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GOVERNOR TO VISIT JAPAN, BRUSSELS AND LONDON

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, WILL VISIT JAPAN, BRUSSELS AND LONDON DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

MR PATTEN'S VISIT TO JAPAN WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN MARCH 4 AND 8. HE WILL MEET SENIOR POLITICAL LEADERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BANKERS AND BUSINESS LEADERS IN TOKYO.

HE WILL ALSO ATTEND THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM-JAPAN 2000 GROUP AT AWASHIMA AND GIVE AN ADDRESS ON "HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA IN AN ASIAN PACIFIC CONTEXT".

THE UNITED KINGDOM-JAPAN 2000 GROUP IS A PRIVATE BILATERAL FORUM WITH A MEMBERSHIP DRAWN FROM GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, FINANCE AND ACADEMICS IN BOTH COUNTRIES. ITS MEETINGS ARE PRIVATE.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT HONG KONG HAS FEATURED AS A MAJOR ITEM ON THE GROUP'S AGENDA AND MR PATTEN IS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO LEAD A DISCUSSION DURING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ADDED: "THE INVITATION TO MR PATTEN IS A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN HONG KONG'S PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH CHINA AND THE REGION."

MR PATTEN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DEPUTY PRIVATE SECRETARY, MS ANNE SHEPHERD AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR KERRY MCGLYNN.

THE GOVERNOR WILL VISIT BRUSSELS ON APRIL 1 AND 2. HE WILL MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO DISCUSS TRADE AND OTHER ISSUES.

MR PATTEN WILL GIVE A SPEECH TO THE CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES ON "HONG KONG: ONWARDS TO 1997 ..... AND BEYOND" BEFORE TRAVELLING ON TO LONDON ON APRIL 2.

IN LONDON MR PATTEN WILL SEE MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS. HE WILL ALSO GIVE TWO MAJOR SPEECHES. THE FIRST TO THE ROYAL INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (CHATHAM HOUSE), AND THE SECOND, TO THE TORY REFORM GROUP.

MR PATTEN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR BOWEN LEUNG, THE INFORMATION CO-ORDINATOR, MR MIKE HANSON AND PERSONAL ADVISER, MR EDWARD LLEWELLYN. MR PATTEN WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG AFTER THE EASTER WEEKEND.

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MORE MONEY TO BOOST KEY SERVICES

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THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1993/94, WHICH ARE PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) TOGETHER WITH THE GAZETTING OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL, PROPOSE MAJOR INCREASES IN SPENDING TO EXPAND SERVICES IN AREAS WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED.

THE ESTIMATES ALSO REPRESENT THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS ACHIEVING, AND IN SOME AREAS IMPROVING ON, THE AMBITIOUS TARGETS SET BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE, INCLUDING EXPENDITURE FOR THE FUNDS, FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR WILL RISE TO \$132.5 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 15 PER CENT OVER THAT PLANNED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR K Y YEUNG, EXPLAINED THAT OF THE TOTAL OF \$132.5 BILLION, \$99.3 BILLION WOULD COVER COSTS OF PROVIDING EXISTING AND NEW SERVICES, AND \$33.2 BILLION WOULD BE SPENT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS.

"THIS BUDGETARY STRATEGY HAS BEEN DECIDED AFTER CONSULTATIONS HELD BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WITH MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON SPENDING PRIORITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMBITIOUS TARGETS IN KEY PROGRAMME AREAS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR LAST OCTOBER.

"IT ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT OUR LONG-STANDING PRINCIPLE THAT EXPENDITURE GROWTH SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE TREND GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY, A PRINCIPLE THAT HAS SERVED US WELL OVER MANY YEARS," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG EXPLAINED THAT WITH A PROJECTED TREND ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE OF FIVE PER CENT A YEAR, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO INCREASE RECURRENT EXPENDITURE BY AROUND FIVE PER CENT IN REAL TERMS, THAT IS OVER AND ABOVE THE RATE OF INFLATION.

"THIS MEANS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN KEY PROGRAMME AREAS WHERE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ARE MOST NEEDED," HE SAID.

SOME EXAMPLES ARE :

RECURRENT SPENDING ON SOCIAL WELFARE WILL INCREASE BY 7.8 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS TO \$9 BILLION.

"SPECIFIC BENEFITS INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME; AN EXTRA 1,780 RESIDENTIAL PLACES AND 27 SERVICE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY; 710 EXTRA RESIDENTIAL PLACES FOR THE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED; AND 1,860 ADDITIONAL PLACES IN NURSERIES, CRECHES AND SMALL GROUP HOMES FOR CHILDREN," MR YEUNG SAID.

ON THE HEALTH FRONT, RECURRENT EXPENDITURE WILL GO UP BY 7.8 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS TO \$14.8 BILLION IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

"NEW FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE 950 EXTRA HOSPITAL BEDS, AND NINE NEW CLINICS OR OTHER SERVICE UNITS," HE SAID.

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FOR EDUCATION, RECURRENT EXPENDITURE WILL GO UP IN REAL TERMS BY 7.3 PER CENT TO \$22.2 BILLION.

"BENEFITS IN THIS PROGRAMME AREA INCLUDE 785 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, SMALLER PRIMARY ONE CLASS SIZE, 30 MORE WHOLE-DAY PRIMARY SCHOOLS, AND 1,500 NEW FIRST-YEAR, FIRST-DEGREE PLACES," HE SAID.

FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, EXPENDITURE WILL GO UP BY 42.8 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS TO \$1.3 BILLION.

"THIS WILL BRING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR VARIOUS FACILITIES LIKE THE CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE, THE REFUSE TRANSFER STATIONS, SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, AND THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL," MR YEUNG ADDED.

"ALL THESE INCREASES REPRESENT EXPENDITURE GROWTH IN REAL TERMS, THAT IS TO SAY, THESE REFLECT GROWTH AFTER ALLOWING FOR INFLATION," HE SAID.

ON UNDERSPENDING IN RESPECT OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR YEUNG SAID SPENDING IN 1992/93 WOULD BE \$17.6 BILLION, AGAINST THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF \$24.9 BILLION.

"THIS DEGREE OF UNDERSPENDING IS CLEARLY A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND ONE WHICH MUST NOT CONTINUE," HE SAID.

"IT IS OUR FIRM INTENTION TO ENSURE THAT SPENDING ON THE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR WILL RETURN TO A LEVEL IN LINE WITH OUR GUIDELINE.

"THIS MUST BE ACHIEVED IF WE ARE TO DELIVER THE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.

"THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL BE ANNOUNCING A RANGE OF MEASURES TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH ON MARCH 3," HE SAID.

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GOVT STAYS FIRM ON TUNG TAU, LAGUNA PROJECTS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS REAFFIRMED ITS RESOLVE TO PROCEED WITH THE HOSTEL PROJECT FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS IN TUNG TAU ESTATE AND THE ACTIVITY CENTRE AT LAGUNA CITY.

EXPLAINING THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON WELFARE SERVICES MEETING THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONSIDERED AT LENGTH THE ARGUMENTS PUT FORWARD BY RESIDENTS AGAINST THE PROJECT.

"BUT I MUST SAY I FIND THESE ARGUMENTS TOTALLY INVALID," MRS WONG SAID.

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"IN FACT, ANY ARGUMENTS FOUNDED ON PREJUDICE AND ACCOMPANIED BY THREATS CAN NEVER BE VALID.

"THE HOSTEL PROJECT IN TUNG TAU ESTATE MUST PROCEED AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED," SHE STRESSED.

AS A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, MRS WONG CONTINUED, IT MUST TAKE THE LEAD TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE NEEDY AND STRIVE TO UPHOLD JUSTICE FOR THEM.

"THEY NEED OUR SUPPORT," SHE SAID. "I AM HERE TO RECONFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT.

"I AM HERE TO SOLICIT YOUR SUPPORT FOR IT."

MRS WONG SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S BASIC PRINCIPLE WAS TO PROVIDE THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED PERSONS WITH THE SERVICES THEY NEEDED AND AT THE SAME TIME INTEGRATED THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.

"THIS PRINCIPLE IS ADOPTED INTERNATIONALLY AND HAS BEEN PRACTISED IN HONG KONG FOR MANY YEARS," SHE STRESSED.

AND SHE SAID THE GOVERNMENT MUST ALSO RESPECT COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS.

"THE HOSTEL IS REQUIRED TO MEET AN URGENT SOCIAL DEMAND AND HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG TAU AREA COMMITTEE," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT THE MEDIA AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WERE ALSO BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT.

MRS WONG TOLD THE PANEL MEMBERS SHE HAD VISITED THE TUNG TAU AND LAGUNA CITY SITES A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND TALKED TO THE PEOPLE THERE.

"IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ME THAT THE OBJECTION COMES FROM JUST SOME LOCAL AND VOCAL RESIDENTS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO GIVE UP THEIR PREJUDICE AGAINST THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS," SHE SAID.

WHILE STRESSING THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST STAND FIRM IN THE FACE OF SUCH BLIND OBJECTION, SHE SAID: "WE MUST ALSO CONTINUE OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION DRIVE TO CONVINCING THEM THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR."

MRS WONG NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S ESTABLISHED POLICY TO SET UP REHABILITATION FACILITIES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

PREVIOUS PROJECTS HAVE PROVEN THAT THIS APPROACH IS SUCCESSFUL AND HAS NOT CAUSED ANY INCONVENIENCE TO RESIDENTS.

MRS WONG EXPLAINED TO PANEL MEMBERS THAT THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION ON THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WAS NOT TO SEEK RESIDENTS' APPROVAL FOR SETTING UP COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD.

/"THROUGH CONSULTATION .....

"THROUGH CONSULTATION, LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE INFORMED OF THE SERVICES WE INTEND TO PROVIDE IN A DISTRICT AS WE WANT TO BE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT IN OUR MANAGEMENT PROCESS," SHE ADDED.

SPEAKING TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AFTER THE WELFARE SERVICES PANEL MEETING, MRS WONG RELAYED THE TOTAL CONSENSUAL SUPPORT FROM THE WELFARE PANEL FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND.

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JOSEPH YAM ATTENDS ASIAN BANKERS MEETING

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE (DESIGNATE) OF THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY, MR JOSEPH YAM, IS CURRENTLY IN TOKYO ATTENDING THE FIFTH EXECUTIVES' MEETING OF EAST-ASIA AND PACIFIC CENTRAL BANKS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EXCHANGE FUND OFFICE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HONG KONG HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS, WHICH ARE HELD HALF YEARLY AND ARE HOSTED BY THE BANK OF JAPAN.

COMMENTING ON HONG KONG'S ATTENDANCE AT THESE MEETINGS, MR YAM SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY, SOON TO BE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED, WAS BEING ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD'S CENTRAL BANKING FRATERNITY.

THIS WOULD ENABLE THE AUTHORITY TO KEEP CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH THOSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD RESPONSIBLE FOR MONETARY AND BANKING MATTERS, AND TO PROMOTE HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE, MR YAM SAID.

THE MEETING IS ATTENDED BY SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF EAST-ASIA AND PACIFIC CENTRAL BANKS, INCLUDING THE PEOPLES' BANK OF CHINA'S DEPUTY GOVERNOR, MR CHEN YUAN.

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CONTRACT FOR CHEUNG CHING TUNNEL  
AND ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS

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THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD HAS ACCEPTED A \$856 MILLION TENDER SUBMITTED BY DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS, PART OF THE BOUYGUES S A GROUP OF FRANCE, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHEUNG CHING TUNNEL ON THE TSING YI ISLAND SECTION OF ROUTE 3, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS CONTRACT IS A MAJOR ELEMENT IN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME'S HIGHWAYS NETWORK LINKING THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN TO KOWLOON AND CENTRAL HONG KONG.

ROUTE 3 IS PLANNED AS A MAJOR NORTH-SOUTH HIGHWAY LINKING THE BORDER AND NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES WITH WEST KOWLOON VIA TSING YI.

THE FIRST PART TO BE CONSTRUCTED FALLS WITHIN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME AND CONNECTS THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING WITH THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY. THE CHEUNG CHING TUNNEL ON TSING YI ISLAND FORMS PART OF THIS SECTION.

THIS CONTRACT COMPRISES CONSTRUCTION OF A 1.6 KM DUAL THREE-LANE TWIN-BORED TUNNEL, TWO TUNNEL PORTAL CONTROL BUILDINGS, AND 0.9 KM OF ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS.

TENDERS WERE RECEIVED FROM SEVEN PRE-QUALIFIED TENDERERS AND DRAGAGES SUBMITTED THE LOWEST PRICED BID.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH AND IS TO BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1997.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT BY SPHW CONSULTANTS, HEADED BY SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK & PARTNERS.

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#### TIGHTER CONTROL ON OIL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO TIGHTEN CONTROL ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF OIL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS.

THE BUILDING (OIL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1993 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) GIVES THE BUILDING AUTHORITY MORE POWERS TO REVOKE THE LICENCE OF AN OIL STORAGE INSTALLATION IF IT HAS NOT BEEN OPERATED OR CONSTRUCTED IN A SAFE MANNER.

"THE AMENDMENT REGULATION WILL ALSO EXTEND EXISTING CONTROL ON SAFETY AND POLLUTION ASPECTS OF OIL TANKS TO ASSOCIATED WORKS OF AN OIL STORAGE INSTALLATION WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL INSPECTION BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID.

"THE LICENSING PROCEDURES WILL BE IMPROVED TO TIGHTEN CONTROL ON ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING INSTALLATION."

"THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN FORMULATED AFTER A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW INVOLVING THE OIL INDUSTRY. THE REVIEW IS TO ENSURE THAT THE LOCAL OIL INDUSTRY COMPLIES WITH THE UP-TO-DATE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS SET FOR OIL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY

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RE-EXPORTS LAST MONTH (JANUARY) MAINTAINED A STRONG GROWTH, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS REGISTERED ONLY A SMALL INCREASE IN VALUE OVER JANUARY LAST YEAR.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW MARKEDLY.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF EXTERNAL TRADE RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1993 ROSE BY \$10,157 MILLION OR 26% OVER A YEAR EARLIER TO \$49,165 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$394 MILLION OR 2.8% TO \$14,559 MILLION.

TAKING RE-EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1993 GREW BY \$10,551 MILLION OR 19.8% OVER A YEAR EARLIER TO \$63,724 MILLION.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY \$7,442 MILLION OR 13.3% TO \$63,350 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF TOTAL IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$374 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 0.6% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN JANUARY 1993.

THIS COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$2,735 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.9% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN JANUARY 1992.

COMMENTING ON THE JANUARY TRADE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID RETAINED IMPORTS DECREASED MODERATELY BY 4.7% IN VALUE TERMS OVER A YEAR EARLIER, AS TRADERS HAD PROBABLY ADVANCED THEIR IMPORT SHIPMENT TO DECEMBER 1992 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE HIGHER DEMAND DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL.

THUS TAKING THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1993 TOGETHER, RETAINED IMPORTS ATTAINED A YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF 8.9% IN VALUE TERMS, IN LINE WITH THE ROBUST DOMESTIC DEMAND.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE BY COMMODITY AND COUNTRY FOR JANUARY WILL BE RELEASED IN MID-MARCH.

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## PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY 1993

MERCHANDISE: Domestic Exports :	\$14,559 million
Re-exports :	\$49,165 million
Total Exports :	\$63,724 million
Imports :	\$63,350 million
Trade balance :	+\$374 million

## COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Latest 3 months	Nov 92 to	Nov 91 to	Change	
	Jan 93	Jan 92	HK\$ Mn	%
	HK\$ Mn	HK\$ Mn		
Domestic Exports	56,544	56,921	-377	-0.7
(% of Total Exports)	(24.2%)	(28.4%)		
Re-exports	176,754	143,795	+32,959	+22.9
Total Exports	233,298	200,716	+32,583	+16.2
Imports	238,690	203,598	+35,092	+17.2
Trade balance	-5,391	-2,882	-2,509	
Same month last year	January	January	Change	
	1993	1992	HK\$ Mn	%
	HK\$ Mn	HK\$ Mn		
Domestic Exports	14,559	14,165	+394	+2.8
(% of Total Exports)	(22.8%)	(26.6%)		
Re-exports	49,165	39,008	+10,157	+26.0
Total Exports	63,724	53,174	+10,551	+19.8
Imports	63,350	55,909	+7,442	+13.3
Trade balance	+374	-2,735	+3,109	
Last month	January	December	Change	
	1993	1992	HK\$ Mn	%
	HK\$ Mn	HK\$ Mn		
Domestic Exports	14,559	21,658	-7,099	-32.8
(% of Total Exports)	(22.8%)	(25.2%)		
Re-exports	49,165	64,284	-15,119	-23.5
Total Exports	63,724	85,942	-22,218	-25.9
Imports	63,350	90,232	-26,881	-29.8
Trade balance	+374	-4,290	+4,664	
Last 12 months	Feb 92 to	Feb 91 to	Change	
	Jan 93	Jan 92	HK\$ Mn	%
	HK\$ Mn	HK\$ Mn		
Domestic Exports	234,518	226,034	+8,483	+3.8
(% of Total Exports)	(25.1%)	(29.7%)		
Re-exports	700,986	534,829	+166,157	+31.1
Total Exports	935,503	760,863	+174,640	+23.0
Imports	962,737	774,230	+188,506	+24.3
Trade balance	-27,233	-13,367	-13,866	

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POLICE SMASH FORGED U.S. BANKNOTE SYNDICATE  
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POLICE HAVE MADE ONE OF ITS LARGEST SEIZURES OF COUNTERFEIT U.S. BANKNOTES DURING A JOINT OPERATION MOUNTED BY COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU (CCB), INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) AND U.S. SECRET SERVICE.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT A LOCALLY BASED FORGED U.S. BANKNOTE SYNDICATE HAVE BEEN SMASHED FOLLOWING THE ARRESTS OF 10 MALE SUSPECTS BY CCB AND THE SEIZURE OF COUNTERFEIT U.S. BANKNOTES WITH A FACE VALUE OF ABOUT U.S.\$ 7 MILLION.

ACTING ON INFORMATION, OFFICERS FROM CCB BEGAN INVESTIGATIONS INTO A COUNTERFEIT U.S. BANKNOTE SYNDICATE IN SEPTEMBER, 1992.

OFFICERS WERE LATER INFORMED THAT OFFICERS OF ICAC WERE ALSO INVESTIGATING THE SAME SUSPECTS FOR ALLEGED CORRUPTION.

BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE IN EARLY FEBRUARY, OFFICERS OF CCB AND ICAC TOOK ACTION.

AROUND NOON YESTERDAY (THURSDAY), A JOINT OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED DURING WHICH OFFICERS FROM CCB RAIDED MORE THAN 20 LOCATIONS OVER THE TERRITORY.

ABOUT 100 POLICE OFFICERS WERE DEPLOYED IN THE RAIDS WHICH ENDED ABOUT 4 AM THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 10 MALE SUSPECTS AND THE SEIZURE OF A LARGE QUANTITY OF FORGED U.S. BANKNOTES WITH A FACE VALUE OF ABOUT U.S.\$ 7 MILLION.

THE RING LEADER OF THE SYNDICATE, A 48-YEAR-OLD MAN, WAS ARRESTED DURING A RAID IN MONG KOK.

POLICE ALSO SEIZED SOME PRINTING EQUIPMENT, SOME COPPER PLATES AND A QUANTITY OF SHREDDED COUNTERFEIT U.S. BANKNOTES.

THE SEIZED BANKNOTES WERE ALL IN THE NOMINAL VALUE OF \$20 AND \$100.

AMONG THE ARRESTED MEN AGED BETWEEN 36 AND 67, ONE HAS BEEN RELEASED UNCONDITIONALLY WHILE THE OTHERS ARE STILL BEING DETAINED FOR ENQUIRIES.

POLICE INVESTIGATIONS ARE PROCEEDING.

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OVERCROWDING IN PRISONS NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

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MORE RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO MEET THE INCREASED DEMANDS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE OUTGOING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR JOHN ASHWORTH, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROBLEM OF OVERCROWDING AND SHORTAGE OF FACILITIES MUST BE OVERCOME SOON IF WE ARE TO AVOID A DETERIORATION IN STANDARDS AND A BREAKDOWN IN DISCIPLINE, HE SAID.

"BECAUSE ONCE STANDARDS DROP, AND I KNOW THIS FROM FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE, THEY ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO REVERSE," HE POINTED OUT.

ADDRESSING A PASSING-OUT PARADE IN STANLEY TODAY (FRIDAY), MR ASHWORTH TOLD THE YOUNG STAFF THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S TASK HAD NEVER BEEN AN EASY ONE, ESPECIALLY WHEN NORMAL DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS WERE AGGRAVATED BY OVERCROWDING IN PRISONS AND INADEQUATE FACILITIES.

"REGRETTABLY OVERCROWDING STILL EXISTS TODAY AS IT DID WHEN I JOINED THE SERVICE. THIS IS PLACING GREAT PRESSURE ON INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES AND STAFF, AS WELL AS HAVING A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES," HE SAID.

LOOKING BACK AT HIS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE DEPARTMENT, MR ASHWORTH SAID THE DEPARTMENT TODAY WAS MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE HE JOINED IN 1962.

"IN THE INTERVENING YEARS HONG KONG HAS PROGRESSED AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO UNDERGONE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WHICH HAVE SEEN POSITIVE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES REPLACE THE 'WAREHOUSING' OF PRISONERS WHICH WAS COMMON IN THE 60'S AND EARLY 70'S," HE SAID.

HE TOLD THOSE ON PARADE THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTES OF A CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICER WERE A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEGRITY, DEDICATION, A PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF PATIENCE AND, AT TIMES, COURAGE.

MR ASHWORTH WILL RETIRE IN MARCH THIS YEAR AFTER SERVING IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS.

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PARENTS PLAY VITAL ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT OF DISABLED CHILDREN

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MRS PATTEN TODAY (FRIDAY) EXTENDED HER PERSONAL ADMIRATION TO PARENTS WHO HAD DEDICATED THEIR LOVE AND CARE TO THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN, TURNING DISABILITY INTO ABILITY.

"RAISING A CHILD IS NEVER AN EASY TASK AT THE BEST OF TIMES. I AM SURE THIS IS EVEN MORE SO FOR PARENTS WITH A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY," MRS PATTEN SAID.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE HEEP HONG SOCIETY JESSIE AND THOMAS TAM CENTRE, MRS PATTEN SAID PARENTS DID NOT SIMPLY LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF, THEY ALSO CAME TO LEARN THE SPECIAL SKILLS TO BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN.

SHE SAID PARENTS OF DISABLED CHILDREN WORKED IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE REHABILITATIVE SERVICE CENTRES PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

THE CENTRE IS THE SEVENTH EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE (EETC) RUN BY THE HEEP HONG SOCIETY FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. WITH THE CENTRE, THE SOCIETY IS NOW THE BIGGEST AND LEADING ORGANISATION IN THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION OF DISABLED CHILDREN.

IMMENSELY IMPRESSED BY THE RICH DECORATION OF CHILDREN'S HANDICRAFTS AND PAINTINGS INSIDE THE CENTRE, MRS PATTEN SAID IT VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATED THE CREATIVITY AND TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL OF THE CHILDREN.

"THESE QUALITIES COULD BE FOUND IN ALL CHILDREN, INCLUDING THOSE WITH DISABILITIES.

"HOWEVER, TO ENABLE THE POTENTIAL OF DISABLED CHILDREN TO DEVELOP TO THE FULLEST EXTENT, EARLY INTERVENTION AND STIMULATION ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE," SHE SAID.

KNOWING WELL THE IMPORTANCE AND THE DIFFICULTIES OF PARENTHOOD, MRS PATTEN SAID HEEP HONG HAD PIONEERED A PARENTS' RESOURCE CENTRE PROJECT TO PROVIDE PARENTS WITH REFERENCE MATERIALS ON DISABILITIES AND CARING TECHNIQUES.

THE RESOURCE CENTRE OFFERS COUNSELLING SERVICE, RUNS TALKS AND SEMINARS, AND ORGANISES SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS TO MEET AND RELAX.

THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE SHARING, PARENTS ACQUIRE BETTER KNOWLEDGE ABOUT REHABILITATION CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN, SHE SAID.

"MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY BUILD UP MUTUAL CARE AND HELP," SHE SAID.

MRS PATTEN SAID THE INTEGRATION OF THE EETC AND THE PARENTS RESOURCES CENTRE WOULD PROVIDE ADDED CONVENIENCE TO PARENTS.

SHE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW CENTRE WOULD BE EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL AND WARMLY WELCOMED BY PARENTS.

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NEW ROAD TRAFFIC LAW EFFECTIVE NEXT MONDAY

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THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) ORDINANCE 1992 WILL COME INTO EFFECT NEXT MONDAY (MARCH 1) TO PROVIDE A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR EXEMPTING DISABLED PERSONS FROM PAYMENT OF CHARGES AT METERED PARKING SPACES AND FOR IMPLEMENTING TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES FOR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION PURPOSES.

THE STARTING DATE OF THE ORDINANCE WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR ACCORDING TO A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIRST PART OF THE ORDINANCE ENABLES THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TO MAKE REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE OF DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PERMITS AND TO EXEMPT THE HOLDERS OF SUCH PERMITS FROM PAYMENT OF METER FEES.

"THIS EXEMPTION RELEASES DISABLED DRIVERS WITH WALKING DIFFICULTY FROM THE BURDEN OF HAVING TO RETURN TO THEIR CARS AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO PAY FEES," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PERMITS WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING PRIVILEGED PARKING LABELS ISSUED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE SECOND PART OF THE ORDINANCE EMPOWERS THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO REGULATE THE USE OF ROADS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT THE TSING YI TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRIAL SCHEME TO DIVERT HEAVY VEHICLES FROM CENTRAL/WESTERN/NORTHERN ROADS TO SOUTHERN ROADS ON THE ISLAND DURING NIGHT HOURS.

"THE SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR THREE MONTHS AND IS EXPECTED TO BRING RELIEF TO THE MAJORITY OF TSING YI RESIDENTS FROM NIGHT-TIME TRAFFIC NOISE DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY HEAVY VEHICLES," HE SAID.

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CHANGES TO POK FU LAM OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT POK FU LAM OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE AMENDMENTS MADE UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE ARE:

\* REZONING FIVE PIECES OF WELL-VEGETATED GOVERNMENT LAND AT THE NORTHERN PART OF POK FU LAM FROM RESIDENTIAL TO "GREEN BELT" TO ENHANCE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

\* AMENDING THE ZONING BOUNDARY OF A "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)" SITE ON THE HEADLAND AT WATERFALL BAY TO COINCIDE WITH THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EXISTING CUT PLATFORMS;

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- \* REZONING A "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" SITE AT WAH LAM PATH TO "OPEN SPACE" FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN OPEN SPACE;
- \* REZONING THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY AND THOSE AREAS OF POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARK COVERED BY THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN TO COMPLY WITH THE LAND USE ZONES STIPULATED UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE; AND
- \* UPDATING THE NOTES TO ACCORD WITH THE CURRENT ADOPTED PRACTICE.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN (PLAN NO. S/H10/4) AND THE SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL APRIL 26 AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* THE HONG KONG DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE, 11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE, LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE APRIL 26, 1993.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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NEW PIER IN TSING LUNG TAU

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO BUILD A FERRY PIER AT TSING LUNG TAU, TSUEN WAN, TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE WHICH IS DILAPIDATING.

THE PIER MEASURING ABOUT 95 METRES LONG AND 27.5 METRES WIDE WILL BE LOCATED TO THE IMMEDIATE WEST OF THE EXISTING PIER.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIER IS TO START AROUND AUGUST THIS YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER.

THE EXISTING PIER WILL BE DEMOLISHED WHEN THE NEW ONE IS COMPLETED.

THE EXTENT OF THE WORKS AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE APRIL 25.

THE NOTICE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE BOUGHT AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IN MURRAY BUILDING.

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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF SHA TIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR UNDER SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL STAGE ITS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE IN SHA TIN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE CHOIR WAS SET UP IN 1979 WITH SUPPORT FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD. IT HAS NOW OVER 100 MEMBERS, AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 15.

THE GROUP PROVIDES FORMAL MUSIC EDUCATION TO LOCAL YOUTH WITH AN AIM TO CULTIVATE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG THEM.

THIS YEAR'S PERFORMANCE WILL FEATURE A VARIETY OF CHILDREN FOLK SONGS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

TICKETS, AT \$50, \$30 AND \$20, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A DANCE COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO BE HELD ON SUNDAY EVENING IN SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

DANCES WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE WINNERS AND ADMISSION TO THIS PROGRAMME IS FREE.

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NEW PHONE NUMBERS FOR EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC  
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THREE SERVICES AT THE EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC IN NGAU CHI WAN WOULD BE CHANGED FROM NEXT TUESDAY (MARCH 2).

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE:

- \* GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT 320 4240
- \* MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE 321 7822
- \* TUBERCULOSIS AND CHEST CLINIC 352 0077

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THESE SERVICES COULD NO LONGER BE REACHED BY THE PRESENT TELEPHONE NUMBER, 327 0283, FROM THAT DATE.

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PUTTING HONG KONG ON THE MAP  
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IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THAT IN THIS CENTURY PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES JUST ON MAPPING SURVEYS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

BUT IN 1902 AND 1903 TWO BRITISH SURVEYORS AND FIVE INDIAN LABOURERS PERISHED ON JUST SUCH A TASK.

ANOTHER FOUR OUT OF THE TOTAL OF SIX BRITISH SURVEYORS ON THE PROJECT DIED FROM DISEASE ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM HONG KONG.

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE FASCINATING FACTS IN A NEW BOOK THAT REALLY PUTS HONG KONG ON THE MAP.

"MAPPING HONG KONG" SUBTITLED "A HISTORICAL ATLAS" IS THE MOST AMBITIOUS AND PRESTIGIOUS PUBLICATION EVER ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

WRITTEN BY HAL EMPSON, FORMER SENIOR GOVERNMENT CARTOGRAPHER WITH THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, IT TRACES THE HISTORY OF MAPPING IN HONG KONG FROM A 12TH CENTURY CHINESE WORK TO STATE-OF-THE-ART, COMPUTER-GENERATED AND SATELLITE MAPS.

THE 250-PAGE VOLUME CONTAINS NEARLY 170 FULL-PAGE, FULL-COLOUR ILLUSTRATIONS OF RARE AND UNUSUAL MAPS AND CHARTS. THEY SHOW HONG KONG'S GROWTH FROM AN ALMOST UNINHABITED ISLAND, OFTEN IGNORED IN EARLY NAVIGATION CHARTS, TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT TRADING CENTRES.

THE BOOK TOOK MORE THAN FOUR YEARS TO PRODUCE. MUCH OF THIS TIME WAS TAKING UP BY MR EMPSON'S RESEARCH INTO MAP COLLECTIONS, RANGING FROM THOSE IN THE BRITISH LIBRARY IN LONDON TO CHARTS HELD BY PRIVATE COLLECTORS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TERRITORY TAKEN FROM SPACE BY NASA.

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THE BOOK IS A MUST FOR HISTORIANS, GEOGRAPHERS, CARTOGRAPHERS, ACADEMICS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY AND GROWTH.

THE MAGNIFICENT ILLUSTRATIONS INCLUDE A CHINESE MAP, CARVED IN STONE AND DATED 1137, THE OLDEST MAP OF THE AREA KNOWN TO EXIST.

OTHER PLATES INCLUDE EARLY NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS BY DUTCH, FRENCH AND BRITISH SEAMEN.

PROVINCIAL GAZETTEERS BY CHINESE ADMINISTRATORS PROVIDE A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE GEOGRAPHY, ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMY OF THE AREA.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE SOME OF THE EARLIEST AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TERRITORY, DATING FROM THE 1920s. WARTIME AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING THE OCCUPATION SHOW JAPANESE FIGHTERS TAKING OFF FROM KAI TAK TO INTERCEPT THE AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE PLANES.

EARLY TOURIST GUIDES INCLUDE ONE BY AN ENTERPRISING ENGLISHMAN WHO, LAST CENTURY, CONDUCTED ONE-DAY WALKS THROUGH SOUTHERN CHINA.

THE ITINERARY INCLUDED WALKING FROM MIRS BAY/SHUM CHUN RIVER TO TSUEN WAN WITH STOPS FOR WILD BIRD SHOOTING EN ROUTE, AN EXPEDITION ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE TODAY.

"MAPPING HONG KONG", AT \$498, IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING; GIS PUBLICATIONS SALES SECTION, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL; THE KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK, AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

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FEEES FOR APPROVAL OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS DUTIES REVISED

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FEEES FOR THE APPROVAL OF COMPETENT STAFF TO UNDERTAKE AERIAL ROPEWAYS DUTIES WILL BE REVISED TO REFLECT THE HIGHER COSTS OF MAINTAINING THE SERVICE.

THE AERIAL ROPEWAYS (FEEES) REGULATION GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESCRIBES THE REVISED FEEES UNDER FIVE CATEGORIES AS FOLLOWS:

*	FEEES FOR APPROVAL AS A SURVEYOR	\$2,250
*	FEEES FOR APPROVAL AS A COMPETENT PERSON	\$800
*	FEEES FOR APPROVAL AS A CONTROLLER	\$800
*	FEEES FOR APPROVAL AS AN OPERATOR	\$500
*	FEEES FOR APPROVAL FOR AN OPERATOR HOLDING A LIMITED CERTIFICATE	\$500

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE FEES HAD NOT BEEN REVISED SINCE THEIR INTRODUCTION IN APRIL 1991.

THE NEW FEES WILL COME INTO EFFECT TODAY.

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#### ADULT EDUCATION LECTURING VACANCIES

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING QUALIFIED TEACHERS TO FILL EVENING PART-TIME LECTURING VACANCIES IN VARIOUS ADULT COURSES FOR THE 1993 SCHOOL YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TEACH EVENING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ADULT EDUCATION SECTION THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THEY INCLUDED ENGLISH, GOVERNMENT EVENING SECONDARY AND ADULT EDUCATION COURSES.

HE SAID EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT POST-SECONDARY OR SENIOR SECONDARY LEVELS; CHINESE LANGUAGE, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SUBJECTS OR COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS AT SENIOR SECONDARY LEVELS AND POSSESSION OF A DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION OR ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN TEACHER TRAINING WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE.

EXISTING REMUNERATIONS FOR PART-TIME LECTURING ARE:

- \* \$270 PER HOUR FOR POST-SECONDARY LEVEL SUBJECTS;
- \* \$225 PER HOUR FOR SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL SUBJECTS;
- \* \$180 PER HOUR FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY LEVEL SUBJECTS; AND
- \* \$165 PER HOUR FOR PRIMARY LEVEL SUBJECTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADULT EDUCATION SECTION ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF WU CHUNG HOUSE, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE MARCH 27.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION ON TEL 892 6669.

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## TENDERS CALLED FOR SCHOOLS IN NORTH POINT, FANLING

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT AND FANLING RESPECTIVELY.

THE ONE IN NORTH POINT WILL BE BUILT ON WHARF ROAD WHILE THAT IN FANLING WILL BE IN AREA 29B.

BOTH SCHOOLS ARE OF GOVERNMENT STANDARD DESIGN. EACH OF THEM WILL HAVE A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK, A BLOCK OF SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, SEPARATE ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND STAFF QUARTERS.

THE MAIN TEACHING BLOCK WILL CONTAIN 26 CLASSROOMS WITH A LIBRARY, A COMPUTER ROOM AND STAFF ROOMS ON THE UPPER FLOORS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

THE BLOCK OF SPECIAL ROOMS WILL HOUSE FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

ALSO, THERE WILL BE A BASKETBALL COURT, A COVERED PLAY AREA, A CAR PARK AND PLANTING AREAS IN BOTH SCHOOLS.

WORKS FOR THE TWO PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO START THIS MAY FOR COMPLETION BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

TENDER OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON MARCH 19.

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

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,830
REVERSAL OF LAF	+320
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-220
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,930
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 114.1	**+0.1* 26.2.93

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## HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.37 PCT	15 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.44	3.46
1 MONTH	2.65 PCT	18 MONTHS	2408	5.50	101.26	3.52
3 MONTHS	2.85 PCT	21 MONTHS	2411	4.375	101.56	3.71
6 MONTHS	3.03 PCT	24 MONTHS	2502	4.625	101.56	3.95
12 MONTHS	3.40 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,281 MN

CLOSED 26 FEBRUARY 1993

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