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NO SNAP DECISIONS ON NEW AIRPORT: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) REITERATED THAT SNAP DECISIONS WOULD NOT BE MADE ON THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID WHAT HE HAD STATED LAST WEEK ON THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT REMAINED THE SITUATION AT THE MOMENT.

"THIS IS SOMETHING WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE SNAP DECISIONS ON. THERE ARE VERY IMPORTANT, SUBSTANTIAL ISSUES AT STAKE," HE SAID.

"WE WANT TO GIVE THOSE ISSUES VERY CAREFUL, THOUGHTFUL, MATURE CONSIDERATION BEFORE WE COME TO ANY CONCLUSIONS," SIR DAVID ADDED.

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GOVERNOR'S CONDOLENCES TO AIR CRASH VICTIMS AND FAMILIES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING EXPRESSED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND RELATIVES OF THE HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO DIED IN THE LAUDA AIR PLANE CRASH IN THAILAND.

WHILE THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH, SIR DAVID JOINED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN THEIR GRIEF AT THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WHICH CLAIMED SO MANY LIVES.

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IS DOING ITS BEST TO ASSIST THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE VICTIMS TO GET TO THE SCENE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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CIVIL SERVANTS OFFER 10.43% PAY RISE

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A PAY AWARD OF 10.43 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1991 HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

THE OFFER WAS MADE TODAY (TUESDAY) TO THE STAFF SIDES OF THE CENTRAL CIVIL SERVICE CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

THE LEVEL OF THE PROPOSED PAY AWARD WAS DECIDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THIS MORNING.

"IT HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY DECISION," MR WIGGHAM EMPHASISED.

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"IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERING THE RESULTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR PAY TREND SURVEY FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 1990 TO APRIL 1, 1991 AND THE PAY CLAIMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF REPRESENTATIVES, THE COUNCIL ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY AND THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGETARY SITUATION."

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE PROPOSED PAY ADJUSTMENT OF 10.43 PER CENT CORRESPONDED WITH THE AVERAGE INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING IN THE 12 MONTHS BETWEEN APRIL 1, 1990 AND MARCH 31, 1991, AS MEASURED BY MOVEMENTS IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A).

THE OFFER IS BETWEEN 1.45 AND 2.06 PERCENTAGE POINTS LESS THAN THE NET PAY TREND INDICATORS WHICH ARE 11.88 PER CENT FOR THE UPPER BAND ($23,151 TO $46,815 A MONTH), 12.49 PER CENT FOR THE MIDDLE BAND ($7,550 TO $23,150) AND 12.09 PER CENT FOR THE LOWER BAND (BELOW $7,550).

"THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS HAD TO CAREFULLY BALANCE THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CIVIL SERVANTS AS AN EMPLOYER AND ITS WIDER RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY AS THE MANAGER OF PUBLIC FUNDS, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION," MR WIGGHAM EXPLAINED.

"THE OFFER RECOGNISES THE NEED TO CONTAIN INFLATION WHILE BROADLY MAINTAINING THE REAL VALUE OF CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES SINCE THE LAST PAY ADJUSTMENT."

FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH STAFF, THE PROPOSED PAY AWARD WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAIN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN DUE COURSE FOR A FINAL DECISION.

IF APPROVED, THE PROPOSED PAY AWARD WOULD COST AN ADDITIONAL $4.1 BILLION A YEAR.

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BRIGHT BUSINESS PROSPECTS UNDERLINED

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OVERSEAS INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR NOT ONLY UNDERSCORE THE MANY ADVANTAGES HONG KONG OFFERS TO MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS BUT ARE ALSO CLEAR SIGNALS THAT THE TERRITORY IS WELL PLACED TO MOVE INTO HIGH TECHNOLOGY IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR BARMA WAS SPEAKING ON "HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES: OPPORTUNITIES IN THE 1990'S" AT AN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION SYMPOSIUM IN TOKYO, JAPAN.

HE SAID SOME OF THE RECENT AND MORE NOTABLE PROJECTS INCLUDED:

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* MOTOROLA OF THE UNITED STATES HAS SET UP A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FACILITY IN HONG KONG TO SERVE AS ITS ASIA-PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS AND ALSO AS A DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING CENTRE FOR DYNAMIC RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY SEMICONDUCTORS (DRAMS), APPLICATIONS SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (ASICS) AND BI-POLAR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS;

* HOECHST OF GERMANY HAS SET UP A SOPHISTICATED CHEMICAL PROCESSING PLANT IN ONE OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES TO PRODUCE TEXTILE ANCILLARIES;

* VITELIC CORPORATION OF THE UNITED STATES HAS ACQUIRED A HONG KONG SEMICONDUCTOR FOUNDRY TO UPGRADE ITS FACILITIES TO PRODUCE SUB-MICRON FIVE-INCH WAFERS;

* CONCORDIA PAPER LTD, A JOINT-VENTURE BETWEEN A CHINESE STATE ORGANISATION AND A HONG KONG PRIVATE COMPANY, HAS SET UP A RECYCLING PLANT TO PRODUCE PAPER BOARD FROM WASTE PAPER;

* MONTEDISON OF ITALY IS BUILDING A POLYSTYRENE PLANT TO SERVE THE REGIONAL MARKET;

* DAIDO CONCRETE, A JAPANESE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, HAS EXPANDED ITS OPERATIONS FOR THE THIRD TIME TO MANUFACTURE A NEW PRODUCT, STEEL COMPOSITE PILES;

* ASANO DYEING CO. (HK) LTD HAS SET UP A NEW FACILITY TO PROVIDE A HIGH QUALITY DYEING AND FINISHING SERVICE FOR MANUFACTURERS OF SWEATERS. THE FACTORY SITS ON A 3,700 SQUARE METRES SITE IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE; AND

* NIKKO GOULD FOIL (HK) LTD, A PRODUCER OF COPPER FOILS FOR PCB LAMINATES, OPENED ITS PLANT ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO.

MR BARMA SAID BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS WERE CONFIDENT OF THE BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR DOING PROFITABLE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

"APART FROM A SOUND ECONOMIC FOUNDATION AND EXCELLENT BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE, HONG KONG'S FREE TRADE AND FREE ENTERPRISE, A HARD-WORKING LABOUR FORCE, GOVERNMENT'S NON-INTERFERENCE POLICY, LOW TAX RATE, EXCELLENT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND PROXIMITY TO THE NEW ASIAN MARKETS HAVE ALL BEEN RECOGNISED AS FAVOURABLE FACTORS," HE SAID.

ON JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, MR BARMA SAID ACCORDING TO THE JAPAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE TOTAL JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG AMOUNTED TO OVER US$9 BILLION BY THE FIRST HALF OF FISCAL YEAR 1990, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 3.5 PER CENT OF TOTAL JAPANESE DIRECT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT.

HONG KONG CONTINUED TO BE JAPAN'S SECOND MOST IMPORTANT INVESTMENT DESTINATION IN ASIA, AFTER INDONESIA.

"COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF FISCAL YEAR 1989; JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG GREW BY 28.7 PER CENT, WHILE THAT FOR THE WHOLE OF ASIA WAS 21.8 PER CENT," HE SAID.

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ON MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT, MR BARMA SAID THE CUMULATIVE VALUE OF JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT AT THE END OF 1989 STOOD AT US$1,108 MILLION, REPRESENTING 29.1 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, A CLOSE SECOND TO THE USA WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 31 PER CENT.

"JAPAN'S CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT IN 1989 WAS MORE THAN TWO TIMES THE AMOUNT RECORDED IN 1986 (US$513 MILLION).

"THE GROSS ADDITION TO FIXED ASSETS MADE BY JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS IN 1989 WAS US$80 MILLION, THE SECOND LARGEST IN A YEAR AFTER THE RECORD HIGH OF US$132 MILLION IN 1988.

"AT THIS CURRENT RATE OF INVESTMENT, THERE HAVE BEEN SUGGESTIONS THAT JAPAN MIGHT REPLACE THE UNITED STATES AS THE LARGEST OVERSEAS INVESTOR IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES BEFORE TOO LONG," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID IN 1990, DESPITE THE SLOWING DOWN OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE GULF WAR, HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICERS FOR JAPAN ASSISTED IN FOUR SUCCESSFUL NEW PROJECTS, AS WELL AS IN THE EXPANSION OF FIVE JAPANESE FACTORIES ALREADY IN HONG KONG.

"IN ADDITION, OVER THE LAST 24 MONTHS, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ASSISTED SOME 20 MANUFACTURERS IN SETTING UP OFFICES IN HONG KONG FOR SALES OR PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

ON THE HONG KONG-CHINA RELATIONSHIP, MR BARMA SAID WHEN CHINA OPENED UP TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN 1978 IN SUPPORT OF ITS MODERNISATION PROGRAMME THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG, AND ESPECIALLY THE SOUTHERN REGION OF CHINA, BECAME SYMBIOTIC.

HE SAID HONG KONG AND CHINA WERE EACH OTHER'S PRINCIPAL TRADING PARTNERS.

CHINA WAS NOW THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS AND THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS. CHINA, IN TURN, SENT OVER ONE-THIRD OF ITS MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO HONG KONG, OR THROUGH HONG KONG, TO OTHER DESTINATIONS.

MR BARMA SAID CHINA AND HONG KONG WERE ALSO CLOSE INVESTMENT PARTNERS.

ON THE ONE HAND, CHINA WAS THE THIRD LARGEST NON-LOCAL INVESTOR IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AFTER THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HONG KONG WAS THE SINGLE LARGEST INVESTOR IN CHINA, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF ALL DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT ESTIMATED AT NEARLY US$19 BILLION.

MR BARMA SAID THIS ECONOMIC INTER-DEPENDENCE HAD NOT BEEN CHANGED BY THE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN CHINA IN JUNE, 1989.

"AS YOU ARE AWARE, CHINA HAS SINCE REPEATEDLY RE-AFFIRMED ITS 'OPEN DOOR' POLICY.

"CLEARLY, HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE BETWEEN CHINA AND THE WEST AFTER 1997, UNDER THE 'ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS' CONCEPT AS ENSHRINED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW," HE SAID.

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RESEARCH GRANTS FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION FOR 1991-92

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THE RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL (RGC) TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED ITS ALLOCATION OF THE $100 MILLION FOR RESEARCH GRANTS TO THE SEVEN UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS IN 1991-92.

THE GRANT ALLOCATION EXERCISE WAS CONDUCTED BY THE RGC WHICH MET LAST SATURDAY (MAY 25).

THE SEVEN INSTITUTIONS ARE THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, LINGNAN COLLEGE, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

OF THE TOTAL SUM OF $100 MILLION PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO DISTRIBUTE $30 MILLION TO THE INSTITUTIONS DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN $200,000.

IN ADDITION, $7 MILLION WAS SET ASIDE FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION TO STRENGTHEN THE RESEARCH BASE IN THE INSTITUTIONS.

THE BALANCE OF $63 MILLION WAS ALLOCATED FOR PROJECTS IN RESPONSE TO COMPETITIVE BIDS FROM THE INSTITUTIONS.

THE RGC RECEIVED 206 APPLICATIONS FOR A TOTAL OF $166 MILLION FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH PROJECTS IN A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECT DISCIPLINES.

EACH APPLICATION WAS INITIALLY SCREENED BY ONE OF THREE SUBJECT PANELS - PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING; BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE; AND HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES - WITH THE HELP OF REPORTS FROM SPECIALIST ASSESSORS/REFEREES.

THE PANELS' RECOMMENDATIONS WERE THEN CONSIDERED BY THE FULL RGC LAST SATURDAY.

IN SELECTING THE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT, REGARD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THEIR ACADEMIC MERIT/INTEGRITY, THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE NEEDS OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND HONG KONG'S OVERALL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS SUPPORTED, BY PANEL AND BROAD SUBJECT AREAS, ARE GIVEN BELOW:

SUBJECT PANEL	SUBJECT AREA	NO. OF PROJECTS	FUNDING SUPPORTED ($M)
PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING	CIVIL, ENGINEERING SURVEYING, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	8	3.0

/COMPUTING SCIENCE, ...

	COMPUTING SCIENCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS	20	7.6
	ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	9	5.8
	MECHANICAL, PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	10	4.0
	PHYSICAL SCIENCES	21	10.1
	SUB-TOTAL	68	30.5
BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	21	11.2
	MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND HEALTH	25	11.8
	SUB-TOTAL	46	23.0
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	ARTS AND LANGUAGES	6	3.6
	ADMINISTRATIVE, BUSINESS AND SOCIAL STUDIES	11	3.8
	EDUCATION	3	1.6
	LAW, ARCHITECTURE, TOWN PLANNING, ETC.	1	0.5
	SUB-TOTAL	21	9.5
	TOTAL	135	63.0

THIS WAS THE FIRST GRANT ALLOCATION EXERCISE UNDERTAKEN BY THE RGC WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO REPLACE THE FORMER RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC) IN JANUARY 1991.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RGC, PROFESSOR DAVID TODD, SAID THE COUNCIL WAS PLEASED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO DOUBLE THE FUNDS EARMARKED FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS AT THE UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS, FROM $50 MILLION IN 1990-91 TO $100 MILLION IN 1991-92.

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THIS HAD ENABLED THE COUNCIL TO INCREASE THE FUNDS DIRECTLY ALLOCATED TO THE INSTITUTIONS FROM $15.5 MILLION TO $30 MILLION.

THE COUNCIL WAS ALSO ABLE TO SUPPORT, FULLY OR PARTIALLY, 135 PROJECTS AS COMPARED WITH 71 LAST YEAR.

"THE RGC IS ENCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT DECISION TO FURTHER INCREASE THE LEVEL OF FUNDING IN THE PERIOD UP TO 1994-95, TO $122 MILLION IN 1992-93 AND $144 MILLION IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TWO ACADEMIC YEARS," PROFESSOR TODD SAID.

"THIS SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN THE RESEARCH BASE IN HONG KONG'S HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR," HE ADDED.

APART FROM DISBURSING AND MONITORING GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH, THE RGC IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE UPGC, ON THE NEEDS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG IN THE FIELD OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN ORDER THAT A RESEARCH BASE ADEQUATE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ACADEMIC VIGOUR AND PERTINENT TO THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG MAY BE DEVELOPED.

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SWD OFFERS HELP TO AIR CRASH FAMILIES

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS MORNING (TUESDAY) THAT SWD STAFF HAVE ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH LAUDA AIR TO SEE WHETHER FAMILY MEMBERS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO WERE KILLED IN YESTERDAY'S AIR CRASH IN THAILAND NEED ANY ASSISTANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE AIR CRASH VICTIMS TO APPROACH THE NEAREST SWD OFFICE OR TO CALL THE DEPARTMENTAL HOTLINE 343 2255 FOR ASSISTANCE, ADVICES AND GUIDANCES SHOULD THEY ENCOUNTER ANY DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM THIS TRAGEDY FOR EXAMPLE HAVING ELDERLY, DISABLED OR YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY TO BE LOOKED AFTER.

THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION SHEETS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE LAUDA AIR OFFICE IN CENTRAL DISTRICT.

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CAREFUL WITH INDUSTRIAL SOLVENTS

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY, TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WHEN HANDLING SOLVENTS.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWED EIGHT RECENT CASES OF SUSPECTED PERIPHERAL POLY-NEUROPATHY IN TWO PRINTING FACTORIES USING PETROLEUM SPIRIT AS A CLEANSING AGENT.

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OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT HAVE VISITED THESE FACTORIES AND THEIR WORKERS HAVE BEEN MEDICALLY EXAMINED.

WHILE INVESTIGATION IS GOING ON, LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS HAVE ADVISED THE FACTORIES TO STEP UP PREVENTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENT TO THE VENTILATION OF THE WORKPLACE AND PROVISION OF ADEQUATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO THE WORKERS.

"A RECENT INSPECTION HAS CONFIRMED THAT VENTILATION HAS BEEN IMPROVED IN THE TWO FACTORIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TO MINIMISE POSSIBLE HAZARDS, FACTORY PROPRIETORS SHOULD USE OTHER SAFER SUBSTITUTES WHEREVER POSSIBLE," HE ADDED.

HE ALSO URGED WORKERS TO WEAR SUITABLE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS LONG-SLEEVED PVC GLOVES AND MASKS WHEN CLEANSING PRINTING ROLLERS WITH SOLVENTS.

"EMPLOYERS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT AS REQUIRED BY LAW, THEY SHOULD INSTRUCT WORKERS ON SAFETY PRACTICES IN WORKING WITH CHEMICALS," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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TWO MORE AIDS CASES CONFIRMED

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TWO MORE CASES OF AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES IN HONG KONG TO 49.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID BOTH PATIENTS AND ANOTHER ONE WHO WERE ALREADY KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INFECTED EARLIER DIED THIS MONTH.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 36 AIDS PATIENTS DIED WHILE 13 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT HONG KONG.

RELEASING THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR APRIL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID ONE MORE MAN WAS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST, BRINGING TO 173 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV CARRIERS WHO HAVE NOT YET DEVELOPED AIDS.

OF THESE, 55 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 97 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, FOUR WERE DRUG ABUSERS, THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND THE INFORMATION ON THE OTHER 14 WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 192,442 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 884,389 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 16 WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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愛滋病抗体檢驗
AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
病毒組 衛生署
Virus Unit, Department of Health

	Apr 85-Mar 91 檢驗次數 No. tested*	No. +ve 陽性次數	Apr 91 No. tested*	No. +ve	Total No. tested*	No. +ve
經由政府診所及醫院轉介 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	16044	81	220	0	16264	81
經由私家醫生及補助醫院轉介 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	2164	45	22	0	2186	45
前往社區衛生科診所求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	164535	31	2473	1	167008	32
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	500	60	2	0	502	60
經用靜脈注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	5234	1	137	0	5371	1
經由家庭計劃指導會轉介 Referrals from Family Planning Association	219	0	1	0	220	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	874	0	17	0	891	0
總數 TOTAL	189570	218	2872	1	192442	219

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* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

	Aug 85-Mar 91 No. tested	No. +ve	Apr 91 No. tested	No. +ve	Total No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service	870554	15	13835	1	884389	16

Department of Health
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HOTEL AND GUESTHOUSE LICENSING AUTHORITY BEGINS OPERATION

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THE OFFICE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY WHICH ADMINISTERS THE LICENSING SCHEME OF HOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SATURDAY (JUNE 1).

ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA), THE AUTHORITY IS LOCATED AT THE EAST WING, SEVENTH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

IT WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR A LICENCE OR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR OPERATING HOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES FROM THAT DAY.

UNDER THE HOTEL AND GUESTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION ORDINANCE 1991, ALL HOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID LICENCE OR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR THEIR OPERATIONS, A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"MOTELS, YOUTH HOSTELS AND HOLIDAY FLATS ARE ALSO WITHIN THE SCOPE OF CONTROL UNDER THIS ORDINANCE.

"OPERATORS OF THESE EXISTING ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AND TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE OR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR THEIR BUSINESS WITH THE LICENSING AUTHORITY WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DAY THE OFFICE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY COMMENCES OPERATION," HE SAID.

ANY PROPRIETOR WHO IGNORES THE NEW REGULATION WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF $200,000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

THE FEES PAYABLE FOR THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION IS $500 PER ANNUM FOR ALL TYPES OF HOTELS, GUESTHOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

BUT THE LICENCE FEE WILL BE ON A SLIDING SCALE BASED ON THE HOLDING CAPACITY IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF ROOMS.

"IT RANGES FROM A MINIMUM OF $3,000 FOR A HOTEL OR GUESTHOUSE WITH 10 ROOMS OR LESS TO A MAXIMUM OF $18,500 FOR THOSE ACCOMMODATIONS HAVING OVER 50 ROOMS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

BOTH THE LICENCE AND CERTIFICATE HAVE TO BE RENEWED ANNUALLY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDED A CHANNEL OF APPEAL BY OPERATORS WHOSE APPLICATIONS WERE REJECTED BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

"AN APPEAL BOARD, WHOSE MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WILL BE SET UP TO REVIEW SUCH APPLICATIONS," HE SAID.

INFORMATION PAMPHLETS AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE OFFICE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

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TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 881 7034.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE OFFICE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (MAY 30) AT 4.15 PM AT THE OFFICE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY, EAST WING, SEVENTH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, WHO IS ALSO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND HKEG

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EXCHANGE FUND BILLS TENDER RESULTS --- TUESDAY 28 MAY 1991

ISSUE NUMBER	Q122	H165
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 843 MN	HKD 466 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 400 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE ACCEPTED YIELD	7.67 PCT	7.47 PCT
HIGHEST ACCEPTED YIELD	7.70 PCT	7.48 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 37 PCT	ABOUT 87 PCT

AVERAGE DAILY TRANSFER FOR WEEK ENDING 24.5.91 WAS 3,588 MN

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND HKEH

NEXT TENDER OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS --- TUESDAY 4 JUNE 1991

ISSUE NUMBER	Q123
ISSUE DATE	5 JUN 91
MATURITY DATE	4 SEP 91
TENOR	91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 400 + 80 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND HKEF
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE	$ MILLION
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	27.5.91	380
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	28.5.91	-408
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+408
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.9 *+0.1* 28.5.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND HKEI
91-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING $ MILLION	
Q115	10.7.91	390	+90
Q116	17.7.91	400	+80
Q117	24.7.91	448.5	+31.5
Q118	31.7.91	480	+0
Q119	7.8.91	458.5	+21.5
Q120	14.8.91	450	+30
Q121	21.8.91	450	+30
Q109	29.5.91	390.5	+89.5
Q110	5.6.91	210	+270
Q111	12.6.91	424	+56
Q112	19.6.91	380	+100
Q113	26.6.91	390	+90
Q114	3.7.91	540	-60

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND HKEJ
182-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING $ MILLION	
H164	13.11.91	200	+60

H003	29.5.91	70	+190
H004	12.6.91	160	+100
H005	26.6.91	260	+0
H101	10.7.91	73	+187
H156	24.7.91	170	+90
H157	7.8.91	159.5	+100.5
H158	21.8.91	200	+60
H159	4.9.91	150	+110
H160	18.9.91	360	-100
H161	2.10.91	120	+140
H162	17.10.91	134	+126
H163	30.10.91	120	+140

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND HKEK
364-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING $ MILLION	
Y187	26.2.92	260	+0
Y188	25.3.92	170	+90
Y189	22.4.92	200	+60
Y190	20.5.92	220	+40

AVERAGE DAILY TRANSFER FOR WEEK ENDING 24.5.91 WAS 3,588 MN

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES
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A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED AN INCREASE IN THE INTEREST RATE PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES WAS GAZETTED YESTERDAY (MONDAY).

AS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 7.56 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 6.60 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE $0.63 PER MONTH PER $100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER TOMORROW.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE TOMORROW WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

/6.36 PER CENT : .....

6.36 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 17, 1988 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 1988;

6.84 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 7, 1988 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 1989;

7.32 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 8, 1989;

7.80 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 8, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 22, 1989;

8.28 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JUNE 22, 1989;

7.80 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JULY 12, 1989;

7.32 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 12, 1989 AND BEFORE AUGUST 9, 1989;

6.84 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 9, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 7, 1990;

7.08 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 7, 1990 AND BEFORE APRIL 4, 1990;

8.04 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 4, 1990 AND BEFORE AUGUST 15, 1990;

7.56 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 15, 1990 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 24, 1990;

7.08 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 24, 1990 AND BEFORE JANUARY 30, 1991; AND

6.60 PER CENT : PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 30, 1991 AND BEFORE MAY 29, 1991.

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: $1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON MAY 29, 1991, JUNE 29, 1991 AND JULY 29, 1991 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON AUGUST 28, 1991 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

ON $1,000, MAY 29, 1991 TO AUGUST 28, 1991 THREE COMPLETE MONTHS AT $6.30 PER MONTH	= $18.90
ON $1,000, JUNE 29, 1991 TO AUGUST 28, 1991 TWO COMPLETE MONTHS AT $6.30 PER MONTH	= $12.60
ON $1,000, JULY 29, 1991 TO AUGUST 28, 1991 ONE COMPLETE MONTH AT $6.30 PER MONTH	= $6.30
	$37.80

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE COMING TERM FROM JUNE 1 THIS YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1995.

EXERCISING HIS POWER UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNOR HAS RE-APPOINTED FIVE INCUMBENT APPOINTED MEMBERS TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. THEY ARE :

THE HONOURABLE CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, CBE, JP

MR WILLIAM CHAU CHUN-WING

MR CARLOS CHEUNG HON-KAU, MBE

DR RICHARD HO MAN-WUI, JP

DR PANG HOK-TUEN, JP

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED SEVEN NEW APPOINTED MEMBERS :

MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, MBE, JP

MR CHEUNG KAN-KWAI

DR FANNY CHEUNG MUI-CHING, JP

MR FONG LOI

MR HO SUN-KUEN, JP

MR ALMON POON CHIN-HUNG

MR WONG PO-MING, JP

THE ABOVE APPOINTMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON MAY 31, 1991.

OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN HAS A LONG AND ACTIVE SERVICE RECORD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

MR CHEUNG KAN-KWAI IS A BUSINESSMAN WITH LONG YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE NORTH DISTRICT.

DR FANNY CHEUNG IS A SENIOR LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY. ACTIVE IN THE SOCIAL SERVICE FIELD, SHE TAKES A SPECIAL INTEREST IN ACTIVITIES CONCERNING WOMEN.

MR FONG LOI IS AN EXPERIENCED LOCAL LEADER AND REPRESENTED THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FROM 1986 TO 1988.

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SIMILARLY, MR HO SUN-KUEN, WHO IS A SOLICITOR BY PROFESSION, HAD SERVED ON THE COUNCIL BEFORE AS DISTRICT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE.

MR ALMON POON, ALSO A SOLICITOR, IS NO STRANGER TO THE COUNCIL AS HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER SINCE HIS ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL IN 1989; AND MR WONG PO-MING, A SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, IS A VETERAN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND AN ACTIVE PROMOTER OF CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES.

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DB REPRESENTATIVES TO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ELECTED

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THREE DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE TODAY (TUESDAY) ELECTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL. THEY ARE:

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE ELECTED
TAI PO	MR TANG PUI-TAT
WONG TAI SIN	MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG
EASTERN	MS CHRISTINA TING YUK-CHEE

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STUDENTS LEARN CRITICAL THINKING THROUGH GROUP PROJECTS

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STUDENTS CAN DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING BY TAKING PART IN GROUP PROJECTS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR WONG SIK-WAH, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR WONG SAID THIS IN PRESENTING PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS PROJECT COMPETITION.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPETITION, HE SAID, WERE REQUIRED TO COLLECT INFORMATION AND ANALYSE DATA.

"THIS ENCOURAGES ACTIVE AND SELF-INITIATED LEARNING AND IS CONDUCIVE TO THE ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS," MR WONG SAID.

THE COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS PROJECT COMPETITION MADE ITS DEBUT IN 1983 AND WAS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY TO STIMULATE STUDENTS' INTEREST IN THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

MORE THAN 170 PROJECTS ON THE CHANGING PHASES OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG WERE SUBMITTED BY SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

/PROJECTS SUBMITTED .....

PROJECTS SUBMITTED INCLUDED THE FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS, ADVERTISING; RETAIL BUSINESS AND HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ROTARY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL CAPTURED THE FIRST AND SECOND PRIZES FOR THE SECONDARY 4-5 SECTION, WITH THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS YAU TZE TIN MEMORIAL COLLEGE TAKING THE THIRD PRIZE.

IN THE SECONDARY 6-7 SECTION, HA KWAI CHUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL WAS FIRST, TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, SECOND, AND MADAM LAU KAM LUNG SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE MIU FAT BUDDHIST MONASTERY, THIRD.

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AMBULANCEMEN PRAISED FOR OUTSTANDING WORK

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THE CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER (CAO), MR PANG TAK-SUM, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED COMMENDATIONS TO 13 OFFICERS OF THE AMBULANCE COMMAND FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE WHILE ON DUTY AND APPREHENDING TWO ROBBERY SUSPECTS WHILE OFF DUTY.

THEY WERE A SENIOR AMBULANCE OFFICER, TWO PRINCIPAL AMBULANCEMEN, TWO SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN AND EIGHT AMBULANCEMEN.

FIVE OF THEM WERE AWARDED CAO'S COMMENDATIONS WHILE THE OTHER EIGHT WERE GIVEN FAVOURABLE ENTRIES.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION, MR PANG PRAISED THE OFFICERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ABILITY, PROFESSIONALISM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY IN PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES AND THEIR PUBLIC-SPIRITED ACTION IN ASSISTING THE POLICE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER IN THE TERRITORY.

PRINCIPAL AMBULANCEMAN TANG KING-PIU WAS AWARDED CAO'S COMMENDATION WHILE TWO SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN, LAU HING-NAM AND FUNG FU-WING; AND SIX AMBULANCEMEN, CHEUNG KIN-KAY, CHIU WING-MING, IP CHUN-WAH, LO LAP-YIP, TAM WAI-KIT AND LAM CHI-MING, EACH GOT A FAVOURABLE ENTRY IN THEIR PERSONAL RECORDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GOOD WORK IN THE RESCUE OPERATION OF FIVE PERSONS IN A HILLFIRE AT TSING YI IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THEY WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE, PROFESSIONALISM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY IN THE TREATMENT OF THE FIVE CASUALTIES RESCUED IN THE HILLFIRE.

THE FIRE BROKE OUT AT THE HILLSIDE OF LIU TO SHAN VILLAGE AT 12.50 PM ON APRIL 5, THE CHING MING FESTIVAL. A COUPLE AND THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS, AGED BETWEEN THREE AND 11, WERE TRAPPED BY THE FIRE WHILE VISITING THEIR ANCESTRAL GRAVES.

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ON RECEIVING THE CALL, PRINCIPAL AMBULANCEMAN TANG LED THE OTHER EIGHT OFFICERS TO THE SCENE AND ATTENDED THE INJURED PERSONS, BEFORE TAKING THEM TO THE HILLTOP WHERE THEY WERE RUSHED TO HOSPITAL BY HELICOPTER.

AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR PANG ALSO PRESENTED HIS COMMENDATIONS TO PRINCIPAL AMBULANCEMAN NG KAM-FAN, AMBULANCEMEN YU CHI-KEUNG AND TANG FU-WAH OF THE POKFULAM AMBULANCE DEPOT FOR THEIR PUBLIC-SPIRITED ACTION IN ASSISTING THE POLICE IN THE APPREHENSION OF TWO SUSPECTS IN CONNECTION WITH A ROBBERY CASE IN CENTRAL WHILE OFF-DUTY ON MAY 7 THIS YEAR.

THEY WERE PRAISED FOR BRINGING CREDIT TO THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT BY THEIR BRAVE, PROMPT AND PUBLIC-SPIRITED ACTION IN ARRESTING THE SUSPECTS.

MEANWHILE, SENIOR AMBULANCE OFFICER, CHOI HUNG-FAI, WAS AWARDED THE CAO'S COMMENDATION FOR HIS INITIATIVE, RESOURCEFULNESS AND PROFESSIONALISM IN SUGGESTING A NEW METHOD OF USING PIPED OXYGEN FOR THE OPERATION OF RESUSCITATORS ON AMBULANCES.

SUCH METHOD COULD EXTEND THE DURATION OF OXYGEN SUPPLY TO PATIENTS BY USING A MODIFIED TUBE CONNECTED TO A LARGER OXYGEN CYLINDER AND HENCE THE WAITING TIME FOR ANOTHER AMBULANCE TO ARRIVE AND SUPPLY OXYGEN CAN BE SAVED.

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