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AIRPORT REMAINS HK'S OBJECTIVE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE OBJECTIVE REMAINS THAT HONG KONG WOULD LIKE TO GET AHEAD WITH THE AIRPORT PROJECT AS SOON AS WE CAN.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, MR JOHN MAJOR, IN LONDON, SIR DAVID SAID : "OUR HOPE IS THAT WE WILL GO AHEAD WITH THE AIRPORT AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS THAT HONG KONG NEEDS A NEW AIRPORT.

"I THINK NEARLY EVERYBODY IS AGREED ON THAT POINT, BUT IF WE ARE TO GO AHEAD WITH IT THEN WE NEED NOW TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH CHINA ON A SENSIBLE, PRAGMATIC BASIS FOR GOING AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT.

"IT IS A VERY BIG PROJECT AND WE NEED TO KNOW IF WE ARE GOING TO EMBARK ON IT THAT WE CAN CARRY IT OUT SENSIBLY AND IN GOOD TIME."

POINTING OUT THAT HONG KONG'S PRESENT AIRPORT WAS EXTREMELY OVERCROWDED, SIR DAVID SAID THAT WAS GOING TO GET WORSE OVER THE YEARS.

"A COMPETITION IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA WILL BE GOING AHEAD WITH BUILDING UP THEIR FACILITIES, SO FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THE SOONER WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT, THE SOONER WE COULD GET SOME SENSIBLE ARRANGEMENT WITH CHINA TO DO IT, THEN THE BETTER," HE ADDED.

"THERE IS, AS I WAS SAYING, PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES IF WE DO NOT REACH AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE," HE SAID.

"THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS WHICH WE WOULD HAVE BEEN DOING WHICH AS A RESULT IF WE DO NOT REACH AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE JUST HAVE TO SLIP.

"BUT THIS IS A QUESTION OF SLIPPAGE, IT IS NOT A QUESTION, I EMPHASISE, OF CANCELLATION OF THE PROJECT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT."

"THERE ARE CERTAIN TENDERS WHICH ARE DUE TO BE GOING OUT IN THE FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE AND THE PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCE OF NOT REACHING AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE YET, IF THAT REMAINS THE CASE, IS THAT OF COURSE THERE HAS TO BE SOME POSTPONEMENT IN THAT," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED IF HE WOULD HAVE FURTHER TALKS WITH CHINA, SIR DAVID SAID: "THERE IS CONTINUING CONTACT WITH CHINA, CONTINUING CONTACT ON THE DIPLOMATIC LEVEL, AND I DO EXPECT THAT TO GO ON."

ON HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, SIR DAVID SAID : " THIS IS ONE OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS THAT I COME BACK FOR TO LONDON SO THAT I CAN KEEP MINISTERS UP-TO-DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG.

"I HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED THIS MORNING TO HAVE A LONG PERIOD OF TIME WITH THE PRIME MINISTER COVERING THE RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH ARE OF CONCERN IN HONG KONG AT THE MOMENT.

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"OBVIOUSLY THOSE HAVE INCLUDED THE QUESTION OF THE AIRPORT, ALSO IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA AS A WHOLE COVERING THE NEXT SIX YEARS; I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE QUESTION OF THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED THERE; THE QUESTION OF MFN STATUS FOR CHINA AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HONG KONG OF THAT; AND VARIOUS OTHER ISSUES CONNECTED WITH HONG KONG."

"SO FOR ME IT WAS A VERY USEFUL MEETING," SIR DAVID ADDED.

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NEW INCENTIVE FOR LOCALISATION OF JUDICIARY

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A CASH ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF OTHER HOUSING BENEFITS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS AT THE RANK OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE AND ABOVE IN AN ATTEMPT TO BOOST THE RATE OF LOCALISATION IN THE JUDICIARY.

AT PRESENT, ONLY 23 PER CENT OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS AT THE RANK OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE AND ABOVE ARE LOCAL OFFICERS.

ANNOUNCING THE DECISION TODAY (TUESDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE JUDICIARY DIFFERED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE AS THE LATTER GENERALLY APPOINTED CANDIDATES TO THE BASIC RANK.

"IN THE JUDICIARY, DIRECT RECRUITMENT TO SENIOR RANKS IS A COMMON PRACTICE," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"CANDIDATES WHO ARE SUITABLE FOR THESE SENIOR POSTS ARE EXPERIENCED AND ESTABLISHED LAWYERS. ON AVERAGE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND HIGH COURT JUDGES APPOINTED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS WERE 48 YEARS OLD WITH 20 YEARS POST-QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNMENT'S EXISTING HOUSING BENEFITS WOULD NOT BE ATTRACTIVE TO LOCAL CANDIDATES AT THIS LEVEL WHO MAY OWN THEIR HOME AND PREFER TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE.

THE NEW INCENTIVE, WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, WILL BE A CASH ALLOWANCE WHICH WILL BE PAYABLE FOR THE DURATION OF A JUDGE'S SERVICE.

THE ALLOWANCE WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF OTHER HOUSING BENEFITS. THE ALLOWANCE WILL BE \$27,000 A MONTH FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND \$36,000 FOR HIGH COURT JUDGES.

THE AMOUNTS ARE THE SAME AS FOR OFFICERS AT EQUIVALENT RANKS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE WHO JOIN THE RECENTLY INTRODUCED HOME FINANCING SCHEME (HFS).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TWO SCHEMES SERVED DIFFERENT PURPOSES.

"THE MAIN AIM OF THE HFS IS TO ENCOURAGE HOME OWNERSHIP AND THE RELEASE OF QUARTERS BY CIVIL SERVANTS WHILE THE ALLOWANCE FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS IS DESIGNED TO ATTRACT EXPERIENCED LOCAL LAWYERS TO THE JUDICIARY.

"SERVING OFFICERS IN THE JUDICIARY WHO HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN THE HOME FINANCING SCHEME OR HOME PURCHASE SCHEME WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NEW ALLOWANCE," HE POINTED OUT.

PAYMENT OF THE NEW ALLOWANCE IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION OF FUNDS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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RS CALLS FOR PARTICIPATION IN LEGCO ELECTIONS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AND TO TAKE PART IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 15.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW PREMISES OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD THIS AFTERNOON, MR LAN SAID THE ELECTIONS WERE ANOTHER MILESTONE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

"IT WILL ALLOW MORE DIRECT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION," HE SAID.

TO ENSURE THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD SIGN UP AS ELECTORS, MR LAN SAID ANOTHER VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE. IT WOULD CLOSE ON JULY 1.

ON THE NEW MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE PREMISES, MR LAN SAID IN VIEW OF MONG KOK'S DENSE POPULATION, IT WAS VITAL TO ENHANCE LIAISON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HE SAID WERE PLAYING PROMINENT ROLES IN CO-ORDINATING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES, PROVIDING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF RESIDENTS.

"THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT COUPLED WITH GROWING POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG RESIDENTS MEANS THAT THE WORK OF DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AND CHALLENGING," MR LAN SAID.

THE NEW PREMISES OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD ARE LOCATED ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 30 LUEN WAN STREET. THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER IS AT GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

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GOVT WELCOMES VMS' VOLUNTARY RETURN TO VIETNAM

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, THE ACTING REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR ALEX FONG, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY (TUESDAY):

"THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE RETURN OF 233 VOLUNTEERS ON THE TWO VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FLIGHTS TODAY AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE RENEWED AND EXPANDED INTEREST IN RETURN TO VIETNAM BY THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS CROWDING THE CAMPS HERE.

"THERE WILL BE ANOTHER FLIGHT ON FRIDAY (JUNE 28) FOR ABOUT 250 VM'S AND THE UNHCR IS ARRANGING MORE FLIGHTS IN JULY.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THE UPTURN IN THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME, AND WE HOPE TO SEE THE MOMENTUM NOW BUILT UP SUSTAINED, WITH NUMBERS APPLYING FOR RETURN TO VIETNAM CONTINUING TO INCREASE.

"MANY RECENT ARRIVALS WERE VICTIMS OF RUMOURS, DRIVEN HERE BY FALSE HOPES OF A MORE PROSPEROUS LIFE OVERSEAS. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IN APRIL/MAY, WE HAVE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNHCR, STEPPED UP OUR COUNSELLING EFFORTS WHICH HELPED TO DISPEL SOME OF THE RUMOURS.

"AS MANY REALISED THEY HAD BEEN MISLED, THEY HAD WISELY DECIDED THAT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR THEM IS TO RETURN TO VIETNAM UNDER THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME. AT THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION WAS REAFFIRMED AND IT SHOULD NOW BE CLEAR TO THOSE IN THE CAMPS THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF ANY CHANGES IN POLICY AND THAT THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF RESETTLEMENT FOR THE SCREENED-OUT.

"RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP INTERNATIONALLY MANAGED CENTRES FOR THE SCREENED-OUT IN VIETNAM HAD HELPED TO REINFORCE THIS MESSAGE TO THOSE IN THE CAMPS IN HONG KONG."

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SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE 1989 SURVEY OF STORAGE,
COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES
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TWO HUNDRED AND SEVEN STORAGE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1989, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 10% COMPARED WITH 1988.

MEANWHILE, A TOTAL OF 4,384 PERSONS WERE ENGAGED IN THESE ESTABLISHMENTS, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 2% OVER 1988, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE 1989 SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$2,423 MILLION OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME (+37%), AND SPENT \$383 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (+19%) AND \$1,439 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES (+30%).

THE VALUE ADDED OF THIS SECTOR INCREASED BY 35% OVER 1988 TO \$1,117 MILLION IN 1989. VALUE ADDED IS A MEASURE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF AN ECONOMIC SECTOR TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

ALL VALUE FIGURES ARE EXPRESSED IN CURRENT PRICE TERMS. PERCENTAGE CHANGES DERIVED FROM THESE FIGURES HAVE NOT BEEN ADJUSTED FOR PRICE INCREASES.

IN THE COMMUNICATION SECTOR WHICH INCLUDES TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, COURIER, RADIO-PAGING AND OTHER TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES, THERE WERE 424 ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION IN 1989, AN INCREASE OF 48% OVER 1988.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED ROSE BY 5% TO 26,105.

COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AMOUNTED TO \$2,910 MILLION (AN INCREASE OF 24%) AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO \$4,942 MILLION (+21%).

BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME INCREASED BY 17% TO \$14,419 MILLION, WHILE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THIS SECTOR TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED INCREASED BY 19% TO \$8,447 MILLION.

IN THE FINANCING SECTOR, 3,386 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE IN OPERATION DURING 1989, AN INCREASE OF 14% WHEN COMPARED WITH 1988.

THIS SECTOR COMPRISES LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANIES, CREDIT INSTITUTIONS, FINANCE LEASING, PAWNSHOPS, INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES, SECURITIES, FUTURES AND GOLD BULLION BROKERS AND DEALERS, MONEY CHANGERS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE BROKERS AND DEALERS.

COMPARED WITH 1988, THE SECTOR'S TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED WENT UP BY 11% TO 35,603.

COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AMOUNTED TO \$6,487 MILLION (AN INCREASE OF 41%) AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO \$19,896 MILLION (+29%). BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME GREW BY 27% TO \$54,249 MILLION.

THIS SECTOR'S VALUE ADDED, WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE THAT OF INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES DUE TO THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THEIR BUSINESS OPERATION, INCREASED BY 13% OVER 1988 TO \$5,373 MILLION.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE FINANCING SECTOR MENTIONED ABOVE EXCLUDED BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WHICH ARE SEPARATELY COVERED UNDER THE 1989 SURVEY OF BANKS, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF FOREIGN BANKS, THE RESULTS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 1991 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

IN SUMMARY, THE NUMBER OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (EXCLUDING REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF FOREIGN BANKS) IN OPERATION DECREASED MARGINALLY FROM 428 IN 1988 TO 427 IN 1989.

WAGES AND SALARIES PAID AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS OFFERED IN 1989 AMOUNTED TO \$10,121 MILLION (AN INCREASE OF 19%) AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO \$6,546 MILLION (+20%).

NET INTEREST RECEIPTS (THAT IS INTEREST RECEIVED MINUS INTEREST PAID) ROSE BY 12% TO \$22,111 MILLION, WHILE RECEIPTS FROM SERVICES RENDERED INCREASED BY 19% TO \$6,786 MILLION.

IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THERE WERE 9,833 ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION IN 1989, AN INCREASE OF 21% OVER 1988.

THESE INCLUDE LEGAL, ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND DATA PROCESSING FIRMS; COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTANCY, ADVERTISING, DESIGNING, SECRETARIAL AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES; TECHNICAL SERVICES AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL COMPANIES WHICH ENGAGED A TOTAL OF 80,121 PERSONS, AN INCREASE OF 9% OVER 1988.

IN 1989, THEY SPENT \$8,164 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (AN INCREASE OF 23%) AND \$13,693 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES (+23%), AND GENERATED \$28,070 MILLION OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME (+16%).

THE SECTOR CONTRIBUTED \$13,939 MILLION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (+10%), MEASURED IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED.

IN THE INSURANCE SECTOR, WHICH INCLUDES GENERAL AND LIFE INSURERS, INSURANCE AGENTS AND COMPANIES PROVIDING OTHER INSURANCE-RELATED SERVICES, THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS INCREASED BY 3% OVER 1988 TO 1,699 IN 1989, WHILE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED INCREASED BY 11% TO 19,810 OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THIS SECTOR GENERATED \$17,105 MILLION OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME (+21%) IN 1989. COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AMOUNTED TO \$2,685 MILLION AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO \$1,731 MILLION, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 34% AND 21% RESPECTIVELY OVER 1988.

THE 1989 SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STORAGE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS AND OF UPDATING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY, TOGETHER WITH ANALYTICAL TABLES SHOWING THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY SERVICES GROUP/SECTOR AND ANALYSED BY VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, ARE INCLUDED IN THE STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED "1989 SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES".

THIS REPORT WILL BE ON SALE IN JULY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE; AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT WILL BE USEFUL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRANSPORT AND SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 802 1244.

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Comparison of selected principal statistics for all establishments in the Storage, Communication, Financing, Insurance and Business Services Sectors Between 1988 and 1989

Sector		Number of establishments	Number of persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensation	Operating	Business receipts and other income	Value added
					of employees	expenses		
					\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.
Storage	1989	207	4 384	4 355	383.4	1,438.5	2,423.4	1,116.9
	1988	189	4 313	4 306	323.2	1,104.1	1,763.6	824.8
	% change	+10	+2	+1	+19	+30	+37	+35
Communication	1989	424	26 105	25 867	2,910.1	4,942.3	14,419.0	8,446.5
	1988	286	24 803	24 575	2,347.1	4,085.3	12,372.5	7,115.0
	% change	+48	+5	+5	+24	+21	+17	+19
Financing	1989	3 386	35 603	34 458	6,487.0	19,896.3	54,249.1	5,373.1
	1988	2 958	32 013	30 747	4,603.0	15,436.3	42,875.6	4,769.5
	% change	+14	+11	+12	+41	+29	+27	+13
Business services	1989	9 833	80 121	72 377	8,163.6	13,693.2	28,069.6	13,938.5
	1988	8 097	73 686	67 311	6,641.1	11,172.4	24,137.0	12,664.5
	% change	+21	+9	+8	+23	+23	+16	+10
Insurance	1989	1 699	19 810	18 988	2,685.2	1,731.1	17,104.8	-
	1988	1 650	17 851	16 791	2,001.5	1,434.6	14,133.2	-
	% change	+3	+11	+13	+34	+21	+21	-

Notes : (1) In the financing sector, value added was not compiled for investment and holding companies due to the special features of their business operation. Hence, total value added for the sector did not include that of investment and holding companies.

(2) Financing sector excluded banks and deposit-taking companies.

(3) Value added was not compiled for the insurance sector.

(4) Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

(5) Value added is a measure of the contribution of an economic sector to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product. The definition can be found in the "1989 Survey of Storage, Communication, Financing, Insurance and Business Services" Report.

NEW SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE

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THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (RDCC) TODAY (TUESDAY) ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE SMALL GROUP HOME FOR MILD MENTALLY HANDICAPPED SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN FOR ACCOMMODATION AND CARE.

SPEAKING AT AN RDCC MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, THE CHIEF SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MISS ESTHER HO, POINTED OUT THAT AT PRESENT, MILD MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN NEED OF ACCOMMODATION AND CARE WERE PLACED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S KAI CHI CHILDREN CENTRE.

"FROM THE FEEDBACKS OF CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, THERE ARE ABOUT 100 MILD MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT," SHE SAID.

"ABOUT 20 OF THOSE NOW RECEIVING SERVICE AT KAI CHI CHILDREN CENTRE ARE ALREADY AGED 14 AND ABOVE, WHILE MOST OF THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST ARE BELOW 14 YEARS OF AGE."

MEMBERS OF THE RDCC AGREED THAT MILD MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN FACED WITH SIMILAR SOCIAL AND FAMILY PROBLEMS AS ORDINARY CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE SAME SERVICE.

THEY ALSO LEARNED THAT THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED HAD LAUNCHED IN 1989 A PILOT SCHEME ON A SMALL GROUP HOME FOR MILD MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN CALLED THE LITTLE HOUSE PROJECT.

RDCC MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT AN INTERIM EVALUATION STUDY ON THE PILOT SCHEME INDICATED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CHILDREN WHO TOOK PART IN THE SCHEME HAD SHOWN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR VERBAL ABILITY, SOCIAL INTERACTION AND SELF-CARE SKILLS.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, RDCC MEMBERS ALSO RECOMMENDED A PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE AN AFTERCARE SERVICE FOR DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE SIX NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS (NGO'S) OPERATING 20 HALF-WAY HOUSES FOR DISCHARGEES.

MISS HO SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AFTERCARE SERVICE FOR DISCHARGEES OF HALF-WAY HOUSES WOULD ENABLE AN ADEQUATE SUPPORT AND A BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY.

"DISCHARGEES OF HALF-WAY HOUSES WOULD FEEL LESS INTIMIDATED IN RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITY; WOULD HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR CAPABILITY AND STRENGTH IN COPING WITH THEIR DAILY PROBLEMS; AND WOULD HAVE A HIGHER CHANCE OF ACHIEVING RE-INTEGRATION AND INDEPENDENCE, EVENTUALLY," SHE SAID.

MEANWHILE, RDCC MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SPEND ABOUT \$600,000 THIS FINANCIAL YEAR TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE THROUGH ORGANISING A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, NGO'S AND THE QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS RETURN TO VIETNAM

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TWO FULL FLIGHTS CARRYING A TOTAL OF 233 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS LEFT FOR HANOI TODAY (TUESDAY) UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 132 MEN, 46 WOMEN, 25 BOYS AND 30 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 55TH AND 56TH BATCHES TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THESE TWO BATCHES BROUGHT TO 7,298 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY.

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TWO GOVT LOTS TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF TWO LAND LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FIRST LOT, LOCATED IN AREA 16B, AU PUI WAN STREET, FO TAN, MEASURES ABOUT 5,381 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF PLANT, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CONTAINERS (BUT EXCLUDING THE STUFFING OR DESTUFFING OF GOODS) OR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK.

THE OTHER LOT, A 7,400-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN AREA 44, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, IS DESIGNATED FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK.

THE TENANCY FOR BOTH LOTS IS FOR TWO YEARS AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 12.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES AT SHA TIN, TUEN MUN AND KOWLOON AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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ACTION ON UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN SHAM SHUI PO
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN A BUILDING AT SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ARE LOCATED AT FLATS A, B AND C ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF 327 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 4 WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (TUESDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN TAI KOK TSUI
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI, KOWLOON, WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (JUNE 27), FROM 9.30 AM TO 5 PM TO FACILITATE WATERMAINS CONNECTION WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES BOUNDED BY LAI CHI KOK ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, PORTLAND STREET, BOUNDARY STREET AND POPLAR STREET.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
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EXCHANGE FUND BILLS TENDER RESULTS --- TUESDAY 25 JUNE 1991

ISSUE NUMBER	Q126	H167
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 975 MN	HKD 548 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 400 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE ACCEPTED YIELD	7.40 PCT	7.40 PCT
HIGHEST ACCEPTED YIELD	7.40 PCT	7.40 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	100 PCT	100 PCT

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NEXT TENDER OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS --- TUESDAY 2 JULY 1991

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TENOR 91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER HKD 400 + 80 MN

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