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GREAT HOPE IN HK THAT NATIONALITY BILL WILL PASS: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THERE IS A GREAT HOPE IN HONG KONG THAT THE NATIONALITY BILL WILL PASS THE SECOND READING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TONIGHT AND THAT IT WILL GET THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHING MUN TUNNELS THIS AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID SAID THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WOULD BE HOPING THAT THE BILL WOULD BE PASSED SUCCESSFULLY AND IT WOULD ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVE OF KEEPING IN HONG KONG A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF KEY PEOPLE.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A CRITICISM OF THE BILL FOR BEING AN ELITE MEASURE, SIR DAVID SAID: "IT HAS TO BE SELECTIVE IF IT IS ONLY 50,000 HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS. BUT THE IMPORTANT POINT IS IF YOU KEEP IN HONG KONG, LET'S SAY 50,000 KEY PEOPLE, THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY. THAT IN TURN EFFECTS THE LIVELIHOOD OF EVERYBODY IN HONG KONG WHEREAS IF THOSE KEY 50,000 PEOPLE LEFT HONG KONG, THEN EVERYBODY WOULD BE AFFECTED.

"SO EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER IN HONG KONG WHO CANNOT HOPE THEMSELVES TO BE COVERED BY THE BILL I AM SURE THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THEM NEVERTHELESS HOPE THAT THE BILL WILL BE PASSED AND THAT OTHER PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WILL BENEFIT FROM IT."

ASKED WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT ON HONG KONG IF THE BILL DOES NOT PASS IN THE PARLIAMENT, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT THE PEOPLE HERE WOULD BE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED AND DISILLUSIONED IF IT FAILED TO PASS.

"I HOPE THAT IT WILL PASS. IT IS OF COURSE TONIGHT, I THINK PEOPLE IN HONG KONG REALISE, IT'S ONLY THE SECOND READING. IT IS NOT THE COMPLETE BILL. IT THEN HAS TO GO TO A FAIRLY LENGTHY COMMITTEE STAGE," HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CHINESE SUSPICION ABOUT THE MOTIVES OF THE BILL.

"I HOPE OVER TIME WE WILL BE ABLE TO PERSUADE THE CHINESE THAT THE REAL OBJECTIVE OF THE BILL IS TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS PROSPEROUS, THAT IT REMAINS STABLE AND THIS IS NOT SIMPLY UP TO 1997 UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION BUT BEYOND 1997 BECAUSE WE HAVE VERY REAL RESPONSIBILITY TO LAUNCH THE HONG KONG SAR SUCCESSFULLY IN 1997. THAT IS WHAT WE INTEND TO DO OUR VERY UTMOST TO ACHIEVE," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR OPENS TUNNEL LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) DECLARED OPEN THE SHING MUN TUNNELS - THE FASTEST ROUTE BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN.

ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SIR DAVID DROVE THROUGH THE NEW ROAD, WHICH WILL CUT THE JOURNEY TIME BETWEEN THE TWO NEW TOWNS FROM 45 MINUTES TO 10 MINUTES.

THE TWIN-TUBE TUNNELS FORM PART OF ROUTE 5 LINKING TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN AND WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, PROVIDING YET ANOTHER ROAD FACILITY FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR KWEI SEE-KAN, SAID THAT THE TUNNELS, CONNECTED BY APPROACH ROADS AT THE SHA TIN END TO TAI PO ROAD, AND AT THE TSUEN WAN END TO THE TSUEN KAM INTERCHANGE, SHOULD PROVIDE SOME MEASURE OF RELIEF TO THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION PRESENTLY EXPERIENCED ALONG THE TAI PO ROAD AND AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

HE SAID, BOTH THE TUNNELS AND APPROACH ROADS WERE EXPRESSWAYS AND ALLOWANCES HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO IN THEIR DESIGNS FOR TRAFFIC GROWTH IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 5 WAS THE RESULT OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES CARRIED OUT IN 1980S ON A HIGH SPEED ROUTE TO LINK SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN.

THE PRESENT TUNNEL ALIGNMENT WAS SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF ALL TRAFFIC REQUIREMENTS AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE BEAUTY OF THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY PARKS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROUTE STARTED IN APRIL 1986 AND WAS COMPLETED AT A COST OF \$1.3 BILLION, HE SAID.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR SIU KWING-CHUE, AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR CHOW CHE-KING.

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SHING MUN TUNNELS LEAFLET PUBLISHED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A LEAFLET ON THE SHING MUN TUNNELS TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW FACILITY TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT CONTAINS INFORMATION ON ROUTEINGS, TOLL, AND TUNNEL PERMIT AND VEHICLE REMOVAL FEES OF THE NEW TUNNELS, WITH DETAILED ROUTE MAPS OF BOTH THE SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

THE BUS SERVICES INTRODUCED BY KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY SERVING THE NEW TUNNELS ARE ALSO LISTED.

COPIES OF THE BILINGUAL LEAFLET ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES.

COPIES HAVE ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO MOTORISTS USING THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

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BRINGING IN SKILLED PEOPLE TO DEAL WITH 'BRAIN DRAIN': CS

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ONE OF THE WAYS IN WHICH THE "BRAIN DRAIN" PROBLEM IS BEING DEALT WITH IN HONG KONG IS TO BRING IN SKILLED PEOPLE FROM ABROAD TO FILL THE GAPS LEFT BY THOSE WHO HAVE EMIGRATED, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID IN TOKYO TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING THE JAPAN/HONG KONG SOCIETY, SIR DAVID SAID MANY HONG KONG EMPLOYERS WERE NOW DOING THIS AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS FLEXIBLY.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT A QUARTER OF THE 42,000 PEOPLE WHO EMIGRATED FROM HONG KONG LAST YEAR WERE PEOPLE IN THE PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL CATEGORY.

"THIS BRAIN DRAIN IS A DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR HONG KONG SINCE: FIRSTLY, PEOPLE ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE; SECONDLY, THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO UNEMPLOYMENT; AND THIRDLY, THE LOSS OF TRAINED HUMAN RESOURCES, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSTANT AND WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY, PUTS HONG KONG IN AN UNFAVOURABLE LIGHT AND EFFECTS THE CONFIDENCE PLACED IN HONG KONG BY PEOPLE BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD," SIR DAVID SAID.

"BUT WE CANNOT STOP PEOPLE LEAVING. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT, AND THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS NOT ONLY EXISTS NOW BUT IS ALSO GUARANTEED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

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"WE HAVE FACED SOME VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS AND HAVE ALWAYS MANAGED TO PULL THROUGH AND EMERGE THE STRONGER FOR IT," HE SAID.

"WE ARE ALSO EXPANDING EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO INCREASE THE OUTPUT OF LOCAL TALENT," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID ANOTHER WAY OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM WAS TO MAKE IT UNNECESSARY FOR PEOPLE TO LEAVE.

WITH THIS IN MIND, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD ANNOUNCED PLANS TO GRANT BRITISH CITIZENSHIP, WITH THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, TO 50,000 HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITHOUT THEIR HAVING TO LEAVE HONG KONG AND SETTLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME.

"THIS SHOULD HELP RETAIN IN HONG KONG THOSE WHO ARE MOST LIKELY TO WANT, AND BE ABLE, TO EMIGRATE.

"THIS PACKAGE OF 50,000 KEY PEOPLE REPRESENTS THREE TO FOUR YEARS EMIGRATION OF KEY PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE GO TO OTHER PLACES," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID DISAGREED WITH THE SAYING THAT THE SCHEME WAS DIVISIVE, NOTING THAT THERE WERE ALREADY DIVISIONS IN THE COMMUNITY BETWEEN THE FEW WHO HAD THE ABILITY TO EMIGRATE AND THE MANY WHO DID NOT.

"THIS SCHEME SIMPLY ENABLES SOME OF THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE LEFT ANYWAY TO STAY IN HONG KONG AND THERE IS A GROWING FEELING AMONGST MANY WHO CANNOT LEAVE THAT ANY MEASURE WHICH HELPS STABILISE HONG KONG'S FUTURE MUST BE GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE," HE SAID.

"BUT OUR OVERALL, AND LONG TERM, STRATEGY IS TO SEEK TO MAKE HONG KONG A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WILL WANT TO STAY," SIR DAVID STRESSED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS MINDFUL OF THE NEED TO KEEP HONG KONG AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE FOR FOREIGN FIRMS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN THE TERRITORY.

"TO THIS END, WE ARE GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO LENGTHENING EMPLOYMENT VISAS SO AS TO REDUCE THE INCONVENIENCE OF RENEWALS," HE SAID.

"WE ALSO RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION FOR THE FAMILIES OF FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN AND ARE HAPPY TO GRANT FREE LAND FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS, AND I WOULD COMPLIMENT THE JAPANESE COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG ON THE EXAMPLE THEY HAVE SET FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THIS FIELD," HE ADDED.

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SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY HIMSELF HAD RECENTLY BEEN FORMED FOR WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS AMONG FOREIGN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ON HOW TO MAKE HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.

TURNING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRPORT AT CHAP LAP KOK, SIR DAVID SAID THERE HAD BEEN A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM JAPANESE FIRMS.

"WE WELCOME THESE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST, JUST AS WE WELCOME THE STRONG JAPANESE COMMERCIAL PRESENCE ALREADY IN HONG KONG.

"ONE OF HONG KONG'S TRADITIONAL STRENGTHS HAS BEEN ITS ABILITY TO ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, AND THAT MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS FEEL CONFIDENT IN DOING BUSINESS IN OUR IMPARTIAL, AND UNFETTERED ENVIRONMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF JAPANESE AND OTHER FOREIGN BUSINESSES IN HONG KONG REMAINED ENORMOUSLY IMPORTANT FOR US, HE ADDED.

ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER HONG KONG COULD AFFORD SUCH AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG CAN UNDERTAKE THESE PROJECTS WITHIN ITS OWN RESOURCES AND STILL LEAVE THE NEW SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT IN A STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION IN 1997.

"INDEED, NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE IN THAT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG WOULD BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED WITHOUT IT," HE STRESSED.

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AG SPEAKS ON COMMERCE AND THE LAW IN HK

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THE CERTAINTY OF HONG KONG LAW HAS CREATED A SOLID AND RELIABLE BASE FOR THE ENERGY, INVENTIVENESS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DRIVE OF ITS PEOPLE TO BUILD ON AND FLOURISH, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, ON THE COMMERCE AND THE LAW IN HONG KONG, MR MATHEWS SAID TRADE HAD ALWAYS BEEN VITAL TO HONG KONG AND THOSE TRADING THERE COULD RELY ON THE LEGAL SYSTEM TO ENFORCE OBLIGATIONS AND DETERMINE LIABILITIES.

HE SAID THE COMMERCIAL LAW OF HONG KONG WAS AN AMALGAM OF THE COMMON LAW, LOCAL LEGISLATION AND UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION WHICH HAD BEEN APPLIED TO HONG KONG. THERE WERE ALSO A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AFFECTING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WHICH WERE OPERATIVE IN HONG KONG.

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"BECAUSE HONG KONG IS A COMMON LAW JURISDICTION, OUR COURTS ARE ABLE TO EXAMINE THE JUDGMENTS OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS IN LIKE JURISDICTIONS, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND, TO ASSIST THEIR DECISION MAKING.

"THIS MEANS THAT OUR LAW CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN LINE WITH ADVANCES MADE ELSEWHERE IN THE COMMON LAW WORLD," MR MATHEWS SAID.

HE SAID THE COMMON LAW HAD, OVER MANY YEARS, DEVELOPED A SOLID BODY OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS AND MUCH OF THIS HAD FOUND ITS WAY TO HONG KONG.

SOME OF THESE PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN CODIFIED, AND IN SOME CASES EXTENDED, BY STATUTES.

ON THE CHANGE OF LAW IN LINE WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRES, MR MATHEWS SAID HONG KONG NOW REQUIRED MORE OPENNESS IN COMPANY MANAGEMENT.

"OUR COMPANIES ORDINANCE HAS BEEN AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS WITH THE COMPANY, WHILST THE MAKING OF LOANS TO DIRECTORS IS PROHIBITED," HE SAID.

MR MATHEWS SAID WHILE THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR IN HONG KONG WAS LARGELY GIVEN A FREE HAND, SELECTIVE LEGISLATION HAD BEEN ENACTED TO IMPOSE PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION OVER AREAS SUCH AS THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY, BANKING AND INSURANCE.

MR MATHEWS SAID ONE ASPECT OF THE COMMON LAW RELATING TO COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT WAS WORTH MENTIONING WAS ABOUT EXCLUSION CLAUSES.

"HISTORICALLY, THE CONTROL OF EXEMPTION CLAUSES HAS BEEN LEFT TO THE COMMON LAW, AND THE COURTS OF HONG KONG HAVE ADOPTED AN INCREASINGLY HOSTILE STANCE TO THE USE OF SUCH CLAUSES, ESPECIALLY IN CONSUMER CONTRACTS," HE EXPLAINED.

HE SAID EXEMPTION CLAUSES WERE SOON TO BECOME THE SUBJECT OF DETAILED STATUTORY REGULATION UNDER THE CONTROL OF EXEMPTION CLAUSES ORDINANCE WHICH WAS DUE TO COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

TURNING TO ANOTHER SOURCE OF COMMERCIAL LAW IN HONG KONG, MR MATHEWS SAID A LARGE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AFFECTING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS HAD BEEN APPLIED TO HONG KONG.

"CURRENTLY, INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CAN ONLY APPLY TO HONG KONG WITH THE CONSENT AND AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. FROM JULY 1, 1997, THE CONSENT AND AUTHORITY OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL BE REQUIRED.

"IN THE RUN-UP TO 1997, EXTENSIVE WORK IS BEING DONE BY THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP TO ENSURE THAT THOSE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WHICH ALREADY APPLY TO HONG KONG SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE FUTURE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION," MR MATHEWS SAID.

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MR MATHEWS SAID HONG KONG HAD BEEN FACING A CHALLENGE TO BALANCE THE NEED FOR COMMERCIAL FREEDOM, THE ESSENCE OF A SUCCESSFUL CAPITALIST ECONOMY, WITH THE NEED BOTH TO ENSURE AN ORDERLY MARKET PLACE AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY CONSUMERS, FROM INCOMPETENT OR UNSCRUPULOUS BUSINESS BEHAVIOUR.

HE BELIEVED THAT HONG KONG HAD BEEN REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THAT BALANCE.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY OUTLINES PADS

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MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE WE ANNOUNCED THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE NEW AIRPORT AND PORT RELATED PROJECTS LAST OCTOBER. SINCE THEN WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, WITH MYSELF AS CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE LAUNCHED A SEARCH FOR THE EVENTUAL AUTHORITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, WE HAVE COMMENCED ADDITIONAL SITE INVESTIGATION WORK AT CHEK LAP KOK, WE HAVE APPOINTED DESIGN REVIEW CONSULTANCIES FOR THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING AND THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY AND A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY, AND MOST RECENTLY, AS YOU WILL HAVE SEEN, WE HAVE APPOINTED BECHTEL AS THE PROJECT MANAGER. MY PURPOSE IN INVITING YOU ALONG TODAY IS TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND TO SET OUT SOME OF THE MILESTONES TO WATCH FOR AS THIS COMPLEX PROJECT GATHERS MOMENTUM.

BUT FIRST BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, I WOULD LIKE TO RECAP THE REASONS WHY WE HAVE EMBARKED ON THIS MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECT AND WHY WE BELIEVE IT TO BE ESSENTIAL TO OUR CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

IT IS CLEAR FROM THE VARIOUS DETAILED STUDIES WE HAVE CONDUCTED THAT KAI TAK WILL BE SATURATED BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS DECADE. IF WE FAIL TO PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR OUR INCREASING AIR TRAFFIC, WE WILL INCUR SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC DISBENEFITS. WHAT THIS MEANS IN LAYMAN'S TERMS IS THAT BUSINESS WILL BE DIVERTED ELSEWHERE, JOBS WILL BE LOST AND, AS A RESULT, THE INCOME FOR OUR WORKFORCE WILL NOT GROW AS IT SHOULD. ACCORDING TO OUR CONSULTANTS' ESTIMATES, IF WE DO NOT BUILD THE AIRPORT, THESE DISBENEFITS WOULD AMOUNT TO OVER HK\$100 BILLION BETWEEN 1996 AND 2010. THERE ARE THUS COMPELLING ECONOMIC REASONS FOR PROCEEDING WITH CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THEY ARE VITAL TO ENSURING THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF HONG KONG AS A REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR TRADE AND FINANCE WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

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TO MEET THE TIGHT TIME-TABLE WE HAVE SET OURSELVES FOR THE AIRPORT, THAT IS HAVING THE FIRST RUNWAY OPERATIONAL BY EARLY 1997, FIRM CO-ORDINATION WILL BE ESSENTIAL. HENCE OUR APPOINTMENT LAST WEEK OF BECHTEL AS THE PROJECT MANAGER. THEY WILL HAVE A CRUCIAL ROLE TO PLAY BECAUSE THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE HINGES ON A HIGH DEGREE OF CO-ORDINATION. LET ME EXPLAIN. THE NEW AIRPORT IS HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON THE TIMELY COMPLETION OF THE FIXED CROSSING, ROAD AND RAIL LINKS AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE. THESE PROJECTS ARE INDIVIDUALLY LARGE AND COMPLEX. THEY PRESENT CHALLENGING PROBLEMS WITHIN THEMSELVES AS WELL AS INTERFACE WITH EACH OTHER. BECHTEL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLOSE CO-ORDINATION REQUIRED BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS WORKING FOR BOTH, AND THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY.

AT THIS POINT, I THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF I DEFINE TWO TERMS USED IN MOVING THE PLANS FORWARD, AS I NOTE THERE IS ALREADY SOME CONFUSION BETWEEN THEM. I REFER TO THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN STUDY.

THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IS A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE PLANNING, FEASIBILITY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALL AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS INDICATING THE INTERDEPENDENCIES BETWEEN THEM.

THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN STUDY IS A QUITE SEPARATE CONSULTANCY WHICH WILL COVER THE PREPARATION OF THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN, DETAILED CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK FOR THE RECLAMATION AND SURROUNDING SEA WALL AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY. THIS STUDY WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS UPON WHICH WE WILL INVITE BIDS FOR CONTRACTORS IN DUE COURSE. SELECTION AMONG THE SHORT-LISTED CONSORTIA CONTESTING FOR THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN STUDY CONSULTANCY IS ALREADY AT AN ADVANCED STAGE. OUR INTENTION IS TO HAVE THE SUCCESSFUL CONSULTANT APPOINTED AND WORKING BY JUNE THIS YEAR. THE CONSULTANCY IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 16 MONTHS.

MEANWHILE, WE PLAN TO LET A CONTRACT LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY 1991 FOR THE PREPARATION OF A WORKS AREA AT CHEK LAP KOK. THE SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT WILL PROVIDE 20 TO 30 HECTARES OF FORMED LAND AS WELL AS BASIC FACILITIES SO THAT THE MAIN SITE FORMATION CONTRACTOR FOR THE AIRPORT WILL BE ABLE RAPIDLY TO MOBILISE HIS PLANT AND LABOUR TO COMMENCE WORK WHEN THIS CONTRACT IS LET IN EARLY 1992.

THE MAJOR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS HAVE ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST FROM POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. CHIEF AMONGST THEM IS THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING. I USE THIS TERM BECAUSE EITHER A BRIDGE OR A TUNNEL APPEARS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE. A BID PACKAGE WILL BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR INVITING PRIVATE SECTOR PROPOSALS TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE CROSSING UNDER A FRANCHISE ARRANGEMENT. THIS PACKAGE IS CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED AND BIDS WILL BE INVITED BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

/IN JANUARY, .....

IN JANUARY, WE APPOINTED CONSULTANTS TO CARRY OUT A DESIGN REVIEW FOR THE FIXED CROSSING AS WELL AS THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY. IN MARCH, SEPARATE CONSULTANTS WERE APPOINTED TO CARRY OUT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY TO DEFINE THE ALIGNMENT, ADVISE ON STATION LOCATIONS, CAPACITY AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS. THE MTRC IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS STUDY. A FINANCIAL STUDY WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY TO EXAMINE THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE PROJECT AND THE METHOD OF FUNDING.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE AFFORDABILITY OF THESE PROJECTS. THEY SEEM TO STEM FROM THE MISCONCEPTION THAT GOVERNMENT WILL PAY FOR THE LOT. LET ME PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE.

FIRST, THE PADS PROJECT, LIKE OTHER LARGE PROJECTS WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED BEFORE, SUCH AS THE NEW TOWNS AND THE MTRC, BREAKS DOWN INTO SEVERAL SMALLER PROJECTS. A ROUGH BREAKDOWN OF THE MAJOR COMPONENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

* EXPANSION OF PORT FACILITIES	\$50 BILLION
* CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT	\$35 BILLION
* MAJOR AIRPORT RELATED LINKS	\$18 BILLION
* ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND SUPPORTING URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$20 BILLION
* ASSOCIATED UTILITIES PROVISION	\$ 4 BILLION.

SECONDLY, SEVERAL PROJECTS WILL BE FUNDED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THESE INCLUDE ALL THE PORT FACILITIES -- LIKE ALL OUR EXISTING PORT FACILITIES THEY WILL BE PRIVATELY BUILT AND OPERATED -- THE FIXED CROSSING, SOME OF THE TERMINAL FACILITIES AND SO ON. AT PRESENT, AND ON THE BASIS OF THE FIGURES I HAVE JUST GIVEN, WE COULD, OF COURSE BUILD THE AIRPORT ITSELF FROM OUR ACCUMULATED FISCAL RESERVES. WHETHER WE CHOOSE TO DO SO IS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT MATTER. AS IN THE PAST WE WILL EXAMINE A RANGE OF FINANCING OPTIONS AND SELECT THAT WHICH IS MOST PRUDENT AND ADVANTAGEOUS TO HONG KONG. IN ORDER TO HELP US IN THIS TASK WE WILL SHORTLY APPOINT AN OVERALL FINANCIAL CONSULTANT.

THIRDLY, CONSTRUCTION AND THEREFORE EXPENDITURE WILL BE INCREMENTAL. THE CONTAINER TERMINALS WILL BE TRIGGERED BY DEMAND AS THEY ARE AT PRESENT. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT CONTRACTS FOR THE WHOLE WILL SPAN APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS, WITH THE PEAK YEAR FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN 1993.

THE EXTENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT HAS ALL ALONG BEEN AN ISSUE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST. SIX MONTHS FROM OUR ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT DATE, OUR ESTIMATE THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD FIND IT ATTRACTIVE TO TAKE PART IN 40 TO 60 PER CENT OF THE PROJECT HAS NOT CHANGED. INDEED, WE HAVE BEEN ENORMOUSLY ENCOURAGED BY THE MORE THAN 700 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WE HAVE RECEIVED. MANY OF THE FIRMS INVOLVED ARE BIG MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES, AND MY RECENT TRIP TO THE UNITED KINGDOM CONFIRMS MY OPTIMISM. FAR FROM OUR HAVING TO "SELL" THE PROJECT, THE WORLD IS QUEUING UP TO TAKE PART.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE AT MARINE DEPT  
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THE FORMATION OF HONG KONG'S OWN SHIPPING REGISTER TOOK A MAJOR STEP FORWARD TODAY (THURSDAY) WITH THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR ITS INFORMATION SYSTEM.

THE CONTRACT, AWARDED TO EDPS SYSTEMS LTD, IS FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SOFTWARE INCLUDING ALL RELATED SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SHIPPING REGISTRY INFORMATION SYSTEM.

THE CONTRACT IS WORTH \$935,000 PLUS SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AFTER THE 12-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD.

SIGNING THE CONTRACT WITH THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR MICHAEL C.C. SZE, SAID THE CONTRACT SIGNING WAS INDICATIVE OF THE GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE TOWARDS MEETING THE TARGET DATE FOR THE OPENING OF THE REGISTER BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

"THE ACTUAL PROCESS OF SHIP REGISTRATION WAS COMPLEX," SAID MR SZE, "SO COMPLETION OF FORMS, ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES AND OTHER FORMALITIES COULD BE TIME CONSUMING AND LABOUR INTENSIVE FOR ALL CONCERNED."

"THE COMPUTER PROGRAMME, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL PROCEDURES, WOULD SPEED UP THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND SO BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE FOR GOVERNMENT AND THE USER AS WELL AS ENHANCING THE SECURITY OF DATA," MR SZE SAID.

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MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR IN 1989  
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR WAS VALUED AT \$234,196 MILLION IN 1989, 12 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN 1988, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE IN 1989 RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN 1989, THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT AND 24 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER 1988. THEIR SHARES IN TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS WERE 29 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, AS COMPARED TO THE CORRESPONDING SHARES OF 28 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT IN 1988.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 307,279 TONNES, WHILE TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AMOUNTED TO 422,741 TONNES, WHICH WERE 7 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THOSE IN 1988.

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

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INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS IN 1989 OVER 1988, PARTICULARLY TAIWAN (+44 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE NETHERLANDS, SINGAPORE AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE USA, THE LARGEST MARKET, INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1,612 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$901 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$751 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$568 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$90 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (BY \$78 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT); AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$47 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT). AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

FURTHER ANALYSIS OF COMMODITY BY COUNTRY SHOWED INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE USA (BY \$632 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT) AND TO JAPAN (BY \$541 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$263 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT) AND TO TAIWAN (BY \$252 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO TAIWAN (BY \$171 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT TO THE USA (BY \$179 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO SINGAPORE (BY \$45 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT) AND TO THE USA (BY \$38 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR TO THE USA (BY \$76 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF TO JAPAN (BY \$26 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 3.

IMPORTS CARRIED BY AIR FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE IN 1989 OVER 1988. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM ITALY (+37 PER CENT), THE USA (+19 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+16 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+11 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (+9 PER CENT). AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, THE LARGEST SUPPLIER, ALSO INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$1,485 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT); TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$1,261 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,163 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$1,129 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$350 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$89 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT) AND PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS (BY \$81 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 4.

ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES FROM BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (BY \$537 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND FROM INDIA (BY \$465 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT); TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES FROM THE USA (BY \$1,289 MILLION OR 128 PER CENT) AND FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$32 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM THE USA (BY \$846 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING FROM ITALY (BY \$507 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS FROM CHINA (BY \$167 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT) AND FROM DENMARK (BY \$120 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT); INORGANIC CHEMICALS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$117 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AND PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$29 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE DEPICTED IN TABLE 5.

HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE IN 1989 OVER 1988. THE GROWTH WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG FOR THAILAND (+145 PER CENT), JAPAN (+41 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+40 PER CENT), BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (+38 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+35 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+25 PER CENT) AND THE USA (+20 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET, ALSO INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$2,635 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$2,000 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1,659 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,240 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$107 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT); CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$95 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT) AND ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS (BY \$29 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT). AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 6.

ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE USA (BY \$1,333 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AND TO JAPAN (BY \$412 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES TO THAILAND (BY \$599 MILLION OR 177 PER CENT) AND TO THE USA (BY \$486 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO JAPAN (BY \$653 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO TAIWAN (BY \$753 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$74 MILLION OR 83 PER CENT) AND TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$56 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT); CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS TO TAIWAN (BY \$80 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT) AND ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS; TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS TO TAIWAN (BY \$92 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER 1989" NOW AVAILABLE AT GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 4915.

TABLE 1: AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
USA	27,417	27,242	+ 174	+ 1
JAPAN	7,351	6,281	+1,070	+17
F.R. OF GERMANY	5,976	5,427	+ 548	+10
UK	3,779	3,794	- 15	*
SINGAPORE	2,818	2,510	+ 308	+12
CANADA	2,045	1,818	+ 226	+12
TAIWAN	1,896	1,320	+ 575	+44
SWITZERLAND	1,652	1,581	+ 70	+ 4

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NETHERLANDS	1,506	1,340	+ 166	+12
FRANCE	1,444	1,356	+ 88	+ 6

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%.

TABLE 2: AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	24,216	22,604	+1,612	+ 7
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	13,572	13,578	- 6	*
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	8,323	7,422	+ 901	+12
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	6,837	6,539	+ 298	+ 5
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	6,698	5,947	+ 751	+13
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,496	1,928	+ 568	+29
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	558	500	+ 57	+11
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS	519	429	+ 89	+21

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FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	440	487	-	47	-10
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	310	288	+	22	+ 8

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%.

TABLE 3: AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
JAPAN	23,477	23,071	+ 406	+ 2
USA	21,551	18,093	+3,458	+19
SWITZERLAND	7,415	6,814	+ 601	+ 9
TAIWAN	5,327	4,605	+ 722	+16
SINGAPORE	5,190	4,668	+ 522	+11
ITALY	5,184	3,773	+1,410	+37
UK	4,379	4,480	- 102	- 2
MALAYSIA	4,050	3,779	+ 271	+ 7
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3,975	3,719	+ 256	+ 7
F.R. OF GERMANY	3,864	3,671	+ 192	+ 5

TABLE 4: AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	28,917	27,754	+1,163	+ 4
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	18,075	17,161	+ 914	+ 5

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NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	14,333	12,848	+1,485	+12
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	7,713	7,687	+ 26	*
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	5,919	4,902	+1,017	+21
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5,410	4,617	+ 792	+17
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,229	3,099	+1,129	+36
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,419	2,857	+ 562	+20
OTHER TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	2,729	1,468	+1,261	+86
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS	2,186	2,266	- 81	- 4

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%.

TABLE 5: AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
USA	11,558	9,651	+1,907	+ 20
TAIWAN	7,967	6,947	+1,021	+ 15
JAPAN	6,740	4,776	+1,964	+ 41
SINGAPORE	4,939	3,659	+1,280	+ 35
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	4,349	3,476	+ 873	+ 25
CHINA	3,178	2,927	+ 251	+ 9

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F.R. OF GERMANY	2,297	1,636	+ 661	+ 40
THAILAND	1,574	641	+ 933	+145
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG	1,510	1,093	+ 417	+ 38
UK	1,437	1,371	+ 67	+ 5

TABLE 6: AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	15,418	14,178	+1,240	+ 9
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,902	5,268	+2,635	+50
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	6,714	5,055	+1,659	+33
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	6,664	4,664	+2,000	+43
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,814	2,777	+1,037	+37
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	3,521	2,937	+ 584	+20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,740	2,132	+ 608	+29
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS, AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	1,892	1,441	+ 451	+31
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,108	922	+ 186	+20
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS	928	831	+ 97	+12

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NCNA DIRECTOR SEES WORK OF URBAN COUNCIL

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THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY'S HONG KONG BRANCH, MR ZHOU NAN, THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING PAID A COURTESY CALL TO THE URBAN COUNCIL TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE COUNCIL'S MULTI-FACETED FUNCTIONS IN PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO THE URBAN COMMUNITY.

THE COURTESY CALL WAS MR ZHOU'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE COUNCIL SINCE HE ASSUMED OFFICE AS THE HEAD OF THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY'S HONG KONG BRANCH ON FEBRUARY 5.

ACCOMPANYING MR ZHOU ON THE VISIT WAS A NINE-MEMBER DELEGATION INCLUDING HIS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR QIAO ZONGHUI AND HIS WIFE; THE HEAD OF THE CO-ORDINATION DEPARTMENT, MR LIN KEPING; AND THE HEAD OF THE CULTURE AND THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT, MR HAN LI.

GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, MR ZHOU FIRST TOURED AROUND THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIEWED A VIDEO ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE WIDE RANGE OF HIGH-STANDARD SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL TO MEET THE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF THE URBAN DWELLERS AND TO ENSURE GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIFE.

MR ZHOU ALSO MET WITH URBAN COUNCILLORS AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH THEM ON A NUMBER OF TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

PRESENT AT THE OCCASION WERE THE COUNCIL'S VICE CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN LAU, URBAN COUNCILLORS, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, MR BROOK BERNACCHI, DR ELSIE TU, MR PETER CHAN, MISS CECILIA YEUNG, MR JOSEPH CHAN, MR PAO PING-WING, MR TONG KAM-BIU, DR SAMUEL WONG, DR RONALD LEUNG, MR LO KING-MAN, MR JOHN FAN, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG, MR CHAN KWOK-MING, MR RONNIE WONG, MRS ELEANOR LING, MR PAUL YOUNG, MR JASON YUEN, MR MA LEE-WO, MR MOK YING-FAN, MR WONG KWOK-TUNG, MR ALBERT POON, MISS CHRISTINA TING, MR DAVID FONG, MR DICKSON PANG, MR ARTHUR CHAM, MR FUNG KWOK-CHUNG AND MR JOHN WU AS WELL AS THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO.

MR ZHOU AND HIS DELEGATION LATER ATTENDED A DINNER RECEPTION HOSTED BY MR FORSGATE IN HIS HONOUR.

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SUCCESSFUL PILOT PROJECT TO GIVE BIRTH TO  
REGULAR SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HOPES TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL IN 1992.

THIS WAS SAID TONIGHT (THURSDAY) BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR JOHN WINFIELD, AT THE GALA EVENING OF THE SCHOOLS ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT.

THE PROJECT, MR WINFIELD SAID, WAS TO AROUSE INTEREST IN ENGLISH LEARNING AND TO ENCOURAGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE DRAMA AS AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY.

HE SAID THAT 12 SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE PROJECT WHICH WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A DONATION OF \$150,000 FROM THE HONG KONG LANGUAGE CAMPAIGN, A CONCERNED GROUP OF BUSINESSES WISHING TO PROMOTE AN IMPROVEMENT IN LANGUAGE STANDARDS, PARTICULARLY ENGLISH, TO ENSURE THAT THE TERRITORY MAINTAINS ITS POSITION AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

HE SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOW INTENDS TO DEVELOP THE PROJECT BY ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS FURTHER ORGANISATION AND FUNDING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

BEGINNING THIS SEPTEMBER THE PROJECT WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE 38 SCHOOLS, ABOUT TWO SCHOOLS FROM EACH OF 19 DISTRICTS.

"AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE PROJECT WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE TRAINING PROGRAMME IN SUCH FUNDAMENTALS AS STAGE PRODUCTION, SET DESIGN AND AUDIO-VISUAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT," MR WINFIELD SAID.

THE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OF GROUPS AND INSTITUTIONS ABLE TO OFFER EXPERTISE IN DRAMA WILL BE SOUGHT, HE ADDED.

MR WINFIELD EXPLAINED THAT DETAILS OF THE EXPANDED SECOND PHASE OF THE PROJECT ARE NOW BEING WORKED OUT AND, WITH THE MOMENTUM GENERATED IN 1990 AND 1991, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL THE FOLLOWING YEAR, WITH CHINESE AS WELL AS ENGLISH SECTIONS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG LANGUAGE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR GEORGE CARDONA, IN HIS SPEECH SAID ALL 12 SCHOOLS WHICH TOOK PART WERE SELECTED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO TRADITION OF PRODUCING ENGLISH PLAYS.

"SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN PART, STUDENTS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT HAVE SPOKEN ENGLISH OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE SPLENDID RESULTS TONIGHT," HE SAID.

"IF WE CAN BUILD ON THIS MODEST BEGINNING, AND ENCOURAGE MORE STUDENTS TO UNDERTAKE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, THEN THE DRAMA PROJECT WILL HAVE MADE AN IMPORTANT START IN MEETING THE CHALLENGE THAT LIES AHEAD - THE CHALLENGE OF MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S OPENNESS TO THE WORLD THROUGH ITS ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WELL IN ENGLISH," MR CARDONA ADDED.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT BIWEEKLY INTERVALS DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

IT IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.

GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

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THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE. NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "4" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES. IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH	LAST GRADING	PRESENT GRADING
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	(AS AT 6.4.90)	(AS AT 19.4.90)
HONG KONG SOUTH		
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BIG WAVE BAY	2	2
CHUNG HOM KOK	1	1
DEEP WATER BAY	1	1
HAIRPIN	1	1
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	2	2
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	1	1
TURTLE COVE	1	1
STANLEY MAIN	2	2
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1

## TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	2	2
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	2	2
BUTTERFLY	2	2

## ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	1	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	2	2
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	1	1
TONG FUK	1	1
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	1	1
SILVERMINE BAY	3	3
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	1	2
TUNG O*	1	1

## SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	1	1
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	2	2
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	1	2

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	2	2
APPROACH	3	3
CASAM	2	2
GEMINI	2	2
HOI MEI WAN	2	3
LIDO	3	2
TING KAU	3	3
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	1	1

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.  
 \* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

CHEUNG SHA LOWER, TRIO AND TUNG WAN AT CHEUNG CHAU, FROM "1" TO "2"; HOI MEI WAN, FROM "2" TO "3"; AND LIDO, FROM "3" TO "2".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT DR MALCOLM J. BROOM, ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD, AT 835 1234.

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DB TO DISCUSS CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES FOR THE 1991 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER AND THE BOARD'S WORK PLAN FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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IN ADDITION, THE VICE-CHAIRMEN AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS FOR THE BOARD'S THREE COMMITTEES WILL BE ELECTED AT THE MEETING.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO STAGE CONCERT

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THE 73-MEMBER HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PRESENT A CONCERT ON MAY 13 (SUNDAY) AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE CONCERT HALL. THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

UNDER THE BATON OF ITS PRINCIPAL GUEST CONDUCTOR, MS YIP WING-SIE, THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY THREE CLASSICAL PIECES: WEBER'S "DER FREISCHUTZ OVERTURE", KHACHATURIAN'S "MASQUERADE SUITE" AND BEETHOVEN'S "SYMPHONY NO. 5, C MINOR OP.67".

OVER THE YEARS, THE ORCHESTRA HAS HELD REGULAR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG AND HAS PERFORMED OVERSEAS IN AUSTRALIA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, ISRAEL, UNITED KINGDOM AS WELL AS IN CHINA AND MACAU, WITH INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MUSICIANS AND CONDUCTORS INCLUDING FOU TSONG, EDEN AND TAMIR, SHALOM RONLY-RIKLIS, GEORG TINTNER, SIR DAVID WILLCORKS AND KENNETH TEAN.

TICKETS AT \$10 AND \$20 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT URB TIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 796 2873.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD T5 IN SHA TIN, FROM SATURDAY (APRIL 21) TO MAY 5, BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM, THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD OF SHA TIN ROAD LINKING SHA TIN ROAD NORTHBOUND AND SHA TIN WAI ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON NORTHBOUND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD HEADING FOR PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL ARE ADVISED TO USE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD TO REJOIN SHA TIN WAI ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WHAMPOA STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM SATURDAY (APRIL 21), THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES WILL BE IMPOSED AT WHAMPOA STREET IN HUNG HOM:

- \* THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY IN WHAMPOA STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH BULKELEY STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 16 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE EXTENDED SOUTHWARDS FOR ABOUT FIVE METRES; AND
- \* THE SECTION OF WHAMPOA STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH BAKER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 21) THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS 24 HOURS:

- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF LOCKHART ROAD FROM HOUSE NOS. 301 TO 323;
- \* THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TONNOCHY ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LOCKHART ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT EIGHT METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TONNOCHY ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LOCKHART ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 23 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

MEANWHILE, LOCKHART ROAD EASTBOUND FROM HOUSE NOS. 325 TO 355 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY ON LOCKHART ROAD EASTBOUND FROM HOUSE NOS. 361 TO 365 WILL BE EXTENDED WESTWARD BY ABOUT 14 METRES TO HOUSE NO. 357.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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WATER CUT IN TUEN MUN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 4 PM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 21) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES ALONG TSING WUN ROAD, LUNG MUN ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD INCLUDING TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, AREAS 31 AND 32, TSING SHAN TSUEN, BOY'S HOME, YEUNG SIU HANG TSUEN, AREAS 18 AND 19, SHAN SHEK WAN, AREA 44, SIU SHAN COURT, WU KING ESTATE, BUTTERFLY ESTATE, SIU HEI COURT, HOI CHUI FA YUEN, MELODY GARDEN, AREAS 40 AND 46, BUTTERFLY BEACH RECREATION AREA, PAK KOK AND WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, PILLIAR POINT REFUGEE CENTRE, CHINA CEMENT COMPANY, TAP SHEK KOK POWER STATION A AND B, LUNG KWU TAN, SHA PO KONG, NAM LONG, PAK LONG AND ALL THE CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE AFFECTED AREA.

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