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GOVERNOR'S TRIP HELPS RAISE IMAGE OF HK

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, BELIEVES HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO RAISE THE IMAGE OF HONG KONG AS THE BEST LONG-TERM PLACE IN WHICH TO SET UP OPERATIONS FOR EXPANDING TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN EAST ASIA.

SPEAKING AT THE END OF A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND - THE FIRST BY A HONG KONG GOVERNOR - SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD COME TO "OPEN A DOOR" TO ENCOURAGE NEW ZEALAND TO LOOK FAVOURABLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY AT THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN THE REGION.

HE SAID THE VISIT HAD COME AT A TIME WHEN THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT WAS LOOKING AT HOW IT COULD RE-DIRECT ITS EFFORTS INTO PROMOTING AN EXPANSION OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC INVOLVEMENT IN WHAT IT CALLS "NORTH ASIA".

"I THINK THE TIMING OF THE VISIT HAS BEEN JUST RIGHT AND I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT ACROSS THE IDEA THAT HONG KONG IS A KEY PLAYER IN THE REGION AND A VERY GOOD BASE FOR OPERATIONS.

"BUSINESS HAS ALSO SHOWN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST, BUT THERE IS SOME UNCERTAINTY AS TO HOW TO GET INVOLVED. MY ADVICE HAS BEEN THAT IF YOU WANT TO TRADE INTO CHINA, THEN THE BEST WAY TO DO IT IS TO FIND A HONG KONG PARTNER WHO REALLY KNOWS THE SCENE.

"THIS WILL BE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN TRYING TO GO INTO CHINA DIRECT," HE ADDED.

A HIGHLIGHT OF TODAY'S PROGRAMME WAS AN ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR TO 170 BUSINESS PEOPLE AT A LUNCH ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG-NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.

SIR DAVID DESCRIBED HONG KONG AS A PLACE OF FRENETIC ENERGY THAT WORKED ENORMOUSLY HARD AND WAS AT THE CENTRE OF THE FASTEST-GROWING REGION IN THE WORLD.

"YOU CAN HARDLY GO THERE WITHOUT FEELING THE ZING IN THE AIR. IT HAS A VIGOUR WHICH I THINK NO OTHER CITY IN THE WORLD HAS."

HE SAID THE FACT THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SIMILARITIES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NEW ZEALAND, SUCH AS THE LEGAL SYSTEM, THE LANGUAGE OF BUSINESS AND THE PRESENCE OF A VERY ACTIVE NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG, MEANT THAT IT WAS NOT UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY AND A VERY GOOD PLACE OF OPPORTUNITY.

THIS AFTERNOON SIR DAVID HAD ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME OF NEW ZEALAND'S TOP BUSINESSMEN. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY MR HUGH FLETCHER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST COMPANY, FLETCHER CHALLENGE.

THE COMPANY, WHICH HAS AN ESTABLISHED PRESENCE IN HONG KONG, IS THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE NEARLY COMPLETED PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL IN CHAI WAN. THE 1,700-BED PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR WITHIN TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET.

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IN AN INTERVIEW ON AUCKLAND'S "RADIO CHINESE", SIR DAVID URGED NEW ZEALAND'S CHINESE COMMUNITY TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG.

HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THOSE WHO HAD COME FROM HONG KONG AND SINCE BECOME NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS, SHOULD RETAIN THE OLD LINKS TO BUILD UP ECONOMIC AND TRADE CONNECTIONS.

"IN THAT WAY THE OVERSEAS CHINESE COMMUNITY HERE (AUCKLAND) WILL PLAY A ROLE WHICH WILL BE BENEFICIAL NOT ONLY TO THEIR NEW COUNTRY BUT TO HONG KONG AS WELL. IN OTHER WORDS A BRIDGE BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND HONG KONG."

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

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RG ON BCCHK AND BCCFI

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THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, AS PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR OF BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE HONG KONG LIMITED ("BCCHK") AND BCCI FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED ("BCCFI"), ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE HIGH COURT HE HAD ENTERED INTO A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE ASSETS AND RECORDED LIABILITIES OF THE TWO COMPANIES TO A NEW BANK TO BE FORMED AND OWNED AS TO NOT LESS THAN 51% BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE BANK LIMITED ("HKCB").

THIS DOCUMENT SETS OUT THE MAIN TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED PROVISIONALLY BETWEEN THE PARTIES AFTER EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE RESOLUTION OF A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

HE STRESSED THAT THE AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, TO -

- (1) APPROPRIATE SCHEMES OF ARRANGEMENT BEING APPROVED BY THE DEPOSITORS AND THE HIGH COURT,
- (2) THE GRANT OF A BANKING LICENCE TO THE NEW BANK UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE,
- (3) THE ENACTMENT OF THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO TRANSFER THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO THE NEW BANK, AND
- (4) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR AND HKCB ON THE TERMS OF THE EXCLUSION OF UNRECORDED LIABILITIES AND THE SCOPE OF THE GUARANTEE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT TO COVER THEM.

THE MAIN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT AS RESPECTS DEPOSITORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

/A. DEPOSITORS

A. DEPOSITORS (PRIMARILY DEPOSITORS AND OTHER ACCOUNT HOLDERS, BUT NOT GENERAL CREDITORS SUCH AS TRADE CREDITORS) ARE TO BE TREATED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER -

(1) DEPOSITORS WITH AGGREGATE NET CREDIT BALANCES ON THEIR ACCOUNT AS AT 17TH JULY 1991 (THE DATE OF MR GLEESON'S APPOINTMENT AS PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR) WILL BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS -

(A) THOSE DEPOSITORS WITH AN AGGREGATE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 AS AT 17TH JULY 1991 WOULD BE ENTITLED TO PAYMENT IN FULL ON THE DATE 3 MONTHS AFTER THE BANK COMMENCES BUSINESS LESS THE 25% INTERIM RELIEF ALREADY PAID BY THE SPECIAL MANAGERS;

(B) THOSE DEPOSITORS WITH AN AGGREGATE UNENCUMBERED DEPOSIT BALANCE EXCEEDING \$100,000 AS AT 17TH JULY 1991 WOULD BE ENTITLED TO PAYMENT OF 85% OF SUCH AMOUNT SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM PAYMENT OF \$100,000 (LESS THE 25% INTERIM RELIEF ALREADY PAID) ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS -

(I) \$100,000 OR 30% OF THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE (WHICHEVER IS THE GREATER) LESS ANY INTERIM RELIEF ALREADY PAID ON THE DATE 3 MONTHS AFTER THE NEW BANK COMMENCES BUSINESS;

(II) 15% OF THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE NEW BANK COMMENCES BUSINESS;

(III) EFFECTIVELY, THEREFORE, THESE TWO PAYMENTS WOULD GIVE THESE DEPOSITORS 45% 12 MONTHS AFTER THE NEW BANK COMMENCES BUSINESS;

(IV) 4 INSTALMENTS EACH OF 10% OF THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE AT 6-MONTHLY INTERVALS AFTER THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE NEW BANK COMMENCES BUSINESS;

(V) THE LAST FOUR OF THE DEFERRED PAYMENTS WOULD BE TREATED AS NEW DEPOSITS WITH THE NEW BANK WHICH WOULD BE EVIDENCED BY NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT TO BE ISSUED BY THE NEW BANK AS SOON AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE AFTER THE NEW BANK COMMENCES BUSINESS BUT IN ANY EVENT NOT LATER THAN 31ST DECEMBER 1992.

(2) DEPOSITORS WITH A NET DEBIT BALANCE AS AT 17TH JULY 1991 WOULD BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SUCH DEPOSITOR WOULD BE ENTITLED TO REPAYMENT IN FULL ON DEMAND OF HIS AGGREGATE GROSS CREDIT BALANCE PROVIDED THAT HE DISCHARGES HIS OUTSTANDING DEBIT BALANCE IN FULL (AND IN SO DOING HE MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CREDIT BALANCE IN SETTLING THE DEBIT BALANCE);

- (B) THE DEBIT BALANCE WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW BANK AND WOULD CONTINUE TO ATTRACT INTEREST AT A REDUCED RATE.
- B. THE VALID RIGHTS AND CLAIMS OF ALL OTHER RECORDED CREDITORS OF BCCHK AND BCCFI (SUCH AS TRADE CREDITORS) WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW BANK AND WILL BE PAID IN FULL.
- C. NO INTEREST WOULD BE PAID ON ANY DEPOSITS AFTER 17TH JULY 1991.
- D. OTHER CONDITIONS AS DETAILED IN THE PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT.

TO PUT THIS ARRANGEMENT INTO LEGAL EFFECT A DETAILED SCHEME DOCUMENT WOULD BE PREPARED BY MR GLEESON'S FINANCIAL ADVISERS, JARDINE FLEMING SECURITIES LIMITED. HIS INTENTION WAS THAT, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE HIGH COURT, THE SCHEME WOULD THEN BE PUT TO THE DEPOSITORS FOR THEIR APPROVAL AS A SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT AT A MEETING TO BE CONVENED UNDER SECTION 166 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE.

APPROVAL OF THE DEPOSITORS, IN ORDER TO BE LEGALLY BINDING, REQUIRED A MAJORITY IN NUMBER REPRESENTING 3/4THS IN VALUE OF THE DEPOSITORS PRESENT AND VOTING, EITHER IN PERSON OR BY PROXY, AT THE MEETING.

BECAUSE OF THE SIZE AND COMPLEXITY OF THE BANK AND THE LOGISTICAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS INVOLVED, LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TRANSFER THE AGREED ASSETS AND RECORDED LIABILITIES TO THE NEW BANK. MR GLEESON BELIEVED THAT IN THIS AREA THE GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS TO HELP IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE BUT SAID THAT IN THE END THIS MUST BE A MATTER FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

HE SAID IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT SOME TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PUT IN PLACE ALL THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SCHEME BUT THE SPECIAL MANAGERS AND HE WERE WORKING HARD TOWARDS ACHIEVING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WHATEVER RESULT THE DEPOSITORS BELIEVED WAS IN THEIR OWN BEST INTERESTS.

AS A FIRST STEP MR GLEESON SAID THAT, PARTICULARLY SINCE, UNAVOIDABLY, THE PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WAS A RATHER TECHNICAL DOCUMENT AND MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR SOME OF THE DEPOSITORS TO UNDERSTAND FULLY AT FIRST, HE INTENDED TO EXPLAIN IT IN LAYMAN'S TERMS TO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHOM HE HAD BEEN IN REGULAR COMMUNICATION AND ANY OTHER CREDITORS WHO WISHED TO CONSULT HIM OR THE SPECIAL MANAGERS.

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FS WELCOMES PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT ON BCCHK

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THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. DAVID NENDICK, TODAY (FRIDAY) WELCOMED THE NEWS THAT THE HIGH COURT HAD GIVEN APPROVAL TO A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE HONG KONG CHINESE BANK TO TAKE OVER THE BUSINESS OF THE BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE IN HONG KONG.

"I AM GLAD THAT WE ARE IN SIGHT OF A SOLUTION," HE SAID.

"THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL AND OTHER ISSUES STILL TO BE RESOLVED BUT TODAY'S DEVELOPMENTS ARE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD."

"WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED LONG AND HARD TO TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ALSO DO ITS BEST TO ASSIST, BUT IN THE END THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE DEPOSITORS, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE LEGISLATURE," MR. NENDICK SAID.

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THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC REPORT RELEASED

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THE ECONOMY CONTINUED TO GROW STEADILY IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991, WITH THE MAIN IMPETUS COMING FROM RE-EXPORTS. LOCAL INVESTMENT SPENDING ALSO SHOWED A MARKED INCREASE, WHILE CONSUMER SPENDING PICKED UP FURTHER.

THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) GREW BY AN ESTIMATED 3.6% IN REAL TERMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1991 OVER A YEAR EARLIER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 4.3% IN THE FIRST QUARTER. THE GROWTH RATE IN THE THIRD QUARTER WAS PROBABLY IN THE REGION OF 3.5-4%.

CONSUMER PRICE INFLATION REMAINED HIGH, NOTWITHSTANDING SOME MODERATION SINCE APRIL. THE GDP DEFLATOR, AS AN OVERALL MEASURE OF INFLATION IN THE ECONOMY, CONTINUED TO RISE LESS RAPIDLY THAN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES.

THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC REPORT 1991 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST SAID THAT, ON THE BASIS OF THIS REPORT AND OTHER LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION, A REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC FORECASTS FOR 1991 HAD BEEN MADE.

AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF THE GDP REMAINS UNCHANGED AT 4%. THE FORECAST RATES OF INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND IN THE GDP DEFLATOR ARE ALSO KEPT UNCHANGED AT 12% AND 9% RESPECTIVELY.

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IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991, DOMESTIC EXPORTS SHOWED VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN REAL TERMS OVER THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR. THIS FOLLOWED AN INCREASE OF 2% IN BOTH THE FIRST AND THE SECOND QUARTERS.

THE MODEST PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE VIEWED AGAINST THE CONCURRENT SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN RE-EXPORTS, ALONG WITH THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE BORDER.

ALSO, THE SLOW-DOWN WAS PARTLY DUE TO A REDUCTION IN EXTERNAL COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S PRODUCTS AS THE HONG KONG DOLLAR APPRECIATED ALONG WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR EARLIER IN THE YEAR, AND PARTLY DUE TO THE SLACK DEMAND IN THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY.

THE PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE VARIOUS MAJOR MARKETS WAS MIXED. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA CONTINUED TO SHOW A MARKED INCREASE. ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN RECORDED A SIGNIFICANT DECLINE.

DECREASES TO VARYING DEGREES WERE ALSO RECORDED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES WAS STILL HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, ITS SHARE IN THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL TO 26% IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS IN 1991, FROM 30% IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990.

THE GROWTH RATE OF RE-EXPORTS REMAINED STRONG, AT ABOUT 30% IN REAL TERMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991 OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

AS RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO INCREASE AT A MUCH FASTER RATE THAN DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THEIR SHARE IN THE TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE FURTHER, TO 69% IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1991 FROM 64% IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990.

RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA CONTINUED TO SURGE IN THE THIRD QUARTER, SUPPORTED BY THE EXPANSION OF OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE BORDER AND BY AN IMPROVED DEMAND FOR IMPORTS IN CHINA. RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN ALSO GREW MARKEDLY.

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, CHINA REMAINED THE LARGEST MARKET FOR, AS WELL AS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF, HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, ACCOUNTING FOR 29% AND 59% RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL RE-EXPORT VALUE.

IMPORTS ROSE BY ABOUT 22% IN REAL TERMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OVER A YEAR EARLIER. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE RAPID INCREASE IN RE-EXPORTS, RETAINED IMPORTS ALSO CONTINUED TO GROW, BY ABOUT 10% IN REAL TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

AMONG THE VARIOUS END-USE CATEGORIES, RETAINED IMPORTS OF FUELS RECORDED THE FASTEST INCREASE, BY ABOUT 35% IN REAL TERMS, FOLLOWED BY RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS, BY ABOUT 24% IN REAL TERMS.

A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$5,121 MILLION WAS RECORDED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991, EQUIVALENT TO 2.5% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

THE CORRESPONDING SURPLUS IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR WAS \$6,624 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1991, A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$16,062 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 2.9% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED.

ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY QUARTERLY GDP ESTIMATE, PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, AS THE LARGEST COMPONENT OF DOMESTIC DEMAND, GREW BY 6% IN REAL TERMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OVER A YEAR EARLIER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 5% IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

EXPENDITURE ON CONSUMER DURABLES SHOWED PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT GROWTH.

AS REGARDS GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, THE GROWTH RATE IN NATIONAL ACCOUNTS TERMS WAS 11% IN REAL TERMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OVER A YEAR EARLIER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 7% IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

LOCAL INVESTMENT, MEASURED IN TERMS OF GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION, ROSE BY 11% IN REAL TERMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OVER A YEAR EARLIER, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 7% IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

OF THE MAIN COMPONENTS, EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION DECLINED BY 2% IN REAL TERMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER, HAVING INCREASED BY 6% IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

THE DECLINE WAS MAINLY DUE TO A MARKED REDUCTION IN PUBLIC SECTOR CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT FOLLOWING THE WINDING DOWN OF SEVERAL MAJOR PROJECTS.

IN CONTRAST, EXPENDITURE ON PLANT, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT REGISTERED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF 21% IN REAL TERMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER, AFTER A 7% GROWTH IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

DOMESTIC DEMAND STRENGTHENED FURTHER IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

ON CONSUMER SPENDING, THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES SHOWED ROBUST GROWTH, BY 14% IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, EVEN THOUGH RETAINED IMPORTS OF CONSUMER GOODS FELL BY ABOUT 20% IN REAL TERMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

ON INVESTMENT SPENDING, RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS ROSE BY ABOUT 24% IN REAL TERMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OVER A YEAR EARLIER. WITHIN THIS CATEGORY, RETAINED IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY FOR MANUFACTURING USE ROSE EVEN MORE RAPIDLY, BY ABOUT 36% IN REAL TERMS.

INFLATION AT THE CONSUMER LEVEL WAS STILL HIGH IN THE THIRD QUARTER, NOTWITHSTANDING A MODERATION FROM THE SECOND QUARTER.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) ROSE BY 12.3% IN THE THIRD QUARTER OVER THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 11.9% IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND 13.1% IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

HIGHER RETAIL PRICES FOR CERTAIN ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS TEMPORARILY LIFTED THE INFLATION RATE IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

THERE WERE ALSO INCREASES IN HOUSING RENTALS AND IN THE PRICES OF CERTAIN LOCAL SERVICES.

HOWEVER, SIGNS OF MODERATION RE-EMERGED IN SEPTEMBER. COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, THE CPI(A) WAS HIGHER BY 12.6% IN JULY, 12.7% IN AUGUST, AND 11.5% IN SEPTEMBER.

THE GDP DEFLATOR, AS AN OVERALL INDICATOR OF INFLATION FOR THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ROSE BY ABOUT 9% IN THE SECOND QUARTER OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

IT ROSE AT A LESS RAPID RATE THAN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, MAINLY DUE TO MORE MODERATE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF EXPORTS AND OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, IN THE PRICES OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT.

THE LABOUR MARKET APPEARED TO HAVE TIGHTENED IN THE THIRD QUARTER. THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE THIRD QUARTER, AT 2.1%, WAS 0.3 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT LOWER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER, THOUGH 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE, AT 1.5%, WAS 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT LOWER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER, THOUGH 0.5 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, THE PROPORTION OF THE EMPLOYED POPULATION WORKING LONG HOURS INCREASED SLIGHTLY COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER.

ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES FELL ACROSS THE BOARD, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED TO RISE.

THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROPERTY MARKET VARIED AMONG SUB-SECTORS. THE MARKET FOR SMALL TO MEDIUM-SIZED FLATS GATHERED MORE STRENGTH IN JULY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SINO-BRITISH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS. THE DEMAND FOR LARGE FLATS ALSO IMPROVED FURTHER.

SPECULATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MARKET, WHICH HAD SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT IN JUNE, INTENSIFIED AGAIN DURING THE THIRD QUARTER. THIS PROMPTED THE GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT A NUMBER OF MEASURES WITH A VIEW TO CURBING PROPERTY SPECULATION.

THE MARKET FOR SHOPPING SPACE REMAINED STEADY. THE MARKET FOR OFFICE SPACE CONTINUED TO ADJUST TO THE OVER-SUPPLY SITUATION, WHILE THE MARKET FOR FACTORY PREMISES WAS STILL RELATIVELY QUIET.

IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS WERE OBSERVED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER.

FIRST, AFFECTED BY PROBLEMS IN THE REST OF THE BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE GROUP, THE OPERATION OF BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE HONG KONG (BCCHK) WAS SUSPENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ON JULY 8.

IN THE WAKE OF THE BCCHK INCIDENT, UNFOUNDED RUMOURS TRIGGERED SHORT-LIVED RUNS ON A HANDFUL OF BANKS WITH FOREIGN INTERESTS. BUT THE SITUATION QUICKLY STABILISED.

FOR THE BANKING SYSTEM AS A WHOLE, CUSTOMER DEPOSITS, IN RESPECT OF BOTH TOTAL DEPOSITS AND HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, CONTINUED TO GROW DURING THE THIRD QUARTER.

SECONDLY, THE MARKET EXCHANGE RATE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR REMAINED STABLE AGAINST THE U.S. DOLLAR DURING THE THIRD QUARTER.

REFLECTING THE MOVEMENT OF THE U.S. DOLLAR, THE OVERALL EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR, AS MEASURED BY THE EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDEX, DECLINED FROM 114.1 AT THE END OF JUNE TO 111.9 AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1991.

THIRDLY, DOMESTIC LOANS AND ADVANCES INCREASED STRONGLY DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1991.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, HK\$M3, AS THE BROADEST DEFINITION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY, ROSE BY 12.2%. THIS WAS BROADLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE GROWTH RATE OF NOMINAL GDP.

FOURTHLY, STIMULATED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SINO-BRITISH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS IN EARLY JULY, THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE TO A RECORD HIGH OF 4,079 ON AUGUST 14, BEFORE CONSOLIDATING TO AROUND 4,000 FOR THE REST OF THE THIRD QUARTER. THERE WAS ALSO A MARKED INCREASE IN NEW SHARE ISSUES.

ON FUTURES TRADING, FOLLOWING THE LAUNCHING OF THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SUB-INDEX FUTURES IN THE SECOND QUARTER, THE PROPERTIES SUB-INDEX FUTURES WAS INTRODUCED IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST SAID IN REVIEWING THE GDP AND PRICE FORECASTS FOR 1991 IN THE LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO THE COMPONENT FORECASTS AS APPROPRIATE. THE UPDATED FORECASTS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

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	FORECAST FOR 1991 AS RELEASED ON 23.8.1991 ----- (%)	CURRENT UPDATE RELEASED ON 22.11.1991 ----- (%)
GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF :		
PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	5	6
GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	6	6
GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION	7.4	8.5
TRANSFER COSTS OF LAND AND BUILDINGS	14	30
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	5.3	2.8
PRIVATE	5.5	3.5
PUBLIC	5	1.5
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS' MARGIN	6	4.5
PLANT, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	9.3	12.9
PRIVATE	9	12.5
PUBLIC	20	30
TOTAL EXPORTS OF GOODS	12.4	15.8
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	1.5	0.5
RE-EXPORTS	19	25
IMPORTS OF GOODS	14.6	18.5
EXPORTS OF SERVICES	6	7
IMPORTS OF SERVICES	8	8
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)	4	4
PER CAPITA GDP	2.9	3.1

GROWTH RATE IN MONEY TERMS OF :		
GDP	13.4	13.4
PER CAPITA GDP #	12.1	12.4

RATE OF INCREASE IN :		
GDP DEFLATOR	9	9
DOMESTIC DEMAND DEFLATOR	9.3	8.8
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A)	12	12

THE POPULATION FIGURE USED FOR COMPUTING PER CAPITA GDP HAS BEEN REVISED ON THE BASIS OF THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS RESULTS.

IN THE EXTERNAL SECTOR, THE STRENGTHENING OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR ALONG WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR EARLIER IN THE YEAR IS STILL AFFECTING THE PRICE COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S PRODUCTS IN SOME OF THE MAJOR MARKETS, NOTABLY EUROPE AND JAPAN.

MOREOVER, THE PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES IS STILL WEAK. THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE ONLY A PARTIAL OFFSET TO THE SETBACK ELSEWHERE.

THUS DOMESTIC EXPORTS ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW ONLY A MARGINAL INCREASE, BY 0.5% IN REAL TERMS FOR 1991 AS A WHOLE, AS COMPARED TO THE EARLIER FORECAST OF 1.5%.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVING REGARD TO THE SHARP INCREASES IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF RE-EXPORTS FOR 1991 AS A WHOLE IS LIFTED FURTHER FROM 19% TO 25%.

WITH THE RENEWAL OF CHINA'S MOST FAVOURED NATION STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES, THE FURTHER EXPANSION IN OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE BORDER SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS INVOLVING CHINA IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

RE-EXPORTS TO GERMANY ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO REMAIN ROBUST IN THE COMING MONTHS.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE UPWARD REVISION IN THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF RE-EXPORTS AND THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN RETAINED IMPORTS FOR MEETING DOMESTIC DEMAND, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF IMPORTS OF GOODS IS RAISED FROM 14.6% TO 18.5%.

IN THE LIGHT OF A GREATER DEMAND FOR TRADE-RELATED SERVICES AND A BETTER PERFORMANCE OF THE TOURIST INDUSTRY, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF EXPORTS OF SERVICES IS RAISED FROM 6% TO 7%.

ON IMPORTS OF SERVICES, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IS KEPT UNCHANGED AT 8% IN REAL TERMS.

LOCALLY, PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE IS FORECAST TO INCREASE BY 6% IN REAL TERMS, REPRESENTING A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT FROM THE EARLIER FORECAST OF 5%. THIS REVISION HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE BETTER-THAN-EXPECTED OUTTURN SO FAR.

THE TAKE-UP OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS REINFORCES THE DEMAND FOR DURABLE GOODS. THE RECENT TREND IN RETAIL SALES IS ALSO ENCOURAGING.

MEANWHILE, EXPENDITURE OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS TRAVELLING ABROAD SHOULD CONTINUE TO SHOW A STEADY INCREASE.

THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE REMAINS UNCHANGED AT 6% IN REAL TERMS.

THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION IS RAISED FROM 7.4% TO 8.5%, MAINLY REFLECTING THE SHARP INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE ON PLANT, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT BY BOTH THE PRIVATE AND THE PUBLIC SECTORS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION IS LIKELY TO SHOW A MORE MODERATE INCREASE THAN WAS FORECAST EARLIER, GIVEN THE CURRENT SLACK IN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.

AS REGARDS CHANGES IN STOCKS, THE CURRENT FORECAST IS FOR A RELATIVELY SMALLER AMOUNT OF STOCK ACCUMULATION THAN WAS ENVISAGED EARLIER.

TAKING ALL THESE COMPONENTS TOGETHER, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF THE GDP IS KEPT UNCHANGED AT 4%.

THE EFFECT ON GDP GROWTH OF THE FASTER INCREASES IN CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT IS LARGELY OFFSET BY MORE RAPID GROWTH IN RETAINED IMPORTS AND A SMALLER STOCK ACCUMULATION.

ON CONSUMER PRICE INFLATION, THE RECENT TREND SUGGESTS THAT A FURTHER MODERATION OF INFLATION CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE COMING MONTHS.

HOWEVER, THE PACE OF ADJUSTMENT IS LIKELY TO BE GRADUAL. ALLEVIATING FACTORS INCLUDE THE LESS RAPID INCREASE IN LOCAL WAGES AND SALARIES AND THE STABLE WORLD COMMODITY PRICES.

AGAINST THESE, THE RECENT SOFTENING OF THE U.S. DOLLAR AND THE FASTER INCREASE IN DOMESTIC DEMAND COULD RENEW PRESSURE ON PRICES IN DUE COURSE.

MOREOVER, HOUSING RENTALS ARE LIKELY TO RISE FURTHER FOLLOWING THE SURGE IN THE PRICE OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS OVER THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR.

OVERALL, THE EARLIER FORECASTS OF INFLATION ARE STILL APPLICABLE; THAT IS, THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE GDP DEFLATOR ARE FORECAST TO INCREASE AT 12% AND 9% RESPECTIVELY FOR 1991 AS A WHOLE.

THE THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC REPORT 1991 WILL BE ON SALE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 25) AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$27 A COPY.

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HK'S EXPORTS STATISTICS NOT UNDERVALUED

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REFERRING TO SOME REPORTS IN THE PRESS RECENTLY CLAIMING THAT HONG KONG'S EXPORTS STATISTICS WERE UNDERVALUED BY 35 PER CENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID SUCH A STATEMENT WAS SIMPLY INCORRECT.

ACCORDING TO THOSE REPORTS, THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS ARE UNDERVALUED FOR FAILING TO CAPTURE THE SO-CALLED "TRIANGULAR TRADE" WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES ACTING AS "MIDDLEMEN".

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "TRADE STATISTICS RELATE TO GOODS WHICH MOVE PHYSICALLY INTO OR OUT OF A COUNTRY OR TERRITORY. THEY SHOULD NOT COVER GOODS WHICH DO NOT PASS THROUGH IT.

"THE TRADE STATISTICS OF HONG KONG ARE COMPILED BASED ON INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED PRACTICE," HE SAID. "SUCH STATISTICAL STANDARDS ARE ADOPTED BY COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INCLUDING HONG KONG'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS."

QUOTING AN EXAMPLE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID GOODS EXPORTED FROM MEXICO TO CANADA DIRECTLY, WITH A FIRM IN THE UNITED STATES ACTING AS MIDDLEMAN, WOULD NOT BE RECORDED IN THE TRADE STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES.

COVERING "MIDDLEMAN" BUSINESS UNDER TRADE STATISTICS WOULD REPRESENT ADOPTION OF A SYSTEM TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM WORLD STATISTICAL STANDARDS, THEREBY CAUSING SERIOUS CONFUSION.

"GIVEN THAT HONG KONG IS AN IMPORTANT TRADING CENTRE, ANY MOVE TO MAKE ITS TRADE STATISTICS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE OUT OF THE QUESTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"DATA ON 'MIDDLEMAN' BUSINESS ARE CERTAINLY USEFUL IN UNDERSTANDING THE HONG KONG ECONOMY. HOWEVER THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH TRADE STATISTICS.

"THE CONTRIBUTION OF SUCH BUSINESS TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMY HAS IN FACT BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR IN COMPUTING THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT TRADE STATISTICS WERE NOT RECORDED ACCORDING TO THE COUNTRY OF INVESTMENT.

FOR INSTANCE, EXPORTS BY A JAPANESE-OWNED FIRM IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT BE RECORDED AS THE EXPORTS OF JAPAN.

SIMILARLY, TRADE BETWEEN FIRMS IN TWO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE RECORDED IN THE TRADE STATISTICS OF HONG KONG EVEN THOUGH ONE OR BOTH OF THOSE FIRMS WERE OWNED BY HONG KONG.

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BLUEPRINT FOR FAR-REACHING CITY GROWTH COMPLETED

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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WILL HAVE MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE CITY WITHIN THE METROPLAN FRAMEWORK.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY) TO ANNOUNCE THE COMPLETION OF THE METROPLAN AFTER MORE THAN FOUR YEARS OF PREPARATION AND REPEATED PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

HIGHLIGHTING THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE DOCUMENT, MR BARNES POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND THE EXPANSION OF HONG KONG'S PORT FACILITIES WOULD STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT SHOULD BE REFLECTED BY THE EXPANSION WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW TOURIST AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

"MORE DIRECTLY, THE COMPLETION OF THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, WHICH IS A CORE AIRPORT PROJECT, AND THE RELOCATION OF THE AIRPORT FROM THE EXISTING 230 HECTARE SITE AT KAI TAK IN 1997 WILL RELEASE SUBSTANTIAL AREAS OF LAND FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THESE AREAS, TOGETHER WITH OTHER MAJOR RECLAMATIONS FALLING UNDER THE METROPLAN STRATEGY, WOULD ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP RESTRUCTURE OBSOLETE AREAS, SUCH AS MONG KOK AND TO KWA WAN, USING THE RESOURCES OF SUCH BODIES AS THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE HOUSING SOCIETY AND PRIVATE DEVELOPERS.

HE CITED THAT ALREADY, INITIATIVES HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR RELATING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SHIPYARDS IN YAU TONG, THE REHABILITATION OF THE ANDERSON ROAD AND SHEK O QUARRIES, THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE OBSOLETE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY STATION IN HUNG HOM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MAJOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PROJECT IN KOWLOON POINT.

THE FINAL REPORT ON METROPLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 17 AS A BLUEPRINT TO PROVIDE A LAND USE/TRANSPORT/ENVIRONMENT PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE METRO AREA OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON, INCLUDING TSUEN WAN AND KWAI TSING.

BEFORE THE PLAN WAS FINALISED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD RESPECTIVELY PUBLISHED IN 1988 AND LAST YEAR TWO BOOKLETS IN THE COURSE OF FORMULATING THE STRATEGY, THAT IS, "METROPLAN - THE AIMS" AND "METROPLAN - INITIAL OPTIONS" IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE WIDEST POSSIBLE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE SUBJECT IN VIEW OF ITS IMPACTS AND MAGNITUDE.

HOWEVER, MR BARNES EMPHASISED THAT THE METROPLAN WAS NOT, LIKE THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, A CAPITAL PROJECT OR A PROGRAMME OF WORKS BY ITSELF.

"IT IS A CONCEPTUAL STRATEGY WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR AGENCIES MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE COHERENT AND TIMELY DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADING OF THE METRO AREA.

"THE RATE AT WHICH CHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE WILL DEPEND ON THE AVAILABILITY AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES WITHIN GOVERNMENT, ON PREVAILING MARKET FORCES AND ON THE DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT WHICH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND OTHER QUASI-PUBLIC BODIES TAKE IN THE PROCESS," HE EXPLAINED.

THE SELECTED STRATEGY PROVIDED BY THE METROPLAN WAS PREPARED UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE CITY SHOULD GROW IN SIZE BY ABOUT 30 PER CENT FROM 6,500 HECTARES WITH THE OVERALL DENSITY OF POPULATION OF THE METRO AREA WOULD FALL FROM ABOUT 650 PERSONS PER HECTARE TO ABOUT 500 PERSONS PER HECTARE AT A DESIGNED POPULATION OF 4.2 MILLION PEOPLE.

WITH THE TIME HORIZON ASSUMED FOR METROPLAN IN 2011, MR BARNES SAID THE SELECTED STRATEGY OF THE METROPLAN SET OUT BROAD PATTERNS OF LAND USE AND PROPOSED VARIOUS GUIDELINES WITH REGARD TO THE TYPE, FORM AND DENSITY OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF DEVELOPMENT.

THE OVERALL PATTERN OF LAND USE HAS BEEN FORMULATED WITHIN A NETWORK OF PRINCIPAL HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE AND CONVENIENT MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND PASSENGERS ABOUT THE CITY.

THE RESTRUCTURING OF OUR CITY TAKES PARTICULAR ACCOUNT OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE EVENTUAL RELOCATION OF THE AIRPORT FROM KAI TAK.

THE OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE SELECTED STRATEGY INCLUDED:

- * PROVISION IS MADE FOR THE GROWTH OF THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT THROUGH EXTENSIONS ONTO THE CENTRAL-WAN CHAI RECLAMATION BUT A MAJOR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE IS TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OFFICE AND HOTEL NODES AROUND KEY TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE POINTS, FOR EXAMPLE, WEST KOWLOON, DIAMOND HILL AND QUARRY BAY;
- * PARTS OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE INDUSTRIAL AREAS SUCH AS AT KWUN TONG SOUTH, SAN PO KONG AND CENTRAL KWAI CHUNG WILL HAVE TO BE REPLANNED AND REDEVELOPED FOR OTHER USES BUT PROVISION IS ALSO MADE FOR NEW, CLEAN, HIGH VALUE-ADDED INDUSTRY NEAR THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT AND AT KAI TAK, CLOSE TO PORT FACILITIES;
- * AREAS WHERE THERE ARE CONCENTRATIONS OF OBSOLETE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES - ESPECIALLY IN EAST KOWLOON AND KWAI CHUNG - WILL BE REDEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO IMPROVED STANDARDS, LINKED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOUSING ESTATES ON NEARBY RECLAMATIONS AND THROUGH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT SITE;
- * AREAS OF OBSOLETE PRIVATE HOUSING, SUCH AS TO KWA WAN, MONG KOK AND CENTRAL TSUEN WAN, WILL BE THINNED OUT THROUGH REDEVELOPMENT TO NEW TOWN STANDARDS WITHIN THE PLANNING FRAMEWORK OF COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLANS. THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE HOUSING SOCIETY AND PRIVATE DEVELOPERS WILL ALL PLAY A ROLE;
- * ON NEW AREAS OF RECLAMATION AND IN AREAS WHERE COMPRESSIVE REDEVELOPMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED, PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR AN INTERLINKED SYSTEM OF OPEN SPACES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A TOTAL OF 33 KILOMETRE OF WATERFRONT PROMENADES;
- * SITES FOR A TOTAL OF 15 URBAN FRINGE PARKS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT THEIR DETAILED FEASIBILITY NEEDS TO BE ESTABLISHED.

TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES, THERE IS A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF POLICIES, PROGRAMMES, AGENTS AND MECHANISMS AVAILABLE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR THAT CAN BE DEPLOYED.

AT THE POLICY LEVEL, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE BODY TO ENDORSE STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS FOR THE METRO AREA AND ALSO TO MONITOR AND REVIEW THE ACHIEVEMENT OF METROPLAN OBJECTIVES.

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD WILL BE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE SETTING OF OBJECTIVES FOR METROPLAN AT A DISTRICT PLANNING LEVEL SINCE THE REVIEW OF STATUTORY PLANS WILL BE A MAJOR PART OF THE PROCESS.

HE DISCLOSED THAT A SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE, TO BE CHAIRED BY A DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH HAD BEEN SET UP AND WOULD CONCENTRATE INITIALLY ON THE STEPS REQUIRED TO START TRANSLATING METROPLAN'S BROAD CONCEPTS INTO MORE DETAILED PROPOSALS.

HE SAID WORK HAD ALREADY COMMENCED ON THE PREPARATION OF A DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT FOR WEST KOWLOON AND THAT THE NEW PRIORITIES WOULD COVER TSUEN WAN-KWAI TSING AND SOUTH-EAST KOWLOON (INCLUDING THE KAI TAK AIRPORT SITE).

MR BARNES ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTEGRATING THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AREAS WITH THE REPLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT OF OLD AREAS.

"THAT, IN TURN, MAY REQUIRE THE SELECTIVE INTRODUCTION OF TAILOR-MADE INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS SUCH AS BONUS PLOT RATIOS, LAND EXCHANGES AND JOINT VENTURES. EACH CASE WOULD NEED TO BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS," HE ADDED.

THE METROPLAN WAS RELEASED IN THE FORM OF THREE DOCUMENTS, NAMELY:

- * A TECHNICAL REPORT, IN THREE VOLUMES, SETTING OUT IN SOME DETAIL THE PROCESSES INVOLVED AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED. THIS REPORT IS IN ENGLISH AND IS INTENDED PRIMARILY FOR USE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT;
- * AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (IN ENGLISH) OF THE TECHNICAL REPORT WHICH IS OBTAINABLE BY PURCHASE THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE; AND
- * AN OVERVIEW (IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WHICH IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE THROUGH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OUTLETS.

THESE DOCUMENTS ARE INTENDED TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE AND BRIEFINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY BODIES WHICH INCLUDED A BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND LAND COMMISSION EARLIER THIS MONTH BEFORE ITS RELEASE.

MOREOVER, A MOBILE PUBLIC EXHIBITION IS ALSO BEING PLANNED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DR PETER PUN AND THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER (TERRITORIAL), DR TED PRYOR, WHO HAS LED A SPECIAL TEAM SINCE MID-1987 TO PROCEED IN PREPARATION FOR THE METROPLAN STUDY IN PARALLEL WITH THE PADS STUDY.

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EARLY CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND URGENT: STI
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THE SENSE OF URGENCY HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER FOR THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TODAY (FRIDAY), MR CHAU SAID TWO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE GIVEN HIM CAUSE FOR GREATER OPTIMISM IN THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE ROUND.

"FIRSTLY, I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING A FORTNIGHT AGO BETWEEN PRESIDENT BUSH AND PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, MR DELORS," MR CHAU SAID.

THEY HAVE AGREED THAT THE ROUND SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

"SECONDLY, I RETURNED FROM A VERY POSITIVE ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (APEC) MINISTERIAL MEETING HELD IN SEOUL LAST WEEK.

"I JOINED MINISTERS FROM OTHER ECONOMIES IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, STRETCHING FROM THAILAND TO THE US AND FROM NEW ZEALAND TO KOREA, IN PLEDGING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE EARLY AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE ROUND," HE SAID,

"WE HAVE ALSO STRESSED THE COMPLEMENTARITY OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM," HE ADDED.

MR CHAU SAID ONE OF THE MAIN TASKS OF THE URUGUAY ROUND IS TO DEVISE AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL REINTEGRATE THE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING SECTOR INTO THE GATT.

"AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST CLOTHING EXPORTERS, WE SUPPORT A CREDIBLE PROGRAMME OF PHASING OUT THE MULTIFIBRE AGREEMENT (MFA) RESTRICTIONS OVER A REASONABLE PERIOD, SAY 10 YEARS.

"THIS WOULD ALLOW THE TRADE AND INDUSTRIES IN BOTH THE IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO ADJUST GRADUALLY TO THE FREE PLAY OF MARKET FORCES.

"TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD CREATE CHAOS IN WORLD TEXTILE TRADE AND PRODUCTION, ON WHICH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE DEPEND FOR A LIVING," HE SAID.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE URUGUAY ROUND WILL LEAD TO A GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES, OR GATS, MODELLED ON THE GATT, THE FORMULATION OF WHICH HONG KONG HAS A CLOSE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING, MR CHAU SAID.

"WE EXPECT OUR MEMBERSHIP OF THE GATS WILL ENABLE OUR SERVICES PROVIDERS TO ENJOY MFN TREATMENT IN THE EXPORT OF THEIR SERVICES.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE GATS MAY NECESSITATE SOME CHANGES TO OUR OWN REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS IN CERTAIN SERVICE SECTORS, TO MAKE THEM CONSISTENT WITH THE GATS.

"ANY SUCH CHANGES WOULD NATURALLY ONLY BE INTRODUCED IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE INDUSTRIES CONCERNED," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THERE IS AN INCREASING INCIDENCE OF ALLEGATIONS OF UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES WHICH HAS SHAPED THE URUGUAY ROUND AGENDA, MR CHAU SAID HONG KONG SEES A DANGER OF ANTI-DUMPING ACTION BEING TURNED INTO A PROTECTIONIST TOOL TO RESTRICT IMPORTS FROM SELECTED COMPETITORS.

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"AS A VICTIM OF WHAT WE REGARD AS UNFAIR ALLEGATIONS OF DUMPING IN RECENT YEARS, WE ARE STRIVING FOR A REVISED GATT ANTI-DUMPING AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE FAIRER, MORE TRANSPARENT AND MORE PRECISE IN ITS APPLICATION," HE SAID.

MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER ASPECT OF GATT RULES WHICH COMMANDS A VERY HIGH PRIORITY FOR HONG KONG IS THE SO CALLED "SAFEGUARD" PROVISION ON THE USE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO RESTRICT IMPORT INJURING THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY.

THIS ISSUE IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG BECAUSE THE SAFEGUARD PROVISION WILL APPLY TO TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING WHEN IT IS BROUGHT BACK UNDER THE GATT RULES," HE SAID.

"HONG KONG IS SEEKING AN AFFIRMATION OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT SAFEGUARD ACTION CAN ONLY BE APPLIED ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS," MR CHAU SAID.

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SALE OF EXCHANGE FUND'S SHARES IN CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL LTD
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THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND ANNOUNCES THAT, ON THE ADVICE OF HAMBRO PACIFIC LIMITED, THE FINANCIAL ADVISER TO THE EXCHANGE FUND IN THIS TRANSACTION, HE HAS TODAY (FRIDAY) SOLD THE EXCHANGE FUND'S ENTIRE SHAREHOLDING OF 30,774,255 SHARES IN CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY (CHTC), REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 24.33 PER CENT OF CHTC'S ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL, TO THE WHARF (HOLDINGS) LIMITED GROUP FOR A TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF APPROXIMATELY HK\$370 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO ABOUT \$12 PER SHARE.

THE SALE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LONG DECLARED INTENTION FOR THE EXCHANGE FUND TO DISPOSE OF ITS HOLDINGS IN CHTC, ON THE GROUND THAT THIS IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE ASSET TO BE HELD BY THE EXCHANGE FUND.

THE TWO GOVERNMENT APPOINTED DIRECTORS, MR R.W. CANDLER AND MR G.K.C. SIU WILL TENDER THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHTC.

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HK IS BASE FOR GERMAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN THE REGION
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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED GERMAN BUSINESSMEN TO USE HONG KONG AS A BASE TO PROMOTE THEIR BUSINESS INTERESTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

MR BARMA WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE FRANKFURT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DURING AN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION VISIT IN EUROPE.

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HE SAID OTHER THAN MAJOR GERMAN NAMES SUCH AS SIEMENS AND BAYER WHICH HAD AN IMPORTANT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG, OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS "STILL MAKE OUR NEWS ON A REGULAR BASIS".

"A RECENT EXAMPLE IS THIS : A HONG KONG COMPANY ACQUIRED CONTROL OF GIMELLI PRODUKTIONS - A SWISS MANUFACTURER OF DENTAL, HEALTH AND HAIR CARE PRODUCTS: THEY PLAN TO KEEP THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN SWITZERLAND, MAKE THEIR PRODUCTS IN HONG KONG AND WAREHOUSE IN SHENZHEN IN CHINA.

"THAT'S INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOUR!

"A DIRECTOR OF GIMELLI SAID THAT THE OPERATION WOULD CUT LABOUR COSTS BY 50 PER CENT THROUGH THIS ARRANGEMENT.

"HE ALSO SAID THAT THE OPTION TO MANUFACTURE THEIR PRODUCTS IN CHINA HAD BEEN REJECTED BECAUSE MARKET STUDIES HAD SHOWN THAT CONSUMERS FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH A HYGIENE PRODUCT MADE IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THIS ACQUISITION WAS ALSO NOTABLE BECAUSE IT REPRESENTED ONE OF THE FEW CASES WHERE HONG KONG FIRMS HAD ACQUIRED ESTABLISHED EUROPEAN BRAND NAMES.

MR BARMA SAID HONG KONG HAD BEEN AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

"AMONG THE SIGNIFICANT RECENT PROJECTS, I WOULD SINGLE OUT MOTOROLA WITH ITS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ASIA-PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS AND ITS DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING CENTRE FOR SEMI-CONDUCTORS AND HOECHST WITH A PLANT ON ONE OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL ESTATES TO PRODUCE TEXTILE ANCILLARIES.

"OTHERS INCLUDE BERTELSMANN WITH A RECENTLY CONCLUDED JOINT VENTURE TO PRODUCE COMPACT DISCS AND ENICHEM OF ITALY WITH A PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO PRODUCE POLYSTYRENE," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID GERMANY HAD ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST VALUED TRADING PARTNERS.

"YOU ARE OUR THIRD LARGEST MARKET FOR EXPORTS. AND WE BUY ALMOST AS MUCH FROM YOU IN MONEY TERMS," HE SAID.

HE SAID GERMANY WAS ALSO A SIGNIFICANT INVESTOR WITH AROUND US\$100 MILLION INVESTED BY GERMAN MANUFACTURERS IN HONG KONG.

"THERE ARE OVER 400 GERMAN FIRMS HAVING A PRESENCE IN THE TERRITORY, SECOND ONLY IN NUMBER TO JAPAN," HE SAID.

PROGRESS OF BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL SOON START SENDING OUT LETTERS TO ALL APPLICANTS UNDER THE GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASS OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME TO INFORM THEM OF THE STATUS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT SO FAR, 3,606 CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION HAD BEEN ISSUED TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS.

THE DEPARTMENT IS AIMING TO COMPLETE THE RANKING OF ALL APPLICANTS IN THE GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASS ACCORDING TO THEIR PROVISIONAL SCORES BY DECEMBER.

"WE WILL BY THEN BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY MOST APPLICANTS WHO MAY BE WITHIN THE QUOTA OF THEIR SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL GROUP OR APPROVED OCCUPATION," HE SAID.

THE NEXT STAGE IN THE PROCESS WOULD BE TO VERIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANTS IN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS.

THIS IS DONE THROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS. THE INTERVIEWS WILL SERVE TO CONFIRM THE PROVISIONAL SCORES AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IF NECESSARY, TO CHECK DOCUMENTS TO ESTABLISH THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS, AND TO CLARIFY ANY OTHER DOUBTFUL POINTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE VERIFICATION INTERVIEW WAS THE MOST TIME-CONSUMING PART OF THE WHOLE APPLICATION PROCESS SINCE NEARLY 38,000 APPLICANTS WOULD NEED TO BE INTERVIEWED INDIVIDUALLY.

"WE EXPECT THAT THE MAJORITY OF INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED NEXT YEAR, AND THE REMAINDER IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1993," HE SAID.

FROM NOW TO FEBRUARY 1992, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL SEND OUT LETTERS TO APPLICANTS UNDER THE GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASS WHOSE PROVISIONAL SCORES MAY BRING THEM WITHIN THE QUOTA OF THEIR SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL GROUP OR APPROVED OCCUPATION.

"THE LETTER WILL GIVE THE APPLICANT A ROUGH INDICATION OF THE TIME IN WHICH HE WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND A VERIFICATION INTERVIEW," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A SECOND SERIES OF LETTERS WOULD GO OUT DURING THE SAME PERIOD TO APPLICANTS WHOSE PROVISIONAL SCORES ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE QUOTA LINE TO INFORM THEM THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS WERE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

"THIS IS BECAUSE THESE APPLICANTS MIGHT EVENTUALLY MOVE ABOVE OR BELOW THE QUOTA LINE, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THEY OR OTHER APPLICANTS CAN VERIFY CERTAIN INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS AT THE INTERVIEW STAGE," HE SAID.

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"STARTING FROM NEXT MONTH, UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE LETTERS INFORMING THEM THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL," HE SAID.

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED TO KEEP THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT POSTED OF CHANGES IN THEIR ADDRESSES.

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WALLED CITY CLEAREES URGED TO OBSERVE CLEARANCE DEADLINE
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CLEAREES UNDER THE FIRST PHASE OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY CLEARANCE ARE REMINDED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THEY MUST MOVE OUT BY NOVEMBER 27 AND THOSE WHO FAIL TO DO SO WILL BE EVICTED.

APPEALING TO THE CLEAREES TO COMPLY WITH THE CLEARANCE DEADLINE, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR PHILIP CHOK, NOTED THAT THE CLEARANCE WAS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE OVERALL INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

"IT WILL SOLVE THE LONG-STANDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE WALLED CITY, SUCH AS UNSAFE STRUCTURES, POOR HYGIENE AND FIRE HAZARDS," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE CLEARANCE HAD PROGRESSED OVER FOUR YEARS AND HE WAS HEARTENED TO SEE THAT THE MAJORITY OF CLEAREES TO DATE HAD ACCEPTED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMPENSATION AND REHOUSING OFFERS AND HAD EITHER LEFT OR WOULD LEAVE THE WALLED CITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ON THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CLEARANCE, THE LATEST STATISTICS SHOWED THAT ONLY 75 HOUSEHOLDS, OR 2.65 PER CENT OF A TOTAL 2,834 HOUSEHOLDS, HAD YET TO ACCEPT GOVERNMENT'S OFFERS, MR CHOK SAID.

STAFF OF THE SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICE HAD BEEN MEETING THESE CLEAREES OVER THE PAST WEEKS IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH A TIMELY SETTLEMENT, HE ADDED.

"THE CLEAREES SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT THE COMPENSATION TERMS ARE VERY REASONABLE.

"MOREOVER, THOSE WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE COMPENSATION OFFERS WILL STILL BE ABLE TO EITHER SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO SUBSTANTIATE A CLAIM FOR HIGHER COMPENSATION OR APPEAL TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD WITHIN TWO MONTHS AFTER EVICTION," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT FIRM ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE CLEAREES WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE CLEARANCE DEADLINE.

THE CLEARANCE WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN FOUR PHASES, INVOLVING SOME 10,780 HOUSEHOLDS. NOVEMBER 27 IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE FIRST PHASE WHILE THE REMAINING PHASES WILL BE CLEARED BY MARCH, APRIL AND JUNE 1992 RESPECTIVELY. A PARK WILL BE BUILT ON THE CLEARED SITE.

THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST OVER \$3.1 BILLION. SO FAR THE GOVERNMENT HAS PAID OUT \$2.27 BILLION.

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ALL OBJECTIONS TO NEW RATEABLE VALUES DEALT WITH

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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT HAS NOW DEALT WITH ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN APRIL AND MAY OBJECTING TO THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A NOTICE OF DECISION IN RESPONSE TO HIS PROPOSAL TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR LEE WAI-LIM OF THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 7822.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IF THE RATEABLE VALUE HAS BEEN ALTERED AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSAL, THE AMENDMENT TO THE RATEABLE VALUE AND ANY ADJUSTMENT TO THE RATES PAYABLE WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

RATEPAYERS SHOULD NOTE THAT IF RATES ARE ALREADY REDUCED BY RATES RELIEF PROVISIONS, THE ACTUAL AMOUNT PAYABLE IN THE 1991/92 YEAR MAY NOT CHANGE, OR MAY NOT BE REDUCED BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE REDUCTION IN RATEABLE VALUE.

ANY ADJUSTMENT IN RATES PAYABLE WILL BE MADE IN THE RATES DEMANDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SALE OF GOVT LAND BY AUCTION

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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE IN A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 17 IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE. THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

THE FIRST LOT IS LOCATED OFF TAT CHEE AVENUE, AREA TWO, YAU YAT TSUEN, KOWLOON.

IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 10,470 SQUARE METRES AND IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 16,470 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1994.

THE SECOND LOT IS LOCATED AT KING'S PARK RISE, KOWLOON.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,417 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS ALSO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 19,251 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1995.

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THE REMAINING LOT IS LOCATED AT YIP KAN STREET, WONG CHUK HANG, HONG KONG.

THE SITE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,172 SQUARE METRES, IS EARMARKED FOR A MULTI-STOREY LORRY PARK AND NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL, PETROL FILLING STATION, GODOWN AND HOTEL) PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 46,000 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1995.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALES PLANS INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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GOVT LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND AT SHUM WAN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 7,640 SQUARE METRES, IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING HOTEL, CINEMA AND GODOWN) PURPOSES.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 17 NEXT YEAR.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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APPOINTMENTS TO FILM CENSORSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR DANIEL CHAM KA-HUNG AND MRS LIZA CHEE LEUNG SIU-LING AS NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE FILM CENSORSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW, A SPOKESMAN OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR DANIEL CHAM KA-HUNG, A BUSINESSMAN, IS AN APPOINTED YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

MRS LIZA CHEE LEUNG SIU-LING, A BUSINESS WOMAN, IS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE PO LEUNG KUK BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SHE HAS ALSO SERVED AS AN ADJUDICATOR OF THE OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL IN THE PAST.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO RE-APPOINTED THREE NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS TO THE BOARD. THEY ARE MR TERENCE TAI CHUN-TO, MR CHUNG KING-FAI AND MR NORMAN SIN SIU-WAH.

OTHER OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD INCLUDE THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS OR PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS (HEADQUARTERS), THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE OR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES) AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS).

ALL THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR THREE YEARS, WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 10, THIS YEAR TO NOVEMBER 9, 1994.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IS MR NORMAN LEUNG NAI-PANG, WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, THIS YEAR TO FEBRUARY 28, 1994.

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EXEMPTIONS FOR HA MIDWIVES AND TECHNOLOGISTS PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE MIDWIVES (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS AND THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT UNDER THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, MIDWIVES EMPLOYED BY THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FULL-TIME WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL PRACTISING FEES.

THESE EXEMPTIONS ARE CURRENTLY ENJOYED BY GOVERNMENT-EMPLOYED MIDWIVES.

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THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS SEEK TO EXEMPT CHEMISTS AND SCIENTIFIC OFFICERS (MEDICAL) UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FROM REGISTERING WITH THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST BOARD IN LINE WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE TWO SETS OF AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WILL BE GAZETTED ON NOVEMBER 29.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL ON CHEUNG CHAU

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE PAK TAI PLAYGROUND ON CHEUNG CHAU ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AFTERNOON.

THERE WILL BE SINGING PERFORMANCE, GAME STALLS, FOOT DRILLS AND A NARCOTICS EXHIBITION. THE CARNIVAL WILL START AT 2 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (IDFCC), THE CARNIVAL WILL SPREAD FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES AND HIGHLIGHT THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF TAKING DRUGS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR A DRAWING AND A COMPOSITION CONTEST HELD EARLIER IN THE DISTRICT.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG; ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MISS MAUREEN TO; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR WILLIAM WORRAL; AND IDFCC CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW YUK-TING.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24). IT WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE PAK TAI PLAYGROUND ON CHEUNG CHAU.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR KOWLOON CITY

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ABOUT 100 MEMBERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL ATTEND A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE "PROTECTION OF PROPERTY VALUE THROUGH GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT" SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

IT AIMS TO ENHANCE THE MEMBERS' KNOWLEDGE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT OF GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT ON THE VALUE OF THEIR PROPERTIES.

THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTITUTE OF HOUSING, MR IP KAM-SHING; A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, MR SIMON TSUI YIG-PUI; AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY, MR FOO TAK-CHING.

THEY WILL TALK ON THE BUYING AND SELLING OF FLATS, VALUATION OF PROPERTIES AS WELL AS BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY VALUE.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, AND AN ENGINEERING CONSULTANT, DR RAYMOND HO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SEMINAR'S OPENING.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON PROTECTION OF PROPERTY VALUE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE METROPOLE HOTEL, WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON. IT WILL BEGIN AT 3.30 PM.

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NAVY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

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ON NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1, HMS TAMAR WILL THROW OPEN ITS GATE TO THE PUBLIC FOR NAVY DAYS 1991, WHICH PROMISES TO BE BIGGER AND BETTER-EVER BEING HELD.

APART FROM HMS SHEFFIELD, NO FEWER THAN SIX VISITING WARSHIPS WILL BE ON SHOW - FOUR AUSTRALIAN AND TWO AMERICAN.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE PATROL VESSELS OF THE HONG KONG SQUADRON, MARINE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES AND A COUPLE OF TUGS.

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ON LAND, THERE WILL BE A WIDE RANGE OF ATTRACTIONS INCLUDING AMUSEMENT, REFRESHMENT AND GAMES STALLS. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ARENA DISPLAY FEATURING BANDS, PIPES AND DRUMS, ROYAL MARINE DRUMMERS FROM THE UK, GYMNASTICS, AND AEROBICS.

NAVY DAYS IS A WELL ESTABLISHED POPULAR EVENT WHICH HAD SUCCESSFULLY ATTRACTED 57,000 PEOPLE AND RAISED \$400,000 FOR CHARITY LAST YEAR.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NAVY DAYS IS THE BASIN DISPLAY WITH ROYAL MARINES ABSEILING FROM HELICOPTERS, NAVAL DIVERS LEAPING INTO THE WATER AND THE NAVY'S HIGH SPEED FAST PURSUIT CRAFT TEARING ALL OVER THE PLACE.

A REHEARSAL FOR THE BASIN DISPLAY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 25) WHICH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN GATE OF HMS TAMAR BY 1.45 PM.

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FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY IN TAI PO

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY IN TAI PO OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY WORKING GROUP OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

ELDERLY VILLAGERS WILL BE TAKEN ON GUIDED TOURS OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN TAI PO NEW TOWN FROM NOVEMBER 27 TO 29. THEY WILL ALSO BE TREATED TO VEGETARIAN MEALS.

OPEN DAYS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 25 AND 29 TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE AREA.

ON DECEMBER 8 THERE WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW AT THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE, FEATURING CHINESE AND WESTERN ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES, A DRAMA, MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION, CANTONESE OPERA AND DANCE PERFORMANCES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 657 7111 EXT 256.

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CONSTRUCTION OF A SLIPWAY IN SAI KUNG NORTH

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A SLIPWAY WHICH WILL INVOLVE AN AREA OF ABOUT 407 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT WONG SHEK, SAI KUNG.

WORKS WILL START IN JANUARY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR WEEKS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE 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 BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 21 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER), AND AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

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THURSDAY DEADLINE FOR ENTERING DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL SINGING CONTEST ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS BY THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 28).

ENTRY FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL AND THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF ARTS CENTRE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE CONTEST STARTED IN 1983 WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN SINGING AND PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES.

THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION COVERS CLASSIC SOLOS, POP/FOLK SONG SOLOS AND CHORUS.

"PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 30 WHO LIVE, WORK AND STUDY IN THE DISTRICT OR WHO ARE MEMBERS OF ANY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN EACH OF THE THREE CATEGORIES WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND GIFT COUPONS WORTH \$1,000, \$700 AND \$500 RESPECTIVELY.

THE AUDITION AND PRELIMINARIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 7 AND 17 WHILE THE FINALS ARE PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 12 AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT'S ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS, THE MUSIC OFFICE, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BORAD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 852 3485 AND 528 3257.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN DECEMBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 15 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE ----	TIME ----
DECEMBER 2 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 3 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 4 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
DECEMBER 5 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 6 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 9 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
DECEMBER 10 (TUESDAY)	12.01 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 11 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 12 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 13 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 16 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 17 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 18 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 19 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 20 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE ----	\$MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	21.11.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	22.11.91	-26
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+26
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX	110.8 *-0.1* 22.11.91	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.70 PCT	24 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.24	5.66
1 MONTH	3.73 PCT					
3 MONTHS	3.92 PCT					
6 MONTHS	4.19 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.87 PCT					

TURNOVER - BILLS 3,453 MN, BONDS 74 MN

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