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GOOD TRADE PERFORMANCE IN 1992

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, TODAY (FRIDAY) OUTLINED THE OUTSTANDING TRADE PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG IN 1992.

SPEAKING AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION, HE SAID IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1992, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXTERNAL TRADE AMOUNTED TO OVER \$1,700 BILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 22 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991.

HE NOTED THAT MUCH OF THIS INCREASE WAS DUE TO A 30 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY RE-EXPORTS INVOLVING CHINA.

"THIS UNDERLINES THE ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE OF OUR TRADE WITH CHINA TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY. IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1992, THAT TRADE INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR 33 PER CENT OF OUR TOTAL TRADE.

"THIS HAS MEANT THAT DESPITE THE POOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN OUR MAJOR MARKETS, OUR TOTAL EXPORTS HAVE CONTINUED TO ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH RATE," HE SAID.

IN 1992, FIGURES PUBLISHED BY THE GATT SHOWED THAT, ON THE BASIS OF 1991 TRADE STATISTICS, HONG KONG HAD MOVED UP IN THE WORLD LEAGUE OF TRADING ENTITIES FROM 11TH TO BECOME THE 10TH LARGEST TRADING ENTITY IN THE WORLD, MR CHAU POINTED OUT.

THIS WAS A TRULY AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT "OUR CHINA TRADE".

HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT CHINA AT THE SAME TIME HAD BENEFITED FROM INVESTMENTS THROUGH HONG KONG.

"THIS IS A RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND THE ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE LOOKS SET TO CONTINUE," HE SAID.

ON OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN 1992, MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG, THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HAD SUCCESSFULLY PUT ACROSS TO THE UNITED STATES THE DAMAGE THAT WOULD BE DONE TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY IF CHINA'S MOST-FAVoured-NATION (MFN) STATUS WERE WITHDRAWN OR RENEWED WITH CONDITIONS.

HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED THAT UNTIL THE RELEVANT U.S. LAW WAS CHANGED, THE MFN ISSUE WOULD REMAIN AN ANNUAL BATTLE FOR HONG KONG.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING ITS LOBBYING STRATEGY AS WELL AS RESOURCES, WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THE HONG KONG TEAM IN WASHINGTON AND TO ENSURING THAT IT IS EQUIPPED FOR THE NEW POLITICAL SCENE IN THE U.S.," HE SAID.

TURNING TO OTHER AREAS, MR CHAU NOTED THAT IN DECEMBER 1992, THE GOVERNMENT BECAME A SHAREHOLDER OF TRADELINK WHICH WOULD START PROVIDING A COMMUNITY ELECTRONIC TRADING SERVICE (CETS) IN 1994/95.

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MR CHAU ALSO SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATION PROGRAMME ON INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND PROTECTION AGREEMENTS (IPPA) WHICH STARTED IN LATE 1991.

"IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME, WE HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NETHERLANDS, AND INITIALLED SEVEN OTHER AGREEMENTS WITH CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN, DENMARK, SWITZERLAND, GERMANY AND ITALY," HE SAID.

IN THE AREA OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, 1992 SAW THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR TOYS AND CHILDREN PRODUCTS IN NOVEMBER WHICH WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT IN JULY 1993, MR CHAU SAID.

MEANWHILE, A REVIEW OF THE REGULATION OF THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN COMPLETED, AND A TRAVEL AGENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS WAS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HE SAID.

LOOKING AHEAD, MR CHAU SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CONSUMER COUNCIL TO PROMOTE COMPETITION.

"ADDITIONAL RESOURCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL FOR CONDUCTING SECTOR-SPECIFIC STUDIES WITH ADVICE AND INPUT FROM RELEVANT GOVERNMENT BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS WHERE NECESSARY," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PLANNED TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS SAFETY IN THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

ONE VERY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN 1992 WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUSINESS COUNCIL, HE SAID.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUSINESS COUNCIL IS TO MOBILISE THE VERY BEST TALENT AND EXPERIENCE THAT HONG KONG HAS TO OFFER TO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON HOW BEST HONG KONG CAN SUSTAIN ITS ECONOMIC GROWTH, NOW AND INTO THE NEXT CENTURY," HE SAID.

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VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN OCTOBER

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IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF LAST YEAR, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 1% AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 30%, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 21%. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 23% IN VOLUME.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES WITH THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES BEING DISCOUNTED.

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AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH INCREASED BY 1%. IMPORT PRICES REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

PRICE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED BY CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE INDEXES, WHICH ARE COMPILED BASED ON AVERAGE UNIT VALUES OR, FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES, BASED ON SPECIFIC PRICE DATA.

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX, INCREASED BY 1% IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1992 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMPARING OCTOBER 1992 WITH OCTOBER 1991, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 1% WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 32%. THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 23%. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 29%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 2%, WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 1%. IMPORT PRICES REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING OCTOBER 1992 WITH OCTOBER 1991, COMMODITY GROUPS WHICH RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+20%); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+19%); AND RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+11%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-35%); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES(-17%); AND FOOTWEAR (-15%).

AS REGARDS DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES, COMMODITY GROUPS WHICH RECORDED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES INCLUDED CLOTHING (+6%); FOOTWEAR (+5%); AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+5%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF RADIOS OF ALL KINDS; AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS DECLINED BY 6% AND 4% RESPECTIVELY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 14% IN OCTOBER 1992 AS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1991.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL, VEGETABLE OIL AND LARD; WHEAT AND FLOUR; FRUIT; AND ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES. HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RICE; AND LIVE POULTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 30%.

COMMODITY ITEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; FOOTWEAR; AND CLOTHING. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 22% IN OCTOBER 1992 AS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1991.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR BASE METALS (OTHER THAN IRON AND STEEL); WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; AND WOVEN FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF COTTON YARN AND THREAD; AND WATCH AND CLOCK MOVEMENTS, CASES AND PARTS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 76% IN VOLUME IN OCTOBER 1992 AS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1991.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 44% IN OCTOBER 1992 OVER OCTOBER 1991.

NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; OTHER INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY (OTHER THAN TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY); OFFICE MACHINES; AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

THE IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN OCTOBER 1992 OVER OCTOBER 1991 : CAPITAL GOODS (+3%); CONSUMER GOODS (+3%); AND FUELS (+2%). HOWEVER, THE IMPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 3% AND 1% RESPECTIVELY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS AND CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 62% AND 41% RESPECTIVELY IN OCTOBER 1992 AS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1991.

THAT OF FOODSTUFFS; CONSUMER GOODS; AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES REGISTERED INCREASES OF 33%, 30% AND 30% RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS, CAPITAL GOODS AND CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 4%, 2% AND 2% RESPECTIVELY.

THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 3% AND 2% RESPECTIVELY.

DETAILS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE OCTOBER 1992 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS".

THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SALE AROUND JANUARY 14 AT \$6 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL: 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL: 582 4918).

TABLE 1 : CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING OCT 1992 WITH OCT 1991			COMPARING JAN-OCT 1992 WITH JAN-OCT 1991		
	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME
	%	VALUE %	%	%	VALUE %	%
CLOTHING	9	6	3	4	4	*
TEXTILE FABRICS	-1	*	-1	1	1	*
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-1	-2	1	-7	-3	-4
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	11	5	6	-18	6	-23
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	3	-6	11	-28	-3	-27
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	13	-4	19	20	-5	25
FOOTWEAR	-11	5	-15	-24	4	-27
METAL MANUFACTURES	-4	1	-5	6	3	2
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	17	-2	20	2	-4	6
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	-3	1	-4	-9	*	-9
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-16	1	-17	-2	1	-3
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-33	2	-35	-35	1	-36
ALL COMMODITIES	3	2	1	2	1	1

* LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2 : CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING OCT 1992 WITH OCT 1991			COMPARING JAN-OCT 1992 WITH JAN-OCT 1991		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	13	-1	14	9	1	8
CONSUMER GOODS	33	3	30	30	3	27
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	19	-3	22	14	-2	16
FUELS	80	2	76	9	-9	20
CAPITAL GOODS	48	3	44	38	2	35
ALL COMMODITIES	30	*	29	24	*	23

* LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 3 : CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING OCT 1992 WITH OCT 1991			COMPARING JAN-OCT 1992 WITH JAN-OCT 1991		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	30	-2	33	9	1	8
CONSUMER GOODS	33	2	30	33	3	29
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	26	-3	30	21	-2	24
FUELS	69	4	62	12	-6	19
CAPITAL GOODS	44	2	41	50	1	48
ALL COMMODITIES	33	1	32	31	1	30

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NEW LAW TO REGULATE SUBSCRIPTION TV

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THE TELEVISION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) SEEKS TO SET DOWN IN LEGISLATION A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION.

THE BILL PROPOSES TO SET TERMS ON WHICH SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION BROADCASTING LICENCES MAY BE GRANTED AND TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH LICENCES TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS BINDING A LICENSEE TO DELIVER THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE SERVICE IT HAS PROMISED.

ANOTHER OBJECTIVE OF THE BILL IS TO RELAX CERTAIN PROGRAMMING AND ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS SHAREHOLDING RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY APPLIED TO TELEVISION LICENSEES.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR A REDUCTION IN THE ROYALTY PAYABLE BY ATV AND TVB.

THESE AMENDMENTS WILL ALLOW THE POLICY DECISIONS TAKEN UPON COMPLETION OF THE TELEVISION REVIEW IN MID-1992 TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

A THIRD OBJECTIVE OF THE BILL IS TO REMOVE OR MODIFY PROVISIONS IN THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE WHICH ARE CONSIDERED NO LONGER NECESSARY OR WHICH GIVE EXCESSIVE POWERS TO THE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 13).

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SMOOTH RETURN OF VIETNAMESE WELCOMED

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THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR BRIAN BRESNIHAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) WELCOMED THE SMOOTH REPATRIATION OF 60 VIETNAMESE NON-REFUGEES UNDER THE ORDERLY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME (ORP).

"TODAY'S FLIGHT, WHICH IS THE FIRST IN 1993 AND THE EIGHTH FLIGHT SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE ORP AGREEMENT ON OCTOBER 29, 1991, HAS AGAIN BEEN UNEVENTFUL.

"WE EXPECT REGULAR ORP FLIGHTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED AT INTERVALS SIMILAR TO THAT OF LAST YEAR," HE SAID.

TODAY'S GROUP OF 60 NON-REFUGEES COMPRISED 24 MEN, 24 WOMEN, FIVE BOYS AND SEVEN GIRLS.

OF THESE 50 WERE FORMER INMATES OF THE NEI KWU CHAU AND CHI MA WAN (LOWER) DETENTION CENTRES WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BEFORE OCTOBER 29, 1991 AND THE REMAINING 10 WERE CRIMINAL OFFENDERS BEING DEPORTED TO VIETNAM. ALL HAD BEEN SCREENED OUT AS NON-REFUGEES.

"LAST YEAR SAW A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE JOINING THE UNHCR VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME, WHICH REMAINS OUR PREFERRED MEANS FOR PEOPLE TO RETURN HOME," HE SAID.

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HAVING REACHED, A MONTHLY PEAK OF OVER 1,400 RETURNEES IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY RETURNEES FOR THE WHOLE OF LAST YEAR WAS OVER 12,000.

THESE ARE THE HIGHEST MONTHLY AND YEARLY FIGURES ACHIEVED SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME IN 1989.

"MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, THESE FIGURES UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING REGULAR ORP FLIGHTS TO COMPLEMENT THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME," HE ADDED.

"IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING DECLINE IN OUR CAMP POPULATION, WE NOW AIM TO CLOSE DOWN THE LAST REMAINING SECTION OF THE SHEK KONG DETENTION CENTRE BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH.

"IF THE PRESENT RATE OF VOLUNTARY RETURN IS MAINTAINED, WE HOPE TO SEE MORE CAMP CLOSURES BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR," MR BRESNIHAN SAID.

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LO WU TERMINAL STAGE III EXTENSION PROJECT AWARDED
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$198 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LO WU TERMINAL STAGE III EXTENSION WHICH WILL ALMOST DOUBLE THE PRESENT FACILITIES THERE AFTER ITS COMPLETION IN TWO YEARS.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR YEUNG KIM-CHOY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY LTD.

"LO WU IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST CROSSING POINTS IN THE WORLD AND WE NEED TO MATCH THE FAST GROWING DEMAND WITH BIGGER FACILITIES." A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE LO WU TERMINAL STAGE III EXTENSION WILL INCREASE THE TWO-WAY PROCESSING CAPACITY TO ABOUT 24,000 PERSONS PER HOUR COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT CAPACITY OF 13,200 PER HOUR, HE ADDED.

WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOUTH AND AN EAST EXTENSION, MODIFICATONS TO THE EXISTING STATION BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED BUILDING SERVICES AND ANCILLARY WORKS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IMMEDIATELY AND WILL TAKE 25 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, THE NEW EXTENSION WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 24 DEPARTURE COUNTERS AND 48 ARRIVAL COUNTERS FOR IMMIGRATION PROCESSING.

CUSTOMS COUNTERS WILL ALSO BE INCREASED BY SIX AND 24 ON THE DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL SIDES RESPECTIVELY.

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THE NEW EXTENSION WILL ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR IMMIGRATION, CUSTOMS AND THE POLICE AS WELL AS SPACE FOR EXPANDING THE EXISTING RAILWAY CONCOURSE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA ON BEHALF OF THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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CEREMONIAL OPENING OF 1993 LEGAL YEAR

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THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE 1993 LEGAL YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE ON NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 11).

THE CEREMONY ORGANISED BY THE JUDICIARY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS.

IT WILL BEGIN WITH A CHURCH SERVICE AT 3.30 PM IN THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AT CAINE ROAD.

AT 5 PM, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG, WILL INSPECT A MILITARY GUARD OF HONOUR AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE.

FOLLOWING THIS, THERE WILL BE ADDRESSES IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL WHICH WILL START AT 5.15 PM. THE FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION, MISS JACQUELINE LEONG; AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, MR AMBROSE LAU.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY. THERE WILL BE PRESS POSITIONS AT ALL VENUES - ONE AT CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, ONE IN EDINBURGH PLACE AND TWO IN THE CONCERT HALL.

PRESS ASSEMBLE TIME:	CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL	3.15 PM
	EDINBURGH PLACE	4.45 PM
	CONCERT HALL	5 PM

THE PARADE WOULD LAST ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES. AFTER THE PARADE, THE PRESS WOULD BE ESCORTED UP TO THE RIGHT BOX OF THE CONCERT HALL.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF GOVT CAR PARKS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THREE CONTRACTS FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF 14 GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS AND THE PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND SALE OF GOVERNMENT TUNNEL TICKETS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE CONTRACTS WERE EACH FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS.

THERE WAS AN OPTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF UP TO SIX MONTHS AND THEREAFTER MIGHT BE RENEWED AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE GOVERNMENT ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO BE AGREED WITH THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER(S).

"THE CONTRACTS SHALL START ON A DATE TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHICH SHALL NOT BE EARLIER THAN MAY 1 OR LATER THAN JUNE 30," HE SAID.

DETAILS OF THE TENDER ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO TENDER AND AS A PLEDGE OR THEIR BONA FIDES, EACH TENDERER IS REQUIRED TO MAKE A TENDER DEPOSIT OF \$100,000 WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

TENDER DEPOSITS CAN BE LODGED WITH THE TREASURY FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS AT ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE TREASURY HEADQUARTERS COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI;
- * THE CENTRAL SUB-TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL;
- * THE SAI WAN HO SUB-TREASURY, GROUND FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, 29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO;
- * THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI; AND
- * THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 41ST FLOOR, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

A FEE OF \$1,000 WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH SET OF TENDER DOCUMENTS TO COVER THE COST OF THE TENDER DOCUMENTS. THIS PAYMENT WILL NOT BE REFUNDABLE.

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SEALED TENDERS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX AT THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 19).

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON TEL 829 5333, 829 5271, 829 5332 AND 829 5495.

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HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT INVITES TERM CONTRACTS

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TERM CONTRACTS FOR THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON WEST AND NEW TERRITORIES EAST FOR 1993 TO 1995.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS FOR THE CONTRACTS FOR HONG KONG REGION ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE CHIEF HIGHWAY ENGINEER/HONG KONG, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, NINTH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 895 8448.

FOR KOWLOON REGION, TENDER FORMS AND DETAILS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM CHIEF HIGHWAY ENGINEER/KOWLOON, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, FARM ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11 FARM ROAD, KOWLOON. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 760 5458.

FOR NEW TERRITORIES REGION, TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF HIGHWAY ENGINEER (DISTRICT AND MAINTENANCE)/NEW TERRITORIES, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, SECOND FLOOR, HO MAN TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 88 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 762 3901.

DETAILS OF THE TENDERS HAVE BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX AT THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 5. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I GROUP C FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS WILL BE PERMITTED TO TENDER.

CONTRACTORS WILL BE LIABLE TO HAVE THEIR NAMES REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS IF THEY FAIL OR REFUSE TO IMPLEMENT AN ACCEPTED TENDER.

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TWO SITES FOR AUCTION

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE IN A PUBLIC AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 3.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE JADE BALLROOM OF HOTEL FURAMA KEMPINSKI, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

THE FIRST LOT IS IN AREA 30A, SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES. HAVING AN AREA OF ABOUT 12,020 SQUARE METRES, IT IS INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCLUDING ANY GODOWN FOR DANGEROUS GOODS).

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 18,030 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1997.

THE SECOND LOT IS IN LUNG POON STREET, DIAMOND HILL, KOWLOON. WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 26,060 SQUARE METRES, IT IS EARMARKED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN, HOTEL AND PETROL FILLING STATION) PURPOSES, INCLUDING A PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS AND A PUBLIC TOILET.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 95,000 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1997.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE SALE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THESE OFFICES.

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

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TUEN MUN FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN

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TUEN MUN RESIDENTS ARE URGED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO STEP UP THEIR EFFORTS TO PREVENT CRIME AS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR APPROACHES.

SPEAKING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN LUNAR-YEAR-END FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), MR CHAN WU-CHING, SAID IT WAS ONE OF THE COMMITTEE'S AIMS FOR THE YEAR TO PREVENT TRIAD ACTIVITIES AND DETER CRIME.

"FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE DFCC'S FIGHT CRIME LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE HAVE ORGANISED VISITS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES," MR CHAN SAID.

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"WE HAVE ALSO DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF A LEAFLET ON CRIME PREVENTION AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES."

"MOREOVER, WE HAVE WRITTEN TO THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC TELEPHONES IN THE NEIGHBOURING AREAS OF THE ESTATES, SO THAT RESIDENTS COULD CALL UP THEIR FAMILY FOR ESCORTS IF THEY RETURN HOME AT A LATE HOUR."

"IF THE NEED ARISES, THEY COULD ALSO MAKE USE OF THE TELEPHONES TO CALL THE POLICE," HE SAID.

MR CHAN ADDED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO ASKED THE POLICE TO INCREASE VEHICULAR PATROL IN ORDER TO DETER CRIME.

TURNING TO THE PREVENTION OF YOUTH CRIME -- ANOTHER MAJOR TARGET OF THE DFCC FOR THE YEAR, MR CHAN SAID THE COMMITTEE'S YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE AND SCHOOLS LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE HAVE ORGANISED A FULL RANGE OF SPECIALLY DESIGNED ACTIVITIES.

THESE INCLUDED A MACAU STUDY TOUR BY MEMBERS OF THE HEALTHY YOUTH SCHEME, A CRIME PREVENTION QUIZ AND CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION, SEMINARS ON YOUTH CRIME AND MEETINGS BETWEEN THE DFCC AND LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.

ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S ACTIVITY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG AND THE DISTRICT COMMANDER OF POLICE, MR IAN NICHOLSON.

MEANWHILE, THE INTERNATIONAL MISS CHINA TOWN 1992, MISS ROSEMARY CHAN AND TVB ARTISTES MISS FUNG HIU-MAN AND MR WONG CHAK-MAN, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF DFCC MEMBERS AND AN "ANTI-CRIME LION" WERE ALSO PRESENT TO HELP SPREAD FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES.

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CHAI WAN ROAD UPGRADING WORKS

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE SECTION OF CHAI WAN ROAD BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND WING TAI ROAD.

WORKS INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTWAYS ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD FROM SHAU KEI WAN ROAD TO WING TAI ROAD AND THE NECESSARY UPGRADING OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM, SEWERAGE SYSTEM, ROAD PAVEMENT DRAINAGE SYSTEM, ROADSIDE SLOPE DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND IMPROVEMENT TO ROADSIDE LANDSCAPING.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1995.

DETAILS OF THE TENDER HAVE BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM PETER FRAENKEL BMT (ASIA) LIMITED, SEVENTH FLOOR, SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE, 21 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON, WHO MAY BE CONTACTED ON TELEPHONE 369 0175.

TENDERS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 12.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR POLICE HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR PHASE II WORKS OF THE NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX AT ARSENAL STREET, WAN CHAI.

CONTRACT WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JUNE, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 33-STOrey BUILDING WITH ABOUT 48,000 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR AREA.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS BY MID-1995, THE COMPLEX CAN PROVIDE SPECIALISED ACCOMMODATION FOR THE MAJORITY OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS UNITS CURRENTLY LOCATED ON LEASED PREMISES.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 19.

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CHA KWO LING/YAU TONG/LEI YUE MUN
ZONING PLAN AMENDED
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT CHA KWO LING/YAU TONG/LEI YUE MUN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN (NO. S/K15/5).

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS IS THE REZONING OF THE YAU TONG MARINE LOTS AT CHA KWO LING ROAD AND KO FAI ROAD FROM "INDUSTRIAL" AND "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA".

THEIR ADJOINING BAY IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PLAN AND ZONED AS "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA".

ANOTHER AMENDMENT IS THE REZONING OF AN AREA AT CHA KWO LING WATERFRONT FROM "INDUSTRIAL", "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" AND "ROAD" TO "OTHER SPECIFIED USES", "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY", "OPEN SPACE" AND "ROAD".

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THE ADJOINING PROPOSED RECLAMATION AREA IS ALSO INCORPORATED INTO THE PLAN AND ZONED AS "OTHER SPECIFIED USES".

IT IS PROPOSED TO DEVELOP THE RECLAIMED LAND INTO A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, A MARINE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, A CARGO WORKING AREA, OPEN SPACE, A NEW ROAD, ROAD E AND A "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" SITE FOR FUTURE GOVERNMENT USE.

MEANWHILE, "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA" IS ADDED TO THE LIST OF USE ZONES IN THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PLAN, SETTING OUT USES THAT MAY BE PERMITTED AND THE NECESSITY OF SUBMITTING A MASTER LAYOUT PLAN TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR APPROVAL UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTES OF THE PLAN HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE.

DETAILS MAY BE INSPECTED AT:

- * PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * KOWLOON DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE, 11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD ON OR BEFORE MARCH 8.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN (NO. S/K15/6) ARE ON SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, OR AT THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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BUILDING SAFETY EXHIBITION

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A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION ON BUILDING SAFETY WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG MTR STATION, STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME FOR THE BUILDING SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO) OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

SINCE THEN IT HAS BEEN STAGED IN SHA TIN, KWAI CHUNG, AND CAUSEWAY BAY.

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THE CAMPAIGN TAKES ON AN EDUCATIONAL APPROACH BY STRESSING THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR PROPERTIES IN GOOD CONDITION.

THE EXHIBITION WILL OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 9) AND FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

BOO STAFF WILL BE THERE TO HELP THE PUBLIC WITH ENQUIRIES ON BUILDING SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE.

MEANWHILE, THE BOO IS OPERATING A 24-HOUR HOTLINE - 848 2222 - TO PROVIDE AN ENQUIRY SERVICE ON BUILDING SAFETY.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS AT AIRPORT

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF MINOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THESE INCLUDE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT PAVEMENTS, MARKINGS, ROADS, BRIDGES, CAR PARKS, DRAINAGE AND ASSOCIATED MISCELLANEOUS WORKS WITHIN THE AIRPORT BOUNDARY, AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION OF MINOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FROM TIME TO TIME.

THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MAY FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, SECOND FLOOR, CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 29.

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TENDERS FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL IN TIN SHUI WAI INVITED

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPECIAL SCHOOL IN TIN SHUI WAI, NEW TERRITORIES FOR MILDLY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

OCCUPYING A SITE OF ABOUT 3,462 SQUARE METRES, THE FOUR-STOREY SCHOOL WILL ACCOMMODATE 200 STUDENTS.

/THE SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL PREMISES WILL COMPRISE 10 GENERAL CLASSROOMS, SEVEN SPECIAL CLASSROOMS AND THREE PARAMEDICAL ROOMS IN ADDITION TO STAFF FACILITIES.

A COVERED PLAYGROUND WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON THE GROUND LEVEL.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDER OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON JANUARY 29.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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CHLORINE HOUSE EXTENSION WORKS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PRECHLORINATION HOUSE AT TAI LAM CHUNG WATER TREATMENT WORKS.

A HAZARD ASSESSMENT CONSULTANCY STUDY REPORT HAS RECOMMENDED THAT CHLORINE FACILITIES AT THE HOUSE BE IMPROVED.

CONTRACT WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHLORINE ABSORBER TOWER, AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING BUILDING AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL FOR COMPLETION IN SIX MONTHS.

FORMS OF TENDERS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 44TH FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON JANUARY 29.

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LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY

OUTLINE OF WORK DONE ON FRIDAY
(JANUARY 8) UP TO 4.30 PM

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1. INTERVIEWING WITNESSES;
2. STUDYING VARIOUS REPORTS;
3. RE-VISITING LAN KWAI FONG: GENERAL TOUR AND HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT TEST OF ROAD SURFACE FOR SLIPPINESS WITH SIMILAR SUBSTANCES AT THE TIME OF THE TRAGEDY;
4. VISITING TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL; AND
5. LIAISON WITH POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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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	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 114.7 *+0.2* 8.1.1993

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.10 PCT	13 MONTHS	2402	5.50	100.74	4.86
1 MONTH	3.52 PCT	16 MONTHS	2405	5.50	100.59	5.10
3 MONTHS	3.89 PCT	19 MONTHS	2408	4.375	98.61	5.36
6 MONTHS	4.18 PCT	22 MONTHS	2411	4.625	98.54	5.54
12 MONTHS	4.79 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 11,466 MN

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