMONTHLY ONE CONDUCTED TO GAUGE THE TREND OF PUBLIC OPINION IN RESPECT OF PERCEIVED PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND THE COMMUNITY'S EXPECTATION OF THE GENERAL SITUATION.

A TOTAL OF 1,543 RESPONDENTS WERE SUCCESSFULLY INTERVIEWED IN THE POLL FROM JULY 12 TO 16.

THE FINDINGS ALSO SHOWED THAT 80 PER CENT OF THOSE WHO MENTIONED THE "HONG KONG'S FUTURE" AS A PROBLEM CONSIDERED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD EXERTED EFFORTS TO SOLVE IT, THE PERCENTAGE WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS 77 PER CENT, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ON OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN UNDER THIS SUBJECT, ONLY 18 PER CENT RAISED THE "RETURN OF SOVEREIGNTY/1997" AND 23 PER CENT ON THE "CHINA-HONG KONG RELATIONS". THESE PERCENTAGES ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THE 28 PER CENT RECORDED FOR BOTH IN THE MAY POLL.

THE SECOND MOST-TALKED-ABOUT PROBLEM WAS "HOUSING" WHICH CONSTITUTED 34 PER CENT OF THOSE INTERVIEWED AND COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH THE 36 PER CENT RECORDED IN MAY.

FIFTY PER CENT WERE SATISFIED WITH THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT, COMPARED WITH 55 PER CENT IN THE LAST POLL.

SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT WERE SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION AND 65 PER CENT HAD CONFIDENCE THAT HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROSPEROUS AND STABLE - THE SAME AS THE FINDINGS REVEALED IN THE MAY POLL.

THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED ON A SYSTEMATIC RANDOM SAMPLE OF RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS CONTAINED IN THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD OF A SELECTED TELEPHONE NUMBER, A RESPONDENT AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 64 WAS RANDOMLY CHOSEN FOR THE INTERVIEW.

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GAS SAFETY FEES TO BE REVISED

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VARIOUS FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE GAS SAFETY ORDINANCE WILL BE REVISED NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 9) TO REFLECT THE INCREASED COSTS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES.

THREE SETS OF REGULATIONS TO THIS EFFECT WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE THE GAS SAFETY (GAS SUPPLY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1993, GAS SAFETY (REGISTRATION OF GAS INSTALLERS AND GAS CONTRACTORS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1993 AND GAS SAFETY (REGISTRATION OF GAS SUPPLY COMPANIES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1993.

THE GAS SAFETY (GAS SUPPLY) REGULATIONS STIPULATE THE FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION WORK ON NOTIFIABLE GAS INSTALLATIONS; APPROVAL TO USE NOTIFIABLE GAS INSTALLATIONS; AND ISSUE AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF PERMITS FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES - ROAD TANKERS AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS CYLINDER WAGONS.

THE GAS SAFETY (REGISTRATION OF GAS INSTALLERS AND GAS CONTRACTORS) REGULATIONS STIPULATE THE FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A GAS INSTALLER AND A GAS CONTRACTOR.

THE GAS SAFETY (REGISTRATION OF GAS SUPPLY COMPANIES) REGULATIONS STIPULATE THE FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A GAS SUPPLY COMPANY.

"IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT FEES CHARGED BY THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD IN GENERAL BE SET AT A LEVEL SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE EXISTING FEES WERE BASED ON THE COSTS FOR 1990/91 AND HAVE BEEN IN FORCE SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE GAS SAFETY ORDINANCE IN APRIL 1991.

"THEY WILL BE REVISED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INCREASE IN COSTS BETWEEN 1990/91 AND 1993/94, WHICH WAS ABOUT 31 PER CENT," HE SAID.

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CONDITIONS AT MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME SATISFACTORY

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) REITERATED THAT CONDITIONS INSIDE THE MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME WERE HYGIENIC AND THAT THE HANDFUL OF GIRLS WHO HAD VENEREAL DISEASES WERE RECEIVING PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION.

HE FURTHER REFUTED CHARGES THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD WARNED DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST STAFF WHO DISCLOSED CONDITIONS ABOUT THE HOME, AS REPORTED EARLIER BY A PAPER, QUOTING SOMEONE CLAIMED TO BE A WORKER INSIDE THE HOME.

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"WE WILL NOT STOP OUR STAFF GIVING OUT FACTS ABOUT CONDITIONS INSIDE THE HOME ESPECIALLY NOW THE ISSUE HAS BECOME A MAJOR CONCERN OF THE PARENTS OF THOSE GIRLS," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THESE WERE FACTS, NOT SOME UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS.

"BEING RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL WORK PERSONNEL THEY SHOULD KNOW SUCH UNTRUTHFUL ALLEGATIONS WILL HARM THE GIRLS UNDER OUR CARE. IN FACT THEIR PARENTS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY ARE UPSET BY THESE REPORTS AND OUR STAFF ARE BUSY COUNSELLING THEM," HE SAID.

HE SAID A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICIAL CARRIED OUT AN INSPECTION THIS MORNING, FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS OF UNHYGIENIC CONDITIONS OF THE HOME.

THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE HEALTH OFFICIAL WAS SATISFIED WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THE HOME.

HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE TO COPE WITH THE GROWING NUMBER OF GIRLS IN THE HOME.

"THESE INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL SESSION BY VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS AND TEMPORARY DEPLOYMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL NURSES," HE SAID.

A HEALTH TALK SESSION IS ALSO BEING ARRANGED FOR STAFF AND GIRLS IN CARE TOMORROW, HE SAID.

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WORK COMMENCEMENT DATE DESIGNATED

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING ORDINANCE, THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS HAS DESIGNATED AUGUST 2 AS THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL THREE-LANE TUNNEL, A TOLL PLAZA AND AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION AND AN INTERCHANGE ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION AT SAI YING PUN. THEY WILL BE COMPLETED IN MID-1997.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME."

"THE DESIGNATION OF AUGUST 2 FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION ENABLES THE FRANCHISEE TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE SITE BEFORE MAJOR WORKS BEGIN," HE SAID.

PLAN FOR BRIDGE ISLAND FINALISED
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THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHIP IMPACT PROTECTION ISLAND ON THE LANTAU SIDE OF THE KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGE HAS BEEN FINALISED AND IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 1991 BEFORE THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE BRIDGE. DETAILED DESIGN WORK DONE SINCE THEN HAS IDENTIFIED THE NEED TO EXTEND THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORISED.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/TSUEN WAN.

ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 5 THIS YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE CLAIMS TO BE AFFECTED.

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COMMITTEE TO CO-ORDINATE SERVICES FOR YOUTHS AT RISK
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THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT RISK HAS BEEN FORMED TO CO-ORDINATE SERVICES FOR YOUTHS AT RISK, THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ANTHONY CHAN WAI-KWAN, SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A YOUTH CAMP ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ARTIST TRAINING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TODAY (FRIDAY), MR CHAN SAID YOUNG PEOPLE FACED PROBLEMS LIKE DRUG ABUSE, TRIAD, ABSCONDENCE AND SEX.

IN ORDER TO HELP THEM, THE GOVERNMENT IS OMMITTED TO PROVIDING VARIOUS KINDS OF YOUTH SERVICES, INCLUDING SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK AND YOUTH CENTRE SERVICES, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IS SET UP TO HELP DISADVANTAGED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUTHS.

UNDER THIS COMMITTEE, TWO WORKING GROUPS WERE FORMED, ONE ON SERVICES FOR YOUTHS AT RISK AND THE OTHER ON CHILD ABUSE.

THE WORKING GROUP ON SERVICES FOR YOUTH AT RISK WILL LOOK INTO THE EMOTIONAL AND INTERPERSONAL PROBLEMS FACED BY YOUNG PEOPLE, THE EXISTING SERVICES, AND THE NEED TO BEEF UP CO-ORDINATION OF VARIOUS SERVICES, MR CHAN SAID.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS HAVE JOINTLY SET UP A HOTLINE TO PROVIDE COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, HE SAID.

"COUNSELLORS WOULD REFER THE FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN TROUBLE TO SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION IF NECESSARY."

MEANWHILE, MR CHAN ALSO COMMENDED THE HONG KONG ARTIST TRAINING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONCERN ON YOUTH SERVICES.

THE YOUTH CAMP, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS ORGANISED WITH THE AIM TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS LIFE.

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CONTRACT SIGNED FOR SAI O WATER PUMPING STATION

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S PROJECT TO EXPAND FACILITIES TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA TOOK ANOTHER MAJOR STEP FORWARD TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH THE AWARD OF A \$43.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION IN SAI O, SAI KUNG.

THE PUMPING STATION, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 1.5 MILLION CUBIC METRES PER DAY, WILL TRANSFER RAW WATER BETWEEN PLOVER COVE AND HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIRS.

IT WILL ALSO IMPROVE THE INLET WORKS AT PAK KONG AND SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS TO MEET ANTICIPATED TREATED WATER OUTPUT REQUIREMENT AFTER 1994.

ASSOCIATED PIPEWORKS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT.

THE WORKS WILL START THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR CHINA WATER, MR LEUNG MANG-CHIU, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GAMMON CONSTRUCTION LIMITED.

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SAI KUNG ELECTORS GO TO THE POLLS

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VOTERS IN SAI KUNG WILL GO TO THE POLLS ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 8) TO ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED THE 47, 244 ELECTORS THERE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT BY CASTING THEIR VOTES AT THE DESIGNATED POLLING STATIONS.

ELECTORS WILL HAVE A CHOICE OF SEVEN CANDIDATES, AN ALL-TIME HIGH FIGURE FOR A SINGLE-SEAT CONSTITUENCY.

THE INTENSE COMPETITION IS HOPED TO IMPROVE THE TURNOUT RATE FOR THE CONSTITUENCY. IN THE 1991 REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION, 31 PER CENT OF ELECTORS TURNED OUT TO VOTE.

THERE WILL BE 12 POLLING STATIONS, OPEN FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM.

VOTERS MUST PRODUCE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS TO ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTITY.

ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A MUST FOR THEM TO BRING ALONG THEIR POLL CARDS, IT WILL SAVE TIME AND AVOID UNNECESSARY DELAY IF THEY DO SO.

VOTING IS BY SECRET BALLOT. ELECTORS MAY VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE BY MARKING AN "X" AGAINST THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE ON THE BALLOT PAPER.

IF ELECTORS HAVE ANY PROBLEM, PRESIDING OFFICERS AT THE POLLING STATIONS WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA TO COVER THE BY-ELECTION:

PRESS CENTRE

A PRESS CENTRE WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 8) FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THERE WILL BE THREE TELEPHONE LINES AND A FACSIMILE MACHINE FOR USE BY REPORTERS. A HOTLINE (791 1125) FOR THE PRESS WILL ALSO BE SET UP DURING THE BY-ELECTION.

CAR PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE PRESS CENTRE.

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VISIT BY REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO POLLING STATION

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL VISIT TWO POLLING STATIONS ON SUNDAY MORNING.

THEY WILL FIRST VISIT THE POLLING STATION AT SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL AROUND 10 AM AND LATER THE ONE AT PO LAM ESTATE CARMEL SECONDARY SCHOOL AROUND 10.35 AM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP REPORTERS COVER THE VISITS.

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DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON CHEUNG CHAU

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO CONSTRUCT SUBMARINE OUTFALLS IN THE FORESHORE AND SEABED ON CHEUNG CHAU.

THE WORKS, WHICH FORM PART OF AN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR EXISTING ROADS AND DRAINS IN CHEUNG CHAU OLD TOWN, WILL START IN JANUARY 1994 FOR COMPLETION BY JULY 1996.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN AUTHORISATION TO THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED TO LAY AN ADDITIONAL SUBMARINE CABLE BETWEEN CHI MA WAN PENINSULA OF LANTAU AND TAI SHEK HAU OF CHEUNG CHAU TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO CHEUNG CHAU.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN OCTOBER 1994 FOR COMPLETION IN DECEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AFFECTED ARE DESCRIBED IN NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS MAY SEND TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 6, 1994.

THE NOTICES TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, AND AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, CHEUNG CHAU SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 22 SAN HING STREET, CHEUNG CHAU.

THE PLAN OF THE SUBMARINE CABLE CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE MUI WO SUB-OFFICE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD, LANTAU.

THE PLANS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

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LAYING OF GAS PIPE PROPOSED

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A GAS PIPE WILL BE LAID TO LINK UP WITH THE MAIN PIPE FROM HAINAN TO SUPPLY FUEL FOR A POWER STATION BEING BUILT AT BLACK POINT, TUEN MUN.

THIS PROJECT, TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CASTLE PEAK POWER COMPANY, INVOLVES DREDGING IN THE FORESHORE AND SEABED OFF BLACK POINT TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF A FIVE-KILOMETRE PIPE FOR THE LARGE THERMAL POWER STATION.

THE WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN THREE MONTHS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 6.

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH THE RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE POWER STATION IN BLACK POINT.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PLAN CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE.

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DREDGING AT TAI TAM BAY PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT DREDGING IN THE FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TAI TAM BAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHANNEL FOR A CASTING BASIN AT SHEK O QUARRY.

THE WORKS WILL START LATER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

THE EXTENT OF THE FORESHORE AND SEABED AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 6, THIS YEAR.

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THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AND AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN.

THE PLAN CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE.

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RECRUITMENT OF MUSIC OFFICE TRAINEES

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THE MUSIC OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT WOULD RECRUIT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR ITS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN MUSIC WOULD BE ABLE TO ENROL IN THE MUSIC OFFICE'S TRAINING CLASSES TO LEARN WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS INCLUDING VIOLIN, ER-HU, PIPA, TRUMPET AND FLUTE.

WEEKLY ONE-HOUR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ONE OF THE FIVE REGIONAL MUSIC CENTRES WHICH ARE IN HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN.

AT THE HIGHER GRADES, STUDENTS WOULD ALSO RECEIVE AURAL/THEORY TRAINING AND ORCHESTRAL/ENSEMBLE TRAINING.

THE NEW TUITION FEES, WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, THIS YEAR, ARE \$100, \$150, \$200 AND \$250 A MONTH FOR THE ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE, AND HIGHER LEVELS AND SPECIAL TRAINING RESPECTIVELY.

THEY REPRESENT INCREASES OF \$40 TO \$100 PER MONTH ON THE CURRENT FEES.

NEW RECRUITS AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL WOULD ONLY NEED TO PAY \$100 A MONTH.

"THE LAST FEE REVISION WAS MADE NEARLY THREE YEARS AGO," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID.

HE SAID: "SUCH REVISIONS ARE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S REGULAR EXERCISE TO SET FEES AT A REALISTIC LEVEL AND COVER PART OF THE COSTS.

THE FEES COVER INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING CLASSES, AURAL/THEORY TRAINING AND ORCHESTRAL/ENSEMBLE TRAINING AS THE CASE MAY BE.

"THEY REMAIN VERY LOW WHEN COMPARED WITH CHARGES FOR SIMILAR TRAINING PROVIDED BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ANY STUDENTS WHO HAVE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES CAN APPLY FOR FEE REMISSION.

THE APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGIONAL MUSIC CENTRES BY MID-SEPTEMBER.

APPLICANTS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND A HANDS AND MOUTH INSPECTION AND SIMPLE VOICE TEST IN THE MUSIC CENTRES IN OCTOBER. THE NEW CLASSES WOULD START IN NOVEMBER.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 582 5314 (HEADQUARTERS), 802 0657 (HONG KONG), 796 2893 (KWUN TONG), 399 2200 (MONG KOK), 417 6429 (TSUEN WAN) OR 606 5731 (SHA TIN).

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HONG KONG - OPPORTUNITY ASIA
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OVERSEAS BUSINESSMEN WERE BEGINNING TO REALISE HONG KONG'S GREAT POTENTIAL AS A PLACE IN WHICH TO DEVELOP THEIR OPERATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN TOKYO, MR DAVID LAN.

ADDRESSING A GATHERING OF 120 BUSINESS LEADERS OF THE JAPAN CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE (JCIF) IN TOKYO, MR LAN SAID IN ADDITION TO HONG KONG BEING THE GATEWAY TO CHINA, IT WAS AN ASIAN HUB.

JCIF IS A SEMI-GOVERNMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MINISTRY FINANCE AND THE BANK OF JAPAN (JAPAN'S CENTRAL BANK). ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE ALL MAJOR BANKS AND LARGE- AND MEDIUM-SIZED SECURITIES HOUSES AND TRUST BANKS.

"WHILE HONG KONG AND CHINA ARE EACH OTHER'S LARGEST OUTSIDE INVESTOR AND TRADING PARTNER, HONG KONG IS ALSO THE LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTOR IN VIETNAM, THE SECOND LARGEST IN INDONESIA AND THE THIRD LARGEST IN THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES.

"BUSINESSMEN ARE CHOOSING HONG KONG BECAUSE OF OUR EXCELLENT BANKING, FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

MR LAN SAID HONG KONG ALSO HAD A POOL OF EXPERTS WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF, AND EXPERIENCE IN, DEALING WITH CHINA AND OTHER NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES. HONG KONG'S RULE OF LAW WAS ALSO ANOTHER MAJOR FACTOR.

ON THE ECONOMY, HE REITERATED THAT HONG KONG WAS STILL LOOKING AT A GROWTH RATE OF AROUND FIVE PER CENT THIS YEAR.

/"OUR TRADE

"OUR TRADE IS SUPPORTED BROADLY ONE-THIRD BY CHINA, ONE-THIRD BY THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION, AND ONE-THIRD BY THE REST OF THE WORLD. THIS IS A VERY HEALTHY BALANCE AS HONG KONG IS, IN A WAY, PROTECTED EVEN IF ONE OF THE THREE SECTORS SUFFERS A TEMPORARY SETBACK."

MR LAN ADDED THAT THE JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE RECENT AGREEMENT WITH CHINA ON THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION HAD GIVEN ADDITIONAL IMPETUS TO THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT.

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LAND TO BE RESUMED FOR DRAINAGE WORKS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME SOME PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN NAI WAI, TUEN MUN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE CHANNEL TO RESOLVE FLOODING PROBLEM IN THE AREA.

THE LAND, COMPRISING PORTIONS OF 10 LOTS, HAS A TOTAL AREA OF 592 SQUARE METRES.

IT WILL BE REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT THREE MONTHS AFTER THE RESUMPTION NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FLAG DAYS LINED UP FOR SECOND HALF OF 1993

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NINETEEN ORGANISATIONS WILL HOLD FLAG DAYS IN THE COMING MONTHS, A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 IN CASE OF DOUBTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO FLAG DAY ORGANISERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE FRAUD.

"THEY SHOULD EXERCISE GREATER CARE IN MONITORING THEIR FLAG-SELLING ACTIVITIES," HE ADDED.

THE ORGANISERS ARE ADVISED TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES AND THE TIMES FOR SELLING, AND THE COLLECTION POINTS FOR BAGS.

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"FLAG DAY ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF FLAGS OR COLLECTION BAGS, AND SEEK THEIR ASSISTANCE WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND," HE SAID.

THE FLAG DAYS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR ARE:

DATE ----	ORGANISATION -----
AUGUST 7	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE
21	ARTS WITH DISABLED ASSOCIATION HK
SEPTEMBER 4	PO LEUNG KUK
11	THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HK
18	HK KIDNEY PATIENTS TRUST FUND
25	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS
OCTOBER 2	SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED
9	THE CHESHIRE HOME HONG KONG
16	HK SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
27 (WED)	SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HOSPICE CARE
30	HK TUBERCULOSIS CHEST & HEART DISEASED ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 6	HK ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
13	THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
20	HK FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH
27	THE SALVATION ARMY
DECEMBER 4	HK OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL
11	SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CHILDREN (DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN HOSPITAL)
18	COMMUNITY CHEST OF HK
22 (WED)	HK PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

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CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE TWO UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN NORTH POINT SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT CAUSING DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES, APPENDAGES ON THE EXTERNAL WALL OF FLAT B ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 94 CHUN YEUNG STREET AND FLAT C ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF 94A ARE USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON OCTOBER 8 WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION OF THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IS EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

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CARNIVAL TO KICK OFF HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN

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A CARNIVAL AND EXHIBITION TO LAUNCH A HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD IN WHAMPOA GARDEN ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 8).

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) AND THE HUTCHISON WHAMPOA PROPERTY GROUP TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF HOME SAFETY.

THE CARNIVAL AND EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FROM 12.30 PM TO 6.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN WITH A GRAND OPENING CEREMONY AT 12.30 PM AT SITE 12 OF THE WHAMPOA GARDEN SHOPPING ARCADE BY THE SIDE OF THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN.

THE CEREMONY WILL FEATURE THE FLOW OF THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN TO GO WITH THE RHYTHM OF THE AMS ANTHEM, A LION DANCE AND A DRAMA SHOW ON THE STAGE TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME SAFETY.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL AND EXHIBITION AT SITES 8 AND 11 OF THE SHOPPING ARCADE WHERE THE AMS MUSIC BAND WILL STAGE A PERFORMANCE, THE AMS TASK FORCE WILL DEMONSTRATE EMERGENCY RESCUE AND THE AMS VOLUNTEERS WILL PERFORM A FOOTDRILL.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS WILL INCLUDE AN AMS FLAG DRILL TOGETHER WITH DEMONSTRATIONS TO FEATURE THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE AMS.

RECRUITMENT COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP AT THE SITE TO DESPATCH FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL DISPLAY FIRST-AID EQUIPMENT, AMBULANCE AND AMBULANCE CYCLE, BLOOD PRESSURE EQUIPMENT, AND LIFE-SAVING AND CANOE EQUIPMENT.

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IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A LUCKY DRAW AND A VIDEO SHOW TO CONVEY HOME SAFETY MESSAGES.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ACTING KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DONNA WONG; AND THE CHIEF ESTATE MANAGER OF HUTCHISON WHAMPOA PROPERTY GROUP, MR FRANK WONG.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,950
REVERSAL OF LAF	+50
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-80
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,920
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.2 *+0.0* 6.8.93	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.45 PCT	12 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.60	3.81
1 MONTH	2.71 PCT	15 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.82	3.99
3 MONTHS	3.10 PCT	18 MONTHS	2502	4.75	100.81	4.24
6 MONTHS	3.38 PCT	21 MONTHS	2505	3.75	98.80	4.51
12 MONTHS	3.77 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 9,700 MN

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