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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY ISSUES CONSULTATIVE PAPER
ON HK'S NUMBERING PLAN
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THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY WILL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) ISSUE A CONSULTATIVE PAPER INVITING INTERESTED PARTIES TO PRESENT VIEWS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S NUMBERING PLAN FOR PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES.

POSTMASTER GENERAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR M PAGLIARI, SAID: "THE EXISTING NUMBERING PLAN WAS BASED ON SEVEN-DIGIT NUMBER LENGTH.

DUE TO THE RAPID GROWTH IN DEMAND FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE EXISTING NUMBERING PLAN IS NOW CLOSE TO CAPACITY.

"TO COPE WITH EXPECTED FUTURE DEMAND WE WILL NEED TO INTRODUCE AN EIGHT-DIGIT NUMBERING PLAN BY 1995 AT THE LATEST," MR PAGLIARI SAID.

HE SAID THE NUMBERING PLAN HAD TO BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO CATER FOR NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR FURTHER CHANGES FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, AT LEAST 15 YEARS.

"IT SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR A FAIR AND REASONABLE ALLOCATION OF NUMBERS TO ALL THE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATORS PROVIDING TELEPHONIC AND NON-TELEPHONIC SERVICES IN HONG KONG."

LATE LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONED THE CONSULTANTS, OVUM, TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NUMBERING PLAN. A REPORT WAS SUBMITTED LAST MONTH.

"WE HAVE CONSIDERED OVUM'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND OUR INITIAL VIEW IS THAT THEY CHART A SENSIBLE WAY FORWARD TO AN EQUITABLE EIGHT-DIGIT NUMBERING SCHEME."

THE KEY RECOMMENDATIONS ARE THAT HONG KONG'S NUMBERING PLAN SHOULD BE FULLY INTEGRATED, THAT IS THAT ALL OPERATORS SHOULD DRAW FROM THE SAME POOL OF NUMBERS RATHER THAN BEING SEGREGATED BY DIFFERENT OPENING DIGITS.

"AND THAT NUMBER PORTABILITY, THAT IS THE ABILITY TO TAKE YOUR NUMBER WITH YOU WHEN YOU MOVE HOUSE OR NETWORK, SHOULD BE MANDATED.

"BEFORE TAKING FIRM DECISIONS ON THESE AND OTHER POINTS WE WISH TO SOUND OUT THE INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC ON THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF OVUM'S RECOMMENDATIONS," MR PAGLIARI SAID.

COPIES OF THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER (INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE OVUM'S REPORT) MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, FIFTH FLOOR, WING SHAN TOWER, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

/COPIES OF .....

COPIES OF THE OVUM'S REPORT ON THE NUMBERING PLAN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT $58 A COPY FROM APRIL 27 ONWARDS AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

COMMENTS ON THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER SHOULD BE GIVEN IN WRITING ON OR BEFORE JUNE 21.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON THE SUBJECT AT 5.30PM TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, POST OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE, 2 CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL. ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL (TELECOMMUNICATIONS), MR A S K WONG, WILL CHAIR THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS FOR 4TH QUARTER

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THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS, INCLUDING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS, AMOUNTED TO $18.4 BILLION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

IT WAS 8.7% HIGHER THAN A YEAR AGO, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE INCREASE WAS LARGELY DUE TO MORE ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON PUBLIC SITES AND A SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN MISCELLANEOUS NON-SITE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS INCREASED BY A SIMILAR MAGNITUDE OF 8.4%.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED ON PRIVATE SITES TOTALLED $8.3 BILLION AND WAS 6.9% LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO.

THE DECREASE WAS PARTLY DUE TO THE DROP IN THE VALUE OF WORK DONE IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING PROJECTS.

COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992, THE VALUE INCREASED BY 5.1%.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED ON PUBLIC SITES WAS $5 BILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 25.6% AND 16.1% OVER THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1991 AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992 RESPECTIVELY.

THE INCREASE WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INTENSIFICATION OF WORKS ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

/THE GROSS .....

THE GROSS VALUE OF NON-SITE WORK PERFORMED BY GENERAL CONTRACTORS WAS $3.6 BILLION, WHICH WAS 27.9% AND 4.9% HIGHER THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1991 AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992 RESPECTIVELY.

THE TYPES OF WORK PERFORMED INCLUDED MINOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION WORKS AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.

THE GROSS VALUE OF NON-SITE WORK PERFORMED BY SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS, COMPRISING MAINLY ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL FITTING WORKS, TOTALLED $1.5 BILLION.

THIS WAS 23.6% AND 12.6% HIGHER THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1991 AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992 RESPECTIVELY.

ANALYSED BY END-USE, RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PROJECTS (INCLUDING COMBINED RESIDENTIAL/NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS) CONTINUED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE GREATEST PORTION OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED ON BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SITES.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN THESE PROJECTS WAS $5.3 BILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 3.3% AND 3.5% WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1991 AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992 RESPECTIVELY.

TRANSPORT PROJECTS REPLACED COMMERCIAL BUILDING PROJECTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1992 AS THE SECOND LARGEST CATEGORY OF CONSTRUCTION SITE WORK.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN SUCH PROJECTS WAS $2.2 BILLION.

THIS WAS 67.3% AND 41.6% HIGHER THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1991 AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992 RESPECTIVELY.

THE LARGE INCREASE WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO A NUMBER OF MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING PROJECTS BECAME THE THIRD LARGEST CATEGORY OF CONSTRUCTION SITE WORK.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN SUCH PROJECTS TOTALLED $1.9 BILLION, WHICH WAS 29.5% LOWER THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1991 BUT 20.4% HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992.

OWING TO THE WIDESPREAD SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, A CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENT CAN BE A MAIN CONTRACTOR FOR ONE CONTRACT AND A SUB-CONTRACTOR FOR ANOTHER CONTRACT AT THE SAME TIME.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS, INCLUDING BOTH GENERAL AND SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS, COVERS ONLY THOSE PROJECTS IN WHICH THE CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENT TAKES THE ROLE OF A MAIN CONTRACTOR, BUT NOT PROJECTS IN WHICH IT TAKES ONLY THE ROLE OF A SUB-CONTRACTOR.

/HOWEVER, SUB-CONTRACTORS .....

HOWEVER, SUB-CONTRACTORS' CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY THE MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR WHOM THEY WORKED.

MORE DETAILED STATISTICS ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT ARE GIVEN IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, 4TH QUARTER 1992".

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT $4 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, WANCHAI TOWER, 19TH FLOOR, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 839 3265.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND OF MANUFACTURERS IN FEBRUARY

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THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 2% IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO A MONTHLY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUME IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS THAT MANUFACTURERS WILL REQUIRE TO COMPLETE THE ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

MODERATE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (7%), THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (6%) AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (3%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES OF 5% AND 1% WERE RECORDED RESPECTIVELY IN THE TEXTILES AND THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, ORDERS FOR THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 1%.

ORDERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY 12% OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH. INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AT 6% AND 1% RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY, BUT A SLIGHT DECREASE OF 2% WAS RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF ORDERS-ON-HAND COVERS A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERED ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE SURVEY RESULTS MIGHT NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

NEVERTHELESS, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SECTOR, HE SAID.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1993 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT $5.50 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE OF THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 805 6441.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

INDUSTRY	AS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1993	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		JANUARY 1993	FEBURARY 1992
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	4.53	+1	+2
WEARING APPAREL	4.74	*	-1
TEXTILES	2.43	+6	-5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.65	+12	+7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.50	-2	+3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.78	+1	+6
OTHERS	3.97	-1	+2

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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LEVELS OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS TO HIV-INFECTED HAEMOPHILIACS ANNOUNCED

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THE COUNCIL FOR THE AIDS TRUST FUND HELD ITS FIRST MEETING THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THIS FOLLOWED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL LAST FRIDAY (APRIL 16) OF THE ALLOCATION OF $350 MILLION TO THE TRUST FUND.

AFTER TODAY'S MEETING, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN PROFESSOR DAVID TODD ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF HOW THE TRUST FUND WOULD BE ALLOCATED.

EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS TO HIV-INFECTED HAEMOPHILIACS

"EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE TO HIV-INFECTED HAEMOPHILIACS WHO ARE HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND HAVE BEEN INFECTED BY HIV THROUGH TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD OR BLOOD PRODUCTS IN HONG KONG PRIOR TO AUGUST 1985," PROFESSOR TODD SAID.

HE SAID HAVING REGARD TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SYMPATHY AND COMPASSION FOR THE INFECTED PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, THE COMMUNITY'S VIEWS ON THE AMOUNT OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS TO BE GRANTED, SIMILAR SCHEMES IN OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND THE DESIRABILITY OF SIMPLE ADMINISTRATION, LEVELS OF PAYMENT WOULD BE MADE TO ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS AS FOLLOWS:

*	MARRIED WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN	$1,000,000
*	MARRIED WITHOUT DEPENDENT CHILDREN	$ 750,000
*	SINGLE	$ 600,000
*	EACH INFECTED SPOUSE AND/OR CHILD OF THE ABOVE	$ 300,000

PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM UNDER ANY OF THE CATEGORIES LISTED ABOVE, THE FAMILY OF A VICTIM WHO HAS DIED WOULD RECEIVE $300,000.

"THESE LEVELS OF PAYMENTS ARE BROADLY SIMILAR TO THOSE UNDER THE UK SCHEME, BUT OUR SCHEME IS SIMPLER AND MORE GENEROUS", PROFESSOR TODD SAID.

"WE HAVE ALSO ADDED A CATEGORY, NOT PRESENT UNDER THE UK SCHEME, TO ALLOW PAYMENTS TO THE FAMILIES OF ELIGIBLE VICTIMS WHO HAVE ALREADY DIED, WHERE THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT.

"THE COUNCIL SECRETARY WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH KNOWN ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS, AND THESE CASES WILL BE PROCESSED WITH ALL DUE SPEED.

"ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL," HE ADDED.

PROFESSOR TODD ALSO SAID A SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE HAD BEEN SET UP TO ASSIST THE COUNCIL IN SCREENING CASES AND VALIDATING CLAIMS.

MEDICAL/SUPPORT SERVICES AND PUBLICITY/PUBLIC EDUCATION

PROFESSOR TODD ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING WOULD BE WELCOMED FROM BONA-FIDE ORGANISATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL MEDICAL AND/OR SUPPORT SERVICES TO THOSE WITH AIDS/HIV, AND FOR PROJECTS TO ENHANCE PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION ON AIDS.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS AND FOR PROJECT GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH.

THERE IS NO DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING APPLICATIONS TO THE TRUST FUND CAN BE DIRECTED TO:

MR VICTOR NG,
SECRETARY TO THE AIDS TRUST FUND,
C/O HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, SEVENTH FLOOR,
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING,
LOWER ALBERT ROAD,
CENTRAL,
HONG KONG.
(TEL : 810 2123)

THE FOLLOWING IS A MEMBERSHIP LIST OF THE EX-GRATIA PAYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER THE COUNCIL FOR AIDS TRUST FUND:

CHAIRMAN:

HON ANNA WU HUNG-YUK

MEMBERS:

PROFESSOR CHAN TAI-KWONG	DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, HKU
DR PATRICK YUEN	READER/PAEDIATRICS, CUHK
SISTER MAUREEN MCGINLEY	CO-ORDINATOR, AIDS CONCERN
MR LAWRENCE LAM	SOLICITOR

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CONTRACT FOR CHINA WATER PUMPING STATION AWARDED

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED A $57.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS OF AU TAU 'B' PUMPING STATION IN YUEN LONG.

THIS IS ONE IN A SERIES OF CONTRACTS FOR THE CHINA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT WHICH PROVIDES FOR STAGED EXPANSION OF FACILITIES TO RECEIVE AND TRANSFER ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

ON COMPLETION OF THE EXPANSION, THE RECEPTION AND TRANSFER CAPACITY WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING 620 MILLION CUBIC METRES TO 1,100 MILLION CUBIC METRES A YEAR.

STAGE I OF THE PROJECT, ESTIMATED TO COST $2,092 MILLION, COVERS ALL THE MAJOR WORKS REQUIRED FOR COMMISSIONING BY JANUARY 1, 1995.

MUK WU IS THE FOREMOST POINT IN THE TERRITORY'S CHINA WATER RECEPTION AND TRANSFER SYSTEM WHERE WATER RECEIVED WILL BE TRANSFERRED ALONG THREE MAJOR ROUTES TO THE WESTERN, CENTRAL AND EASTERN PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

THE WESTERN ROUTE IS MADE UP OF LARGE DIAMETER PIPELINES AND WATER TUNNELS THAT RUN FROM MUK WU TO TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR VIA AU TAU.

AU TAU 'B' PUMPING STATION IS A KEY INSTALLATION ALONG THE WESTERN ROUTE TO AUGMENT THE TRANSFER OF ADDITIONAL CHINA WATER TO TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR.

WHEN OPERATING IN PARALLEL WITH THE EXISTING AU TAU 'A' PUMPING STATION, THE ULTIMATE COMBINED OUTPUT CAN REACH 1.2 MILLION CUBIC METRES A DAY.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION, AN ELECTRICAL SUB-STATION AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS.

WORKS UNDER THIS CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WU YU-NGONG AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOBISHIMA CORPORATION.

THE PROJECT CONSULTANT IS PHH/SWK WATER CONSULTANTS.

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ACC MEMBERS BRIEFED ON CHEUNG CHING TUNNEL WORKS

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MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD OF THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (ACC) WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) BRIEFED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROUTE 3 CHEUNG CHING TUNNEL, FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE TUNNEL SITE.

MEMBERS WERE FIRST BRIEFED BY MR C K WONG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, MR VICTOR TURNER, PRINCIPAL RESIDENT ENGINEER, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTOR, DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS, ON CURRENT PROGRESS WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHEUNG CHING TUNNEL ON TSING YI.

THE BRIEFING FOCUSED ON MEMBERS' REQUEST ON THE SAFETY AND MONITORING MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE DESIGN OF THE WORKS AND THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE WELLBEING OF TSING YI RESIDENTS. THESE INCLUDE:

* A TUNNEL ALIGNMENT DESIGNED TO RUN AT A REASONABLE DISTANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS;

* STRINGENT SAFETY CONTROLS ON THE CONTRACTOR;

* AN INDEPENDENT STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO SURVEY BUILDINGS AND MONITOR THE SITUATION;

* STATIONS SET UP TO MONITOR VIBRATION LEVELS CAUSED BY BLASTING. THE MOST RIGOROUS HONG KONG STANDARDS WILL BE APPLIED;

* SITE STAFF TEAMS TO MONITOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND SAFETY CONTROLS;

* NOTICE TO RESIDENTS IN ADVANCE OF EACH BLASTING;

* A UTILITY SURVEY DONE IN FULL TO ENSURE THAT UTILITIES WILL NOT BE DAMAGED OR DISRUPTED;

* STRINGENT NOISE CONTROLS INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO USE NOISE REDUCTION EQUIPMENT;

* STEPS UNDER WAY TO SET UP AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFICE TO MONITOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP) AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS IN KWAI CHUNG AND ON TSING YI;

* MINIMISING TRAFFIC DISRUPTION TO RESIDENTS BY REMOVING EXCAVATED MATERIAL BY SEA; AND

* SETTING UP A WORKS COMMITTEE UNDER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD TO ADVISE ON THE IMPACT OF ACP AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS IN THE DISTRICT.

/THE SUB-COMMITTEE .....

THE SUB-COMMITTEE THEN MET MEMBERS OF THE KWAI CHING DISTRICT BOARD, LOCAL LEADERS AND RESIDENTS' REPRESENTATIVES TO HEAR THEIR COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

AFTER THE MEETING, ACC MEMBERS VISITED THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, OVERLOOKING THE CHEUNG CHING TUNNEL SITE TO SEE THE PROGRESS ON THE WORKS AND HAVE A FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH RESIDENTS THERE.

THE ROUTE 3 CHEUNG CHING TUNNEL IS A MAJOR ELEMENT IN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME'S HIGHWAYS NETWORK LINKING THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN TO KOWLOON AND CENTRAL DISTRICT IN HONG KONG.

THE CONTRACT, AWARDED TO DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET IN LATE FEBRUARY, COMPRISES CONSTRUCTION OF A 1.6-KILOMETRE DUAL THREE-LANE TWIN-BORED TUNNEL, TWO TUNNEL PORTAL CONTROL BUILDINGS, AND 0.9 KILOMETRE OF ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION CASES RELEASED

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

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE MONTHLY.

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

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING MARCH:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES($)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1.CARNAUD-METALBOX (HK) LTD	CHATER RD, CENTRAL	5.6.91-13.11.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	2,000	1ST	SHA TIN
2.FUNG WONG LAUNDRY CO	SAN ON ST, TUEN MUN	12.6.91	APCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER ON PROHIBITING THE USE OF FURNACES	1,000	1ST	TUEN MUN

/3.ASIA MARK .....

3.ASIA MARK ENTERPRISES LTD	COTTON TREE DRIVE, CENTRAL	12.2.92-17.4.92	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
4.HONG KONG UNITED ANIMAL FAT FTY CO LTD	ON NING RD, YUEN LONG	25.5.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	FANLING
5.FADDY LTD	O'BRIEN RD, WAN CHAI	4.6.92-2.7.92	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	4,000	2ND	EASTERN
6.FANTA (CFC) CONSTRUCTION CO LTD (MARINE DUMPING CONTRACTOR)	HOI BUN RD, KWUN TONG	29.6.92	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 600 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA OFFSHORE WEST OF TAI CHIK SHA AT TSEUNG KWAN O WITHOUT A LICENCE	5,000 PLUS 2,500 COURT CHARGE	2ND	EASTERN
7.PANG CHI-WAH (TUG BOAT MASTER)	ABERDEEN MAIN RD, ABERDEEN	29.6.92	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 600 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA OFFSHORE WEST OF TAI CHIK SHA AT TSEUNG KWAN O WITHOUT A LICENCE	3,500 PLUS 2,500 COURT CHARGE	1ST	"
8.CHENG CHUEN (BARGE SAILOR)	AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU	29.6.92	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 600 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA OFFSHORE WEST OF TAI CHIK SHA AT TSEUNG KWAN O WITHOUT A LICENCE	3,500 PLUS 2,500 COURT CHARGE	1ST	EASTERN
9.HONG NING DAIRY	SHA TAU KOK RD, FANLING	15.7.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING

/10.PALIBURG .....

[Typographical errors in the original document]

17.CHAN KAM-WAH	"	"	NCO : USE A PRODUCT DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 17(1)	2,000	1ST	"
18.LAI WAI-MAN	"	"	NCO : "	2,000	1ST	"
19.LUI KAI	KWU TUNG VILLAGE, SHEUNG SHUI	17.9.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	FANLING
20.PONG YIU	KWU TUNG, SHEUNG SHUI	"	WPCO : "	10,000	1ST	"
21.LAM KAR	TONG KUNG LENG, SHEUNG SHUI	17.9.92	WPCO : "	15,000	1ST	"
22.CEMENTAID (HK) LIMITED	PING CHE, FANLING	23.9.92	WPCO : "	5,000	1ST	"
23.NG KA-HING	SAI KUNG MAIN ST, SAI KUNG	23.9.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE PORT SHELTER WATER CONTROL ZONE	25,000	3RD	KWUN TONG
24.TRI-STAR FABRIC PRINTING WORKS LTD	AUSTIN RD, JORDAN	23.9.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	6,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
25.PRESIDENT RESTAURANT (WANCHAI) LTD	MODY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST	23.9.92- 19.11.92	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,500	1ST	EASTERN
26.CHEUK KIN TRADING LTD	NATHAN RD, YAU MA TEI	23.9.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	80,000	4TH	SOUTH KOWLOON

/27.FUBO .....

27.FUBO SEAFOOD RESTAURANT LTD	FUK TSUN ST, TAI KOK TSUI	30.9.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	9,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
28.WING LUEN UNIVERSAL LAUNDRY LTD	WING KEI RD, KWAI CHUNG	30.9.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	6,500	2ND	TSUEN WAN
29.YAU FOOK FOOD PRODUCTS LTD	KWU TUNG, SHEUNG SHUI	1.10.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	FANLING
30.CHOSERISE LTD	SHAUKIWAN RD, SAI WAN HO	2.10.92	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	15,000	1ST	EASTERN
31.HO CHUCK RESTAURANT LTD	HING FONG RD, KWAI CHUNG	2.10.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	8,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
32.NG MIN	YAU OI ST, SAN PO KONG	14.10.92	NCO : "	4,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
33.GOLDEN HARVEST DYEING AND WEAVING FACTORY LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	14.10.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	7,000	2ND	KWUN TONG
34.LEE AH-LUNG	CHUNG WUI ST, TAI KOK TSUI	15.10.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	5,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
35.UNION DYEING WORKS LTD	KWAN TEI PAK TSUEN, FANLING	15.10.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	4TH	FANLING

/36.GOLDEN .....

36.GOLDEN HARVEST DYEING AND WEAVING FACTORY LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	20.10.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	3RD	KWUN TONG
37.DIAMOND (HOP KEE) DYEING & BLEACHING FACTORY LTD	STRAIGHT STREET, DIAMOND HILL SUN CHUEN	22.10.92	APCO : "	3,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
38.WAI KEE (ZENS) CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORTAT-ION CO LTD	GRANVILLE RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	27.10.92	APCO : CONTRAVENING TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF A SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE	2,000	1ST	TUEN MUN
39.NEW TERRITORY SLAUGHTER HOUSE LTD	TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, YUEN LONG	27.10.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	15,000	1ST	FANLING
40.GOLDEN CUP INDUSTRIES LTD	NATHAN RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	28.10.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	20,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
41.UNION FORD LTD	NANKING ST, YAU MA TEI	28.10.92	NCO : "	10,000	1ST	"
42.HUI HON-MAN	TAI WONG ST EAST, WAN CHAI	29.10.92	NCO : "	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
43.HOSTBUSY DEVELOPMENT LTD	TAI TSUN ST, TAI KOK TSUI	30.10.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
44.KAI SHING BLEACHING & DYEING FACTORY LTD	DIAMOND NEW VILLAGE DIAMOND HILL	2.11.92	APCO : "	3,500	2ND	SAN PO KONG
45.OFFICE BUILDINGS MANAGEMENT LTD	QUEEN'S RD CENTRAL, CENTRAL	3.11.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	7,500	1ST	WESTERN

/46.PARIS .....

46.PARIS WAN'S CO	CASTLE PEAK RD, KWAI CHUNG	4.11.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	6,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
47.GROWTH BRIGHT LTD	FA YUEN ST,/NELSON STREET, MONG KOK	12.11.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	9,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
48.CHAN YUE-PO	KING'S RD, NORTH POINT	13.11.92	NCO : "	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
49.WONDERFUL HONOUR LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	13.11.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	15,000	3RD	TSUEN WAN
50.TAI FAI SIZING & DYEING FTY LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	13.11.92	APCO : "	6,000	2ND	"
51.TINGO LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING CO	KWAI TAK ST, KWAI CHUNG	13.11.92	APCO : "	7,000	2ND	"
52.WING LEE SILK WASHING & DYEING FTY LTD	KUNG YIP ST, KWAI CHUNG	16.11.92	APCO : "	6,500	2ND	"
53.KAI LIM MARBLE ENGINEERING CO LTD	YEUNG UK RD, TSUEN WAN	17.11.92	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	8,000	3RD	"
54.GAINFUL DEVELOPMENT LTD	CATCHICK ST, KENNEDY TOWN	17.11.92- 1.12.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	10,000 DAILY FINE : $100/DAY FOR 15 DAYS	2ND	WESTERN
55.DAH CHONG HONG LTD	FORT ST, NORTH POINT	19.11.92	NCO : "	15,000	1ST	EASTERN
56.FONTANA RESTAURANT LTD	KING'S RD, NORTH POINT	19.11.92	NCO : "	2,000	1ST	"

/57.LAM .....

57.LAM LOONG-BIU	FORT ST, NORTH POINT	19.11.92	NCO : "	2,000	1ST	"
58.REALTY WEAVING & DYEING WORKS LTD	KAM SHEUNG RD, KAM TIN	19.11.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	4TH	FANLING
59.KWONG LEE YUEN DISTILLERY LTD	KWAN TEI PAK TSUEN, FANLING	20.11.92	WPCO : "	10,000	1ST	"
60.YUE WAH RESTAURANT LTD	WATERLOO RD, MONG KOK	24.11.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	2ND	SOUTH KOWLOON
61.HANG HEUNG CAKE SHOP CO LTD	MAIN RD, YUEN LONG	25.11.92	APCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER ON PROHIBITING THE USE OF FURNACES	300	1ST	FANLING
62.HANG HEUNG CAKE SHOP CO LTD	"	25.11.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	18,000	5TH	"
63.SEA-VIEW HARBOUR TOUR CO LTD	DES VOEUX RD, CENTRAL	26.11.92	APCO : "	4,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
64.WINSURE CO LTD	NATHAN RD, MONG KOK	26.11.92	APCO : "	2,500	3RD	"
65.THE INCORPORATED OWNERS OF EASTWAY TOWERS	MAIN ST EAST, SHAU KEI WAN	27.11.92	NCO : FAILURE TO TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
66.GOLDEN MONGKOK RESTAURANT LTD	NATHAN RD, MONG KOK	3.12.92	NCO : "	8,000	4TH	NORTH KOWLOON
67.HONG KONG PAPER MILLS LTD	YING PUN, SHEUNG SHUI	8.12.92	WPCO : BEING THE OCCUPIER OF THE PREMISES FROM WHICH POLLUTING MATTER WAS DISCHARGED IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	20,000	2ND	FANLING

/68.ONELAND .....

68.ONELAND INVESTMENTS LTD	WHAMPOA ESTATE, HUNG HOM	8.12.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
69.TRADE BATTLE LTD	MAIN ST, AP LEI CHAU	16.12.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	7,500	1ST	WESTERN
70.LAI YIP DYEING FTY LTD	LAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	19.1.93	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	KWUN TONG

NOTE :

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

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID SECTION 17(1) OF THE NCO WAS APPLIED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO PROSECUTE A COMPANY FOR USING HAND-HELD PERCUSSIVE BREAKERS WITHOUT FITTING WITH NOISE EMISSION LABELS.

ACCORDING TO THE REGULATION, IT IS AN OFFENCE TO USE/CAUSE TO BE USED A HAND-HELD PERCUSSIVE BREAKER (HEAVIER THAN 10 KG) OR AN AIR COMPRESSOR (FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK) WITHOUT THE RESPECTIVE NOISE EMISSION LABEL ISSUED BY THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY.

IN CASE (16), THE DEFENDANT WAS FINED $2,000 FOR VIOLATING THE ABOVE REGULATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS:

APCO :		MR BENSON YEUNG	TEL 594 6200
NCO :		DR ANDREW KWAN	TEL 594 6500
WPCO :	CASE 10,14,19,20,21, 22,29,35,59,67	MR PATRICK LEI	TEL 685 1133
	CASE 12	MR MURRAY LUO	TEL 835 1184
	CASE 23	MR R C ROOTHAM	TEL 755 2200
	CASE 9,15,39,58	DR ELLEN CHAN	TEL 417 6133
WDO :		MR PATRICK LEI	TEL 685 1133
DASO :		MR EDDIE LUI	TEL 755 3553

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL ISSUES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S MEDIA RELATIONS SECTION.

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LEGCO MEETS TOMORROW
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, THE HON SZETO WAH, WILL MOVE A MOTION URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON 1994/95 ELECTIONS AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE HON JAMES TO KUN-SUN WILL RAISE ANOTHER MOTION ON THE SETTING UP OF AN INDEPENDENT BODY TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE. THE HON PEGGY LAM WILL PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO MR TO'S MOTION.

THE HON ELSIE TU WILL MOVE TWO OTHER MOTIONS UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE.

LEGISLATORS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 20 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER 16 BILLS AT THE MEETING.

THIRTEEN OF THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. DEBATES ON THEM ARE DUE TO BE ADJOURNED.

THESE BILLS INCLUDE: INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; ENTERTAINMENTS TAX (REPEAL) BILL 1993; STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; MOTOR VEHICLES (FIRST REGISTRATION TAX) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; ROAD TRAFFIC (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1993; CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL (PASSAGE TAX) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1993; INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1993; EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; SEWAGE TUNNELS (STATUTORY EASEMENT) BILL; AND COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1993.

DEBATES ON THE OTHER BILLS WILL BE RESUMED. THEY ARE DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THEY ARE: COMPUTER CRIMES BILL 1992; CRIMES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1992; AND PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE MARINE FISH (MARKETING) ORDINANCE WHILE THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS UNDER THE MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE AND THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ORDINANCE RESPECTIVELY.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL PRESENT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT 1992 AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT 1992.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE WILL PRESENT THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 1991/1992 AND THE REPORT ON THE SAMARITAN FUND AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS OF THE SAMARITAN FUND 1991/1992 WITH CERTIFICATE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SEATS IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY BY TELEPHONING 869 9492.

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YOUTH CHARTER AVAILABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES

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COPIES OF A COMMISSION ON YOUTH'S DOCUMENT THAT SETS OUT THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMISSION SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT ALL ARE WELCOME TO BECOME SUBSCRIBERS TO THE CHARTER FOR YOUTH.

THE CHARTER HAS BEEN TAILORED MADE TO SERVE AS A USEFUL REFERENCE FOR POLICY-MAKERS, YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN PROMOTING THE WELLBEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO TAKE THE LEAD TO BECOME A SUBSCRIBER, AND HE CALLED ON THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS IMPORTANT AND MEANINGFUL PROJECT TO FOLLOW SUIT.

"SOME 2,000 LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CHARTER. MANY HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN BECOMING SUBSCRIBERS," HE SAID.

SUBSCRIBING ORGANISATIONS, HE EXPLAINED, WOULD HAVE TO WORK WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUTIONS, POLICIES, PRIORITIES AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT AS BEST AS THEY CAN THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT.

"PERIODIC REVIEWS IN THE FORM OF CONFERENCES WOULD BE ORGANISED FOR SUBSCRIBING PARTIES TO PRESENT REPORTS ON HOW THEY REALISED THE CHARTER.

"THE FIRST SUCH CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN TWO YEARS' TIME," HE SAID.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO HOLD A SUBSCRIPTION CEREMONY THIS JULY TO FORMALLY LAUNCH AND PROMOTE THE CHARTER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS TO PUBLICITY, A POSTER, A TELEVISION SLIDE AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST ON RADIO HAVE BEEN PRODUCED.

THE CHARTER FOR YOUTH, WHICH AIMS TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY IN LIFE, COMPRISES THREE SECTIONS.

THEY ARE: THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT; THE RIGHTS OF YOUTH; AND THE LONG-TERM SOCIAL GOALS FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH ON 835 1929.

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DISTANT LEARNING WORTH PURSUING

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DISTANT LEARNING IS ALL WORTHWHILE FOR IT WILL ENHANCE THE STUDENTS' CAREERS AND GIVE THEM A GOOD DEAL OF PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION, MRS PATTEN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE VARIETY SHOW WHICH MARKED THE END OF A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON LIFE-LONG EDUCATION AND DISTANCE LEARNING, MRS PATTEN SAID THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLI) PROVIDED EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

SINCE THE INSTITUTE OPENED ITS DOORS IN OCTOBER 1989, THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS HAVE ENROLLED ON ITS COURSES.

"IT SHOWS HOW MUCH THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG VALUE CONTINUING EDUCATION AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT," SHE SAID.

THE OLI PROVIDES 41 COURSES FOR 17 DEGREE PROGRAMMES. BY OCTOBER 1995 IT PLANS TO MAKE AVAILABLE 68 COURSES FOR 29 DEGREE PROGRAMMES.

IN ADDITION, ITS NEWLY LAUNCHED CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION WILL PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF NON-DEGREE AND SHORT COURSES TO MEET PUBLIC DEMAND.

"THAT IS A REAL SUCCESS STORY," SHE SAID.

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION HAS RECENTLY SCRUTINISED THE FIRST 17 DEGREE PROGRAMMES PROVIDED BY OLI.

"THIS ACCREDITATION CONFIRMS THE QUALITY OF THE INSTITUTE'S PROGRAMMES AND GIVES STUDENTS THE ASSURANCE THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR WHICH THEY WORK SO HARD WILL BE RECOGNISED," MRS PATTEN SAID.

SHE SAID THE EVENING WAS A RARE OCCASION FOR STUDENTS TO COME TOGETHER AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND PROBLEMS AS DISTANCE LEARNING WAS AN ISOLATED ACTIVITY FOR INDIVIDUALS.

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CAR MARKS FOR AUCTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS ON SATURDAY (APRIL 24) AT 9.30 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 50 LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

FC2827	FD6823	FD8815	FC8839
FD788	FA238	FC6618	FB3228
*6223	*XX2	*FJ61	*FK1
FD889	FC322	AA286	FD277
FC3238	AT9899	FD3118	DR1960
AJ907	FD813	FC9992	FD7811
FD117	FA336	FD1213	AL1989
*AT98	*FJ800	*8288	*FJ3000
FD2833	FD8633	FD116	BC820
FB618	FC623	FC3886	FD8293
FD9022	FD726	*FG3311	FC8488
FD8025	FC9993	FD915	*FJ1717
FD3480	FD9965		

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK 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 BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES, WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 192ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN YAU MA TEI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, BATTERY STREET, SAIGON STREET AND CANTON ROAD.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS
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TENDER DATE	20 APR 93	20 APR 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q316	Y388
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK$3,040 MN	HK$1,750 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK$1,000 MN	HK$200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	2.90 PCT	3.32 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	2.91 PCT	3.34 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 89 PCT	ABOUT 90 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	2.93 PCT	3.38 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 26 APRIL 1993 -

TENDER DATE	27 APR 93	27 APR 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q317	H363
ISSUE DATE	28 APR 93	28 APR 93
MATURITY DATE	28 JUL 93	27 OCT 93
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK$1,000 + 200 MN	HK$400 + 80 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,370
REVERSAL OF LAF	-220
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-590
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,560

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 111.9 *-0.3* 20.4.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

TERMS	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.13 PCT
1 MONTH	2.97 PCT
3 MONTHS	2.88 PCT
6 MONTHS	3.04 PCT
12 MONTHS	3.28 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
13 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.34	3.30
16 MONTHS	2408	4.375	101.25	3.43
19 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.58	3.61
22 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.72	3.80

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 16,985MN

CLOSED 20 APRIL 1993

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