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FURTHER FUNDING FOR PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE FURTHER FUNDING TOTTALLING \$564 MILLION.

THIS WOULD ENABLE THE AUTHORITY TO COVER ITS HEAD OFFICE EXPENSES FOR A PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS FROM THE END OF JUNE, AND TO PROCEED WITH EIGHT CRITICAL AIRPORT DESIGN PACKAGES.

"OUR DECISION TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR THIS FURTHER FUNDING IS IN LINE WITH OUR COMMITMENT UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO COMPLETE PROJECTS IN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE BY JUNE 1997," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE PAA IS WORKING TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE AIRPORT PROJECT.

"THE FIGURE OF \$564 MILLION IS THE MINIMUM NEEDED TO ENABLE THE AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE TO MANAGE THE SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT, TO KEEP ITS PLANNING AND DESIGN WORK ON SCHEDULE, AND TO AVOID DELAYS THAT WOULD RAISE COSTS."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE \$564 MILLION COMPRISED A NEW CONTRIBUTION OF \$374 MILLION TOWARDS THE PAA'S HEAD OFFICE EXPENSES FOR A PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS FROM JULY 1 AND \$190 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF EIGHT DESIGN PACKAGES.

LAST NOVEMBER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED \$6,699 MILLION TO COVER HEAD OFFICE EXPENSES UP TO JUNE 30, AND FULL CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES (INCLUDING SITE SUPERVISION COSTS) OF THE SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT, THE PASSENGER TERMINAL DESIGN, AND FIVE OTHER CRITICAL DESIGN PACKAGES.

"A FURTHER PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR FUNDING THE HEAD OFFICE EXPENSES BECAUSE IT RUNS TO THE END OF THE PAA'S CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

APPROVAL OF THE FUNDS WOULD ALSO HELP SUSTAIN STAFF MORALE AND STRENGTHEN THE PAA'S NEGOTIATING POSITION IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS FUNDING IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PAA TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE, BEYOND THE END OF JUNE, ITS HEAD OFFICE MANAGEMENT OF THE SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT AND OF DESIGN WORK ON THE TERMINAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO ENABLE IT TO MAINTAIN ITS FINANCIAL AND CORPORATE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY, AND ITS OPERATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL PLANNING."

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE EIGHT DESIGN PACKAGES HAD BEEN HELD OVER WHEN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED FIVE MORE URGENT DESIGN PACKAGES LAST NOVEMBER.

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THE EIGHT HAD NOW BECOME CRITICAL. THEY INCLUDED ITEMS SUCH AS AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS, AIRFIELD AND APRON LIGHTING, THE AIRPORT EXPRESSWAY, OTHER ROADWORKS, AND COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY SYSTEMS.

"IF THESE EIGHT DESIGN PACKAGES ARE NOT AWARDED BY JULY, THERE COULD BE SERIOUS SLIPPAGE IN COMPLETION OF THE SITE PREPARATION WORK AND CONSEQUENTIAL INCREASES IN COSTS.

THERE COULD ALSO BE CLAIMS FROM THE SITE PREPARATION CONTRACTOR WHO NEEDS TO RECEIVE DESIGN DETAILS AS SITE WORK PROCEEDS".

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE \$564 MILLION BEING SOUGHT WOULD BRING ADVANCES APPROVED FOR THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO A TOTAL OF \$14,593 MILLION.

A PAPER EXPLAINING THE FUNDING HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TODAY TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME.

THE GROUP WOULD MEET ON JUNE 10 FOR A BRIEFING. THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS WOULD ALSO BE BRIEFED.

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MORE CONSTRUCTION SITES INSPECTED

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FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED 98 CONSTRUCTION SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO ENSURE THAT THE SAFETY MEASURES ON PASSENGER HOISTS ARE ADOPTED BY CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID 60 FACTORY INSPECTORS WERE DEPLOYED TODAY AND 15 CONSTRUCTION SITES WERE FOUND TO HAVE PASSENGER HOISTS, TALLING 25 IN NUMBER.

"TWO OFFENCES RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOIST GATE WERE DETECTED IN CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST," HE SAID.

"PROSECUTION ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN DUE COURSE AGAINST THE CONTRACTOR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT VISITED 199 CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE PAST TWO DAYS. 45 OF THEM WERE FOUND TO HAVE PASSENGER HOISTS, TALLING 74 IN NUMBER.

AT A MEETING ARRANGED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT THIS AFTERNOON, OFFICIALS FROM THE LEGAL AID AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS, AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION BRIEFED FAMILIES OF DECEASED WORKERS ON THE PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE COMPENSATION MATTERS RELATING TO THE YOUNGEST VICTIM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE FATHER OF THE DECEASED WORKER WHO MIGHT BE QUALIFIED FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE (ECO).

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE ECO, THE DEFINITION OF DEPENDANTS PROVIDES, INTER ALIA, THAT IF THE FATHER, MOTHER, GRANDFATHER, GRANDMOTHER, STEPFATHER OR STEPMOTHER OF THE DECEASED EMPLOYEE RETIRES WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE DEATH OF THE DECEASED EMPLOYEE AND WOULD BUT FOR THE DEATH OF THE EMPLOYEE HAVE BEEN REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE WHOLLY OR IN PART DEPENDENT UPON THE EARNINGS OF THE DECEASED EMPLOYEE AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, SUCH PERSON SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A DEPENDANT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORDINANCE.

HE ADDED THAT OFFICERS OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNIT ARE ALSO HELPING DEPENDANTS OF OTHER DECEASED WORKERS TO SEEK COMPENSATION.

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PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS REMINDED TO ENSURE SITE SAFETY

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THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR JAMES BLAKE, TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL HOISTS AT SITE WERE OPERATED AND KEPT IN A SAFE CONDITION.

IN A LETTER TO ALL APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I AND II, MR BLAKE SAID: "IN VIEW OF WEDNESDAY'S INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT IN NORTH POINT, I AM WRITING TO SEEK YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN ENSURING THAT ALL HOISTS ON YOUR CONSTRUCTION SITES ARE THOROUGHLY SAFE AND IN GOOD ORDER."

"IN PARTICULAR, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PREVENT OVERLOADING OF THESE HOISTS IN USE," HE SAID.

MR BLAKE URGED THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY SPECIAL CHECKS ON ALL HOISTS AND TO ENSURE THAT INSPECTIONS REQUIRED UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITE (SAFETY) REGULATIONS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CARRIED OUT RIGOROUSLY AND PUNCTUALLY NOT ONLY ON HOISTS BUT ALL OTHER MECHANICAL PLANT THAT COULD AFFECT THE SAFETY OF WORKERS ON SITE.

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## REPORT ON MTR TRAIN SEPARATION INCIDENT PUBLISHED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE FULL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTING OFFICER OF THE BRITISH RAILWAY INSPECTORATE, MR ALAN COOKSEY, INTO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION'S TRAIN UNCOUPLING INCIDENT ON APRIL 27.

APART FROM CONFIRMING THE CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE PUBLIC, THE REPORT CONTAINS 10 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAINTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF TRAIN SAFETY. THEY ARE:

- \* PENDING CONSIDERATION OF THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS, MTRC SHOULD CONTINUE WITH THE SAFETY MEASURES INTRODUCED SINCE THE INCIDENT, INCLUDING THE DAILY INSPECTION OF COUPLERS BEFORE A TRAIN IS PUT INTO SERVICE;
- \* MTRC SHOULD CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF A SIMPLE AND ROBUST TRAIN SEPARATION INDICATOR FOR THE TRAIN OPERATORS;
- \* MTRC SHOULD PROCEED WITH ITS DETAILED HAZARD ANALYSIS OF THE COUPLER MECHANISM TO IDENTIFY ANY AREAS OF RISK IN ITS DESIGN, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE;
- \* MTRC SHOULD REVIEW THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN TRAIN OPERATORS AND CONTROL ROOM STAFF;
- \* MTRC SHOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING IMPROVED VOICE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM AND TRAINS, AND BETWEEN TRAIN OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS;
- \* MTRC SHOULD CONSIDER INSPECTING THE COUPLERS VISUALLY AT GROUND LEVEL, BEFORE AND AFTER CARRIAGES ARE COUPLED TOGETHER;
- \* MTRC SHOULD LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ALLOWED IN THE CONTROL ROOM TO THOSE WHO REALLY NEED TO BE THERE;
- \* THE OPEN GANGWAY DESIGN LINKING MTR CARRIAGES HAS MANY ADVANTAGES INCLUDING CONTRIBUTING TO CRIME FREE OPERATION AND FACILITATING EMERGENCY EVACUATION. IT SHOULD BE RETAINED;
- \* KCRC SHOULD EXAMINE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT TO SEE WHETHER THESE MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO THEIR OPERATIONS; AND
- \* THE TWO RAILWAY CORPORATIONS SHOULD SUBMIT TO THE CHIEF INSPECTING OFFICER OF THE HONG KONG RAILWAY INSPECTORATE REGULAR PROGRESS REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH THE FIRST SUCH REPORT TO BE MADE WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AND SUBSEQUENT REPORTS AT SIX MONTHLY INTERVALS THEREAFTER.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN FULLY ACCEPTED BY THE MTRC AND WERE BEING CONSIDERED AS PART OF THEIR OWN ENQUIRY WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID JUNE.

/RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS .....

RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ALSO BEING FOLLOWED UP BY THE KCRC.

"TO MONITOR PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED MEASURES, MR COOKSEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COPIES OF THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF DISTRICT OFFICES FROM NEXT TUESDAY (JUNE 8).

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PROPOSED MERGER OF YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICTS WELL-FOUNDED  
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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE PROPOSED MERGER OF YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE TWO DISTRICTS SHARE MANY COMMON CHARACTERISTICS AND ARE WELL-LINKED IN TERMS OF TRANSPORT SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES.

"BOTH YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICTS COVER SMALL GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS AND HAVE RELATIVELY SMALL AND DECLINING POPULATION. THE CASE FOR MERGING THESE TWO DISTRICTS IS WELL-FOUNDED."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONSIDERED THE ARGUMENTS PUT FORWARD BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE AFFECTED DISTRICT BOARDS.

IN FACT, THIS PROPOSAL WAS A SUBJECT OF CONSULTATION WITH ALL THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1992.

"HOWEVER, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE COMBINED BOARD WOULD HAVE A MORE REASONABLE SIZE AND CARRY AN ENHANCED STATUS TO THE LONG-TERM BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AN ORDER MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL DECLARING THE NUMBER OF PROPOSED DISTRICTS AND SPECIFYING THEIR NAMES WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

THE NAME FOR THE PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT IS YAU TSIM MONG - A NAME WHICH IS ALREADY USED AT PRESENT WHEN THE TWO DISTRICTS ARE REFERRED TOGETHER.

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TRADE DEPARTMENT REVISES LICENSING FEES  
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APPLICATION FEES FOR CERTAIN TRADE LICENCES, CERTIFICATES, RELATED DOCUMENTS AND SERVICES WILL BE REVISED FROM JUNE 15 UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (FEES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATION 1993 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN PARALLEL, ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR NOTICES TO EXPORTERS AND OTHER CIRCULARS ISSUED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE REVISED.

"IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE BRANCH, A 10 PER CENT INCREASE ON CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES WILL BE APPLIED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"IN CERTAIN CASES, THE PROPOSED FEE LEVELS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP FOR CONVENIENCE OF COLLECTION OR FOR HARMONISATION WITH STAMP DENOMINATION AS SOME FEES ARE PAID BY AFFIXING STAMPS," HE SAID.

THE PERCENTAGE IS BASED ON THE GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE DEFLATOR WHICH HAS BEEN WORKED OUT TO BE 10 PER CENT THIS YEAR.

"STARTING FROM THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT WILL APPLY AN ESCALATING FACTOR TO THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THOSE YEARS WHEN A FULL COSTING EXERCISE IS NOT CARRIED OUT," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

MOST OF THE NEW FEES WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JUNE 15, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN CERTIFICATES AND REGISTRATION FEES WHICH WILL BE REVISED AT A LATER STAGE.

"THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD AND THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD HAVE BEEN CONSULTED RESPECTIVELY AND HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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## New Scale of Fees Charged by Trade Department

<u>Type of Application</u>	<u>Fees</u>		<u>Date of Implementation</u>
	<u>Current</u> \$	<u>New</u> \$	
(I) <u>Textiles licences, documents and services</u>			
(a) Application for issue of textiles export licence - non-restrained items	40	44	15 June 1993
(b) Application for issue of textiles export licence - restrained items	120	132	15 June 1993
(c) Application for swing of quota	175	193	15 June 1993
(d) Application for transfer of quota	175	193	15 June 1993
(e) Application for free quota export authorization	325	358	15 June 1993
(f) Application for surveillance export authorization and quota export authorization	175	193	15 June 1993
(g) Application for textiles import licence	25	28	15 June 1993
(h) Application for licence issued under the Special Export and Import Licensing (Textiles) Scheme for piece-knitted garments :			15 June 1993
Export Licence (Form 8)	120	132	
Special export licence (Forms 8a and 8d)	40	44	
Special import licence (Forms 8b, 8c and 8e)	25	28	
(i) Annual fee for registration of companies for textiles control purposes	1,100	1,210	15 June 1993
(j) Official signature fees charged for the issue of certified true copies (CTC) of licences and certificates	45	50	15 June 1993

<u>Type of Application</u>	<u>Fees</u>		<u>Date of Implementation</u>
	<u>Current</u> \$	<u>New</u> \$	
<b>II. <u>Non-textiles trade documents</u></b>			
(a) Landing certificate	210	231	15 June 1993
(b) Provision of official records of statistical data derived or extracted from import and export declarations (per page)	12	13.2	15 June 1993
(c) Delivery verification certificate	90	99	15 June 1993
(d) Certified true copy of trade declaration and cargo manifest	140	154	15 June 1993
(e) International import certificate	35	39	15 June 1993
<b>III. <u>Certificate of origin and related services</u></b>			
(a) Certificate of origin, other than generalized preference certificate	100	110	3 Jan 1994
(b) Generalized preference certificate	135	150	3 Jan 1994
(c) Factory registration (annual fee)	1,500	1,650	2 Aug 1993
(d) Official certificate fees charged for the issue of statutory declaration of antique	750	825	2 Aug 1993

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<u>Type of Application</u>	<u>Fees</u>		<u>Date of Implementation</u>
	<u>Current</u> \$	<u>New</u> \$	
IV. <u>Annual subscription fee for Notice to Exporters and other Circulars</u>			
(a) Annual subscription fees for direct mailing services of "Notices to Exporters"			15 June 1993
For "A" Series	60	66	
For "O" Series	135	149	
(b) Annual subscription fees for direct mailing services of "Certification Branch Circulars"	65	72	15 June 1993
(c) Annual subscription fees for direct mailing services of "Commercial Information Circulars"	130	143	15 June 1993
(d) Annual subscription fees for overseas subscribers to "Notices to Exporters" ( <i>Note</i> )			15 June 1993
For Asia :			
"A" Series			
USA	265/ 395	292/ 435	
EEC	310/ 445	341/ 490	
Others	325/ 895	358/ 985	
"O" Series			
USA	205/ 560	226/ 616	
EEC	210/ 590	231/ 649	
Others	370/ 1,165	407/ 1,282	

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<u>Type of Application</u>	<u>Fees</u>		<u>Date of Implementation</u>
	<u>Current</u> \$	<u>New</u> \$	
For Regions other than Asia :			
"A" Series			
USA	360/ 490	396/ 539	
EEC	425/ 555	468/ 611	
Others	445/ 1,015	490/ 1,117	
"O" Series			
USA	260/ 615	286/ 677	
EEC	270/ 650	297/ 715	
Others	495/ 1,290	545/ 1,419	
(e) Annual subscription fees for overseas subscribers of "Commercial Information Circulars" (Note)			15 June 1993
For Asia :	255/ 745	281/ 820	
For Regions other than Asia :	330/ 820	363/ 902	
(f) Annual subscription fees for overseas subscribers of "Certification Branch Circulars" (Note)			15 June 1993
For Asia :	160/ 375	176/ 413	
For Regions other than Asia :	205/ 425	226/ 468	

Note : Second class Air Mail / Express

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REVISED MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION GROUPING ASSESSMENT ANNOUNCED

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE A REVISED METHOD OF MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION GROUPING ASSESSMENT TO REPLACE THE SECURE HONG KONG ATTAINMENT TESTS DUE TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE NEW METHOD HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION RECENTLY.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, SAID: "THE CONTINUOUS INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS SUBMITTED FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION WILL BE USED INSTEAD."

THE INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SUBJECT GROUPS:

- \* A CHINESE GROUP COMPRISING ALL SUBJECTS TAUGHT AND EXAMINED IN THE CHINESE MEDIUM; AND
- \* AN ENGLISH GROUP COMPRISING ALL SUBJECTS TAUGHT AND EXAMINED IN THE ENGLISH MEDIUM.

"CULTURAL SUBJECTS, WHICH ARE NOT LANGUAGE-LOADED, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE ASSESSMENTS.

"FOR THE MAJORITY OF PRIMARY PUPILS IN HONG KONG, THE ENGLISH GROUP WILL CONSIST OF A SINGLE SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE; WHILE THE CHINESE GROUP WILL CONSIST OF CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ALL OTHER NON-CULTURAL SUBJECTS," HE ADDED.

"TO ACHIEVE COMPARABILITY ACROSS THE TERRITORY, THE INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS WILL BE SCALED BY THE ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST IN THE USUAL MANNER," HE EXPLAINED.

THE NEW METHOD WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ENTRY TO SECONDARY 1 IN SEPTEMBER 1994.

THE MAIN ADVANTAGES OF THE REVISED METHOD INCLUDE:

- \* ADOPTING AN ASSESSMENT METHOD WHICH IS ALREADY FAMILIAR TO SCHOOLS AND PUPILS;
- \* RETAINING THE SPIRIT OF OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT;
- \* REMOVING THE BURDEN OF AN ADDITIONAL EXTERNAL EXAMINATION AND REMOVING THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON PUPILS;
- \* PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM AS IT WOULD BE FUTILE TO DRILL PUPILS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE LANGUAGES ONLY SINCE ALL THE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS IN THE CURRICULUM ARE COVERED IN THE TWO SUBJECT GROUPS WHICH ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT IN THE ASSESSMENT; AND

/\* NO ADDITIONAL .....

\* NO ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD ON TEACHERS.

MR WONG EXPECTED THE REVISED METHOD TO BE WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY PARENTS, TEACHERS AND PUPILS, SINCE NO ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION WILL BE INTRODUCED.

"AS THE REVISED METHOD WILL EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUOUS INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS, THE PRINCIPLE OF A BALANCED CURRICULUM IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS IS UPHELD," HE ADDED.

THE REVISED METHOD WILL PROVIDE SCHOOLS, PARENTS AND PUPILS WITH INFORMATION ON THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE PROFICIENCY OF PUPILS SO AS TO ENABLE SCHOOLS TO DECIDE ON THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION TO USE, AND PARENTS AND PUPILS TO CHOOSE SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

FOR MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION PURPOSES, SECONDARY 1 ENTRANTS WILL BE GROUPED AS FOLLOWS:

- \* GROUP I PUPILS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN EFFECTIVELY IN EITHER ENGLISH OR CHINESE;
- \* GROUP II PUPILS WHO WOULD LEARN MORE EFFECTIVELY THROUGH THE CHINESE MEDIUM; AND
- \* GROUP III PUPILS WHO WOULD LEARN BETTER THROUGH THE CHINESE MEDIUM BUT WOULD PROBABLY ALSO BE ABLE TO LEARN EFFECTIVELY IN ENGLISH.

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HK THRIVING AND FORGING AHEAD WITH VIGOUR

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HONG KONG IS THRIVING AND FORGING AHEAD WITH VIGOUR DESPITE THE OCCASIONAL AND SOMETIMES RATHER DRAMATIC HEADLINES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"IN FACT, WHILST MUCH OF THE WORLD IS STILL BEDEVILLED BY ECONOMIC RECESSION, OUR ECONOMY IS GROWING FAST," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON A THREE-DAY VISIT TO JAPAN FROM JUNE 3 TO 5, WAS ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB IN TOKYO.

HE SAID HONG KONG WAS GOING THROUGH A CHALLENGING AND EXCITING TIME IN ITS HISTORY AND HONG KONG WAS DETERMINED TO DO ALL IT COULD TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY.

"IT IS OUR PRIME AIM THAT THE FUTURE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG IN 1997 SHOULD GET OFF TO THE BEST POSSIBLE START, WITH SOUND FINANCE, A THRIVING ECONOMY AND AN INFRASTRUCTURE FIT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY," HE SAID.

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HE NOTED THAT GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WERE VITAL IF HONG KONG WERE TO REMAIN A THRIVING TRADING ECONOMY.

ACCORDINGLY, HE SAID, HONG KONG HAD EMBARKED ON ITS AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE THE TERRITORY WITH 10 MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING A NEW AIRPORT TO REPLACE THE CROWDED AIRPORT AT KAI TAK.

"THE OVERALL COST OF THE PROGRAMME IS US\$21 BILLION IN MONEY OF THE DAY OR OUTTURN PRICES.

"THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT - JUST LIKE JAPAN'S KANSAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECTS IN THE WORLD AND THE WHOLE PROGRAMME IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

"IN ADDITION TO THE AIRPORT, URGENTLY NEEDED RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH NEW ROADS, RAILWAYS AND BRIDGES - LINKED WITH THE EXPANSION OF OUR CONTAINER PORT AS WELL AS TRANSPORT FACILITIES TO CHINA AND A NEW TOWN," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD SAID 25 CONTRACTS WORTH OVER US\$4.4 BILLION HAD SO FAR BEEN AWARDED, INCLUDING THE SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT FOR THE AIRPORT. THEY WERE ALL ON TARGET FOR COMPLETION ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET ESTIMATES.

SO FAR, HE ADDED, JAPANESE COMPANIES HAD CAPTURED THE LARGEST SHARE OF THESE CONTRACTS, ACCOUNTING FOR 22 PER CENT BY VALUE OR US\$945 MILLION (HK\$7,373 MILLION).

"GIVEN THEIR POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION, THE AIRPORT, THE AIRPORT RAILWAY AND THE THIRD CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ARE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

"THE REMAINING SEVEN PROJECTS IN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AND FUNDED DIRECTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT," MR MACLEOD SAID.

"WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINA ON THE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW AIRPORT AND THE AIRPORT RAILWAY.

"HOPEFULLY THESE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. THE NEED FOR THESE PROJECTS IS NOT IN DOUBT," HE SAID.

ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID THE PLANNING ASSUMPTION FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS WAS AN AVERAGE ANNUAL REAL GROWTH OF FIVE PER CENT IN OUR GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

HE ADDED THAT HONG KONG ALSO ENJOYED EFFECTIVE FULL EMPLOYMENT AND THE STOCK MARKET WAS BOOMING.

HONG KONG HAD EARNED ITS ECONOMIC SUCCESS BY HARD WORK AND GENUINE APPLICATION OF LOW TAX, FREE TRADE AND MARKET ECONOMY PRINCIPLES, AND OUR SITUATION IN FAST GROWING ASIA AND ESPECIALLY FAST GROWING CHINA HAD BEEN A GREAT HELP, HE SAID.

THE SUCCESS, HE SAID, WAS ALSO OWED MUCH TO HONG KONG'S DILIGENT AND VERSATILE WORKFORCE AND A RESOURCEFUL, PRAGMATIC AND RESILIENT BUSINESS SECTOR.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT HONG KONG WAS WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT ECONOMIC SUCCESS WAS TRANSLATED INTO A BETTER LIFE FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE.

ON HONG KONG'S RELATIONS WITH CHINA, MR MACLEOD SAID CHINA AND HONG KONG WERE AT PRESENT EACH OTHER'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND LARGEST EXTERNAL INVESTOR.

HE NOTED THAT CHINA'S INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE EXCEEDED US\$12 BILLION WHILE HONG KONG ACCOUNTED FOR AROUND 70 PER CENT OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA.

SOME 90 PER CENT OF THE EXTERNALLY SYNDICATED LOANS FOR CHINA WERE ARRANGED IN HONG KONG, HE ADDED.

"WE ALSO PROVIDE THE CAPITAL AND EXPERTISE FOR CHINA'S FLEDGLING FINANCIAL MARKET. NINE LEADING STATE-OWNED FIRMS IN CHINA WILL LIST THEIR SHARES ON THE HONG KONG STOCK MARKET IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS," HE SAID.

HE FURTHER NOTED THAT HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC INFLUENCE ON GUANGDONG HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY DRAMATIC.

HE BELIEVED THAT HONG KONG HAD THE CAPITAL, KNOW-HOW, MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE AND CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS TO HELP NURTURE THIS "FIFTH DRAGON" OF ASIA.

"IT IS THIS ROLE - THE ROLE OF HELPING IN CHINA'S ECONOMIC LIBERALISATION AND BENEFITTING FROM CHINA'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS - THAT PARTICULARLY INSPIRES CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD ALSO EXPECTED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS THE KEY REGIONAL SERVICES CENTRE TO STRENGTHEN.

HE NOTED THAT MORE RECENTLY JAPANESE REGIONAL BANKS HAD BEEN COMING TO HONG KONG IN INCREASING NUMBERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GROWTH IN ECONOMIC LINKS BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA.

THIS TREND WAS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND HONG KONG WAS EXPECTED TO REMAIN A PRIORITY AREA FOR JAPANESE BANKS AS A WHOLE DESPITE THE CUTBACKS THEY WERE MAKING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, HE SAID.

ON THE POLITICAL FRONT, HE SAID TALKS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA OVER HONG KONG'S CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT WERE WELL UNDERWAY.

"FOUR ROUNDS OF CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN BEIJING SO FAR. WE ALL HOPE THEY WILL RESULT IN AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS WHICH ARE OPEN, FAIR AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

FOR THE LONG-TERM OUTLOOK, MR MACLEOD SAID: "IT IS IN CHINA'S INTEREST TO SEE HONG KONG PROSPER AND FLOURISH AFTER 1997.

"IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION TO SEE HONG KONG CONTINUING AS A STABLE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE."

HE EMPHASISED THAT HONG KONG HAD ALWAYS BEEN A PLACE OF IMMENSE OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS OWN PEOPLE AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COME THERE TO LIVE OR TO TRADE.

"WE ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE AFTER 1997," HE SAID.

ON ARRIVAL IN TOKYO YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, MR MACLEOD MET THE JAPANESE MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION, MR KISHIRO NAKAMURA AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN-HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARIAN LEAGUE, MR TSUTOMU HATA.

IN THE EVENING, HE ATTENDED A DINNER MARKING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE JAPAN-HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARIAN LEAGUE COHOSTED BY THE LEAGUE AND THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE.

IN HIS SPEECH, MR MACLEOD SAID THE ASSOCIATION OF SO MANY IMPORTANT POLITICAL LEADERS IN JAPAN WITH THE LEAGUE WAS A CLEAR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE AND HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF, AND INTEREST IN, HONG KONG.

HE INVITED LEAGUE MEMBERS TO COME AND VISIT HONG KONG AGAIN, NOTING THAT THEY HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO HONG KONG AND SOUTHERN CHINA ABOUT A YEAR AGO.

THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, MR MACLEOD CALLED ON THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN, MR TOSHIKI KAIFU; THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, MR YOSHIRO HAYASHI AND THE PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR KOJI KAKIZAWA.

IN THE AFTERNOON, HE WILL MEET THE SENIOR DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF JAPAN, MR HIROSHI YOSHIMOTO AND THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, MR IHEI OCHI.

HE WILL ALSO VISIT THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE AND MEET LEADING JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN AND FINANCIERS AT A DINNER HOSTED BY HONG KONG'S PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE (TOKYO), MR DAVID LAN.

MR MACLEOD WILL ALSO TOUR THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT THE TOKYO TOY SHOW '93 AND BE INTERVIEWED BY JAPANESE MEDIA ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING NHK, THE NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN AND THE JAPANESE TIMES.

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR FREE QUOTA ON CFCS AND HALONS

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NOTICES HAVE BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR FREE QUOTA ON RETAINED IMPORTS OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (COMMONLY KNOWN AS CFCS) AND HALONS FOR THE CONTROL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR.

THE SUBSTANCES UNDER CONTROL INCLUDE CFC11, CFC12, CFC113, CFC114, CFC115 AND HALONS 1211, 1301 AND 2402.

CFCS AND HALONS ARE OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES COMMONLY USED IN HONG KONG.

BOTH OF THESE CLASSES OF SUBSTANCES ARE ALREADY SUBJECT TO IMPORT QUOTA CONTROLS UNDER THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE ADMINISTERED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD).

CFCS HAVE WIDE APPLICATIONS AS REFRIGERANTS IN THE AIR CONDITIONING INDUSTRY AND AS SOLVENTS IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY WHEREAS HALONS ARE COMMONLY USED IN FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE QUOTA SYSTEM HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO CONTROL THE LOCAL CONSUMPTION OF THESE SUBSTANCES IN ORDER TO FULFIL HONG KONG'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL IN COPENHAGEN LAST NOVEMBER, THE TIMETABLE FOR PHASING OUT OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY ACCELERATED SUCH THAT HALONS AND CFCS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE PHASED OUT BY JANUARY 1 OF 1994 AND 1996 RESPECTIVELY.

"AT PRESENT, OUR RETAINED IMPORT OF CFCS AND HALONS ARE FROZEN AT THE 1986 CONSUMPTION LEVEL. FROM JANUARY 1, 1994, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY QUOTA FOR HALONS AND THE AMOUNT OF CFCS WILL BE CUT TO ONLY 25 PER CENT OF THE CURRENT LEVEL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE FREE QUOTA FOR CFCS AND HALONS WOULD ONLY BE ALLOCATED TO APPLICANTS WHO HAD BEEN REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE AND WHO HAD NO RECORD OF OFFENCE UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EPD ON 33RD FLOOR, REVENUE TOWER, 5 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. APPLICATIONS NOT USING THE OFFICIAL FORM SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE EPD IN PERSON ON OR BEFORE 5 PM ON JULY 2, 1993. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE OF THE AIR CONTROL GROUP OF THE EPD ON TELEPHONE 594 6242 OR 594 6243 DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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## FEES UP FOR SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY GAZETTED INCREASES IN FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER REGULATIONS COVERING BILLS OF SALE, MONEY LENDERS AND THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE FEE INCREASES, WHICH RANGE FROM 58 PER CENT TO 75 PER CENT, WERE TO COVER INFLATION AND INCREASED COSTS SINCE THE LAST FEE REVISIONS FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO.

"IT IS OUR POLICY THAT FEES CHARGED BY THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD IN GENERAL BE SET AT A LEVEL AT LEAST SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE FULL ADMINISTRATION COSTS INCURRED," HE SAID.

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## CODE OF PRACTICE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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A CODE OF PRACTICE, WHICH PROVIDES GUIDELINES ON THE PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES, GOODS AND SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF A PRIVATE BUILDING, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) SAID THE CODE WAS ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 44 OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, WHICH TOOK EFFECT ON MAY 8.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MANAGERS ENTRUSTED WITH BUILDING MANAGEMENT SHOULD OBSERVE THIS SET OF GUIDELINES.

IN THE MAIN, HE SAID, THE CODE OF PRACTICE STIPULATES THAT ANY SUPPLIES, GOODS OR SERVICES, THE VALUE OF WHICH EXCEEDS OR LIKELY TO EXCEED A SPECIFIED SUM SHALL BE PROCURED BY INVITATION TO TENDER.

THIS SUM IS CURRENTLY SET AT \$100,000 OR THE EQUIVALENT OF 20 PER CENT OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF AN OWNERS' CORPORATION, WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER.

IT ALSO SPECIFIES THAT THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF TENDERS TO BE SOUGHT SHALL BE THREE IF THE PROCUREMENT'S VALUE IS ABOVE \$10,000 BUT NOT OVER \$100,000, AND SHALL BE FIVE IF ITS VALUE EXCEEDS \$100,000.

FURTHERMORE, THE CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS SHALL BE CLEARLY STATED IN THE RELEVANT TENDER DOCUMENTS AND LATE SUBMISSIONS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

TENDERS OF A VALUE NOT EXCEEDING A SPECIFIED SUM - CURRENTLY SET AT \$200,000 OR THE EQUIVALENT OF 45 PER CENT OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF AN OWNERS' CORPORATION, WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER - SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WHICH MAY ACCEPT OR REJECT THEM.

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TENDERS WITH A VALUE EXCEEDING THE SUM QUOTED ABOVE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE OWNERS' CORPORATION WHICH MAY, BY A RESOLUTION PASSED AT A GENERAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION, ACCEPT OR REJECT THEM.

MEANWHILE, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AND KEEP IN SAFE CUSTODY FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SIX YEARS ALL TENDER DOCUMENTS, COPIES OF CONTRACTS, ACCOUNTS AND INVOICES AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CORPORATION AND RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES, GOODS AND SERVICES.

ALL THESE DOCUMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE FLAT OWNERS, TENANTS' REPRESENTATIVE AND OTHERS SPECIFIED IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE ALSO CONTAINS PROVISIONS DETAILING THE PROPER TENDERING PROCEDURES, INCLUDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER DOCUMENTS AND THE DECLARATION OF VESTED INTERESTS IN ANY TENDERS BY MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

THE SPOKESMAN RECOMMENDED THAT OWNERS' CORPORATION AND BUILDING MANAGERS TO MAKE REFERENCE TO THE CODE OF PRACTICE BEFORE PROCURING ANY SUPPLIES, GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THEIR BUILDINGS.

HE SAID COPIES OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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#### ACCESS ROAD ON NORTH LANTAU

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD AN ACCESS ROAD RESTRICTED FOR EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES TO THE TSING CHAU WAN RECLAMATION ON NORTH LANTAU.

THE RESTRICTED ACCESS ROAD WILL ALSO SERVE AS A UTILITY RESERVE BETWEEN THE RECLAMATION AND A ROAD LEADING TO THE FUTURE TOLL PLAZA ON AN EMBANKMENT OF THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING.

THE PROPOSAL IS CONTAINED IN AN AMENDMENT TO THE AUTHORISED WORKS OF THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING ARISING FROM THE DETAILED DESIGN OF THIS PROJECT.

THE NEW ACCESS ROAD WILL BE BUILT WITHIN THE BUDGET APPROVED FOR THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

PLANS SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE DISPLAYED AT:

- \* THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;

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- \* THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/TSUEN WAN, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD NO LATER THAN AUGUST 3, 1993 DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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FILM CENSORSHIP FEE TO GO UP

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THE FILM CENSORSHIP (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1993 PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF THE FILM CENSORSHIP FEE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REVISION WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JULY 22.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY SAID THE FEE WOULD BE INCREASED FROM \$56 TO \$62 PER MINUTE OF RUNNING TIME TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS.

"THE REVISION REPRESENTS A 10 PER CENT INCREASE TO COVER INFLATION WHICH WOULD MEAN, IN DOLLAR TERMS, AN INCREASE FROM THE PRESENT \$5,040 TO \$5,580 FOR A 90-MINUTE FEATURE FILM.

"THIS IS A VERY SMALL AMOUNT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRODUCTION COSTS OF A FILM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FEES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF A STILL FILM AND THE ISSUE OF A FILM REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE WILL ALSO BE INCREASED FROM \$16 TO \$18 AND FROM \$130 TO \$143 RESPECTIVELY.

"THE INCREASE SHOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THE FILM INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS AND FILM CLUBS WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED AS THERE WERE PROVISIONS UNDER THE FILM CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS FOR THEM TO SEEK FEE EXEMPTION.

"IN PRACTICE, FILMS PRESENTED DURING FILM FESTIVALS AND BY CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE PAYMENT OF CENSORSHIP FEES," HE ADDED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR PARK AND SEWER WORKS  
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THE TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PHASE II CONSTRUCTION WORK OF TAK WAH PARK IN AREA 18, TSUEN WAN.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE ONGOING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN. IT INVOLVES THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN A WALLED GARDEN OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE STYLE LOCATED BETWEEN TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET AND TAK WAH STREET.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHINESE-STYLE GARDEN WITH A STONE BOAT, A POND WITH CASCADES SURROUNDED BY VERANDAH, A ROCK DISPLAY GARDEN, A CHESS GARDEN, A SERVICE BLOCK, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, LANDSCAPED AND SITTING-OUT AREAS AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN AUGUST 1995.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON JUNE 25.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF URBIS TRAVERS MORGAN LIMITED, FIRST FLOOR, LOK MOON COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 29 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT'S NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN AREAS 10 AND 11 IN TAI PO.

WORKS ON THIS PROJECT WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TENDER CLOSING DATE IS NOON ON JULY 2.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, 4 FUNG WO LANE, WO CHE, SHA TIN.

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LUNG CHEUNG AND CHING CHEUNG ROADS TO BE UPGRADED  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE TRAFFIC CAPACITY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD AND TO IMPROVE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC CONDITIONS THERE.

THE TWO ROADS FORM ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EAST AND WEST LINKS ALONG THE KOWLOON PENINSULAR.

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ABOUT FIVE KILOMETRES OF ROAD STRETCHING FROM BUTTERFLY VALLEY IN THE WEST TO LION ROCK TUNNEL IN THE EAST ARE TO BE WIDENED FROM DUAL TWO-LANE TO DUAL THREE-LANE.

FROM TAI PO ROAD INTERCHANGE TO BEACON HEIGHTS, WHERE WIDENING IS NOT ACHIEVED DUE TO SITE CONSTRAINTS, A ONE-KILOMETRE ELEVATED ROAD OFF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD MAINLINE WILL BE BUILT.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-1994 AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1997.

A NOTICE GIVING DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS HAS BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

PLANS OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- \* THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES/KOWLOON WEST AND KOWLOON EAST, BOTH AT YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/KWAI TSING, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTISTOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES;
- \* THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, 290 UN CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON;
- \* THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON; AND
- \* THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL MAY ADDRESS HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, NO LATER THAN AUGUST 3, 1993.

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CIVIL AID SERVICES EXERCISE

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ABOUT 800 MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL TAKE PART IN AN EXERCISE ON SUNDAY (JUNE 6) WHICH IS DESIGNED TO TEST THEIR RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES IN THE EVENT OF NATURAL DISASTERS.

THE ACTIVITY IS ONE OF ITS REGULAR EXERCISES HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO UP KEEP THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EMERGENCY RELIEF SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY.

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IT WILL LAST FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM AT YUEN DO NGAM, CHAI WAN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

TRANSPORT WILL BE ARRANGED FOR MEDIA MEMBERS. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE CAS HEADQUARTERS CAR PARK, 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 10.45 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 6).

THE VEHICLE WILL LEAVE THE EXERCISE SITE IN CHAI WAN AT 12.15 PM.

THE CAS PRESS CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE EXERCISE, MR AU YIN-SHAN, CAN BE CONTACTED ON 9489 4832 FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,660
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,140
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,800
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-800
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,000
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 111.7 *-0.1* 4.6.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.56 PCT	15 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.85	3.67
1 MONTH	2.76 PCT	18 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.15	3.83
3 MONTHS	3.00 PCT	21 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.23	4.03
6 MONTHS	3.26 PCT	24 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.22	4.21
12 MONTHS	3.53 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 25,744 MN

CLOSED JUNE 4, 1993

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