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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR AIRPORT RAILWAY TUNNEL UNDER HARBOUR

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FUNDS TOTTALLING \$820 MILLION (MONEY OF THE DAY) TO COVER THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AN IMMERSD TUBE UNDER THE HARBOUR TO CARRY THE AIRPORT RAILWAY BETWEEN WEST KOWLOON AND HONG KONG CENTRAL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY): "THIS IS PART OF OUR STEP BY STEP APPROACH TO THE FUNDING OF AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME PROJECTS.

"WE NEED TO TAKE THIS STEP IN ORDER TO MEET OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE BY JUNE 1997, AND IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS IN A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER.

"THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION (MTRC) MUST START CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON THE AIRPORT RAILWAY IMMERSD TUBE TUNNEL NEXT MONTH (JUNE) IN ORDER TO MEET OUR TARGET OF OPENING THE AIRPORT RAILWAY FROM KOWLOON TO HONG KONG CENTRAL IN APRIL 1998."

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRST PRIORITY WAS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE SIDE ON FINANCING THE AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY.

FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE ON MAY 20, IT WAS HOPED THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE SO THAT AN EARLY AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED.

"IT IS HOWEVER NECESSARY, IN PARALLEL WITH THESE TALKS, TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM ON THE ESTABLISHED STEP BY STEP BASIS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE MTRC'S RAILWAY TUNNEL. THE CHINESE SIDE HAS BEEN INFORMED."

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE MTRC TO START THE RAILWAY TUNNEL CONTRACT NEXT MONTH SO THAT CONSTRUCTION COULD PROCEED IN PARALLEL WITH WORK ON THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING (WHC) ROAD TUNNEL.

THIS WOULD ALLOW BOTH IMMERSD TUBES TO BE LAID ON THE BED OF THE HARBOUR AT THE SAME TIME, USING THE SAME TEMPORARY DIVERSIONS OF THE SHIPPING FAIRWAY.

THE MTRC WOULD SHORTLY BE SELECTING A SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR THE WORKS, AND WOULD THEREFORE IN A POSITION TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AS SOON AS FUNDS WERE APPROVED.

IF THE RAILWAY TUNNEL CONTRACT DID NOT START NEXT MONTH, THE WHC TUNNEL WOULD HAVE TO PROCEED ON ITS OWN IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE FRANCHISEE'S CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME AND OPENING DATE.

FOR MARINE SAFETY REASONS, THE RAILWAY TUNNEL WOULD THEN HAVE TO WAIT TILL THE WHC WORKS WERE COMPLETED BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO OPERATE TWO FAIRWAY DIVERSIONS AT THE SAME TIME.

THAT WOULD DELAY COMPLETION OF THE RAILWAY TUNNEL BY EIGHT MONTHS, WITH A CORRESPONDING SLIPPAGE IN THE OPENING OF THE AIRPORT RAILWAY BETWEEN KOWLOON AND HONG KONG CENTRAL.

A DISCUSSION PAPER OUTLINING THIS FUNDING REQUEST HAS BEEN ISSUED TODAY TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCING OF THE ACP.

IT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON MAY 25.

THE \$820 MILLION (MOD) WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE MTRC FROM THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND AS ADVANCE FUNDING.

IT WOULD BE CONVERTED INTO PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EQUITY INJECTION INTO THE MTRC FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY ONCE AGREEMENT ON FINANCING HAD BEEN REACHED.

THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO SEEKING APPROVAL FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR INCREASES TOTTALLING \$180 MILLION IN THREE PROJECT ESTIMATES FOR THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION.

THE PROJECTS INVOLVE DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE WORKS, SITE INVESTIGATIONS, AND CONSULTANCY WORK.

THE INCREASES ARE NEEDED TO COVER COSTS INVOLVED IN THE COMPLEX PHASING OF RECLAMATION WORKS AND THE REPROVISIONING OF EXTENSIVE WATERFRONT FACILITIES.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS DID NOT INVOLVE ANY INCREASE IN THE \$12,798 MILLION OVERALL PROJECT ESTIMATE FOR THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ESTIMATES ON THREE OTHER PARTS OF THE RECLAMATION HAD RECENTLY BEEN CUT BY A FAR LARGER AMOUNT - \$934 MILLION - WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE EXTRA \$180 MILLION NOW BEING SOUGHT.

A PAPER OUTLINING THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN ISSUED TODAY TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGCO SUB-COMMITTEE.

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#### USE LESS PLASTIC BAGS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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THE FIRST TERRITORY-WIDE, ACTION-ORIENTED PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION PROGRAMME LED BY THE RETAIL INDUSTRY IS LAUNCHED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THIRTY-ONE RETAILERS, COMPRISING SOME 1,400 RETAIL OUTLETS, WILL DEVISE THEIR OWN ACTION PLANS IN A YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN TO ACHEIVE AT LEAST A 10 PER CENT REDUCTION IN THEIR USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

AMONG THE INITIATIVES ARE THE DISPLAY OF CAMPAIGN LOGO, WHICH SHOWED ARROWS POINTING TO THE USE OF LESS PLASTIC BAGS, AND PUBLICITY MESSAGES AT PROMINENT PLACES, AND THE PROVISION OF STAFF TRAINING ON WAYS TO ECONOMISE ON THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE "USE LESS PLASTIC BAGS" CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON, NOTED THAT THE CAMPAIGN HAD ITS ROOTS IN THE FORUM ON PLASTIC BAGS HELD IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, WHEN IDEAS WERE EXCHANGED ON HOW CONSUMERS, BUSINESS AND THE GOVERNMENT CO-OPERATE TO REDUCE THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

"THE SUCCESSFUL START OF THIS CAMPAIGN SHOWS THAT ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED ARE COMMITTED TO WASTE REDUCTION - AND NOW INTEND TO TAKE ACTION," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE RETAIL INDUSTRY WAS SO COMMITTED TO THE CAUSE, MR EASON APPEALED TO CONSUMERS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN BY REFUSING THE OFFER OF PLASTIC BAGS DURING THEIR NEXT SHOPPING TRIP.

"GOVERNMENT, TOO WILL PLAY ITS PART; WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE AIM OF THE CAMPAIGN AND WILL HELP BY TRYING TO INDUCE CHANGES IN PUBLIC ATTITUDES," HE SAID.

WHILE THE RETAIL SECTOR WAS ONLY ONE SOURCE OF PLASTIC BAGS, MR EASON SAID PUBLIC MARKETS ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER.

"WITH THE EXAMPLE SET BY THIS CAMPAIGN, WE HOPE THAT OTHER SECTORS TOO CAN CONTRIBUTE BY REDUCING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN THEIR OWN TRADES," HE SAID.

"AND IF THE RETAIL SECTOR CAN, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, TACKLE THE DAUNTING PLASTIC BAG PROBLEM, I SEE NO REASON WHY OTHER COMMERCIAL SECTORS CANNOT ADOPT WASTE AND RESOURCE MINIMISATION PRACTICES TO HELP TACKLE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS," HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR RODNEY MILES, DESCRIBED THE CAMPAIGN AS SIGNIFICANT.

HE SAID IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT A TRADE ASSOCIATION HAD RALLIED TOGETHER A GROUP OF RETAILERS TO CARRY OUT AN INDUSTRY LED ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN.

"WE BELIEVE THAT MANY OTHER RETAILERS WILL JOIN IN AS THE CAMPAIGN GATHERS EXPOSURE AND MOMENTUM," HE SAID.

PARTICIPATING RETAILERS, BASED ON THEIR LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE CAMPAIGN, WILL VIE FOR FOUR YEAR-END AWARDS, THAT IS, "BEST REDUCTION" AWARD, "DISTINCTIVE RETAIL OUTLET" AWARD, "BEST ACTION PLAN" AWARD AND "BEST REDUCTION IDEA" AWARD.

OTHER THAN RETAILERS' SUPPORT, THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WILL INVITE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON WAYS TO LIMIT THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS THROUGH A COMPETITION.

ALSO PLEDGING SUPPORT TO THE CAMPAIGN TODAY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, PROFESSOR EDWARD CHEN, AND THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED.

PAMPHLET ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PUBLISHED

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A PAMPHLET ADVISING PARENTS HOW TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM BEING SEXUALLY ABUSED IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COLLECTION.

THE PAMPHLET, ONE OF THE LATEST PUBLICITY EFFORTS BY THE CHILD NEGLECT PREVENTION PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE NEED TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN.

THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE.

CONTENTS OF THE PAMPHLET INCLUDE DEFINITION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE WITH EXAMPLES, BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS TO PARENTS ON HANDLING OF SUCH CASES.

"TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN, THE FIRST STEP IS TO ESTABLISH GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH THEM," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"WHEN YOU SUSPECT YOUR CHILDREN HAVE BECOME VICTIMS OF SUCH CASES, SEEK ADVICE FROM PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS OR REPORT TO THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE PAMPHLET ALSO CONTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT WELFARE ORGANISATIONS WHICH OFFER COUNSELLING SERVICES TO NEEDY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET IN CHINESE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, ESTATE OFFICES OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

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NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC TO VISIT HONG KONG

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THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER TO THE USA, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, HAS WELCOMED THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO HONG KONG BY THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC.

THE ORCHESTRA WILL PERFORM AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE ON JUNE 19 (SUNDAY) AS PART OF ITS NINE-CITY ASIAN TOUR.

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION HOSTED BY CITIBANK TO CELEBRATE THE UPCOMING TOUR ON FRIDAY (MAY 20), FOLLOWING A PERFORMANCE OF THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC IN NEW YORK, MR WIGGHAM ASSURED MUSIC DIRECTOR KURT MASUR OF A WARM RECEPTION IN HONG KONG ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO ASIA WITH THE PHILHARMONIC.

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"WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME THE WORLD-RENOWNED NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC FOR ITS THIRD VISIT UNDER CITIBANK SPONSORSHIP. I RECALL THE ORCHESTRA PLAYED TWO VERY SUCCESSFUL CONCERTS IN HONG KONG IN 1984 AND 1989," MR WIGGHAM SAID.

"OUR AUDIENCES ARE YOUNG AND ENTHUSIASTIC AND WILL CERTAINLY APPRECIATE A VISIT BY ONE OF THE WORLD'S PREMIER ORCHESTRAS," MR WIGGHAM SAID.

HE ADDED THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT MAESTRO MASUR HAD EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THE EMPHASIS LAID ON MUSIC EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

AS A FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE IN HONG KONG, AND A FORMER VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, MR WIGGHAM SAID HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE AMOUNT OF EFFORT THAT GOES INTO ALL ASPECTS OF MUSIC TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, RESULTING IN ENTHUSIASTIC AND APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCES, AND A REAL ABUNDANCE OF MUSICAL TALENT OF WHICH ANY CITY COULD BE PROUD.

THIS TIME, AN ADDED BONUS FOR HONG KONG WAS THAT ONE OF THE TERRITORY'S TALENTED MUSICIANS, SAMUEL WONG, WAS COMING BACK TO VISIT, MR WIGGHAM NOTED.

MR WONG, THE ASSISTING TOUR CONDUCTOR, WAS BORN IN HONG KONG AND LIVED IN THE TERRITORY UNTIL HE WAS NINE.

HE RECEIVED HIS EARLY MUSIC TRAINING - PIANO LESSONS - IN HONG KONG BEFORE MOVING TO NORTH AMERICA.

IN 1991, MR WONG RETURNED TO HONG KONG AS CONDUCTOR WITH THE ASIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA TOUR.

IN JUNE 1995 HE WILL CONDUCT THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC FOR TWO WEEKS.

MR WONG HAS LED OVER 30 PERFORMANCES WITH THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC AND REGULARLY APPEARS AS GUEST CONDUCTOR WITH MANY ORCHESTRAS WORLD WIDE.

THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC'S OPENING CONCERT IN THIS YEAR'S 14-CONCERT ASIAN TOUR WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEOUL ON JUNE 16. THE 100-STRONG ORCHESTRA THEN TRAVELS TO HONG KONG.

FOR ITS SINGLE CONCERT IN THE TERRITORY, THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC WILL PERFORM RICHARD STRAUSS (DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION), NED ROEM (ENGLISH HORN CONCERTO) AND BEETHOVEN (SYMPHONY NO. 5). OTHER ASIAN CITIES TO BE VISITED INCLUDE TAIPEI, TOKYO, OSAKA, OKAYAMA, NAGOYA, MIYAZAKI AND CHIBA.

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### MICROCHIP SYSTEM FOR DOG TAGGING BEING STUDIED

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VARIOUS MICROCHIP SYSTEMS FOR DOG TAGGING WERE NOW BEING STUDIED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND MIGHT BE INTRODUCED LATER IN HONG KONG, SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER DR LIU KWEI-KIN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THE SYSTEM, WHEN INTRODUCED, WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO QUICKLY IDENTIFY THE DOG OWNER.

"THIS WILL PROVIDE MUCH BETTER CONTROL OF DOGS AND HELP PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF RABIES."

THE MICROCHIP SYSTEM NOW BEING CONSIDERED IS AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A GRAIN OF RICE. IT IS INSERTED BENEATH THE LOOSE SKIN OF THE DOG IN A SIMPLE PROCESS, THE SAME AS AN INJECTION.

THE AIM OF THE SYSTEM IS FOR THE EASY IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS. THE MICROCHIP CONTAINS A 10 DIGIT CODE, SIMILAR TO A BAR CODE, WHICH CAN ONLY BE READ WITH A SCANNER WHEN HELD CLOSE TO THE SKIN OF THE DOG.

THE INFORMATION ON THE DOG AND ITS OWNER IS STORED IN A COMPUTER DATABASE, NOT IN THE MICROCHIP. THE INFORMATION STORED IS SIMILAR TO THAT CURRENTLY PROVIDED FOR DOG LICENCES.

THE SYSTEM, WHICH IS PROVEN SAFE, IS USED IN MANY COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND SPAIN.

"AS THE SYSTEM IS NEW TO HONG KONG, THE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF ITS APPLICATION IN THE TERRITORY," DR LIU SAID.

"A NEW DATABASE SYSTEM HAS TO BE DESIGNED TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS. IT WILL ALSO TAKE SOME MONTHS TO TRAIN UP STAFF TO IMPLANT THE MICROCHIPS," HE ADDED.

THE FIRST BATCH OF MICROCHIPS HAVE BEEN IMPLANTED INTO 20 POLICE DOGS. THEIR REACTIONS TO THE MICROCHIPS AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHEME WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED.

SO FAR, THE RESULTS WERE SATISFACTORY, DR LIU SAID.

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### STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO GO METRIC

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THE METRICATION COMMITTEE TODAY (SATURDAY) PRESENTED AWARDS TO 25 STUDENTS WHO WON A CHINESE CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION HELD AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO USE THE METRIC SYSTEM.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES - PRIMARY, LOWER SECONDARY AND UPPER SECONDARY. A TOTAL OF 358 ENTRIES FROM 32 SCHOOLS WAS RECEIVED.

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SPEAKING AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE HALL TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, MR K Y TONGSON, SAID: "SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1978, THE METRICATION COMMITTEE HAS SOUGHT THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

"GREAT PROGRESS WAS MADE IN VARIOUS FIELDS SUCH AS PUBLIC UTILITIES, CONSTRUCTION, EDUCATION, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

"HOWEVER, WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE AT THE LOCAL RETAIL LEVEL. THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO ORGANISE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND ENCOURAGE DISTRICT AND SCHOOL PARTICIPATION," HE SAID.

"THE CHINESE CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION ENABLES NOT ONLY THE STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM KNOWING MORE ABOUT METRICATION, BUT ALSO THEIR PARENTS TO HAVE A CLEARER CONCEPT OF WHAT METRICATION IS THROUGH PARTICIPATION WITH THEIR CHILDREN AS A FAMILY UNIT," HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, A COMMITTEE MEMBER MR KWAN KON-WAH SAID: "JUDGING FROM THESE ENTRIES, THE YOUNGER GENERATION HAS CERTAINLY PROVIDED A NEW AND INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE ON HOW METRICATION CAN BE PROMOTED AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY.

"I AM PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE KEEN RESPONSE FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS," HE ADDED.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISED MR PONG SHOON-KUENG OF THE OVERSEAS CHINESE DAILY NEWS, MR FUNG YIM-WAH OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS MR K Y TONGSON AND MR ANTHONY WAN OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE.

JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAN METRIC SCALE DEMONSTRATION COUNTERS EARLY THIS YEAR WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT AS METRICATION AMBASSADORS AT THE CEREMONY.

"THESE AMBASSADORS HAVE MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND THEY HAVE FOUND THEIR PARTICIPATION AN EQUALLY USEFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE," MR TONGSON SAID.

TO FURTHER PROMOTE METRICATION, THE COMMITTEE WILL SET UP A METRIC SCALE DEMONSTRATION COUNTER AT THE FIFTH FOOD EXPO ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO BE HELD FROM AUGUST 17 TO 21 AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

"WE HOPE TO EXTEND THE METRICATION AMBASSADOR SCHEME TO OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS THROUGH THESE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

"ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN THE SCHEME SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT ON 810 3013," MR TONGSON SAID.

WINNING ENTRIES OF THE CHINESE CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY LINK DYEING WORKS LTD WILL BE PUT UP IN MOBILE EXHIBITIONS FROM MID-JULY ONWARDS IN EIGHT URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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KEEN SUPPORT FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS IS REQUIRED IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBERT CHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION OF THE FAIRVIEW PARK ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN APPEALED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

AS THE VOTING AGE HAS NOW BEEN LOWERED TO 18, HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO URGE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO RESPOND ACTIVELY.

HE SAID THOSE REGISTERED WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

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WATER CUTS IN SHEUNG WAN, TAI PO AND KWAI CHUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 23) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS LEAKAGE DETECTION.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT CHUNG KING ROAD, CHUNG KONG ROAD, WESTERN FIRE SERVICES STREET, 3-87 CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, ON TAI STREET, TUNG LOI LANE, TUNG HING LANE, NEW MARKET STREET, 1B MORRISON STREET, 25-27 AND 28-32 QUEEN STREET, 163-247 AND 112A-216 WING LOK STREET, 1-71 AND 2-16 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, 135 BONHAM STRAND AS WELL AS 1-85 AND 32-46 BONHAM STRAND WEST.

BECAUSE OF SIMILAR WORKS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO HONG LOK YUEN IN TAI PO WILL GO OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 24) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

ALSO, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM ON TUESDAY TO FACILITATE ELECTRICAL WORKS IN HA LO WAI SALT WATER PUMPING STATION.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY SHING MUN ROAD AND WO YI HOP ROAD, INCLUDING LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, SHEK YAM ESTATE AND SHEK LEI ESTATE.

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## LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS SALE BY AUCTION

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ONE HUNDRED CAR REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,571,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CONDUCT THEREOF.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK \*XX7 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$1,650,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK \*FC8 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$328,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR FX910, FW1984, FX6610, BJ8094, FW7351, FX6693.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S MORNING SESSION AUCTION:

\$		\$		\$		\$	
FX910	1,000	FX278	6,000	AW372	10,000	FW813	13,000
FW238	40,000	DW330	15,000	FX338	88,000	FX786	3,000
*FW303	10,000	*DK29	65,000	*DD24	32,000	*4278	47,000
FX8131	5,000	FX1118	17,000	DY118	63,000	FX230	13,000
AB104	12,000	FW625	WITHDRAWN	BE1608	12,000	FX8808	18,000
FW826	11,000	FX108	37,000	FW721	3,000	CB206	13,000
FW1984	1,000	FX3811	6,000	FX6628	25,000	FX6133	4,000
*BC98	80,000	*AU696	16,000	*XX7	1,650,000	*ER666	55,000
FX926	3,000	ES1638	18,000	FX1312	3,000	FW8399	2,000
BB3156	3,000	FW2313	4,000	FX3363	6,000	FX779	6,000
CF269	12,000	FW9111	7,000	*DL6767	15,000	FX369	32,000
FW3278	9,000	FX6610	1,000	BJ8094	1,000	*CC515	52,000
FW7351	1,000	FX6693	1,000				

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION AUCTION:

\$		\$		\$		\$	
AW370	9,000	FX1388	42,000	FX210	7,000	FX1988	6,000
FX328	75,000	CX340	5,000	HK286	150,000	DW311	20,000
*FW383	80,000	*EX2828	43,000	*ER33	120,000	*6898	110,000
FX7178	7,000	FX1121	2,000	FX238	40,000	FX220	8,000
CT310	6,000	FW3882	16,000	FX932	8,000	AA801	48,000
FW9444	WITHDRAWN	AA104	22,000	DY288	60,000	FX169	10,000
FX102	26,000	FW8889	25,000	FW8333	38,000	FX1238	8,000
*FY898	80,000	*DK27	48,000	*FC8	328,000	*CC17	163,000
FW3233	7,000	FW668	92,000	FX778	30,000	FX8886	22,000
BW1638	38,000	FX6368	6,000	FX2382	4,000	FX1218	5,000
CT923	22,000	FX9998	18,000	*FX123	55,000	FW3999	9,000
CT896	15,000	EC5001	4,000	FX3878	6,000	*CK9000	72,000
FW8082	5,000	FX8690	2,000				

THERE WERE NO BIDDER FOR FW625 AND FW9444.

THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANTS.

\* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

/SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS .....

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SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO CARS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 226TH AND 227TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$318,992,905.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JUNE

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

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FIRING PRACTICE:

DATE	TIME
JUNE 1 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 2 (THURSDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 15 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 29 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 11.59 PM
JUNE 30 (THURSDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM

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MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,357	0930	-1,225
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,612	1000	-1,225
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-1,225
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-1,225	1130	-1,225
LAF TODAY	-520	1500	

LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER TWI 124.8 \*+0.0\* 21.5.94

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