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STATEMENT ON OTB

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ADVICE OF JARDINE FLEMING SECURITIES LTD, DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THE DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN OVERSEAS TRUST BANK LTD (OTB) TO A SINGLE PARTY OR A CONSORTIUM OF PARTIES.

THE SELECTION PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE ULTIMATE BUYER OF OTB WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.

THOSE POTENTIAL BUYERS WHO HAVE NOT REGISTERED THEIR INTEREST PREVIOUSLY ARE INVITED TO WRITE TO EITHER MR RAYMOND LI, C/O THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, 18TH FLOOR, ADMIRALTY TOWER 1, 18 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG, OR MR ALAN SMITH, C/O JARDINE FLEMING SECURITIES LTD, 46TH FLOOR JARDINE HOUSE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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WINTER PRECAUTION WELL UNDERWAY

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THE SECOND PHASE OF THE FORCE "WINTER PRECAUTION" DRIVE IS WELL UNDERWAY AND THE FESTIVE SEASONS ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGN WILL REACH ITS PEAK BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA.

BY THEN THE FORCE WOULD HAVE DEPLOYED THE MAXIMUM NUMBER POSSIBLE OF POLICE OFFICERS ONTO THE STREETS ON ANTI-CRIME DUTIES.

THE COMMISSIONER MADE THE REMARKS AFTER RECEIVING 30 "THANK YOU" CARDS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TAI PO IN APPRECIATION OF THE GALLANT EFFORTS PUT IN BY POLICE OFFICERS DURING THE TSUEN WAN OPERATION AND THE KOWLOON CITY JEWELLERY SHOP HOLDUP ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 2).

MR LI SAID THE WINTER ANTI-CRIME DRIVE HAD COMMENCED FROM THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER WHEN STREET PATROLS BOTH BY PLAIN-CLOTHES AND UNIFORMED OFFICERS WERE STEPPED UP, IN ADDITION TO INCREASED CAR PATROLS IN HIGH-RISK AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, MR LI SAID ANTI-CRIME PUBLICITY URGING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION IN SAFEGUARD THEIR PROPERTY WAS ALSO BE STRENGTHENED.

"THE SECOND PHASE OF THE WINTER PRECAUTION DRIVE HAS JUST BEGUN AND THE CAMPAIGN WILL REACH ITS PEAK BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH WHEN THE OPTIMAL NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE DEPLOYED ONTO THE STREETS. ALL THINGS THAT ARE NOT URGENT WILL HAVE TO WAIT," MR LI SAID.

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COMMENTING ON THREATENING CALLS MADE TO THE POLICE, THE COMMISSIONER SAID THESE CALLS WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON POLICE OFFICERS.

"ANYONE WHO WANTS TO COMMIT CRIME WOULD HAVE TO FACE ONE OF THE WORLD'S FINEST POLICE FORCES. THESE CALLS DO NOT BOTHER ME AT ALL," HE SAID.

EARLIER, THE "THANK YOU" CARDS WERE PRESENTED BY FOUR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TAI PO SECONDARY SCHOOL, HEADED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MR POON CHUN-KAU, DURING A CEREMONY AT THE WANCHAI POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

OF THE CARDS, 29 WERE FROM THE 29 CLASSES OF THE SCHOOL WHILE THE REMAINING ONE FROM TEACHERS AND STAFF FROM THE SCHOOL.

WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TOWARDS THE COMMENDABLE EFFORTS OF THE POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, THE CARDS ALSO CONTAIN GET-WELL-SOON WISHES TO ALL THE INJURED OFFICERS.

IN RETURN, THE COMMISSIONER PRESENTED THE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES A FORCE PLAQUE AS A TOKEN OF THANKS.

"I AM DEEPLY MOVED BY THE SUPPORT. THIS GESTURE IS ENCOURAGING BECAUSE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC, WE CAN NOT BE AS EFFECTIVE AS WE ARE NOW IN COMBATING CRIMES.

"CRIMINALS ARE GROWINGLY VIOLENT AND VICIOUS BUT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, THE POLICE FORCE IS DETERMINED TO FACE UP, TO ACCEPT AND TO WIN OVER CHALLENGES POSED BY THEM," MR LI SAID.

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WOMEN VULNERABLE TO AIDS INFECTION

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AIDS CONCERNS EVERYBODY FOR ITS VIRUS (HIV) AFFECTS THOSE WHO PRACTISE AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT PRACTISING HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOUR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS, DR S H LEE, WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE AIDS EDUCATION EXHIBITION POINTED OUT THAT SOME 13 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE HAD ALREADY BEEN AFFECTED BY HIV AND SOME 1.7 MILLION PEOPLE HAD BECOME AIDS PATIENTS.

"THEY INCLUDE NOT ONLY MEN BUT WOMEN, NOT JUST ADULTS BUT ALSO CHILDREN.

"HIV AFFECTS PEOPLE WHO PRACTISE HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOUR LIKE UNSAFE SEX AND INTRAVENOUS DRUG USE.

"WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, NOT FORGET THAT HIV/AIDS ALSO AFFECTS THOSE WHO ARE NOT PRACTISING HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOUR, LIKE THE HEMOPHILIAC, THE WOMEN WHO WERE INFECTED THROUGH THE HUSBAND, AND THE CHILDREN FROM THEIR INFECTED MOTHERS," DR LEE SAID.

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LOOKING AT AIDS IN ITS PROPER PERSPECTIVE, DR LEE SAID HIV/AIDS AFFECTED THE SOCIETY IN GENERAL, NOT JUST PEOPLE WHO WERE AT RISK OF INFECTION.

"I AM REFERRING TO THE ECONOMIC LOSS WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE BECOME SICK; TO THE STRESS ON THE FAMILY WHEN SOMEONE SUFFERS FROM A STIGMATISED DISEASE; TO THE ANXIETY FELT BY THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF MISCONCEPTION ABOUT AIDS; AND TO THE GENERAL RESISTANCE OF THE SOCIETY IN RESPONDING TO A DISEASE LINKED TO BEHAVIOUR," DR LEE SAID.

HE SAID THE EXHIBITION WAS ORGANISED WITH THOSE THOUGHTS IN MIND, ADDING THAT THE EXHIBITION WAS NOT JUST MEANT FOR THOSE WHO WERE WORRIED ABOUT INFECTION BUT PRACTICALLY EVERYONE IN HONG KONG.

"THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION HAS TIMELY ANNOUNCED THAT THE THEME OF THE 1992 WORLD AIDS DAY AS 'AIDS - A COMMUNITY COMMITMENT'.

"TODAY IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT COMMUNITY COMMITMENT MEANS AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS," HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE FILM STAR MISS DODO CHENG; CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS, MR HO SAI-CHU; CONVENOR OF THE PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP ON AIDS, MISS CARLYE TSUI; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER MOSS.

MISS CHENG HAS BEEN CAST IN A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT ADVISING WOMEN TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST AIDS.

"WOMEN CAN ALSO BE AFFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS, THAT IS WHY I AM TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL TO ALL WOMEN IN HONG KONG. WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE THREATS OF THE DISEASE, AND SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER MEASURES TO GUARD OURSELVES AGAINST AIDS," MISS CHENG SAID AT THE CEREMONY.

PRIZES WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE AIDS CALENDAR CARD DESIGN COMPETITION AND AIDS PHOTOGRAPH AND SLOGAN COMPETITION.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS (CEPAIDS), WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL DECEMBER 8. THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOUNTED IN MACAU IN MID-DECEMBER AND SOME OF THE EXHIBITS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN EIGHT TERTIARY INSTITUTES IN HONG KONG EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE EXHIBITION FEATURES COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON AIDS AND HOW OTHER COUNTRIES ARE RESPONDING TO THE THREAT OF AIDS.

ALSO ON DISPLAY ARE THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE CALENDAR CARD DESIGN COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THE PHOTOGRAPH AND SLOGAN COMPETITION FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS.

'DIAL & ASK' AND 'AIDS QUESTION TIME' ARE THE UNIQUE PROGRAMMES OF THE EXHIBITION OVER THE WEEKEND.

VISITORS CAN MAKE USE OF TWO TELEPHONE LINES INSTALLED INSIDE THE EXHIBITION HALL TO ASK QUESTIONS ON AIDS ON A PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. THIS SPECIAL SERVICE IS PROVIDED BY AIDS COUNSELLING & HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE.

THE CONSULTANT OF THE AIDS COUNSELLING & HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE, DR S S LEE, TOGETHER WITH DISC JOCKEYS FROM COMMERCIAL RADIO, WILL HOLD TWO OPEN SESSIONS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING AIDS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE EXHIBITION.

THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 3.30 PM TODAY AND TOMORROW.

VIDEO SHOW AND COMPUTER GAMES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO HELP PROMOTE VISITORS' AWARENESS OF THE DISEASE. FREE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

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FIVE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED TO LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD
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FIVE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED BY REGISTERED TRADE UNIONS WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) ELECTED TO THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FOR TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

THEY WERE:

- * MR LEUNG FU-WAH (175 VOTES)
HONG KONG AND KOWLOON RUBBER AND PLASTIC WORKERS GENERAL UNION
- * MR CHEUNG KWOK-BUI, FELIX (166 VOTES)
HONG KONG CIVIL SERVANTS GENERAL UNION
- * MS LI FUNG-YING (143 VOTES)
HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES' GENERAL UNION
- * MR CHU MING (123 VOTES)
HONG KONG PROSTHETISTS AND ORTHOTISTS ASSOCIATION
- * MR LEUNG TSZ-LEUNG (133 VOTES)
HONG KONG BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WORKERS GENERAL UNION

AT TODAY'S ELECTION AT WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON, 237 REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS TURNED OUT TO VOTE, WHILE 236 VOTES CAST WERE DECLARED VALID.

THE ELECTION WAS SUPERVISED BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR MAK SAI-YIU, WHO ACTED AS THE RETURNING OFFICER.

THE VOTES WERE COUNTED IN THE PRESENCE OF MR VINCENT LIU REPRESENTING THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, AND MISS TANG YIN-FUN REPRESENTING THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS.

MEANWHILE NOMINATIONS OF EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LAB CLOSED AT NOON TODAY AND THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

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LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS SOLD IN AUCTION
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FORTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE SOLD IN AN AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,623,000.

THE SUM WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK EB888 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$400,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK EA2 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$330,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$2,000 EACH FOR FA704, FA2803 AND FA532.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
FA897	15,000	FA3338	23,000	FA112	31,000	FA120	15,000
BB8183	15,000	*EB888	400,000	*EA2	330,000	AC2389	13,000
FA1200	6,000	FA532	2,000	FA832	26,000	FA6618	19,000
*FB363	18,000	FA6638	14,000	EX117	25,000	*FF4000	22,000
FA988	20,000	*EE1000	100,000	*FD8833	35,000	FA997	10,000
CH7603	4,000	FA887	24,000	FA396	7,000	AT713	10,000
FA2280	6,000	FA1168	16,000	FA8818	31,000	FA912	9,000
*2727	130,000	*9109	50,000	*DN7557	4,000	*FF1991	32,000
FA718	6,000	AA2111	98,000	FA1368	23,000	FA350	9,000
FA1328	16,000	FA1018	5,000	FA704	2,000	FA2803	2,000

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

THE SALE, THE 184TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$154,113,905.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL TOMORROW
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE INVITED TO A CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL TO BE HELD IN THE EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL, TOMORROW (SUNDAY), BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

THE EVENT TOOK CENTRAL STAGE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND IS AIMED AT PROMOTING PUBLIC'S CIVIC-MINDEDNESS.

DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE FIRE SERVICES, POLICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS, HEALTH, URBAN SERVICES, HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE WILL PUT UP EXHIBITIONS AT THE VENUE.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THEIR WORK TO INTERESTED PEOPLE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FREE LEGAL AND BUILDING SAFETY ADVICES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY OF STALL GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE, DR DANIEL TSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER.

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KWAI TSING ARTS FESTIVAL
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RESIDENTS OF KWAI TSING WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF FREE ENTERTAINMENT TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT AN ART FAIR TO BE HELD AT METRO PLAZA, KWAI FONG.

THE EVENT IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY VARIOUS LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS, THE FAIR, WHICH WILL LAST FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM, WILL FEATURE 27 KINDS OF WORKS OF ART AND HANDICRAFTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND ACROBATIC AND MAGIC TROUPES.

THE PROGRAMMES OF THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA SINGING, CANTONESE OPERA, AS WELL AS SINGING AND DANCING SHOWS.

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ADMISSION IS FREE AND TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES COUNTER, AND LOCAL COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES.

ENQUIRIES ON THE PROGRAMMES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 427 7271.

THE TWO-WEEK EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT CULTURE AND ARTS CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW AT METRO PLAZA, KWAI FONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ASD ACKNOWLEDGES CONTRACTORS' PERFORMANCE

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY PRESENTED THE "1992 DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL CONTRACTORS' PERFORMANCE AWARDS" TO THREE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES WHICH HAVE COMPLETED THEIR CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT SMOOTHLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

"THE AWARDS WERE INTRODUCED IN 1988 AS A POSITIVE INCENTIVE TO IMPROVE AND REWARD GOOD CONTRACT PERFORMANCE," DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR PAUL CORSER SAID.

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS ARE:

- * HAZAMA CORPORATION COMMISSIONED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY AT LAI CHI KOK;
- * GAMMON CONSTRUCTION CO LTD FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER SITE AS AN EXTENSION OF THE MAIN WING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES; AND
- * YAN LEE CONSTRUCTION CO FOR THE RESTORATION OF KUN TING STUDY HALL AT PING SHAN.

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ECLIPSE OF MOON

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A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON WILL OCCUR FROM 7.07 AM TO 8.22 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 10) WITH THE MOON STARTING TO BE ECLIPSED FROM 5.59 AM.

THE EVENT, OCCURRING DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS IN HONG KONG, WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO BE OBSERVED LOCALLY.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED, DETAILS OF THE ECLIPSE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	HONG KONG TIME	AZIMUTH DIRECTION	ELEVATION (DEGREE)
MOON ENTERS PENUMBRA	0455	WEST-NORTHWEST	25
MOON ENTERS UMBRA	0559	WEST-NORTHWEST	11
SUNRISE	0652		
TOTAL ECLIPSE BEGINS	0707	WEST-NORTHWEST	-3
MIDDLE OF ECLIPSE	0744	WEST-NORTHWEST	-10
TOTAL ECLIPSE ENDS	0822	WEST-NORTHWEST	-17
MOON LEAVES UMBRA	0929	NORTHWEST	-28
MOON LEAVES PENUMBRA	1033	NORTH-NORTHWEST	-37

THE NEXT LUNAR ECLIPSE OBSERVABLE IN HONG KONG WILL BE ON JUNE 4, 1993.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+70
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,570
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI	

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