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HAMISH MACLEOD NAMED NEW FS  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT MR HAMISH MACLEOD WILL SUCCEED SIR PIERS JACOBS AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY LATER THIS YEAR.

SIR PIERS IS RETIRING AFTER 29 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON SIR PIERS AND MR MACLEOD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SIR PIERS JACOBS, KBE, JP  
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AGED 57, SIR PIERS JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN 1962. HE SPENT THE EARLY PART OF HIS CAREER IN THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, RISING TO THE POSITION OF REGISTRAR GENERAL IN 1976. HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES IN 1982 AND TO HIS PRESENT POST OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN JUNE 1986.

MR N.W.H. MACLEOD, JP  
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AGED 51, MR MACLEOD JOINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1966 AND ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN 1988.

DURING THE EARLY PART OF HIS CAREER, HE HELD A VARIETY OF POSTS IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE FORMER RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, FINANCE BRANCH, CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH, SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

IN MORE RECENT YEARS, MR MACLEOD WORKED MAINLY IN THE FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATED FIELDS. HE WAS DIRECTOR OF TRADE FROM 1983 TO 1987 AND SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY FROM 1987 TO 1989, WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY.

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NEW VALUATION LISTS FOR 1991-92  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR BARRY WOODROFFE, DECLARED THE NEW VALUATION LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1991-92 AND FORMALLY "DELIVERED" THEM TO THE COLLECTOR OF RATES, MR CONAL O'KELLY, THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, AT A BRIEF CEREMONY THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE COLLECTOR OF RATES WILL SOON BE ISSUING THE SECOND QUARTER RATE DEMANDS BASED ON THESE NEW VALUATION LISTS.

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THE VALUATION LISTS CONTAIN ABOUT 1,135,000 ASSESSMENTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE BLOCK ASSESSMENTS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS ASSESSED IS ABOUT 1.8 MILLION, WITH A TOTAL RATEABLE VALUE OF ABOUT \$169 BILLION.

THE LAST REVALUATION WAS IN 1988 WHEN THE LISTS CONTAINED ABOUT 966,000 ASSESSMENTS WITH A TOTAL RATEABLE VALUE OF ABOUT \$78 BILLION.

REGULAR REVIEWS OF RATEABLE VALUES ARE IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE RATES BURDEN IS DISTRIBUTED FAIRLY BETWEEN RATEPAYERS IN RELATION TO THE CURRENT RENTAL VALUES OF THEIR PROPERTIES.

THE EXISTING RATEABLE VALUES ARE BASED ON RENTAL VALUES AT OCTOBER 1, 1986 WHEREAS THE NEW ONES ARE VALUED AT JULY 1, 1990.

RATEABLE VALUES IN THE NEW LISTS HAVE, ON AVERAGE, INCREASED BY 85 PER CENT BUT INCREASES WILL VARY DUE TO CHANGES IN DEMAND, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE.

IN ORDER TO SOFTEN THE INITIAL IMPACT OF THESE INCREASES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, IN HIS RECENT BUDGET SPEECH, HAS PROPOSED BOTH TO REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE RATES CHARGED ON THE RATEABLE VALUES FROM 7.5 PER CENT TO 5.5 PER CENT AND TO IMPOSE A LIMIT ON INCREASES SO THAT RATES FOR ANY PROPERTY IN 1991-92 WILL NOT BE MORE THAN 25 PER CENT ABOVE THE AMOUNT PAYABLE IN 1990-91.

THE INCREASE IN RATES REVENUE HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO RAISE SUFFICIENT REVENUE FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS. ESTIMATED RATES REVENUES FOR 1990-91 AND 1991-92 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	1990-91	1991-92	INCREASE
	\$M	\$M	\$M
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URBAN COUNCIL RATES	2,380	3,300	920
REGIONAL COUNCIL RATES	1,455	1,650	195
GENERAL RATES	3,085	3,520	435
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	6,920	8,470	1,550

THE NET EFFECT OF THESE CHANGES WILL BE THAT:

- ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT (150,000 UNITS) WILL HAVE A REDUCTION OR NO CHANGE IN RATES;
- ABOUT 57 PER CENT (1,010,000 UNITS) WILL EXPERIENCE AN INCREASE LESS THAN 25 PER CENT; AND
- ONLY 35 PER CENT (620,000 UNITS) WILL EXPERIENCE A 25 PER CENT INCREASE.

INCREASES FOR DOMESTIC PROPERTIES WILL GENERALLY AMOUNT TO LESS THAN HALF OF ONE PER CENT OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE -- IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC HOUSING, THE AVERAGE INCREASE IS ONLY \$19 PER MONTH BUT THIS WILL NOT RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN PUBLIC HOUSING RENTS BECAUSE THE INCREASE WILL INITIALLY BE ABSORBED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

MR WOODROFFE STRESSED THAT RATEPAYERS SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THEIR NEXT QUARTER'S RATE DEMANDS. THESE WILL BE SENT OUT OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OR SO AND WILL SHOW THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES AND THE REVISED QUARTERLY RATES PAYABLE.

WHERE THE AMOUNT PAYABLE WOULD OTHERWISE BE MORE THAN 25 PER CENT ABOVE THE PREVIOUS QUARTERLY RATES THE AMOUNT OF RATES RELIEF WILL ALSO BE SHOWN. THIS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE QUARTERLY RATES TO SHOW THE NET AMOUNT DUE.

THE VALUATION LISTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE TREASURY, 30TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, FROM APRIL 2 TO MAY 31 THIS YEAR. DISTRICT OFFICES WILL ALSO HAVE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE VALUATION LISTS DURING THAT PERIOD.

#### ENQUIRIES AND OBJECTIONS

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THE EXPLANATORY LEAFLET ENCLOSED WITH THE RATE DEMAND WILL GIVE A GENERAL EXPLANATION OF THE REVALUATION AND HOW TO OBJECT TO THE NEW RATEABLE VALUE.

ANY ONE WHO STILL HAS ANY QUERIES MAY CALL AT THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT AT 500 HENNESSY ROAD, 17TH FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, OR TELEPHONE 805 7666.

IF ANYONE WISHES TO LODGE AN OBJECTION TO THE NEW RATEABLE VALUE, HE MAY, DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY ONLY, MAKE A PROPOSAL TO HAVE IT ALTERED.

PROPOSALS MUST BE MADE ON FORMS R20A WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR ANY DISTRICT OFFICE. PROPOSALS RECEIVED BEFORE APRIL 1 OR AFTER MAY 31, 1991 CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

IF PROPOSALS ARE MADE, THEY WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT AND, IN DUE COURSE, THE COMMISSIONER WILL ISSUE NOTICES OF DECISION.

MEANWHILE RATEPAYERS SHOULD PAY THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THEIR RATES DEMAND. IF THERE IS AN ALTERATION IN THE RATEABLE VALUE WHICH RESULTS IN A REDUCTION IN THE RATES PAYABLE A REFUND WILL BE MADE OF THE AMOUNT OVERPAID.

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REPLY TO TOBACCO INDUSTRY ON TAX  
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AND HER DEPUTY, TODAY (TUESDAY) MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY LED BY MR JOHN SCARRITT.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, REITERATED HIS STAND ON THE TAX INCREASE ON TOBACCO.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD BEEN GOVERNMENT POLICY SINCE 1975 TO DISCOURAGE SMOKING, TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC (PARTICULARLY THE YOUNG) ON THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF SMOKING, TO REDUCE THE INFLUENCE OF TOBACCO PROMOTION AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND TO LEGISLATE WHERE APPROPRIATE.

"I AM HEARTENED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO DISCOURAGE SMOKING IS REFLECTED IN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S BUDGET SPEECH.

"THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH A MEASURE HAS BEEN BORNE OUT BY STATISTICS IN HONG KONG AND STUDIES ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG THEREFORE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORTED THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN THIS MOVE.

"HOWEVER," SHE ADDED, "I WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPLORING WITH THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY OTHER MEASURES TO FURTHER GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES IN THIS AREA."

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PROGRESS OF PRIVATISING ABERDEEN TUNNEL'S MANAGEMENT  
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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE PROGRESS OF PRIVATISING THE MANAGEMENT OF ABERDEEN TUNNEL, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY TO THE SIX PREQUALIFIED TENDERERS SELECTED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE TENDER IS FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TUNNEL'S ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT AND PLANT.

A SINGLE CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED FOR THREE YEARS WITH AN OPTION FOR THE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER PERIODS SUBJECT TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONTRACT HOLDER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS APRIL 26 THIS YEAR, HE ADDED.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION FIGURE RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN THE COURTS, DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE MONTHLY.

AS THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING, THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS LAST MONTH:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1.KIN SUN CONE DYEING FACTORY LTD	TEXACO RD, TSUEN WAN	7.4.90- 23.5.90	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	10,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
2.THE PRUDENTIAL HOTEL LTD	DES VOEUX RD CENTRAL, CENTRAL	1.5.90- 18.7.90	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	2,500	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
3.ROSYEAR LTD	JAFFE RD, WAN CHAI	10.5.90- 3.6.90	"	1,000	1ST	WESTERN
4.ASIA STONE CO LTD	QUEEN'S RD CENTRAL, CENTRAL	15.6.90	APCO: FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE UPON CESSATION FOR THE EXEMPTED PREMISES.	15,000	1ST	TUEN MUN
5.MEGA BLEACHING & DYEING FACTORY LTD	TA CHUEN PING ST, KWAI CHUNG	11.7.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	1,000	6TH	TSUEN WAN

/6.JING MEI .....

6. JING MEI INDUSTRIAL LTD	TSUEN KING CIRCUIT, TSUEN WAN	18.7.90	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	10,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
7. SHUN HING RESTAURANT	KWEILIN STREET, SHAM SHUI PO	24.7.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
8. BO FAT LAUNDRY CO LTD	FUI YIU KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	26.7.90	"	1,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
9. HO HO-MAN	WOOSUNG ST, TSIM SHA TSUI	1.8.90	NCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	1,700	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
10. TOWEREED LTD FOR CASA DEL SOL	CHING SAU LANE, CHUNG HOM KOK	10.8.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED SEWAGE INTO PUBLIC STORM WATER DRAINS IN SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE	8,000	1ST	EASTERN
11. KAU KEE (BEVERLEY) RESTAURANT LTD	CHATHAM RD SOUTH, TSIM SHA TSUI	23.8.90	NCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	2,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
12. BO FAT LAUNDRY CO LTD	FUI YIU KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	29.8.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
13. LEIGHTON-BRUCKNER FOUNDATION ENG LTD	PERCIVAL ST, CAUSEWAY BAY	7.10.90	NCO: CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	7,000	1ST	EASTERN

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14.ROYCESKY INDUSTRIES LTD	AU PUI WAN ST, FO TAN	23.11.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE EFFLUENT IN BREACH OF THE LICENCE CONDITIONS	18,000	2ND	SHA TIN
15.ICONA CO LTD	WONG CHUK YEUNG ST, FO TAN	23.11.90	"	20,000	4TH	SHA TIN
16.LEE TAI (TUG MASTER)	HON YICK CONSTRUCTION LTD, PRAT AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI	28.11.90	DASO: SHORT DUMPING OF 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA 300 METRES OFF SHORE NORTH POINT	3,500	1ST	EASTERN
AND FUNG YIU-KONG (BARGE OPERATOR)	"	"	"	3,500	2ND	"
17.ICONA CO LTD	WONG CHUK YEUNG ST, FO TAN	3.12.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE EFFLUENT IN BREACH OF THE LICENCE CONDITIONS	20,000	5TH	SHA TIN
18.FANTA CONSTRUCTION CO LTD	WAI CHING ST, YAU MA TEI	6.12.90	DASO: DUMPING OF 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA NEAR NINEPIN WITHOUT A LICENCE	5,000	3RD	EASTERN
AND CHAN AH-SHUI (TUG MASTER)	FANTA CONSTRUCTION CO LTD	"	"	3,500	1ST	"
AND LO SAU (BARGE OPERATOR)	"	"	"	3,500	1ST	"

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19.HON YICK PRAT CONSTRUC- TION LTD	AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI	10.12.90	DASO:	5,000	3RD	"
			DUMPING OF 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA NEAR HENG FA CHUEN WITHOUT A LICENCE			
AND LEE TAI (TUG MASTER)	HON YICK CONSTRUC- TION LTD	"	"	3,500	2ND	"
AND KWOK KAM- MOON (BARGE OPERATOR)	"	"	"	3,500	1ST	"

NOTE:

APCO: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE  
NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE  
DASO: DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975  
WPCO: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

ON THE PROVISION OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE, 11 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACES AT NIGHT WITH FINES RANGING FROM \$50 TO \$1,000.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID AN ACTION PLAN IN TOLO HARBOUR TO CONTROL DISCHARGES OF HEAVY METALS FROM FACTORIES CONTINUED. AS A RESULT, THE FACTORY IN CASE NUMBERS 15 AND 17 WAS FINED \$40,000 IN TOTAL, BEING ITS FOURTH AND FIFTH OFFENCE. ANOTHER FACTORY IN CASE NUMBER 14 WAS FINED \$18,000.

UNDER THIS ACTION PLAN, FACTORIES WHICH DISCHARGE HEAVY METAL WERE PUT UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE. ROUND-THE-CLOCK MONITORING OF THE EFFLUENTS FROM THE MAJOR PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD AND ELECTROPLATING FACTORIES WAS CARRIED OUT.

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GOVT AND PRIVATE SECTOR JOIN HANDS TO PRESERVE HK'S HERITAGE  
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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE WORKING TOGETHER IN THE PRESERVATION OF HONG KONG'S HERITAGE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MRS SHELLEY LAU, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE HAU KUI SHEK ANCESTRAL HALL, MRS LAU SAID THE CEREMONY MARKED THE BEGINNING OF AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME TO RESTORE SELECTED HISTORIC BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

THE HAU KUI SHEK ANCESTRAL HALL, SITUATED AT HO SHEUNG HEUNG, SHEUNG SHUI, IS A TRADITIONAL THREE-HALL BUILDING CONSTRUCTED IN 1762 IN HONOUR OF HAU KUI SHEK, THE 17TH GENERATION OF THE HAU CLAN.

"WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (PATA) FOUNDATION, WORK WILL BEGIN SOON ON RESTORING THE ELABORATE ALTAR IN THE ANCESTRAL HALL," MRS LAU SAID.

"RESTORATION OF THE HALL ITSELF WILL START SHORTLY AND BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1991. THE COST WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNMENT.

"ALSO WITH THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE HAU CLAN, THE ANCESTRAL HALL WAS ACCORDED 'DEEMED-MONUMENT' STATUS BY THE GOVERNOR IN 1987 ON THE GROUNDS OF ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE," SHE ADDED.

MRS LAU SAID OTHER BUILDINGS TO BE RESTORED DURING THE YEAR INCLUDED THE TANG CHUNG LING ANCESTRAL HALL, YEUNG HAU KUNG TEMPLE, HA TSUEN, AND KANG YUNG STUDY HALL.

"ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE COSTS WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WOULD PAY FOR THE RESTORATION OF TANG CHUNG LING ANCESTRAL HALL," SHE ADDED.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC FINANCE (HK) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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FIXED PENALTY COURT COSTS TO BE INCREASED

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THE COURT COSTS PAYABLE UNDER SECTION 20B OF THE FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTION) ORDINANCE AND SECTION 9 OF THE FIXED PENALTY (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) ORDINANCE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$70 TO \$125 WITH EFFECT FROM FRIDAY (MARCH 22).

AT PRESENT, UNDER THE ABOVE SECTIONS, A PERSON WHO INITIALLY DISPUTES LIABILITY FOR A SCHEDULED OFFENCE AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY ELECTS NOT TO PURSUE THE MATTER IN COURT HAS TO PAY THE DOUBLE FIXED PENALTY TOGETHER WITH A SUM OF \$70 COURT COSTS AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE A COURT APPEARANCE.

THE NEW COURT COSTS WILL APPLY TO ALL ELECTIONS TO DISCONTINUE PROCEEDINGS ON AND AFTER MARCH 22 THIS YEAR REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE SUMMONS WAS ISSUED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JUDICIARY SAID INFLATION HAD GIVEN RISE TO THE NEED FOR THE INCREASE IN COURT COSTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR VALUE IN REAL TERMS. THESE FEES WERE LAST REVISED IN 1984.

COURT COSTS ARE REGULATORY FEES AND ARE BASED ON THE NEED TO ENFORCE PAYMENT OF THE FIXED PENALTIES CONCERNED.

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HOURS OF LEARNER DRIVING TO BE EXTENDED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE PERMITTED HOURS OF DRIVING FOR LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE EXTENDED ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY AS FROM APRIL 1.

AT PRESENT, THE DAILY PERMITTED HOURS ARE:

SESSION 1 - 6 AM TO 7.30 AM

SESSION 2 - 9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM

SESSION 3 - 7.30 PM TO 11.30 PM

FROM APRIL 1, THE PERMITTED HOURS FOR WEEKDAYS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED WHILE FOR SATURDAY, APART FROM RETAINING SESSION 1, SESSION 2 WILL BE EXTENDED, STARTING 9.30 AM AND LAST UNTIL 11.30 PM.

ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY, LEARNER DRIVING WILL BE PERMITTED BETWEEN 6 AM AND 11.30 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE REVISED MEASURE WAS INTENDED TO SPREAD OUT THE LEARNER DRIVING ACTIVITIES FOR A LONGER PERIOD TO HELP REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY LEARNER VEHICLES AND TO ALLOW LEARNER DRIVERS MORE PRACTISING TIME.

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ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOTS IN EASTERN CLEARED

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EIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT WERE CLEARED AFTER THE REMOVAL OF 60 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN FOUR SEPARATE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS WHICH ENDED TODAY (TUESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE CLEAN-UP WAS PART OF ONGOING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE LOCAL RESIDENTS' LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE PUT UP IN PUBLIC BACK LANES OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST, WING HING STREET, KING'S ROAD, FACTORY STREET, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, KAM WAH STREET, HING MAN STREET AND WANG ON ROAD.

THE CLEARED LANES WOULD BE REPAVED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND ALL DEFECTIVE UNDERGROUND FACILITIES WOULD BE REPAIRED BY RELEVANT PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING HOUSING, BUILDINGS AND LANDS, URBAN SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, FIRE SERVICES AND THE POLICE.

SOME 800 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN 50 BACK LANES IN THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN DEMOLISHED SINCE 1982.

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HK TO HAVE FILM ARCHIVE SOON

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THE IDEA OF SETTING UP A FILM ARCHIVE WOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO REALITY VERY SOON, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MRS SHELLEY LAU, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CITY LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG, MRS LAU SAID THE SETTING UP OF A FILM ARCHIVE WAS ESSENTIAL TO RETAIN A RECORD OF HONG KONG'S SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS.

"TO THIS END, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH HAS APPROACHED VARIOUS INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING THE MOST APPROPRIATE ORGANISATION TO SPEARHEAD THE SETTING UP OF THE FILM ARCHIVE, AND TO RALLY THE SUPPORT OF ALL CONCERNED," SHE SAID.

"OUR LOCALLY PRODUCED FILMS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING AWARENESS OF SOCIAL HERITAGE. AND YET, DUE TO INADEQUATE MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FACILITIES, AND OUR FRIGHTFULLY HUMID CLIMATE, A LOT OF THESE FILMS ARE IN DANGER OF BEING DESTROYED GRADUALLY.

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"I FEEL THAT THE GOVERNMENT, THE FILM INDUSTRY AND ALL ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN RETAINING HONG KONG'S SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE SHOULD SUPPORT THE IDEA OF SETTING UP A FILM ARCHIVE," SHE SAID.

TURNING FROM FILM TO RECREATION, MRS LAU SAID THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH WAS CONCERNED WITH PROVIDING THE COMMUNITY WITH MEANINGFUL AND HEALTHY LEISURE PURSUITS.

"THERE ARE 64 HOLIDAY CAMPS AND WATER SPORT CENTRES RUN BY THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

"ALL THESE CAMPS AND CENTRES ARE LOCATED AT SCENIC SPOTS AROUND HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE NEW TERRITORIES PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATION AND SPORT FACILITIES INCLUDING SWIMMING, CYCLING, ARCHERY, ROLLER SKATING, CANOEING, SAILING AND WIND-SURFING."

MRS LAU SAID THE CHARGES OF THESE CAMPS AND CENTRES RANGED ONLY FROM \$50 TO \$100 PER PERSON PER DAY, WITH THE GOVERNMENT SUBVENTING A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE COSTS.

SHE SAID THE UTILISATION RATE OF THE MORE POPULAR CAMPS CAME TO ALMOST 90 PER CENT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CAMPING ACTIVITIES IN PHYSICAL RECREATION FOR THE COMMUNITY, THE HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS RECENTLY APPROVED \$1 MILLION TO ASSIST THESE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

"THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS HAVE ALSO APPROVED A SUM OF \$150,000 TO ORGANISE A TOTAL OF 52 SPORTS TRAINING CAMPS IN THESE VOLUNTARY AGENCY CAMPS AND WATER SPORTS CENTRES," SHE SAID.

ON HERITAGE, MRS LAU SAID AS A RESULT OF THE PLAN TO BUILD THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, A LOT MORE ABOUT HONG KONG'S PAST HAD BEEN DISCOVERED THROUGH THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS THERE IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

"EXCAVATIONS HAVE UNEARTHED A 1,000 YEAR OLD TANG DYNASTY INDUSTRIAL SITE.

"AT LEAST A DOZEN KILNS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED, AND IT APPEARS THAT THEY WERE USED TO MAKE LARGE QUANTITIES OF LIME FROM CORAL FOR USE IN AGRICULTURE, THE MANUFACTURE OF POTTERY AND AS BUILDING MATERIAL.

"THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH INTENDS, UPON COMPLETION OF THESE EXCAVATIONS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS NEW KNOWLEDGE IS REFLECTED IN THE TEACHING OF LOCAL HISTORY IN OUR SCHOOLS," MRS LAU SAID.

SHE THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR FINANCING THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS AT CHEK LAP KOK, AND HOPED THAT WITH THE CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE RHKJC, AND THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, HONG KONG'S PLACE IN HISTORY ON THE SOUTH CHINA COAST WOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

MRS LAU ADDED THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED LATER THIS YEAR TO ASCERTAIN THE PRECISE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RECENT DIGS OF A SITE AT PENNY'S BAY.

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MUI WO CLINIC STARTS OPERATION NEXT MONTH

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THE NEW MUI WO CLINIC, WHICH IS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING MUI WO DISPENSARY, WILL BEGIN OPERATION ON APRIL 1.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW CLINIC, LOCATED AT 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD, MUI WO, WILL PROVIDE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICES AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES.

IT WILL ALSO OPERATE A TRAVELLING DISPENSARY AND A ROUND-THE-CLOCK ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE.

AS APRIL 1 IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ONLY ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLINIC ON THAT DAY.

GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLINIC FROM APRIL 2, TRAVELLING DISPENSARY AND ANTE-NATAL SERVICES FROM APRIL 3, FAMILY PLANNING AND POST-NATAL SERVICE FROM APRIL 4 AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FROM APRIL 6.

TO FACILITATE THE REPROVISIONING EXERCISE, THE EXISTING MUI WO DISPENSARY AND ITS MATERNITY HOME WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 29.

ALL ANTE-NATAL CLIENTS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE MATERNITY HOME WILL BE DIRECTED TO TSAN YUK HOSPITAL OR TAI O MATERNITY HOME FOR DELIVERY FROM FRIDAY (MARCH 22).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE NOW PROVIDED BY THE SOUTH LANTAO HOSPITAL WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE THERE UNTIL 10 AM ON APRIL 1 WHEN THE HOSPITAL WILL FORMALLY CLOSE AND THE SERVICE BE TAKEN OVER BY THE NEW MUI WO CLINIC.

UPON THE CLOSURE OF THE HOSPITAL, THE DENTAL SERVICE CURRENTLY PROVIDED FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY THE DENTAL CLINIC IN THE HOSPITAL, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TAI O DENTAL CLINIC ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 10.30 AM TO 1 PM.

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IMMIGRATION MOBILE TEAM PROVIDES NEW SERVICE IN MUI WO

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT TO FURTHER EXTEND ITS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC, THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE TEAM WILL PROVIDE DOCUMENTS SERVICE IN MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND FROM MARCH 26.

"THE MOBILE TEAM WILL VISIT MUI WO ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG BRITISH PASSPORT, CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY, RE-ENTRY PERMIT AND OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE REVISED VISIT SCHEDULE OF THE MOBILE TEAM IS AS BELOW:

DOCUMENTS SERVICE

PLACE OF CALL -----	DAY ---	TIME ----
SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE (TEL. NO. 792 7030)	EVERY MONDAY, AND THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	10 AM TO 12.30 PM
MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES (TEL. NO. 984 7216)	FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	9.45 AM TO 11.45 AM
CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE (TEL. NO. 981 0838)	EVERY FRIDAY	10.15 AM TO 12.15 PM 1.30 PM TO 3 PM
HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE (TEL. NO. 719 8377)	SECOND AND FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH	9.45 AM TO 11.15 AM

BIRTH AND MARRIAGE SERVICES

PLACE OF CALL -----	DAY ---	TIME ----
SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE (TEL. NO. 792 7030)	EVERY MONDAY, AND THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	2 PM TO 3.45 PM
TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE (TEL. NO. 985 7229)	FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	1.30 PM TO 3 PM
CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE (TEL. NO. 981 0838)	EVERY THURSDAY	10.15 AM TO 12.15 PM 1.30 PM TO 3 PM

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY TELEPHONE 824 6111 FOR ENQUIRIES.

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SIX NOMINATIONS RECEIVED TODAY FOR UC/RC ELECTIONS

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A TOTAL OF SIX NOMINATIONS FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY WERE RECEIVED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THREE WERE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND THREE FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THIS BRINGS TO 31 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTIONS.

SO FAR, EIGHT CONSTITUENCIES RECEIVED TWO NOMINATIONS. THEY ARE THE WAN CHAI, SHAU KEI WAN, KOWLOON CITY WEST, KWUN TONG WEST, KWUN TONG EAST, WONG TAI SIN SOUTH, YAU TSIM AND ISLANDS CONSTITUENCIES.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES WILL LAST UNTIL MARCH 25.

CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTESTING 27 SINGLE SEAT CONSTITUENCIES - 15 IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA AND 12 IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATION FORMS WERE RECEIVED TODAY:

URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER
WAN CHAI	YEUNG WAN-KING	F	32	HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR	576 8231 702 8484
KWUN TONG WEST	LEE CHUN-MING	M	33	RESTAURANT CAPTAIN, POET	322 9313 382 2081
WONG TAI SIN SOUTH	YEUNG CHIU-MING	M	43	MERCHANT	795 5252
REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER
ISLANDS	FUNG PAK-TAI	M	74	- - - - -	981 8759
YUEN LONG	NGAN KAM-CHUEN	M	43	BANKING MANAGER	474 9982
TUEN MUN EAST	TSO SHIU-WAI	M	39	COMPANY DIRECTOR	459 7667

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FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR:

URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA

NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

1. CENTRAL AND WESTERN	NIL
2. WAN CHAI	2
3. NORTH POINT	1
4. SHAU KEI WAN	2
5. SOUTHERN	1
6. KOWLOON CITY WEST	2
7. KOWLOON CITY EAST	1
8. KWUN TONG WEST	2
9. KWUN TONG EAST	2
10. MONG KOK	1
11. SHAM SHUI PO EAST	NIL
12. SHAM SHUI PO WEST	1
13. WONG TAI SIN SOUTH	2
14. WONG TAI SIN NORTH	1
15. YAU TSIM	2

SUB-TOTAL: 20

REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA

NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

1. ISLANDS	2
2. NORTH	1
3. SAI KUNG	1
4. SHA TIN EAST	1
5. SHA TIN WEST	1
6. TAI PO	NIL
7. TSUEN WAN	NIL
8. TUEN MUN EAST	1
9. TUEN MUN WEST	1
10. YUEN LONG	1
11. KWAI CHUNG EAST	1
12. KWAI CHUNG WEST AND TSING YI	1

SUB-TOTAL: 11

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NEW APPROACHES TO DEVELOP CHILD CARE SERVICES

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A CHILD SUPPLEMENT OF \$170 PER MONTH WILL BE INTRODUCED TO HELP FAMILIES ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO MEET SPECIAL NEEDS FOR THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON CHILD CARE CENTRE OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL AT CHEUNG HANG ESTATE, TSING YI, MR CARTLAND NOTED THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO EXPAND EXISTING SERVICES, TO ADOPT NEW APPROACHES AND TO DEVELOP NEW SERVICES TO CATER FOR THE CHANGING NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

APART FROM THE INTRODUCTION OF A CHILD SUPPLEMENT, HE SAID OTHER MEASURES INCLUDED THE EXPANSION OF DAY CARE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE WORK-BASED CHILD CARE CENTRES.

"THE ADOPTION OF A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO THE PROVISION OF DAY CARE SERVICE THROUGH FLEXIBLE OPERATING HOURS AND THROUGH THE OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE WILL ALSO SERVE THE PURPOSE," MR CARTLAND ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED WHITE PAPER DID RECOGNISE THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN GROWING UP IN THE RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

"IN THESE ENDEAVOURS TO PROVIDE A BETTER WORLD FOR OUR CHILDREN, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL HAD PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN, MR CARTLAND COMMENDED THE ORGANISATION FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENT IN CHILD CARE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT.

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WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY  
ON ATMOSPHERE OF LIVING PLANET EARTH

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EVER SINCE 1961, WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY HAS BEEN CELEBRATED ON MARCH 23 TO COMMEMORATE THE COMING INTO FORCE ON THAT DAY IN 1950 OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION (WMO) CONVENTION.

THE CONVENTION PROVIDES A VERY IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK THAT ENABLES WMO TO MAINTAIN CO-OPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES IN METEOROLOGY AND OPERATIONAL HYDROLOGY.

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FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION, A SPECIFIC THEME IS SELECTED TO PROVIDE A FOCUS. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS "THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE LIVING PLANET EARTH" WHICH IS MOST APPROPRIATE AT A TIME WHEN ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON ISSUES RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

IT ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE KEY ROLE OF ALL METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES IN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO MONITORING AND PROTECTING THE GLOBAL ATMOSPHERE AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

IN HONG KONG, TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL PRESENT A VIDEO SHOW AND A SMALL-SCALE EXHIBITION TO A SPECIAL AUDIENCE AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, CENTENARY BUILDING, 134A NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON FROM 10 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1991.

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE VIDEO, ENTITLED "CLIMATE IN DANGER - WHAT CAN WE DO?", AND THE EXHIBITION ON HOW VARIOUS HUMAN ACTIVITIES IN ENERGY GENERATION, FOOD PRODUCTION, TRANSPORT, INDUSTRY AND SO ON HAVE AFFECTED THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE ATMOSPHERE WHICH IN TURN MAY BE CAUSING A CHANGE IN THE CLIMATE OF THE PLANET EARTH.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE ATMOSPHERE AND THE CLIMATE SYSTEM REQUIRES CONTINUED OBSERVATIONS AND RESEARCH ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE. THE CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUE CALLS FOR CONCERTED ACTION INVOLVING MANY DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONS.

FOR THIS REASON, GUESTS INVITED TO THE FUNCTION WILL ALSO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE INDUSTRY SECTOR, AND TERTIARY AND PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES IN HONG KONG.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (MARCH 23) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL. THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

EP3888	EN272	EP230	EN138
EP113	EP1116	2221	CR1
XX2688	EN188	EN219	EP2098
CX557	EN2328	EP6328	EL328
AH707	3520	EM3332	EP1963
EN1123	BB8119	AW3223	EN595
EP3680	EP908	AJ1112	HK1932
EP2	HK206	EP560	EP128
AA113	AK219	EP6686	CA557
EN338	CW83	BB1010	EN8773

/SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS .....

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 162ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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PO LEUNG KUK'S EFFORTS IN BUILDING NEW HOLIDAY CAMP PRAISED  
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LADY WILSON TODAY (TUESDAY) PRAISED THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR ITS HARD WORK AND GENEROSITY IN MAKING THE NEW TAI TONG HOLIDAY CAMP POSSIBLE.

SPEAKING AT THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE HOLIDAY CAMP WHICH WAS THE KUK'S BIGGEST PROJECT YET, LADY WILSON SAID THE NEW CAMP WOULD OFFER YOUNG PEOPLE, FAMILIES AND THE ELDERLY A CHANCE TO GET AWAY FOR A WHILE FROM FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS, AND THE ROUTINE OF EVERYDAY LIFE; A CHANCE TO ENJOY THEMSELVES IN A PLEASANT, NEW ENVIRONMENT.

SHE NOTED THAT THE NEW HOLIDAY CAMP WOULD OFFER A MOST IMPRESSIVE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, FROM ARCHERY TO ROLLER-SKATING, FROM SWIMMING TO MINI-GOLF, AND HILL-WALKING.

"IN YEARS TO COME I THINK THERE WILL BE MORE CAMPS LIKE THIS AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE COME TO APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF RECREATION AND THE BEAUTY OF THE HONG KONG COUNTRYSIDE.

"THE PO LEUNG KUK WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PRIDE IN HAVING BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF SUCH A POSITIVE, HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT," LADY WILSON ADDED.

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