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THIRD QUARTER DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS
CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN RELEASED

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THE SIX MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS WITH THE LARGEST VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991 TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 80.7% OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THAT QUARTER, ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SIX GROUPS WERE: TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING; WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR; CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS; MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS; PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT; AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE ABSOLUTE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1990 WERE : TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING (+\$1,590 MILLION); MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS (+\$968 MILLION); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+\$218 MILLION); PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+\$134 MILLION); AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (+\$69 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991 OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1990 WERE : PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL (+205.0%); MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS (+19.1%); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+13.7%); AND TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING (+12.2%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1990.

AMONG THEM WERE: PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (-\$1,199 MILLION OR -19.8%); CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (-\$382 MILLION OR -3.6%); PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-\$201 MILLION OR -8.7%); AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (-\$166 MILLION OR -23.9%).

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN ARE DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

THE INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION USED IS THE HONG KONG STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (HSIC). THE HSIC IS TO BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) USED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS IN THAT THE FORMER IS MORE RELATED TO PRODUCTION PROCESSES WHEREAS THE LATTER IS MORE GEARED TO END USES OF PRODUCTS.

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CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN REFERRING TO THESE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN. CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IN THEIR PRODUCTION.

HOWEVER, IN COMPILING THE ABOVE STATISTICS, THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE ITEM HAS BEEN WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH THE ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED.

BESIDES, DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS OF A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY MAY INCLUDE PRODUCTS WHICH ARE PRODUCED AS SECONDARY PRODUCTS BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE FOUND IN A TABLE WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 839 3250).

A TABLE SHOWING MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF SIMILAR STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, SEPTEMBER 1991".

/VALUE OF

Value of merchandise domestic exports classified by industrial origin
for the third quarter of 1991

(Value in HK\$'000)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports			
	1991 3rd qtr.	1990 3rd qtr.	Value change	% change
<u>Agriculture and Fishing</u>				
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	3,263	2,730	+533	+19.5
Fishing	104,601	93,143	+11,458	+12.3
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1,154	1,009	+146	+14.5
<u>Manufacturing</u>				
Food	512,889	496,823	+16,066	+3.2
Beverages	115,608	108,295	+7,314	+6.8
Tobacco manufactures	526,208	691,730	-165,521	-23.9
Textiles (including knitting)	14,618,772	13,028,414	+1,590,358	+12.2
Wearing apparel, except footwear	11,922,439	12,017,824	-95,385	-0.8
Leather and leather products, except footwear and wearing apparel	420,526	445,502	-24,977	-5.6
Footwear, except rubber, plastic and wooden footwear	155,236	226,020	-70,784	-31.3
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	121,701	159,931	-38,230	-23.9
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	1,834,012	1,700,120	+133,892	+7.9
Chemicals and chemical products	1,805,800	1,587,738	+218,062	+13.7
Products of petroleum and coal	5,432	1,781	+3,651	+205.0
Rubber products	25,393	27,240	-1,847	-6.8
Plastic products	2,119,417	2,320,857	-201,440	-8.7
Non-metallic mineral products, except products of petroleum and coal	147,831	134,463	+13,368	+9.9
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	2,369,462	2,300,867	+68,595	+3.0
Machinery, equipment, apparatus, parts and components	6,028,422	5,060,085	+968,337	+19.1
Consumer electrical and electronic products	10,333,837	10,715,558	-381,721	-3.6
Transport equipment	50,947	67,934	-16,986	-25.0
Professional and optical equipment	4,840,823	6,039,349	-1,198,526	-19.3
Other manufacturing industries	3,560,566	3,551,596	+8,970	+0.3
<u>Electricity</u>	408,853	255,055	+153,798	+60.3
<u>Miscellaneous items</u> (e.g. developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	34,819	27,653	+7,166	+25.9
Total	62,068,011	61,061,716	+1,006,295	+1.6

Notes: 1. Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding. All percentage changes are calculated from unrounded figures.

2. As from 1991, the above statistics are published by major industry groups based on the Hong Kong Standard Industrial Classification (HSIC). In order to compare the 1991 figures with the 1990 ones, the value changes and percentage changes between the third quarter of 1991 and the third quarter of 1990 for the respective major industry groups are derived after re-grouping the values of export items in the third quarter of 1990 according to the HSIC. The HSIC-based statistics may not be strictly comparable with the domestic export statistics classified by industrial origin for earlier years due to the change in industrial classification.

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GOVT IS AWARE OF STOCKBROKERS' CONCERNS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TONIGHT (FRIDAY) THAT THE DRAFTING OF THE BILL RELATED TO THE SETTING UP OF A CENTRAL CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE STOCK MARKET IS IN A VERY ADVANCED STAGE.

SPEAKING AT THE HONG KONG STOCKBROKERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER, MR MACLEOD SAID THE LEGISLATION IS COMPLICATED, EMBRACING PROVISIONS IN THE AREAS OF SECURITIES, COMPANIES AND INSOLVENCY..

"WE ARE PURSUING THIS AS A SUBJECT OF HIGH PRIORITY," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD SAID THE LEGISLATION IS AWAITED TO ENABLE THE SYSTEM TO GO INTO OPERATION WITH ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT AND PROTECTION TO ENSURE ITS INTEGRITY AND SMOOTH RUNNING.

"THE TECHNICAL ASPECT OF THE SYSTEM IS IN A VERY ADVANCED STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT," HE ADDED.

ON STAMP DUTY ON SHARE TRANSACTIONS, MR MACLEOD SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE CONCERN OF THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY OVER THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THIS DUTY.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE NEED FOR FURTHER REDUCTION OF STAMP DUTY ON STOCK MARKET DEALS UNDER REVIEW.

THE STAMP DUTY WAS REDUCED IN THE LAST BUDGET, FOLLOWING THE INTERNATIONAL TREND TOWARDS THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF TRANSFER TAXES ON SHARE TRANSACTIONS.

TURNING TO THE REFORM PACKAGE FOR THE STOCK EXCHANGE, MR MACLEOD SAID IT IS THE RESULT OF COMPROMISES MADE BY THE EXCHANGE AND THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION AFTER LENGTHY AND, AT TIMES, DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS.

"NOW THAT THE PROBLEM IS BEHIND US, WE SHOULD ALL LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE.

"EFFORTS CAN NOW BE FOCUSSED ON FURTHER DEVELOPING THE MARKET, AND IN CONSOLIDATING WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR IN ORDER TO POSITION HONG KONG AMONGST THE PRIME SECURITIES MARKETS IN THE WORLD.

MR MACLEOD POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY CAN OPERATE AND PROSPER.

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"THIS WILL MEAN THE REGULATOR MAKING SURE THAT THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK IS FAIRLY SET AND CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY ALL CONCERNED, AND THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

"THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE THIS WEEK TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATION OF ALL LISTING MATTERS TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR, SUBJECT TO SYSTEMATIC CHECKS AND BALANCES WITHIN THE EXCHANGE, IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THAT DIRECTION," HE SAID.

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RG ON BCCHK

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ON THE QUESTION OF RECOVERING AMOUNTS STILL DUE TO BCCHK FROM A SMALL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS BANKS, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ALL OF THEM AND THAT THE INITIAL RESPONSE HAD BEEN VERY POSITIVE.

MANY OF THE AMOUNTS DUE HAD ALREADY BEEN PAID OR WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING PAID.

IN THE LIGHT OF THIS, MR GLEESON DID NOT PROPOSE TO ISSUE ANY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AT THIS STAGE.

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WALLED CITY PHASE I CLEARANCE COMPLETED

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THE FIRST PHASE OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY CLEARANCE OPERATION HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR PHILIP CHOK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OF THE TOTAL OF 161 PHASE I HOUSEHOLDS TO BE RECOVERED AT THE START OF THE OPERATION YESTERDAY, THE CLEARANCE TEAMS HAD BEEN ABLE TO CLEAR OVER 103 HOUSEHOLDS, HE SAID.

THE REMAINING 58 HOUSEHOLDS ARE REGISTERED IN STRUCTURES UNDER THE NAMES OF THE 33 CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LEAVE TO BRING JUDICIAL REVIEW PROCEEDINGS.

OF THESE, 21 ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE MOVED OUT.

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NEW TELA COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

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MISS ELLE SHUM MUN-LING, FORMERLY DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL, HAS TAKEN UP THE POST OF COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY.

MISS SHUM HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES BEFORE JOINING TELA.

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CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES (AMENDMENT) BILL EXPLAINED

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THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 IS NOT INTENDED TO BAN AUTOMATICALLY ALL CATEGORY III FILMS FROM BEING SOLD OR HIRED IN THE FORM OF VIDEOTAPES OR LASER DISCS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 4) FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRINCIPAL TARGET OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT IS PORNOGRAPHIC FILMS WHICH AT PRESENT MAY BE SOLD OR HIRED FREELY TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

"A CATEGORY III FILM MAY STILL BE SOLD OR HIRED IF IT IS CLASSIFIED AS INDECENT BY THE OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL (OAT), BUT A WARNING NOTICE MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE VIDEOTAPE OR LASER DISC OR THE WRAPPER ENCLOSING IT TO THE EFFECT THAT IT MAY NOT BE SOLD TO A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID ONLY WHEN A VIDEOTAPE OR LASER DISC IS CLASSIFIED AS OBSCENE BY THE TRIBUNAL WILL IT BE BANNED FROM SALE OR HIRE, 'OBSCENITY' AND 'INDECENCY' MAY INCLUDE VIOLENCE, DEPRAVITY AND REPULSIVENESS.

HE ADDED THAT THE OAT, IN DETERMINING WHETHER A VIDEOFILM IS OBSCENE OR INDECENT, IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO HAVE REGARD TO THE STANDARDS OF MORALITY, DECENCY AND PROPRIETY THAT ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY REASONABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE DOMINANT EFFECT OF THE FILM, THE PEOPLE TO WHOM THE FILM IS TO BE SHOWN, AND WHETHER THE FILM HAS AN HONEST PURPOSE.

BESIDES, HE SAID, IT IS ALSO REQUIRED TO HAVE REGARD TO THE DECISION OF THE CENSOR IF THE FILM HAS BEEN DEALT WITH BY THE FILM CENSORSHIP AUTHORITY.

THEREFORE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE ARTISTIC AND LITERARY MERIT OF THE FILM AND ITS IMPORTANCE OR VALUE FOR CULTURAL OR SOCIAL REASONS ARE ALSO FACTORS THAT MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

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"THE AIM OF THE EXISTING POLICY AND LEGISLATION IS TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEED TO SAFEGUARD FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND INFORMATION ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE NEED TO PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF SUCH ARTICLES ON THE OTHER," HE ADDED.

THE AMENDMENT BILL, UPON ENACTMENT, WILL ONLY BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE AFTER THE EXPIRY OF A THREE-MONTH GRACE PERIOD.

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INSURANCE CO (AMENDMENT) BILL GAZETTED

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THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1991 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY (IA) TO APPOINT A PERSON TO ADVISE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF AN INSURER THAT IS IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES OR TO ASSUME SUCH MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS.

WHILE THE PRESENT POWERS CONTAINED IN THE ORDINANCE WILL ENABLE THE IA TO IMPOSE REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF ADVERSE FEATURES ON AN INSURER'S OPERATIONS, THESE ARE INADEQUATE TO ENSURE THAT AN INSURER, WHOSE STATE OF AFFAIRS ARE SUCH THAT THE INSURING PUBLIC IS BEING EXPOSED TO SERIOUS RISK OF LOSS, WILL BE PRUDENTLY MANAGED.

"THE IA IS AT PRESENT RESTRICTED IN ITS ABILITY TO PREVENT THE BUSINESS OF AN INSURER FROM DEVELOPING INTO A SITUATION WHERE THE ONLY OPTION IS WINDING UP, WHICH CAN BE DAMAGING TO THE INTERESTS OF THE POLICY HOLDERS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL REPUTATION OF THE INSURANCE MARKET IN HONG KONG," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HIGHLIGHTING THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE ABOVE INADEQUACY AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE INSURING PUBLIC, THE IA SHOULD BE GIVEN THE ADDITIONAL INTERVENTIONARY POWER OF BEING ABLE TO APPOINT A PERSON TO ADVISE AN INSURER ON THE MANAGEMENT OF ITS AFFAIRS, BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OR ASSUME SUCH MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THIS POWER COULD ONLY BE EXERCISED WHERE THE IA CONSIDERED THAT ITS OTHER INTERVENTIONARY POWERS WOULD NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS.

"WHERE THE INSURER IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IS INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG, THE REMIT OF THE ADVISOR OR MANAGER WILL ONLY EXTEND TO THAT PART OF THE INSURER'S BUSINESS AS WELL AS PROPERTY WHICH IS CARRIED ON, LOCATED IN, OR MANAGED, IN OR FROM HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"WHERE IT APPEARS TO THE IA THAT THE APPOINTMENT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY, WHICH NORMALLY MEANS THAT THE PROBLEMS LEADING TO THE APPOINTMENT HAVE BEEN RECTIFIED OR WHERE AN APPEAL TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AGAINST THE APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ADVISOR OR MANAGER SHALL CEASE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES A FURTHER GROUND FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE IA'S EXISTING INTERVENTIONARY POWERS : WHERE IT APPEARS TO THE IA THAT THE INSURER IS CARRYING ON HIS BUSINESS IN A MANNER DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF ITS POLICY HOLDERS, THE AUTHORITY MAY EXERCISE ITS INTERVENTIONARY POWERS.

THIS IS BROADLY SIMILAR TO A PROVISION IN THE BANKING ORDINANCE IN RESPECT OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

FURTHERMORE, THE BILL EXTENDS THE EXISTING PROVISION IN THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE WHICH PROHIBITS THE VOLUNTARY WINDING UP, WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE COURT, OF INSURERS CARRYING ON LONG-TERM BUSINESS TO INSURERS CARRYING ON GENERAL BUSINESS.

THIS SEEKS TO GIVE A SIMILAR LEVEL OF PROTECTION TO THE POLICY HOLDERS OF GENERAL INSURANCE AS FOR THOSE OF LONG-TERM INSURANCE.

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USE OF BENZODIAZEPINES IN EXEMPTED CLINICS
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A BILL TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL, ENTITLED DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1991, AIMS TO ALLOW PRACTITIONERS IN EXEMPTED CLINICS TO CONTINUE TO USE CERTAIN DRUGS OF THE BENZODIAZEPINE GROUP, IF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH CONSIDERS THAT TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

THIS BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THESE PRACTITIONERS ARE ALREADY USING SOME OF THE BENZODIAZEPINES IN THE COURSE OF THEIR PRACTICE IN EXEMPTED CLINICS.

HOWEVER, TO CONTROL THE INCREASING PROBLEM OF ABUSE OF BENZODIAZEPINES, ALL BENZODIAZEPINE DRUGS WILL BE SCHEDULED AS DANGEROUS DRUGS FROM JANUARY 18 NEXT YEAR.

"AS PRACTITIONERS IN EXEMPTED CLINICS RUN BY UNIONS AND NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HANDLE DANGEROUS DRUGS, THEY WILL BE DEPRIVED OF ACCESS TO BENZODIAZEPINES FROM THAT DAY AND WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING THE STANDARD OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT TO CONTROL THE ABUSE OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, THREE DRUGS IN THE BENZODIAZEPINE GROUP (BROTIZOLAM, FLUNITRAZEPAM AND TRIAZOLAM) WERE ADDED TO PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

SINCE THEN, THE ABUSE HAS SWITCHED TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BENZODIAZEPINE GROUP.

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TO PREVENT FURTHER ABUSE, THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD RECOMMENDED THE INCLUSION OF ALL BENZODIAZEPINE DRUGS IN PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE.

THE RECOMMENDATION, SUPPORTED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN SEPTEMBER, WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 18 NEXT YEAR.

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NEW RULES TO CONTROL CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

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NEW REGULATIONS ON NOISE CONTROL OF HAND-HELD PERCUSSIVE BREAKERS AND PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSORS COMMONLY USED ON CONSTRUCTION SITES IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW CONTROLS WILL ENSURE THAT HONG KONG DOES NOT BECOME A DUMPING GROUND FOR NOISY EQUIPMENT WHICH IS UNACCEPTABLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID THE CONTROLS WILL ALSO HELP TO REDUCE THE ANNOYANCE CAUSED BY THE USE OF BREAKERS AND COMPRESSORS IN EXCAVATION AND DEMOLITION WORKS.

THE NEW REGULATIONS UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE ONLY ALLOWS EQUIPMENT COMPLYING WITH PRESCRIBED NOISE EMISSION STANDARDS TO BE IMPORTED FOR USE IN HONG KONG WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESCRIBED STANDARDS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PROCLAIMED IN RELEVANT EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DIRECTIVES.

THE NEW REGULATIONS ALSO STIPULATE THAT AS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, NEXT YEAR ALL HAND-HELD PERCUSSIVE BREAKERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH A NOISE EMISSION LABEL ISSUED BY THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY TO ENSURE THAT NOISE EMISSION STANDARDS ARE MET.

FOR AIR COMPRESSORS, LABELS WILL BE REQUIRED FROM DECEMBER 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY WILL ALSO REQUIRE THE EQUIPMENT TO BE TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESCRIBED TEST CONDITIONS, IF THE EQUIPMENT IS SUSPECTED TO BE EXCESSIVELY NOISY.

OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 ON FIRST CONVICTION, AND \$100,000 ON SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, AND ALSO A DAILY FINE OF \$10,000.

THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY WILL BE SENDING DETAILED INFORMATION TO THE INDUSTRIES TO EXPLAIN THE REGULATIONS.

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APPLICATION FOR THE LABELS CAN BE MADE FROM MARCH 1, NEXT YEAR, TO THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY, FIFTH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG. THE APPLICATION FEE IS \$100 FOR EACH LABEL.

ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY WAS A NOISE CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 WHICH SEEKS TO CLARIFY CURRENT POLICY ON INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL NOISE AS WELL AS NOISE FROM TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC ROADS.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 13(1)(A) OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE MAKES IT CLEARER THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST NOISY INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS ONLY WHEN THEY AFFECT NOISE SENSITIVE RECEIVERS SUCH AS RESIDENTIAL PREMISES, HOTELS, HOSTELS, SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS, AND NOT WHEN THEY AFFECT OTHER INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.

* THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROCEDURES ALREADY ADOPTED UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY'S TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT TWO YEARS AGO, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 4 AND 5 SEEK TO EXPLICITLY SPELL OUT THAT NOISE FROM VEHICLES TRAVELLING IN A NORMAL MANNER ON PUBLIC ROADS WILL NOT BE CONTROLLED UNDER THESE SECTIONS WHICH ARE ENFORCED BY WAY OF POLICE SUMMONS ACTION UPON COMPLAINTS.

HE SAID THE REDUCTION OF TRAFFIC NOISE IS BEST ACHIEVED THROUGH CAREFUL TOWN PLANNING WHICH IS THE EXISTING STANDARD PRACTICE.

"HOWEVER, THE POLICE ARE STILL ABLE TO TAKE ACTION UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE AGAINST DRIVERS BLASTING MUSIC FROM THEIR CARS OR CAUSING ANNOYANCE BY THEIR ROWDY BEHAVIOUR.

"PEOPLE TAMPERING WITH THEIR SILENCERS ALSO RUN THE RISK OF BEING PROSECUTED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FIRST ISSUE OF LOOSE-LEAF LAW PUBLISHED

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THE FIRST VOLUMES OF A NEW AEDITION HONG KONG LAWS, IN A NEW FORMAT WHICH CARRY BOTH THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH TEXTS SIDE BY SIDE ON LOOSE-LEAF PAGES, HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED.

THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE NEW EDITION CONSISTS OF FOUR VOLUMES OF MORE THAN 1,800 PAGES OF LAWS.

THE FIRST THREE VOLUMES CONTAIN CHAPTERS 2 TO 13 OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG IN ENGLISH ONLY AS THEY DO NOT HAVE AN AUTHENTIC CHINESE TEXT YET.

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THE FOURTH CONTAINS 25 MISCELLANEOUS BILINGUAL ORDINANCES ENACTED SINCE APRIL LAST YEAR.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID IN A FOREWORD TO THE FIRST LOOSE-LEAF EDITION OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG THAT THE EDITION WAS DESIGNED TO BE CONSTANTLY AND EASILY UPDATED.

"THE FORMAT IS SUITED TO THE PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDING CHINESE AND ENGLISH TEXTS ON THE SAME PAGE. ULTIMATELY, THE ENTIRE EDITION WILL BE IN BILINGUAL FORM," MR MATHEWS SAID.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT USERS WOULD FIND THE LOOSE-LEAF EDITION ECONOMICAL, EFFICIENT AND EASY TO USE.

TO ASSIST THE PHASING-IN OF THE LOOSE-LEAF SYSTEM, THE LAWS ARE BEING PUBLISHED IN TWO STREAMS.

FIRSTLY, LEGISLATION IS BEING PRINTED IN LOOSE-LEAF SEQUENTIALLY BY CHAPTER NUMBER AND ISSUED IN GROUPS AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

LAWS THAT ARE ENACTED IN BILINGUAL FORM SINCE LAST YEAR, OR BECOME AVAILABLE IN BOTH OFFICIAL LANGUAGES FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF AN AUTHENTIC CHINESE TEXT, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN LOOSE-LEAF FORM REGARDLESS OF CHAPTER NUMBER, AS WILL SOME ORDINANCES THAT HAVE A LARGE READERSHIP.

THE NEW FORMAT LAWS ARE PUBLISHED TO REPLACE THE OLD FORMAT, WHICH IS GENERALLY KNOWN AS THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE ENTIRE SET OF LOOSE-LEAF EDITION SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT THREE YEARS.

WITH A STEADY GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF NEW ORDINANCES EVERY YEAR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BILINGUAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME, A WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDED IN 1989 THE ADOPTION OF THE LOOSE-LEAF FORMAT IN ORDER TO BRING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REVISED EDITION, WHICH HAS BEEN IN USE SINCE 1965.

THE NOTER-UP SERVICE, WHICH INVOLVED A CUT AND PASTE SYSTEM, FOR MAINTAINING AND UPDATING THE TEXT OF THE LAWS WAS ALSO CONSIDERED UNSATISFACTORY DUE TO THE VAST MANUAL EFFORT INVOLVED AND HAD CEASED WITH EFFECT FROM THE END OF LAST YEAR.

THE NEW LOOSE-LEAF EDITION CAN BE KEPT UP TO DATE BY INSERTING NEW PAGES AS THEY ARE ISSUED AND DISCARDING OLD ONES.

TO ENSURE THAT USERS CAN CHECK THAT THEY HAVE THE MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED PAGES OF TEXT, EACH ORDINANCE HAS A CHECK LIST AND INSTRUCTIONS, AND EACH NEW ISSUE OF THE LOOSE-LEAF EDITION WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MASTER CHECKLIST.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF USERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, SOME ORDINANCES AND SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION ARE PUBLISHED AS SEPARATE BOOKLETS AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

HONG KONG NEEDS LOCAL MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS

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HONG KONG NEEDS A STEADY SUPPLY OF LOCAL MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS AND SEAMEN TO ENHANCE ITS POSITION AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING MARITIME CENTRES, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR TONY MILLER, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE MADE THIS REMARK WHEN VISITING THE SEAMEN'S TRAINING CENTRE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IN TAI LAM CHUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR HORACE KNIGHT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MERCHANT NAVY TRAINING BOARD, MR DAVID C.C. KOO WERE ALSO PRESENT.

MR MILLER SAID: "FIRSTLY, WE NEED HONG KONG CAPTAINS AND OFFICERS TO MAN HONG KONG-REGISTERED SHIPS TO ADD CREDIBILITY TO THE HIGH QUALITY AUTONOMOUS HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER.

"SECONDLY, EXPERIENCED MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE OUR SHIPPING INDUSTRY INCLUDING CONTAINER TERMINALS AND OTHER PORT FACILITIES.

"THIRDLY, WE IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT NEED TO BE STAFFED BY LOCAL MARINE OFFICERS AND SURVEYORS WITH RELEVANT SEA-GOING EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS TO ADMINISTER THE PORT OF HONG KONG."

CONCERTED EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MOUNTED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, SHIPPING INDUSTRY AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE THE RECRUITMENT OF TRAINEE OFFICERS AND TO STREAMLINE THEIR TRAINING.

INDEED, MR MILLER SAID, WE COULD NOT DEPEND ON OTHER COUNTRIES FOR HELP BECAUSE THERE IS A WORLD-WIDE SHORTAGE OF SEAFARERS.

HONG KONG HAS 5,700 ACTIVE SEAFARERS INCLUDING 1,500 OFFICERS AND THEY SERVE ON BOARD MORE THAN 700 SHIPS OF MANY FLAGS.

MR MILLER SAID THERE WAS WIDE-SPREAD MISCONCEPTION THAT MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS CAN ONLY GO TO SEA.

"THIS IS TOTALLY UNFOUNDED. TRAINING FOR MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS IS A STEPPING STONE FOR CAREER NOT ONLY AT SEA BUT ALSO ON LAND IN THE MANY SHIPPING AND MARINE RELATED FIELDS." HE SAID.

MR MILLER URGED YOUNG PEOPLE AND SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGES OF A SEA-GOING CAREER.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR KNIGHT AND MR KOO, MR MILLER HAD A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SEAMEN'S TRAINING CENTRE.

/MR MILLER

MR MILLER ATTENDED A TRAINING SESSION OF THE FIRST DECK OFFICER CADET COURSE RUN BY THE CENTRE. THE 46-WEEK TRAINING COURSE HAS FULL SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT FROM HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS AND WILL LAST UNTIL AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THE CENTRE HAS STARTED RECRUITMENT FOR ITS SECOND DECK OFFICER CADET COURSE, TRAINING WILL START IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE CENTRE ORGANISES 18 SEAMEN'S TRAINING COURSES ANNUALLY. EACH COURSE LASTS 23 WEEKS.

IN ADDITION, THE CENTRE OFFERS TAILOR-MADE REFRESHER TRAINING COURSES FOR IN-SERVICE SEAMEN. MORE THAN 20 OF THESE COURSES ARE ORGANISED EACH YEAR.

MR MILLER WAS TOLD THAT THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE ON TSING YI WILL START A NEW COURSE FOR MARINE ENGINEERING OFFICERS IN 1993.

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IN HUNG HOM HAS BEEN PROVIDING TRAINING FOR MARINE ENGINEERING OFFICERS.

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SIXTH FORM COURSES AVAILABLE IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS SOON

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TWO-YEAR SIXTH FORM COURSES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE ADVANCED LEVEL AND ADVANCED SUPPLEMENTARY LEVEL EXAMINATIONS IN 1994.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN, WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JOINT EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR CHAN SAID THE COURSES WILL BE OFFERED IN 14 OF THE 23 EXISTING PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

THEY INCLUDE ENGINEERING SCIENCE, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, COMPUTER STUDIES, BUSINESS STUDIES, PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS, PURE MATHEMATICS, APPLIED MATHEMATICS, LIBERAL STUDIES AND MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS.

COUPLED WITH THIS REFORM, ANOTHER FIVE NEW PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WILL BE BUILT BY 1993.

TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER NINE EXISTING ONES, THEY WILL ALSO PROVIDE SUCH COURSES IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS.

"STUDENTS WILL HAVE NO SHORTAGE OF OPTIONS FROM WHICH TO SELECT ACCORDING TO THEIR INTEREST AND ABILITY," HE SAID.

/MR CHAN

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF PROVIDING THESE COURSES, AS SPECIFIED IN THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 2, ARE TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF BALANCED, WELL-INFORMED INDIVIDUALS; PREPARE STUDENTS FOR POST-SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION; DEVELOP IN ALL STUDENTS THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY IN BOTH LANGUAGES; AND PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ADULT LIFE.

"IT IS AGAINST THESE OBJECTIVES THAT THE CURRICULUM OF SIXTH FORM COURSES IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR FULL-TIME TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES TO DEGREE OR SUB-DEGREE LEVELS IN THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, OR THE ACQUISITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS BY WAY OF ON-THE-JOB STUDIES, OR FOR EMPLOYMENT," HE NOTED.

THE SECRETARY ALSO SPOKE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S HEAVY INVESTMENT IN PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION WHICH HAS UNDERGONE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CHANGES SINCE IT WAS INTRODUCED IN 1970.

FROM ITS ORIGINAL PHILOSOPHY OF PROVIDING THREE-YEAR VOCATIONALLY ORIENTATED JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVERS, PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION WAS EXTENDED IN 1981 TO SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL LEADING TO THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION AND THE PRODUCTION OF A NEW PREVOCATIONAL CURRICULUM TO SUIT.

THIS ENABLED FORM 5 LEAVERS TO ENTER TECHNICIAN LEVEL COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

MR CHAN BELIEVED THAT THE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HAVE A MISSION TO GIVE CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT SO ACADEMICALLY INCLINED A DIRECTION IN LIFE AND TO HELP THEM TO BE USEFUL CONTRIBUTORS TO SOCIETY.

"WE MUST KEEP PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO PERFORM THE ROLE FOR WHICH THEY ARE INTENDED.

"THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW THAT PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ARE EXPANDING TO INCLUDE SIXTH FORMS," HE ADDED.

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EDUCATION SYSTEM WILL MEET CHALLENGES OF FUTURE

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POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES ARE PROCEEDING AT A RAPID PACE IN HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

AS HONG KONG MOVED TOWARDS FULLER REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, AS THE ECONOMY CONTINUED TO TRANSFORM, AS THE INFLUENCE OF TECHNOLOGY ON WORK AND LIFE STYLE CONTINUED TO GROW AND AS SOCIAL AND MORAL VALUES ALSO CONTINUED TO EVOLVE, MR LI SAID:

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"WE MUST ASK OURSELVES WHAT IT IS THAT WE MUST DO IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE YOUNGER GENERATION FOR THE WORLD OF TOMORROW."

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE, HE SAID SCHOOLS SHOULD FIRST CONSIDER WHAT IT WAS THAT THEY COULD DO AND WHAT IT WAS THAT THEY COULD NOT DO.

HE BELIEVED SCHOOLS, AND ANYBODY ELSE, WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PREDICT EXACTLY WHAT THE CHANGES IN HONG KONG WOULD LEAD TO.

MR LI STRESSED THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT FEEL HELPLESS.

"THERE IS IN FACT A VERY POSITIVE APPROACH WHICH THEY CAN ADOPT.

"TO BE ABLE TO COPE WITH CHANGE SUCCESSFULLY CALLS FOR KNOWLEDGE, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, SOME VERY NECESSARY ATTITUDES AND SKILLS AND IT IS MY VIEW THAT SCHOOLS CAN, AND SHOULD, STRENGTHEN THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP STUDENTS ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP THESE AS PART OF THEIR EDUCATION."

TO ILLUSTRATE, HE SAID AS THE TERRITORY MOVED INTO AN AGE OF KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION AND RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, SCHOOLS COULD NEVER EXPECT TO TEACH THEIR STUDENTS ALL THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO KNOW LATER IN LIFE.

"BUT THEY CAN PROVIDE THEIR STUDENTS WITH SOUND BASIC KNOWLEDGE, ENCOURAGE THEM TO LEARN BY THEMSELVES AND HELP THEM DEVELOP SELF-STUDY SKILLS SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE WITH THEIR OWN LIFE-LONG EDUCATION PROCESS AFTER THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR FORMAL EDUCATION.

SIMILARLY, HE SAID IN A CHANGING POLITICAL SCENE AND WITH CHANGING SOCIAL AND MORAL VALUES, SCHOOLS CAN HELP THEIR STUDENTS A GREAT DEAL BY PROVIDING THEM WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- * DEVELOP THEIR ABILITY TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY;
- * FORM THEIR OWN JUDGEMENTS;
- * EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE; AND
- * RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S VIEWS.

SCHOOLS, MR LI FURTHER EXPLAINED, COULD ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR STUDENTS TO LEARN TO BE ADAPTABLE BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND VERSATILITY AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE.

HE ADDED THAT ABOVE ALL, SCHOOLS COULD HELP STUDENTS TO COPE WITH CHANGE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF CHANGE.

MR LI SAID HE MENTIONED THESE ISSUES BECAUSE HE FELT THAT ALTHOUGH HONG KONG HAS ALWAYS REGARDED HUMAN RESOURCES AS ITS CHIEF ASSET, THIS WOULD BE EVEN MORE THE CASE AS THE TERRITORY MOVED FORWARD DURING THE REST OF THIS DECADE AND BEYOND, AND "WE MUST ENSURE THAT OUR FUTURE CITIZENS WILL BE FULLY EQUIPPED TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S LEADING POSITION AND IN THE PROCESS BENEFIT FROM ITS CONTINUED PROSPERITY."

"I AM THEREFORE CONFIDENT THAT OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM WILL BE ABLE TO MEET FULLY THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE," MR LI ADDED.

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ASIAN SCHOOL SPORTS EXCHANGE AND CONTESTS ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIP

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THE SETTING UP OF THE ASIAN SCHOOL SPORTS FEDERATION WILL ENCOURAGE MORE SPORTS EXCHANGES AMONG NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND COMPETITIONS, FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION WILL BE DEVELOPED AMONG STUDENTS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING OF ASIAN SCHOOLS SPORTS FEDERATION.

THE PREPARATORY MEETING IS HELD AT THE TI-I COLLEGE AT FO TAN TO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF THIS ASIAN FEDERATION AND WILL END ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1).

MR LI, WHO IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL, SAID THE NEED FOR AN OFFICIAL GOVERNING BODY FOR SCHOOL SPORTS IN ASIA HAD LONG BEEN DISCUSSED AND WHEN IT FINALLY BECAME A REALITY, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL WAS HONOURED TO HOST THE MEETING.

ASIAN COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING THE MEETING INCLUDE CHINA, INDIA THAILAND, MALAYSIA, SOUTH KOREA, BRUNEI, SRI LANKA, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND MACAU.

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DREDGING FOR APPROACH CHANNEL OFF TSING YI PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PERMIT CALTEX OIL HONG KONG LIMITED TO DREDGE THE SEA-BED OFF THE WEST COAST OF TSING YI ISLAND.

THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE AN AREA OF ABOUT 3.52 HECTARES OF SEA-BED.

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IT WILL PROVIDE AN APPROACH CHANNEL TO KWAI TSING PERMANENT PIER NO. 34.

THE WORKS WILL START IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER IN THE SAME YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 28 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH THE RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER).

THEY CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

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TENDERS FOR LANDFILL SITE FORMATION

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR THE NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL PHASE 1.

WORKS WILL INCLUDE 1.3 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF EARTHWORKS, ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH 2 KILOMETRES OF HAUL ROADS, 1.6 KILOMETRES OF TRACK IMPROVEMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF 2.2 KILOMETRES OF STREAM COURSES AND PREPARATION OF THE SITE FOR THE LANDFILL PHASE 1.

THE LOCATION OF THE WORKS IS IN THE AREA OF WO KENG SHAN AND HA HEUNG YUEN IN THE NORTH DISTRICT.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, AND WILL TAKE 47 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MOUCHEL ASIA LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE OF THE TENDER WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MOUCHEL ASIA LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, 24TH FLOOR CITICORP CENTRE, 18 WHITFIELD ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NOON, JANUARY 3, NEXT YEAR.

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KWUN TONG TO CELEBRATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS ARE TODAY CALLED TO THROW THEMSELVES VIGOROUSLY IN THE CELEBRATION DELIGHTS OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME THERE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

ANNOUNCING THE DETAILS OF THE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO SAID THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, WHICH WAS SET UP IN 1981, WAS THE FIRST URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

"IT HAS IN THE PAST DECADE WORKED CLOSELY WITH AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO REFLECT THE VIEWS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO MOTIVATE THE INHABITANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

"DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WHILE RESIDENTS' SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN IT ARE ALSO ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME," HE SAID.

MR WONG ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO INVOLVE IN THE SCHEME.

"ONLY WITH THE RESIDENTS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION CAN FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES BE FULLY DEVELOPED," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD EACH YEAR ALLOCATED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO ORGANISE A MAJOR LOCAL EVENT WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

"THIS YEAR, TO MARK ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY, THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS JOINED HANDS WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE 15 AREA COMMITTEES TO ORGANISE A LARGE-SCALE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME FOR RESIDENTS.

"THE CELEBRATION ALSO AIMS TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN KWUN TONG OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS," HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CELEBRATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR MAU KEI-ON SAID THE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME, TO BE HELD BETWEEN SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1) AND DECEMBER 15 WILL PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO LOCAL RESIDENTS REGARDLESS OF AGE.

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THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS, CARNIVALS, FUND DAYS, A PICNIC, A HARBOUR TOUR, A QUIZ CONTEST AND COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY VARIOUS AREA COMMITTEES TO SPREAD THE FESTIVE MOOD ALL OVER THE DISTRICT.

MR MAU SAID THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND ON DECEMBER 15.

"THE SHOW WILL BE PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY THE ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED (ATV).

THE TOTAL COST IS AROUND \$800,000, OF WHICH \$390,000 IS FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE BALANCE SPONSORED BY LOCAL PERSONALITIES," MR MAU SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS THE ATV'S ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MR LEE PUI-KUEN.

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ISLANDS OUTSTANDING YOUTHS AWARD PRESENTATION

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TWELVE YOUNGSTERS FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL BE PRESENTED WITH OUTSTANDING YOUTHS AWARDS ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THEIR GOOD CONDUCT, PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICES, AS WELL AS KNOWLEDGE OF AND INSPIRING VIEWS ON COMMUNITY BUILDING OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

THE YOUNGSTERS, AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 25, COMPRISED ONE TEACHER, ONE SOCIAL WORKER, TWO CLERKS, AND EIGHT STUDENTS.

THEY WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN A FREE OUTWARD BOUND COURSE, AND AWARDED WITH A SOUVENIR AND \$500 GIFT COUPON OR BOOK COUPON EACH.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS LINA LO; ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, AND PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHANNEL ISLANDS, MR HERBERT IE.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OUTSTANDING YOUTHS AWARD SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHANNEL ISLANDS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OUTSTANDING YOUTHS AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1) AT VICTORIA BALLROOM III, THIRD FLOOR, HOTEL VICTORIA, 200 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, SHEUNG WAN.

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VARIETY SHOW TO START SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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THE \$1.5 MILLION SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL '91 WILL START WITH A STAR-STUDED VARIETY SHOW AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM IN HUNG HOM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL WONG KAM-CHIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

MORE THAN 8,000 RESIDENTS WILL ATTEND THE SHOW WHICH WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ARTS ASSOCIATION.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS MR TO KUN-SUN AND MR FUNG KIN-KEE; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN MOW-FAT.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL '91 WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM IN HUNG HOM.

THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE COLISEUM AT 7.30 PM.

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CIVIC EDUCATION DAY ON SUNDAY

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A DEBATE BETWEEN TWO TEAMS OF POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1) IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TO MARK THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

IN THE MEANTIME, A HOST OF COLOURFUL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY BY DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT OFFICES TO HELP SPREAD CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGES.

THE DEBATE IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION (CPCE) AND AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN AT 10 AM.

OFFICIATING WILL

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, CPCE MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN OF THE 19 DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION WORKING GROUPS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE DEBATE BETWEEN TEAMS FROM THE CITY POLYTECHNIC AND HK POLYTECHNIC ON: "VOTING SHOULD BE MADE MANDATORY BY LAW IN HONG KONG".

A CHINESE UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER, DOCTOR LOUIE KIN-SHEUN; CPCE MEMBER, MR LO CHI-KIN; AND A HONG KONG UNIVERSITY LECTURER, MR ERNEST CHUI WILL BE THE ADJUDICATORS.

A RADIO PROGRAMME HOST, MR LEE LUEN-FAI, WILL PRESIDE AT THE DEBATE.

MEANWHILE, VARIOUS DISTRICT ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE THEME OF "CARE FOR HONG KONG; CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY" WILL BE HELD. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO JOIN. ADMISSION IS FREE.

DETAILS OF THE FUNCTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRICT -----	EVENT -----	FORMAT OF ACTIVITIES -----	TIMES -----	VENUE -----
EASTERN	CIVIC EDUCATION DAY	CARNIVAL & PRIZE PRESENTATION TO OUTSTANDING YOUTH	2.30 PM	VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES NO. 1-3
SOUTHERN	CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL	CARNIVAL & SEMINAR	2-5 PM	ABERDEEN PROMENADE
WAN CHAI	CIVIC EDUCATION DAY CARNIVAL	STALL GAMES, DEBATE & STAGE PERFORMANCES	2-5 PM	SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND
KWUN TONG	CIVIC EDUCATION DAY	TALKS, EXHIBITION & CARNIVAL	11 AM - 3 PM	PLATFORM OF TELFORD GARDENS
WONG TAI SIN	CIVIC EDUCATION DAY	DRAMA & VARIETY SHOW	2 PM	LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE
YAU TSIM	CIVIC BARBECUE DAY FOR YOUTHS	DAY CAMP	WHOLE DAY	WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE
MONG KOK	INTERFLOW ON CIVIC EDUCATION	COMPETITION & EXHIBITION	2-6 PM	CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE

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ISLANDS	PRIZE PRESENTATION OF 1991 ISLANDS DISTRICTS OUTSTANDING YOUTH SELECTION	PRESENTATION CEREMONY (BY INVITATION)	2 PM	VICTORIA BALLROOM 3, HOTEL VICTORIA, SHEUNG WAN.
TUEN MUN	CIVIC EDUCATION DAY	BUS PARADE & EXHIBITION	11 AM - 2 PM	TUEN MUN TOWN HALL
NORTH	BAZAAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	COMPETITION & PARTICIPATION PROGRAMMES	2 PM	NORTH DISTRICT CENTRAL PARK
TAI PO	CIVIC EDUCATION DAY	EXHIBITION, VIDEO SHOWS & PRIZE PRESENTATION	2.30 PM	TAI PO CENTRAL TOWN SQUARE

ENQUIRIES ON THE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CAN BE MADE TO THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1991 CIVIC EDUCATION BAY CUM DEBATE.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY

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A GROUP OF HONG KONG'S TOP SINGERS AND DISC JOCKEYS WILL JOIN HANDS TO HELP THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) PUT ACROSS ANTI-CRIME MESSAGES AT A CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE "OPERATION LAVINGTON" CARNIVAL, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM IN THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, WILL BE PRODUCED BY THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK) AND BROADCAST LIVE ON ITS RADIO 2 AT 3 PM.

THE THREE-HOUR FUNCTION WILL FEATURE POPULAR SONGS, DRAMAS, TALK SHOWS, POLICE PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE, AN ANTI-CRIME EXHIBITION AND A VARIETY OF STALL GAMES.

PERFORMING ARTISTES WILL INCLUDE MR LEON LAI, MISS SANDY LAM, MR EDDIE NG, MR CAUTIE LAU AND THE GRASSHOPPERS. THE MASTERS OF CEREMONIES WILL BE RADIO PERSONALITIES MR LUKE TSANG AND MISS CANDY CHEA.

THE ROBO COP, A "MYSTERIOUS ANTI-CRIME STAR" AND THE "ANTI-CRIME PIONEERS" WILL BE SPECIAL GUESTS IN THE CARNIVAL.

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MEANWHILE, A TOTAL OF SEVEN RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE THE DISTRICT'S GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS FOR HELPING POLICE FIGHT CRIME AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING AFTER DELIVERING A SPEECH.

MR ASPREY WILL BE JOINED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR HERMAN CHO; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU; CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR CHRIS GLOVER AND WESTERN POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR ROBERT TOAL.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE HEAD OF RTHK'S RADIO 2, MR CHEUNG MAN-SUN; ZONE THREE CHAIRMAN OF THE LION'S CLUB, MR ERIC LAI; THE DFCC'S CHAIRMAN, MR WU CHOR-NAM AND THE CARNIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR NGAI WAI-MING.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.45 PM. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX LI, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS CARNIVAL

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SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SPORTS CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1) AT THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND IN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

THE SPORTS CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE EASTERN WINTER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD. IT IS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

IT WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

IN ADDITION TO BAND PERFORMANCE, POP SINGING, LION DANCE, A TEAM OF MARTIAL ARTS EXPERTS FROM SHENZHEN WILL DEMONSTRATE AT THE FESTIVAL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A RANGE OF INTERESTING GAMES FOR THE ELDERLY AS WELL AS CHILDREN AND A LUCKY DRAW.

SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SPORTS CARNIVAL.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FESTIVAL.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR NEW MINIBUS ROUTES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED OPERATORS INTERESTED IN OPERATING THE NINE NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES IN THE TERRITORY TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS ON OR BEFORE NEXT FRIDAY (DECEMBER 6).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID MORE THAN 230 APPLICATION FORMS HAD BEEN SENT OUT SINCE APPLICATION WERE INVITED FROM NOVEMBER 8.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A SELECTION BOARD COMPRISING A NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS FROM THE TRANSPORT AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL MEET AND SELECT THE APPLICANTS.

THE BOARD'S CRITERIA INCLUDE EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLICANT IN TRANSPORT SERVICE, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, MANAGEMENT RIGHT OVER THE VEHICLES, THE MAINTENANCE RECORD OF THE VEHICLES AS WELL AS THE QUALITY OF HIS VEHICLES TO BE DEPLOYED INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY OF AIR-CONDITIONING.

IF THE APPLICANT IS IN PARTNERSHIP OR INTENDS TO ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH ONE OR MORE PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING THE GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT A COMPANY BE FORMED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND THE APPLICATION BE MADE IN THE NAME OF THE COMPANY, HE ADDED.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	28.11.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	29.11.91	+45
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-45
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		+450*

* LATE O/N ASSISTANCE
TO BE REVERSED ON 2 DEC 91

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 111.1 *+0.0* 29.11.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.91 PCT	24 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.38	5.57
1 MONTH	4.18 PCT					
3 MONTHS	3.96 PCT					
6 MONTHS	4.13 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.82 PCT					

TURNOVER - BILLS 5,292 MN, BONDS 10 MN

CLOSED 29 NOVEMBER 1991

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