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ONE TONNE OF VEGETABLES DESTROYED

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SOME 1,000 KILOGRAMS OF VEGETABLES WERE SEIZED BY HEALTH INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AT MAN KAM TO BORDER CHECKPOINT THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HYGIENE), DR W K LO, SAID THE SEIZED VEGETABLES INCLUDING CHOI SUM AND PAK CHOI HAD FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE RELEVANT IMPORT REQUIREMENTS.

THE NAME OF THE VEGETABLE FARM APPEARING ON THE TAGS DIFFERED FROM THAT SHOWN ON THE PESTICIDE DECLARATION FORMS.

THE VEGETABLES WERE TAKEN TO THE PLOVER COVE LANDFILL FOR DESTRUCTION.

THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE FINDINGS FOR THEIR NECESSARY ACTION.

DR LO SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO STEP UP CHECKING AND SAMPLING AT THE BORDER CHECKPOINT.

HE APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO WASH AND BLANCH VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE COOKING.

THEY ARE ADVISED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

* DO NOT BUY VEGETABLES WITH AN OBVIOUS STRANGE SMELL;

* WASH VEGETABLES WELL BEFORE COOKING;

* DIP VEGETABLES INTO CLEAN WATER FOR SOME TIME TO ALLOW PESTICIDE TO LEACH OUT;

* BLANCH VEGETABLES IN BOILING WATER AND POUR AWAY THE WATER USED FOR BLANCHING AS IT MAY CONTAIN DISSOLVED PESTICIDES; AND

* COOK VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONSUMPTION.

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GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR REPORT ON LANTAU BUS ACCIDENT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ASKED THE NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH A REPORT ON THE BUS ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON SOUTH ISLAND ROAD ON LANTAU YESTERDAY (SUNDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT ITS OWN STUDY INTO THE INCIDENT. A SITE VISIT WILL BE MADE TO THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCIDENT, AND WOULD CONSIDER, IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS, WHETHER ANY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES NEEDED TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT SIMILAR ACCIDENTS FROM HAPPENING.

HE SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY AT THIS STAGE TO SPECULATE AS TO WHAT HAD CAUSED THE ACCIDENT AS INVESTIGATION WAS UNDER WAY.

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THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE SITE TAKING SHAPE
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ABOUT 90 HECTARES OF LAND IS BEING FORMED FROM THE SEA OFF TSEUNG KWAN O TO BECOME THE HOME TO HONG KONG'S THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

TSEUNG KWAN O WAS CHOSEN FOLLOWING FEASIBILITY STUDIES BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (TDD) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION (HKIEC).

THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS BEING FORMED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TSEUNG KWAN O. THE SITE IS SEPARATED FROM THE MAJOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS BY OPEN SPACES AND NATURAL TOPOGRAPHY TO MINIMISE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE.

TDD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON THE LAND FORMATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ROADS AND DRAINS, SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES AND WATER SUPPLY.

SITE FORMATION TOGETHER WITH SERVICES AND FACILITIES ARE CONSTRUCTED BY HKIEC.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

A VISIT TO THE SITE WILL BE ARRANGED TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE MASSIVE ENGINEERING WORKS GOING ON THERE.

THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE WORKS INCLUDING THE SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION OF WICK DRAINS AND THE LAYING OF GEOTEXTILE.

A LAUNCH CRUISE WILL BE ARRANGED. TDD OFFICIALS WILL BRIEF THE MEDIA. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER IN CENTRAL AT 1.45 PM. THE VISIT IS SCHEDULED TO LAST UNTIL 4 PM.

/THOSE MAKING .....

THOSE MAKING THEIR OWN WAY TO THE AREA SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2.30 PM OUTSIDE THE HKIEC SITE OFFICE OF CHINA FUJIAN CORPORATION ON WAN PO ROAD, TSEUNG KWAN O WHICH IS NEAR THE CHIAPHUA-SHINKO COPPER ALLOY COMPANY PLANT AND PO LAM NORTH ROAD.

DETAILS OF THE EXACT LOCATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT OF THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS ON 848 2701.

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SECONDARY 6 CENTRAL ALLOCATION RESULTS TO BE RELEASED

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STUDENTS WHO HAVE REGISTERED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF THE REMAINING SECONDARY 6 VACANCIES ARE REMINDED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT A LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE FOUR REGISTRATION CENTRES FROM 9 AM TOMORROW:

HONG KONG

TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL
5 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG

KOWLOON

HOMANTIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL
8 PERTH STREET, HOMANTIN, KOWLOON

NEW TERRITORIES

TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL
70 HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES

SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL
11-17 MAN LAI ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES

STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN TO THE SAME CENTRE WHERE THEY LODGED THEIR APPLICATIONS TO SEE THE RESULTS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS SHOULD COLLECT AN ALLOCATION SLIP FROM THE CENTRE AND SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE ALLOCATED SCHOOL BEFORE 3.30 PM THE SAME DAY," HE SAID.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG THEIR HONG KONG SCHOOL OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS RESULTS NOTICE AND IDENTITY CARDS," HE ADDED.

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POSTAL APPLICATION SERVICE FOR PASSPORT APPLICANTS
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT FIRST TIME APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG BRITISH PASSPORT AND HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY COULD BE MADE BY POST FROM SEPTEMBER 1 AS A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, APPLICANTS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THESE TWO TYPES OF APPLICATIONS IN PERSON.

THE POSTAL APPLICATION SERVICE PRESENTLY COVERS ONLY REPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH DOCUMENTS.

"ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS OF WHATEVER AGE WHO ARE HOLDERS OF HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS AND ARE IN HONG KONG MAY SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN PASSPORTS OR BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORTS BY POST TO THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (PASSPORT) SECTION, IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS, THIRD FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

"FOR CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, THEY MAY SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (OTHER SERVICES) SECTION, IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

"PRE-PRINTED ENVELOPES WILL BE PROVIDED TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS TO FACILITATE THE PUBLIC TO RETURN THEIR APPLICATIONS," HE SAID, NOTING THAT APPLICANTS MAY DEPOSIT THEIR FORMS INTO THE DROP-IN BOXES INSTALLED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED APPLICANTS THAT THEY MUST ENCLOSE TWO IDENTICAL RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS, A CROSSED CHEQUE OR POSTAL ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO THE 'HONG KONG GOVERNMENT' FOR PAYMENT OF DOCUMENT FEES, COPIES OF THEIR HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS AND OTHER RELEVANT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WHEN RETURNING THEIR APPLICATION FORMS.

"FIRST-TIME PASSPORT APPLICANTS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED BRITISH NATIONALITY BY BIRTH IN HONG KONG, SHOULD, HOWEVER, SEND IN THEIR ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES," HE NOTED.

"APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LETTER OF THE DATE AND OFFICE TO COLLECT THEIR NEW DOCUMENTS WITHIN FIVE WORKING DAYS UPON RECEIPT OF THEIR APPLICATIONS.

"THE PROCESSING TIME WILL BE THE SAME AS THAT FOR APPLICATIONS MADE IN PERSON," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF APPLICATION AND THE OFFICE WHERE THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED, THE NEW DOCUMENT WILL NORMALLY BE READY FOR COLLECTION BETWEEN 10 AND 20 WORKING DAYS.

/APPLICANTS SHOULD .....

APPLICANTS SHOULD COLLECT THEIR DOCUMENTS IN PERSON IN THE CASE OF FIRST-TIME APPLICATIONS, AND MAY AUTHORISE A REPRESENTATIVE TO COLLECT THE DOCUMENTS ON THEIR BEHALF, IF APPLYING FOR REPLACEMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR OTHER DOCUMENT SERVICES, SUCH AS APPLICATION FOR ADDITION OF CHILDREN, CHANGE OF PARTICULARS AND EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF PASSPORTS OR CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY.

"APPLICATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON AND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE PRODUCED FOR EXAMINATION AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.

"APPLICANTS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PREVIOUS PASSPORTS OF CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY OR WHO REQUIRE A DOCUMENT FOR URGENT TRAVEL SHOULD ALSO APPLY IN PERSON," HE SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 824 6111.

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REPORT ON 1990 INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION SURVEY ON SALE

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THE REPORT ON THE 1990 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION HAS RECENTLY BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND IS NOW ON SALE AT $26 A COPY.

THE ANNUAL REPORT CONTAINS A WIDE RANGE OF STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; AND ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER IN 1990.

THE STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM DATA COLLECTED FROM ABOUT 8,600 SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

EXAMPLES OF STATISTICAL ITEMS INCLUDED ARE:

* GROSS OUTPUT;

* SALES OF GOODS, INDUSTRIAL WORK AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES;

* OTHER RECEIPTS;

* COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES;

* PURCHASES OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL WORK/ SERVICES;

* OTHER EXPENSES;

* VALUE ADDED (A MEASURE OF CONTRIBUTION TO GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT); AND

* GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS.

APART FROM STATISTICS RELATING TO 1990, THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS SOME SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1988 AND 1989 TO SHOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE ACTIVITIES IN RECENT YEARS.

THE STATISTICS ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR POLICY FORMULATION, DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

THE REPORT MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL OR AT CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 805 6441.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 85.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 501.113 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 245.313 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 41.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	$ MILLION
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,350
REVERSAL OF LAF	+150
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-370
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,130

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 109.1 *-0.2* 24.8.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

TERMS	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.46 PCT
1 MONTH	2.49 PCT
3 MONTHS	2.53 PCT
6 MONTHS	2.74 PCT
12 MONTHS	3.30 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
15 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.57	3.53
18 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.74	3.84
21 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.75	4.08
24 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.72	4.21

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 4,749MN

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