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GOVERNOR URGES PUBLIC TO GIVE VIEWS ON REHABILITATION GREEN PAPER
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THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED HONG KONG PEOPLE TO WRITE IN TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON REHABILITATION.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PO LEUNG KUK Y.C. CHENG CENTRE IN SHA TIN, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS KEEN TO HAVE THE PUBLIC'S VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER WHICH REVIEWED POLICY IN THE REHABILITATION FIELD AND MADE PROPOSALS FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SERVICES.

HE SAID THE Y.C. CHENG CENTRE WOULD BE THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, OFFERING 200 RESIDENTIAL AND DAY PLACES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAD WORKED TOGETHER TO PROVIDE A WHOLE RANGE OF SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES, INCLUDING SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, DAY CENTRES AND HOSTELS, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT IN THE CENTRE, TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS AND NURSES WOULD HELP MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT IN THEIR DAILY LIVES AND TO COMMUNICATE AND RESPOND BETTER WITH OTHERS.

"THEY CAN USE THE SKILLS THEY LEARN HERE WHEN THEY MOVE ON TO SHELTERED WORKSHOPS TO EARN SOME MONEY OF THEIR OWN, AN IMPORTANT STEP IN MAKING THEM FEEL MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT," LORD WILSON SAID.

BUT REHABILITATION WENT BEYOND THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL CARE, THE GOVERNOR SAID, ADDING THAT SPECIAL EFFORTS WERE NEEDED TO INTEGRATE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE INTO THE COMMUNITY.

"WE NEED TO INVOLVE THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN WHAT THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY DOES," LORD WILSON SAID.

SOCIAL WORKERS SHOULD GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO LIVE AMONG THE COMMUNITY; EMPLOYERS SHOULD GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT THEY COULD DO, AND ALL OF US SHOULD GIVE THEM OUR UNDERSTANDING AND ENCOURAGEMENT, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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COMMUNITY PLAYS ROLE IN EMPLOYMENT OF HANDICAPPED

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IT NEEDS THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE TO PUT ACROSS IDEAS TO ENCOURAGE THE EMPLOYMENT OF HANDICAPPED PEOPLE, THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PO LEUNG KUK Y.C. CHENG CENTRE, LORD WILSON SAID: "I THINK BY SHOWING THAT THERE ARE THINGS WHICH PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CAN DO, THAT THERE'S A USEFUL ROLE THAT THEY CAN PLAY IN THE COMMUNITY, THAT'S GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE WHO EMPLOY THEM AND VERY GOOD OF COURSE FOR THEM."

NOTING THAT SPENDING ON WELFARE WAS GOING UP SUBSTANTIALLY THIS YEAR BY ABOUT 15 PER CENT, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "I WOULD ASK THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO PUT FORWARD THEIR OWN VIEWS ON WHAT WE SHOULD NOW BE DOING FOR THE 1990'S, BECAUSE WE MUSTN'T SIMPLY GO ON DOING JUST WHAT WE WERE DOING BEFORE."

"WE MUST REASSESS WHAT WE ARE DOING, SEE WHAT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THE 1990'S AND PARTICULARLY LOOK AT THE QUESTION OF WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES AND WHAT THE COMMUNITY THINK ARE THE PRIORITIES FOR WELFARE AND REHABILITATION, BECAUSE ONE CANNOT DO EVERYTHING AT ONCE."

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NEW CATEGORY FOR GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR INDUSTRY

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A NEW CATEGORY OF AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE WILL BE ADDED TO THE GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR INDUSTRY THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, LORD WILSON SAID THE FIRST SUCH AWARDS WOULD BE GIVEN LATER THIS YEAR.

HE SAID THE IDEA FOR THIS AWARD, WHICH WAS AN EXCELLENT CONCEPT, CAME FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

LORD WILSON SAID HE APPRECIATED THE COMMITTEE'S WILLINGNESS TO ORGANISE THE AWARD.

"IT WILL, I HOPE, BE A SIGNIFICANT BOOST TO THE ATTEMPTS YOU ARE MAKING - AND WE ARE ALL TRYING TO MAKE - TO ENSURE THAT INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN THEIR DAILY WORK," HE SAID.

"I AM ENCOURAGED THAT THE TERRITORY'S LARGER COMPANIES HAVE DECIDED TO COME TOGETHER IN THIS COMMITTEE TO FIND PRACTICAL AND BUSINESS-LIKE WAYS OF CLEANING UP HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED TO LEARN WHAT THE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, SUPPORTED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMMITTEE, IS DOING TO HELP.

"THIS IS A FIRST-RATE INITIATIVE," HE SAID, ADDING THAT AS HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL LEGISLATION BEGAN TO BITE, HE WAS SURE THAT INDUSTRY WOULD TURN INCREASINGLY TO THE CENTRE FOR HELP.

LORD WILSON SAID HELPING COMPANIES TO MEET LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS WAS NOT THE ONLY PURPOSE OF THE CENTRE.

"MANY COMPANIES ARE NOW BEGINNING TO REALISE THAT IF THEY ARE TO MEET GROWING CUSTOMER DEMAND FOR GOODS PRODUCED IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE WAY, AND SO BE COMPETITIVE IN THE MARKET PLACE, THEY MUST TAKE A NEW LOOK AT HOW TO CLEAN UP THEIR PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND TO MINIMISE WASTE," HE SAID.

LORD WILSON SAID HE PERSONALLY ATTACHED A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG - MODERN PROSPEROUS HONG KONG - BECOMING MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS.

"I SHOULD LIKE TO SHOW THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHICH COMPANIES ARE LEADING THE WAY IN THIS IMPORTANT FIELD, SO THAT THEIR EXAMPLE WILL HELP TO CONVINCE OTHER COMPANIES OF THE NEED TO RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, IS TAKING ACTION ACROSS A BROAD FRONT TO TACKLE HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

BUT THE GOVERNMENT ACTION IS NOT ENOUGH IN TACKLING HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS, THE GOVERNOR SAID A COMMITMENT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BACK UP THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS WAS NEEDED.

"MANUFACTURERS TOO MUST TAKE MORE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE," HE SAID.

IT WILL TAKE TIME, EFFORT AND MONEY TO CLEAN UP HONG KONG.

"THE MORE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN WORK TOGETHER, THE FASTER WE SHALL GET THE JOB DONE, AND THE MORE SUCCESSFUL WE SHALL BE," HE ADDED.

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COMMUNITY HAS ROLE TO BRING METROPLAN INTO FRUITION
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FULL PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE CRUCIAL IN REMOULDING THE CITY OF HONG KONG IN ORDER TO BRING THE METROPLAN INTO FRUITION.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE OFFICIALLY OPENED A MONTH-LONG ROVING EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AS PART OF A PUBLICITY EXERCISE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE VARIOUS PLANNING CONCEPTS AND PROPOSALS SET OUT IN THE METROPLAN SELECTED STRATEGY.

THE METROPLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE A PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT WITH THE AIM OF MAKING HONG KONG A BETTER CITY IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK.

RATHER THAN A PROGRAMME OF WORKS BY ITSELF, IT IS A CONCEPTUAL STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPING AND UPGRADING THE METRO AREA OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI TSING.

SIR DAVID SAID THE METROPLAN ALSO REPRESENTED A VISION AS WELL AS AN ACHIEVABLE GOAL WHICH WOULD PROVIDE OPPORUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL ENVIRONMENT OF THE CITY.

HE SAID HONG KONG WAS SMALL, COMPACT AND DENSELY POPULATED WITH THE PRESENT POPULATION IN THE METRO AREA OF ABOUT 3.8 MILLION WHICH WAS TOO CROWDED BY WORLD STANDARDS.

THERE WAS A GROWING DEMAND FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, WITH THE INCREASING AFFLUENCE OF THE SOCIETY, AND THE RISING EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY, HE ADDED.

HE SAID TO CREATE A PLEASANT AND COMFORTABLE URBAN LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT WAS CERTAINLY NO EASY TASK FOR WHICH HONG KONG WAS A REAL CHALLENGE BUT ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ARCHITECTS, DESIGNERS, ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS; IT IMPOSED MANY CONSTRAINTS, BUT ALSO PROVIDED AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG COULD HAVE TRIED TO ACHIEVE WORKS IN SUCH PURSUIT IN LITTLE PIECES, FITTING IN SUCH IMPROVEMENTS TO EACH AREA AS IT COULD MANAGE AND TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOTS.

"BUT WITHOUT AN OVERALL PLAN TO STRUCTURE THE WHOLE CITY, WE WOULD HAVE LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND WE WOULD HAVE BEEN WORKING TO DIFFUSE PLANNING GOALS," HE STRESSED.

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SIR DAVID SAID UNDER THE METROPLAN, HONG KONG WOULD BY THE YEAR 2011 HAVE SOME 2,600 HECTARES OF ADDITIONAL LAND THROUGH RECLAMATION, LAND FORMATION AND RELOCATION OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT.

THEY WILL BE USED FOR HOUSING, INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, PORT AND RECREATION PURPOSE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO SET TARGETS IN THE METROPLAN TO THIN OUT THE PRESENT OVER-DENSELY POPULATED AND OLD URBAN AREAS AND, TO BUILD NEW AREAS TO DENSITIES AND WITH AMENITIES MORE LIKE THOSE OF THE NEW TOWNS BY LIMITING THE POPULATION IN THE METRO AREA TO 4.2 MILLION OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS.

SIR DAVID HAD NO DOUBT THAT METROPLAN WOULD BE THE KEY TO ORCHESTRATING A BETTER URBAN ENVIRONMENT OF TOMORROW BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SATISFY HOUSING NEEDS AND TO FACILITATE A MORE BALANCED DISTRIBUTION OF JOBS AND BUSINESS.

IT WILL ALSO MEET THE COMMUNITY'S NEED FOR OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE METRO AREA AND ABOVE ALL, CREATE A CITY WHICH FOSTERS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IDENTITY.

SIR DAVID MAINTAINED THAT THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METROPLAN WOULD RELY ON THE EFFORTS AND WILL OF BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND PURSUE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT SCHEMES WHICH MUST BE FINANCIALLY VIABLE AND WERE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

"VISION, GOOD PLANNING AND DESIGN, INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND RESOURCES, ALL OF WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN LACKING SO FAR, WILL EVENTUALLY DETERMINE THE FINAL SHAPE OF METROPLAN AND HOW FAST IT CAN BE FULLY REALISED," HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES TO TRANSLATE STRATEGIC CONCEPTS INTO DETAILED PLANS AND PROGRAMMES FOR EACH OF THE SEVEN BOARD DISTRICTS IN METRO AREA WERE EITHER BEING OR WOULD BE PREPARED.

"ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT AND INPUTS OF DISTRICT BOARDS, PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES, AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE INTO TOWN PLANNING MATTERS AND DEVELOPMENT WILL BE INDISPENSABLE," HE ADDED.

THE METROPLAN EXHIBITION WILL LAST UNTIL SUNDAY (MARCH 22) IN THE PACIFIC PLACE, QUEENSWAY AND WILL BE MOVED TO THREE OTHER VENUES THE FOLLOWING WEEKS.

THE EXHIBITION SCHEDULES ARE: TSUEN WAN PLAZA (MARCH 23-29), LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE (MARCH 30-APRIL 5), OCEAN TERMINAL (APRIL 6-10).

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BUDGET PACKAGE REFLECTS PRIORITIES OF THE COMMUNITY

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT HIS BUDGET PROPOSALS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AFTER MEETING THREE GROUPS OF LEGCO MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT PARTICULAR FEATURES OF THE BUDGET PACKAGE.

MR MACLEOD SAID: "THE BUDGET IS A CAREFULLY BALANCED PACKAGE OF MEASURES WHICH HAS BEEN TAILORED TO REFLECT THE PRIORITIES OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. I BELIEVE IT HAS A BROAD MEASURE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT. IT ENABLES US TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICES, INVEST IN HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE FINANCIAL CUSHION AGAINST FUTURE UNCERTAINTIES. I HAVE EXPLAINED TO LEGCO MEMBERS THAT I AM NOT PREPARED TO JEOPARDISE THE INTEGRITY OF MY BUDGET PROPOSALS AND I HAVE ASKED FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE FORTHCOMING DEBATE."

"I HAVE LISTENED CAREFULLY TO MEMBERS' VIEWS AND EXPLAINED THAT I BELIEVE WE CAN MEET MANY OF THEIR CONCERNS OUTSIDE THE BUDGET. I HAVE SAID THAT IF OUR FINANCIAL POSITION AFTER THIS BUDGET CONTINUES TO BE AS FORECAST, THEN IN THE 1993/94 BUDGET IT WOULD BE MY INTENTION TO DO WHAT I CAN TO ALLEVIATE THE TAX BURDEN ON THE LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME GROUPS BY REVIEWING AND IMPROVING SALARIES TAX ALLOWANCES AND TAX BANDS."

"I HAVE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT I AM PREPARED TO EXAMINE URGENTLY THE HOUSING PROBLEMS OF THE 'SANDWICH CLASS' AND TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO HELP."

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION WAS HELD ON 20 MARCH 1992. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 1992/93 FINANCIAL YEAR SHOULD AMOUNT TO 159.30 HECTARES. THE PROGRAMME COMPRISES 27.96 HECTARES FOR COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; 21.80 HECTARES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME, HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT AND VILLAGE HOUSING; 16.79 HECTARES FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES, EDUCATIONAL, WELFARE, RELIGIOUS, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER USES; AND 92.75 HECTARES AS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING 60 HECTARES FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 9.

THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO SET ASIDE 5 HECTARES OF LAND IN A SUPPLEMENTARY LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME. THE LAND COMMISSION WILL DECIDE DURING THE YEAR ON THE AMOUNT OF LAND TO BE RELEASED FROM THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMME IN THE LIGHT OF DEMAND.

DURING THE MEETING THE TWO SIDES ALSO HAD USEFUL DISCUSSIONS ON THE LAND REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND THE AIRPORT RAILWAY. THE TWO SIDES WILL CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON LAND FOR THESE PROJECTS.

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SUITABLE VACANCIES IDENTIFIED FOR TUNNEL STAFF
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THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO ABSORB STAFF AFFECTED BY THE CONTRACTING OUT OF THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF FOUR GOVERNMENT TUNNELS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID AFFECTED STAFF WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER OTHER CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO SUITABLE VACANCIES WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

"A TOTAL OF ABOUT 100 VACANCIES IN DIFFERENT RANKS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR APPLICATION BY THOSE IN THE TRANSPORT CONTROLLER AND TRANSPORT ASSISTANT GRADES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH WILL CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY MORE SUITABLE VACANCIES AND WILL INVITE THEM TO APPLY," HE SAID.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEWS ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE NEXT MONTH FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO JOIN THE CLERICAL ASSISTANT GRADE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY INTERVIEWS FOR OTHER VACANCIES.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE AFFECTED STAFF TO INDICATE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE JOBS THEY PREFER TO TRANSFER TO WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE SO THAT EARLY ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR THEM.

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HK SET TO ACHIEVE GREATER ENERGY SAVING
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HONG KONG IS SET TO MOVE TOWARDS GREATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN BUILDING DESIGN AND ENERGY HOUSEKEEPING.

THE WAY FORWARD IN ACHIEVING MORE ENERGY SAVING IS SET OUT IN THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

IN THE SHORT RUN:

- * THERE SHOULD BE AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE EDUCATED IN THE INITIAL PHASE ON THE CONCEPT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. SUBSEQUENT PHASES WILL BE DEVOTED TO SPECIFIC TARGET GROUPS.

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- * THERE SHOULD BE STATUTORY CONTROL ON OVERALL THERMAL TRANSFER VALUE (OTTV) IN AIR-CONDITIONED NEW COMMERCIAL AND HOTEL BUILDING IN THE FIRST STAGE. THE CONTROL SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER CLASSES OF BUILDINGS IN LATER STAGES. A HANDBOOK ON OTTV CALCULATIONS SHOULD BE PUBLISHED AS A GUIDE FOR BUILDING DESIGN DURING A TRIAL PERIOD BEFORE STATUTORY CONTROLS ARE TO BE INTRODUCED, WITH THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE CODE TO CONTROL BUILDING ENERGY CONSUMPTION.
- * A SERIES OF ADVISORY NOTES ON GOOD ENERGY HOUSEKEEPING SHOULD BE PUBLISHED. THE FIRST OF THIS SERIES SHOULD COVER COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.
- * A DATA BASE ON ENERGY CONSUMPTION PATTERNS IN ALL MAJOR ENERGY-USING SECTORS INCLUDING DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORT SECTORS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED.

IN THE LONG RUN:

- * PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY DISPLAY AND INFORMATION CENTRE. THE GOVERNMENT, POWER AND OIL COMPANIES, THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND POSSIBLY ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE COMPANIES SHOULD BE INVOLVED.
- * CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO INTRODUCING AN ENERGY LABELLING SYSTEM FOR ELECTRICAL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS BRIEFING TODAY (FRIDAY), PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT), DR PATRICK HASE SAID IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN 1992-93 WOULD BE IN THE ORDER OF \$2-3 MILLION.

DR HASE SAID THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD ALSO DECIDED THAT THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ITS WORKING GROUPS SHOULD REMAIN IN BEING TO CARRY OUT A FURTHER DETAILED INVESTIGATION OF ALL POTENTIAL AREAS OF ENERGY SAVINGS IN ORDER TO FORMULATE A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS
FIGURES IN JANUARY RELEASED

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, AS REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT OVER JANUARY LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO RESULTS OF A MONTHLY SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

FOR MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THE ORDERS POSITION IMPROVED WHEN COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO. NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

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COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1991, ORDERS IN JANUARY 1992 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REPORTED A MODERATE INCREASE WHILE SLIGHT DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

ORDERS POSITION FOR THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

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

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN JANUARY 1992 DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1991.

DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1991, EMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1992 DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. SLIGHT DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN MOST SURVEYED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

IN JANUARY 1992, PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1991.

THE YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY THE DIFFERENCE IN TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN EARLY FEBRUARY THIS YEAR BUT IN MID-FEBRUARY LAST YEAR. A NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS WHO HAD ISSUED DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR MADE SUCH PAYMENTS IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1991, PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 48 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS IN JANUARY 1992.

THIS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE WAS DUE TO A LARGER NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS ISSUING DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES IN JANUARY 1992 THAN IN DECEMBER 1991.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1992 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH JANUARY 1991 AND DECEMBER 1991.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JANUARY 1992 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH JANUARY 1991 AND DECEMBER 1991. THE INCREASES WERE AGAIN DUE TO SIMILAR REASONS AS IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

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

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1992 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1991, BUT SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1991.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JANUARY 1992 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER JANUARY 1991. THE PARTICULARLY LARGE INCREASE WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN TIMING OF ISSUING DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES BY SOME HOTELS BETWEEN 1992 AND 1991.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1991, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED MODERATELY FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER IN JANUARY 1992. THE VARIED CHANGES AMONG SERVICE SECTORS WAS AFFECTED BY THE DIFFERENCE IN TIMING OF ISSUING DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES AMONG THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS.

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

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

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERED ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE SECTORS IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1992 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$4.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6441.

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TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| INDUSTRY | AS AT THE END OF JANUARY 1992 (MONTHS) | ORDERS-ON-HAND | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| | | CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH | |
| | | DEC. 91 (%) | JAN. 91 (%) |
| ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES | 4.37 | * | +3 |
| WEARING APPAREL | 4.74 | -1 | +2 |
| TEXTILES | 2.35 | * | +8 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | 2.86 | +6 | +11 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | 4.21 | -1 | * |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | 5.40 | * | +3 |
| OTHERS | 3.94 | * | -3 |

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

PERSONS ENGAGED AS AT THE END OF JANUARY 1992

| INDUSTRY/SERVICES | CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | DEC. 91 (%) | JAN. 91 (%) |
| ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES | -1 | -10 |
| FOOD AND DRINKS | -1 | -5 |
| WEARING APPAREL | -1 | -6 |
| TEXTILES | -2 | -10 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | -1 | -19 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | * | -8 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | -1 | -18 |
| OTHERS | -2 | -3 |
| CONSTRUCTION # | -1 | -4 |

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| SERVICES | * | -1 |
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| BANKS | +1 | +2 |
| HOTELS | * | -4 |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | * | -3 |
| OTHERS | -1 | * |

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

NOTE : DUE TO THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF IRREGULAR PAYMENTS (E.G. BACKPAY OR SPECIAL BONUS), "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" FOR A GIVEN MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO RATHER VOLATILE FLUCTUATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. THEREFORE, IT IS PARTICULARLY ADVISABLE, IN STUDYING PER CAPITA EARNINGS STATISTICS, NOT TO TAKE A GIVEN MONTH'S DATA IN ISOLATION, BUT TO MAKE REFERENCE TO DATA OVER A LONGER PERIOD.

| INDUSTRY/SERVICES | PER CAPITA EARNINGS | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| | AVERAGE AS IN JANUARY 1992 | CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH | |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | (HK\$) | DEC. 91 (%) | JAN. 91 (%) |
| ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES | 11,928 | +48 | +24 |
| ----- | ----- | --- | --- |
| FOOD AND DRINKS | 10,947 | +13 | +10 |
| WEARING APPAREL | 7,655 | +21 | +19 |
| TEXTILES | 11,912 | +66 | +32 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | 15,207 | +94 | +41 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | 11,894 | +33 | +12 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | 11,795 | +45 | +29 |
| OTHERS | 16,720 | +72 | +21 |
| CONSTRUCTION # | 14,465 | +35 | +46 |
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|------------------|--------|------|-----|
| SERVICES | 17,570 | +5 | +19 |
| ----- | ----- | -- | --- |
| BANKS | 16,225 | -9 | +13 |
| HOTELS | 22,525 | +158 | +61 |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | 16,754 | +9 | +17 |
| OTHERS | 19,004 | +2 | +20 |

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

NOTE TO TABLES 1 - 3 :

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

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MARINERS URGED TO PAY ATTENTION TO SAFETY IN HARBOUR

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR ALLAN PYRKE, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID HONG KONG WAS PROBABLY THE BUSIEST HARBOUR IN THE WORLD AND MARINERS SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO MARINE SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE THIRD ANNUAL ABERDEEN MARINA CLUB BOAT SHOW AND EXHIBITION, MR PYRKE SAID: "THERE ARE 23,000 OCEAN-GOING SHIPS, 56,000 SMALLER COASTAL VESSELS AND FERRIES CRISS-CROSSING THE HARBOUR IN SEVERAL DIRECTIONS, SOME AT HIGH SPEED ANNUALLY."

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE MYRIAD LIGHTERS, TUGS AND OTHER WORKING CRAFT.

"MARINE TRAFFIC OVER RECENT YEARS HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY AND THIS IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE, BUT MARINERS MUST NOW CONTEND WITH NIGHTLY INTRUSIONS BY HIGH SPEED, UNLIT SMUGGLING CRAFT DRIVEN WITH NO REGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.

"I WILL SHORTLY BE ISSUING A MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE WARNING OF THE DANGERS OF VENTURING OUT IN THE EASTERN APPROACHES AT NIGHT, TOGETHER WITH LETTERS TO THE VARIOUS YACHT CLUBS AND BOATING ASSOCIATION IN SIMILAR TERMS," HE SAID.

ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE, HONG KONG HAS DEVELOPED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE FIELD OF MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE AND HAS COMPLETED THE FINAL STAGES IN IMPLEMENTING THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS) THIS YEAR.

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"WE WERE THE FIRST IN ASIA TO IMPLEMENT THE NAVTEX SERVICE, COVERING SOUTH CHINA SEA AND PROVIDING MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION, METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION AND A WARNING AND DISTRESS ALERTS.

"WE WERE ALSO THE FIRST TO COMMISSION A SATELLITE TRACKING STATION IN THE COSPAS-SARSAT PROGRAMME FOR DETECTING EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATOR RADIO BEACONS WITHIN A 4,000-KILOMETRE RADIUS.

"SINCE THE END OF LAST YEAR, WE HAVE HAD SPECIALLY TRAINED MARINE OFFICERS MANNING THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S MARITIME RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE 24 HOURS A DAY," MR PYRKE SAID.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT STAGED AN EXHIBITION COMPRISING FIVE DISPLAY PANELS AND AN AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION TO INTRODUCE ITS MARITIME RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE AND THE NEW GMDSS AT THE ANNUAL BOAT SHOW. THE EXHIBITION WAS MANNED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SEARCH AND RESCUE OFFICERS.

THE THREE-DAY BOAT SHOW IS BEING HELD AT 8 SHUM WAN ROAD IN ABERDEEN AND IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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NEW HEALTH AND MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED A HEALTH AND MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HMDAC) UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROFESSOR NATALIS YUEN CHUNG-LAU.

THE NEW COMMITTEE IS TO SUCCEED THE FORMER MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDAC).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY): "THE CHANGE TO THE TITLE IS A REFLECTION OF THE INCREASED EMPHASIS ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND THE MDAC DENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR."

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IS PARTICIPATORY CARE AND REQUIRES THE SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

"THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW COMMITTEE THEREFORE INCLUDES EXPERTS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF DIFFERENT INTERESTS," HE SAID.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF HMDAC ARE:

- * BEARING IN MIND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE GENERAL LEVEL OF HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY; AND

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* HAVING REGARD TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE AVAILABILITY OF MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES, TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND THE INTERFACE BETWEEN HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES.

"WITH THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TAKING OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE INCEPTION OF HMDAC IS TIMELY.

"IT WILL HELP THE GOVERNMENT TO ACHIEVE BETTER INTERFACE BETWEEN HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, AS WELL AS TO COMPLEMENT, RATHER THAN DUPLICATE, THE WORK OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PROFESSOR YUEN IS A PRIVATE PRACTITIONER AND THE PROFESSOR OF FAMILY MEDICINE AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (CUHK).

THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, IS THE VICE-CHAIRMAN EX OFFICIO.

OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE:

- DR JOHN H BOEY, A PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER;
- DR CHAN KAI-MING, READER, DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY, CUHK;
- MR DONALD CHIA, A BUSINESSMAN IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY;
- MRS ALICE CHONG YUK TAK-FUN, A SOCIAL WORKER;
- MR ALBERT HO CHUN-YAN, A SOLICITOR;
- MRS VERONICA HO CHAN YUEN-NGAI, A DIETICIAN;
- MS NANCY KIT KWONG-CHI, AN EDUCATOR IN HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION;
- DR LILLIAN KO YANG-YANG, A PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER;
- DR LEE KIN-HUNG, A PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER;
- PROFESSOR LEUNG PING-CHUNG, PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY, CUHK;
- MRS ALICE PONG TSO SHING-YUK, A NURSE EDUCATOR;
- MR PETER SUEN YIU-CHAN, A PHARMACIST IN COMMUNITY PRACTICE;
- DR HOMER TSO WEI-KWOK, A DENTIST IN PRIVATE PRACTICE;

/- MRS GLORIA

- MRS GLORIA WONG DUNN WEI-YU, A PUBLIC RELATIONS PROFESSIONAL;
- DR PETER YUEN POK-MAN, A SENIOR LECTURER IN DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC; AND
- A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, EX OFFICIO.

THE APPOINTMENT TAKES EFFECT FROM MARCH 1 THIS YEAR AND WILL BE FOR TWO YEARS.

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HIGH-TECH BOOSTS COMPETITIVENESS OF INDUSTRY
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VERY SOPHISTICATED, FAST-CHANGING TECHNOLOGY HAD A ROLE TO PLAY IN MAINTAINING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE LOCAL INDUSTRY, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

"APPLYING THIS TECHNOLOGY AS WIDELY AND AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN A COMMUNITY OF PREDOMINANTLY SMALL OR MEDIUM-SIZED FACTORIES, REQUIRES A COLLECTIVE, CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN INDUSTRY, HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE GOVERNMENT," MR BARMA SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE SPRING DINNER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (GROUP 2), MR BARMA SAID SUCH CO-OPERATION HAD EXISTED FOR SOME TIME.

IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING INDUSTRY THROUGH PROVIDING EFFECTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE, MANPOWER TRAINING, AND OTHER BASIC SERVICES, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENCOURAGED THE GREATER APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY TO INDUSTRY IN A NUMBER OF WAYS.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES ENABLING MANUFACTURERS, PARTICULARLY SMALL ONES, TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVE DESIGN.

"THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION SUPPLIES LAND FOR INDUSTRIES INTRODUCING NEW TECHNOLOGIES THAT MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO TAKE ROOT IN HONG KONG'S TRADITIONAL, CROWDED INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENT.

"THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION DIVISION OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ATTRACTS NEW OR IMPROVED PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES TO HONG KONG BY ENCOURAGING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN THE TERRITORY'S INDUSTRIES," HE SAID.

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MR BARMA ADDED THAT TO UNDERLINE THE VITAL CONNECTION BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR A NEW INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (ITDC), WHICH HAD REPLACED THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

"BRINGING TOGETHER EXPERTISE FROM INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY ON THE COUNCIL AND ON ITS SPECIALIST COMMITTEES IS A CLEAR RECOGNITION THAT INDUSTRY CANNOT NOW BE DISCUSSED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO TECHNOLOGY.

"WITH ITS EXPANDED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND A MORE FOCUSED APPROACH, THIS NEW COUNCIL WILL BE BETTER PLACED TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON WHAT SUPPORT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY IN RESPONDING TO TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE WORLD," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE ITDC HAD UNDER IT SIX SPECIALIST COMMITTEES: FOUR OF THESE PROVIDED ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ON THE NEEDS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS, METALS AND TEXTILES AND CLOTHING; A FIFTH COMMITTEE WOULD ADVISE ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY; A SIXTH COMMITTEE WOULD ADVISE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

"THIS SCHEME WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO COMPANIES ON A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR BASIS AS A FORM OF INVESTMENT IN THEIR APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

"THE SCHEME REPRESENTS MORE THAN SIMPLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: IN ITS EXPECTATION OF FINANCIAL RETURNS, IT IS A SIGN OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY.

"A TOTAL OF \$200 MILLION HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO THE SCHEME, AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE INVITED LATER IN THE YEAR," HE SAID.

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PUBLICITY DRIVE ON SUMMER JOB SAFETY ACHIEVES RESULTS

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INCREASINGLY FEW STUDENTS TAKING UP SUMMER JOBS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN WORK ACCIDENTS SINCE A JOINT PUBLICITY DRIVE WAS MOUNTED IN 1988.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH-COUNCIL, MR K.Y. TONGSON, MADE THE REMARK WHEN HE SPOKE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE "BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION ON SAFETY AT WORK FOR STUDENTS" TODAY (FRIDAY).

/MR TONGSON

MR TONGSON RECALLED THAT A WORKING GROUP, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS, WAS SET UP IN 1988 TO PROMOTE SUMMER JOB SAFETY AS MORE AND MORE STUDENTS WORKED DURING SUMMER VACATION.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SUMMER JOB STUDENTS DECLINED FROM 41 IN 1987 TO SEVEN LAST YEAR, A DROP OF 83 PER CENT, AND NO SERIOUS ACCIDENT WAS RECORDED," HE SAID.

"SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND TEACHERS HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE DRIVE AS THEY PLAY A COMPLEMENTARY ROLE IN STEPPING UP ADVISORY WORK FOR STUDENTS," MR TONGSON ADDED.

THE BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PUBLICITY DRIVE, ATTRACTING 490 ENTRIES FROM 32 SCHOOLS.

SOME 10,000 COPIES OF THE TOP WINNING ENTRY HAVE BEEN PRODUCED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS THROUGH SCHOOLS.

THE PRIZE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION ARE:

SENIOR SECTION:

FIRST PRIZE: YIP PAN-WA OF ST CATHARINE'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

SECOND PRIZE: LAU SHUI-HANG OF CMA CHOI CHEUNG KOK
PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL

THIRD PRIZE: CHENG YIN-MEI OF NING PO NO. 2 SCHOOL

JUNIOR SECTION:

FIRST PRIZE: MA KWOK-LEUNG OF RAIMONDI COLLEGE

SECOND PRIZE: LEE PAK-KIN OF RAIMONDI COLLEGE

THIRD PRIZE: CHAN YU-FAI OF NING PO NO. 2 COLLEGE

THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY PROGRAMME, INCLUDING TALKS BY FACTORY INSPECTORS AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS AND POSTERS, WILL BEGIN IN EARLY JUNE TO REINFORCE THE WORK SAFETY MESSAGE TO STUDENTS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN TAT-KING; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MRS GRACE YUNG; CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS, MR CHAN JOE-CHAK, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR THE COMPETITION, MR CHEUNG LUN.

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SCOTTISH BUSINESSMEN TOLD OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN HK

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SCOTTISH BUSINESSMEN ARE KEEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF HONG KONG'S NEW AIRPORT AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS IN THE TERRITORY.

THIS BECAME APPARENT DURING A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO THE REGION BY THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, MR JOHN YAXLEY, WHO SPOKE TO LEADING BANKERS, INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN IN EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW ABOUT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG.

DURING THE VISIT, WHICH ENDED ON THURSDAY, MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE TWO CITIES EXPRESSED A KEEN INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG.

MR YAXLEY URGED THEM TO INVEST IN HONG KONG, POINTING OUT THE HUGE POTENTIAL THAT EXISTED IN THE TERRITORY.

SCOTTISH FIRMS, HE SAID, SHOULD NOT MISS OUT ON THE CONTRACTS THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS OFFERED THEM.

HE TOLD BUSINESSMEN TO VISIT HONG KONG AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT THE TERRITORY HAD TO OFFER.

ADDRESSING A SEMINAR IN GLASGOW TODAY ON "BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG", JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON, MR YAXLEY EXPLAINED THE ROLE HONG KONG WAS PLAYING IN THE OPENING UP OF CHINA AND, IN PARTICULAR, IN THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN SOUTH CHINA.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE AS A FOCUS OF ACTIVITY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

HE SAID FOR THE NEXT DECADE AND PROBABLY WELL BEYOND, IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE ECONOMIES OF THE REGION WOULD OFFER THE MOST EXCITING BUSINESS PROSPECTS IN THE WORLD.

IT WAS A GREATLY EXPANDING AREA AND IT WOULD BE A PITY IF SCOTTISH BUSINESSMEN, AND BRITISH BUSINESSMEN AS A WHOLE, MISSED OUT ON TRADING OPPORTUNITIES, MR YAXLEY SAID.

AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A RAPIDLY EXPANDING ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMY, AN ECONOMY WHICH IN A DECADE OR SO WOULD BE LARGER THAN THAT OF EUROPE OR NORTH AMERICA, AND HONG KONG'S OWN VERY BUOYANT ECONOMY, THERE WERE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BRITISH BUSINESSMEN.

HONG KONG, HE SAID, WAS THE BEST BASE FROM WHICH TO GRASP THEM. IT OFFERED A GREAT MANY ADVANTAGES TO BRITISH BUSINESS.

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OTHERS WHO ADDRESSED THE SEMINAR INCLUDED, MR IAN HOWARD, (REGIONAL DIRECTOR/EUROPE), INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT; MR EDWARD P. KERR, SALES MANAGER (FAR EAST) BIWATER VALVES; MR VICTOR W.T. SUN, MANAGER, CHINA SERVICES, HONGKONG BANK; AND MR JOSEPH LEE, SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, UK/NORTHERN EUROPE, HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

DURING HIS VISIT TO SCOTLAND MR YAXLEY PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE DEPUTY LORD PROVOST OF GLASGOW, MR JAMES MCLEAN, AT THE CITY CHAMBERS AND, AS PART OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS, HOSTED A SPRING RECEPTION FOR OVER 150 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN SCOTLAND ON TUESDAY.

AT THE RECEPTION, HE UPDATED THEM ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG. HE ALSO MET SENIOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN THE REGION.

MRS YAXLEY, VISITED A CHINESE COMMUNITY PROJECT IN GLASGOW, AND ALSO MET MANY ELDERLY CHINESE RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE AREA.

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MORE TO BE EVACUATED FROM PAK TIN PA SUN TSUEN
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A FURTHER GROUP OF 230 PEOPLE LIVING NEAR THE VICINITY OF LAST MONTH'S BOULDER FALL IN PAK TIN PA SUN TSUEN IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE EVACUATED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THIS DECISION FOLLOWS AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEETING CONVENED YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE (GEO), DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE 70 AFFECTED FAMILIES WOULD BE APPROACHED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT'S URGENT SLOPE REPAIR WORKS TO TEMPORARILY STABILISE THE BOULDERS HAD BEEN COMPLETED ON TUESDAY (MARCH 17), FURTHER REMEDIAL ACTION MAY AFFECT STRUCTURES IN THE AREA IN QUESTION.

FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID THE SITE HAD TO BE CLEARED AND FENCED OFF BEFORE SUCH WORK COULD PROCEED.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED ON PERMANENT EVACUATION IN VIEW OF THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF TEMPORARY EVACUATION AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF GEO," HE EXPLAINED.

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HE SAID THE GEO WAS CONDUCTING A BOULDER SURVEY FOR THE WHOLE OF PAK TIN PA SUN TSUEN WHICH WOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER EVACUATION WOULD BE MADE IF NECESSARY, HE STRESSED.

FOLLOWING LAST MONTH'S BOULDER INCIDENT, 21 FAMILIES COMPRISING 74 RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EVACUATED FROM THE AREA.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE ASSISTANT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANE WONG, WILL CHAIR A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION ON THE EVACUATION ARRANGEMENTS AT 3.30 PM TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE DB MEMBERS' COMMON ROOM ADJACENT TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, NEAR THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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ROADWORKS FOR MUI WO DEVELOPMENT APPROVED
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS GIVEN APPROVAL TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROADS AND BUILDING NEW ROADS IN MUI WO ON LANTAU.

THE ROADWORKS WILL INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD AND CHUNG HAU STREET IN THE OLD TOWN AREA AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS TO THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MUI WO.

THE AUTHORISATION IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO COMPRISE ANCILLARY WORKS SUCH AS FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, BICYCLE HIRING AND PARKING AREAS, CARPARK AND AMENITY AREAS.

THE APPROVED ROADWORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO YEARS.

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CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT OF VEHICLE EXAM CENTRE AWARDED
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THE CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NEW KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE HAS BEEN AWARDED TO DAH CHONG HONG (MOTOR SERVICE CENTRE) LTD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE TERRITORY'S FIRST FULLY COMPUTERISED VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE WOULD START ON JUNE 1 THIS YEAR.

THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTIFYING THE ROADWORTHINESS OF VEHICLES AND MAINTAINING THE INTERIOR AND ALL EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING SERVICE INSTALLATION AT THE CENTRE.

"A THREE-MEMBER MONITORING TEAM WILL BE SET UP TO MONITOR THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE AND LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED AND DEAL WITH APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE RESULTS OF VEHICLE EXAMINATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL EXISTING STAFF AT THE CENTRE WILL BE REDEPLOYED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MORE ELEVATED WALKWAYS NEAR TSUEN WAN MTR STATION PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD SEVERAL MORE ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS NEAR TSUEN WAN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION TO REDUCE THE CONGESTION AT THE EXISTING WALKWAYS THERE.

THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL ELEVATED WALKWAYS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH COVERS, LINKING UP TSUEN WAN MTR STATION WITH TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT OFFICE COMPLEX WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND THE ADJACENT PREMISES.

SOME SECTIONS OF THE EXISTING TSUEN WAN MTR STATION EXTERNAL WALKWAY WILL ALSO BE WIDENED.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN MID THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MAY 19 THIS YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TWO WORKS PROJECTS

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THE ELECTRICAL AND MACHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AEROBRIDGES FOR THREE PARKING BAYS AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 24.

MEANWHILE, THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALSO INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIR-CONDITIONED STORE NEXT TO THE HONG KONG COLISEUM FOR THE STORAGE OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN MAY AND TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 10.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN MONG KOK TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON A BUILDING IN MONG KOK, KOWLOON SO THAT THEY CAN BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED ON THE ROOF OVER THE THIRD FLOOR OF 78 SHAN TUNG STREET.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MAY 22 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION IN WEST KOWLOON
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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WEST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 22) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT LAI CHI KOK, CHEUNG SHA WAN, SO UK, TAI WO PING, SHEK KIP MEI, YAU YAT TSUEN, SHAM SHUI PO, TAI KOK TSUI, MONG KOK AND INCLUDING BROADCAST DRIVE, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD AND THE SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND BEACON HEIGHTS.

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LEGCO ELECTIONS SELECT COMMITTEE TO MEET ON MONDAY
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THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL HOLD ITS SIXTH OPEN MEETING NEXT MONDAY (MARCH 23).

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4.30 PM IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE WILL MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MERCHANTS AND HAWKERS ASSOCIATION, AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

IT WILL ALSO MEET A DELEGATION OF OVERSEAS CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, MS JENNIFER CHOW AND MR ALEXANDER CHANG.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 869 9492.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN APRIL

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 20 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE :

| DATE | | TIME |
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| ---- | | ---- |
| APRIL 1 | (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 11.59 PM |
| APRIL 2 | (THURSDAY) | 00.01 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 6 | (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 7 | (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 8 | (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 9 | (THURSDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 10 | (FRIDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 11 | (SATURDAY) | 8.30 AM - 10 PM |
| APRIL 13 | (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 14 | (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 15 | (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 11.59 PM |
| APRIL 16 | (THURSDAY) | 00.01 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 21 | (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 22 | (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 23 | (THURSDAY) | 8.30 AM - 11.59 PM |
| APRIL 24 | (FRIDAY) | 8.30 AM - 11.59 PM |
| APRIL 27 | (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 28 | (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 29 | (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |
| APRIL 30 | (THURSDAY) | 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM |

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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| | DATE | \$ MILLION |
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| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON | 19.3.92 | 700 |
| EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON | 20.3.92 | +74 |
| EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING | | -74 |
| EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON | | NEUTRAL |

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.9 *+0.3* 20.3.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

| TERMS | YIELD | TERM | ISSUE | COUPON | PRICE | YIELD |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 WEEK | 4.40 PCT | 20 MONTHS | 2311 | 6.25 | 100.22 | 6.19 |
| 1 MONTH | 4.16 PCT | 23 MONTHS | 2402 | 5.50 | 98.52 | 6.43 |
| 3 MONTHS | 4.19 PCT | | | | | |
| 6 MONTHS | 4.49 PCT | | | | | |
| 12 MONTHS | 4.86 PCT | | | | | |

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 5,075 MN

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