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GOVERNOR TALKS TO REPORTERS AFTER  
HIS VISIT TO THE CENTRAL POLICE STATION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE CENTRAL POLICE STATION THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING:-

GOVERNOR: GOOD MORNING. I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VISIT CENTRAL POLICE STATION THIS MORNING WITH OUR NEW COMMISSIONER. THIS IS THE OLDEST POLICE STATION IN HONG KONG BUT, OF COURSE, IT IS THE HOME FOR PART OF WHAT I THINK IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS CERTAINLY THE BEST POLICE FORCE IN ASIA. INDEED, I THINK IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO FIND A BETTER POLICE FORCE THAN WE HAVE IN HONG KONG EVERYWHERE. THE EVIDENCE FOR THAT IS ALL AROUND US. WE CAN'T BE COMPLACENT. WE MUST NEVER LET OUR GUARD DROP BUT HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN THE WORLD. OUR CRIME FIGURES'RE, OF COURSE, A LOT BETTER THAN THOSE IN NORTH AMERICA, THE UNITED STATES, VANCOUVER, BETTER THAN LONDON AND EUROPE, BETTER THAN TOKYO, BETTER EVEN THAN SINGAPORE AND THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. OUR CRIME LEVELS HAVE BEEN FALLING. FIGURES HAVE FALLEN BY AN AVERAGE OF 4.8 PERCENT IN EACH OF THE LAST TWO YEARS. VIOLENT CRIMES WHICH, OF COURSE, ARE OF CONCERN TO US GREATLY, HAVE FALLEN BY AN AVERAGE OF 6.9 PERCENT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. AND WHILE CRIME ITSELF HAS BEEN FALLING, THE DETECTION RATE HAS BEEN RISING. THOSE ARE THE HALLMARKS OF SUCCESS AND I THINK THAT THE REASONS FOR THAT SUCCESS ARE, ABOVE ALL, THE PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY OF OUR POLICE FORCE AND THE SUPPORT WHICH OUR POLICE GET THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. I THINK THAT'S SHOWN IN THE WORK, FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES AND IT'S SHOWN, I THINK, BY THE VERY GOOD RESPONSE WHICH THE PUBLIC GENERALLY SHOW TO OUR POLICE AND TO REQUESTS FOR HELP. SO, ALL OF US HAVE GOT TO WORK WITH THE COMMISSIONER AND WITH HIS OFFICERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO EVEN BETTER IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE THE SAFETY OF OUR STREETS, THE SAFETY OF OUR HOUSING ESTATES, THE SAFETY OF OUR SHOPPING CENTRES ARE ALL THOSE THINGS THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT PARTS OF OUR QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN HONG KONG AND I ASSURE THE COMMISSIONER THAT HE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON ME, GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT AND ON THE RESOURCES THAT HE AND HIS MEN AND WOMEN NEED TO DO THE VERY IMPORTANT JOBS THEY HAVE.

QUESTION: ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE RISING POLICE CORRUPTION? RECENTLY, THE ICAC COMMISSIONER SAID THAT POLICE CORRUPTION IS ON THE RISE AGAIN.

GOVERNOR: I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT THE ICAC HAS DETECTED A RISING TREND IN CORRUPTION THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. I KNOW THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND I KNOW THAT THE COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION ARE BOTH DETERMINED TO STAMP OUT CORRUPTION WHEREVER IT'S FOUND. THERE WERE PROBLEMS A GENERATION AGO IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE. THOSE PROBLEMS WERE STAMPED OUT VERY VIGOROUSLY AND SINCE THEN, I THINK WE CAN SAY THAT WHILE THERE ARE INEVITABLY PROBLEMS FROM TIME TO TIME, WE HAVE ONE OF THE BEST AND CLEANEST POLICE FORCES ANYWHERE AND THAT IS THE WAY THE COMMISSIONER AND I INTEND THAT IT SHOULD REMAIN.

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QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT CAPO?

GOVERNOR: I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO RECOGNISE WHAT WE DO ALREADY. WE HAVE A CAPO WHICH IS MONITORED BY THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE AND WE ARE INTENDING TO PLACE THAT POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE ON A STATUTORY BASIS. WE'LL BE BRINGING FORWARD THE LEGISLATION NEXT YEAR. WE ARE ALSO PROPOSING THAT THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ABLE, WHERE IT IS NECESSARY OR RELEVANT, TO MEET AND QUESTION WITNESSES IN CASES. AND CAPO ITSELF IS DETERMINED TO IMPROVE FURTHER, THE WAY IT WORKS, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH PROPER SURVEILLANCE OF INTERVIEWS AND SO ON RECORDINGS. SO, I THINK THAT WE ARE ALREADY DOING A GREAT DEAL AND I THINK THE PUBLIC SHOULD PROPERLY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE WAY THAT THE POLICE CONDUCTS INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE ABOUT THEIR OPERATIONS AND I THINK THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD ALSO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE WORK OF THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE. I AM OUT AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON, VISITING SOME FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY. SO, IF ANY OF YOU WANTS TO CROSS THE HARBOUR, I'LL BE SEEING YOU THEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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#### GOVERNOR VISITS CENTRAL POLICE STATION

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT. HON. CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, VISITED THE CENTRAL POLICE STATION TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT HOW A POLICE STATION OPERATES.

GREETED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR EDDIE HUI KI-ON, THE GOVERNOR WAS FIRST BRIEFED BY THE REGIONAL COMMANDER OF HONG KONG ISLAND, MR TONY MULLINS AND THE DISTRICT COMMANDER, CENTRAL, MR JOHN HUI CHIU-YIN, ON POLICING OF THE DISTRICT.

WHILE TOURING THE STATION BUILDINGS, THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED BY ACTING SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT, MR KEITH RATCLIFFE, ON THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL ASPECTS OF THE COMPLEX.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE SITE HAD BEEN OCCUPIED SOLELY BY THE POLICE SINCE SHORTLY AFTER THE FOUNDING OF HONG KONG.

A SUBSTANTIAL POLICE STATION HAD BEEN BUILT THERE BY 1843 AND IT WAS THE FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNTIL THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION IN 1941.

THE SITE HAD BEEN REDEVELOPED BETWEEN 1861 AND 1864 WITH THE ERECTION OF THE EXISTING BLOCKS A AND B WHICH WERE BUILT WITH STONE QUARRIED FROM STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

MR PATTEN WAS TOLD THAT THE HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE COMPLEX HAD BEEN RECOGNISED BY THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE WHICH HAD CLASSIFIED ALL THE BUILDINGS AS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT AND WOULD BE PRESERVED AT ALL COSTS.

THE GOVERNOR THEN MET OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE SECTION, THE DISTRICT SPECIAL DUTIES SQUAD AND THE DISTRICT TRAFFIC TEAM TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR WORK.

/MRS PATTEN .....

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MR PATTEN ALSO TOURED THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS CANTEEN WHERE HE CHATTED WITH OFFICERS ABOUT THEIR WORK.

THE GOVERNOR THEN VISITED THE CENTRAL DIVISION BRIEFING ROOM AND ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO SEE THE DAY-TO-DAY RUNNING OF THE BUSY REPORT ROOM.

BEFORE THE END OF HIS VISIT, THE GOVERNOR MET OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT CRIME UNIT AND THE DISTRICT ANTI-TRIAD SQUAD.

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE GOVERNOR'S MEDIA  
SESSION AFTER HIS VISIT TO AN AGED HOME

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE YWCA WAN WAH CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE ELDERLY THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON:-

GOVERNOR: I THINK THAT EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDS THAT ONE OF THE CHALLENGES FOR US IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, ONE OF THE OBLIGATIONS ON US AS A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY, IS TO PROVIDE BETTER FOR THE ELDERLY AND THERE IS AN IMPREGNABLE LOGIC ABOUT THAT AS WELL BECAUSE THE DEMOGRAPHIC PRESSURES ARE BECOMING MUCH GREATER. BY 1997, 11 PER CENT OR MAYBE A LITTLE MORE OF OUR POPULATION WILL BE 65 OR OVER. THAT'S 600, 000 OF OUR FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND NEEDING MORE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES AND PRIOR QUALITY SERVICES. WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO RESPOND TO THAT CHALLENGE. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WANT TO SEE MORE EXCELLENT CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES LIKE THIS ONE AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THE YWCA FOR PROVIDING IT. THIS'S THE SUPPORT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FROM THE GOVERNMENT AS WELL.

WE'RE COMMITTED TO PROVIDE ANOTHER 800 CARE AND ATTENTION HOME PLACES OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS AND THAT IS PART OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGE. WE DO RECOGNISE THAT WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT ALL THESE SERVICES ARE LOCKED TOGETHER THAT WE HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF SERVICES. THAT'S WHY WE'VE SET UP A WORKING GROUP ON THE ELDERLY AND THEIR NEEDS. THAT WORKING GROUP WILL BE REPORTING IN AUGUST AND WE'LL THEN WANT TO SEE HOW WE CAN CARRY FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE COMING MONTHS AND YEARS. BUT, OBVIOUSLY, A KEY TO WELL-BEING AND SECURITY IN OLD AGE IS NOT WORRYING ABOUT MONEY. IT'S HAVING A SECURE INCOME TO LOOK AFTER THE BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE. WE ORIGINALLY, AS I THINK YOU KNOW, TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE BEST WAY OF PROVIDING FOR PEOPLE'S FINANCIAL NEEDS IN OLD AGE WAS THROUGH PRIVATE PENSION SCHEMES ADMINISTERED VOLUNTARILY. BUT THE COMMUNITY TOOK THE VIEW AND THAT WAS MADE CLEAR TO US BY LOBBIES, BY SOCIAL WELFARE GROUPS, BY OTHER GROUPS AND SOCIETIES AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT WASN'T ENOUGH THAT WE NEEDED TO DEVELOP A POLICY MORE COMPREHENSIVELY THAN THAT. SO WE'VE COME FORWARD WITH OUR PENSION SCHEME PROPOSALS AND WE'VE LAUNCHED THE DISCUSSIONS ON THOSE THIS WEEK.

/THOSE PROPOSALS .....

THOSE PROPOSALS ARE, I BELIEVE, THE BEST THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD. A CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND ISN'T THE ANSWER. IT WOULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THE PENSION WE ARE PROPOSING. IT WOULDN'T MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY DISADVANTAGED; FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE A FAMILY TO LOOK AFTER THEM AND DON'T HAVE ANY FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THEIR OWN AND IT WOULDN'T MEET TODAY'S NEEDS BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T COME INTO OPERATION FOR GETTING ON FOR A GENERATION. SO, A CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND, WE CONCLUDED, SIMPLY WASN'T THE WAY FORWARD. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSALS THAT WE'VE PUT FORWARD ARE PRUDENT, ARE PRACTICAL AND ARE COMPASSIONATE AND THEY ARE WELL WITHIN OUR ABILITY AS A COMMUNITY TO FINANCE. THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING ITS BIT BY COMMITTING FUNDS WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT WE ARE BEARING ABOUT 35 PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE SCHEME.

WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING, I UNDERSTAND, PROPOSALS TO HELP THE ELDERLY TO PROVIDE A PENSION FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS IN HONG KONG. I THINK IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS; OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS OR THE COMMUNITY WILL BE DISCUSSING THEM FOR ANOTHER 30 YEARS. AND THEY WON'T BE ANY EASIER TO SOLVE IF WE PUT OFF, IF WE POSTPONE THE TIME WE COME TO SOME DECISIONS. SO, I HOPE THAT THE CONSULTATION PERIOD WILL GO FORWARD VIGOROUSLY OVER THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS. I HOPE THAT IF ANYBODY'S GOT BETTER IDEAS THAN WE'VE PUT FORWARD, THEY WILL THEMSELVES PUT THEM FORWARD AND NOT JUST CRITICISE AND I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE COMMUNITY WILL DECIDE THAT WE MUST TAKE A DECISION AND GET ON WITH THE JOB OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT, A PROPER FINANCIAL SAFETY NET FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED THE COMMUNITY, BUILT THE COMMUNITY AS THESE ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO I'VE BEEN MEETING TODAY WITH US.

QUESTION: MANY PARTIES HAVE CRITICISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FIGURES ABOUT THE PENSION SCHEME. SO, WILL THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDER TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION TO THE FIGURES....?

GOVERNOR: WE GAVE FURTHER INFORMATION YESTERDAY AND WE'LL BE PROVIDING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITH ALL THE FIGURES AND ALL THE TABLES AND ALL THE CHARTS WHICH THEY WANT AND REQUIRE. A GREAT DEAL OF WORK HAS GONE INTO OUR PROPOSALS. THERE IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE CONSULTANTS AND WE ARE PERFECTLY HAPPY THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHOULD SEE THAT.

QUESTION: BUT THE BASIC INFORMATION SUCH AS HOW MUCH DOES THE GOVERNMENT EXPECT TO COLLECT FROM THE....?

GOVERNOR: NO. WITH GREAT RESPECT, WE WILL PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION THAT ANYBODY ASKS FOR.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, ARE YOU EXPECTING MR GOODLAD WILL ARRANGE A MEETING WITH YOU AND MR LU PING TO DISCUSS THE HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN HIS VISIT TO BEIJING?

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GOVERNOR: I DON'T KNOW THAT. MR GOODLAD IS IN PEKING MEETING HIS OPPOSITE NUMBER IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, MR JIANG ENZHU. HE'S HAD, I UNDERSTAND, A VERY BUSINESS-LIKE MEETING THIS MORNING. HE'S MEETING MR QIAN QICHEN THIS AFTERNOON. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE WILL TAKE PLACE DURING HIS VISIT BUT I 'VE SAID BEFORE, AND I AM SURE THAT IF MR GOODLAD IS ASKED HE'LL MAKE THE SAME POINT THAT I AM HAPPY TO MEET ANY CHINESE OFFICIALS AT ANY TIME AND ANY PLACE, AND I'M OF COURSE, IN PARTICULAR, VERY WILLING TO MEET DIRECTOR LU WHENEVER HE WOULD LIKE. I THINK THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WANT TO SEE US TALKING TOGETHER HOWEVER BUSY OUR DIARIES ARE FROM TIME TO TIME. I THINK WE SHOULD BOTH MAKE SOME TIME AVAILABLE IN OUR DIARIES TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES WHICH REALLY MATTER TO HONG KONG, ON WHICH PEOPLE WANT TO HAVE REASSURANCE ON IN THE FUTURE.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS WHAT KIND OF HONG KONG ISSUES THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT WITH THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER?

GOVERNOR: I THINK, AS YOU KNOW, HONG KONG IS ONLY ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT. IT'S AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA BUT IT'S NOT THE ONLY ISSUE; FOR EXAMPLE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA ARE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND HAVE A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN COMMON, AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH THEY WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLVING, SO THERE IS A WHOLE RANGE OF THINGS IN ADDITION TO HONG KONG BUT EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT HONG KONG HAS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE ON THE AGENDA.

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THE VISIT WILL CHANGE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA?

GOVERNOR: I'M SURE IT WILL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED.

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#### GOVERNOR VISITS SUBVENTED HOME FOR OLD PEOPLE

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE WAN WAH CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN LAI ON ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO, TO SEE FOR HIMSELF HOW A SUBVENTED ORGANISATION PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS LOUISE WONG, THE GOVERNOR TOURED THE VARIOUS FACILITIES IN THE HOME OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA).

THESE FACILITIES INCLUDED THE ACTIVITY ROOM, THE DORMITORIES, THE NURSE DUTY ROOM, THE SICK BAY AND THE PHYSIOTHERAPY ROOM.

BRIEFING MR PATTEN ABOUT THE HOME WAS THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE YWCA, MRS MONA LEONG.

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT THE HOME, WHICH BEGAN OPERATION LAST SEPTEMBER, PROVIDED CARE AND ATTENTION SERVICE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE AGED 60 AND ABOVE.

WITH 126 CARE AND ATTENTION PLACES, THE HOME IS ONE OF THE 60 CENTRES OPERATED BY THE YWCA TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS THE SECOND ORGANISED THIS WEEK TO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE WELFARE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE AT COMMUNITY LEVEL.

MR PATTEN PAID A VISIT TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED'S EASTERN DISTRICT MULTI-SERVICE AND DAY CARE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY TWO DAYS AGO.

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VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 18

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HONG KONG'S 2.46 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS WERE PLACED ON NOTICE TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR AN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 18 (SUNDAY) - DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION DAY.

AND FROM NOW TO POLLING DAY, THE MESSAGE TO "VOTE" WILL BE REPEATED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ON TELEVISION, RADIO, POSTER BOARDS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, ELECTRONIC DISPLAY BOARDS, SCHOOLS, WORKPLACES, CINEMAS, RESTAURANTS ... JUST ABOUT EVERYWHERE.

"THIS ROUND OF ELECTIONS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND EVERY VOTER SHOULD EXERCISE HIS CIVIC RIGHT BY CASTING HIS VOTE," THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN, SAID.

"THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE WHOLLY ELECTED, AND A RECORD NUMBER OF 346 SEATS WILL BE UP FOR ELECTION."

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES WILL OPEN ON AUGUST 1 UP TO AUGUST 15.

MR LEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH A MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE VOTER PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, MRS CARRIE WILLIS; AND CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S REPRESENTATIVE MRS ROSANNA URE.

MR LEUNG SAID DISTRICT BOARDS PERFORMED A MAJOR FUNCTION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG AND HAD PROVED VERY EFFECTIVE IN IMPROVING SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN DISTRICTS, AND REFLECTING RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON A RANGE OF ISSUES AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY.

"THEY WILL ALSO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN DECIDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT YEAR WHEN THEY FORM AN ELECTION COMMITTEE TO RETURN 10 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS," HE ADDED.

"DISTRICT BOARDS SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND THEY DESERVE OUR SUPPORT."

/MR LEUNG .....

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MR LEUNG MADE A SPECIAL APPEAL TO THE GROUP OF FIRST-TIME AND YOUNG VOTERS AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 21 TO TURN OUT IN FULL FORCE ON POLLING DAY.

TO ASSIST FIRST-TIME AND YOUNG VOTERS, THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE IS PRODUCING A SPECIAL 15-MINUTE VIDEO SIMULATING POLLING AND COUNTING PROCEDURES.

"THIS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS, POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS AND YOUTH CENTRES TO FAMILIARISE YOUNG VOTERS OF THE VARIOUS STEPS INVOLVED, AND TO IMPRESS ON THEM THAT VOTING IS EASY AND REQUIRES VERY LITTLE TIME," MRS CARRIE WILLIS SAID.

A SPECIAL 24-HOUR YOUTH HOTLINE WILL BE SET UP TO ANSWER QUESTIONS YOUNG VOTERS MAY HAVE ON THE ELECTIONS AND VOTING PROCEDURES.

CNTA DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL ALSO VISIT SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS TO EXPLAIN VOTING PROCEDURES AND ENCOURAGE VOTER PARTICIPATION.

"VARIOUS PROGRAMMES WILL BE ARRANGED, INCLUDING ELECTION FORUM IN EACH CONTESTED CONSTITUENCY, BROADCASTING VANS, DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AS WELL AS DRESSING UP THE DISTRICTS WITH COLOURFUL BANNERS AND BUNTINGS TO CREATE AN ELECTION ATMOSPHERE," MRS ROSANNA URE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THE PUBLICITY BLITZ WOULD INCLUDE TV AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADVERTISING IN CINEMAS, NEWSPAPERS AND ELECTRONIC DISPLAY BOARDS, PUBLICITY BUSES, POSTERS AND LEAFLETS WITH ONE CLEAR MESSAGE - "VOTE 9.18".

AS AN ADDED FEATURE, HE SAID, AN ELECTION MASCOT WAS BEING INTRODUCED TO ENCOURAGE VOTER PARTICIPATION.

"THE MASCOT IS INTENDED TO ADD SOME SPICE TO THE CAMPAIGN AND WE HOPE WILL SERVE AS A READY REMINDER AND EASILY IDENTIFIABLE ELECTION SYMBOL," HE SAID.

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JPS' REPORT DISTRIBUTED IN DETENTION CENTRE

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT COPIES OF THE VIETNAMESE VERSION OF THE JPS' REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE REMOVAL OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS FROM THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE ON APRIL 7 WERE DISTRIBUTED IN THE DETENTION CENTRES TODAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO OBTAIN COPIES AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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AIRPORT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CLOSER TO COMPLETION

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THE COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO COMPLETION.

TWO CONTRACTS WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF ABOUT \$704 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COMMUNITY WERE SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, DR CHOI YU-LEUK, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTORS.

"THE SIGNING OF THE TWO CONTRACTS TODAY SIGNIFIES AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE PROGRESS OF THE NORTH LANTAU DEVELOPMENT," DR CHOI SAID.

THE FIRST CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$511 MILLION, WAS AWARDED TO A JOINT VENTURE OF SHUI ON CIVIL CONTRACTORS AND CHINA HARBOUR ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR PROVIDING THE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE TO SERVE THE FIRST PHASE OF TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF 3.3 KILOMETRES LOCAL ROADS AND THE ASSOCIATED STORM WATER DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE; A 290-METRE-LONG PRESTRESSED CONCRETE ROAD BRIDGE TO CHEK LAP KOK ISLAND; A 38-METRE-LONG REINFORCED CONCRETE FOOTBRIDGE; FOUR REINFORCED CONCRETE SUBWAYS; PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE FACILITIES; A 200-METRE-LONG, 3.5-METRE-HIGH NOISE BARRIER; FRESH AND SALT WATER DISTRIBUTION MAINS; AND LANDSCAPING WORKS.

"THE ROAD NETWORK TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE CONTRACT WILL BE CONNECTED, VIA TWO INTERCHANGES, TO THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY (NLE)," DR CHOI SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE ROAD BRIDGE TO CHEK LAP KOK WAS TO PROVIDE A DIRECT ACCESS FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC FROM TUNG CHUNG TO THE AIRPORT ISLAND, WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE TO TRAVEL A LONG AND DETOURED WAY VIA THE NLE.

"ADDITIONALLY, THE BRIDGE PROVIDES AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR THE EXPRESSWAY TRAFFIC GOING TO CHEK LAP KOK IN CASE THE NLE BRIDGE HAS TO BE CLOSED IN AN EMERGENCY," DR CHOI ADDED.

WORKS UNDER THIS CONTRACT WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (JULY 18) FOR COMPLETION IN 30 MONTHS.

THE OTHER CONTRACT WHICH IS WORTH ABOUT \$193 MILLION, WAS AWARDED TO A JOINT VENTURE OF KIER HONG KONG LIMITED, SUNG KOO KEE (CIVIL) LIMITED AND CHINA FUJIAN CORPORATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNO-ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

IT IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST PHASE OF A COMPREHENSIVE SEWAGE PUMPING, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME DESIGNED TO SERVE THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, THE NEW TOWN AT TUNG CHUNG AND TAI HO AND THE LANTAU PORT DEVELOPMENTS.

THE CONTRACT WORKS COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAIN SEWAGE PUMPING STATION AT TUNG CHUNG AND A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT PROVIDING PRELIMINARY TREATMENT AT SIU HO WAN.

/DR CHOI .....

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DR CHOI SAID THE TREATED SEWAGE WOULD BE DISCHARGED VIA A 1.5-KILOMETRE-LONG SUBMARINE OUTFALL TO THE SEA WATER SOUTH OF EAST BROTHERS ISLAND.

"THE SEWAGE COLLECTED FROM THE AIRPORT ISLAND AND TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN WILL BE PUMPED FROM THE MAIN SEWAGE PUMPING STATION VIA A SIX-KILOMETRE-LONG DUCTILE IRON SEWER OF 1,200 MILLIMETRE DIAMETER TO THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

"THE PUMPING SEWER IS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NLE," HE SAID.

WORKS FOR THIS CONTRACT WILL ALSO BEGIN ON MONDAY (JULY 18) FOR COMPLETION IN SEPTEMBER 1996.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE A POPULATION OF 150,000, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN FOUR PHASES.

THE FIRST PHASE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 55 HECTARES, WILL BE FOR A TOWNSHIP FOR 20,000 RESIDENTS TO FUNCTION AS A SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CLOSE TO THE NEW AIRPORT.

THIS PHASE WILL PROVIDE PUBLIC HOUSING FOR ABOUT 15,000 PEOPLE AND PRIVATE HOUSING FOR 5,000, AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1997.

MAJOR GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS, TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS, A DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION, A DISTRICT POLICE STATION AND A CLINIC.

LAND FORMATION FOR THE FIRST PHASE TOWNSHIP COMMENCED IN APRIL 1992 AND WAS COMPLETED IN MAY THIS YEAR.

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#### UK DEFENCE COSTS STUDY

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AN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 14) INDICATED THAT THE HONG KONG GARRISON WOULD NOT BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE CHANGES OR REDUCTIONS AS SUGGESTED IN THE DEFENCE COST STUDY.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE ANNOUNCED A MAJOR STUDY - FRONT LINE FIRST, ALSO KNOWN AS THE DEFENCE COST STUDY - TO FIND WAYS OF REDUCING THE COSTS OF SUPPORTING THE UNITED KINGDOM'S FRONT LINE FORCES.

AMONG THE MEASURES, WHICH WILL SEE A NET REDUCTION IN JOBS OF ABOUT 18,700 BY THE YEAR 2000, ARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT JOINT HEADQUARTERS AT NORTHWOOD TO BRING TOGETHER STAFF FROM EACH OF THE SERVICES TO RUN JOINT OPERATIONS, THE CREATION OF A SINGLE JOINT SERVICE COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE, SUBSTANTIAL RATIONALISATION OF FLYING TRAINING AND DEFENCE MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE CLOSURE OF SEVERAL STORAGE DEPOTS AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS.

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THE REDUCATION IN NUMBERS WILL AFFECT 1,900 ROYAL NAVY, 2,200 ARMY, 7,500 ROYAL AIR FORCE AND 7,100 CIVILIAN JOBS.

RAF LAARBRUCH, IN GERMANY, WILL CLOSE IN 1999, WITHDRAWING THE TWO HARRIER SQUADRONS AND SUPPORT HELICOPTERS TO EXISTING OPERATIONAL STATIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE FOUR TORNADO SQUADRONS AT RAF BRUGGEN, HOWEVER, WILL REMAIN, MAINTAINING A SUBSTANTIAL RAF PRESENCE IN GERMANY.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALSO ANNOUNCED SEVERAL MAJOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES INTENDED TO ENHANCE THE FRONT LINE: AN ORDER IS TO BE PLACED FOR A FURTHER 259 CHALLENGER 2 TANKS; INVITATIONS TO TENDER ARE BEING ISSUED FOR UP TO TWO REPLACEMENT LANDING DOCKS AND UP TO FIVE OF A NEW CLASS OF NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE.

AN ORDER IS BEING PLACED FOR A FOLLOW-ON BATCH OF SEVEN SANDOWN CLASS SINGLE ROLE MINESWEEPERS.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT  
STATISTICS FOR MARCH - MAY 1994

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THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH - MAY 1994 WAS 2.2 PER CENT, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.5 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL - JUNE 1994 WAS 1.9 PER CENT, WHILE THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.3 PER CENT.

THE LATEST FIGURES SUGGEST THAT THE LABOUR MARKET HAS TIGHTENED UP SLIGHTLY IN RECENT MONTHS.

DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH - MAY 1994, THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, ADJUSTED FOR VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS, WAS ESTIMATED AT 63,500, WHILE THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS ESTIMATED AT 45,200.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR MARCH - MAY 1994 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 12,300 HOUSEHOLDS OR 42,600 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

RELEVANT DATA WERE OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

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IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1994 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER AT \$24 A COPY.

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### INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR FIRST QUARTER 1994

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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY 0.9% OVER THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PRODUCTION OF THE FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO INDUSTRY GROUP REGISTERED A MODERATE INCREASE OF 6.3%.

A MILD INCREASE OF 5.6% WAS ALSO RECORDED IN THE BROAD INDUSTRY GROUP OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, MACHINERY, PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT AND OPTICAL GOODS. WITHIN THIS GROUP, THE PRODUCTION OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS INCREASED BY 6.2% WHEREAS THE PRODUCTION OF CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY 0.9%.

MEANWHILE, OUTPUT OF THE PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING INDUSTRY GROUP INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 1.4%.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE OF 11.9% WAS RECORDED IN THE INDUSTRY GROUP OF CHEMICALS, RUBBER, PLASTIC AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS. THE DECREASE WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO A DROP OF 22% IN THE PRODUCTION OF PLASTIC PRODUCTS.

DECREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (-6.7%); TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) INDUSTRY (-3.4%); AND WEARING APPAREL (EXCEPT FOOTWEAR) INDUSTRY (-3.2%).

COMPARED WITH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1993, THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION SHOWED A NOTABLE DECREASE OF 21.3%. THIS DECREASE WAS, HOWEVER, LARGELY SEASONAL AS THE FIRST QUARTER IS USUALLY A LOW SEASON FOR MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION DUE TO THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION REFLECTS CHANGES OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, IT MEASURES THE VOLUME OF LOCAL PRODUCTION AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

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MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE "QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, 1ST QUARTER 1994", WHICH IS ON SALE AT \$5 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SECTION, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 839 3238.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE INDICES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. AS FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992, THE HONG KONG STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (HSIC) IS USED TO FORM THE INDUSTRY GROUPS AND BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS.

INDICES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BY BROAD INDUSTRY GROUP AND

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BROAD INDUSTRY GROUP / SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUP	INDEX FOR 1ST QTR. 1994	% CHANGE OVER	
		1ST QTR. 1993	4TH QTR. 1993
1. FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	151	+6.3	-19.3
2. WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	92	-3.2	-29.8
3. TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	85	-3.4	-35.1
4. PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING	222	+1.4	-14.0
5. CHEMICALS, RUBBER, PLASTIC AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	59	-11.9	-19.2
--PLASTIC PRODUCTS	(39)	(-22.0)	(-25.0)
6. BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	84	-6.7	-15.2
--FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	(82)	(-5.7)	(-17.2)
7. ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, MACHINERY, PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT AND OPTICAL GOODS	152	+5.6	-11.1
--CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	(105)	(-0.9)	(-7.1)
--MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS	(222)	(+6.2)	(-13.6)

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8. MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	80	-1.2	-14.0
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	107	-0.9	-21.3

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NOTES: 1. FOUR SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS, WHICH CARRY RELATIVELY LARGE WEIGHTS AND ARE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THEIR RELEVANT BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS, ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TABLE. FOR EASY READING, THE FIGURES OF THESE SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS ARE SHOWN IN BRACKETS.

2. AS FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992, THE HONG KONG STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (HSIC) HAS BEEN USED TO FORM THE INDUSTRY GROUPS AND BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS PRESENTED IN THE ABOVE TABLE. FOR THE EXACT COVERAGE OF THE GROUPS IN TERMS OF HSIC CODES, PLEASE REFER TO THE 'QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, 1ST QUARTER 1994'.

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REPORT ON SOCIAL STATISTICS PUBLISHED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE "SPECIAL TOPICS REPORT NO. X" WHICH CONTAINS FINDINGS OF SIX SPECIAL ENQUIRIES CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 1992 VIA THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY.

THE SIX TOPICS COVERED IN THE REPORT ARE :

- \* HONG KONG RESIDENTS WORKING IN CHINA
- \* WORKER DISPLACEMENT IN HONG KONG
- \* HEALTH STATUS OF THE POPULATION IN HONG KONG
- \* DOCTOR CONSULTATION
- \* ORGAN DONATION
- \* SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICES

SOME MAJOR FINDINGS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT ARE HIGHLIGHTED BELOW:

ABOUT 64,200 PERSONS HAD WORKED IN CHINA IN THE 12 MONTHS BEFORE ENUMERATION, REPRESENTING 2.3% OF THE TOTAL LABOUR FORCE IN HONG KONG.

GENERALLY SPEAKING, THEY HAD HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT THAN THE OVERALL WORK FORCE.

SOME 61% OF THEM WERE ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

AS REGARDS OCCUPATION, SOME 39% OF THEM WERE MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, AND 23% WERE PROFESSIONALS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS.

ABOUT 13% OF THE POPULATION REPORTED TO HAVE HAD HEALTH-RELATED PROBLEM WITHIN A 14-DAY PERIOD.

THE MOST COMMON DISEASE THEY SUFFERED WAS RELATED TO THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

ANALYSED BY TREATMENT, 76% OF THEM CONSULTED PRACTITIONERS OF WESTERN MEDICINE, 7% BOUGHT MEDICINE FROM PHARMACY, 5% CONSULTED HERBALISTS/ACUPUNCTURISTS/BONE-SETTERS, AND 4% USED CHINESE HERBS/MEDICINE.

ON DOCTOR CONSULTATION, PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS OF WESTERN MEDICINE WERE MOSTLY CONSULTED, FOLLOWED BY GOVERNMENT DOCTORS IN CLINICS.

THE FEES FOR CONSULTING PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS OF WESTERN MEDICINE VARIED GREATLY. OF THOSE CONSULTING THESE DOCTORS, 53% PAID BETWEEN \$100 AND \$200 PER VISIT.

WITH REGARD TO ORGAN DONATION, ABOUT 1 MILLION PERSONS, OR 29% OF THE POPULATION AGED 18 AND OVER, WERE WILLING TO DONATE THEIR ORGANS AFTER DEATH; 54% WERE, HOWEVER, NOT WILLING; AND 17% HAD NO OPINION.

THE REPORT CONTAINS MANY MORE FINDINGS AND DETAILED TABLES ON THE SUBJECTS CONCERNED.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$54 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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#### SUBSIDIARY LAWS ON DISQUALIFICATION OF COMPANY DIRECTORS IN FORCE

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) GAZETTED THREE PIECES OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION UNDER THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1994 TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS ON DISQUALIFICATION OF COMPANY DIRECTORS.

THE THREE PIECES OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION, TAKING EFFECT IMMEDIATELY, ARE THE COMPANIES (DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS) PROCEEDINGS RULES, THE COMPANIES (REPORTS ON CONDUCT OF DIRECTORS) REGULATION AND THE COMPANIES (DISQUALIFICATION ORDERS) REGULATION.

THEY ARE MADE PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1994 WHICH WAS ENACTED ON MAY 5 THIS YEAR WITH THE AIM OF ENABLING EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST ERRANT DIRECTORS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "UNDER THE DISQUALIFICATION SCHEME, THE COURT CAN DISQUALIFY A PERSON FROM BEING A DIRECTOR OF ANY COMPANY FOR ONE TO 15 YEARS DEPENDING UPON THE SECTION OF THE LEGISLATION INVOLVED.

"THE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION INCLUDE CONVICTION FOR AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE RELATING TO THE PROMOTION, FORMATION OR MANAGEMENT OF A COMPANY, DISHONESTY OR FRAUD, PERSISTENT BREACHES OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, AND CONDUCT RENDERING A PERSON UNFIT TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF A COMPANY AS A DIRECTOR."

HE SAID THESE THREE SETS OF LEGISLATION SPECIFIED THE PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AND CHANNELLING APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TO RELEVANT PARTIES - THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES.

A LIQUIDATOR OR RECEIVER OF AN INSOLVENT COMPANY IS REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER ON THE CONDUCT OF ANY DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY WHICH THEY CONSIDER RENDERS THEM UNFIT TO BE CONCERNED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF A COMPANY.

THE COMPANIES (REPORTS ON CONDUCT OF DIRECTORS) REGULATION PRESCRIBES THE PROCEDURES AND FORMS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE LIQUIDATOR OR RECEIVER.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY OR THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES, MAY APPLY TO THE HIGH COURT FOR A DISQUALIFICATION ORDER AGAINST A PERSON BEING A DIRECTOR OF ANY COMPANY.

THE COMPANIES (DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS) PROCEEDINGS RULES PRESCRIBE THE PROCEDURES FOR MAKING APPLICATIONS TO THE HIGH COURT FOR DISQUALIFICATION ORDERS.

A REGISTER OF ALL THE DISQUALIFICATION ORDERS MADE WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE COMPANIES REGISTRY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

THE COMPANIES (DISQUALIFICATION ORDERS) REGULATION PRESCRIBES THE PROCEDURES AND FORMS TO BE USED FOR COURT OFFICERS TO FURNISH THE PARTICULARS OF THESE DISQUALIFICATION ORDERS MADE TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES.

THESE SETS OF LEGISLATION ARE MODELLED ON SIMILAR SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION IN THE UK.

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FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS FOR NORTH-WEST NT

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AS PART OF FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES FOR THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSTRUCT AN EARTH BUND, A PUMPING STATION AND A FLOOD STORAGE POND AT SAN TIN WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.62 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED.

THE PROJECT IS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING AT TUNG CHAN WAI, WING PING TSUEN, ON LUNG TSUEN, FAN TIN TSUEN, SAN LUNG TSUEN, YAN SHAU WAI AND TSING LUNG TSUEN IN SAN TIN.

THE WORK WILL START IN OCTOBER 1995 AND BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 1998.

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THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY). THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG AND AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SEND A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15 DESCRIBING THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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#### SUBMARINE CABLES TO BE LAID AT TSING CHAU TSAI

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THE YIU LIAN DOCKYARDS LIMITED WILL BE GIVEN ACCESS TO ABOUT 6,200 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT TSING CHAU TSAI, YAM O, LANTAU AS WORKS AREA IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAYING OF TWO SUBMARINE ELECTRICITY CABLES.

THE WORK WILL COMMENCE AROUND OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND FINISH WITHIN ONE MONTH.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). THE NOTICE, AND THE RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG AND AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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 LANDS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 1994.

HE SHOULD DESCRIBE HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TWO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL, AN INTAKE CHAMBER AND UNDERGROUND CONNECTING CULVERT FOR THE TAI PO SALT WATER PUMPING STATION TO BE BUILT NEAR DAI KWAI STREET IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

MEANWHILE, CONTRACTORS ARE BEING INVITED TO SUBMIT TENDERS TO THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STORY DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION WITH ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL AND DRAINAGE WORKS AT HING FAT STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY.

BOTH PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS FOR THE FIRST PROJECT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PORT WORKS DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

THOSE FOR THE SECOND PROJECT ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON AUGUST 5.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION WASTE SORTING PLANT

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, THROUGH A SHORT-TERM TENANCY, IS INVITING TENDERS TO LEASE A NEWLY RECLAIMED AREA IN TSEUNG KWAN O FOR THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERMEDIATE SORTING PLANT FOR CONSTRUCTION WASTE.

THE PLANT WILL BE OPERATED BY THE TENDERER ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS FOR SORTING SUITABLE MATERIALS FROM THE MIXED CONSTRUCTION WASTES FOR LAND RECLAMATION AND OTHER BENEFICIAL USES BEFORE FINAL DISPOSAL.

"THIS SORTING SERVICE WILL PROVIDE A PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS WHO CANNOT EFFECTIVELY SORT OUT CONSTRUCTION WASTES ON SITE BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS," THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR JOHN ROCKEY, SAID.

AT PRESENT, CONSTRUCTION WASTES MAKE UP MORE THAN 60 PER CENT OF WASTES PRODUCED EVERY DAY.

"THROUGH SORTING, THE AMOUNT OF CONSTRUCTION WASTE CURRENTLY DISPOSED OF AT THE LANDFILLS WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED," MR ROCKEY SAID.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THE SORTING SERVICE BY EARLY 1995.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S WASTE FACILITIES PLANNING GROUP ON 26TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

SUBMISSIONS OF TENDER SHOULD BE MADE BY NOON ON AUGUST 5.

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LAND TO BE RECLAIMED IN NORTH TSING YI

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL RECLAIM ABOUT FOUR HECTARES OF LAND FROM THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED IN NORTH TSING YI, WEST OF CHING TAI COURT, TO PROVIDE LAND FOR DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

OTHER ASSOCIATED WORK WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 530 METRES OF SEAWALL AND A PUBLIC PIER. THE RECLAMATION WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 7.38 HECTARES. THE WORK WILL COMMENCE IN MAY 1995 AND FINISH BY ABOUT OCTOBER 1997.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG AND AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, TSING YI (NORTH EAST) SUB-OFFICE, ROOM 108, FIRST FLOOR, CHEUNG FAT ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TSING YI, NEW TERRITORIES.

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 LANDS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15.

HE SHOULD DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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CORNWALL STREET TO BE RECONSTRUCTED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CORNWALL STREET SECTION BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND BEACON HILL ROAD.

THE SCOPE OF THE WORKS INCLUDES THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 950 METRES LENGTH OF CORNWALL STREET AND THE ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

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WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE ON TENDER INVITATION HAS BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM REGIONAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER/KOWLOON, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1321, 13TH FLOOR, NAN FUNG COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 19 LAM LOK STREET, KOWLOON BAY, KOWLOON. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 707 7417.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, 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 AUGUST 5.

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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#### MORE CONCERN OVER CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELFARE

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THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO SEE CHILDREN PERMANENTLY PLACED, THAT IS, SETTLED FOR THE LENGTH OF THEIR CHILDHOOD, MRS PATTEN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY MARK MEMORIAL HOME, MRS PATTEN SAID: "NOWADAYS, WE ARE LOOKING MUCH MORE TOWARDS CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE WELFARE OF THE CHILD.

"OF COURSE, THE BEST COURSE IS FOR CHILDREN TO GROW UP IN THE CARE OF THEIR OWN PARENTS. WHERE THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE NEXT CHOICE IS WITH THE EXTENDED FAMILY," SHE SAID.

BUT IF THERE WAS NO MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WHO COULD CARE FOR THE CHILD, AND PARENTS WERE RELUCTANT, OR UNSUITABLE, TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHILD, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS SUCH AS ADOPTION AND LONG TERM FOSTER CARE IN ORDER TO GIVE THE CHILD THE CHANCE TO GROW UP IN A FAMILY, SHE SAID.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, MRS PATTEN SAID, IN SOME CASES TAKING LEGAL ACTION WAS NECESSARY.

HOWEVER, WHEN NONE OF THESE OPTIONS ARE SUITABLE, CHILD CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY WILL OFFER QUALIFIED LONG TERM AND SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR NEEDY CHILDREN.

MRS PATTEN PRAISED THE SOCIETY'S READINESS TO START SMALL GROUP HOMES TO HELP EXPAND ITS NON-INSTITUTIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICES.

COMPARING WITH THE TRADITIONAL ONE, MRS PATTEN POINTED OUT THAT THE PROVISION OF SMALL GROUP HOMES WAS A NEWER FORM OF CHILD CARE SERVICE WHICH PROVIDED CHILDREN WITH MORE OF A FAMILY FEEL TO THEIR LIVES.

"THESE HOMES ARE SITUATED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE UNITS, WHERE ORDINARY FAMILIES LIVE," SHE SAID.

WITH SIX SMALL GROUP HOMES WHERE CHILDREN IN GROUPS OF EIGHT BEING CARED FOR BY HOUSEPARENTS IN A MUCH MORE HOME-LIKE FAMILY ENVIRONMENT, THE NEW MARK MEMORIAL HOME AND ITS NEARBY SMALL GROUP HOMES SUPPLEMENTED EACH OTHER IN PROVIDING THESE ALTERNATIVE TYPES OF CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH DIFFERENT NEEDS, MRS PATTEN ADDED.

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FAMILIES INVITED TO TAKE PART IN GREEN DAY

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ALL HONG KONG FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ENROL AS PARTICIPANTS IN A LARGE SCALE "FAMILY GREEN DAY" TO BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG SPECIAL AREA ON AUGUST 21 (SUNDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD), ONE OF THE ORGANISERS OF THE FUNCTION, SAID IT WAS STAGED TO TIE IN WITH THIS YEAR'S "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY".

OTHER ORGANISERS INCLUDE TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED (TVB), FRIENDS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS (FCP) AND THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

"THE OBJECTIVES OF THE 'FAMILY GREEN DAY' ARE TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS, ENHANCE THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN PRESERVING THE TERRITORY'S COUNTRY PARKS AND TO FOSTER HARMONIOUS RELATIONS AMONG PARTICIPATING FAMILY MEMBERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARTICIPANTS, IN FAMILY UNITS OF TWO TO FOUR PERSONS, ARE TO PERFORM A SERIES OF NATURE CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING VEGETABLE GROWING, WEEDING, TREE PLANTING, AND APPLYING FERTILISERS AT THE VENUE ON THAT DAY.

AN HOUR OF NATURE CONSERVATION WORK WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A GUIDED VISIT TO THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE NEARBY. FREE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE VENUE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PARTICIPANTS BY THE ORGANISERS.

PARTICIPATING FAMILIES WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO A SERIES OF FOLLOW-UP MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS LITTER-FREE BARBECUES, TO BE ORGANISED LATER THIS YEAR BY FCP.

INTERESTED FAMILIES ARE URGED TO APPLY THROUGH TVB AS ENROLMENT HAD COMMENCED YESTERDAY AND WOULD CLOSE ON AUGUST 8. APPLICATION FORMS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE TV WEEK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID LOTS WOULD BE DRAWN TO DECIDE THE ENTRANTS IF RESPONSE TO THIS OUTDOOR ACTIVITY WAS GOOD.

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POTENTIAL TEACHERS URGED TO REGISTER WITH TRIO

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PEOPLE WHO WISH TO JOIN THE TEACHING PROFESSION BY THIS SEPTEMBER ARE URGED TO REGISTER WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S TEACHER RECRUITMENT INFORMATION OFFICE (TRIO).

THE RECRUITMENT EXERCISE IS LAUNCHED AS A RESULT OF THE GOVERNOR'S PLEDGES IN HIS TWO POLICY SPEECHES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "ABOUT 620 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE 1994/95 SCHOOL YEAR. SUCH AN INCREASE DOES NOT INCLUDE REPLACEMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES RESULTING FROM TEACHER WASTAGE.

"PEOPLE WHO WISH TO ENTER THE TEACHING PROFESSION ON A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME BASIS SHOULD GRASP THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR PARTICULARS REGISTERED WITH THE TRIO.

"THEIR PARTICULARS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A COMPUTER DATA BANK WHICH WILL THEN FORM A SOURCE OF POTENTIAL TEACHING FORCE TO SCHOOLS."

DURING THE OPERATING PERIOD OF THE TRIO THIS YEAR, IT HAS SUCCEEDED IN ATTRACTING 4,233 APPLICATIONS.

AMONG THE APPLICANTS ARE 2,587 DEGREE HOLDERS, 658 GRADUATES FROM THE FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING COURSES OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND 366 WHO HAVE OBTAINED DIPLOMAS FROM THE APPROVED POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES.

THE SPOKESMAN, AT THE SAME TIME, CALLED ON SCHOOLS WITH REGULAR OR TEMPORARY VACANCIES WISHING TO OBTAIN POTENTIAL TEACHERS' INFORMATION THROUGH THE TRIO TO COMPLETE A FORM, ONE FOR EACH POST, AND RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE BY FAX OR BY POST.

THE TRIO WILL PROVIDE A COMPUTER PRINTOUT OF A LIST OF CANDIDATES HAVING SUITABLE QUALIFICATIONS AND SUBJECT RELEVANCE TO SCHOOLS FOR SELECTION.

SCHOOLS WILL THEN ARRANGE INTERVIEWS WITH SUITABLE CANDIDATES ON THE LIST. WHETHER THE APPLICANTS WILL BE OFFERED APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SOLELY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL.

"IN ORDER TO KEEP THE LIST OF CANDIDATES ALWAYS UP-TO-DATE, SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS SHOULD CANCEL THEIR REGISTRATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF NECESSARY, APPLICANTS ARE WELCOMED TO PHONE THE TRIO AT 783 7345 TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY PERIOD FOR RETAINING OF THEIR PARTICULARS IN THE COMPUTER DATA BANK UPON EXPIRY." THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO JOIN THE TEACHING PROFESSION CAN STILL OBTAIN THE REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE TRIO AT ROOM 706, SEVENTH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, THE 19 DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S DISTRICT OFFICES OR VIA FAX BY SIMPLY DIALLING THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE ON 891 0088.

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DRUG EDUCATION COURSE FOR TEACHERS

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FORTY SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON HOW TO HELP PUPILS WITH DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS AT A NEW THREE-DAY COURSE ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NARCOTICS DIVISION FROM MONDAY (JULY 18).

THE SUBSTANTIALLY OVER-SUBSCRIBED COURSE TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, WILL FOCUS ON THE HANDLING OF DRUG PROBLEM AT SCHOOL.

THE COURSE WILL FEATURE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUGS AND THE TREATMENT PROCESS; PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS; IDENTIFYING AND HANDLING STUDENTS WITH DRUG PROBLEMS; HONG KONG'S DRUG LAWS AND THE POLICE'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUNG OFFENDERS; THE WOPK OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND THE USE OF A DRUG EDUCATION TEACHING KIT.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND TALKS, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS, WHICH WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS WILL BE STAFF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION; A GOVERNMENT DOCTOR AND AN OUTREACH SOCIAL WORKER; A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE NARCOTICS BUREAU OF THE POLICE.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COURSE WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND. IT WILL HELP TO ENHANCE TEACHERS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRUG PROBLEM AND TO EQUIP THEM WITH THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM SUCCESSFULLY.

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NEW TSEUNG KWAN O POST OFFICE

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A NEW BRANCH POST OFFICE IN TSEUNG KWAN O HAS STARTED TO SERVE THE PUBLIC FROM NOON TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TSEUNG KWAN O POST OFFICE IS LOCATED AT SHOP NO. 9, GROUND FLOOR, HAU TAK SHOPPING CENTRE, HAU TAK ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O.

IT PROVIDES A NORMAL RANGE OF COUNTER SERVICES AS WELL AS A POSTAL DELIVERY SERVICE TO THE WHOLE OF THE TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN. THERE ARE 500 POST OFFICE BOXES IN THE NEW OFFICE.

BUSINESS HOURS ARE 9.30 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND 9.30 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 704 9644.

THE NEW POST OFFICE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR MIKE PAGLIARI; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, MR WILLIAM WAN; AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PARRISH NG.

THERE ARE 124 BRANCH POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,610	0930	-388
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,540	1000	-388
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-509
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-510	1200	-510
LAF TODAY	+440	1500	-510
		1600	-510
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER	TWI 122.4	**+0.0*	15.7.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.81	17 MONTHS	2511	4.15	98.17	5.64
1 MONTH	3.94	23 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.60	6.09
3 MONTHS	4.22	28 MONTHS	3610	4.20	95.40	6.49
6 MONTHS	4.56	31 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.43	6.70
12 MONTHS	5.30	34 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.49	6.86

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 23,144 MN

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