



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES  
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 842 8777

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1991

CONTENTS

PAGE NO.

GOVERNOR'S LUNAR NEW YEAR MESSAGE 1991 .....	1
--	---

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1991

- 1 -

GOVERNOR'S LUNAR NEW YEAR MESSAGE 1991

\* \* \* \* \*

"THIS TIME OF THE NEW YEAR IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT FAMILY FESTIVAL. IT IS A VERY SPECIAL TIME FOR US TO BE WITH OUR RELATIVES AND WITH OUR FRIENDS. AT THE NEW YEAR, WE REMEMBER THAT TRADITIONAL FAMILY VALUES AND HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS HOMES ARE THE FOUNDATION OF EVERYTHING WE WANT TO ACHIEVE FOR OUR HONG KONG COMMUNITY.

"THE NEW YEAR IS, IN PARTICULAR, A TIME WHEN WE THINK A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY. AND THAT'S QUITE RIGHT, BECAUSE WE WANT OUR CHILDREN AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE FUTURES.

"THAT IS WHY WHAT WE DO TO IMPROVE SCHOOLING AND EDUCATION IS SO IMPORTANT. THAT IS WHY WE ARE PUSHING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF OUR SCHOOLS AND TO GIVE PARENTS MORE FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN THE TYPE OF EDUCATION AVAILABLE TO THEIR CHILDREN.

"AND WE HAVE GOT AMBITIOUS PLANS TOO FOR EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER EDUCATION HERE IN HONG KONG. OUR COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING A RAPID INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE STUDYING FOR DEGREES. THE NEW UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE ENROLLING ITS FIRST STUDENTS LATER THIS YEAR.

"THIS NEW YEAR IS NOT JUST A TIME FOR THINKING OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, IT IS A TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. OUR COMMUNITY HAS ALWAYS HAD A SPECIAL REGARD FOR THE ELDERLY FOR THOSE WHO IN THEIR OWN GENERATION, AND BY THEIR EFFORTS, LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE BUSTLING CITY WHICH WE LIVE IN TODAY. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY SHARE THE WISH TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR DIGNITY AND THEIR WELL-BEING. WE ARE DETERMINED TO KEEP IMPROVING THE SERVICES THAT WILL MAKE OLD AGE A TIME OF RESPECT AND COMFORT.

"AN IMPORTANT HONG KONG TRADITION HAS BEEN OUR WILLINGNESS TO THINK AHEAD AND TO INVEST IN A RANGE OF PROJECTS THAT WILL CREATE TOMORROW'S PROSPERITY AND WHICH DAY BY DAY WILL IMPROVE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. THAT FORWARD-LOOKING ATTITUDE MUST CONTINUE TO GUIDE OUR THINKING IN THE 1990S. WHILE WE WORK TO BUILD UP HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY, WE MUST ALSO AT THE SAME TIME MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS OUR GOAL OF A CARING COMMUNITY - AND A COMMUNITY WHICH ENJOYS A CLEAN AND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

"THE REMARKABLE PROGRESS THAT HONG KONG HAS MADE IN RECENT YEARS IS SOMETHING THAT IS BROUGHT HOME TO ME VERY STRONGLY WHEN I TRAVEL ABROAD. WE CAN TAKE PRIDE IN OUR ACHIEVEMENTS BECAUSE HONG KONG IS RECOGNISED INCREASINGLY AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PACIFIC REGION'S EMERGENCE AS A MAJOR CENTRE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH.

"DURING THIS PAST YEAR, I HAVE TRAVELLED TO CANADA, UNITED STATES, JAPAN, CHINA AND BRITAIN, TO TALK DIRECTLY TO FOREIGN STATESMEN AND BUSINESS LEADERS. EVERYWHERE I HAVE GONE, I HAVE FOUND GREAT INTEREST IN HONG KONG AND IN ITS HOPES FOR THE FUTURE. WE ARE SEEN AS A CITY OF IMPRESSIVE RESOURCEFULNESS AND REMARKABLE DYNAMISM.

/"THIS REPUTATION .....

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1991

- 2 -

"THIS REPUTATION HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE ENERGY AND SKILL OF A WHOLE ARMY OF UNOFFICIAL AMBASSADORS: FROM OUR STUDENTS WHO SO OFTEN MANAGE TO WIN PRIZES IN FOREIGN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, TO OUR BUSINESSMEN WHO ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO MAKE THE EXTRA EFFORT FOR THEIR OVERSEAS CLIENTS.

"AMONG THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THERE IS A RENEWED AWARENESS OF THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH HONG KONG OFFERS AND A REAL WILLINGNESS TO HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THE LONGER TERM PROSPERITY OF THE TERRITORY. FOR A PLACE WHICH LIVES ON TRADE, THIS GOODWILL IS SOMETHING WHICH REALLY MATTERS. I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO WORK SO HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AS A CENTRE OF TRADING AND COMMERCIAL EXCELLENCE GROWS YEAR BY YEAR. THE GOODWILL WE HAVE WORKED TO CREATE, AND THE SINCERITY WITH WHICH WE PRESENT THE HONG KONG CASE, WILL GENERATE NEW GAINS FOR US DURING THIS YEAR 1991.

"AND, HERE AT HOME, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AT THE TIME OF THE NEW YEAR TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO DEVOTE SO MUCH OF YOUR PERSONAL TIME AND EFFORT TO MAKING HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

"OUR WORKFORCE, WHOSE SKILLS AND FLEXIBILITY ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR PROSPERITY.

"OUR ENTREPRENEURS AND PROFESSIONALS, WHOSE RESILIENCE AND EXPERTISE ARE CRUCIAL IN CREATING NEW PROSPERITY FOR ALL OF US.

"THE REMARKABLE NUMBERS IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES, BOTH FULL-TIME AND VOLUNTEERS, WHOSE CARING COMMITMENT IS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US.

"THANKS TO ALL YOUR EFFORTS, WE CAN HAVE FAITH IN OUR ABILITY TO IMPROVE THIS PLACE WE CALL HOME, AND THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE.

"I AM GLAD TO HAVE THIS CHANCE TO WISH YOU ALL, FROM MY WIFE, FROM MY FAMILY AND FROM MYSELF, A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

"MAY THIS YEAR OF THE RAM BRING YOU HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY. MAY HONG KONG AND ITS FAMILIES ENJOY THE SUCCESS AND PROGRESS DURING 1991 WHICH OUR COMMUNITY SO RICHLY DESERVES."

- - - - - 0 - - - - -