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SPEL ON WALL COLLAPSE

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FOLLOWING IS THE OPENING STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING ON YESTERDAY'S WALL COLLAPSE AT NATHAN ROAD:

· THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW POINTS IN RELATION TO YESTERDAY'S TRAGEDY IN YAU MA TEI AND OUTLINE WHAT WE ARE DOING IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENTS AND PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY FROM NOW ON. THEN MY COLLEAGUES AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS.

THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT (BD) HAS ALREADY CALLED IN STAFF TO CARRY OUT CHECKS ON ALL CURRENT DEMOLITION SITES. THE CHECKS WILL COMMENCE THIS WEEKEND AND CONTINUE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY UNTIL EVERY SITE HAS BEEN CHECKED. WE WILL ALSO BE ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED TEAM IN THE BD TO CARRY OUT SPOT CHECKS OF DEMOLITION SITES FROM NOW ON. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS WORK. AT OUR MEETING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS MORNING, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT THIS REQUIREMENT MUST BE MET AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY.

WE HAVE CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING WITH THE BUILDINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE AUTHORISED PERSONS AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS COMMITTEE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. THESE ARE THE FORMAL CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATES WITH THOSE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY AT DEMOLITION SITES. WE WILL BE MAKING CLEAR TO THEM THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE PROFESSIONALS IN THE INDUSTRY WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF THESE SITES MAKE PROPER ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPERVISION OF DEMOLITION WORK. OUR AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT PROFESSIONALS FULFIL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND WE WILL TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY IF WE FIND THAT THEY DO NOT MEASURE UP.

WE WILL BE REVIEWING IMMEDIATELY THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED WHEN CONSENT IS GIVEN FOR DEMOLITION WORK UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE. WE WANT TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THEY ARE SUFFICIENTLY TIGHT. WE WILL BE LOOKING IN PARTICULAR AT THE FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEMOLITION SITES UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOARDINGS AT SUCH SITES AND OTHER MEASURES SUCH AS DIVERTING PEDESTRIAN AWAY FROM DEMOLITION SITES WHERE POSSIBLE.

WE WILL ALSO BE REVIEWING THE EXISTING LEGISLATION TO SEE WHETHER ANY TIGHTENING UP IS REQUIRED.

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DISTRICT OFFICE NOT WARNED OF DANGER AT DEMOLITION SITE

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES RELATING TO THE NATHAN ROAD WALL COLLAPSE, YAU TSIM/MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER MR BART IRELAND TODAY (SATURDAY) CLARIFIED THAT HIS OFFICE HAD NOT BEEN FOREWARNED OF ANY DANGER POSED BY THE DEMOLITION WORK.

HE SAID THE JORDAN AREA COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR YIP WAH WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, ONLY DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE DEMOLITION OF THE WING ON BUILDING AT ITS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 6 (TUESDAY).

/THE ISSUE .....

THE ISSUE WAS RAISED BY DR LO CHI-KEUNG WHO SAID THE DEMOLITION WORK WAS CAUSING OBSTRUCTION TO THE PAVEMENT AND THAT AN UNACCEPTABLE STREAM OF WATER WAS FLOWING FROM THE SITE. ADDITIONALLY, THE PAVEMENT WAS ALSO BLOCKED BY ORNAMENTAL PLANTERS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE MEETING AGREED THAT THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED FURTHER BY THE RELEVANT DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES, AND THEN IN DUE COURSE, BY THE DISTRICT BOARD ITSELF.

CONSEQUENTLY, THESE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WERE RAISED BY DISTRICT BOARD AND JORDAN AREA COMMITTEE MEMBER MR LI KING-WAH AT YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

IT WAS ONLY AT THIS MEETING THAT MR LI HAD RAISED THE PROBLEM OF OBJECTS FALLING FROM THE DEMOLITION SITE POSING A HAZARD TO PEDESTRIANS.

MR IRELAND STRESSED THAT THE DANGER OF FALLING DEBRIS HAD NOT BEEN RAISED AT THE JORDAN AREA COMMITTEE MEETING LAST TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6).

INDEED, MR IRELAND SAID AFTER COMPLAINTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE WERE MADE AT THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, HIS STAFF VISITED THE SITE THE FOLLOWING DAY (SEPTEMBER 7).

HE ALSO ADDED: "THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS ALWAYS GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT AND ADVICE OF THE AREA COMMITTEES AND WILL ALWAYS RESPOND POSITIVELY TO MATTERS WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO THEM."

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#### SOCIAL WELFARE DELEGATION VISITS CHINA

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, WILL LEAD AN 11-MEMBER SOCIAL WELFARE DELEGATION TO VISIT CHINA ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13). THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED SOCIAL WELFARE DELEGATION VISITS CHINA.

THE DELEGATION, COMPRISING SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONALS FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS, WILL DISCUSS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AFFAIRS AND THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE ON SOCIAL WELFARE AND REHABILITATION MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

"WE WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OUR CHINESE COUNTERPARTS ON WHAT SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN HONG KONG, THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS RESPECTIVELY IN THIS DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND PROPOSALS FOR PLANNED EXPANSION OF THESE SERVICES," MR STRACHAN SAID.

"WE ALSO WISH TO LEARN ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE IN CHINA AND TO ESTABLISH AN ONGOING RAPPORT AMONG SENIOR SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE TWO PLACES," HE ADDED.

DURING THE FIVE-DAY VISIT IN BEIJING, THE DELEGATES WILL CALL ON A COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE, A REHABILITATION CENTRE, AN ELDERLY ACTIVITIES CENTRE, A PROSTHETICS RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND A CHILDREN'S WELFARE INSTITUTE.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR ERIC LI KA-CHEUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, DR RAYMOND WU WAI-YUNG; AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR HUI YIN-FAT.

THE DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO THE TERRITORY ON SEPTEMBER 17 (SATURDAY).

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HONG KONG IS NO. 1 CONTAINER PORT

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HONG KONG HAS BECOME THE FIRST PORT IN THE WORLD TO HANDLE MORE THAN 900,000 CONTAINERS IN A SINGLE MONTH. IT HAS ALSO OVERTAKEN ITS NEAREST RIVAL, SINGAPORE, AS THE WORLD'S BUSIEST CONTAINER PORT.

ITS MAY THROUGHPUT TOTALLED 985,000 TEUS (20-FOOT-EQUIVALENT UNITS). THIS WAS A 26.8 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THE HUGE JUMP BROUGHT HONG KONG'S TOTAL THROUGHPUT FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR TO 4.167 MILLION TEUS, A 21.6 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1993.

SINGAPORE'S TOTAL THROUGHPUT FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS 4.049 MILLION TEUS, AN INCREASE OF 16.9 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S FIGURES.

HONG KONG WAS THE WORLD'S BUSIEST CONTAINER PORT IN 1993, HANDLING 9.204 MILLION TEUS COMPARED WITH 9.047 MILLION HANDLED BY SINGAPORE FOR THE YEAR.

IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, SINGAPORE'S THROUGHPUT WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN HONG KONG'S. HOWEVER, PORT OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT WHILE SINGAPORE'S THROUGHPUT WAS EVEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, HONG KONG'S TENDED TO GROW IN THE LATER MONTHS.

THE LATEST FIGURES BEAR THIS OUT AND PORT OPERATORS SAY THAT HONG KONG IS LIKELY TO MAINTAIN ITS LEAD POSITION FOR THE REST OF 1994.

THE BIG INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF CONTAINERS HANDLED IS DUE TO DEMAND FROM THE GROWING ECONOMY IN SOUTHERN CHINA.

IT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE LAST BERTH OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 8 ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND BEGINNING OPERATION SIX MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

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RESULTS OF "USE LESS PLASTIC BAGS" CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED

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RETAILERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE "USE LESS PLASTIC BAGS" CAMPAIGN HAVE REPORTED SATISFACTORY RESULTS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN MAY THIS YEAR BY THE "USE LESS PLASTIC BAGS" CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, THE RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (RMA) AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

THIRTY-ONE RETAILERS, COMPRISING SOME 1,500 RETAIL OUTLETS, HAVE JOINED IN THE CAMPAIGN TO HELP REDUCE THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS THROUGH THEIR OWN ACTION PLANS. THEY AIM TO ACHIEVE AT LEAST A 10 PER CENT REDUCTION IN PLASTIC BAG CONSUMPTION IN A YEAR'S TIME.

ANNOUNCING THE FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN TODAY (SATURDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RMA, MR RODNEY MILES, SAID OVER 30 PER CENT OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAD ALREADY ACHIEVED THE YEAR-END REDUCTION TARGET OF 10 PER CENT.

"THE MOST PLEASING ASPECT IN MANY WAYS WAS THAT DESPITE VOLUME SALES INCREASES REPORTED BY ALL RETAILERS INVOLVED, NEARLY ALL OF THEM HAD MANAGED TO ACHIEVE A NOTICEABLE REDUCTION IN PLASTIC BAG USAGE," HE SAID.

"WE BELIEVE THE STRENGTH OF THE CAMPAIGN IS IN THE VOLUNTARY DRIVE OF OUR MEMBERS, THE COMMUNICATION OF THE 'USE LESS' OBJECTIVE AND THE VARIETY OF DIFFERENT METHODS INDIVIDUAL RETAILERS HAVE USED," HE ADDED.

METHODS EMPLOYED BY THE PARTICIPATING RETAILERS INCLUDE EDUCATING THE STAFF OF THE NEED TO ECONOMISE ON THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS AND CONTROLLING THE ISSUANCE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

PAPER BAGS, THINNER PLASTIC BAGS AS WELL AS SPECIALLY DESIGNED CARRIERS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY A NUMBER OF RETAILERS.

REUSABLE BAGS ARE ALSO SOLD IN NEARLY ALL THE PARTICIPATING SUPERMARKETS AND CONVENIENCE STORES AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PLASTIC CARRIER BAGS.

"WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN AN EVEN INCREASE MOMENTUM DURING THE YEAR TO ACHIEVE OUR OVERALL TARGET OF AT LEAST A 10 PER CENT REDUCTION FROM ALL PARTICIPATING RETAILERS," MR MILES SAID.

TO GIVE FURTHER SUPPORT TO THE RETAILERS, THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED A COMPETITION IN MAY TO LOOK FOR NEW IDEAS TO HELP REDUCE THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

AMONG THE SUGGESTIONS ARE THE PROVISION OF GREEN LANES FOR CUSTOMERS WHO DO NOT REQUIRE CARRIER BAGS AND THE USE OF INCENTIVES TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

/THE CAMPAIGN .....

THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THESE SUGGESTIONS AND LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING THEM INTO PRACTICE.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR MIKE CHIU, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLICITY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, MR ANTHONY YUEN.

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POK FU LAM ROAD STAGE I RECONSTRUCTION WORKS COMPLETED

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POK FU LAM ROAD STAGE I RECONSTRUCTION WORKS WERE COMPLETED DESPITE THE HEAVY RAINS IN JULY AND AUGUST, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE WORKS INVOLVE RECONSTRUCTING ABOUT 3.8 KILOMETRES OF CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTWAY OF THE SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD AND SHEK PAI WAN ROAD BETWEEN MT DAVIS ROAD AND ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD. THE STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND OTHER UTILITY IMPROVEMENT WORKS ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

STAGE I OF THE WORKS WHICH COVERS THE SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD TO THE NORTH OF POK FU LAM RESERVOIR ROAD, INCLUDING THE CRITICAL JUNCTION NEAR QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED DESPITE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE RECENT WET MONTHS.

STAGE II WORKS COVERING THE REMAINING SECTION TOWARDS ABERDEEN ARE IN PROGRESS AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

"UPON COMPLETION OF THE ROADWORKS, A FIVE-YEAR AND ONE-YEAR ROAD OPENING RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED RESPECTIVELY ON THE RECONSTRUCTED CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTWAY.

"FURTHERMORE, AS RENEWAL AND PROVISION OF UTILITY SERVICES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT CONCURRENTLY DURING THE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS, THE PRACTICAL NEED FOR ROAD OPENINGS ALONG THIS SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS SHOULD BE MINIMAL AND ROAD COMMUTERS SHOULD FIND THEIR JOURNEYS SMOOTHER THAN BEFORE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RECONSTRUCTED POK FU LAM ROAD TOGETHER WITH OTHER ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS PLANNED IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT WILL SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT ROUTE FOR COMMUTERS BETWEEN THE WESTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

THE RECONSTRUCTED WORKS COMMENCED IN OCTOBER 1992 AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$42 MILLION.

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IMPORTANCE OF REFRESHER TRAINING STRESSED

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, TODAY (SATURDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF REFRESHER TRAINING FOR TEACHERS TO HELP THEM STAY ABREAST OF LATEST EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1994/95 REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE FOR SERVING SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATE TEACHERS ORGANISED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR WONG NOTED THAT IN THE PAST DECADE, MANY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG.

THE IMPACT WAS PARTICULARLY FELT IN THE AREAS OF TEACHING METHODOLOGY, SYLLABUSES, CURRICULUM DESIGN, SCHOOL MANAGEMENT, AND PROVISION OF SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR TEACHERS AS FRONT-LINE WORKERS TO BE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ARRANGING REFRESHER TRAINING COURSES SINCE 1983.

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, 725 GRADUATE TEACHERS HAD BENEFITED FROM THESE COURSES.

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SPECIFIED POLLING STATIONS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

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THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED ELECTORS THAT 22 SPECIFIED POLLING STATIONS WOULD BE OPENED FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ELECTORS FOR THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ELECTORS MAY APPLY TO THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, NOT LESS THAN FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE DISTRICT BOARD POLLING DAY ON SEPTEMBER 18, TO VOTE AT THESE SPECIFIED STATIONS, IF NECESSARY. THE LAST DAY OF APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 13.

UPON APPROVAL, THEY SHALL ONLY BE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE SPECIFIED POLLING STATION ALLOCATED TO HIM.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 881 7562.

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LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS SALE BY AUCTION

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ONE HUNDRED VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,834,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CONDUCT THEREOF.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK 115 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$440,000.

/ANOTHER REGISTRATION .....

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK DB7 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$390,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR GA4665, GA7278, GA8908, GA1023, GB1126, EC8678, GA2213, BM7301, GA1738, GB2198, GB1708, GB1139.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S MORNING SESSION AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
GA2889	14,000	GB986	7,000	GB320	18,000	GB2468	25,000
GB206	3,000	FY132	11,000	GB3338	40,000	DD512	7,000
*GA919	15,000	*GA33	100,000	*1216	120,000	*DB7	390,000
GA4665	1,000	GA3618	4,000	EL228	80,000	GA6628	44,000
GA133	23,000	AE106	21,000	GB143	13,000	GA7278	1,000
GB210	4,000	GB118	79,000	AA321	110,000	BT1880	11,000
GB8848	3,000	GA9663	2,000	GB186	20,000	GA8908	1,000
*FY97	20,000	*GB6	172,000	*CY18	155,000	*EV222	85,000
GB1130	4,000	CC3108	13,000	GA3668	20,000	GA6626	7,000
GB3089	2,000	GA8238	30,000	CH6123	2,000	GA1023	1,000
GB1126	1,000	GB650	2,000	*AH1313	74,000	EC8678	1,000
GB932	20,000	GA2213	1,000	BM7301	1,000	*GB9779	18,000
GA1738	1,000	GB2198	1,000				

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
GB268	21,000	EL382	23,000	GB106	7,000	GB1128	20,000
GB993	23,000	GB8111	6,000	BP375	9,000	GB3323	14,000
*GC181	21,000	*FC16	40,000	*115	440,000	*GB3	220,000
GA9188	16,000	DD501	11,000	GB328	107,000	AL7818	17,000
GA1992	4,000	GB338	70,000	GA188	60,000	GB163	68,000
GB220	15,000	GB622	10,000	GB911	52,000	CJ3222	28,000
BB885	25,000	GB7776	3,000	GB309	7,000	GB1708	1,000
*CW7	170,000	*GB12	90,000	*FY8	210,000	*FC29	39,000
GA8848	12,000	GB1828	18,000	AW1138	42,000	GA9908	6,000
GB1112	6,000	GA8850	WITHDRAWN	GB2600	3,000	GB1217	WITHDRAWN
CT197	9,000	GB3308	10,000	*BB456	32,000	GB3382	12,000
GA9969	5,000	*GA4004	5,000	GA9819	6,000	AS8982	15,000
GB895	7,000	GB1139	1,000				

THERE WAS NO BIDDER FOR GA8850, GB1217.

THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANTS.

\* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

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

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

TODAY'S SALE, THE 238TH AND 239TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$343,541,905.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	<u>\$ MILLION</u>	<u>TIME (HOURS)</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)</u>
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,048	0930	+130
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,408	1000	+130
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+130
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+130	1130	+130
LAF TODAY	-770	1500	+130
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LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER TWI 121.9 \*-0.3\* 10.9.94

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