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TRANSCRIPT OF MEDIA SESSION BY FS AND S FOR TSY  
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FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR HAMISH MACLEOD, AND THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR DONALD TSANG, AFTER TODAY'S (FRIDAY) FINANCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL FOR COMMITTING EQUITY FUNDING FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY:

FS: I THINK THIS IS A VERY GOOD DAY FOR HONG KONG. IT WILL PRODUCE AS YOU WELL KNOW A RAILWAY AND IN EFFECT TWO RAILWAYS, ONE WHICH WILL SERVE MAINLY THE AIRPORT -- THE EXPRESS SERVICE, AND THE OTHER WHICH WILL SERVE THE HUGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE ALONG THE ROUTE TO KWAI CHUNG AND THAT DIRECTION. IT'S ALSO, I BELIEVE, THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE'VE EVER APPROVED HERE IN HONG KONG FOR A PROJECT, AND IN THAT SENSE ALSO WE ARE BREAKING NEW GROUND. THE ATMOSPHERE I THINK IN LEGCO WAS VERY GOOD. I THINK ALL MAJOR GROUPS SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL. THEY MIGHT HAVE THEIR PARTICULAR POINTS ABOUT MONITORING AND INDEED THEY DO HAVE A NUMBER OF POINTS ABOUT MONITORING. BUT THE BROAD THRUST FOR I THINK ALL MEMBERS, THERE WASN'T A SINGLE VOICE AGAINST THE VOTE, AND SO THIS IS ALSO ENCOURAGING. WE MAKE OUR COMMITMENT SERIOUSLY. THE MONITORING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AS WE PROMISED AND WE WILL RESPOND PROMPTLY TO QUESTIONS, SO WE WILL MEET MEMBERS ON THAT POINT.

QUESTION: SO WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP NOW?

FS: THE NEXT STEP, OF COURSE, THE IMMEDIATE STEP IS THE MTRC WILL GET ON VERY SWIFTLY. I BELIEVE THEY WILL BE SIGNING SOME CONTRACTS ON MONDAY, SO THEY WILL BE GETTING ON VERY SWIFTLY WITH CONTRACTS AND WITH GETTING THOSE CONTRACTORS WORKING BECAUSE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, WE WANT TO GET THE RAILWAY OPERATIONAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

QUESTION: DO YOU KNOW THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO SIGN ON MONDAY?

FS: ANY IDEA, DONALD?

S FOR TSY: WHOLE OF NEXT WEEK THEY WILL BE INVOLVED IN A WHOLE SERIES OF SIGNING. I THINK THE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MTR CORPORATION. BUT CERTAINLY THE FIRST BATCH WILL BE SIGNED ON MONDAY.

QUESTION: SORRY, IF THESE CONTRACTS ARE GOING TO BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK, SURELY YOU MUST HAVE THE DATE, A COMPLETION DATE OF THE RAILWAY. YOU MUST HAVE SOME IDEA.

FS: THIS IS NOT THE LAST CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED. AS YOU KNOW, WHAT HAS HAD TO HAPPEN NEXT, NOT IMMEDIATELY BUT FAIRLY SOON IS THE MTRC HAS TO EMBARK ON THE BORROWING PROGRAMME, AND THERE WILL BE OTHER CONTRACTS LET OUT. BUT THE MAIN THING IS THE BORROWING PROGRAMME. IF WE KNOW THAT THAT CAN BE PROCEEDED IN TIME, AND THEREFORE THE FSA IS PROCEEDING ON TIME, THEN I THINK VERY SOON WE CAN COME OUT WITH A SENSIBLE ESTIMATE OF COMPLETION. BUT AT THE MOMENT, THERE IS STILL THAT PARTICULAR POINT LEFT SLIGHTLY IN THE AIR.

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QUESTION: WHEN ARE YOU EXPECTING TO RESUME TALKS ON THE FINANCING SUPPORT AGREEMENTS?

S FOR TSY: WE'VE ALREADY STARTED. WE HAD TWO MEETINGS ALREADY AND THE EXPERTS ARE STILL IN CONTACT, SO THE PROCESS IS CONTINUING AND THEY'RE AT RAPID PACE.

QUESTION: IT WAS SAID IN LEGCO NOT LONG AGO THAT THERE WASN'T A CERTAINTY THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THE RAILWAY TO CHEK LAP KOK OR FLY OUT FROM CHEK LAP KOK. IS THAT STILL?

FS: I DON'T THINK THAT THING IS UPPER MOST IN OUR MIND. WHAT'S UPPER MOST IN OUR MIND IS GETTING ON, WE'VE JUST DEALT WITH THE RAILWAY, IS GETTING ON WITH IT AND GETTING IT STARTED, GETTING IT RUNNING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

QUESTION: CAN YOU SAY HOW MANY MONTHS HAVE BEEN UP TO NOW?

FS: I DON'T HAVE THAT FIGURE IN MY HEAD NOW.

QUESTION: THIS BORROWING, DO YOU FORESEE ANY PROBLEMS AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THE FINANCIAL WORLD IS QUITE TAKEN IT ABACK BY THE LATEST INTEREST RATE HIKE ?

FS: I DON'T THINK THEY'RE TAKEN ABACK. I THINK THAT IN A WAY THEY ARE RATHER RELIEVED TO HAVE THE UNCERTAINTY REMOVED, OR AT LEAST SOME OF THE UNCERTAINTY REMOVED. THERE IS NOT SURPRISE AT THE INTEREST RATE GOING UP, THEY'VE BEEN FORECAST FOR MONTHS. NO, IT IS NOT THAT WE ARE WORRIED. IT'S JUST THAT WE ARE PRUDENT. UNTIL WE KNOW THAT THE BORROWING PROGRAMME IS SECURED, AND THE FSA IS SECURED, IT MAKES SENSE TO DEFER A RE-APPRAISAL OF THE TIME SCALE. THAT'S ALL.

QUESTION: BUT YOU DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEMS IN BORROWING?

FS: I DON'T EXPECT ANY PROBLEMS WHATSOEVER, BEARING IN MIND BOTH THE MTRC AND THE PAA WILL BE BORROWING FAR LESS THAN WE HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT WAS ACHIEVABLE. IT'S NOT A SMALL BORROWING PROGRAMME, BUT IT'S CERTAINLY QUITE MODEST COMPARED TO WITH WHAT WE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED. SO I DON'T THINK THAT WE WILL HAVE ANY PROBLEMS AT ALL.

QUESTION (IN CANTONESE): MR TSANG, WILL THERE BE EXPERT MEETING NEXT WEEK ON THE TWO FSAS?

S FOR TSY (IN CANTONESE): THE EXPERTS HAVE MET TWICE. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR LIAISONS ON THAT. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT THESE LIAISONS WILL HAPPEN CONTINUOUSLY.

QUESTION (IN CANTONESE): THE PROBLEM NOW ONLY ON THE WORDING OF THE DOCUMENT?

S FOR TSY (IN CANTONESE): CERTAINLY. THE MAIN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN AGREED IN THE AGREED MINUTE. WHAT REMAINS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE THE ACTUAL WORDINGS AND HOW TO EXPRESS IT IN THE FORM OF A CONTRACT.

QUESTION: THE MTRC SAID THE FIRST HOTEL BUILDING WOULD BE COMPLETED OR BUILT IN 1998. DO YOU MEAN THAT THE RAILWAY WILL BE READY AT THAT TIME OR AFTER THAT?

FS: GOOD TRY. I'M SORRY. WE AND THE MTRC WILL GO ON GIVING YOU THE SAME ANSWER UNTIL WE ARE READY TO GIVE YOU A PROPER DATE. AND AS SOON AS WE CAN GIVE YOU A WELL THOUGHT THROUGH DATE, WELL BASED, WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE.

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THAT THE AGREEMENT ON THE FSA IS IMMINENT, OR STILL A LONG WAY AWAY?

FS: I HOPE THAT IT IS NOT FAR OFF.

QUESTION: WHAT IS DELAYING THE REACHING IN AGREEMENT?

S FOR TSY: IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF DELAYING. IT IS A QUESTION OF GOING THROUGH A FAIRLY HEAVY AND VERY LEGALLY DRAFTED DOCUMENT.

QUESTION: NO FURTHER MEETINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AT THE MOMENT?

S FOR TSY: WE ARE MEETING REGULARLY.

QUESTION: WHEN WILL YOU NEED MONEY FROM LEGCO AGAIN, FOR THE PAA?

FS: AS FAR AS THE RAILWAY IS CONCERNED, THAT SHOULD BE IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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LAND AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY WELCOMED  
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THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON, WELCOMED THE LAND COMMISSION'S AGREEMENT YESTERDAY ON THE LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY.

"THIS IS WELCOME NEWS AS IT WILL ENABLE BOTH THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THEIR PROJECTS," HE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EXHIBITION ON THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP), MR EASON SAID GOOD PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE ON THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE 10 ACP PROJECTS.

"A TOTAL OF 58 CONTRACTS WORTH OVER \$34.3 BILLION HAD BEEN AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT SO FAR, REPRESENTING 87 PER CENT BY VALUE OF ALL GOVERNMENT-FUNDED ACP PROJECTS.

"TOGETHER WITH CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (PAA), THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION (MTRC) AND THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING FRANCHISEE, THE VALUE OF ALL ACP CONTRACTS AWARDED TO DATE IS OVER \$52.9 BILLION."

THE EXHIBITION IS THE SIXTH OF THE 10 LOCAL EXHIBITIONS BEING ORGANISED BY THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE (NAPCO) TO KEEP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABREAST OF THE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS ON THE 10 ACP PROJECTS.

THE EXHIBITIONS HAVE BEEN WELL-RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND MORE THAN 70,000 PEOPLE HAVE ATTENDED THE EXHIBITIONS HELD SO FAR IN VARIOUS PLACES, INCLUDING LOK FU, WAN CHAI, TSUEN WAN, TAI KOO SHING AND TUEN MUN.

MR EASON SAID APART FROM PROGRESS AND COST, THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO MONITORING CAREFULLY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE ACP ON LOCAL RESIDENTS.

"ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDIES HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN FOR EACH OF THE ACP PROJECTS, SOMETIMES AT BOTH THE FEASIBILITY AND DETAILED DESIGN STAGE.

"THESE STUDIES HAVE GENERALLY SHOWN THAT, WITH SUITABLE MITIGATION MEASURES IN PLACE, THE PROJECTS WILL BE ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE WHEN THEY ARE BUILT AND OPERATING."

MR EASON SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE ACP DEPENDED ON THE EFFORTS OF MANY PARTIES.

"ONE OF THESE PARTIES IS OF COURSE THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (ACC), INCLUDING ITS SUB-COMMITTEES, WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE GOVERNMENT WITH INVALUABLE ADVICE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS," HE SAID.

THE ACP EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD AT TIMES SQUARE IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND IS OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM UNTIL SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR EDWARD HO, AND DEPUTY CONVENORS OF THE THREE SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE ACC, MR RAYMOND CHOY, MR DAVID MORRIS AND DR SHAO YOU-BAO.

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#### GOVERNOR ARRIVES IN SEATTLE ON FINAL LEG OF U.S. VISIT

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) ARRIVED IN SEATTLE FROM SAN FRANCISCO ON THE FINAL LEG OF HIS VISIT TO THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES.

PRIOR TO LEAVING THE BAY AREA, THE GOVERNOR ATTENDED A ROUND-TABLE LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY HOSTED BY LEADING ACADEMICS INCLUDING PROFESSOR NELSON POLSBY, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES AND PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND PROFESSOR ROBERT SCALAPINO.

MR PATTEN HAS CONSIDERABLE LINKS WITH THE UNIVERSITY, HAVING BEEN A VISITING FELLOW FIVE YEARS AGO.

FOLLOWING THE LUNCH, MR PATTEN MET THE 17 HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE BERKELEY-HONG KONG PROJECT.

BEGUN IN ACADEMIC YEAR 1986/87, THE PROGRAMME IS A JOINT UNDERTAKING OF THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AND THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR MARTIN LANDAU.

KNOWN AS VISITING RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, THE HONG - KONG PARTICIPANTS COVER THE THEORIES OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC ORGANISATION AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DURING THEIR COURSE AT THE UNIVERISTY.

MR PATTEN BEGAN THE DAY BY BRIEFING AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, THE BAY AREA'S LEADING DAILY PAPER.

ON FRIDAY, THE GOVERNOR HAS A FULL DAY IN SEATTLE INCLUDING MEDIA INTERVIEWS, A LUNCHEON SPEECH AND A VISIT TO BOEING HEADQUARTERS.

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NEW HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 1

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) WILL BE RE-ORGANISED INTO THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH (HAB) AND THE NEW HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (HAD), WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 1, 1994.

THIS FOLLOWED THE APPROVAL BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE CHANGES IN STAFF ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE RESTRUCTURING.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE RE-ORGANISATION WAS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH CLEAR LINES OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLICY AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS.

HE NOTED THAT THE HAB WAS ESTABLISHED ON OCTOBER 15 LAST YEAR AS AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT TO MEET THE PRESSING NEED TO GROUP POLICY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED SUBJECTS UNDER A SINGLE POLICY BRANCH.

THE POLICY PORTFOLIO OF HAB COMPRISES: DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION; COMMUNITY BUILDING; MUNICIPAL COUNCILS; TRADITIONAL AND RURAL MATTERS; SOCIAL AND FAMILY LAWS; SUCCESSION AND INHERITANCE; HUMAN RIGHTS; CIVIC EDUCATION; DATA PROTECTION; AND YOUTH AND WOMEN'S MATTERS.

OTHER MAIN SUBJECT AREAS INCLUDE: GAMBLING; BUILDING MANAGEMENT; LICENSING OF HOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES; BEDSPACE APARTMENTS; POSTAGE STAMP POLICY; GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES; AND RELIGIOUS MATTERS, CHINESE TRADITIONAL MARRIAGES AND CUSTOMS.

THE NEW H.A.D WILL BE FORMED THROUGH THE AMALGAMATION OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON REGION HEADQUARTERS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION HEADQUARTERS.

"THIS WILL RESULT IN MORE EFFICIENT DEPLOYMENT OF STAFF RESOURCES AND BETTER CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT CAN ALSO ACHIEVE THE AIM OF ENHANCING GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE VIEWS AND NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL."

ON THE SET UP OF H.A.D., THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD BE HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS, THREE ASSISTANT DIRECTORS AND A DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY BASED IN HEADQUARTERS.

THE DIRECTOR WILL ASSUME THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF, THE DEPARTMENT AND WILL OVERSEE ALL ITS OPERATIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, THE COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC OPINION ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY, IMPLEMENTING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EXERCISING STATUTORY FUNCTIONS RELATED TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND HOTEL AND GUESTHOUSE SAFETY STANDARDS.

AS TO DUTIES OF THE TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN ADDITION TO ASSISTING THE DEPARTMENT HEAD IN HIS DISCHARGE OF THE RANGE OF FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, THEY WOULD AT THE SAME TIME RETAIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES FORMERLY HELD BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARIES FOR OVERSEEING OPERATIONAL MATTERS WITHIN THE NINE URBAN AND NINE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS RESPECTIVELY.

AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE 18 DISTRICT OFFICES HEADED BY DISTRICT OFFICERS WHOSE DUTIES WILL REMAIN ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS AT PRESENT.

THEY WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY IN MANAGING THEIR DISTRICT OFFICES AND DEALING WITH DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THROUGH THE RE-ORGANISATION OF WORK IN THE DISTRICT OFFICES, IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO INTRODUCE A STRUCTURE WHERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER IS UNDERPINNED BY ONE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, EITHER AT SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER LEVEL, RESULTING IN MORE EFFICIENT DEPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RESOURCES.

"THE STREAMLINING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK WILL REDUCE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE BY MORE THAN \$7 MILLION ANNUALLY," HE ADDED.

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CS DEPARTS FOR LONDON

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, WILL DEPART FOR LONDON ON NOVEMBER 20 (SUNDAY) FOR A WEEK-LONG VISIT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. THIS IS MRS CHAN'S FIRST DUTY VISIT TO THE UK SINCE SHE BECAME CHIEF SECRETARY IN NOVEMBER 1993.

DURING HER VISIT, MRS CHAN WILL MEET THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS HURD, AND THE MINISTER OF STATE WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, MR ALASTAIR GOODLAD, TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO HONG KONG.

/MRS CHAN .....

MRS CHAN WILL HAVE SEPARATE SESSIONS WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, MR DAVID HOWELL, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH/HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, MR TIM RENTON.

SHE WILL ALSO CALL ON THE SHADOW MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, DR JACK CUNNINGHAM.

ON NOVEMBER 23 (WEDNESDAY), MRS CHAN WILL ATTEND THE "HK-2001" CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF THE UK GOVERNMENT AND SPEAK ON "HONG KONG INTO THE NEXT CENTURY". THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 150 BUSINESSMEN IN THE UK.

ON NOVEMBER 25 (FRIDAY), MRS CHAN WILL ADDRESS THE UK HONG KONG ASSOCIATION TO UPDATE THE ASSOCIATION ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG.

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#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN RESPONDED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO THE SUGGESTION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT MADE A COMPLAINT TO THE BAR ASSOCIATION ABOUT MR MARTIN LEE'S BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY IN RELEASING COPIES OF THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL BILL TO THE MEDIA ON NOVEMBER 7.

"THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE QUESTION OF THIS BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY MUST BE A MATTER FOR THE BAR ITSELF TO ADDRESS SINCE IT WAS THE BAR WHICH IMPOSED A DUTY OF CONFIDENTIALITY UPON ITS MEMBERS WHEN IT CIRCULATED THE DRAFT CFA BILL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"BUT THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE BAR ASSOCIATION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION FOUND IT DISTURBING THAT A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE BAR, WHO HAD BEEN THREE TIMES CHAIRMAN OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION, SHOULD HAVE DISPLAYED FLAGRANT DISREGARD, BORDERING ON CONTEMPT, FOR THE DUTY OF CONFIDENCE THAT THE BAR ASSOCIATION HAD IMPOSED ON HIM IN RESPECT OF THE DRAFT CFA BILL," HE ADDED.

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#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROVISION OF NEW MOBILE TELECOMS SERVICES

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THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR ALEXANDER ARENA, TODAY (FRIDAY) MADE PUBLIC A STATEMENT ON THE FUTURE REGULATION OF MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

UP TO SIX LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE PROVISION OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (PCS) AND UP TO FOUR LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE PROVISION OF CORDLESS ACCESS SERVICES (CAS).

THE STATEMENT WAS THE OUTCOME OF A CONSULTATION PROCESS INITIATED BY THE OFFICE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (OFTA) EARLIER THIS YEAR.

"THE FINDINGS OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS INDICATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE GRANTING OF ADDITIONAL LICENCES TO ENABLE THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADVANCED CELLULAR AND CORDLESS ACCESS TECHNOLOGIES AND THE ALLOCATION OF MORE SPECTRUM FOR MOBILE SERVICES," SAID MR ARENA.

PCS ENCOMPASSES THE NEW GENERATION AND MORE ADVANCED FORM OF DIGITAL CELLULAR SERVICES OPERATING AT THE HIGHER AND LESS CONGESTED 1.7 GHZ-2.0 GHZ RADIO FREQUENCY BAND.

"THE INTRODUCTION OF PCS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY THE DIGITAL CELLULAR NETWORK CAPACITY IN HONG KONG THEREBY ALLOWING FUTURE FORESEEN DEMAND TO BE MET."

CAS, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO PROVIDE CORDLESS ACCESS TO FIXED TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS AND IS AN EVOLUTION OF THE CT-2 TYPE OF SERVICES.

CAS HAS ADVANCED FEATURES INCLUDING TWO-WAY CALLING AND CALL CONTINUITY.

IT CAN BE DELIVERED BY THE PERSONAL HANDY PHONE SYSTEM (PHS) DEVELOPED BY THE JAPANESE, DIGITAL EUROPEAN CORDLESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (DECT) DEVELOPED IN EUROPE AND OTHER STANDARDS BEING DEVELOPED IN THE USA.

"THE LICENSING OF CAS WILL OFFER THOSE CONSUMERS WHO EITHER DO NOT REQUIRE, OR CANNOT AFFORD, A MORE EXPENSIVE FULL-FEATURED CELLULAR PHONE A CHEAPER ALTERNATIVE."

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY INVITED INTERESTED PARTIES TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO OFTA FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF PCS AND/OR CAS. A SET OF CRITERIA HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR THE SELECTION OF LICENSEES.

"PARTIES WHO SUBMIT THE BEST PROPOSALS WHICH ARE TECHNICALLY SOUND; OFFER GOOD VALUE-FOR-MONEY TO CONSUMERS (THAT IS LOWEST PRICES AND BEST QUALITY) AND WHICH WILL BRING TO HONG KONG'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET THE BENEFITS OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE SERVICES WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE UP A LICENCE," SAID MR ARENA.

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY WILL DECIDE ON THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF LICENCES TO BE ISSUED AFTER EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED. THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS MARCH 24, 1995 BEFORE 5 PM HONG KONG TIME.

A COPY OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY'S STATEMENT ON THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (PCS) AND CORDLESS ACCESS SERVICES (CAS) IN HONG KONG CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY ON 29TH FLOOR, WU CHUNG HOUSE, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

\$257 MILLION CENTRAL RECLAMATION CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION PROJECT TOOK ANOTHER STEP FORWARD WITH THE SIGNING OF A \$257 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PHASE II RECLAMATION WORKS TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR LEE SHING-SEE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTOR, A JOINT VENTURE FORMED BY SUN FOOK KONG (CIVIL) LIMITED AND DICKSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

SPEAKING AT THE CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY, MR LEE NOTED THAT PHASE II OF THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION FORMED AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WHOLE CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION PROJECT.

ABOUT 5.3 HECTARES OF LAND IN THE TAMAR BASIN AREA WOULD BE RECLAIMED TO PROVIDE THE MUCH NEEDED SITES FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, HE SAID.

"THE WORKS OF THE CONTRACT COMPRISE MAINLY DREDGING OF 101,000 CUBIC METRES OF MATERIAL, RECLAMATION WITH 660,000 CUBIC METRES OF FILLING MATERIALS, SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE, ROADS, DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE, WATERWORKS, REPROVISIONING OF COOLING WATER PUMPING STATION FACILITIES, RELOCATION OF FENWICK PIER STREET HELIPAD AND LANDSCAPING WORKS.

"THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF CULVERTS, COOLING WATER PIPES AND CROSS HARBOUR WATER MAINS AS ADVANCE WORKS FOR PHASE III OF THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION," MR LEE ADDED.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT MONTH FOR COMPLETION IN 24 MONTHS.

MR LEE EXPLAINED THAT THE WHOLE CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION WOULD EXTEND ALONG THE WATERFRONT FROM SHEUNG WAN TO CAUSEWAY BAY TO PROVIDE ABOUT 108 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED LAND.

"WITH THE ADDITION OF EXISTING AREAS IN THE HINTERLAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA AND A TYPHOON SHELTER IN CAUSEWAY BAY, A TOTAL OF 169 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN FIVE PHASES - THREE PHASES FOR THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION AND TWO FOR THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION WILL EXTEND FROM RUMSEY STREET TO PEDDER STREET, AND LAND FORMATION WORKS OF THIS PHASE BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR AND IS PROGRESSING WELL.

MR LEE NOTED THAT THIS PHASE WOULD PROVIDE LAND FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY CENTRAL STATION AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

"THE MAIN RECLAMATION AND REPROVISIONING WORKS ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1997.

"THE REMAINING INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION TOWARDS MID-1998," HE SAID.

PHASE III OF THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION, FORMERLY KNOWN AS STAR FERRY AND TAMAR EXTENSION RECLAMATION, IS SCHEDULED TO START IN LATE 1996.

THIS PHASE WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRPORT RAILWAY FULL OVERRUN TUNNEL AND THE CENTRAL-WAN CHAI BYPASS.

ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION PROJECT, MR LEE NOTED THAT GOOD PROGRESS HAD ALSO BEEN MADE ON THE PHASE I WORKS SINCE ITS START IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

THIS PHASE WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY LAND FOR THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE EXTENSION (HKCECE) AND ITS INFRASTRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS.

"THE RECLAIMED ISLAND AND ONE OF THE LINK BRIDGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 1995.

"THE REMAINING LINK BRIDGE AND INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY DECEMBER 1996 TO TIE IN WITH THE TARGET OPENING OF THE EXTENSION IN MID-1997," MR LEE SAID.

AS REGARDS PHASE II OF THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION WHICH IS THE LAST PHASE OF THE WHOLE RECLAMATION PROJECT, MR LEE SAID THIS PHASE WOULD EXTEND FROM HKCECE TO CAUSEWAY BAY.

"NO TIMETABLE HAS BEEN SET FOR THIS PHASE OF WORKS. BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN 1998 FOR COMPLETION IN 2002," HE ADDED.

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#### VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN SEPTEMBER 1994

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THE VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION IN SEPTEMBER 1994 INCREASED BY 10% OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A MONTHLY SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1994 WITH SEPTEMBER 1993, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF OUTSTANDING ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+48%), ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+29%), FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+23%) AND TEXTILES INDUSTRY (+15%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN ORDERS WAS REGISTERED IN THE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY (-18%). ORDERS IN THE ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY ALSO DROPPED, BY 12% AND 7% RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1994, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN SEPTEMBER 1994 DECREASED BY 6%.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF ORDERS-ON-HAND COVERS A SAMPLE OF SOME 300 MANUFACTURING FIRMS ENGAGING 50 OR MORE WORKERS.

MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND REFER TO ORDERS AND PARTS OF ORDERS RECEIVED EARLIER BY MANUFACTURERS FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION WHICH REMAIN UNFILLED AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ORDERS RECEIVED BY TRADERS NOT ENGAGED IN PRODUCTION ARE INCLUDED IF SUCH ORDERS ARE FURTHER PLACED TO MANUFACTURERS FOR PRODUCTION LOCALLY.

HOWEVER, ORDERS PLACED TO MANUFACTURING FIRMS FOR PRODUCTION IN CHINA AND OTHER PLACES OUTSIDE HONG KONG ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SERIES OF ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS.

BEGINNING FROM JANUARY 1994, A NEW SERIES OF STATISTICS ON MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN VALUE TERMS COMPILED IN THE FORM OF AN INDEX IS PRODUCED, TO REPLACE THE OLD SERIES THAT WAS EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

THE NEW STATISTICAL SERIES PROVIDES A MORE DIRECT MEASURE OF THE OVERALL VALUE OF ORDERS IN THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR THAT LEAD TO THE GENERATION OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING THE MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND FIGURES IN A SINGLE MONTH.

INSTEAD, THE TREND MOVEMENT OF THE SERIES AS DISPLAYED OVER A WIDER SPAN OF TIME POINTS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT, HE SAID.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1994, AT \$4.5 A COPY, IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SECTION, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE YEAR-ON-YEAR PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN DIFFERENT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

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PERCENTAGE CHANGES  
IN THE VALUE OF  
ORDERS-ON-HAND IN

	AUGUST 1994 OVER AUGUST 1993 ----- (REVISED)	SEPTEMBER 1994 OVER SEPTEMBER 1993 ----- (PROVISIONAL)
ALL INDUSTRIES COVERED IN THE SURVEY	+12	+10
* WEARING APPAREL	-11	-7
* TEXTILES	+17	+15
* ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	+39	+29
* ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	+15	-12
* FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+1	+23
* PLASTIC PRODUCTS	+27	+48
* PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	-14	-18
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APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS  
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR YAO KANG AS CHAIRMAN AND MRS ANNA PAO SOHMEN AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 1995, IT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO RE-APPOINTED 11 MEMBERS AND APPOINTED FOUR NEW MEMBERS FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON THE SAME DATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A FULL LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

- MR YAO KANG (CHAIRMAN)
- MRS ANNA PAO SOHMEN (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)
- MR CHAN SAI-BIU, BENNY (TREASURER)
- MS MARGARET A CARLSON-BRAHAM (ELECTED STAFF REPRESENTATIVE)
- MR CHOW WING-SHING, VINCENT
- MR DAVID G ELDON
- MR FONG CHING, EDDY
- MS HUI ON-WAH, ANNE
- DR LAM TAI-HING
- MR RAYMOND K P LIU
- MR LO KING-MAN (EX-OFFICIO AS DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY)
- MR MAO CHUN-FAI, FREDRIC (ELECTED STAFF REPRESENTATIVE)
- MRS NG YOUNG TZE-YAU, YVONNE
- MR PONG KIT, STANLEY
- MR PETER JAMES THOMPSON
- MR TSE WAN-CHUNG, PHILIP
- SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1994

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TWO NEW TERRITORIES LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON DECEMBER 14 (WEDNESDAY), IT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL, HONG KONG.

THE FIRST LOT, LOCATED IN AREA 26, KWAI CHUNG, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,242 SQUARE METRES FOR GODOWN AND PUBLIC VEHICLE PARK.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 35,580 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997.

THE SECOND LOT, LOCATED IN TOWN PARK ROAD NORTH, YUEN LONG, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 8,431 SQUARE METRES AND IS EARMARKED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 15,176 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1999.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

SALES PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THESE OFFICES.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLAND.

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APPLICATIONS FOR CROSS-BORDER SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE INVITED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM BUS OPERATORS IN HONG KONG TO PROVIDE A SCHEDULED CROSS-BORDER SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE BETWEEN LOK MA CHAU AND HUANGGANG IN SHENZHEN.

DETAILS OF THIS TENDER INVITATION ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

THE SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED FROM TERMINAL TO TERMINAL WITHOUT INTERMEDIATE STOPS.

THE HONG KONG TERMINAL IS AT THE LOK MA CHAU INTERCHANGE NEAR THE JUNCTION OF NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD AND SAN SHAM ROAD WHILE THE CHINESE TERMINAL IS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HUANGGANG CHECK POINT. ITS ROUTE IS ABOUT 2.5 KILOMETRES.

THE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9 PM DAILY AT 20/40-MINUTE FREQUENCIES. SUBSEQUENT ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE MADE IF TRAFFIC DEMAND WARRANTS.

/PRESCRIBED APPLICATION .....

PRESCRIBED APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION, HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR, UNITED CENTRE, 95 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: "APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ON PRESCRIBED FORMS AND NO FEE IS REQUIRED FOR THIS APPLICATION."

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED EITHER IN PERSON OR BY POST TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, 41ST FLOOR, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE WILL BE 5.15 PM ON DECEMBER 9 (FRIDAY).

"LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED," HE SAID.

SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAWS OF HONG KONG AND CHINA, THE SELECTED APPLICANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO FORM A JOINT-VENTURE COMPANY WITH THE BUS OPERATOR TO BE APPROVED SEPARATELY BY THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE WITHIN FOUR MONTHS UPON RECEIVING WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

"THE JOINT-VENTURE COMPANY SHALL BE REGISTERED IN HONG KONG AND APPLY FOR A PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE TO START THE SERVICE," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, SHOULD THE SELECTED APPLICANT FAIL TO FORM A JOINT-VENTURE COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE WITHIN FOUR MONTHS WITH THE BUS OPERATOR TO BE APPROVED BY THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MAY AT ITS ABSOLUTE DISCRETION REJECT THE APPLICATION, AND EITHER RETENDER OR INVITE ANOTHER APPLICANT IN THE CURRENT TENDER EXERCISE TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IN SUCH CASE, NO COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAYABLE TO THE REJECTED APPLICANT," HE ADDED.

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#### INCREASE IN PARKING METER CHARGES

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE MAXIMUM CHARGE FOR THE USE OF PARKING METERS IN CAUSEWAY BAY, WAN CHAI AND YAU MA TEI WILL BE \$2 PER 15 MINUTES WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

THE EXISTING MAXIMUM FEE OF \$2 PER 30 MINUTES WAS SET IN 1987. SINCE THEN, THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) HAS RISEN BY 99 PER CENT AND PARKING CHARGES IN GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS HAVE INCREASED BY OVER 100 PER CENT.

DESPITE THE INCREASE, PARKING METER CHARGES ARE STILL SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN CHARGES IN OFF-STREET CAR PARKS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ABOUT 13,000 PARKING METERS ARE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS REVEALED BY RECENT PARKING METER UTILISATION SURVEYS, THE AVAILABILITY RATES FOR METERED SPACES ARE CLOSE TO ZERO IN BUSY DISTRICTS SUCH AS CAUSEWAY BAY, YAU TSIM, MONG KOK, CENTRAL AND WESTERN.

THERE IS A NEED TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FEES CHARGED SO AS TO RAISE THE TURNOVER OF THESE SPACES.

THIS FEE REVISION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER AREAS IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, HE ADDED.

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REVISION OF FEES UNDER THE  
PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO INCREASE A NUMBER OF FEES UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE NEXT MONTH.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHOWED THAT THE EXISTING FEE LEVELS WERE BELOW COST.

THE FEES UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE WERE LAST REVISED IN 1989.

THE NEW FEES, WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 1.

DETAILS OF THE FEE INCREASES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM -----	EXISTING FEE ----- \$	REVISED FEE ----- \$
* EXAMINATION IN EACH SUBJECT PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD	500	835
* ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A PHARMACIST	150	250
* ISSUE OF A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A PHARMACIST	75	125
* RETENTION OF PREMISES ON THE REGISTER OF PREMISES, EACH YEAR	500	1,390
* APPLICATION FOR ENTRY ON THE LIST OF LISTED SELLERS OF POISONS	160	395
* RETENTION ON THE LIST OF LISTED SELLERS OF POISONS, EACH YEAR	160	375
* ANY ALTERATION TO THE REGISTER OF PREMISES OR TO THE LIST OF LISTED SELLERS	50	225
* AN ANNUAL LICENCE FOR WHOLESALE DEALERS IN POISONS	400	1,220

/ANNUAL LICENCE .....

* ANNUAL LICENCE FOR MANUFACTURERS	500	1,340
* APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A PRODUCT	150	550
* CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A PRODUCT	250	1,370
* RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A PRODUCT	150	500
* CERTIFICATE OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT	90	120
* CERTIFICATE AND INTERIM CERTIFICATE FOR MANUFACTURER	1,000	1,760
* ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE FOR A REGISTERED PHARMACIST -		
- EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ORDINANCE (CAP.113), A HOSPITAL SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, A UNIVERSITY OR A POLYTECHNIC	75	125
- IN ALL OTHER CASES	350	585
* APPLICATION FOR A CLINICAL TRIAL OR MEDICINAL TEST	300	1,290
* CERTIFICATE FOR CLINICAL TRIAL OR MEDICINAL TEST	300	1,290
* APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN IMPORTER OR EXPORTER OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	400	780
* DUPLICATE OF ANY CERTIFICATE	100	190

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AIDS: A FAMILY CONCERN

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PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE CAN OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON AIDS AND ITS PREVENTION BY JOINING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD DURING THE HONG KONG AIDS FORTNIGHT 1994 FROM NOVEMBER 20 TO DECEMBER 4.

THE CONVENOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE HONG KONG AIDS FORTNIGHT 1994, MR FUNG CHEUNG-TIM, SAID THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY) TO LAUNCH THE EVENT.

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IN SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL WORLD AIDS DAY ON DECEMBER 1 DESIGNATED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP JOINTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION, AIDS CONCERN, HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES TO CO-ORDINATE A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES FOR THE AIDS FORTNIGHT WITH THE SLOGAN "AIDS: A FAMILY CONCERN".

"THE WORKING GROUP HOPES THAT THESE ACTIVITIES COULD HELP DRIVE HOME MESSAGES OF AIDS PREVENTION AND STIMULATE FRANK DISCUSSION AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS ON THE ISSUE," MR FUNG SAID.

"MEANWHILE, PARENTS CAN TAKE THE LEAD TO MAKE THEIR CHILDREN WELL AWARE OF THE DISEASE AND TO SPREAD THE MESSAGES OF COMPASSION, UNDERSTANDING AND CARE FOR THE HIV-INFECTED AND AIDS PATIENTS.

"LEAFLETS CONTAINING DETAILS OF THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED AND ARE OBTAINABLE FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES," HE ADDED.

THE HONG KONG AIDS FORTNIGHT 1994 WILL START WITH AN OPENING DAY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE PIAZZA OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE OPENING DAY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS KATHERINE FOK; THE CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION, DR LEONG CHE-HUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF AIDS CONCERN, MR CHARLES YANG; THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR MARGARET CHAN; THE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR HUI YIN-FAT; THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS IRENE YAU; AND THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL RADIO 2, MR THOMAS CHOW.

ON THE OPENING DAY, THERE WILL BE A CARNIVAL TO BE ENJOYED BY PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS. A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE LINED UP, INCLUDING EXHIBITION, GAMES BOOTHS, CONCERT, MAZE, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, DRAMA, MAGIC AND ACROBATICS PERFORMANCES, TO MAKE FAMILY MEMBERS MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON AIDS AND ITS PREVENTION.

"WE HOPE THAT THROUGH ORGANISING THE AIDS FORTNIGHT 1994, WE WOULD FOSTER BETTER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL AIDS GROUPS AND DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE AN APPEAL TO THE MEDIA TO WIDELY PUBLICISE MESSAGES OF AIDS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE," MR FUNG SAID.

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STREET ALTERATIONS AND CLOSURES  
FOR AIRPORT RAILWAY WORKS

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DETAILS OF STREET CLOSURES AND ALTERATIONS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL SUBWAY OF THE AIRPORT RAILWAY WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). THEY INCLUDE:

PERMANENT ALTERATION

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\* DOUGLAS STREET

/CLOSURE OF .....

## CLOSURE OF CARRIAGEWAY TO ACCOMMODATE SUBWAY OR STATION ENTRANCE.

TEMPORARY CLOSURES AND ALTERATIONS  
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- \* DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL (NORTHERN FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO DOUGLAS STREET)

NORTHERN FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO DOUGLAS STREET REDUCED TO MINIMUM TWO METRES WIDE.

- \* CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL (BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND PEDDER STREET)  
REALIGNMENT OF CARRIAGEWAY.

- \* CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND (BETWEEN PEDDER STREET AND POTTINGER STREET)

REALIGNMENT OF CARRIAGEWAY, FOOTPATH REDUCED TO MINIMUM TWO METRES WIDE.

- \* CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND (BETWEEN CONNAUGHT PLACE AND QUEEN VICTORIA STREET)

REALIGNMENT OF CARRIAGEWAY, ONE TRAFFIC LANE EASTBOUND CLOSED AND REPLACED BY A TEMPORARY BYPASS ROAD AT HARBOUR VIEW STREET, FOOTPATH REDUCED TO MINIMUM TWO METRES WIDE, FOOTPATH BETWEEN EXITS OF EXCHANGE SQUARE BUS TERMINUS CLOSED.

- \* CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL (SOUTHERN FOOTPATH BETWEEN QUEEN VICTORIA STREET AND JUBILEE STREET)

ROAD WIDENING.

- \* PEDDER STREET (BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL)

REALIGNMENT OF CARRIAGEWAY AND ONE TRAFFIC LANE CLOSED, FOOTPATH REDUCED TO MINIMUM TWO METRES WIDE, CLOSURE OF STAIRCASE TO FOOTBRIDGE.

- \* CONNAUGHT PLACE (FRONTING EAST SIDE OF EXCHANGE SQUARE)

ROAD WIDENING.

- \* CONNAUGHT PLACE (FRONTING JARDINE HOUSE)

CLOSURE OF LAYBY, ROAD WIDENING TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANE, FOOTPATH REDUCED TO MINIMUM TWO METRES WIDE.

- \* HARBOUR VIEW STREET (FRONTING NORTH SIDE OF EXCHANGE SQUARE)

ROAD WIDENING TO PROVIDE A SERVICING LANE OR LAYBY AND A TAXI STAND ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE STREET; CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY STAIRCASES TO CONNECT EXISTING FOOTBRIDGES LEADING TO EXCHANGE SQUARE.

- \* HARBOUR VIEW STREET (FRONTING WEST SIDE OF EXCHANGE SQUARE) ROAD WIDENING.

ALTERNATIVE VEHICULAR ROUTING AND SUITABLE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED. NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

THE RELEVANT PLAN SHOWING THE AFFECTED AREA MAY BE INSPECTED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4.30 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAY AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; NEW AIRPORT SECTION (URBAN OFFICE), LANDS DEPARTMENT, SEVENTH FLOOR, WEST WING HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG; AND SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY STIPULATES THAT ANY PERSON ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE ORDINANCE MAY SERVE A WRITTEN CLAIM UPON THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS SET OUT IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE ORDINANCE.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR/NEW AIRPORT (URBAN) OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 805 7797.

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#### SALE OF MONTHLY TICKETS AT GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS

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THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT FOR SALE OF MONTHLY TICKETS FOR GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS WILL CONTINUE IN VIEW OF THE PAST SALES EXPERIENCE AND A SYSTEMATIC CUSTOMER SURVEY ON OCTOBER 23, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE DEPARTMENT ON THE DATE CONDUCTED A SYSTEMATIC CUSTOMER SURVEY AT THE ABERDEEN CAR PARK AND KWAI FONG CAR PARK ON THE PREFERRED METHOD OF SALE OF MONTHLY TICKETS.

A TOTAL OF 695 BUYERS WERE SUCCESSFULLY INTERVIEWED WHICH REPRESENTED 82 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MONTHLY TICKETS SOLD AT THESE TWO CAR PARKS.

ABOUT 85 PER CENT OF THEM STATED THEIR PREFERENCE FOR QUEUING RATHER THAN BALLOTING.

BY THE TIME THE QUEUES WERE CLEARED IN THE MORNING, SOME TICKETS WERE STILL AVAILABLE THERE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MONTHLY PASSES FOR THE SEVEN GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS MANAGED BY WILSON PARKING (HONG KONG) LIMITED WILL BE SOLD FROM SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

MONTHLY PASSES FOR OTHER SEVEN GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS MANAGED BY METROPARK LIMITED WILL BE SOLD STARTING NEXT WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS MANAGED BY METROPARK LIMITED ARE: STAR FERRY, CITY HALL, MURRAY ROAD, ABERDEEN, MIDDLE ROAD, KWAI FONG AND TSUEN WAN TRANSPORT COMPLEX.

GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS MANAGED BY WILSON PARKING (HONG KONG) LIMITED ARE: GARDEN ROAD, RUMSEY STREET, YAU MA TEI, TSUEN WAN STATION, SHAU KEI WAN, SHEUNG FUNG STREET, AND TIN HAU.

THE MONTHLY TICKETS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE SALE OF MONTHLY TICKETS.

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BUSINESS RECEIPTS INDICES FOR SERVICE INDUSTRIES  
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THE OCTOBER 1994 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "BUSINESS RECEIPTS INDICES FOR SERVICE INDUSTRIES".

THE ARTICLE INTRODUCES A NEW SERIES OF SHORT TERM INDICATORS OF THE PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS MAJOR SERVICE INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

THESE INDICATORS ARE USEFUL TO RESEARCHERS AND INVESTORS FOR ANALYSING THE ECONOMY AND KEEPING TRACK OF MARKET TRENDS.

THEY ARE COMPILED FROM A NUMBER OF DATA SOURCES, INCLUDING A SURVEY LAUNCHED LAST YEAR TO SUPPLEMENT DATA IN SOME SERVICE INDUSTRIES.

THE ARTICLE CONTAINS AN ANALYSIS OF THE BUSINESS RECEIPTS INDICES FOR MAJOR SERVICE INDUSTRIES FOR PERIODS FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993 TO THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1994.

AN ACCOUNT OF SUCH METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS AS COVERAGE OF THE SERVICE INDUSTRIES AND COMPILATION METHODS IS ALSO PRESENTED.

THE OCTOBER 1994 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$48 PER COPY.

PURCHASES CAN BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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FIVE STAMP ISSUES NEXT YEAR  
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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR MIKE PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE PROGRAMME FOR 1995:

JANUARY 17 - YEAR OF THE PIG  
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THIS SET OF STAMPS, THE NINTH, IN THE CURRENT SERIES OF LUNAR NEW YEAR SPECIAL STAMPS, WILL COMPRISE FOUR DENOMINATIONS. A SOUVENIR SHEET AND A STAMP BOOKLET WILL ALSO BE RELEASED.

THE YEAR OF THE PIG ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABELS (FRAMA LABELS) WILL BE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 15.

MARCH 22 - HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS  
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THIS SET WILL COMPRISE FOUR STAMPS FEATURING FOUR MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS ORGANISED IN HONG KONG - THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL RUGBY SEVENS, THE CHINA SEA RACE, THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES AND THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL HORSE RACES.

MAY 24 - HONG KONG RURAL HERITAGE  
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THERE WILL BE FOUR STAMPS DEPICTING TRADITIONAL RURAL ARCHITECTURE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AUGUST 16 - THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), 1854-1995  
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THIS SET WILL COMPRISE FOUR DENOMINATIONS. THEY COMMEMORATE THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT WHICH WILL DISBAND IN 1995.

NOVEMBER 15 - HONG KONG MOVIE STARS  
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THERE WILL BE FOUR STAMPS DEPICTING FOUR FAMOUS HONG KONG MOVIE STARS - BRUCE LEE, YAM KIM FAI, LEUNG SING PO AND LIN DAI.

FURTHER DETAILS OF EACH STAMP ISSUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE DATE OF ISSUE.

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DISTRICT OPEN SPACE FOR TSUEN WAN  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PHASE I CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE WITH A TOTAL SITE AREA OF 78,700 SQUARE METRES IN AREA 7 OF TSUEN WAN.

THE OPEN SPACE WILL HAVE SITTING-OUT AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, A SOCCER PITCH, TWO BASKETBALL CUM VOLLEYBALL COURTS, A WATER GARDEN, WATER CASCADE FEATURES, A THEME GARDEN, A SERVICE BUILDING, LANDSCAPED AREAS AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF 1996.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON DECEMBER 9.

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## TWO KOWLOON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES INCREASE FARES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT STARTING FROM SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20), THE FARES OF TWO GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NOS. 33 AND 33M IN KOWLOON WILL BE INCREASED.

THE FULL FARE FOR ROUTE NO. 33 PLYING BETWEEN FU SHAN AND KOWLOON CITY FERRY PIER WILL GO UP FROM \$4 TO \$4.4.

THE SECTION FARES OF THE ROUTE, AT \$3.5, \$3, \$2.4 AND \$1.4, WILL BE INCREASED TO \$3.8, \$3.3, \$2.6 AND \$1.5 RESPECTIVELY.

FOR ROUTE NO. 33M WHICH RUNS BETWEEN FU SHAN AND WONG TAI SIN MTR STATION, THE FULL FARE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$2.4 TO \$2.6 WHILE THE SECTION FARE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$1.4 TO \$1.5.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,435	0930	+83
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,834	1000	+83
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+71
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+2,199	1200	+70
LAF TODAY	+200	1500	+2,029
		1600	+2,199
LAF RATE 3.75% BID/5.75% OFFER	TWI 121.5	*+0.1*	18.11.94

## HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

## EF BILLS

## EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.94	18 MONTHS	2605	6.35	99.65	6.71
1 MONTH	4.95	23 MONTHS	3610	4.20	99.85	7.10
3 MONTHS	5.25	29 MONTHS	3704	6.15	97.49	7.42
6 MONTHS	5.57	36 MONTHS	3710	7.25	99.20	7.70
12 MONTHS	6.15	58 MONTHS	5909	7.45	97.15	8.34

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 29,869 MN

CLOSED 18 NOVEMBER 1994

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