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GREENLIGHT FOR ASH LAGOON

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS GIVEN AUTHORISATION FOR THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION AND DREDGING AT PO LO TSUI, LAMMA ISLAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ASH LAGOON, IT WAS GAZETTED YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

"IN GIVING THE AUTHORISATION, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE OBJECTIONS RECEIVED EARLIER," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ASH LAGOON WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF ONE MILLION CUBIC METRES FOR THE STORAGE OF PULVERISED FUEL ASH GENERATED FROM THE LAMMA POWER STATION.

THE PROJECT WILL AFFECT ABOUT 27 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED, OF WHICH 11.34 HECTARES WILL BE RECLAIMED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ASH LAGOON.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT TO ALLAY CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROJECT'S POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT, AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT WAS CARRIED OUT AND MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN SO THAT THE PROJECT WOULD MEET THE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

"THESE MEASURES WILL KEEP THE IMPACT, IF ANY, ON THE NEARBY SURROUNDING WITHIN AN ACCEPTABLE LIMIT," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED MAY SEND TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 11, 1994.

HE SHOULD STATE THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT AS FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM, AND THE PARTICULARS WHICH SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, AND ITS RELATED PLAN IS POSTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE OFFICE AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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STI VISITS THE U.S.

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, WILL LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON D C TOMORROW (SUNDAY) NIGHT.

DURING HIS VISIT, HE WILL MEET WITH THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR MICKEY KANTOR, THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, MR RON BROWN AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES.

"I SHALL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THOSE I MEET ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO HONG KONG AND THE U.S.; FOR EXAMPLE, THE CURRENT STATE OF THE URUGUAY ROUND GATT NEGOTIATIONS," MR CHAU SAID.

"THE IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG OF THE UNCONDITIONAL RENEWAL OF CHINA'S MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION TARIFF STATUS IN THE U.S. WILL ALSO BE HIGH ON MY AGENDA," MR CHAU ADDED.

ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S LATEST ASSESSMENT, CHINA'S LOSS OF MFN STATUS IN THE U.S. CAN COST HONG KONG THREE PERCENTAGE POINTS IN GDP GROWTH AND 70,000 JOBS IN THE YEAR OF INCIDENCE.

CHINA'S MFN STATUS IN THE U.S. EXPIRES EVERY YEAR ON JULY 3 UNLESS RENEWED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY CONGRESS OF HIS DECISION BY JUNE 3.

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PLEDGE TO PROMOTE ORGAN DONATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL STRENGTHEN PUBLIC EDUCATION TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND DISPEL MISCONCEPTION OF ORGAN DONATIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID.

"WHILE OUR MEDICAL PROFESSION HAS LONG MASTERED THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE FOR TRANSPLANT SURGERIES, ONLY 170 KIDNEY AND LIVER TRANSPLANTS HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE IN THE PAST THREE YEARS," SHE POINTED OUT.

MRS WONG ATTRIBUTED THIS TO COMMUNITY RESISTANCE TOWARDS ORGAN DONATIONS, ADDING THAT SOME 900 PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WERE WAITING FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE FROM POTENTIAL DONORS EACH YEAR.

"MUCH IS BEING DONE TO BREAK THIS RESISTANCE," SHE TOLD PARTICIPANTS OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE WHICH OPENS IN HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY).

"SINCE LAST APRIL, WE HAVE LAUNCHED A TERRITORY-WIDE MULTI-MEDIA PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN THROUGH EXHIBITIONS, TELEVISION PROGRAMMES AND WIDENED DISTRIBUTION OF DONOR CARDS.

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"I HOPE THAT YOUR DISCUSSIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL HEIGHTEN COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM, AND THROW LIGHT ON FURTHER MEASURES WE CAN ADOPT TO OVERCOME COMMUNITY RESISTANCE," SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG ALSO TOLD THE GATHERING THAT HONG KONG'S MEDICAL SECTOR WAS UNDERGOING A DYNAMIC PERIOD OF REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY SPEARHEADS MANAGEMENT REFORMS IN ALL ITS HOSPITALS TO ACHIEVE GREATER EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY IN SERVICE DELIVERY.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS ALSO VIGOROUSLY PURSUING IMPROVEMENTS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE THROUGH THE CONCEPT OF "SHARED CARE".

"THIS INVOLVES CO-OPERATION WITH NOT JUST HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS OR GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND THE INDIVIDUAL," MRS WONG STATED.

"FURTHERMORE, WE ARE ACTIVELY PREPARING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE TO ENHANCE SPECIALIST TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR OUR MEDICAL STAFF AS WELL AS TO FOSTER OUR PROFESSIONAL LINKAGE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES," SHE ADDED.

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WATCH OUT FOR CONGESTION SIGN  
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STARTING FROM MONDAY (MARCH 15) MOTORISTS INTENDING TO TRAVEL FROM TUEN MUN TO KOWLOON VIA TUEN MUN ROAD SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION SIGN ON NEWLY INSTALLED TRAFFIC CONDITION INDICATORS BEFORE ENTERING THE ROAD.

THREE SUCH INDICATORS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO GIVE KOWLOON-BOUND MOTORISTS ADVANCE NOTICE OF SERIOUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON TUEN MUN ROAD CAUSED BY ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT SUCH AS VEHICLE BREAKDOWN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE SIGN WOULD ENABLE MOTORISTS TO MAKE DIVERSIONS OR CHANGE ROUTE. TRAFFIC DIVERSION FROM THE SCENE OF AN INCIDENT WILL ALSO REDUCE CONGESTION THERE.

"THIS IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON TUEN MUN ROAD. THE INSTALLATION OF THE THREE INDICATORS IS A PILOT SCHEME. IF PROVEN EFFECTIVE, MORE INDICATORS WILL BE INSTALLED AT OTHER LOCATIONS ON TUEN MUN ROAD," HE SAID.

THE INDICATORS ARE INSTALLED AT WONG CHU ROAD NEAR YAU OI ESTATE, TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR CHI LOK FA YUEN, AND SAN HUI.

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THERE ARE THREE GROUPS OF AMBER LIGHTS FOR EACH INDICATOR REPRESENTING DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF TUEN MUN ROAD - NAMELY TUEN MUN TO SIU LAM, SIU LAM TO SHAM TSENG, AND SHAM TSENG TO TSUEN WAN.

A PARTICULAR GROUP OF LIGHTS WILL FLASH ON THE VERTICAL SIGN TO INDICATE THE CONGESTED SECTION. SURVEILLANCE TO TRAFFIC CONDITION WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE POLICE WHO WILL ALSO OPERATE THE INDICATORS.

TUEN MUN ROAD IS A MAJOR TRUNK ROAD LINKING TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN WITH A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF OVER 85,000 VEHICLES IN 1992.

IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT OR VEHICLE BREAKDOWN, MOTORISTS WILL BE TRAPPED ON THE ROAD AS THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF THE ROAD CONDITION AHEAD.

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LAND RESUMPTION FOR OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME THE LAND IN PAK TSZ LANE AND MAN HING LANE IN CENTRAL FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE.

A NOTICE OF THE RESUMPTION OF EIGHT PRIVATE LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 587.4 SQUARE METRES WAS GAZETTED YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

THE LAND TO BE RESUMED HAS BEEN ZONED "OPEN SPACE" ON THE DRAFT SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE OPEN SPACE WILL HAVE A SITTING-OUT AREA, AND CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO START IN EARLY 1994. UPON COMPLETION, THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA WILL BE IMPROVED.

THE LOTS TO BE RESUMED ARE OCCUPIED BY SEVEN DILAPIDATED THREE-STOREY, POST-WAR BUILDINGS AND A SINGLE-STOREY TEMPORARY STRUCTURE AT 3, 4, 5 AND 6 OF PAK TSZ LANE AND 2, 4, 5 AND 6 OF MAN HING LANE.

THE LAND WILL BE REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT THREE MONTHS AFTER THE RESUMPTION NOTICE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF RESUMPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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GREATER EFFORTS NEEDED TO CONSERVE ENVIRONMENT

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR PETER WONG HONG-YUEN, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED UPON THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE GREATER EFFORTS IN CONSERVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE 1993 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME, MR WONG SAID EFFORTS SHOULD BE PUT IN AREAS SUCH AS GREENING THE ENVIRONMENT, MAINTAINING THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, SLOWING DOWN GLOBAL WARMING AND ADJUSTING THE EXPLOITATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES TO A SUSTAINABLE LEVEL.

MR WONG SAID COUNTRY PARKS WERE INVALUABLE NATURAL HERITAGE WHICH PROVIDED LOCAL PEOPLE WITH EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

"THE PARKS ARE ALSO GOOD HABITATS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS, MANY OF WHICH ARE BEAUTIFUL, USEFUL AND ENDEMIC TO HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

"ABOVE ALL, CONSERVATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE HELPS TO REDUCE POLLUTION WHICH IS A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM FOR HONG KONG."

MR WONG URGED EVERYONE TO TAKE MEASURES TO MINIMISE UNFAVOURABLE IMPACTS AND INFRINGEMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

"ALSO WE HAVE TO TAKE ENHANCEMENT MEASURES TO ENSURE ITS SUSTAINABILITY AND TO MAINTAIN ITS BIODIVERSITY," HE SAID.

TURNING TO TREE PLANTING - A CRUCIAL ASPECT IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, MR WONG STRESSED THAT IT SHOULD REMAIN THE LONG-TERM ENDEAVOUR FOR THE BENEFITS OF EVERYONE AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

"BUT JUST PLANTING TREES IS NOT ENOUGH. THEY HAVE TO BE PROTECTED AND CARED FOR AS WELL," HE SAID.

"EVERYONE, IN PARTICULAR THE COUNTRY PARK USERS, MUST HELP TO PROTECT OUR TREES, ESPECIALLY AGAINST THEIR GREATEST ENEMY - FIRE."

HE BELIEVED THAT THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, A SENSE OF RESPECT FOR TREES AND HENCE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COULD BE CULTIVATED IN THE COMMUNITY.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SHARED THE VIEW THAT TREES, AN INVALUABLE RESOURCES IN HONG KONG, WERE A SYMBOL OF NATURE CONSERVATION.

"IT HAS BEEN THE LONG-STANDING PRACTICE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF NATURE CONSERVATION THROUGH THE PLANTING OF TREES," HE SAID.

DR LEE NOTED THAT SINCE THE START OF THE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME IN 1957, IT HAD BEEN GAINING MORE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

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LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 23,000 PARTICIPANTS TOOK PART IN THE SCHEME AND PLANTED SOME 32,000 TREES.

DR LEE CALLED UPON ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION, TO COME FORWARD AND PLANT TREES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN MARCH 14 AND APRIL 25.

SIX PLANTING SITES HAVE BEEN SELECTED IN COUNTRY PARKS IN TAI MO SHAN, HOK TAU, PAK TAM CHUNG, QUARRY BAY, SHING MUN AND NGONG PING.

COUNTRY PARKS STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY DURING THE PERIOD TO PROVIDE SEEDLINGS, TOOLS AND TECHNICAL ADVICE.

"ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO TAKE PART IN THE PLANTING PROGRAMME. INTERESTED SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON 733 2121," DR LEE SAID.

HE ALSO THANKED COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 AND THE NEWLY FORMED FRIENDS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS, FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN CO-ORGANISING COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION PROJECTS.

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#### LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS SALE BY AUCTION

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FIFTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,386,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK AT888 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$250,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK BY10 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$230,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR FC4363, FB6174, FB548 AND FB4278.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
FC2668	22,000	FB7880	4,000	FA228	50,000	FB316	18,000
FC120	20,000	FC2028	12,000	FB882	40,000	FC978	23,000
*FF898	40,000	*DS909	26,000	*BY10	230,000	*AT888	250,000
FC211	20,000	FB638	23,000	FC6686	9,000	AA3418	9,000
FC880	31,000	FC328	60,000	FB9989	8,000	FB9929	6,000
BB6232	6,000	DJ1288	14,000	FA346	5,000	EC712	8,000
FB9888	23,000	FB2823	11,000	CF226	12,000	FC2232	9,000
*FC83	80,000	*7715	50,000	*FH636	40,000	*AR4400	12,000
EU132	14,000	FC1238	24,000	FC987	22,000	FC608	10,000
FB9139	5,000	FB3398	9,000	FC612	12,000	FB257	4,000
FB770	7,000	FC207	2,000	*FF3311	86,000	FC4363	1,000
FC172	6,000	FB4278	1,000	FC9010	3,000	*FH747	7,000
FB6174	1,000	FB548	1,000				

\* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

/SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS .....

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

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

TODAY'S SALE, THE 190TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$187,986,905.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR MARKET CONSTRUCTION  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARKET IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF ELECTRIC ROAD AND MERCURY STREET, THE TWO-STOREY MARKET WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE WHICH IS TO BE DEMOLISHED SHORTLY.

THE NEW MARKET WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 1,800 SQUARE METRES AND CAN ACCOMMODATE 10 LARGE STALLS, 62 MINI STALLS AND A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

THE CONTRACTOR IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROVISION OF ESCALATORS, LIFTS, LOADING AND UNLOADING FACILITIES AS WELL AS A VENTILATION SYSTEM IN THE MARKET.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BEGIN IN MID-JUNE FOR COMPLETION IN A YEAR.

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

TENDER OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON APRIL 2.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES NECESSARY TO A CARING COMMUNITY

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO ENABLE VOLUNTEERS TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDY, A WOMAN VOLUNTEER, MS AU CHUNG-WO, SAID AFTER 20 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

SHE WAS AMONG THE 63 VOLUNTEERS RECEIVING OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARDS AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY).

MS AU WAS A WELFARE WORKER IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION. ALTHOUGH HER DAILY WORK FOCUSED ON THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, HER INTEREST IN VOLUNTEER SERVICE NEVER FADED.

SHE SAID VOLUNTEER SERVICE WOULD FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF POSITIVE VALUES AND CULTIVATE A SENSE OF CONCERN FOR OTHERS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION), MR ANTHONY CHAN, SAID AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY THAT VOLUNTEERING WOULD HELP DEVELOP A CARING COMMUNITY AND A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL HELP.

HE SAID SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS HAD THE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE OF SERVING MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE AND EX-MENTAL PATIENTS.

WHEN THEY FIRST GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE DISABLED, THEY HAD A SENSE OF FEAR.

BUT WHEN THEY GOT ALONG WITH THEM, ALL BECAME AWARE THAT THE HANDICAPPED SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY THE SAME BASIC RIGHTS AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THUS, MR CHAN CALLED ON THE VOLUNTEERS TO SHARE THEIR POSITIVE FEELINGS AND EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS TO ALLAY THEIR FEARS.

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BUS SERVICE FOR TIN SHUI ESTATE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT KOWLOON MOTOR BUS WOULD INTRODUCE A NEW NEW TERRITORIES AIR-CONDITIONED BUS ROUTE NO. 269B RUNNING FROM TIN SHUI ESTATE TO STAR FERRY (SINGLE BOUND) ON MONDAY (MARCH 15).

THE ROUTE WILL BE SERVED BY DOUBLE DECKERS AT A FULL FARE OF \$13 AND SECTION FARES OF \$11 FROM TUEN MUN, \$4.5 FROM MEI FOO AND \$3.5 FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

THE BUS WILL SET OFF FROM TIN SHUI ESTATE AT 7.15 AM AND 7.30 AM FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS ONLY.

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RENUMBERING OF CROSS HARBOUR EXPRESS BUS ROUTE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT CROSS HARBOUR EXPRESS BUS ROUTE 141 WOULD BE RE-ROUTED VIA EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING FROM MONDAY (MARCH 15).

ITS TERMINAL POINT WILL ALSO MOVE FROM YAN OI COURT, KWUN TONG TO KAI YIP ESTATE BUS TERMINUS.

THE ROUTE WILL BE RE-NUMBERED TO 641.

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THE WEATHER OF FEBRUARY

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A RELATIVELY COLD JANUARY WAS FOLLOWED BY AN UNSEASONABLY MILD FEBRUARY, ACCORDING TO A MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

IN THE ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT SURGES OF COLD AIR FROM THE NORTH, EASTERLY MONSOON WINDS DOMINATED.

AS A RESULT, THE MONTHLY MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 18 DEGREES AND THE MONTHLY MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 16.3 DEGREES WERE BOTH THE FOURTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR FEBRUARY.

WITH ONLY 1.0 MILLIMETRE OF RAIN, THIS WAS THE SEVENTH DRIEST FEBRUARY ON RECORD. WHILE THE MONTHLY RAINFALL WAS ONLY ABOUT TWO PER CENT OF THE FEBRUARY NORMAL OF 48.0 MILLIMETRES, THE RAINFALL TOTAL OF 34.5 MILLIMETRES SINCE JANUARY 1 WAS LESS THAN HALF OF THE NORMAL OF 71.4 MILLIMETRES FOR THE PERIOD.

FRESH TO STRONG EASTERLIES ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH BROUGHT ABOUT COOL AND WINDY CONDITIONS. THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF 12.8 DEGREES IN THE MONTH WAS RECORDED ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 2.

APART FROM SOME OFFSHORE MIST ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 1, THE WEATHER REMAINED FINE AND SUNNY.

AS WINDS MODERATED AND TURNED SOUTHEASTERLY ON FEBRUARY 3, TEMPERATURES ROSE STEADILY.

THE INTRUSION OF MARITIME AIR LED TO INCREASINGLY MOIST CONDITIONS. CLOUDINESS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY ON FEBRUARY 6 AND THERE WERE SOME DRIZZLE AND MIST PATCHES.

OVER OFFSHORE WATERS, MIST THICKENED INTO FOG IN THE EARLY MORNING OF FEBRUARY 7. MIST AND FOG SOON LIFTED AFTER DAYBREAK AND THE DAY WAS MUCH SUNNIER WITH WINDS VEERING FURTHER TO A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION.

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FRESHENING OF THE EASTERLIES IN THE EARLY HOURS OF FEBRUARY 8 GAVE RISE TO A COOLER DAY.

THE WEATHER TURNED MISTY AGAIN WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 8. VISIBILITY IMPROVED ON FEBRUARY 10 AND GENERALLY FINE WEATHER PERSISTED TILL FEBRUARY 17.

IN THE MEANTIME, THERE WAS A LULL IN THE EASTERLIES ON FEBRUARY 11 AND SOME MIST PATCHES RETURNED IN THE EVENING BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF ANOTHER EASTERLY REPLENISHMENT LATER THAT NIGHT.

FRESH TO STRONG EASTERLY WINDS PREVAILED FROM FEBRUARY 12 TO 14 BEFORE BEING REPLACED BY A SOUTHEASTERLY AIRSTREAM ON FEBRUARY 15. SOME MIST RE-APPEARED ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 16 AND TEMPERATURES CLIMBED TO THE MONTH'S HIGHEST OF 23.4 DEGREES ON A DAY OF LIGHT WINDS.

FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF A FRESH EASTERLY AIRSTREAM THE PREVIOUS DAY, CLOUDY WEATHER SET IN ON FEBRUARY 18 AND PERSISTED TILL THE END OF THE MONTH.

SOME LIGHT RAIN WAS RECORDED ON THREE SUCCESSIVE DAYS FROM FEBRUARY 18 TO 20.

AS CONDITIONS TURNED INCREASINGLY HUMID, MIST BECAME WIDESPREAD ON FEBRUARY 19. FOG HOVERED OFFSHORE EARLY ON FEBRUARY 20 AND SPREAD INTO THE HARBOUR ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 21.

VISIBILITY GENERALLY IMPROVED ON FEBRUARY 22 BUT THE PASSAGE OF A WEAK COLD FRONT THAT DAY BROUGHT SOME LIGHT RAIN.

WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST TO NORTHEAST IN THE AFTERNOON AND BY THE NEXT DAY, TEMPERATURES HAD DROPPED BY THREE TO FOUR DEGREES. EASTERLY WINDS STRENGTHENED FURTHER ON FEBRUARY 26 WITH SOME MIST PATCHES AND DRIZZLE IN THE EARLY PART OF THE DAY.

DRIZZLE OCCURRED AGAIN THAT NIGHT WHILE MIST APPEARED FROM TIME TO TIME TILL THE END OF THE MONTH WHEN WINDS STARTED TO TURN NORTHERLY.

NO TROPICAL CYCLONE ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN FEBRUARY. NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED IN THE MONTH AS A RESULT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. DETAILS ON THE ISSUANCE/HOISTING AND CANCELLATION/LOWERING OF VARIOUS WARNINGS/SIGNALS IN THE MONTH ARE SUMMARIZED IN TABLE 1.1. MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL ARE TABULATED IN TABLE 1.2.

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TABLE 1.1 WARNINGS AND SIGNALS IN FEBRUARY 1993

WARNINGS/SIGNALS	EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME
STRONG MONSOON SIGNALS	FEB 1, 2310 - FEB 2, 1145 FEB 12, 0930 - FEB 13, 0900 FEB 26, 2350 - FEB 27, 0800
FIRE DANGER WARNINGS	
YELLOW	FEB 12, 0620 - FEB 15, 0615 FEB 17, 0615 - FEB 17, 1805
RED	FEB 1, 0600 - FEB 1, 1815

TABLE 1.2 FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL - FEBRUARY 1993

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	126.7 HOURS ; 29 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	11.60 MJ/SQM ; 0.91 MJ/SQM ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	1.0 MM ; 47.0 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT	60% ; 13% BELOW NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	78% ; NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	20.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 1.7 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	18.0 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 2.1 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	16.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 2.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	13.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 2.1 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	64.5 MM ; 14.5 MM BELOW NORMAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,165
REVERSAL OF LAF	+760
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,925
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-975
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	950
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 114.2 *+0.1* 13.3.1993	

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