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GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES RESCUERS ON FINDING MISSING SOLDIERS

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (FRIDAY) WELCOMED THE NEWS THAT FIVE HONG KONG AND BRITISH SOLDIERS MISSING FOR A MONTH HAVE BEEN FOUND ALIVE ON MOUNT KINABALU.

"THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS INDEED. I AM DELIGHTED FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE FIVE SOLDIERS."

"I CONGRATULATE EVERYONE INVOLVED IN WHAT HAS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT RESCUE OPERATION, ESPECIALLY THE MEMBERS OF THE MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO RESCUE THE MISSING SOLDIERS."

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FINAL REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON  
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE GIVING EVIDENCE IN COURT

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LEGISLATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO ENABLE A MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WITNESS TO GIVE EVIDENCE BY VIDEO LINK AND A VIDEOTAPED STATEMENT BY A MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WITNESS TO A POLICE OFFICER AND SOCIAL WORKER TO BE ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE GIVING EVIDENCE IN COURT, CHAIRED BY MR JUSTICE MICHAEL WONG KIN-CHOW, A HIGH COURT JUDGE.

RELEASING THE FINDINGS OF THE FINAL REPORT, MR JUSTICE WONG SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT UNLIKE ENGLAND WHERE THERE WAS A LAW ON GIVING EVIDENCE BY WAY OF VIDEO LINK, HONG KONG DID NOT HAVE A PROVISION OF THIS NATURE.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE ON THE EVIDENCE OF CHILDREN IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS CHAIRED BY DEPUTY CROWN PROSECUTOR, MR GRENVILLE CROSS, HAD MADE A FIRM RECOMMENDATION THAT LEGISLATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO ALLOW CHILD VICTIMS AND WITNESSES TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN COURTS THROUGH A LIVE TELEVISION LINK.

"WE ENDORSE THAT RECOMMENDATION AND IT WOULD BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO EXTEND IT TO WITNESSES WHO ARE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED," HE SAID.

ON VIDEO RECORDINGS OF THE TESTIMONY OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS, MR JUSTICE WONG SAID: "TO BE ABLE TO RECORD AN EARLY COMPREHENSIVE INTERVIEW AND USE IT IN THE TRIAL WOULD NOT ONLY ENABLE THE JUDGE AND THE JURY TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE EVIDENCE OF THE WITNESS GIVEN SHORTLY AFTER THE OFFENCE, BUT IT WOULD REDUCE THE TRAUMA OF GIVING EVIDENCE LIMITING THE TIME SPENT IN THE WITNESS BOX TO CROSS-EXAMINATIONS AND ANY RE-EXAMINATION."

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"TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN COURT IS A STRESSFUL EXPERIENCE. MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS BECOME DISTRESSED MORE READILY THAN THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION AND ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO HELP THEM IS TO BE COMMENDED," HE ADDED.

THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING PARTY IS THE DEPOSITIONS TO BE TAKEN BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.

MR JUSTICE WONG EXPLAINED THAT IN A CASE WHERE FOR GOOD AND VALID REASONS IT WAS UNAVOIDABLE THAT A TRIAL COULD NOT BE HELD WITHOUT DELAY OR WHERE THE EXPOSURE TO A FULL TRIAL WOULD INVOLVE DANGER TO THE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF THE WITNESS, THE PROSECUTION OR THE DEFENCE MIGHT APPLY IN WRITING TO A MAGISTRATE TO TAKE A DEPOSITION OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WITNESS.

IF THE APPLICATION IS MADE UNDER THE FORMER SITUATION, THE APPLYING PARTY WILL PRODUCE BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE A CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT STATING THE REASON OR REASONS AS TO WHY AN EARLY AND SPEEDY TRIAL IS NOT POSSIBLE.

IF THE APPLICATION IS MADE UNDER THE LATTER SITUATION, AN AFFIDAVIT OR AFFIRMATION OF A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WILL HAVE TO BE PRODUCED, HE SAID.

"THE DEPOSITION WILL BE SIGNED BY THE MAGISTRATE WITH A CERTIFICATE STATING THE REASONS FOR TAKING THE DEPOSITION, THE DATE AND PLACE IT IS TAKEN AND THE NAMES OF THOSE PRESENT. THE DEPOSITION IS ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE WITHOUT FURTHER PROOF."

THE WORKING PARTY ALSO RECOMMENDS THE PUBLICATION OF BOOKLETS AND PAMPHLETS "TO PSYCHOLOGICALLY PREPARE THE HANDICAPPED WITNESSES FOR THE APPEARANCE IN COURT".

MR JUSTICE WONG STATED THAT BOOKLETS OR PAMPHLETS EXPLAINING THE PROCEDURE IN SIMPLE, PLAIN AND NON-TECHNICAL LANGUAGE WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE.

"THESE CAN BE READ BY THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WITNESSES THEMSELVES IF THEY CAN READ AND UNDERSTAND THEM AND, IF NOT, THEY CAN BE EXPLAINED TO THEM BY THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, SOCIAL WORKERS OR SCHOOL TEACHERS BEFORE GOING TO COURT.

"BY THE TIME THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WITNESS ARRIVES IN COURT, HE OR SHE WILL HAVE AT LEAST SOME IDEAS WHY HE OR SHE IS IN COURT AND WHAT HE OR SHE IS EXPECTED TO DO AND WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE ALSO THERE," HE SAID.

THE WORKING PARTY WAS APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG, IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

IT COMPRISED SEVEN MEMBERS: MR JOHN WOOD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS; MR ALLAN CHOW, COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION; MR ANTHONY CHAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION); MR MICHAEL LUNN, A BARRISTER RECOMMENDED BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION; MR T C FOO, A SOLICITOR RECOMMENDED BY THE LAW SOCIETY; DR SYLVIA CHAN, A PSYCHIATRIST IN PRIVATE PRACTICE; AND MR FRED LI WAH-MING, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER.

THE WORKING PARTY IS TASKED TO EXAMINE WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE GIVING EVIDENCE IN COURT MAY BE ASSISTED IN ORDER TO MINIMISE ANY TRAUMA THEY MAY SUFFER THEREBY.

THE FINAL REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE, WHO HAS ACCEPTED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN PRINCIPLE.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE WILL SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO SEE HOW BEST THE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE PAID TRIBUTE TO MR JUSTICE WONG AND MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY FOR THEIR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS IN DRAWING UP THE FINAL REPORT ON AN ISSUE WHICH IS OF CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC CONCERN.

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#### CHANGES TO ELECTORAL APPEAL PROCEDURES

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A REGULATION MAKING SOME TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE EXISTING APPEAL PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO TIE IN WITH THE NEW REGULATIONS MADE BY THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION RECENTLY ON THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS IN GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"UNDER THE REGULATION, A PERSON WHO WANTS TO APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE REGISTRATION OFFICER WILL FIRST LODGE A NOTICE WITH THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, WHO WILL NOTIFY THE REVISING OFFICER OF SUCH NOTICES.

"THE REVISING OFFICER WILL THEN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE APPELLANT AND ANY OTHER PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE APPEAL FOR A HEARING OF THE CASE. ALL PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE CASE WILL BE NOTIFIED DIRECT BY THE REVISING OFFICER OF HIS RULING," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS THAT IF THE APPELLANT DOES NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND DOES NOT MAKE ANY WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS PRIOR TO THE HEARING, THE REVISING OFFICER WILL NOT REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS) (GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES) (APPEALS) REGULATION WILL BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 30.

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## GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1995

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THE FOLLOWING LIST OF GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1995 WAS PUBLISHED  
IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY):

EVERY SUNDAY

|   |           |             |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY                       | MONDAY    | JANUARY 2   |
| LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY                                | TUESDAY   | JANUARY 31  |
| THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR                    | WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 1  |
| THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR                     | THURSDAY  | FEBRUARY 2  |
| CHING MING FESTIVAL                                 | WEDNESDAY | APRIL 5     |
| GOOD FRIDAY   | FRIDAY    | APRIL 14    |
| THE DAY FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY                       | SATURDAY  | APRIL 15    |
| EASTER MONDAY                                       | MONDAY    | APRIL 17    |
| TUEN NG FESTIVAL                                    | FRIDAY    | JUNE 2      |
| THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE<br>QUEEN            | SATURDAY  | JUNE 17     |
| THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S<br>BIRTHDAY        | MONDAY    | JUNE 19     |
| THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE LAST<br>MONDAY IN AUGUST | SATURDAY  | AUGUST 26   |
| LIBERATION DAY, BEING THE LAST<br>MONDAY IN AUGUST  | MONDAY    | AUGUST 28   |
| CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL                         | SATURDAY  | SEPTEMBER 9 |
| CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL                                | WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 1  |
| CHRISTMAS DAY                                       | MONDAY    | DECEMBER 25 |
| THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS<br>DAY           | TUESDAY   | DECEMBER 26 |

MILESTONE FOR DRAINAGE SERVICES IN HK

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THE OPERATION OF SEWAGE SERVICES UNDER A TRADING FUND ARRANGEMENT WILL ALLOW THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT (DSD) TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF WATER POLLUTION MORE EFFECTIVELY AND ECONOMICALLY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR JAMES BLAKE, TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR BLAKE AND THE DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES, MR SIU CHUEN, SIGNED A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WHICH SETS OUT THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MANAGING THE SEWAGE SERVICES TRADING FUND.

"TODAY'S CEREMONY MARKS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD FOR THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT (DSD), ITS STAFF AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHO ARE CONCERNED AT THE GROWING PROBLEM OF WATER POLLUTION," HE NOTED.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 9 APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SEWAGE SERVICES TRADING FUND IN THE DSD.

THE DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES WAS DESIGNATED GENERAL MANAGER OF THE TRADING FUND ON MARCH 11 AND CONSEQUENTLY HE IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TRADING FUND.

"FOR MY PART, I AM REQUIRED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE DIRECTOR IN AGREEING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND ASSESSING THAT PERFORMANCE.

"I AM REQUIRED TO APPROVE A BUSINESS PLAN WITHIN WHICH THE DIRECTOR WILL HAVE TO OPERATE.

"IN ADDITION, THE DIRECTOR WILL BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND," MR BLAKE EXPLAINED.

ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE TRADING FUND, MR BLAKE SAID, INITIALLY THE TRADING FUND WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE \$6.8 BILLION EARMARKED FOR THE HIGH PRIORITY PROGRAMME OF NEW SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS.

HE STRESSED THAT BY ACCOUNTING FOR THESE FUNDS UNDER THE TRADING FUND, THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF THEM BEING USED FOR OTHER PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE.

"FURTHERMORE, AS A TRADING FUND IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE NORMAL PUBLIC WORKS PROCEDURES FOR AUTHORISING WORKS AND APPROVING EXPENDITURE, WE WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO 'FAST TRACK' THESE PROJECTS SO AS TO KEEP THEM ON SCHEDULE," HE SAID.

MR BLAKE EXPLAINED THAT ONCE NEW CHARGES FOR SEWAGE SERVICES WERE INTRODUCED, THE COST OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SEWAGE SERVICES WOULD BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY IN THE TRADING FUND AND WOULD BE COVERED BY REVENUE FROM THE NEW CHARGES.

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"THESE CHARGES WILL HELP TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF THE COST OF DEALING WITH POLLUTION AND WILL, WE HOPE, GO SOME WAY TO DISCOURAGE POLLUTION," HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT A TRADING FUND IS, AT ITS MOST BASIC, AN ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENT, MR BLAKE SAID THE SERVICES UNDER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT REQUIRED A MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT TO QUALITY IN THE DELIVERY OF THESE SERVICES.

HE NOTED THAT THE TRADING FUND WAS A FAIRLY NEW CONCEPT, AND THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER IT WOULD IN PRACTICE BE A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

"THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS IS TO ENSURE GREATER PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND TO ENCOURAGE THE DELIVERY OF A MORE EFFICIENT, RESPONSIVE AND COST-EFFECTIVE SERVICE.

"HOW SUCCESSFUL THESE ARRANGEMENTS PROVE TO BE, WILL DEPEND ON HOW ALL OF US INVOLVED ADAPT TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT AND RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGE.

"I FOR ONE, AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN ADAPT AND MEET THE CHALLENGE OF DELIVERING, IN THIS CASE, A SERVICE WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE LIVE," MR BLAKE CONCLUDED.

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EIGHT MORE HIV INFECTED CASES CONFIRMED

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SEVEN MEN AND A WOMAN WERE FOUND POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH (FEBRUARY), THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS BRINGS THE NUMBER OF HIV INFECTED PERSONS IN HONG KONG TO 429.

FOUR NEW AIDS CASES WERE REPORTED DURING THE MONTH.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES IS 99 WITH 65 DEATHS REPORTED.

OF THE 429 HIV INFECTED, 317 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, NINE WERE INJECTING DRUG USERS, AND 65 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH CONTAMINATED BLOOD OR BLOOD PRODUCTS BEFORE 1985 WHEN HIV ANTIBODY TEST AND SAFE HEAT TREATED CLOTTING CONCENTRATES WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

FOR THE REMAINING 38, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 315,465 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 1,375,085 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 29 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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## FEES FOR LANDS TRIBUNAL PROCEEDINGS REVISED

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FEES RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE LANDS TRIBUNAL HAVE BEEN REVISED TO REFLECT THE HIGHER COSTS OF PROVIDING THESE SERVICES.

THE NEW FEES GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) UNDER THE LANDS TRIBUNAL (FEES) (AMENDMENT) RULE 1994 WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 28.

ANNOUNCING THIS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT FEES SHOULD, IN GENERAL, BE SET AT LEVELS SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE FULL COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES.

"THE FEES SET OUT IN THE LANDS TRIBUNAL (FEES) RULES WERE LAST REVIEWED IN 1992. TO COVER THE INCREASE IN COST SINCE THEN, THEY SHOULD NOW BE INCREASED BY ABOUT 10 PER CENT."

THE REVISED FEES INCLUDE:

|  | CURRENT<br>FEE | NEW<br>FEE |
|--|----------------|------------|
|  | -----          | ---        |
| * APPLICATION FOR PROCEEDINGS INCLUDING APPEAL AND REVIEW  | \$210          | \$235      |
| * APPLICATION TO DETERMINE COMPENSATION UNDER THE DEMOLISHED BUILDINGS (REDEVELOPMENT OF SITES) ORDINANCE (CAP. 337) | \$55           | \$61       |
| * APPLICATION FOR ORDER OR DETERMINATION OTHER THAN COMPENSATION   | \$55           | \$61       |
| * FILING ORDER OR EXPERT EVIDENCE AND AMENDING DOCUMENTS IN PROCEEDINGS  | \$55           | \$61       |
| * COPY OF ANY DOCUMENT TYPED IN THE REGISTRY OF THE TRIBUNAL AND CERTIFYING THE SAME, PER PAGE                       | \$18           | \$20       |
| * PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF ANY DOCUMENT MADE IN THE REGISTRY OF THE TRIBUNAL AND CERTIFICATION, PER PAGE                  | \$5            | \$5.5      |

/\* EVERY SEARCH .....

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| * EVERY SEARCH IN THE REGISTRY OF THE TRIBUNAL FOR EACH REGISTER, FILE OR DOCUMENT  | \$16  | \$18  |
| * ATTENDANCE OF ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO PRODUCE OR PROVE IN THE TRIBUNAL ANY RECORD OR DOCUMENT CALLED BY ANY PARTY OTHER THAN THE CROWN | \$210 | \$235 |
| * ATTENDANCE OF WITNESS TO PRODUCE DOCUMENT OR OTHER PAPERS, PER HOUR OR PORTION OF AN HOUR OF ATTENDANCE                                   | \$105 | \$116 |
| * ATTENDANCE OF WITNESS TO GIVE ANY OTHER EVIDENCE, PER HOUR OR PORTION OF AN HOUR OF ATTENDANCE  | \$105 | \$116 |
| * SETTLING ANY NOTICE OR DOCUMENT, PER PAGE   | \$6   | \$6.6 |
| * SEALING OF ANY DOCUMENT   | \$50  | \$55  |
| * TRANSLATION, PER PAGE   | \$30  | \$33  |
| * CERTIFICATION   | \$18  | \$20  |

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## PROVISIONAL RETAIL SALES FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1994

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, ESTIMATED AT \$18.1 BILLION, INCREASED BY 15% WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS

AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES OVER THE PERIOD, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 9% IN VOLUME.

THE APPRECIABLE INCREASE IN JANUARY 1994 OVER JANUARY 1993 WAS ATTRIBUTABLE MAINLY TO THE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN SALES OF JEWELLERY AND WATCHES (29% IN VALUE OR 15% IN VOLUME), MOTOR VEHICLES (26% IN VALUE OR 16% IN VOLUME), CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (22% IN VALUE OR 13% IN VOLUME), AND CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES (17% IN VALUE OR 15% IN VOLUME).

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SALES OF FOODSTUFFS (OTHER THAN THOSE SOLD IN SUPERMARKETS) WENT UP MODERATELY, BY 4% IN VALUE AND 7% IN VOLUME.

THE LARGER INCREASE IN VOLUME TERMS WAS DUE TO A FALL IN THE PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS CAUSED BY A HIGH BASE OF COMPARISON IN JANUARY 1993.

THIS WAS AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN JANUARY LAST YEAR, BUT IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SALES IN SUPERMARKETS DROPPED BY 4% IN VOLUME, DESPITE AN INCREASE OF 2% IN VALUE. SALES IN DEPARTMENT STORES REGISTERED A 6% DECREASE IN VOLUME BUT VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN VALUE. SALES OF FUELS DECREASED BY 6% IN VALUE AND 8% IN VOLUME.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1993, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JANUARY 1994 INCREASED BY 2% IN VALUE AND 4% IN VOLUME.

THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES IS DERIVED FROM THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AFTER ADJUSTING FOR PRICE CHANGES. THE RELEVANT COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ARE USED AS DEFLATORS.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JANUARY 1994 RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 802 1258.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR DECEMBER 1993 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JANUARY 1994.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES IN DECEMBER 1993 AND JANUARY 1994 FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS AND BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET, WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF JANUARY 1994 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1993 AND WITH THOSE FOR JANUARY 1993 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for January 1994 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$18,118.1 million  
 for December 1993 (Revised Figure) = HK\$17,725.5 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES FOR December 1993 AND January 1994

(Monthly average of Oct. 89 - Sept. 90 = 100)

| Item   | Index of Retail Sales | December 1993     | January 1994          | January 1994 compared with December 1993 |       | January 1994 compared with January 1993 |       |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|-------|---|-------|
|  |                       | (Revised figures) | (Provisional figures) | Points                                   | %     | Points                                  | %     |
| <b>(A) FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS</b>                                  |                       |                   |                       |  |       |   |       |
|  | Value                 | 188.7             | 192.9                 | +4.2                                     | +2.2  | +25.2                                   | +15.1 |
|  | Volume                | 152.5             | 158.4                 | +5.9                                     | +3.8  | +13.5                                   | +9.3  |
| <b>(B) BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET</b>                                |                       |                   |                       |  |       |   |       |
| Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets) | Value                 | 142.3             | 139.1                 | -3.2                                     | -2.3  | +5.5                                    | +4.1  |
|  | Volume                | 111.3             | 111.5                 | +0.2                                     | +0.2  | +7.6                                    | +7.3  |
| Supermarkets $\phi$  | Value                 | 154.8             | 163.0                 | +8.2                                     | +5.3  | +2.7                                    | +1.7  |
|  | Volume                | 115.9             | 122.7                 | +6.8                                     | +5.9  | -5.3                                    | -4.1  |
| Fuels  | Value                 | 159.9             | 131.6                 | -28.3                                    | -17.7 | -8.2                                    | -5.9  |
|  | Volume                | 117.8             | 97.2                  | -20.6                                    | -17.5 | -8.7                                    | -8.2  |
| Clothing, footwear and allied products                             | Value                 | 267.8             | 299.9                 | +32.1                                    | +12.0 | +53.3                                   | +21.6 |
|  | Volume                | 194.2             | 229.6                 | +35.4                                    | +18.2 | +25.7                                   | +12.6 |
| Consumer durable goods   | Value                 | 185.2             | 193.5                 | +8.3                                     | +4.5  | +33.3                                   | +20.8 |
|  | Volume                | 157.1             | 164.9                 | +7.9                                     | +5.0  | +21.8                                   | +15.2 |
| - Motor vehicles and parts   | Value                 | 193.1             | 208.9                 | +15.8                                    | +8.2  | +43.7                                   | +26.4 |
|  | Volume                | 147.0             | 158.0                 | +11.1                                    | +7.5  | +22.3                                   | +16.4 |
| - Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts       | Value                 | 179.5             | 182.3                 | +2.8                                     | +1.6  | +25.9                                   | +16.5 |
|  | Volume                | 164.4             | 169.9                 | +5.6                                     | +3.4  | +21.5                                   | +14.5 |
| Department stores  | Value                 | 195.2             | 189.0                 | -6.2                                     | -3.2  | +0.7                                    | +0.4  |
|  | Volume                | 147.2             | 149.1                 | +1.9                                     | +1.3  | -9.3                                    | -5.9  |
| Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts                  | Value                 | 179.1             | 192.4                 | +13.3                                    | +7.4  | +42.8                                   | +28.6 |
|  | Volume                | 174.7             | 182.7                 | +8.0                                     | +4.6  | +23.9                                   | +15.1 |
| Other consumer goods not elsewhere classified                      | Value                 | 212.8             | 204.8                 | -8.0                                     | -3.8  | +46.4                                   | +29.3 |
|  | Volume                | 172.6             | 167.3                 | -5.3                                     | -3.1  | +33.5                                   | +25.0 |

NOTES :  $\phi$  Not including supermarkets operating in department stores.

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAWS ARE EFFECTIVE  
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THE AGE OF THE SAFETY AND HEALTH LAWS DOES NOT AFFECT ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND USEFULNESS AS LONG AS THEY ARE APPLICABLE AND PRACTICABLE IN THE CURRENT SITUATION, LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, MR CHAN SAID: "THIS CAN BE REFLECTED BY THE HIGH CONVICTION RATE OF THE OFFENCES BROUGHT TO THE COURT."

LAST YEAR, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE TOOK OUT A TOTAL OF 3,001 SUMMONSES AGAINST THE CONTRACTORS AND PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS FOR BREACHING PROVISIONS OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS.

THE NUMBER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 6.7 PER CENT OVER 1992.

OF THEM, 2,925 SUMMONSES WERE CONVICTED AND A TOTAL FINE OF \$17,222,150 WAS IMPOSED.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE "TOP FIVE" OF COMMON SAFETY AND HEALTH BREACHES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WERE SIMPLE IN NATURE.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, COMMON OFFENCES DETECTED INCLUDED FAILURE TO PROVIDE FENCING OR GUARD-RAILS TO DANGEROUS WORKING PLACES; FAILURE TO ENSURE THE USE OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT; FAILURE TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SCAFFOLD OR WORKING PLATFORMS; FAILURE TO MAINTAIN HOIST IN SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS; AND FAILURE TO GUARD DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY EFFECTIVELY.

IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, THE OFFENCES INCLUDED FAILURE TO GUARD DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY EFFECTIVELY; FAILURE TO MAINTAIN SAFE MEANS OF ESCAPE; FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SAFETY PRECAUTIONARY NOTICE; FAILURE TO PROVIDE SUITABLE EXIT DOORS; AND FAILURE TO TAKE ADEQUATE SAFETY PRECAUTION IN THE USE OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE.

"THE BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE BASIC SAFETY PROVISIONS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL AND YET SIMPLE TO IMPLEMENT REFLECTS THE GENERAL APATHY AMONGST MANY CONTRACTORS AND PROPRIETORS," MR CHAN SAID.

"THEY JUST TURN THEIR BLIND EYE TO THE LAW."

MR CHAN STRESSED THAT THE LAW BY ITSELF COULD NOT ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF PREVENTING ACCIDENTS OR ILL HEALTH.

"IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO CREATE AND WORK WITH THE RISKS RESPECTIVELY SHOULD TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ELIMINATING THE RISKS.

"OF COURSE, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A PIECE OF SAFETY LEGISLATION ALSO RELIES ON REGULAR REVIEWS AND UP-DATING, WHERE NECESSARY.

"THIS IS THE PROCESS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED," HE ADDED.

REVIEWING THE LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENTS MADE OVER THE PAST YEAR, MR CHAN SAID THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED TO RAISE THE LEVELS OF PENALTY ACCORDING TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE OFFENCES.

"THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES HAS BEEN RAISED TO \$200,000 TO INCREASE THE DETERRENT EFFECT," HE SAID.

"IN ADDITION, THE AMENDED FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (LIFTING APPLIANCE AND LIFTING GEAR) REGULATION WAS ENACTED IN JULY 1993 TO STRENGTHEN REGULATORY MEASURES ON THE USE OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND CONSTRUCTION SITES, INCLUDING THE COMPETENCE OF THE OPERATORS."

THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WORK HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT AT AN ADVANCE STAGE TO AMEND THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF UNTRAINED YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 TO WORK ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE COVERAGE OF THE SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS REGULATIONS WILL BE EXTENDED TO REQUIRE THE EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AND SHIPYARDS WITH 100 OR MORE WORKERS.

FURTHERMORE, A NEW SUSPENDED WORKING PLATFORMS REGULATION IS BEING DRAFTED TO TIGHTEN CONTROL ON THE OPERATION OF GONDOLAS WHICH ARE WIDELY USED FOR EXTERNAL WALL CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE AT HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS.

THE ASBESTOS (AMENDMENT) SPECIAL REGULATIONS WILL BE MADE TO INTRODUCE A NEW CONTROL REGIME ON ASBESTOS HAZARD TO WORKERS.

THE SAFETY COMMITTEES REGULATION WILL BE PROPOSED TO REQUIRE THE SETTING UP OF SAFETY COMMITTEES FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES AND SHIPYARDS EMPLOYING OVER 100 WORKERS.

MR CHAN SAID THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WAS AT PRESENT EXPLORING WAYS AND MEANS TO ASSIST THE MANAGEMENT, SUCH AS MANAGERS, DEVELOPERS, DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECTS, TO IMPROVE THEIR SAFETY AND HEALTH SYSTEM TO FURTHER PROTECT WORKERS.

"WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING TO EXTEND THE POWER OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO ISSUE PROHIBITION NOTICES TO CONSTRUCTION SITES AND NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACES TO STOP ANY INDUSTRIAL PROCESS/PLANT THAT GIVES RISE TO UNACCEPTABLE HIGH RISKS TO WORKERS.

"THIS WILL ENABLE FACTORY INSPECTORS TO ACT FASTER ON EXTRAORDINARY HIGH RISK AREAS," HE SAID.

"MOREOVER, THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING OVERHAULED TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE CONTROL MEASURES FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS ON SITES, IN PARTICULAR, THE SAFETY OF WORKING AT HEIGHT," HE ADDED.

WITH REGARD TO INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR DISCLOSED THAT A TOTAL OF 46,797 INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WERE REPORTED LAST YEAR IN WHICH 92 WORKERS DIED.

"THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS HAVE BEEN DECREASING OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, AND THAT THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 18,815 IN 1992 TO 16,573 IN 1993, OR A DROP OF 11 PER CENT," MR CHAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, THE INCREASE OF FATAL ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FROM 48 IN 1992 TO 80 IN 1993 HAS BEEN MOST DISTURBING."

IN THIS REGARD, A NUMBER OF MEASURES ARE BEING ADOPTED WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THE CONTROLS ON CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY, MR CHAN NOTED.

"FIRST OF ALL, MORE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST BLATANT OFFENDERS UNDER SAFETY REGULATIONS ON SITES, INCLUDING CONTRACTORS, SUB-CONTRACTORS AND EMPLOYEES.

"A SPECIAL TASK FORCE HAS BEEN MOBILISED EARLIER THIS MONTH TO TARGET SITES WITH BAD ACCIDENT RECORDS OR INVOLVING HIGH-RISK WORK ACTIVITIES.

"MORE FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL BE DEPLOYED TO MONITOR SITE SAFETY."

MR CHAN SAID AS REGISTERED SAFETY OFFICERS ON SITES WOULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF SAFETY, FACTORY INSPECTORS WOULD CLOSELY LIAISE WITH THEM AND PROVIDED THEM WITH ADVICE WHENEVER NECESSARY TO ASSIST THEM TO FULFIL THEIR FUNCTIONS AND TO INFLUENCE THEIR EMPLOYERS.

"IN THE LONG RUN, EMPHASIS WOULD BE PLACED ON HELPING THE EMPLOYERS IMPROVE THEIR SAFETY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE, SUCH AS ASSISTING THEM TO CARRY OUT THEIR OWN RISK ASSESSMENT, IMPROVING THEIR SAFETY MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, AND PLANNING THEIR SAFETY AUDIT SYSTEM.

"THIS LONG-TERM POLICY IS IN ESSENCE CENTRED UPON THE PREVAILING PHILOSOPHY THAT THOSE WHO CREATE AND WORK WITH THE HAZARDS SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ELIMINATING THEM.

"TO BACK IT UP, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ACT AS A CATALYST AND A FACILITATOR TO HELP EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS SO THAT THERE WILL BE FEWER ACCIDENTS AND LESS ILL HEALTH IN OUR PLACE OF WORK," MR CHAN ADDED.

RECONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD - SECTION FROM PING SHEK ESTATE TO ANDERSON ROAD.

THE WORKS INCLUDE RECONSTRUCTION OF CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ALONG NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD FROM PING SHEK ESTATE TO ANDERSON ROAD AND THE NECESSARY UPGRADING OF STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM, ROAD PAVEMENT DRAINAGE SYSTEM, AND IMPROVEMENT TO ROADSIDE LANDSCAPING.

IN THE COURSE OF THE WORKS, UTILITY COMPANIES WILL UNDERTAKE RENEWAL AND FURTHER PROVISION OF UTILITY SERVICES.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR AND COMPLETE IN MID-1996.

A NOTICE ON THE TENDER INVITATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, PETER FRAENKEL BMT (ASIA) LIMITED, SEVENTH FLOOR, SWIRE & MACLAINE HOUSE, 21 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 369 0175.

TENDERS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED AND ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX AT THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 22. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, PETER FRAENKEL BMT (ASIA) LIMITED FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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NEW LINE-UP FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD ANNOUNCED  
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THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THE GOVERNOR HAD MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE NEW HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE TERM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1996:

- CHAIRMAN : MR DAVID GLEDHILL
- VICE-CHAIRMAN : DR YORK CHOW
- MEMBERS : SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE
- MAJOR-GENERAL G H WATKINS
- MR R L WILSON
- MR CHAU HOW-CHEN
- MR FOK TSUN-TING, TIMOTHY
- MRS LAI WEI KIT-LIN, MINNIE
- MR KONG CHURK-HOI, BILLY
- MR CHIU SHEEN-CHARM, LOUIS

/THE FOLLOWING .....

THE FOLLOWING WILL CONTINUE TO BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE  
PRESIDENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC  
COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE

THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF THE EXISTING BOARD WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

WITH THE ENACTMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE ON FEBRUARY 3 THIS YEAR AND THE INTEGRATION OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THE HONG KONG SPORTS INSTITUTE WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, A NEW BOARD CHAIRED BY MR GLEDHILL WILL BE FORMED.

MR GLEDHILL IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CURRENT HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

"A CONSOLIDATED BOARD EMBRACING THE HONG KONG SPORTS INSTITUTE WILL ENSURE THAT RESOURCES ARE PUT TO OPTIMUM USE FOR THE BETTER DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN HONG KONG," MR SO SAID.

FOUR SERVING MEMBERS OF THE EXISTING HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD, MR HOWARD YOUNG, MR VICTOR HUI, MRS NG LEUNG MEE-LEE AND MISS BETTY MAIR, WILL STAND DOWN ON APRIL 1.

THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPORTS DURING THEIR PERIOD OF SERVICE ARE MUCH APPRECIATED, HE SAID.

"IN MAKING THE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ACHIEVING A BALANCED AND COMPREHENSIVE REPRESENTATION FROM THE SPORTS COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO HELP SPORTS PROGRESS.

"THE NEW MEMBERSHIP COVERS A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SPORTS, SUCH AS TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SPORTS, LAND AND WATER SPORTS, SPECTATOR AND PARTICIPATIVE SPORTS, SPORTS FOR THE DISABLED AND AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL.

"WE HAVE AIMED TO IDENTIFY MEMBERS WHO POSSESS NOT ONLY SPORTS KNOWLEDGE AND INTEREST BUT ALSO ADDITIONAL QUALITIES AND EXPERIENCE WHICH WILL BE OF SPECIAL VALUE TO THE BOARD," MR SO SAID.

HE SAID THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ON THE BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO ACT AS AN ESSENTIAL LINK BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE ORGANISATIONS WHICH THEY REPRESENT.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO APPOINTED MAJOR-GENERAL GUY WATKINS, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CURRENT HONG KONG SPORTS INSTITUTE BOARD, TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS INSTITUTE.

THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1 THIS YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1996.

JAPANESE BANK GETS HK LICENCE

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE HIROSHIMA BANK, LTD HAD BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

IT IS THE 31ST LARGEST BANK IN JAPAN AND RANKS 131ST IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF CAPITAL. IT HAS 220 BRANCHES IN JAPAN, TWO BRANCHES IN NEW YORK AND LONDON, AND A BANKING SUBSIDIARY IN AMSTERDAM.

IN HONG KONG, IT HAS BEEN OPERATING A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE SINCE 1985.

THE BANK WISHES TO UPGRADE THE OFFICE TO A BRANCH TO ENABLE IT TO OFFER A WIDER RANGE OF BANKING SERVICES TO ITS CLIENTS DOING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, CHINA, AND THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

THE PROPOSED BRANCH WILL CONCENTRATE ON INTERNATIONAL LOAN SYNDICATION AND TRADE FINANCING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET REFLECTED HONG KONG'S CONTINUED IMPORTANCE AND ATTRACTIVENESS AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THE LICENCE FOR HIROSHIMA BANK, LTD IS THE THIRD BANKING LICENCE GRANTED THIS YEAR.

THERE ARE NOW 175 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 143 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY.

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DRAFT MA ON SHAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD ANNOUNCED CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT MA ON SHAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN TODAY (FRIDAY).

ONE OF THESE AMENDMENTS IS THAT A STRIP OF LAND ALONG THE COAST OF TAI PO HOI NEAR NAI CHUNG HAS BEEN REZONED FROM 'GREEN BELT' TO 'SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST' TO PROTECT THE RARE GEOLOGICAL FEATURES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE FLAT LAND EAST OF THE LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE, WHICH IS BEING USED AS A PICNIC AREA, HAD BEEN REZONED FROM 'GREEN BELT' TO 'RECREATION' TO FACILITATE ITS DEVELOPMENT INTO A PROPER RECREATIONAL AREA.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT IS THE REZONING OF A SITE AT MA ON SHAN ROAD OPPOSITE YIU ON ESTATE FROM 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) 2' FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING.

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TO PROVIDE A PROMENADE ALONG THE WATERFRONT, THREE STRIPS OF LAND ALONG THE COAST OF SHA TIN HOI HAVE BEEN REZONED FROM RESIDENTIAL AND 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' USES TO 'OPEN SPACE'.

HE ADDED THAT IN RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS TO DEVELOP SMALL HOUSES, AREAS AT MA ON SHAN TSUEN AND MUI TSZ LAM HAD BEEN REZONED FROM 'GREEN BELT' TO 'VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT'.

UNDER THE NOTES FOR 'VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT', THE MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT FOR NEW REDEVELOPMENT IS 8.23 METRES (WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO THREE STOREYS) OR THE HEIGHT OF EXISTING BUILDINGS.

OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE REZONING OF AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING CAR PARK OPPOSITE SAI O VILLAGE FROM 'ROAD' TO 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY', A PROPOSED PETROL-FILLING STATION SITE TO THE WEST OF SAI O VILLAGE FROM 'OTHER SPECIFIED USES (PETROL FILLING STATION)' TO 'OPEN SPACE', AND A PROPOSED OPEN SPACE SITE TO THE SOUTHEAST OF CHEUNG MUK TAU VILLAGE FROM 'OPEN SPACE' TO 'GREEN BELT'.

OTHER REZONING AREAS INCLUDE THE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO THE SOUTH OF SUNSHINE CITY FROM 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' TO 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY', AND THE ELECTRIC SUBSTATION AND SEWAGE PUMPING STATION FROM THE SOUTHWEST OF HENG ON ESTATE FROM 'INDUSTRIAL' TO 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY'.

THE AMENDED DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL APRIL 15 AT:

- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT,  
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG
- \* SHA TIN AND NORTH EAST DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
GROUND FLOOR, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD,  
SHA TIN
- \* SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE,  
SIXTH FLOOR, KCRC HOUSE,  
SHA TIN STATION, SHA TIN; AND
- \* TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE,  
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15.

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

QUALITY - THE WAY TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE

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HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS HAVE TO EMPHASISE THE CONCEPT OF QUALITY IN MANAGEMENT, MANUFACTURING, AS WELL AS IN THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF QUALITY WEEK AND THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG Q-MARK COUNCIL LICENCE, MR CHAU SAID HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS WERE FACING MANY IMPORTANT CHALLENGES IN THE 1990'S.

"ONE OF THE CHALLENGES IS THE GROWING DEMAND FOR HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN ALL OUR MARKETS.

"CUSTOMERS ARE NOW DEMANDING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT ARE SAFE, WELL-DESIGNED, RELIABLE AND GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY," HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF QUALITY AWARENESS AND COMMITMENT AMONG LOCAL MANUFACTURERS, THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED A THREE-YEAR QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN MARCH 1990.

"THIS CAMPAIGN HAS ENJOYED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN ENHANCING QUALITY AWARENESS IN OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

"TO PROMOTE AND RECOGNISE COMPANIES WHICH EXCEL IN QUALITY, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ALSO INTRODUCED THE QUALITY CATEGORY IN THE ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY IN 1990," MR CHAU SAID.

AS MORE AND MORE COMPANIES DEVELOPED THEIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND BECAME ISO 9000 REGISTERED, MR CHAU SAID THE SCENE WAS SET FOR A MOVE BY COMPANIES TOWARDS ADOPTING A TOTAL QUALITY PHILOSOPHY WITHIN THE ORGANISATIONS - A TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT (TQM) APPROACH.

AT THE CEREMONY, MR CHAU PRESENTED Q-MARK LICENCES TO 11 COMPANIES WHOSE PRODUCTS HAD COMPLIED WITH THE RECOGNISED STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATION ON QUALITY.

AT PRESENT, THE Q-MARK COUNCIL HAS MORE THAN 300 LICENCES LISTED IN THE HONG KONG Q-MARK PRODUCTS REGISTER AND IS CURRENTLY PROCESSING 50 ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR PRODUCT CERTIFICATION.

QUALITY WEEK '94 IS ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT. A SERIES OF QUALITY PROMOTION ACTIVITIES TARGETED AT DIFFERENT GROUPS OF AUDIENCES HAVE BEEN LINED UP.

SIX SEMINARS, EACH FOCUSING ON A PARTICULAR ASPECT OF QUALITY MANAGEMENT, WILL BE HELD TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN QUALITY IMPROVEMENT.

TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL AWARENESS OF QUALITY, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING AN EXHIBITION ON QUALITY AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT FROM MARCH 24 TO 27 AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

A NUMBER OF POSTERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY IN THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED.

IN ADDITION, SIX BOOKS, WRITTEN BY EXPERTS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE HONG KONG ENVIRONMENT, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SERIATIM THIS YEAR WITH AN AIM TO CREATE A LASTING QUALITY CULTURE AND A DYNAMIC TQM CONCEPT IN COMPANIES.

TWO OF THEM, ENTITLED "THE ROLE OF MANAGEMENT" AND "QUALITY IN MANUFACTURING", HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED. FREE COPIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ON THE 36TH FLOOR, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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WORKS FOR TWO PUMPING STATIONS

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WORK WILL START THIS MONTH ON LAYING EFFLUENT DISCHARGE AND SEA WATER INTAKE PIPEWORKS, AND ON CARRYING OUT SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR TWO PUMPING STATIONS AT SHAM TSENG, TSUEN WAN.

IT WILL ALSO INVOLVE DREDGING OF SEABED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN CHEER KONG LIMITED PERMISSION TO USE ABOUT 1,770 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT SHAM TSENG TO CARRY OUT THE WORK, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE EIGHT MONTHS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE AND THE RELATED WORK PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT:

- \* THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE,  
14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD,  
CENTRAL,  
HONG KONG.
- \* TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE,  
FIRST FLOOR,  
TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING,  
174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD,  
TSUEN WAN,  
NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORK MAY WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 25, 1995.

HE SHOULD INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SUBMIT ANY PARTICULARS TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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TSEUNG KWAN O OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSEUNG KWAN O OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TWO SITES IN AREA 13 AND PO HONG ROAD HAD BEEN REZONED FROM 'OPEN SPACE' AND 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' FOR SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

"A SITE ON ROAD P2 HAS BEEN REZONED FROM 'OPEN SPACE' TO 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, A REGIONAL LIBRARY AND AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

"ANOTHER AMENDMENT IS THE REZONING OF A SITE ON PO HONG ROAD FROM 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' TO 'OPEN SPACE' IN ORDER TO INTEGRATE WITH THE ADJOINING SITE FOR A MORE COHERENT DISTRICT OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT," HE ADDED.

OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE REZONING OF A SITE ON CHIU SHUN ROAD FROM 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' TO 'VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT'; AND THE TRANSFERRING OF 'GAS WORKS' FROM THE "USES THAT MAY BE PERMITTED WITH OR WITHOUT CONDITIONS ON APPLICATION TO TOWN PLANNING BOARD" COLUMN TO "USES ALWAYS PERMITTED" COLUMN IN THE 'NOTES OF OTHER SPECIFIED USES FOR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ONLY'.

THE AMENDED DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL APRIL 15 AT:

- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT,  
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG
- \* SAI KUNG & TSEUNG KWAN O DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
SUITE 1209, 12TH FLOOR, CHINACHEM GOLDEN PLAZA,  
77 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST,  
KOWLOON, AND
- \* SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE,  
GROUND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,  
34, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG,  
NEW TERRITORIES.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1994

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USA BUSINESS MISSION TO HK AND CHINA

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A DELEGATION OF SENIOR BUSINESS EXECUTIVES FROM NEW YORK WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TONIGHT (FRIDAY) ON THE FIRST LEG OF THEIR VISIT TO HONG KONG, SHENZHEN AND SHANGHAI.

IN HONG KONG THEY WILL MEET CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN; POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBERT PEIRCE; SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL CARLAND; HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE CHAIRMAN, MR CHARLES LEE; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LEADING COMPANIES SUCH AS JOHN SWIRE AND SONS LTD, WHARF LTD, CITIC, HKSBC, HONG KONG TELECOM AND NOMURA RESEARCH

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE NEW AIRPORT SITE AT CHEK LAP KOK.

ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC AND THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, THE 11-DAY MISSION WILL HIGHLIGHT BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG AND IN CHINA.

ENTITLED "DOING BUSINESS WITH CHINA THROUGH HONG KONG", THE MISSION IS LED BY MR RODERICK RICHARDS, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AND MR PETER R SCHMIDT, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BOYDEN METRO NEW YORK.

ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 30) THE GROUP WILL VISIT SHENZHEN AND THE FOLLOWING DAY DEPART FOR SHANGHAI.

THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION SET UP TO PROMOTE BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC TIES AND FOSTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MR RODERICK RICHARDS, MR PETER SCHMIDT OR GROUP MEMBER MR HENRY WAN (FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS) WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THEY CAN BE CONTACTED AT THE KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.

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WATER ENQUIRY CENTRES UNDERGO RENOVATION

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS RENOVATING ITS SEVEN CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRES TO IMPROVE THEIR SERVICE ENVIRONMENT.

THE CENTRE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 21 ON WAH STREET, NGAU TAU KOK, HAS BEEN RECENTLY CLOSED FOR THE WORKS.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID FULL SERVICES WOULD RESUME IN LATE APRIL THIS YEAR ON COMPLETION OF RENOVATION.

WORKS FOR OTHER CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRES WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN PHASES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PUBLIC ENQUIRIES COULD BE MADE ON THE ENQUIRY HOTLINE, 824 5000.

THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO MAKE USE OF THE NEWLY INTRODUCED 24-HOUR WATER INFOLINK SERVICE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT WATER ACCOUNT AND SUPPLY MATTERS.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE SERVICE IS 802 9966.

MEANWHILE, CUSTOMERS MAY VISIT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRES:

- \* WANCHAI CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRE,  
IMMIGRATION TOWER, FIRST FLOOR,  
7 GLOUCESTER ROAD,  
WAN CHAI,  
HONG KONG.
- \* SHAUKEIWAN CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRE,  
PERFECT MOUNT GARDENS, GROUND FLOOR,  
PO MAN STREET,  
SHAU KEI WAN,  
HONG KONG.
- \* MONGKOK CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRE,  
128 SAI YEE STREET, GROUND FLOOR,  
MONG KOK,  
KOWLOON.
- \* TSUEN WAN CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRE,  
KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FIFTH FLOOR,  
166-174 HING FONG ROAD,  
KWAI CHUNG,  
NEW TERRITORIES.
- \* SHATIN CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRE,  
KCR HOUSE,  
SHATIN STATION,  
SHA TIN; AND
- \* TAI PO CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRE,  
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR,  
TING KOK ROAD,  
TAI PO MARKET,  
NEW TERRITORIES.

SHAU KEI WAN ROAD TO BE REBUILT

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD BETWEEN ALDRICH STREET AND TAIKOO SHING ROAD.

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY AND ITS ASSOCIATED FOOTWAYS; LAYING OF FRESH WATERMAIN; AND SOME MINOR TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING STORMWATER DRAINS AND SEWERS ALONG THE SECTIONS OF THE ROAD WILL BE UPGRADED.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 26 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE ON THE TENDER INVITATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE REGIONAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER/HONG KONG, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, EIGHTH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 895 8409.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 22.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS/HONG KONG REGION OF HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT KENNEDY TOWN AND MOUNT DAVIS OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

MAJOR AMENDMENTS INCLUDE DESIGNATING THE AREA FOR THE ISLAND WEST REFUSE TRANSFER STATION IN A CAVERN UNDER MOUNT DAVIS TO "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT (SUB-AREA 1)" AND "GREEN BELT (SUB-AREA 1)" ZONES.

REMARKS HAVE BEEN ADDED UNDER THE NOTES FOR THESE ZONES TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERGROUND REFUSE TRANSFER STATION.

UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY, THE PROPOSED STATION WILL TRANSPORT WASTE IN BULK FROM THE URBAN AREA TO THE STRATEGIC LANDFILLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR FINAL DISPOSAL.

THE STATION WILL BE LOCATED IN A MAN-MADE CAVERN 20 TO 80 METRES BELOW GROUND LEVEL.

THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE STATION WILL NOT AFFECT DEVELOPMENTS AT THE GROUND LEVEL NOR CAUSE ANY ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON THEM.

TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF ABOVE-GROUND ANCILLARY FACILITIES FOR THE REFUSE TRANSFER STATION, AN AREA AT SAI NING STREET HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "GREEN BELT", "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY", "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED "CARGO HANDLING AREA" AND "OPEN SPACE" TO "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED "USES RELATED TO UNDERGROUND REFUSE TRANSFER STATION".

OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 1.2 AND A MAXIMUM SITE COVERAGE OF 20 PER CENT FOR THE "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)" ZONE AT MOUNT DAVIS ROAD TO ENSURE COMPATIBILITY OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA WITH THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT.

SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED IN THE LEASE CONDITIONS FOR THE SITES WITHIN THE "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)" ZONE.

THE AMENDMENT AIMS AT STRENGTHENING CONTROL THROUGH THE STATUTORY PLAN. IT DOES NOT SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECT THE REDEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE SITES.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN (NO. S/H1/5) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL APRIL 15 AT:

- \* HONG KONG DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE,  
LEIGHTON ROAD,  
HONG KONG;
- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT,  
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD,  
HONG KONG; AND
- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE,  
PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE,  
GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING,  
38 PIER ROAD,  
HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SEND HIS WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING BEFORE APRIL 15.

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

PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS INVITED FOR ROAD EXTENSION  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM CONTRACTORS TO PREQUALIFY FOR TENDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SMITHFIELD EXTENSION.

THE WORKS MAINLY COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO-WAY DISTRICT DISTRIBUTOR ROAD LINKING EXISTING SMITHFIELD TO POKFULAM ROAD, REPROVISION OF POK FU LAM ROAD PLAYGROUND, REALIGNMENT OF CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTWAYS ALONG PARTS OF EXISTING MOUNT DAVIS ROAD, DIVERSION OF WATER MAINS, ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS.

A NOTICE ON THE PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

CONTRACTORS CONFIRMED ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I GROUP C CONFIRMED FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS, OR ON LIST II CONFIRMED FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS, OR JOINT VENTURES OF THE SAID LIST I AND II APPROVED CONTRACTORS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PREQUALIFYING SHOULD WRITE TO THE PROJECT MANAGER, PYPUN ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS LTD, 301 ASIAN HOUSE, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG FOR DETAILS.

COMPLETED PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSION SHALL BE SUBMITTED AS DIRECTED NOT LATER THAN NOON ON APRIL 22.

TENDERS WILL BE CALLED IN JUNE THIS YEAR FROM THE PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN MID 1997.

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LOCAL FAMILIES UNDER STRESS  
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FAMILIES IN HONG KONG ARE UNDER GREAT STRESS TO PERFORM WELL ITS ROLE IN GIVING LOVE TO MEMBERS AND REARING CHILDREN, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OPENING THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY WEST KOWLOON CENTRE, MR STRACHAN SAID THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE SOCIETY TO STEP UP EFFORTS TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES.

POINTING OUT THE FAMILY IS THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL UNIT IN SOCIETY, MR STRACHAN SAID: "IT IS THE PLACE WHERE OUR SOCIAL AND MORAL VALUES ARE SHAPED, OUR EMOTIONAL BONDS FORMED AND OUR COPING SKILLS LEARNED."

"THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY UNIT TO NURTURE OUR NEXT GENERATION TO BECOME HEALTHY AND RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IS INDISPUTABLE AND CANNOT BE REPLACED."

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UNFORTUNATELY, IN MANY SOCIETIES, HONG KONG BEING NO EXCEPTION, THE FAMILY UNIT IS BREAKING UP. THIS TERRITORY, IN PARTICULAR, HAS SEEN DYNAMIC CHANGES IN THE LAST DECADE, HE NOTED.

OUR POPULATION IS AGEING; SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES ARE GROWING IN NUMBER; THE DIVORCE RATE IS RISING, AS IS FAMILY VIOLENCE, HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990S AND BEYOND, MR STRACHAN SAID THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES TO HELP FAMILIES STAY CLEAR OF TROUBLE, TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS TO REMAIN IN THE FAMILY WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND TO HELP LESS FORTUNATE FAMILIES COPE WITH THEIR PROBLEMS.

THE GOVERNOR, IN HIS 1993 POLICY SPEECH, HAD HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE TO REAFFIRM THE FAMILY'S ROLE AS THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCK FOR A STABLE SOCIETY.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD SPEND MORE THAN \$900 MILLION ON FAMILY AND CHILD WELFARE THIS YEAR, REPRESENTING A REAL INCREASE OF 17.5 PER CENT OVER THAT OF LAST YEAR, HE ADDED.

IN CONCLUSION, MR STRACHAN COMMENDED THE NON-GOVERNMENT SECTOR FOR BEING A VALUABLE PARTNER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVISION OF FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES.

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#### 40 EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS SENT BACK

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FORTY EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (ECVIIS), COMPRISING 16 MEN, EIGHT WOMEN, EIGHT BOYS AND EIGHT GIRLS, WERE RETURNED TO HAIKOU, HAINAN THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING ON A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT.

DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES ON THE REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINING 700 ECVIIS IN HONG KONG.

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#### CLOSURE OF YAU MA TEI ILLEGAL STRUCTURE SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE IN YAU MA TEI, SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT CAUSING DANGER TO OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE TWO-STOREY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE IS ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF A BUILDING AT THE JUNCTION OF 174-184A TEMPLE STREET AND 19-21 NING PO STREET.

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A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON JULY 20 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

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

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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|                                | \$ MILLION | TIME<br>(HOURS)  | CUMULATIVE<br>CHANGE<br>(\$ MILLION) |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                | -----      | -----            | -----                                |
| OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 3,209      | 0930             | -196                                 |
| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 2,931      | 1000             | -206                                 |
| CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :       |            | 1100             | -201                                 |
| MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY          | -198       | 1200             | -198                                 |
| LAF TODAY                      | -80        | 1500             | -198                                 |
|                                |            | 1600             | -198                                 |
| LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER   |            | TWI 125.5 *-0.3* | 25.3.94                              |

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

| EF BILLS                                      |       | EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS |       |        |       |       |
|---|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| TERMS   | YIELD | TERM                                | ISSUE | COUPON | PRICE | YIELD |
| 1 WEEK  | 3.15  | 18 MONTHS                           | 2508  | 4.625  | 99.80 | 4.83  |
| 1 MONTH                                       | 3.39  | 21 MONTHS                           | 2511  | 4.15   | 98.70 | 5.03  |
| 3 MONTHS                                      | 3.73  | 24 MONTHS                           | 2602  | 4.40   | 98.63 | 5.23  |
| 6 MONTHS                                      | 3.94  | 32 MONTHS                           | 3610  | 4.20   | 96.69 | 5.67  |
| 12 MONTHS                                     | 4.45  | 35 MONTHS                           | 3701  | 4.60   | 97.10 | 5.80  |
| TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,605 MN |       |                                     |       |        |       |       |
| CLOSED 25 MARCH 1994                          |       |                                     |       |        |       |       |

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