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GOVERNMENT STILL AWAITING RESPONSE FROM CHINA: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TONIGHT (TUESDAY) THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMED THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT THAT IT WELCOMED A MEETING OF EXPERTS FROM BOTH SIDES ON THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT AT CHEK LAP KOK, BUT THAT WE WERE STILL WAITING FOR A RESPONSE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING AN OMELCO DINNER WITH THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CAITHNESS, THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE RESPONSE WOULD BE POSITIVE.

"WHAT WE'VE DONE IS, WE'VE SAID TO THE CHINESE WE WOULD WELCOME A MEETING BETWEEN THEIR EXPERTS AND OURS, AND WE'VE SAID THAT WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO COME DOWN HERE WHERE THEY CAN ACTUALLY SEE ON THE GROUND WHAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THAT IS THE BEST WAY; YOU CAN ACTUALLY GO AND LOOK AT CHEK LAP KOK; YOU CAN LOOK AT LANTAU; YOU CAN SEE WHERE WE'RE PUTTING THE BRIDGE," HE SAID.

"WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO EXPLAIN TO EXPERTS FROM PEKING EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING; WHAT OUR PLANS ARE; RUN THROUGH IT WITH THEM.

"IF ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THEN OF COURSE WE CAN ANSWER THEM BECAUSE IT IS FAR BETTER TO COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT THE PLANS ARE RATHER THAN TO LOOK AT IT ON A PIECE OF PAPER," SIR DAVID SAID.

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MINISTER VISITS TSEUNG KWAN O AND NEW UNIVERSITY SITE

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CAITHNESS, TODAY (TUESDAY) HAD A PICTURESQUE VIEW OF THE EASTERN PART OF THE HARBOUR ON HIS WAY TO VISIT HONG KONG'S LATEST NEW TOWN IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

FROM A VANTAGE POSITION IN NORTH POINT, LORD CAITHNESS HAD A FULL VIEW OF TWO OF THE BUSIEST AREAS IN HONG KONG: KAI TAK AIRPORT WHICH HANDLES MORE THAN 15 MILLION PASSENGERS AND NEARLY 700,000 TONNES OF FREIGHT EACH YEAR; AND KWUN TONG, A BUSY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

TRAVELING ALONG THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, THE MINISTER WENT THROUGH HONG KONG'S SECOND CROSS-HARBOUR LINK, THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING (EHC) TO KOWLOON.

/THE SECRETARY

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THE SECRETARY OF WORKS, MR KENNETH KWOK, BRIEFED THE MINISTER ON THE EHC WHICH COST ABOUT \$3.4 BILLION AND WAS SO FAR THE LARGEST SINGLE TRANSPORT PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN HONG KONG.

THE MINISTER WAS TOLD THAT AN AVERAGE OF 34,000 VEHICLES USED THE TUNNEL DAILY AND THIS WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FURTHER WITH THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND THE KWUN TONG BY-PASS IN THE MIDDLE OF 1992.

AT A PAVILION OPPOSITE HONG SHING GARDENS AT THE FRINGE OF TSEUNG KWAN O, THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN, BRIEFED LORD CAITHNESS ON TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE NEW TOWN, WHICH CURRENTLY HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 75,000, WILL EVENTUALLY HOUSE 400,000 PEOPLE BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. PLANS FOR THE NEW TOWN INCLUDE NUMEROUS GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AS WELL AS THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

LATER THE MINISTER TOURED TSUI LAM ESTATE TO SEE THE FACILITIES AND LIFESTYLE OF A NEW TOWN ESTATE. HE WAS BRIEFED ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (HOUSING MANAGEMENT), MR NIGEL SHIPMAN.

LORD CAITHNESS ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS OF THE AREA WHOSE ANCESTORS COULD BE TRACED BACK TO PRE-1898 DAYS, WHEN HE VISITED YAU YUE WAN RESITE VILLAGE.

FROM TSEUNG KWAN O, THE MINISTER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, WENT TO THE SITE OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN CLEARWATER BAY, SAI KUNG.

LORD CAITHNESS WAS MET THERE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, AND TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE SITE WHERE CONSTRUCTION OF HONG KONG'S THIRD UNIVERSITY WAS WELL UNDERWAY.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT, COSTING AN ESTIMATED \$3.5 BILLION, IS FINANCED BY A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WITH THE GOVERNMENT MEETING THE BALANCE.

INITIAL INTAKE OF THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE 700 STUDENTS IN OCTOBER NEXT YEAR, INCREASING TO 7,000 BY 1996.

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EXCO ACCEPTS DISCIPLINED SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE TO IMPROVE THE PAY FOR THE RANK-AND-FILE OF ALL DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAD RECEIVED SUBMISSIONS ON PAY FROM THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES BETWEEN MARCH AND JULY THIS YEAR AND HAD AGREED TO A PROPOSAL BY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN TWO PHASES, WITH PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO THE RANK-AND-FILE.

"THE COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT ITS ADVICE ON THE PAY FOR OFFICER RANKS TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"IN REVIEWING THE PAY FOR THE RANK-AND-FILE, THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN ACCOUNT OF THE RAISING OF THE BENCHMARKS FOR CIVILIAN GRADES REQUIRING A FULL SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OR BELOW," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT TO ENSURE THAT THE STARTING PAY FOR CANDIDATES RECRUITED AT SIMILAR LEVELS REMAINED COMPETITIVE IN RELATION TO THE REST OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED INCREASES IN ENTRY PAY FOR THE RANK-AND-FILE, RANGING FROM \$470 TO \$680, REPRESENTING A SEVEN PER CENT TO 11.8 PER CENT INCREASE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT MOST SERVING OFFICERS IN THE ENTRY RANKS WOULD RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN PAY RANGING FROM \$245 TO \$680, OR FROM THREE PER CENT TO 11.5 PER CENT.

"THESE INCREASES WOULD BE BACKDATED TO OCTOBER 1, 1989, IN LINE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE NEW BENCHMARKS FOR CIVILIAN GRADES," HE SAID.

THE PROPOSED NEW PAY SCALES FOR THE RANKS AFFECTED, OTHER THAN THOSE IN THE POLICE, ARE AT ANNEXES A TO C.

IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN ENTRY PAY FOR THE RANK-AND-FILE, THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED, WITH EFFECT FROM A CURRENT DATE, THAT THE PAY FOR THE RANK-AND-FILE IN THE POLICE OR JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS SHOULD BE FURTHER INCREASED IN ORDER TO RECOGNISE THEIR HEAVIER AND WIDER RANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

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"HAVING EVALUATED THE WORK OF THE RANK-AND-FILE ACCORDING TO ALL THE RELEVANT JOB FACTORS, THE STANDING COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS SHOULD BE RANKED AHEAD OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE OTHER DISCIPLINED SERVICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"A JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER HAS A MUCH WIDER RANGE OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT DUTIES, WHICH HE OFTEN HAS TO CARRY OUT ALONE, AND WITHOUT GUIDANCE FROM A SUPERIOR OFFICER.

"THE DEMANDS PLACED UPON A JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER VARY GREATLY, AND ARE UNPREDICTABLE.

"IN ADDITION, A JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING ARMED, IS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC AND FREQUENTLY NEEDS TO EXERCISE DISCRETION IN A QUICK AND DECISIVE MANNER," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE INCREASE IN THE STARTING PAY FOR POLICE CONSTABLE WOULD RANGE FROM \$955 TO \$1,165, REPRESENTING A 13.9 PER CENT TO 18.4 PER CENT INCREASE, DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATIONS. THE INCREASE IN PAY FOR ALL SERVING JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS, INCLUDING SERGEANTS AND STATION SERGEANTS, WOULD RANGE FROM \$395 TO \$1,165, OR FROM 2.9 PER CENT TO 18.4 PER CENT.

THE NEW PAY SCALES RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS ARE AT ANNEX D.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN RECOMMENDING ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS IN PAY FOR JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS, THE STANDING COMMITTEE EMPHASISED THAT THIS DID NOT DETRACT IN ANYWAY FROM THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE OTHER DISCIPLINED SERVICES IN MAINTAINING THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF HONG KONG.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE GENERAL INCREASES IN ENTRY PAY IS \$73 MILLION A YEAR AND THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE ADDITIONAL PAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE POLICE IS \$121 MILLION A YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS WOULD NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

/ANNEX A

PROPOSED PAY SCALE FOR ENTRY RANKS IN
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, CUSTOMS & EXCISE AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS

PROPOSED PAY SCALE							
RANK	EXISTING PT	GDS (R) \$	RANK	GDS (R)		INCREASE	
				PT	\$	IN \$	%
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		(A)			(B)	(B)-(A)	
AOII/	18 @	10015	AOII/	15 @	10015	0	0.0
CO/	17 @	9730	CO/	14 @	9730	0	0.0
FN/AMBN	16	9440	FN/AMBN	13	9440	0	0.0
	15	9155		13	9440	285	3.1
	14	8870		12	9155	285	3.2
	13	8595		11	8880	285	3.3
	12	8320		10	8600	280	3.4
	11	8050		9	8325	275	3.4
	10	7775		8	8050	275	3.5
	9	7520		7	7775	255	3.4
	8	7175		6	7525	350	4.9
	7	6950		5	7215	265	3.8
	6	6735		4	7005	270	4.0
F.5 WITH 5Es	5	6520	F.5 WITH 5Es	4	7005	485	7.4
F.5 WITH 3Es	4	6325	F.5 WITH 3Es	3	6810	485	7.7
F.5	3	6120	F.5 & BELOW	2	6615	495	8.1
F.3 & BELOW	2	5935		2	6615	680	11.5
	1	5750		1	6430		

NOTE: PROPOSED PAY SCALE BASED ON THREE ENTRY POINTS.

LEGEND: GDS(R) - GENERAL DISCIPLINED SERVICES PAY SCALE (RANK AND FILE)

AOII - ASSISTANT OFFICERS II (CORRECTIONAL SERVICES)

CO - CUSTOMS OFFICER

FN - FIREMAN

AMBN - AMBULANCEMAN

F.5 - FORM 5

F.3 - FORM 3

@ - LONG SERVICE INCREMENT

ANNEX B
-----PROPOSED PAY SCALE FOR ENTRY RANK IN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

		PROPOSED PAY SCALE					
RANK	EXISTING PT	GDS (R) \$	RANK	GDS (R)		INCREASE	
				PT	\$	IN \$	%
		(A)			(B)	(B)-(A)	
IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT	17 @	9730	IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT	14 @	9730	0	0.0
	16 @	9440		13 @	9440	0	0.0
	15	9155		12	9155	0	0.0
	14	8870		12	9155	285	3.2
	13	8595		11	8880	285	3.3
	12	8320		10	8600	280	3.4
	11	8050		9	8325	275	3.4
	10	7775		8	8050	275	3.5
	9	7520		7	7775	255	3.4
	8	7175		6	7525	350	4.9
	7	6950		5	7215	265	3.8
	6	6735		4	7005	270	4.0
	5	6520		3	6810	290	4.4
F.5 WITH 5Es	4	6325	F.5 WITH 5Es	3	6810	485	7.7
F.5 WITH 3Es	3	6120	F.5 WITH 3Es	2	6615	495	8.1
F.5	2	5935	F.5 & BELOW	1	6430	495	8.3
F.3 & BELOW	1	5750		1	6430	680	11.8

NOTE: PROPOSED PAY SCALE BASED ON THREE ENTRY POINTS.

LEGEND: GDS(R) - GENERAL DISCIPLINED SERVICES PAY SCALE (RANK AND FILE)

F.5 - FORM 5

F.3 - FORM 3

@ - LONG SERVICE INCREMENT

/ANNEX C

PROPOSED PAY SCALE FOR ENTRY RANKS IN ICAC

PROPOSED PAY SCALE							
RANK	EXISTING PT	ICACSS \$	RANK	ICACSS		INCREASE	
				PT	\$	IN \$	IN %
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		(A)		(B)	(B)-(A)		
ACACO/	11	12220	ACACO/	10	12220	0	0.0
CACI (MAIN	10	11565	CACI (MAIN	10	12220	655	5.7
STREAM)	9	10910	STREAM)	9	11565	655	6.0
	8	10305		8	10910	605	5.9
	7	9710		7	10305	595	6.1
	6	9110		6	9710	600	6.6
	5	8515		5	9110	595	7.0
	4	7925		4	8475	550	6.9
	3	7325		3	7845	520	7.1
F.5 WITH 5Es	2	6735	F.5 WITH 5Es	2	7215	480	7.1
	1	6155		1	6675	520	8.4
CACI	6	9110	CACI	5	9110	0	0.0
(ATTENDANT)	5	8515	(ATTENDANT)	5	9110	595	7.0
	4	7925		4	8475	550	6.9
	3	7325		3	7845	520	7.1
F.5 WITH 5Es	2	6735	F.5 WITH 5Es	2	7215	480	7.1
	1	6155		1	6675	520	8.4

LEGEND:

ACACO: ASSISTANT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION OFFICER
 CACI: COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION INVESTIGATOR
 ICACSS: INDEPENDANT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION SALARY SCALE
 F.5: FORM 5

ANNEX D
-----PROPOSED PAY SCALE FOR JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS

EXISTING PPS		PROPOSED PAY SCALE					
RANK	PT	\$	RANK	PT	\$	INCREASE	
		(A)			(B)	(B)-(A)	%
STATION SERGEANT	30	15425	STATION SERGEANT	27	16130	705	4.6
	29	14965		26	15425	460	3.1
	28	14520		25	14965	445	3.1
	27	14090		24	14520	430	3.1
	26	13695		23	14090	395	2.9
	25	13355		22	13770	415	3.1
	24	13010		21	13420	410	3.2
	23	12660		20	13070	410	3.2
SERGEANT	22	12315	SERGEANT	19	12735	420	3.4
	21	11975		18	12390	415	3.5
	20	11630		17	12040	410	3.5
	19	11305		16	11705	400	3.5
	18	10975		15	11385	410	3.7
	17	10660		14	11060	400	3.8
	16	10350		13	10750	400	3.9
	15	10045		12	10445	400	4.0
CONSTABLE	16 @	10350	CONSTABLE	13 @	10750	400	3.9
	15 @	10045		12 @	10445	400	4.0
	14	9750		11	10185	435	4.5
	13	9460		11	10185	725	7.7
	12	9170		10	9850	680	7.4
	11	8885		9	9550	665	7.5
	10	8610		8	9265	655	7.6
	9	8340		7	8990	650	7.8
	8	8075		6	8720	645	8.0
	7	7820		5	8465	645	8.2
	6	7575		4	8215	640	8.4
	5	7220		3	7965	745	10.3
F.5 WITH 5Es	4	6990	F.5 WITH 5Es	3	7965	975	13.9
F.5 WITH 3Es	3	6760	F.5 WITH 3Es	2	7730	970	14.3
F.5	2	6545	F.5 & BELOW	1	7500	955	14.6
F.3 & BELOW	1	6335		1	7500	1165	18.4

NOTE: PROPOSED PAY SCALE BASED ON THREE ENTRY POINTS.

LEGEND: PPS - POLICE PAY SCALE
 F.5 - FORM 5
 F.3 - FORM 3
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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE ON STANDING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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COMMENTING ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY), THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED THAT THE STARTING SALARY FOR POLICE CONSTABLES WOULD BE INCREASED BY BETWEEN 13.9 PER CENT AND 18.4 PER CENT.

HE WAS ALSO GRATIFIED THAT THE SPECIAL POSITION AND THE COMPLEXITY OF THE WORK OF THE POLICE HAD BEEN RECOGNISED.

"ON THE WHOLE IT IS A GOOD RESULT FOR THE FORCE," HE ADDED.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DRAFT WHITE PAPER RELEASED

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A PACKAGE OF RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TERRITORY'S SOCIAL WELFARE AND ITS DIRECTION IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS IS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER, "SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND", THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID: "THE WORKING PARTY PROPOSES THAT FUTURE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON PRESERVING THE FAMILY AS A UNIT, AND PROVIDING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT RISK AND THE ELDERLY.

"THIS MEANS THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR THESE GROUPS."

OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT WHICH OUTLINES THE POLICIES AND DIRECTIONS ENVISAGED FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD THE WORKING PARTY WILL ASSESS PUBLIC REACTION AND RE-EXAMINE THE CONTENTS OF THE DRAFT BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO SEND THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING TO THE SPECIAL DUTIES UNIT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX 11113, G.P.O. HONG KONG.

MRS WONG EXPLAINED THAT THE ADVICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD BE SOUGHT AND THE DRAFT SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, BEFORE BEING TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND PUBLISHED AS A WHITE PAPER SETTING OUT GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES.

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IN OUTLINING THE MAIN POINTS CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER, MRS WONG SAID THE WORKING PARTY HAD INDICATED HOW THE VARIOUS SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE COMING DECADE AND BEYOND TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS AND RISING ASPIRATIONS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

"IT ADVOCATED A MORE FLEXIBLE AND IMAGINATIVE APPROACH TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

"IT ALSO ENVISAGED THAT SERVICES WOULD BENEFIT FROM A HIGHER DEGREE OF INTEGRATION BETWEEN SERVICE AREAS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO PROMOTE A RANGE OF DIFFERENT SERVICES FOR DIFFERENT TARGET GROUPS AT A SINGLE LOCATION BY THE MOST APPROPRIATE ORGANISATION.

"THIS COULD ALLOW FOR THE BETTER UTILISATION OF RESOURCES AND GREATER CONVENIENCE TO CLIENTS," SHE CONTINUED.

SHE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE WORKING PARTY HAD RECOGNISED THE NEED FOR GREATER CO-ORDINATION AMONG THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE FEASIBILITY OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY FACILITIES SHOULD BE FURTHER EXAMINED AND, IF VIABLE, DEVELOPED.

"THE WORKING PARTY ALSO ADVOCATES THE PROMOTION OF GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF WELFARE SERVICES THROUGH MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION," MRS WONG NOTED.

ON THE SUBJECT OF MANPOWER, MRS WONG SAID THE WORKING PARTY FELT THAT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES WAS DEPENDENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND FURTHER EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ADDRESS THE EXISTING AND ANTICIPATED MANPOWER SHORTAGE.

THE NEED TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS OF EXISTING STAFF WAS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED.

AS REGARDS SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY AND CHILD CARE, MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDED THAT THE HOME HELP SERVICE SHOULD EXPAND AS WELL AS SERVICES TO ASSIST THE INCREASING NUMBER OF SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES.

THE WORKING PARTY ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES SHOULD BE INCREASED AND MORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO FAMILIES IN SOCIAL NEED.

"FOSTER HOMES AND SMALL GROUP HOMES OUGHT TO BE DEVELOPED IN PREFERENCE TO INSTITUTIONS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL CARE.

"GREATER EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT," SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF YOUTH SERVICES, MRS WONG EXPLAINED THAT THE WORKING PARTY FULLY RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN SERVICES FOR THE YOUNG, AND FELT THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK AND OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK SERVICES SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND FURTHER DEVELOPED.

ON SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS, MRS WONG REMARKED: "THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER HIGHLIGHTS THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FUTURE IN THE NUMBER OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND PROPOSES TO EXPAND SUPPORT AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TO OVERCOME THE EXISTING SERVICE GAPS AND TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR THESE SERVICES AND TO ENHANCE THE CONCEPT OF INTEGRATION BETWEEN SERVICES AREAS."

AS REGARDS SOCIAL SECURITY, MRS WONG NOTED THAT THE WORKING PARTY HELD THE VIEW THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT IN THIS AREA SHOULD BE REAFFIRMED.

"THE PHILOSOPHY IS TO BASE SOCIAL SECURITY ON THE CONCEPT OF NEED RATHER THAN ENFORCED SAVING THROUGH A CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME. THE EXISTING SYSTEM SHOULD BE FURTHER DEVELOPED ON THE BASIS OF SPECIFIC NEEDS," SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, MRS WONG ADDED: "MANY OF THE PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED MADE REFERENCE TO CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUNDS.

"CONSIDERATION OF SUCH PROPOSALS FELL OUTSIDE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING PARTY BUT THE RELEVANT VIEWS AND COMMENTARIES HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE POLICY SECRETARY FOR REFERENCE AND EVALUATION."

SHE FURTHER ADDED THAT THE WORKING PARTY PROPOSED THAT THE PRESENT SUBVENTION SYSTEM BE IMPROVED AND SIMPLIFIED WHILE CONTINUING TO ENSURE VALUE FOR MONEY.

THE CHAIRMAN STRESSED THAT THROUGH THIS DRAFT WHITE PAPER, THE WORKING PARTY PROPOSED TO PRESERVE, STRENGTHEN, AND DEVELOP THE EXISTING SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM WITH A FUTURE FOCUS ON IDENTIFIED SERVICE GAPS AND ADOPTING GREATER INTEGRATION, FLEXIBILITY, INNOVATION AND RESOURCEFULNESS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

IN CONCLUSION, MRS WONG SAID: "WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, THE WORKING PARTY BELIEVES THAT THE SOUND FOUNDATION OF OUR SERVICES CAN BE DEVELOPED TO CATER FOR THE CHANGING PATTERNS OF SOCIETY AND TO MEET THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF OUR COMMUNITY INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND."

COPIES OF THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER ARE AVAILABLE AT SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S BRANCH OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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JULY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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IN JULY 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990, BUT DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1989, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN JULY 1990 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY. LITTLE CHANGE IN ORDERS WAS RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1989, THE ORDERS POSITION IN JULY 1990 DROPPED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY INCREASED OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN JULY 1990 INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990, BUT DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1989.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN JULY 1990 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, MAINLY DUE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHILE THAT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DECREASED SLIGHTLY.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1989, EMPLOYMENT IN JULY 1990 DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN JULY 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990. OVER THIS PERIOD OF COMPARISON, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, TEXTILES AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JULY 1990 IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS. INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN JULY 1990 INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990, BUT WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN JULY 1989. WHILE PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JULY 1990 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990, THEY SHOWED SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1989.

THE RELATIVELY SLOWER RATE OF INCREASE IN JULY 1990 OVER JULY 1989 THAN THE CORRESPONDING RATES RECORDED IN PREVIOUS MONTHS (FOR EXAMPLE RATE OF INCREASE IN JUNE 1990 OVER JUNE 1989) WAS PARTLY DUE TO SOME SPECIAL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS MADE IN JULY 1989 BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN JULY 1990 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990 AND JULY 1989. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JULY 1990 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990.

OVER THIS PERIOD OF COMPARISON, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DROPPED MODERATELY IN BANKS FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES IN JUNE BY SOME BANKS SURVEYED, WHILE PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN HOTELS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANIES DUE MAINLY TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES BY SOME HOTELS AND THE SALARY REVISION EFFECTED BY A NUMBER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANIES SURVEYED.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JULY 1990 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JULY 1990 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3222.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	AS AT THE END OF JULY 1990 (MONTHS)	ORDERS-ON-HAND	
		CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		JUNE 90	JULY 89
		(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.32	*	-1
WEARING APPAREL	4.62	*	-3
TEXTILES	2.22	-5	-12
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.74	-12	-16
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.19	*	-10
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.42	+1	+7
OTHERS	4.15	*	-1

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES -----	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF JULY 1990 ----- CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	JUNE 90 ----- (%)	JULY 89 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES -----	+1	-12
FOOD AND DRINKS	--	--
WEARING APPAREL	-2	-2
TEXTILES	*	-10
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-12
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-24
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	+3	-11
OTHERS	+2	-18
CONSTRUCTION # -----	+1	-3
SERVICES -----	+1	*
BANKS	--	--
HOTELS	+2	+3
PUBLIC UTILITIES	+1	-4
OTHERS	*	+2
	+1	+7

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN JULY 1990	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		JUNE 90	JULY 89
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5,835	*	+18
FOOD AND DRINKS	6,800	+5	+16
WEARING APPAREL	4,773	+1	+15
TEXTILES	5,485	+2	+14
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5,384	-2	+16
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,759	+2	+18
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,684	-1	+21
OTHERS	7,545	-2	+15
CONSTRUCTION #	8,168	-2	+9@
SERVICES	10,181	+3	+17
BANKS	9,422	-6	+14
HOTELS	7,503	+16	+13
PUBLIC UTILITIES	10,415	+13	+18
OTHERS	11,199	-3	+18

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

@ THIS RATE OF INCREASE WAS RELATIVELY LOWER THAN THE CORRESPONDING RATES RECORDED IN PREVIOUS MONTHS (FOR EXAMPLE RATE OF INCREASE IN JUNE 1990 OVER JUNE 1989). THIS WAS PARTLY DUE TO SOME SPECIAL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS MADE IN JULY 1989 BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3 :

UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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POSTMASTER GENERAL'S COMMENTS ON UNIONS' ACTION

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COMMENTING ON THE DECISION OF THE POSTAL WORKERS' UNIONS TO PUT UP POSTERS AT BRANCH POST OFFICES AS FROM TODAY (TUESDAY) IN PROTEST AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION FOR NOT RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO THEIR CLAIMS FOR IMPROVED PAY, CONDITIONED HOURS OF WORK AND PROMOTION PROSPECTS, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, SAID: "I HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED TO THE UNIONS THAT THE STANDING COMMISSION'S OVERALL REVIEW OF CIVIL SERVICE GRADES, INCLUDING THE POSTAL GRADES, TAKES TIME AND THAT THE REVIEW IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

"THE UNIONS CAN REST ASSURED THAT THEIR VIEWS WILL BE FULLY TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. THERE IS NO NEED TO SPECULATE WHAT MAY HAPPEN BUT TO WAIT PATIENTLY FOR THE RESULTS.

"PERSONALLY, I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO SEEK TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST THE HISTORICALLY MORE FAVOURABLE RELATIVITY OF THE POSTAL GRADES VIS-A-VIS OTHER COMPARABLE GRADES, FOR EXAMPLE CLERICAL GRADES. I HAVE ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE POSTMAN GRADE'S REQUEST FOR REDUCED HOURS OF WORK.

"BOTH THE STANDING COMMISSION AND THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH ARE FULLY AWARE OF MY VIEWS AND MY SUPPORT OF THE STAFF UNIONS' REQUESTS," HE SAID.

THE UNIONS ALSO CLAIMED THAT THEIR PROMOTION PROSPECTS COMPARED UNFAVOURABLY WITH OTHER GRADES. MR WONG SAID PAY SCALES AND PROMOTION PROSPECTS WERE SEPARATE MATTERS, AND THAT PROMOTION POSTS HAD TO BE JUSTIFIED ON FUNCTIONAL GROUNDS.

HE SAID THE PROMOTION PROSPECTS OF POSTAL GRADES IMPROVED IN THE LAST DECADE, AND IMPROVEMENTS WERE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT IN RECENT YEARS.

"I WILL CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF WORK WHERE PROMOTION POSTS CAN BE JUSTIFIED FUNCTIONALLY. THE STAFF UNIONS HAVE BEEN SO INFORMED," MR WONG SAID.

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FS TO ATTEND IMF CONFERENCE
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND CONFERENCE AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON D.C., USA FROM SEPTEMBER 25 TO 27.

DURING THIS VISIT, SIR PIERS WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL COMMUNITIES IN LONDON, WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK TO BRIEF THEM ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY.

HE WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 6.

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MEETING ON HAZARDS POSED BY PRIVATE CLUBS
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A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF HAZARDS POSED BY PRIVATE CLUBS, CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS MR PETER TSAO, WAS HELD THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

IT WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, POLICE, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY.

THE GROUP NOTED THAT THE HAZARDS POSED BY PRIVATE CLUBS BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO THOSE OF GUESTHOUSES, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY.

THE MEETING DISCUSSED WAYS AND MEANS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM CREATED BY THESE PREMISES AND CONSIDERED A NUMBER OF OPTIONS.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT, GIVEN THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IN DEALING WITH GUESTHOUSES, THE EXPERT GROUP CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN LICENSING OF GUESTHOUSES SHOULD BE INVITED TO EXAMINE THESE OPTIONS AND REPORT TO THE MAIN GROUP WHICH WILL MEET AGAIN SHORTLY.

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WORK ON LRT EXTENSIONS IN TUEN MUN AND TIN SHUI WAI STARTS

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WITH THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SYSTEM'S IN SHUI WAI EXTENSION IN LATE 1992, TIN SHUI WAI WILL BE A FULLY DEVELOPED NEW TOWN WITH A FUTURE POPULATION OF OVER 100,000, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT SERVICES), MR LUI HAU-TUEN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THE TIN SHUI WAI LINK WILL NOT ONLY ENABLE RESIDENTS TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF A MODERN AND CONVENIENT TRANSPORT SERVICE, BUT WILL ALSO INSPIRE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN ITSELF," MR LUI SAID AT THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY TO MARK THE START OF WORKS ON THE LRT EXTENSIONS IN TIN SHUI WAI AND TUEN MUN.

HE NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE THREE LRT EXTENSIONS IN TUEN MUN -- TUEN MUN FERRY PIER TO YAU OI, YAU OI TO SAM SHING AND TOWN CENTRE TO TUEN MUN NORTHEAST.

HE SAID TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG, NOW BEING SERVED BY LRT, WERE TWO RAPIDLY DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS WITH A COMBINED POPULATION OF MORE THAN 500,000.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT IN A FEW YEARS' TIME, THE POPULATION OF TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG WOULD APPROACH THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION.

MR LUI SAID THE PRESENCE OF THE LRT GENERATED DESTINATIONS AND OPENED UP LAND ALONG THE ROUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT.

THE SYSTEM, WHICH STARTED OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER 1988, NOW HAS 41 STOPS, MANY OF WHICH SERVING AREAS WITH GREAT POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

LINKING UP HOMES, SCHOOLS, WORKPLACES, SHOPPING CENTRES AND COMMUNAL FACILITIES, THE LRT HELPED CREATE A UNIFIED COMMUNITY, ALL MEMBERS OF WHICH HAD EASY ACCESS TO THE GROWING COMMUNITY FACILITIES WHICH ENHANCED THE QUALITY OF LIFE, OTHER THAN FINDING IT EASY AND QUICK TO GO TO WORK AND SCHOOLS. MR LUI 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 WERE FOUND GUILTY IN COURT OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

THE LEGISLATION IS ENFORCED BY THE EPD. SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE MONTHLY.

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AN EPD SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT MEASURED ITS SUCCESS IN TERMS OF POLLUTION PROBLEMS AVOIDED AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE ENVIRONMENT, NOT BY THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS.

"BUT INEVITABLY, THERE IS A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO, EVEN AFTER ADVICE AND WARNINGS, DO NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT SOME CASES, EVEN SIMPLE ONES, MAY TAKE A LONG TIME TO COME BEFORE THE COURT BECAUSE IT WAS OFTEN NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE AND LABORATORY ANALYSES.

ALL THESE COULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING AND AS A RESULT THERE WAS SOMETIMES A WIDE GAP BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST THIS YEAR:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1. BONDWOOD DEVELOPMENT LTD	LOCKHART RD, WAN CHAI	11.3.89- 31.10.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	CENTRAL
2. GOLDEN PEACH RESTAURANT LTD	DES VOEUX RD CENTRAL, CENTRAL	24.3.89- 28.3.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,000	1ST	WESTERN
3. HIGHLAND PALACE RESTAURANT LTD	QUEEN'S RD WEST, WESTERN	1.5.89- 15.7.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,000	2ND	WESTERN
4. MANTEX INTER- LINING FACTORY LTD	TA CHUEN PING ST, KWAI CHUNG	23.11.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
5. DENIS DRY- CLEANINGS LTD	WAH SING ST, KWAI CHUNG	28.12.89	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN

6. B I S TEXTILE CO (HK) LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	8.1.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
7. MONEY METAL DIE- CASTING FACTORY	TAI WAI, SHA TIN	10.1.90	APCO: USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN A FUEL RESTRICTION AREA	5,000	1ST	SHA TIN
8. FULLY DYEING FACTORY LTD	PUN SHAN ST, TSUEN WAN	17.1.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
9. FOOK SANG (FOOK KEE) LARD FACTORY	CADOGAN ST, WESTERN	17.1.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	1,000	1ST	WESTERN
10. TIN FUNG LAUNDRY	PING CHE, FANLING	22.1.90	APCO: USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN A FUEL RESTRICTION AREA	2,000	1ST	FANLING
11. MAYLIK HONTEX DYEING WORKS LTD	SHA TAU KOK RD, FANLING	22.1.90	APCO: USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN A FUEL RESTRICTION AREA	5,000	1ST	FANLING
12. DENIS DRY- CLEANINGS LTD	WAH SING ST, KWAI CHUNG	14.2.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,500	2ND	TSUEN WAN
13. SUNKI WASHING & DYEING FACTORY LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	1.3.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	2ND	KWUN TONG
14. SUN PING WEAVING & DYEING FACTORY LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	21.3.90	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	4,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN

15.YAT SUN DYEING & FINISHING WORKS LTD	SAN ON ST, TUEN MUN	4.4.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	1,500	2ND	TUEN MUN
16.WAN HIN & CO LTD	CHAI WAN RD, CHAI WAN	16.4.90	NCO: PERMIT CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT	3,000	1ST	CENTRAL
AND CHUNG KWAN- CHEONG (PERSON-IN- CHARGE)	"	"	NCO: CAUSE CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT	3,000	1ST	CENTRAL
17.CHUN YIP CONSTRUC- TION CO LTD	CONDUIT RD, MID-LEVELS	16.4.90	NCO: PERMIT CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT	5,000	1ST	WESTERN
AND CHENG WAI- ON (PERSON- IN-CHARGE)	"	"	NCO: CAUSE CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT	5,000	1ST	WESTERN
18.SZE LEE CHEUNG HING KEE	SAI ST, WESTERN	19.4.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	2ND	WESTERN
19.SUNLEY MIU'S ENG. & CONST. CO LTD	ON PO RD, TAI PO	8.5.90	NCO: CARRY OUT PERCUSSIVE PILING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF A PERMIT	2,000	1ST	SHA TIN
20.WONG HON-MO OF A BEAN CURD FACTORY	MUK MIU SHAN, SAI KUNG	16.5.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE POLLUTING TRADE EFFLUENT INTO A STREAM COURSE	2,000	1ST	KWUN TONG

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21.YIP SHING IRON WORKS DECORATION	SPRING GARDEN LANE, WAN CHAI	12.6.90	APCO: FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	5,000	2ND	CENTRAL
22.YIP SHING IRON WORKS DECORATION	"	20.6.90	APCO: FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	5,000	3RD	CENTRAL
23.DIAMOND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CO LTD	SILVER- STRAND, SAI KUNG	3.7.90	APCO: DISCHARGE SUBSTANDARD EFFLUENT FROM A DOMESTIC SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT	5,000	1ST	KWUN TONG

NOTE:

APCO: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE
 NCO: NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE
 WPCO: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE, A TOTAL OF 48 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACES AT NIGHT WITH FINES RANGING FROM \$150 TO \$500.

THE EPD SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN CASE 19, A PILING CONTRACTOR WAS FINED \$2,000 FOR CARRYING OUT PERCUSSIVE PILING WITHOUT USING AN ACOUSTIC SHROUD AS REQUIRED IN THE PERMIT.

THIS WAS THE FIRST CASE CONVICTED UNDER A SECTION IN NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE WHICH MAKES IT AN OFFENCE TO CARRY OUT PERCUSSIVE PILING EITHER WITHOUT A VALID CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT OR NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT. THIS SECTION BECAME EFFECTIVE IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

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STUDENTS INVITED TO JOIN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN ITS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY WESTERN OR CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT.

THE RECRUITMENT IS BASED ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

"STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING OR STUDYING IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD APPLY TO THE MUSIC CENTRES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING ON PLAYING WESTERN OR CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS THE VIOLIN, TRUMPET, FRENCH HORN, DIZI, PIPA AND YANGQIN," HE ADDED.

TRAINING SESSIONS OF ONE HOUR EACH WILL BE CONDUCTED WEEKLY AT THE MUSIC CENTRES.

MONTHLY TUITION FEES FOR TRAINEES AT THE ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE, AND HIGHER LEVELS ARE \$40, \$60 AND \$80 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO THE MUSIC CENTRES FOR HANDS AND MOUTH INSPECTION AND A SIMPLE AURAL TEST NEXT MONTH. THE FIRST TRAINING SESSION WILL START IN NOVEMBER.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 28.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 528 3257 OR 714 9255.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON EAST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON EAST WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY BROADCAST DRIVE, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, FUNG MO STREET, WANG TAU HOM, WANG TAU HOM ESTATE, WANG TAU HOM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, LOK FU ESTATE, HONG KONG BUDDHIST HOSPITAL, KOWLOON CITY, KOWLOON WALLED CITY, SAI TAU VILLAGE, CARPENTER ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, ARGYLE STREET, OLYMPIC AVENUE, TAM KUNG ROAD, MA TAU WAI, MA TAU WAI ESTATE, CHUN SEEN MEI CHUEN, FARM ROAD, TIN KWONG ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY STATION IN KOWLOON TONG, WATERLOO ROAD, BEACON HILL ROAD, EDE ROAD, BAPTIST COLLEGE AND EVANGEL HOSPITAL.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1990

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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 (SEPTEMBER 22) 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 :

EJ6388	EL223	EM1	EK9238
CB1931	AA1737	EK817	EE2002
EK200	EJ819	EJ1386	AA194
BB3501	2212	EK9388	EK4228
AG13	BB3522	EE22	DD1000
EJ7008	EJ877	EJ6889	AZ486
EC323	AB123	EJ911	EJ5152
HK1830	CA1958	HK1980	AR164
AK1494	EJ448	BD897	EK1946
EK299	EK889	BW3388	EJ3813

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 155TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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