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FEASIBILITY OF EXPO BEING EXAMINED : SIR DAVID FORD

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THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FURTHER EXAMINE A PROPOSAL FOR HONG KONG TO HOST A WORLD EXPO AND A SERIES OF REGULAR MEETINGS WOULD NOW BE HELD TO CHECK THE PROGRESS OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE PROJECT, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE FIRST MOTHER'S CHOICE HOME AT KENNEDY ROAD, SIR DAVID SAID THE LATEST DECISION BY THE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL D'EXPOSITIONS (BIE) IN PARIS REQUIRED THAT WE SHOULD REGISTER AN INTEREST BY THE END OF NOVEMBER.

"THAT NOW CREATES A NEW URGENCY IN THE SITUATION AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

HE SAID THAT ALL THE SECRETARIES INVOLVED WERE NOW WORKING ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT.

"THE SORT OF CONSIDERATIONS THAT ARE OBVIOUSLY INVOLVED ARE VERY WIDE-RANGING. THEY INVOLVE TRANSPORT, THE SITING OF THE EXPO, AIR TRANSPORTATION, THE ABILITY OF HOTELS TO MEET THE DEMAND, THE QUESTION OF COSTING AND FINANCE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND. THERE ARE A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF PROBLEMS TO BE LOOKED INTO," HE SAID.

ON THE PROPOSED SITES FOR THE EXPO, SIR DAVID SAID THAT FOUR OR FIVE POSSIBILITIES WERE BEING LOOKED AT.

WHEN ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER USING MORE FACTORIES TO ACCOMMODATE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, SIR DAVID SAID: "THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF STRESS, AS YOU KNOW, ON THE QUESTION OF ACCOMMODATION, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THIS MORNING IS WE DO HAVE SUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATION TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR THE TIME BEING.

"OBVIOUSLY IF THE DEMAND GOES UP, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER OTHER ALTERNATIVES."

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QUARANTINE FOR VRS ON GREEN ISLAND

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND ALL MOVEMENTS OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO AND FROM GREEN ISLAND AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF A SUSPECTED PLAGUE CASE INVOLVING A FOUR-YEAR-OLD VIETNAMESE GIRL.

"ALTHOUGH TWO SERIES OF TESTS CARRIED OUT ON THE GIRL TODAY HAVE SHOWN NEGATIVE RESULTS, NO MORE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WILL BE TAKEN TO OR FROM GREEN ISLAND UNTIL THE FINAL DIAGNOSIS IS AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL NEW ARRIVALS WILL INSTEAD BE HOUSED TEMPORARILY ON A RENTED YAUMATEI FERRY COMPANY VESSEL. FOLLOWING PORT HEALTH CLEARANCE AND OTHER ROUTINE MEDICAL PROCEDURES, THEY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CLOSED CAMPS."

MEANWHILE, DISINSECTION AND ANTI-RODENT MEASURES HAVE BEEN INTENSIFIED ON GREEN ISLAND.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT STAFF WORKING THERE, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE WERE STILL FREE TO MOVE IN AND OUT OF GREEN ISLAND.

"THESE STAFF HAVE HAD MINIMUM CONTACT WITH THE BOAT PEOPLE WHO ARE DISINSECTED AND MEDICALLY CHECKED AS SOON AS THEY LAND ON GREEN ISLAND," HE SAID.

"CHANCES OF THE STAFF BEING INFECTED BY ANY DISEASE ARE EXTREMELY REMOTE," HE ADDED.

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GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLE OF SHARES DISCLOSURE

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COMMENTS RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT DURING PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) BILL 1988 INDICATED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF DISCLOSURE, AND CENTRED ON TECHNICALITIES IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE WHITE BILL.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD TODAY (MONDAY), THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DAVID NENDICK, EXPLAINED THE BACKGROUND AND MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE BILL, THE FINAL FORM OF WHICH WAS GAZETTED LAST FRIDAY.

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"THE BILL, WHICH PROPOSES TO REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF LISTED COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG TO DISCLOSE THEIR SHAREHOLDINGS AND SHARE DEALINGS WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN JUNE 1987 AS A WHITE BILL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION," MR NENDICK SAID.

"DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD, 20 SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

"HAVING CONSIDERED ALL THE COMMENTS RECEIVED, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS."

MR NENDICK SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL WAS TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC AND THE MANAGEMENT OF LISTED COMPANIES TO KNOW WHO ACTUALLY CONTROLLED THE LISTED COMPANY, AND THEREBY TO MAKE CREEPING TAKEOVERS AND INSIDER DEALING HARDER TO CONCEAL.

DESCRIBING ITS MAIN PROVISIONS, MR NENDICK SAID THE BILL IMPOSED A DUTY OF DISCLOSURE ON ANY PERSON WHO ACQUIRED A NOTIFIABLE INTEREST WHICH WAS SET AT 10 PER CENT OR MORE OF THE ISSUED VOTING SHARES OF A LISTED COMPANY.

A SHAREHOLDER WITH AN EXISTING NOTIFIABLE INTEREST WOULD ALSO BE UNDER A DUTY TO INFORM THE COMPANY WHEN THERE WAS A CHANGE OF ONE PER CENT OR MORE IN HIS HOLDING.

"THE BILL PROVIDES THAT EVERY LISTED COMPANY MUST KEEP A REGISTER AND INDEX TO RECORD INFORMATION DISCLOSED BY SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THEIR SHAREHOLDINGS AND DEALINGS," HE SAID.

"THE LISTED COMPANY IS THEN REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE INFORMATION TO THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES. THE EXCHANGE WILL BE OBLIGED TO ARRANGE FOR THE INFORMATION TO BE DISPLAYED IN A PUBLIC PLACE."

MR NENDICK EMPHASISED THAT A LISTED COMPANY WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO INVESTIGATE ITS OWN SHAREHOLDINGS.

THE COMPANY MAY, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, REQUIRE ANY PERSON WHOM IT KNOWS OR REASONABLY BELIEVES TO HAVE OR TO HAVE HAD AN INTEREST IN ITS SHARES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS TO SUPPLY IT WITH INFORMATION.

IF THE PERSON SHOULD FAIL TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION REQUIRED, THE COMPANY MAY APPLY TO THE HIGH COURT FOR A "FREEZING ORDER" TO BE IMPOSED ON THE SHARES CONCERNED.

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A LISTED COMPANY MAY ALSO BE REQUISITIONED BY ITS MEMBERS HOLDING NOT LESS THAN 10 PER CENT OF ITS PAID-UP CAPITAL TO EXERCISE ITS POWER TO INVESTIGATE INTERESTS IN ITS SHARES IF THE REQUISITIONISTS CAN SHOW REASONABLE GROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR REQUISITION.

IN SUCH A CASE, THE COMPANY IS UNDER A DUTY TO PREPARE A REPORT ON CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION WHICH MUST BE KEPT AT THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE AND BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION FOR SIX YEARS.

THE LISTED COMPANY MUST AGAIN NOTIFY THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES OF INFORMATION OBTAINED IN AN INVESTIGATION, OR AS THE CASE MAY BE, DELIVER A COPY OF ITS REPORT, IF THE INFORMATION OR REPORT RELATES TO LISTED SHARES.

THE BILL ALSO IMPOSES A DUTY OF DISCLOSURE IN RESPECT OF INTERESTS ON DIRECTORS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

"OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS DEFINED, OF LISTED COMPANIES ARE UNDER A DUTY TO NOTIFY THE COMPANY OF THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES OR DEBENTURES OF THAT COMPANY OR ANY ASSOCIATED CORPORATION. THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE COMPANY OF ANY CHANGES IN SUCH INTERESTS," MR NENDICK SAID.

"THE COMPANIES MUST KEEP A REGISTER SHOWING THE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THEM FROM THE DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND MUST ALSO INFORM THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES."

MR NENDICK POINTED OUT THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE REGISTER OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDINGS AND THE REGISTER OF DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS KEPT BY LISTED COMPANIES.

IN ADDITION TO A LISTED COMPANY INVESTIGATING ITS OWN SHAREHOLDINGS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY MAY APPOINT INSPECTORS TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE TRUE OWNERSHIP OF A LISTED COMPANY.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE "FREEZING ORDERS" ON SHARES WHERE THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SUCH SHARES.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 8).

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SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING,  
INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 1987.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE COVERED IN THE SURVEY:

- \* STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES FOR HIRE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
- \* POSTAL, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, RADIO AND CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, MESSAGE DELIVERY AND MESSAGE EXCHANGE SERVICES.
- \* ALL FINANCE (EXCEPT BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES; LOAN, MORTGAGE AND DISCOUNT COMPANIES; DEALERS/BROKERS AND EXCHANGES IN STOCKS AND SHARES, COMMODITY FUTURES, GOLD BULLION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE; PAWNSHOPS; MONEY CHANGERS; AND OTHER FINANCIAL UNDERTAKINGS.
- \* INSURERS, RE-INSURERS, AGENTS AND BROKERS OF ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED SERVICES.
- \* ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING, ADVERTISING, DATA PROCESSING, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY RENTAL, LEGAL, NEWS AGENCY, SECRETARIAL AND OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO A SAMPLE OF ABOUT 2,400 ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF SOME 11,000 ESTABLISHMENTS FALLING UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE SURVEY.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE SECTORS CONCERNED AND ARE NEEDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

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IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO RESPOND TO THE SURVEY. A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORISING THE CONDUCT OF THE SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 12 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31 THIS YEAR.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS STRESSES THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

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ACTION BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE RURAL ENVIRONMENT

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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL UPGRADING SCHEME AT SAN HING TSUEN IN TUEN MUN IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF RURAL AREAS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, REGIONAL COUNCILLORS AND RURAL LEADERS, MR SUEN TOURED TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

THE GROUP INCLUDED THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA; DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR KENNETH KWOK, CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS COMMITTEE, MR CARLOS CHEUNG; AND HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE TOUR WAS A VISIT TO SAN HING TSUEN WHICH WAS SELECTED FOR THE PILOT UPGRADING SCHEME.

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MR SUEN EXPLAINED THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE UPGRADING SCHEME WAS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN AREAS ALREADY OCCUPIED BY INFORMAL UNPLANNED SETTLEMENTS AND WHERE THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT INTEND TO UNDERTAKE LARGE-SCALE REDEVELOPMENT.

"SAN HING TSUEN WAS CHOSEN AS IT REPRESENTED AN AREA WHICH FACED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND WAS QUITE HEAVILY SETTLED ALREADY," HE SAID.

"A LARGE NUMBER OF TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES AND TEMPORARY INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES AND USES ALREADY EXIST IN THIS AREA.

"HOWEVER, ROAD ACCESS IS OF A VERY LOW STANDARD AND INADEQUATE FOR EXISTING TRAFFIC. OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE DO NOT EXIST."

MR SUEN NOTED THAT A LAYOUT PLAN HAD BEEN DRAWN UP FOR SAN HING TSUEN AT THE END OF 1985 AND REVISED IN EARLY 1986 TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VIEWS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PROJECT INVOLVED THE PROVISION OF IMPROVED ACCESS TO SAN HING TSUEN, TUEN CHI WAI, TSING CHUEN WAI AND THE NEARBY RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

WORKS INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE CARRIAGEWAYS, CARPARKS, FOOTPATHS AND ANCILLARY DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPE WORKS.

MR SUEN SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE PILOT PROJECT WOULD GRADUALLY TAKE SHAPE IN THE EARLY 1990'S, BUT THE PACE OF IT WOULD HINGE LARGELY ON PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES, WHICH WERE EXPECTED TO INCREASE WHEN PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE.

THE SAN HING TSUEN PILOT PROJECT, IF SUCCESSFUL, COULD FORM THE BASIS FOR WORK ON OTHER UPGRADING AREAS IN THE YUEN LONG-TUEN MUN CORRIDOR.

"ACTION IS IN HAND TO UPDATE THE EXISTING LAND USE SURVEYS OF SOME OF THE POTENTIAL UPGRADING AREAS, INCLUDING TAN KWAI TSUEN, LAM TEI AND FUK HANG TSUEN, IN THE SUB-REGION.

"THESE RURAL UPGRADING PROJECTS, IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD COST THE GOVERNMENT AN ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION," MR SUEN SAID.

DURING THE DAY, THE GROUP ALSO SAW OTHER CONTINUING OR PLANNED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES IN THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INSPECTED THREE URBAN FRINGE IMPROVEMENT (UFI) PROJECTS UNDER THE PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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THESE WERE THE IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO SIU HANG TSUEN AND PO TONG HA TSUEN; RECONSTRUCTION OF A BAILEY BRIDGE AT SHUI TAU TSUEN, KAM TIN; AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VILLAGE LAYOUTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SHUN FUNG WAI AND NAI WAI.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SERVED AS THE WORK AGENCY FOR THESE THREE PROJECTS. OTHER SUCH PROJECTS HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE GROUP ALSO WENT TO CHUK HANG IN WANG TOI SHAN TO SEE A LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PLAYGROUND WHICH IS BEING UPGRADED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. THE PROJECT WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE UPON COMPLETION.

THREE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WERE ALSO VISITED. THESE WERE THE 9.2-HECTARE BUTTERFLY BEACH RECREATION AREA, THE YUEN LONG TOWN PARK AT SHUI NGAU LENG AND A LOCAL OPEN SPACE AT KAT HING WAI, KAM TIN.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE BUTTERFLY BEACH RECREATION AREA WILL BE COMPLETED IN THREE PHASES WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE OTHER TWO PROJECTS ARE STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE. THE KAT HING WAI PROJECT IS THE FIRST OF 15 CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS WHICH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL PLANS TO UNDERTAKE IN THE RURAL PARTS OF YUEN LONG IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

CONCLUDING THE VISIT, MR SUEN SAID IN VIEW OF THE NEED TO DO MUCH MORE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT IN RURAL AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE GOVERNMENT WAS DRAWING UP A RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THESE AREAS.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WAS CO-ORDINATING THE EXERCISE WHICH INVOLVED SUBSTANTIAL INPUT FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE HEUNG YEE KUK, RURAL COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BE CONSULTED BEFORE THE PROGRAMME WAS FINALISED, HE ADDED.

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POLICE FORCE STRENGTHENED IN N.T.

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TO KEEP ABREAST OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE REGION'S ESTABLISHMENT HAS INCREASED BY NEARLY 25 PER CENT IN FOUR YEARS, WITH PLANS IN HAND FOR FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

"NEW POLICE DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONALS HAVE COME ON STREAM, AND I WELCOME THE COMPLETION OF FIVE NEW POLICE BUILDINGS IN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF THIS YEAR," REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

PRESENTING COLONIAL POLICE LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS, COMMANDING OFFICERS' COMMENDATIONS AND SOUVENIRS TO 114 OFFICERS, MR SMALLSHAW SAID IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT THE CEREMONY WAS BEING HELD IN THE NEWEST POLICE DISTRICT OF TAI PO, IN A BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE NEW REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS WHICH WAS RISING WEEK BY WEEK AND WAS DUE FOR COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

MR SMALLSHAW POINTED OUT THAT POLICING THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS NEVER BEEN AN EASY TASK, BUT IT HAD BECOME EVEN MORE DIFFICULT IN RECENT YEARS IN VIEW OF THE RAPID EXPANSION THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE.

EVEN SO, THE LEVEL OF CRIME -- ALTHOUGH MARGINALLY UP LAST YEAR -- MUST STILL BE THE ENVY OF OTHER MAJOR CITIES OF THE WORLD.

" THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT THE REGION'S CRIME IS KEPT AT A LOW LEVEL," HE SAID, ADDING THAT HE WISHED TO THANK ALL NT OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ON PARADE, FOR THEIR EXCELLENT DUTY PERFORMANCE AND FOR SERVING THE PUBLIC SO WELL.

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SCHEME TO DEVELOP SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECTS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE THE SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECT SCHEME IN SEPTEMBER, UNDER WHICH A GRANT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS CURRICULUM PROJECTS.

THE AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO BE MORE POSITIVE IN DEVELOPING AN APPROPRIATE SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM TO MEET THE VARIED NEEDS AND INTEREST OF PUPILS IN LEARNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

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OTHER OBJECTIVES ARE TO MOTIVATE TEACHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIFIC INNOVATIONS IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND TO MAXIMISE THEIR POTENTIAL IN IDENTIFYING THEIR OWN NEEDS, IN SOLVING PROBLEMS AND MAKING DECISIONS IN THE PROCESS OF TEACHING.

THE SCHEME WILL ALSO PROVIDE A MORE FLEXIBLE DEVICE FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO EQUIP THEIR PUPILS WITH THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS FOR LIFE.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ADAPTATIONS TO THE CENTRALLY DEvised CURRICULUM TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THEIR OWN SCHOOLS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT A SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECT GENERALLY REFERS TO A PROJECT DEvised BY A TEACHER, OR A GROUP OF TEACHERS, IN A SCHOOL OR IN A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, TO SUIT THE PARTICULAR CURRICULUM NEEDS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

"THE PROJECTS MAY LEAD TO THE PRODUCTION OF SIMPLE TEACHING MATERIALS," HE SAID.

"THESE COULD BE A SET OF WORKSHEETS FOR A SPECIFIC TEACHING TOPIC FOR A PARTICULAR LEVEL, OR MULTI-MEDIA TEACHING PACKAGES WHICH NORMALLY INCLUDE A TEACHERS' GUIDE, TEACHING MATERIALS, OR SUGGESTIONS FOR LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND A NUMBER OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS SUCH AS SLIDES, CASSETTE TAPES, AND OVERHEAD TRANSPARENCIES."

THE SCHEME WILL BE OPEN TO PRACTISING SCHOOL TEACHERS, SCHOOL HEADS, TEACHING STAFF OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, TEACHING STAFF OF THE SCHOOL/FACULTY OF EDUCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND OTHER EDUCATIONALISTS AND SPECIALISTS IN RELEVANT CURRICULUM AREAS.

THE SCHEME WILL FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS WHICH ARE RELATED TO SOME KEY THEMES OR AREAS OF STUDIES IDENTIFIED BY THE SCHEME'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THIS WILL BE DONE ON THE BASIS THAT THESE PROJECTS WILL EITHER SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEWLY IMPLEMENTED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SYLLABUSES AND GUIDELINES OR PROMOTE THE TEACHING OF TOPICAL ISSUES IN THE CLASSROOM AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF EDUCATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATIONS FOR A CURRICULUM PROJECT GRANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS RELATING TO THESE THEMES OR AREAS OF STUDIES WILL BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME.

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SELECTION OF THE PROJECTS WILL ALSO BE BASED ON ACTUAL NEEDS OF SPECIFIC SCHOOLS AND WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RELEVANCE, CONTENT, FEASIBILITY, CREATIVENESS AND ORIGINALITY, AND SUITABILITY FOR WIDE APPLICATION OF THE PROJECTS.

AT PRIMARY LEVEL, THE SELECTED THEMES AND AREAS OF STUDIES FOR THE 1988-89 SCHOOL YEAR FOR KINDERGARTEN ARE FOOD, HOUSING, AND CLOTHING; AND FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE TRAINING OF PUPILS' LISTENING AND SPEAKING ABILITY IN PUTONGHUA, DRUG EDUCATION, CIVIC EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (PROTECTING AND MANAGING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES), ADAPTATION OF KODALY CHORAL METHOD IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR REMEDIAL CLASSES.

THE THEMES AND AREAS OF STUDIES AT SECONDARY LEVEL ARE TEACHING OF PUTONGHUA PHONETICS, SEX EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (THE POLLUTION PROBLEM IN HONG KONG), CIVIC EDUCATION, COMPUTER GRAPHICS BASICS, ADAPTATION OF KODALY CHORAL METHOD IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR REMEDIAL CLASSES.

THE CURRICULUM GRANT WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FORM OF :

- (A) AN AWARD FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROJECTS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE SCHEME'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND
- (B) PRODUCTION EXPENSES FOR PARTICIPANTS TO BUY RAW MATERIALS AND TO PAY FEES OF PRODUCTION SERVICES IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A PROJECT.

THE GRANT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE FOLLOWING RATES :

LEVEL	CATEGORY	AWARD	MAXIMUM CLAIMABLE PRODUCTION EXPENSES	TOTAL
PRIMARY/ KINDERGARTEN	A (FOR ONE LEVEL OF PUPILS)	\$3,600	\$1,400	\$5,000
	B (FOR MORE THAN ONE LEVEL OF PUPILS)	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$17,000
SECONDARY	A (FOR ONE LEVEL OF PUPILS)	\$5,000	\$1,400	\$6,400
	B (FOR MORE THAN ONE LEVEL OF PUPILS)	\$16,000	\$5,000	\$21,000

PROGRESS MADE IN THE PROJECTS AND IN GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUNDS ALLOCATED WILL BE MONITORED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SCHEME AND ITS MONITORING PANELS.

APPLICATIONS FOR TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT SECTION BEFORE JULY 25.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL EXTENSION  
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A \$128.5 MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) FOR A MAJOR EXTENSION WORKS PROGRAMME TO THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

SCHEDULED TO START THIS MONTH, THE PROGRAMME WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF A 14-STOUREY PATHOLOGY BLOCK, ALTERATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL'S EXISTING BLOCK "B" FROM LOWER GROUND TO THIRD FLOOR, CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN ADDITIONAL STOREYS ABOVE BLOCK "B" AND CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STOUREY BUILDING SERVICES UNIT.

ON COMPLETION IN NOVEMBER 1990, THE PROGRAMME WILL PROVIDE A CLINICAL PATHOLOGY UNIT, TWO MEDICAL WARDS, TWO NEONATAL WARDS, ONE SECOND CLASS FEMALE WARD, ONE SPECIAL CARE PAEDIATRIC WARD, A CUSTODIAL WARD, AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, A CORONARY CARE UNIT/CARDIAC LABORATORY, AN ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC UNIT, A RENAL UNIT AND A SCHOOL OF NURSING FOR POST BASIC STUDIES.

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CS OPENS HOME FOR MOTHER'S CHOICE MOVEMENT  
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MOTHER'S CHOICE IS A MOVEMENT FOUNDED TO HELP UNMARRIED WOMEN, WHO HAVE BECOME PREGNANT, BY PROVIDING A SAFE AND PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE HOME FOR MOTHER'S CHOICE IN KENNEDY ROAD, SIR DAVID SAID BECAUSE OF THE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL STIGMA THAT IT CARRIED, PREGNANCY FOR UNWED MOTHERS REMAINED ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH MANY PEOPLE WOULD NOT WISH TO TALK ABOUT, MUCH LESS TO SEEK PROPER GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE.

"YOUNG UNMARRIED MOTHERS OFTEN RESORT TO ILLEGAL ABORTION TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM, OFTEN TO THE DAMAGE OF THEIR OWN HEALTH AT A LATE STAGE OF PREGNANCY," HE SAID.

"THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN FIND OUT HOW MANY SUCH CASES OF ABORTION TAKE PLACE IN AND OUTSIDE HONG KONG, BUT WHATEVER THE NUMBER, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE NEED THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR'S ASSISTANCE TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM.

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"A PROBLEM WHICH IS OFTEN SO PERSONAL AND SENSITIVE TO THE INDIVIDUAL MOTHERS CONCERNED, THAT THEY WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS."

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE IDEA BEHIND MOTHER'S CHOICE WAS BORN JUST A FEW YEARS AGO.

"A NEED WAS IDENTIFIED, AND A DEDICATED GROUP OF PEOPLE SET TO WORK TO FIND WAYS OF MEETING THAT NEED," HE SAID.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED FOR THEIR EFFORT AND CONTRIBUTION IN TURNING THE SCHEME INTO REALITY.

"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE YOUNG WOMEN COMING TO MOTHER'S CHOICE, WILL FIND HERE A CARING AND POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THEIR NEEDS," SIR DAVID ADDED.

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#### LOCAL ORGANISATIONS PRAISED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE BEEN PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, IN PARTICULAR SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AT DISTRICT LEVEL, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FUNG YING SIN KOON LIMITED SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT CHEUNG WAH ESTATE IN FANLING, MR CHEUNG SAID FIVE INSTITUTIONS RUN BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS WOULD COMMENCE OPERATION IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE AGED IN NORTH DISTRICT.

HE NOTED THAT OF THE 150,000 RESIDENTS, ABOUT 17,000 WERE OVER 60 YEARS OLD, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 10 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT.

"A HOSTEL AND A RECREATION CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE SET UP IN TING PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR."

"TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE GROWING POPULATION IN FANLING SOUTH, A MULTI-SERVICES COMMUNITY CENTRE AS WELL AS A DAY CARE AND ATTENTION CENTRE FOR THE AGED WILL BE IN OPERATION WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS," HE SAID.

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A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE AGED AT WAH MING ESTATE IN FANLING WOULD ALSO BE READY FOR OCCUPATION DURING THIS PERIOD, HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG COMMENDED THE KOON, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1929, AND REGISTERED AS A NON-PROFIT MAKING CHARITABLE ORGANISATION IN 1972, FOR ITS EFFORTS IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

REFERRING TO THE KOON'S PLANS TO OPEN A KINDERGARTEN AND A PRIMARY SCHOOL, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE ITS SUPPORT SO THAT SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES COULD BE COMPLETED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS  
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS. THE APPLICATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN VETTED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRAMME FOR THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, AND WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE AN ALLOCATION OF \$20,000 FOR SPONSORING TWO ACTIVITIES PROPOSED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

A PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF \$10,000 FOR PUBLICISING THE "MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME" IS ALSO ON THE AGENDA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TUEN MUN ROAD PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR ROAD WORKS

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MOTORISTS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC LANES ON TUEN MUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN JUNE 9 (THURSDAY) AND 16.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES OF TUEN MUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN SO KWUN TAN BRIDGE AND SIU LAM BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED ALTERNATIVELY TO FACILITATE ROAD SURFACING WORK FOR IMPROVING THE ROAD'S FRICTION.

UNDER THE WORK SCHEDULE, ONLY ONE OF THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE WORK ON NORMAL WEEKDAYS. HOWEVER, ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, OWING TO COMPARATIVELY LOWER TRAFFIC FLOW, TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE CLOSED, LEAVING ONE LANE OPEN FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE AFFECTED PERIOD, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THEY CAN CHOOSE TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD. THEY SHOULD ALSO WATCH OUT FOR THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HAPPY VALLEY

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THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY FROM 10 AM TODAY (MONDAY) FOR ROAD WORKS:

\* SHAN KWONG ROAD BETWEEN KING KWONG STREET AND YUK SAU STREET IS RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FOR ABOUT TWO AND A HALF MONTHS.

\* PO SHIN STREET BETWEEN SHAN KWONG ROAD AND WANG TAK STREET IS A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC FOR ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MONTHS.

VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND SHAN KWONG ROAD HEADING FOR WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD ARE DIVERTED VIA VILLAGE ROAD.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COLLINSON STREET, KENNEDY TOWN  
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COLLINSON STREET BETWEEN BELCHER'S STREET AND KENNEDY TOWN  
PRAYA WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 9).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR DRAINAGE WORKS.

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UPGRADING COURSE FOR JOURNALISTS TO BEGIN  
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AN UPGRADING COURSE ON TRANSLATION WILL BE OFFERED TO WORKING  
JOURNALISTS FROM JULY 18 TO AUGUST 12.

THE "TRANSLATION FOR JOURNALISTS COURSE" IS A JOINT EFFORT OF  
THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE, TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE HONG  
KONG POLYTECHNIC.

CLASS MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND  
FRIDAY MORNING, FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS JULY 1. FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE  
DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341,  
EXT. 283.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD  
AT 27.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 159.055 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 352.019 MILLION  
CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 60.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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