



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 842 8777

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1990

CONTENTS

PAGE NO.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

ACTING CS' SPEECH ON CHEONG'S AMENDED MOTION ON PADS	1
ACTING CS' SPEECH ON LEE'S AMENDED MOTION ON PADS	3
RESOLUTION TO AMEND TELEPHONE ORDINANCE SCHEDULE PASSED	4
BILL TO IMPLEMENT KCRC'S NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE	5
BILLS SEEK TO AMEND POLICE FORCE AND ICAC ORDINANCES	6
BUILDING ORDINANCE REVIEW TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY	7
MEASURES TO CHECK JOB-SEEKERS' IDENTIFICATION OUTLINED	8
NO TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS	9
PRIVATISATION OF POLICE DRIVER TRAINING IMPRACTICABLE	9
GOVT TRIES TO SETTLE DISPUTES THROUGH CONSULTATION	10
MEASURES TO EXPAND PRISON CAPACITY	11
APPLICATIONS FOR UK CITIZENSHIP TO BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE ..	11
POLICE OFFICERS TRANSFERRED ON THE INCREASE	12
CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF LAW DRAFTSMAN	13
AMENDED MOTION BY STEPHEN CHEONG ON PADS PASSED	13
CS ENCOURAGED BY INTEREST SHOW IN HK	14
BRITISH NATIONALITY SCHEME ORDER MADE	14
DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN FAMILY MEDICINE	16
237 VBP RETURN TO VIETNAM	19
LABOUR COMMISSIONER VISITS HONG KONG ELECTRICITY	20
FESTIVAL FOR ELDERLY IN SAI KUNG	20
TWO GOVT LOTS TO LET BY TENDER	21

ACTING CS' SPEECH ON CHEONG'S AMENDED MOTION ON PADS

* * * * *

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE SPEECH BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PIERS JACOBS, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 21, 1990, ON THE AMENDED MOTION MOVED BY THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

SIR, I SHALL BE AS BRIEF AS I CAN. I AM GRATEFUL FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT FOR THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY RELATED PROJECTS. AS MANY MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED, THESE PROJECTS ARE VITAL TO THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG. THE SUPPORT OF THIS COUNCIL TO THE PROJECT, IN CLEAR TERMS, WILL, I AM SURE, BE WELCOMED BY THE COMMUNITY WHICH WE ALL SERVE.

SIR, AS MR JAMES TIEN AND MISS LEUNG WAI-TUNG AND OTHERS HAVE INDICATED, MANY OF THE POINTS THAT WERE RAISED IN THIS DEBATE HAVE ALREADY BEEN COVERED IN THE DEBATE HELD ON THE 31 OCTOBER THIS YEAR, SO I DON'T INTEND TO REPEAT ALL THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE ON THAT OCCASION. BUT THERE ARE SOME POINTS THAT WERE RAISED, IN PARTICULAR, MR KINGSLEY SIT'S SPEECH, THAT I FEEL I MUST COMMENT UPON BECAUSE THE REMARKS MADE, IF LEFT UNCONTRADICTED OR UNCHALLENGED, COULD BE MISLEADING TO MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL AND TO THE PUBLIC.

CHEK LAP KOK AS A PROJECT, OF COURSE HAS A LONG HISTORY, AS SOME MEMBERS COMMENTED. IT WAS, AS MEMBERS WILL REMEMBER, SHELVED IN 1983. THERE WERE VERY CLEAR REASONS AS TO WHY IT WAS SHELVED. FIRST OF ALL, AT THAT TIME THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WAS NOT CLEAR AND WE COULD NOT GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT UNTIL THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG HAD BEEN SETTLED. IN 1984, OF COURSE IT WAS SETTLED BY THE JOINT DECLARATION AND SO THE WAY WAS CLEAR FOR THE PROJECT TO GO AHEAD, BUT BY THAT TIME, THE BUDGET WAS NOT LOOKING PARTICULARLY STRONG AND SO THE PROJECT WAS TEMPORARILY SHELVED, ONLY BECAUSE OF THE BUDGETARY SITUATION AT THE TIME, NOT - AND I REPEAT NOT - BECAUSE OF OTHER TECHNICAL OR OPERATIONAL FACTORS, AS ALLEGED BY MR SIT.

THE BRIEF GIVEN TO THE CONSULTANTS FOR THE PADS STUDY, WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS, DID INDEED REFER TO THE NON-VIABILITY OF CHEK LAP KOK IN 1983, BUT IT IS DISTRESSING TO HEAR THAT MR SIT HAS CHOSEN TO MISLEAD THIS COUNCIL BY EXTENDING THE RESERVATIONS REGARDING FINANCING TO INCLUDE THE ACTUAL SITING OF CHEK LAP KOK ITSELF. MAY I THEREFORE REPEAT ONCE AGAIN THAT TAKING ALL RELEVANT FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT, CHEK LAP KOK IS INDEED THE MOST SUITABLE AND THE MOST VIABLE SITE FOR OUR NEW AIRPORT.

SIR, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF PADS PROJECTS TO OUR FUTURE, THE GOVERNMENT FULLY APPRECIATES THE WISH AND THE NEED FOR THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL, AND THIS COUNCIL IN PARTICULAR, TO BE KEPT INFORMED. AS MEMBERS ARE AWARE, WE ARE ALREADY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP FORMED UNDER MR STEPHEN CHEONG'S CONVENORSHIP. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BRIEF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECTS, AS WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN DOING. ONLY LAST MONTH, ALL THE SENIOR OFFICIALS INVOLVED GAVE THE GROUP AN EXTENSIVE BRIEFING. MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL WILL NO DOUBT, IN FUTURE, CLOSELY SCRUTINISE THE FUNDING OF THE PROJECTS AS SUBMISSIONS ARE MADE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

SIR, AS INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS PROCEED, DISTRICT BOARDS DIRECTLY AFFECTED WILL OF COURSE BE CONSULTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LONG-STANDING PRACTICE FOR CONSULTATION WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS. THIS FRIDAY, A BRIEFING SESSION FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK WILL TAKE PLACE. AS THE PROJECTS TAKE SHAPE WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FULLY, REGULARLY, AND COMPREHENSIBLY EXPLAIN WHAT IS HAPPENING, AND JUST AS IMPORTANT, WHY IT IS HAPPENING.

SIR, ONE OF HONG KONG'S GREAT ATTRACTIONS IS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO GET THINGS DONE HERE. PLANS, ONCE THEY ARE AGREED, ARE IMPLEMENTED QUICKLY. AS SIR DAVID FORD INDICATED IN HIS SPEECH IN THE DEBATE ON THE OPENING ADDRESS ONLY THREE WEEKS AGO, AND AS MR STEPHEN CHEUNG HAS TODAY EXPLAINED, TO HOLD EXHAUSTIVE PUBLIC INQUIRIES, WHICH IS THE ROUTE FOLLOWED IN SOME PLACES, IS NOT ALWAYS THE SWIFTEST WAY OF ACHIEVING RESULTS. IT HAS A COST - THE COST IS DELAY AFTER DELAY. THAT IS NOT HONG KONG'S WAY OF DOING THINGS. THE HONG KONG STYLE IS TO TAKE A VISION OF THE FUTURE, TO DECIDE, BOLDLY, WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ACHIEVE THAT VISION, AND THEN TO GET ON WITH IT.

MEMBERS WILL RECOLLECT THAT IN MY SPEECH I STRESSED TO THIS COUNCIL ON 31 OCTOBER, THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT FULLY RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FINANCES, INCLUDING THE FINANCING OF PADS. WORK IS IN HAND TO ENSURE THAT CAREFUL PROGRAMMING AND PACKAGING OF WORKS CONTRACTS LEADS TO THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE APPROACH IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECTS. A CENTRAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM COMPRISING GOVERNMENT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS HAS ALREADY BEEN SET UP TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE USE OF RESOURCES THROUGH MODERN MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

SIR, IN THE COURSE OF ONE OF THE SPEECHES - A SPEECH MADE BY MR DANIEL LAM - THERE WAS REFERENCE TO THE EXCHANGE FUND. THE EXCHANGE FUND IS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON WHAT WAS SAID, VERY BRIEFLY. THE EXCHANGE FUND, OF COURSE, WILL NOT BE USED FOR FINANCING THIS PROJECT, THE PADS PROJECT, OR ANY PART OF IT. THE EXCHANGE FUND IS THERE FOR A SPECIFIC STATUTORY PURPOSE - TO BACK THE CURRENCY. SIR, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS WHOLE DEBATE, BECAUSE THE EXCHANGE FUND IS STRONG, IT IS PROPERLY AND VERY PRUDENTLY MANAGED, AND WHATEVER HAPPENS WITH THIS PROJECT AS IT UNFOLDS, OUR CURRENCY WILL BE VERY STRONGLY AND FIRMLY BACKED, AND IT IS A POINT I WOULD LIKE MEMBERS TO KNOW.

SIR, THERE WAS ANOTHER COMMENT MADE - I THINK BY MR MARTIN LEE - REGARDING THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF WHICH I AM CHAIRMAN. WE EXPLAINED THE REASON WHY WE ESTABLISHED THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO HANDLE THESE PROJECTS. WE ARE FOLLOWING A WELL-TRIED AND TESTED PATH; WE ESTABLISHED A PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY TO START THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, AND OF COURSE EVENTUALLY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION WAS SET UP. ONE ADVANTAGE OF OUR APPROACH IS THAT IT ENABLES LEADING AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO BE APPOINTED TO THE AUTHORITY, SO THAT IT MAY BENEFIT FROM THEIR INDIVIDUAL TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL AND MANAGERIAL SKILLS. NOW ALL MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ARE WELL AWARE THAT CONFLICT OF INTEREST SITUATIONS CAN ARISE AND THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE IS, FOR ANY MEMBER INVOLVED IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST SITUATION, TO DECLARE HIS INTEREST. THEREAFTER, HE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE RELATED DECISION MAKING PROCESS. SIR, I CAN ASSURE MEMBERS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, AND THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY IN DUE COURSE, DOES NOT BRING INTO BEING ANY ABUSES OR POSSIBILITIES OF ANY ABUSES WHATSOEVER.

/SIR, WE

- 3 -

SIR, WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE URGENT NEED FOR A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT. WE CANNOT IGNORE THE REALITIES OF AN INCREASINGLY CONGESTED KAI TAK, WE CANNOT AFFORD UNDUE DELAY. GETTING ON WITH THE PROJECT IS IN THE BEST LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF HONG KONG.

SIR, WITH THESE REMARKS, I SUPPORT THE AMENDED MOTION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

ACTING CS' SPEECH ON LEE'S AMENDED MOTION ON PADS

* * * * *

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE SPEECH BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PIERS JACOBS, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 21, 1990, ON THE AMENDED MOTION BY THE HON MARTIN LEE ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

MY LAST BUDGET HAS A GREEN COVER AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS POSSIBLY ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH MY CREDENTIALS IN RELATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. MR STEPHEN CHEONG'S AMENDMENT IS PROPERLY COUCHED IN WIDE AND GENERAL TERMS, IT CONTAINS A REQUIREMENT UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO MAKE PUBLIC RELEVANT INFORMATION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS EVERY INTENTION OF FULLY HONOURING THAT COMMITMENT.

SIR, MR MARTIN LEE, BY CONTRAST, IN HIS AMENDMENT HAS CHOSEN TO BE NARROW. HE HAS REFERRED TO THE RELEASE OF A SERIES OF SPECIFIC REPORTS DEALING WITH ONLY ONE ASPECT, NAMELY, THE ENVIRONMENT. OF COURSE, WE ACCEPT THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THESE PROJECTS, BUT I SUGGEST THAT THE INFORMATION THAT MR MARTIN LEE REQUIRES WILL IN FACT BE RELEASED, ALBEIT IN MORE GENERAL BUT NEVERTHELESS TOTALLY INFORMATIVE TERMS, UNDER MR STEPHEN CHEONG'S AMENDMENT. THEREFORE, WHAT PURPOSE DOES MR MARTIN LEE'S AMENDMENT ACTUALLY SERVE?

SIR, FOR THESE REASONS, I SHARE MR STEPHEN CHEONG'S VIEWS AND I SHALL VOTE AGAINST MR MARTIN LEE'S AMENDMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1990

- 4 -

RESOLUTION TO AMEND TELEPHONE ORDINANCE SCHEDULE PASSED

* * * * *

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PASSED A RESOLUTION THAT IT APPROVED TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE TO THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE, BY ADDING TO IT THE CHARGES THAT THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LTD PROPOSES TO LEVY FOR ITS PROPOSED INTERPRETER HANDLING SERVICE.

MOVING A MOTION TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE HON ANSON CHAN, SAID THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY PROPOSED TO PROVIDE AN INTERPRETER HANDLING SERVICE TO FACILITATE INTERPRETATION DURING AN INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALL.

MRS CHAN SAID CALLS REQUIRING THE SERVICE WOULD NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE.

THE COMPANY WOULD THEN ARRANGE FOR AN INDEPENDENT TRANSLATION AGENCY TO PROVIDE CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETATION DURING THE CONVERSATION BY USING THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY'S CONFERENCE CALL FACILITY.

"UNDER SECTION 26(1) OF THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE, THE COMPANY MAY ONLY LEVY CHARGES NOT EXCEEDING THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE ORDINANCE," MRS CHAN POINTED OUT.

SHE SAID THE CHARGES FOR THE NEW SERVICE, AS SET OUT IN THE RESOLUTION, WERE \$143 PER CALL FOR COMPLETED CALLS USING THE TRANSLATION SERVICE AND \$60 PER CALL FOR CALLS WHICH HAD BEEN BOOKED BY A SUBSCRIBER BUT SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELLED.

IN ADDITION, MRS CHAN SAID, A CUSTOMER MAKING USE OF THE SERVICE WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE NORMAL CHARGES FOR THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALL, THE INTERNATIONAL OPERATOR ASSISTED CONFERENCE CALL AND FOR THE ADVICE OF DURATION OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALL, AS WELL AS THE CHARGE FOR INTERPRETATION RAISED BY THE INDEPENDENT TRANSLATION AGENCY.

"THE ADMINISTRATION HAS EXAMINED THE NEW CHARGES SPECIFIED IN THE RESOLUTION AND CONSIDERS THEM TO BE A REASONABLE REFLECTION OF THE COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICE," SHE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/5

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1990

- 5 -

BILL TO IMPLEMENT KCRC'S NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

* * * * *

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, WHICH IMPLEMENTS THE NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE CORPORATION, WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SECTOR ADMINISTRATION, A REVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KCRC WAS CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE REVIEW RECOMMENDED A NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES AIMED AT IMPROVING THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL MONITORING OF THE CORPORATION'S PERFORMANCE. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WERE NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED.

"THESE INCLUDED SETTING POLICY OBJECTIVES FOR THE CORPORATION, APPOINTING A FULL-TIME CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO OVERSEE THE OPERATION OF THE CORPORATION AND TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS PERFORMANCE, AND REQUIRING THE CORPORATION TO SUBMIT ANNUALLY ITS BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME."

MR LEUNG SAID AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION IN HIS OTHER CAPACITY AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE WOULD TAKE OVER THE FULL DUTIES OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, IT WAS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEPARATE APPOINTMENT OF A MANAGING DIRECTOR.

THE BILL ACCORDINGLY REPEALED THE PROVISIONS OF THE KCRC ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT AND MANNER OF APPOINTMENT OF A MANAGING DIRECTOR.

IT ALSO SET OUT THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE PERFORMING ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION SUCH FUNCTIONS AS THE ORDINANCE OR THE CORPORATION MIGHT ASSIGN TO HIM.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR WOULD NOW BE ASSIGNED TO THE CHAIRMAN.

MR LEUNG SAID THE BILL, IF ENACTED, SHOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 24 THIS YEAR TO COINCIDE WITH THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

BILLS SEEK TO AMEND POLICE FORCE AND ICAC ORDINANCES

* * * * *

THE POLICE FORCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 CLARIFIES THAT THE IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS OF AN ARRESTED PERSON SHOULD BE DESTROYED OR RETURNED TO SUCH PERSON, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL, MR ASPREY POINTED OUT THAT THIS IS PROVIDED IF:

- * A DECISION IS TAKEN NOT TO CHARGE THE PERSON WITH AN OFFENCE;
- * THE PERSON IS CHARGED WITH AN OFFENCE BUT DISCHARGED BY A COURT BEFORE CONVICTION OR ACQUITTED AT HIS TRIAL OR ON APPEAL; OR
- * IN THE CASE OF A CAUTIONED JUVENILE, WHEN THE PERSON ATTAINS THE AGE OF 17 YEARS AND HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY OFFENCE.

THE BILL WOULD EMPOWER THE POLICE TO TAKE PALM-PRINTS, SOLE-PRINTS AND TOE-PRINTS WHEN A PERSON WAS ARRESTED, MR ASPREY SAID.

HE SAID IT ALSO SOUGHT TO ENABLE THE POLICE TO RETAIN THESE IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS WHERE A PERSON HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE, WAS THE SUBJECT OF A REMOVAL ORDER UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, OR WAS A JUVENILE UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE AND HAD BEEN CAUTIONED FOR THE OFFENCE FOR WHICH HE WAS ARRESTED.

AT PRESENT, SECTION 59 OF THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE EMPOWERED THE POLICE TO TAKE THE PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGER-PRINTS, WEIGHT AND HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS OF A PERSON WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED OR CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE.

"THERE IS NO EXPRESS AUTHORITY TO TAKE PALM-PRINTS, SOLE-PRINTS OR TOE-PRINTS, ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE FOR THE POLICE TO DO THIS IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL CASES, WHERE SUCH EVIDENCE CAN BE AN IMPORTANT AID IN THE INVESTIGATION OF CRIME," HE SAID.

SECTION 59 OF THE ORDINANCE WAS ALSO UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THE IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS OF AN ARRESTED PERSON SHOULD BE DESTROYED OR RETURNED TO HIM IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR EXAMPLE WHERE THE PERSON WAS NOT PROSECUTED, MR ASPREY ADDED.

MEANWHILE, MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, MR ASPREY SAID THE BILL SOUGHT TO AMEND SECTION 10D OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION ORDINANCE, TO CLARIFY THAT THE COMMISSIONER, ICAC MIGHT RETAIN THE IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS OF A PERSON ARRESTED OR CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE ORDINANCE WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS.

/THEY WERE

THEY WERE WHERE A DECISION WAS TAKEN NOT TO CHARGE THE ARRESTED PERSON, AND WHERE THE ARRESTED PERSON WAS DISCHARGED BY A COURT BEFORE CONVICTION OR ACQUITTED AT HIS TRIAL OR ON APPEAL, HE SAID.

"THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED IN THE POLICE FORCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990," MR ASPREY SAID.

DEBATES ON THE BILLS WERE ADJOURNED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

BUILDING ORDINANCE REVIEW TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY
* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING WHETHER AND HOW EXISTING LEGISLATION COULD OR SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED TO ENSURE THAT THE PRIVATE BUILDINGS ARE MAINTAINED PROPERLY THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY IS ENFORCED AND ENSURED.

THIS FORMS THE FIRST PART OF THE REVIEW BY THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, THE HON GRAHAM BARNES, SAID THIS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY THE HON LEUNG WAI-TUNG.

MR BARNES NOTED THAT THE LAW IN HONG KONG DID NOT ENFORCE MAINTENANCE TO PREVENT THE STRUCTURE FROM BECOMING DILAPIDATED.

IN MANY CASES, HE SAID, LITTLE OR NO PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE HAD BEEN DONE.

"THE LAW IN HONG KONG ENSURES THAT BUILDINGS ARE PROPERLY DESIGNED AND BUILT BY AUTHORISED PERSONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED PLAN.

"IT PROVIDES PROCEDURES TO DEAL WITH KNOWN UNAUTHORISED ADDITIONS AND TO ENFORCE THE REPAIR AND/OR DEMOLITION OF PARTS OR THE WHOLE OF THE STRUCTURE IF THEY ARE OR IT IS KNOWN TO HAVE BECOME DANGEROUS," HE SAID.

MR BARNES SAID IN A SURVEY RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, OVER 55,000 PRIVATE BUILDINGS WERE INSPECTED EXTERNALLY, OF WHICH 16,700 WERE CLASSIFIED AS CATEGORY II BUILDINGS.

HE STRESSED THAT CATEGORY II DID NOT MEAN THAT A DANGER HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED.

"IT ONLY REFERS TO BUILDINGS WHICH APPEAR FROM THE OUTSIDE TO BE IN A SUSPECT CONDITION AND THEREFORE REQUIRE DETAILED INVESTIGATION," HE SAID.

/THE BUILDINGS

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE HAD ALREADY STARTED ON THE DETAILED INSPECTION OF CATEGORY II BUILDINGS. UP TO NOW, 1,800 FULL AND DETAILED INSPECTIONS HAD BEEN MADE AND 1,600 ORDERS HAD BEEN SERVED, INCLUDING 20 DEMOLITION ORDERS FOR 20 BUILDINGS.

MR BARNES SAID EFFORTS WERE BEING FOCUSED ON THE PRE-WAR BUILDINGS AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT SHEUNG WAN INCIDENT AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT DETAILED INSPECTIONS ON ALL THE 970 CATEGORY II PRE-WAR BUILDINGS IDENTIFIED WOULD BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

"INSPECTIONS OF ALL REMAINING CATEGORY II POST-WAR BUILDINGS IS ESTIMATED TO BE COMPLETED IN FIVE TO EIGHT YEARS, DEPENDING ON STAFF RESOURCES," HE SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MEASURES TO CHECK JOB-SEEKERS' IDENTIFICATION OUTLINED

* * * * *

MEASURES WHICH EMPLOYERS CAN TAKE TO VERIFY THE VALIDITY OF THE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS OF APPLICANTS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT ARE OUTLINED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON ALISTAIR ASPREY, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON JAMES TIEN, MR ASPREY SAID SUCH MEASURES INCLUDED:

- * SCRUTINISING CAREFULLY THE PHOTOGRAPH ON THE IDENTITY CARD;
- * CHECKING THAT THE AGE AND OTHER DETAILS ON THE IDENTITY CARD FIT THE APPLICANT; AND CHECKING OTHER EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY, SUCH AS A DRIVING LICENCE OR BANK BOOK;
- * IF AN EMPLOYER SUSPECTS THAT THE IDENTITY CARD MAY NOT BELONG TO THE APPLICANT, OR THAT IT MAY NOT BE GENUINE, THE EMPLOYER SHOULD RING THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE SERVICE GIVING THE APPLICANT'S ID CARD NUMBER AND NAME. HE MAY ALSO MAKE A REPORT TO THE POLICE.

MR ASPREY SAID HE HAD OUTLINED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECOND READING DEBATE ON THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, SOME OF THE MEASURES WHICH EMPLOYERS COULD TAKE TO ENSURE THAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE NOT EMPLOYED ON THEIR PREMISES.

"WE HAVE DISCUSSED THESE MEASURES WITH THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, AND THEY HAVE BEEN WIDELY PUBLICISED," HE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NO TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS
* * * * *

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PIERS JACOB, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT NO AMENDMENT WOULD BE PROPOSED TO THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS FOR POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON PETER WONG, SIR PIERS SAID IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH ORGANISATIONS MIGHT ALREADY BE EXEMPT.

HE SAID MUCH DEPENDED UPON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ORGANISATION.

"IF, FOR EXAMPLE, A POLITICAL ORGANISATION WERE CONSTITUTED AS A CLUB AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24(1) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE THEN IT MIGHT NOT BE DEEMED TO BE CARRYING ON BUSINESS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

"AND THUS, IT WOULD NOT BE LIABLE TO PROFITS TAX," SIR PIERS SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

PRIVATISATION OF POLICE DRIVER TRAINING IMPRACTICABLE
* * * * *

PRIVATISATION OF POLICE DRIVER TRAINING IS AT PRESENT NEITHER PRACTICABLE NOR COST-EFFECTIVE, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON J.D. MCGREGOR, MR ASPREY SAID THIS WAS THE CONCLUSION OF A DETAILED STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE POLICE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PRIVATISING POLICE DRIVER TRAINING EARLY THIS YEAR.

HE SAID THERE WAS A NEED TO PROVIDE SPECIALISED DRIVING TRAINING TO EQUIP POLICE OFFICERS TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY OR 999 CALLS, OR TO UNDERTAKE HIGH SPEED PURSUITS.

THIS TRAINING, HE SAID, REQUIRED EXPERTISE CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"FURTHERMORE, EVEN IF A PRIVATE COMPANY WERE TO TAKE OVER POLICE DRIVER TRAINING, AFTER QUALIFYING ITS TRAINERS AS SPECIALIST DRIVING INSTRUCTORS, THE STUDY INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD BE LIKELY TO COST MORE THAN THE CURRENT POLICE DRIVING SCHOOL," HE SAID.

MR ASPREY POINTED OUT THAT CIVILIANISATION IN OTHER AREAS WAS, HOWEVER, BEING PURSUED. AND THE POLICE HAD STARTED A SERIES OF REVIEWS TO THIS END.

/AS A

- 10 -

"AS A RESULT, WE HOPE TO CIVILIANISE OVER 50 POSTS IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR TO RELEASE POLICE OFFICERS FOR OPERATIONAL DUTIES," HE SAID.

FURTHER STUDIES TO IDENTIFY OTHER POSTS WHICH COULD BE CIVILIANISED WERE BEING AND WOULD BE CONDUCTED, MR ASPREY ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

GOVT TRIES TO SETTLE DISPUTES THROUGH CONSULTATION
* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL TRIES TO SETTLE ANY DISPUTES THAT ARISE THROUGH CONSULTATION BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND STAFF AND THIS PROCESS, BY AND LARGE, HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY THE HON DAVID CHEUNG IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR PIERS SAID IN CASES WHERE A PARTICULAR GROUP OF CIVIL SERVANTS HAD RESORTED TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION, THE DEPARTMENT AFFECTED WAS EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH THE STAFF CONCERNED, WITH A VIEW TO SETTLING THE ISSUE THROUGH NEGOTIATION.

"IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE SERVICES ARE NOT DISRUPTED EVEN WHERE INDUSTRIAL ACTION IS TAKEN.

"SOMETIMES THIS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE BUT MEMBERS MAY REST ASSURED THAT HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHERS HOLDING RESPONSIBILITY ARE FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICES," SIR PIERS SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE MIGHT AUTHORISE DEDUCTION OF AN APPROPRIATE SUM FROM SALARIES OF THE STAFF REFUSING TO PERFORM ALL OR PART OF THEIR NORMAL DUTIES.

ALTERNATIVELY, HE MIGHT SUSPEND THEM FROM DUTY WITHOUT PAY.

"I MUST EMPHASISE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS ARE INVOKED ONLY AS A LAST RESORT," SIR PIERS SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MEASURES TO EXPAND PRISON CAPACITY

* * * * *

A NUMBER OF MEASURES HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE TAKEN TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY AND REDUCE THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG'S PRISONS, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON MICHAEL CHENG, MR ASPREY SAID ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR 120 PRISONERS WAS BEING BUILT IN SHA TSUI DETENTION CENTRE AND HEI LING CHAU ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE TO EXPAND THEIR CAPACITY.

FURTHER ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR SOME 200 PRISONERS WAS PLANNED AT TAI LAM PRISON AND 60 AT TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, HE SAID.

IN THE MEDIUM TERM, MR ASPREY SAID HE HOPED THAT FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE TAI A CHAU DETENTION CENTRE NEXT YEAR, AND ASSUMING A GRADUAL REDUCTION IN THE BOAT PEOPLE POPULATION, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RELEASE DETENTION CENTRE ACCOMMODATION ON HEI LING CHAU BACK TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS ADDITIONAL PRISON ACCOMMODATION.

HE ADDED THAT THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE HAD BEEN RECENTLY AMENDED TO IMPOSE MORE SEVERE PENALTIES ON THOSE WHO EMPLOYED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

IN THE LONGER TERM, THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM WAS THAT THESE RECENT ENACTED AMENDMENTS WOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS COMING TO HONG KONG, AND IN TURN GRADUALLY REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE PRISON POPULATION, MR ASPREY SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

APPLICATIONS FOR UK CITIZENSHIP TO BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE

* * * * *

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) ACT 1990 WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID THIS IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY DR THE HON LEONG CHE-HUNG IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR ASPREY SAID UNDER THE NEWLY ENACTED BRITISH NATIONALITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990, IT WAS AN OFFENCE FOR ANY PERSON INVOLVED IN THE PROCESSING OF SUCH APPLICATIONS TO DISCLOSE, WITHOUT AUTHORISATION, THE IDENTITY OF APPLICANTS OR ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THEIR APPLICATIONS.

/HE SAID

HE SAID ALL DATA RELATING TO UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS WOULD BE DESTROYED AFTER THREE YEARS.

HE ADDED THAT DATA RELATING TO BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE SCHEME WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE HOME OFFICE BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 AND WOULD BECOME PART OF THE RECORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

"NO LIST OF NAMES OR PERSONAL DATA DERIVED FROM APPLICATIONS WILL BE PASSED TO THE FUTURE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT.

"WE DO NOT HAVE A FULL LIST OF BRITISH CITIZENS RESIDENT IN HONG KONG, NOR DO WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO CAPTURE THE NATIONAL STATUS OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS," MR ASPREY SAID.

SUCH SYSTEMS MIGHT, HOWEVER, HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN FUTURE TO EXTEND THE RIGHT OF ABODE TO NON-CHINESE NATIONALS WHO HAD LIVED IN HONG KONG CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN YEARS AND HAD TAKEN HONG KONG AS THEIR PLACE OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE, HE SAID.

"BUT THESE SYSTEMS WILL ONLY CONTAIN INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED BY THOSE RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO ESTABLISH THEIR RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG.

"THEY WILL NOT BE A COMPREHENSIVE RECORD ON THE NATIONAL STATUS OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

"NOR WILL THEY INCLUDE INFORMATION ON HOW A RESIDENT HAS ACQUIRED HIS NATIONAL STATUS," HE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

POLICE OFFICERS TRANSFERRED ON THE INCREASE

* * * * *

THE PRESENT RULES GOVERNING PAY ON TRANSFER, WHEREBY AN OFFICER TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER POSITION CARRIES HIS FORMER SALARY NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE MINIMUM PAY OF THE NEW JOB IS LOWER, ARE ANOMALOUS, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON ALISTAIR ASPREY, INFORMED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY THE HON DAVID CHEUNG, MR ASPREY SAID THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE PROPOSED TO AMEND THE RULES TO REMOVE THE PRESENT ANOMALY.

ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT POLICE OFFICERS FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS TO CARRY THEIR PAY ON TRANSFER TO OTHER POSTS, MR ASPREY SAID: "THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY A CIVIL SERVANT IN ONE DEPARTMENT OR GRADE MIGHT DECIDE TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OR GRADE.

"IT IS NEITHER POSSIBLE, NOR DESIRABLE TO SEEK TO PREVENT SUCH TRANSFERS," HE SAID.

GOVERNMENT STATISTICS HAD SHOWN THAT THE NUMBERS OF POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAD TRANSFERRED TO OTHER GOVERNMENT POSTS IN 1988, 1989 AND 1990 (FROM JANUARY TO OCTOBER) WERE 92, 227 AND 312 RESPECTIVELY.

"THE NUMBER OF SUCH TRANSFERS HAS BEEN ON THE INCREASE OVER THIS PERIOD," MR ASPREY SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF LAW DRAFTSMAN

* * * * *

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT THE BEGINNING OF TODAY'S (WEDNESDAY) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING, EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF THE LAW DRAFTSMAN, MR JAMES O'GRADY, WHO DIED YESTERDAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

"I AM SURE THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD WISH ME TO NOTE WITH DEEP REGRET THE DEATH YESTERDAY OF MR JAMES O'GRADY, WHO IS COUNSEL TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SINCE SEPTEMBER 1985, AND TO RECORD BOTH OUR REGRET AND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY," SIR DAVID SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

AMENDED MOTION BY STEPHEN CHEONG ON PADS PASSED

* * * * *

A MOTION MOVED BY THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG TO AMEND THE MOTION RAISED BY THE HON KINGSLEY SIT ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) WAS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE ORIGINAL MOTION BY MR SIT AND ANOTHER AMENDED MOTION BY THE HON MARTIN LEE WERE NOT SUPPORTED.

THIRTY-ONE LEGISLATORS SPOKE ON THE MOTIONS ON PADS AND THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT.

TWO OTHER MOTIONS, ONE ON THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE WHICH WAS MOVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AND THE OTHER ON THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE WHICH WAS MOVED BY THE HON C.K. POON, WERE ALSO PASSED.

MEANWHILE, TWO BILLS WERE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THEY WERE THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING-OFFENCE POINTS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

THREE BILLS WERE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY WERE THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, THE POLICE FORCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

DEBATES ON THESE BILLS WERE ADJOURNED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1990

- 14 -

CS ENCOURAGED BY INTEREST SHOWN IN HK

* * * * *

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID HE WAS VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE INTEREST SHOWN IN HONG KONG EVERYWHERE HE WENT DURING HIS VISITS TO NORTH AMERICA AND LONDON.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD A VERY BUSY 10 DAYS VISITING FOUR CITIES WHERE HE MADE SPEECHES AND ATTENDED NUMEROUS MEETINGS.

"I SAW A LOT OF BUSINESS PEOPLE; I SAW POLITICIANS AND OFFICIALS; I SAW STUDENTS AND THE MEDIA, AND ALL OF THEM EXPRESSED A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN HONG KONG, AND SYMPATHY AND GENERAL ENCOURAGEMENT.

"I THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY USEFUL WAY OF STAYING IN TOUCH WITH THE PEOPLE IN NORTH AMERICA AND INDEED IN LONDON," HE SAID.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE COURT CASE INVOLVING THE 111 VIETNAMESE LAST WEEK, SIR DAVID SAID PLENTY HAD BEEN SAID ABOUT IT IN HONG KONG: "I REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO ADD ONLY TO SAY THAT IT DIDN'T CROP UP IN MY QUESTIONS WHEN I WAS OVERSEAS."

ON THE QUESTION OF RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW, SIR DAVID SAID THE POSITION HAD BEEN MADE VERY CLEAR: "WE CLEARLY DO FOLLOW THE RULE OF LAW METICULOUSLY AND HAVE DONE SO IN THAT CASE."

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE LOCALISATION POLICY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IT WAS A GRADUAL PROCESS IN WHICH LOCAL OFFICERS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO SENIOR POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT FOR MANY YEARS.

"WE NOW HAVE MORE THAN HALF OF THE SENIOR POSITIONS FILLED BY LOCAL OFFICER," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THAT PROCESS UP UNTIL 1997; UNTIL WE MAKE SURE THAT IN ADVANCE OF 1997 WE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BASIC LAW AND THAT THERE ARE CHINESE NATIONALS IN THE MOST SENIOR POSITIONS OF GOVERNMENT SO AS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY ACROSS 1997," HE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

BRITISH NATIONALITY SCHEME ORDER MADE

* * * * *

THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) (SELECTION SCHEME) ORDER 1990, WHICH SETS OUT THE SELECTION MECHANISM FOR CHOOSING 50,000 HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG TO BE REGISTERED AS BRITISH CITIZENS UNDER THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME, WAS MADE BY THE PRIVY COUNCIL YESTERDAY (TUESDAY).

THE ORDER WILL COME INTO FORCE ON DECEMBER 1, 1990.

/A HONG

A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF ALL LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES, APPLICATIONS FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE SCHEME WOULD BE OPEN FROM DECEMBER 1, 1990 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1991.

"DURING THIS PERIOD, APPLICATION FORMS, TOGETHER WITH A DETAILED GUIDANCE NOTE TO HELP APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE FORM, WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM MORE THAN 200 OUTLETS INCLUDING ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, ALL POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES, AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE," HE SAID.

"IN COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORMS, AN APPLICANT WILL HAVE TO FILL IN VARIOUS COMPUTER CODES RELATING TO HIS OCCUPATION, GENERAL EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS, PROFESSIONAL AND FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS, AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF VOLUNTARY OR COMMUNITY SERVICE.

"A TOTAL OF NINE REFERENCE MANUALS WILL BE PUBLISHED TO HELP APPLICANTS IN DIFFERENT OCCUPATIONS FIND THEIR COMPUTER CODES.

"THESE MANUALS COVER THE SEVEN BROAD AREAS OF WORK INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASS, THE APPROVED OCCUPATIONS, AND THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES CLASS RESPECTIVELY.

"THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM DECEMBER 1 AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR THE REFERENCE OF APPLICANTS.

"AN APPLICANT CAN ALSO BUY A COPY OF THE MANUAL RELATING TO HIS OCCUPATION FOR HIS OWN REFERENCE.

"THESE MANUALS, AT \$20 A COPY, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM DECEMBER 1 AT MORE THAN 80 OUTLETS INCLUDING ABOUT 40 DISTRICT OFFICES, ABOUT 20 POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, 20 SING TAO CENTRES, AND FIVE TV WEEK SERVICE CENTRES," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT NO APPLICANT WOULD NEED TO BUY ALL NINE MANUALS.

"IN MOST CASES, ALL THAT AN APPLICANT NEEDS TO HELP HIM FIND HIS COMPUTER CODES IS THE MANUAL WHICH COVERS HIS OCCUPATION.

"DETAILS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS COVERED BY EACH MANUAL, AS WELL AS THE INDIVIDUAL OCCUPATIONS INCLUDED IN EACH OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, ARE INCLUDED IN THE FREE PUBLICATION 'A GENERAL GUIDE TO THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME'.

"THE GENERAL GUIDE, WHICH ALSO GIVES MORE DETAILS ON APPLICATION PROCEDURES AS WELL AS THE POINTS SYSTEM UNDER THE SELECTION SCHEME, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES, AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE."

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED ALL APPLICANTS TO CAREFULLY STUDY THE GENERAL GUIDE, THE APPLICATION FORM, THE GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE APPLICATION FORM, AND THE RELEVANT REFERENCE MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT FULL AND ACCURATE INFORMATION IS GIVEN IN THE APPLICATION FORM SINCE INITIAL SCORES WILL BE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED THERE," HE STRESSED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE APPLICATION PERIOD WOULD RUN FOR THREE MONTHS AND THERE WAS NO NEED TO HURRY TO GET ONE'S APPLICATION IN EARLY.

"ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28, 1991 WILL BE PROCESSED IN THE SAME WAY AND THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED BY SUBMITTING AN EARLY APPLICATION.

"THE ONLY EXCEPTION APPLIES TO APPLICANTS WITH CHILDREN NEARING THE AGE OF 18 SINCE ONLY CHILDREN UNDER 18 -- AT THE TIME OF THEIR APPLICATION -- WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION AS BRITISH CITIZENS IF THEIR OWN APPLICATIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL.

"APPLICANTS WITH CHILDREN APPROACHING THE AGE OF 18 SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THEY FILL IN THE SECTIONS IN THE APPLICATION FORM TO APPLY FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO BE REGISTERED AS BRITISH CITIZENS, AND TO SUBMIT THE FORM BEFORE THEIR CHILDREN'S 18TH BIRTHDAY," HE SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN FAMILY MEDICINE

* * * * *

ACTION IS NOW IN HAND TO DEVELOP THE NGAU TAU KOK POLYCLINIC AT KWUN TONG AND THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC AT TUEN MUN AS TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES IN FAMILY MEDICINE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, SAID THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING POSTGRADUATE TRAINING IN FAMILY MEDICINE AT THE FUTURE AP LEI CHAU CLINIC AND THE EXISTING LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE WOULD ALSO BE EXAMINED TOGETHER WITH THE TWO UNIVERSITIES.

DR LEE WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, ON A CONSULTANCY REPORT BY DR WESLEY E. FABB ON "TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES IN FAMILY MEDICINE".

DR FABB, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, RECENTLY SUBMITTED HIS REPORT FOLLOWING A STUDY HE CONDUCTED AT THE INVITATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH EARLIER THIS YEAR ON THE TRAINING NEEDS IN FAMILY MEDICINE IN HONG KONG.

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONSULTANT, DR LEE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT AIMED TO START THE TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR DOCTORS IN FAMILY MEDICINE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

/THEIR SUCCESS

THEIR SUCCESS WOULD DEPEND ON THE CLOSE COOPERATION OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED -- THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (HKCGP), THE UNIVERSITIES, THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE FUTURE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE AS WELL AS THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS, HE SAID.

TO COORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMMES, DR LEE SAID A CONSULTANT IN FAMILY MEDICINE WAS EXPECTED TO BE APPOINTED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DELIVERY OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICE.

"IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE, THERE MUST BE A POOL OF MOTIVATED AND WELL-TRAINED FAMILY PHYSICIANS IN OUR GENERAL OUT-PATIENT (GOP) DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

DR LEE SAID WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A VARIETY OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN FAMILY MEDICINE THERE SHOULD BE GREATER INCENTIVE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPING A BETTER CAREER STRUCTURE FOR THE GOP DEPARTMENT DOCTORS.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT AIMED TO DEVELOP FAMILY MEDICINE AS A SPECIALTY IN ITS GOP CLINICS.

"TO THIS END, THE DEPARTMENT HAS FIRM INTENTION TO CREATE CONSULTANT POSTS IN FAMILY MEDICINE.

"THESE CONSULTANTS WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE EXPERT ADVICE IN FAMILY MEDICINE IN GOP CLINICS BUT WILL ALSO SERVE AS SUPERVISORS OF DOCTORS UNDER TRAINING IN FAMILY MEDICINE," HE SAID.

"BUILDING UP A POOL OF GOOD QUALITY FAMILY PHYSICIANS WOULD RESULT IN BETTER USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES AND IMPROVE THE INTERFACE BETWEEN HOSPITAL DOCTORS AND FAMILY PHYSICIANS IN THE FOLLOW-UP AND CONTINUING CARE OF PATIENTS," HE ADDED.

DR LEE STRESSED THAT THE TRAINING FACILITIES IN FAMILY MEDICINE WOULD, THEREFORE, NOT BE RESTRICTED TO DOCTORS IN THE DEPARTMENT. THEY WOULD ALSO BE OPEN TO DOCTORS WORKING IN THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO ORGANISE DIFFERENT TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL GROUPS, HE SAID.

INTRODUCING HIS REPORT, DR FABB SAID IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP DEPARTMENT DOCTORS IT BECAME APPARENT THAT FOUR DIFFERENT TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES OR STREAMS WOULD BE NEEDED.

THEY ARE:

- * A FOUR-YEAR VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME IN FAMILY MEDICINE LEADING TO FELLOWSHIP OF THE HKCGP;

/* A TWO-YEAR

- * A TWO-YEAR ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAMME IN FAMILY MEDICINE LEADING TO FELLOWSHIP OF THE HKCGP;
- * A COURSE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION IN FAMILY MEDICINE WHICH WOULD ENHANCE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF SERVING DOCTORS; AND
- * A CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN FAMILY MEDICINE.

DR FABB SAID THESE PROGRAMMES WERE TAILORED TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF DOCTORS.

HE ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVEMENT OF PEOPLE WHO HAD A PART TO PLAY.

"IT IS WIDELY RECOGNISED THAT THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS ONE WHERE ALL SECTORS CONTRIBUTE OPTIMALLY," HE SAID.

"WEAKNESS IN ONE SECTOR, OR POOR COMMUNICATION OR COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE SECTORS, ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE WHOLE SYSTEM."

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR, THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HKCGP, DR STEPHEN FOO, GAVE THE COLLEGE'S FULL SUPPORT TO ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE CONSULTANCY REPORT.

HE SAID THE COLLEGE WAS PARTICULARLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROPOSED CREATION OF A POST OF DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WHO WOULD BE THE OVERLORD IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

REFERRING TO THE RECOMMENDED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES, DR FOO SAID IT COULD BE MORE COST-EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT FOR THE HKCGP WHICH HAD THE REQUIRED EXPERTISE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE ON A CONTRACT BASIS.

THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY MEDICINE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR DAVID WATSON, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO INCREASE RESOURCES FOR TEACHING IF IT DESIRED TO IMPROVE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

HE SAID VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES WERE ESSENTIAL TO SET AND MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARD IN PRIMARY CARE.

"SUCH PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE DESIGNED CAREFULLY TO MEET THE NEEDS IN HONG KONG AND THE WORK SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, FAMILY PHYSICIANS AND ACADEMICS FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES," HE SAID.

"IN AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE ESCALATING HOSPITAL COSTS, THERE IS A RETURN TO AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE WORLDWIDE AND THIS TYPE OF HEALTH CARE PROVES A LOT MORE COST-EFFECTIVE THAN THAT GIVEN BY HOSPITALS," PROF WATSON ADDED.

THE SENIOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DR C.S. KWOK, CITED A SERIES OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY DOCTORS AT GOVERNMENT GOP DEPARTMENTS.

- 19 -

THESE RANGED FROM LACK OF MEDICAL RECORDS AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS TO INEFFICIENT UTILISATION AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND RESOURCES, AND INADEQUATE COMMUNICATION WITH FRONT-LINE STAFF.

DR KWOK WAS PLEASED THAT GOOD IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE IN THESE AREAS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ABOUT 20 MONTHS AGO, ADDING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE BETTER TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND CAREER STRUCTURE FOR GOP DEPARTMENT DOCTORS.

IN HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE HKCGP, DR NATALIS YUEN, SAID THERE WAS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG, FOR THE CLOSER LINK BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND FOR BETTER COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND HOSPITAL CARE.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS TIME FOR THE MEDICAL EDUCATORS AND THE AUTHORITY TO REVIEW THE PRESENT MEDICAL CURRICULUM TO SEE IF IT PRODUCED THE KIND OF DOCTORS THE COMMUNITY NEEDED.

DR YUEN CONGRATULATED THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HIS DEPARTMENT FOR THE VISION AND COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT CLINIC SERVICES AND PRAISED DR FABB FOR HIS REPORT WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS COMPREHENSIVE AND CONCISE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

237 VBP RETURN TO VIETNAM

* * * * *

A GROUP OF 237 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 84 MEN, 57 WOMEN, 45 BOYS AND 51 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 40TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 5,616 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

LABOUR COMMISSIONER VISITS HONG KONG ELECTRICITY
* * * * *

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE LABOUR SCENE.

THE COMPANY HAS A WORKFORCE OF ABOUT 2,800 COMPRISING 1,940 STAFF AND 880 OPERATIVES.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE ELECTRIC HOUSE IN KENNEDY ROAD, MR HAMMOND WAS MET BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR EWAN YEE, AND WAS BRIEFED ON ITS OPERATION.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE COMPANY HAS ESTABLISHED VARIOUS CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION WITH ITS STAFF, INCLUDING 10 JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES AND A MONTHLY IN-HOUSE BULLETIN.

MR HAMMOND NOTED THAT THE COMPANY HAS A SAFETY AND TRAINING DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AFTER ALL SAFETY MATTERS WHILE THE STAFF COMMITTEE IN THE GENERATION PLANT MEETS REGULARLY TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS IN SAFETY MEASURES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGERIAL STAFF, MR HAMMOND THEN VISITED ITS OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ON AP LEI CHAU WHERE HE SAW THE TRAINING SCHOOL AND SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE STAFF.

MR HAMMOND WAS TOLD THAT THE COMPANY HAS EXPERIENCED HIGH LABOUR TURNOVER IN RECENT YEARS AND HAS TRAINED MANY OF ITS STAFF.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FESTIVAL FOR ELDERLY IN SAI KUNG
* * * * *

THE 1990 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY WAS KICKED OFF TODAY (WEDNESDAY) WITH A LARGE-SCALE FOOD CARNIVAL AT THE CARPARK IN PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

MORE THAN 1,000 ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WERE TREATED TO CHINESE SNACKS AND REFRESHMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MISS OPHELIA CHAN, SAID COMMUNITY SUPPORT WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT POLICY ON ELDERLY SERVICES.

"WHILE THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY, THIS ROLE SHOULD BE SHARED WITH THE COMMUNITY REPRESENTED BY THE FAMILY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS," SHE SAID.

/MISS CHAN

MISS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE INCREASE OF LIFE EXPECTANCY IN HONG KONG, THE ELDERLY WOULD OCCUPY 15 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION BY 1999, WHILE THE FIGURE IN 1989 STOOD AT 13 PER CENT.

SHE SAID THE GROWING ELDERLY POPULATION IN HONG KONG HAD RESULTED IN AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR ELDERLY SERVICES, IN TERMS OF BOTH QUANTITY AND VARIETY, IN THE 1990'S.

"THERE ARE ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE AGED OVER 60 IN SAI KUNG. IN VIEW OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN, THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS HAVE COOPERATED CLOSELY TO HELP THESE SENIOR CITIZENS ADAPT TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT," SHE SAID.

NEW ELDERLY CENTRES AND HOSTELS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN TSUI LAM ESTATE, PO LAM ESTATE, AND KING LAM ESTATE.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; PRESIDENT OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEE SPIEGAL; AND AN ASSISTANT SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS BERNADETTE LINN.

TODAY'S CARNIVAL ALSO FEATURED LION-DANCE PERFORMANCE, CANTONESE OPERAS, A FOOD-ANIMATION CONTEST AND VARIETY SHOWS PERFORMED BY THE ELDERLY.

OTHER ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING HEALTH CHECK-UPS, VISITS, AND CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES, WILL BE ORGANISED DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

THE FESTIVAL WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 18 AND WILL BE CONCLUDED WITH SEVERAL LARGE BANQUETS TO BE HELD IN TSEUNG KWAN O, HANG HAU AND SAI KUNG TOWN.

ENQUIRES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 792 4455 EXT. 26.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TWO GOVT LOTS TO LET BY TENDER

* * * * *

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF TWO GOVERNMENT LAND LOTS.

BEING THE BACK-UP AREAS OF CONTAINER TERMINALS 6 AND 7 IN LAI CHI KOK, THE FIRST LOT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3.635 HECTARES AND IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF CONTAINERS (EXCLUDING STUFFING AND DESTUFFING).

THE TENANCY FOR THE LOT IS TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE OTHER LOT IS IN AREA 26C OF KWAI CHUNG. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,350 SQUARE METRES.

THE SITE IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK. BUT IT IS ONLY FOR GOODS VEHICLES, CONTAINER TRACTORS AND TRAILERS CURRENTLY LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

/THE TENANCY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1990

- 22 -

THE TENANCY FOR THE LOT IS SIX MONTHS, RENEWABLE MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS OF THE TWO LOTS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 7.

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

----- 0 -----