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TAX ALLOWANCES DO COVER INFLATION

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE INCREASES IN SALARIES TAX ALLOWANCE PROPOSED IN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S BUDGET ON WEDNESDAY COVERED INFLATION.

"BOTH THE BASIC AND MARRIED PERSON'S ALLOWANCES ARE TO GO UP BY OVER 12%. ALLOWANCES FOR CHILDREN, DEPENDENT PARENTS AND SINGLE PARENTS ARE TO RISE BY UP TO 15%. THIS COMPARES WITH CURRENT INFLATION, WHICH IN 1991 WAS 12%, AND IS NOW SOMEWHAT LOWER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

REFERRING TO A RECENT MEDIA REPORT WHICH QUESTIONED WHETHER ALLOWANCES HAD MAINTAINED THEIR REAL VALUE OVER TIME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OVER THE PERIOD 1986-87 TO 1992-93, INCREASES IN PERSONAL ALLOWANCES AND SUCCESSIVE REVISIONS OF THE TAX-BANDING SYSTEM HAVE MEANT THAT ALL TAX-PAYERS, OTHER OF COURSE THAN THOSE PAYING AT THE STANDARD RATE, HAVE BEEN MORE THAN COVERED FOR INFLATION," HE SAID.

"AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT AS MANY AS HALF HONG KONG'S WORKFORCE PAY NO SALARIES TAX AT ALL," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

RESPONDING TO THE SUGGESTION THAT A SHORTER PERIOD OF COMPARISON APPEARED TO SHOW THAT INCREASES IN ALLOWANCES HAD BEEN OVERTAKEN BY INFLATION, THE SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT A MEANINGFUL COMPARISON MUST COVER A REASONABLE NUMBER OF YEARS.

TAKING THE PERIOD FROM 1980 TO THE PRESENT, FOR EXAMPLE, PERSONAL ALLOWANCES AND INFLATION HAVE BOTH INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY 210%.

"THIS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THE GOVERNMENT HAS MAINTAINED THE VALUE OF PERSONAL ALLOWANCES OVER TIME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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WORKING GROUP TO STUDY DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET UP AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN THE EMPLOYMENT FIELD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE WORKING GROUP WOULD ASCERTAIN THE EXTENT TO WHICH DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN EMPLOYMENT MATTERS IS A PROBLEM IN HONG KONG, AND TO CONSIDER WHAT GOVERNMENT MEASURES, IF ANY, SHOULD BE TAKEN TO TACKLE IT.

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THE WORKING GROUP WOULD ALSO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT WHETHER, IN SO FAR AS EMPLOYMENT MATTERS ARE CONCERNED, THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO HONG KONG.

"THE WORKING GROUP WILL UNDERTAKE A SYSTEMATIC ANALYSIS TO ASSESS THE PRECISE EXTENT OF SEX DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN STUDYING FOR SOME TIME THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CONVENTION SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO HONG KONG.

THE CONVENTION COVERED THE ADVANCEMENT OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REALM, HE NOTED.

"WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION BEFORE WE ARE IN A POSITION TO CONSIDER THE OPTION OF EXTENDING THE CONVENTION TO HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ONE MAJOR AREA OF POSSIBLE SEX DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IS IN EMPLOYMENT MATTERS. BUT THE INFORMATION SO FAR AVAILABLE CANNOT FIRMLY ESTABLISH THE EXTENT OF THIS PROBLEM. WE NEED TO FIND OUT EXACTLY THE EXTENT OF SEX DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. THIS IS THE FIRST THING THE WORKING GROUP WILL SET OUT TO DO," HE SAID.

THE WORKING GROUP, CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN, COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH, THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH, AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE HAPPY TO ESTABLISH DIALOGUE WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE PROCESS OF ITS WORK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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VOLUNTEER SCHEME - HELPING HAND TO PROBATIONERS

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IT IS THE DUTY OF A JUDGE TO IMPOSE A SEVERE SENTENCE UPON A CONVICTED PERSON - DOING IT WITH A HEAVY HEART AND A FEELING THAT A LIFE IS BEING WASTED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE HAS A FEELING THAT PERHAPS IF A WRONG-DOER HAD BEEN GIVEN A HELPING HAND EARLIER ON, THAT WASTE COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.

THIS WAS STATED BY A HIGH COURT JUDGE, MR JUSTICE LEONARD, AT A CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE CEREMONY WAS ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

/THE VOLUNTEER

THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME WAS PART OF AN EFFORT TO GIVE THAT HELPING HAND BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE, MR JUSTICE LEONARD ADDED.

"WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE IN HONG KONG TO HAVE A BODY OF DEDICATED CITIZENS WHO COME FORWARD TO FULFIL THAT NEED BY TAKING PART IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS," HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALEXANDER FUNG, SAID SINCE THE SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED IN 1976, IT HAD BEEN RECEIVING GREAT SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

"IN ORDER TO GET MORE INTERESTED MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN IN, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SCHEME IS READY TO RECRUIT SUITABLE AND INTERESTED PEOPLE INTO THE SCHEME OUTSIDE ITS ANNUAL RECRUITMENT EXERCISE," MR FUNG SAID.

HE HOPED THAT WITH SUCH FLEXIBILITY ADDED, MORE OFFENDERS COULD BE HELPED THROUGH THE SCHEME.

MR JUSTICE LEONARD AND MR FUNG PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 56 VOLUNTEERS IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS.

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FINE IMPOSED FOR ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF LAND

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REITERATED THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO OCCUPY UNLEASED LAND AND THAT STRUCTURES BUILT THERE MIGHT BE DEMOLISHED BY THE LAND AUTHORITY WITH THE COST RECOVERED FROM THE OFFENDER.

THE REMINDER CAME AFTER A COURT CASE ON THURSDAY (MARCH 5) IN WHICH A WOMAN WAS FINED \$2,000 FOR UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A PIECE OF CROWN LAND OF ABOUT 78 SQUARE METRES OUTSIDE HER BUILDING AND GARDEN IN SUI WO ROAD, SHA TIN AND USING IT TO EXTEND HER GARDEN.

THE DEFENDANT WAS ALSO ORDERED TO PAY \$6,400 AS THE COST FOR DEMOLISHING THE STRUCTURES BUILT ON THE UNLEASED SITE BY THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN.

THE COURT HEARD THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS INFORMED BY THE LAND AUTHORITY ON NOVEMBER 28 LAST YEAR THAT SHE WAS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A PIECE OF UNLEASED LAND AND THAT SHE HAD TO VACATE IT. BUT THE WARNING WENT UNHEEDED.

WHEN THE CROWN LAND NOTICE POSTED ON THE SITE ON NOVEMBER 31 EXPIRED ABOUT A MONTH LATER, STAFF OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT LAND OFFICE INSPECTED THE SITE AGAIN AND FOUND THE DEFENDANT CONTINUING TO OCCUPY THE LAND.

/THE COURT

THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT WHEN A DEMOLITION TEAM FROM THE LAND AUTHORITY ARRIVED AT THE SITE ON JANUARY 16 THIS YEAR, THEY FOUND THE STRUCTURE WAS ONLY PARTIALLY DEMOLISHED.

THE TEAM THEN DEMOLISHED THE REMAINDER OF THE STRUCTURE AT A COST OF \$6,400.

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RESUMPTION AND REPAIR OF TWO SHEUNG WAN STREETS

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR NEW MARKET STREET AND TUNG HING LANE IN SHEUNG WAN TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC SITUATION THERE.

NEW MARKET STREET AND TUNG HING LANE ARE UNDER PRIVATE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIPS.

THEY ARE IN POOR REPAIR AND ARE PARTLY OCCUPIED BY STALLS THAT OBSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT, GIVING RISE TO CONSIDERABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

THE RESUMPTION WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR THE OBSTRUCTING STALLS AND TO REPAIR THE LANE TO PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START BY APRIL NEXT YEAR.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS AND LAND RESUMPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG WEST, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2ND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MAY 5, THIS YEAR DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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PROPOSED ROADWORKS FOR NT LANDFILL PROJECT

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO EXECUTE ROADWORKS NEAR TA KWU LING AS PART OF THE PROPOSED NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL PROJECT.

THE PROPOSED ROADWORKS ARE TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PIPELINE DISPOSING OF LEACHATE ARISING FROM THE LANDFILL.

THE WORKS WILL START IN JANUARY 1993 AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT FEBRUARY 1994.

DURING THE WORKS PERIOD, 700 METRES OF THE EXISTING TRACK, LOCATED ABOUT 650 METRES NORTH OF TA KWU LING POLICE STATION, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE WILL BE IN SUCCESSIVE SECTIONS OF ABOUT 100 METRES EACH FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT FIVE MONTHS.

EMERGENCY ACCESS TO THE AREA WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN REQUIRED.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED AND DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH, SIXTH FLOOR, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.
- * THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MAY 5, THIS YEAR DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED NOT TO HIRE CHILDREN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS WHO TAKE ON CHILDREN IN NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWED A RECENT CASE AT THE FANLING MAGISTRACY IN WHICH A CANTEEN OWNER WAS FINED \$2,000 FOR EMPLOYING A CHILD ILLEGALLY.

THE 13-YEAR-OLD CHILD WAS FOUND WORKING ALONG WITH EIGHT OTHER WORKERS IN THE FU WAH FACTORY CANTEEN IN YUEN LONG DURING AN INSPECTION BY LABOUR INSPECTORS.

FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION HAD FOUND THAT THE EMPLOYER DID NOT OBTAIN FROM THE CHILD'S PARENT A WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AND PROOF OF THE CHILD'S SCHOOLING AS REQUIRED UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

THE LAW STIPULATED THAT AN EMPLOYER MUST OBTAIN FROM A CHILD'S PARENT A VALID SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE CHILD OR EVIDENCE OF THE CHILD HAVING COMPLETED FORM THREE EDUCATION.

IN ADDITION, A CHILD AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 14 CAN BE EMPLOYED ONLY ON A PART-TIME BASIS IN AN NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING, BUT SHOULD IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE EMPLOYED IN THE KITCHEN OF AN EATING ESTABLISHMENT.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO BREACHES THE PROVISION ON CHILD EMPLOYMENT IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

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FREE BOOKLET ON SOLVENT HAZARDS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED A BOOKLET TO ADVISE EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS ON THE SAFE USE OF SOLVENTS IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY.

ENTITLED "SOLVENT HAZARDS IN PRINTING INDUSTRY", THE BILINGUAL BOOKLET PROVIDES GUIDELINES ON GOOD WORK PRACTICES TO PREVENT POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS.

"ORGANIC SOLVENTS, WHICH ARE POTENTIALLY TOXIC, ARE COMMONLY USED IN PRINTING PROCESSES," AN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONSULTANT, DR CHAN SIK-YUEN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"SOLVENTS CAN ENTER THROUGH THE LUNGS AND CAN BE ABSORBED BY SKIN, PRODUCING ACUTE OR CHRONIC POISONING EFFECTS," DR CHAN SAID.

/TO MINIMISE

TO MINIMISE EXPOSURE TO SOLVENTS, THE BOOKLET SUGGESTS THAT GOOD WORK PRACTICES BE IMPLEMENTED TO PROTECT WORKERS' HEALTH, SUCH AS GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE AND HOUSEKEEPING, PROPER LABELLING OF ALL SOLVENTS AS WELL AS REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND CHECKING OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

IT ALSO OUTLINES VARIOUS CONTROL METHODS TO PREVENT POTENTIAL HARMFUL EFFECTS, INCLUDING GOOD VENTILATION IN THE WORKPLACE, USING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEARS AND APPROPRIATE RESPIRATORS, TRAINING OF WORKERS IN THE PROPER USE OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND USING THE LEAST TOXIC SOLVENTS.

THE BOOKLET IS ONE OF THE "PROTECTION OF WORKERS' HEALTH SERIES" PUBLISHED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

IT IS NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE UNIT REGIONAL OFFICES AND FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISIONAL OFFICES.

FURTHER ADVICE ON SOLVENT HAZARDS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION ON 15TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, GENERAL OR ON TEL. 852 4041.

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IMPORTANCE OF ORAL HEALTH RECOGNISED

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THE GENERAL MISCONCEPTION THAT TEETH WILL BE LOST WITH THE ADVANCE OF OLD AGE IS STILL PREVALENT IN HONG KONG, THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG DENTAL ASSOCIATION, DR HOMER TSO, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

NOT MANY UNDERSTAND THAT TEETH COULD BE KEPT HEALTHY AND FUNCTION FOR LIFETIME AND THAT THEY WERE MEANT TO LAST FOR LIFE, DR TSO SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "HEALTHY TEETH, HAPPY LIFE" EXHIBITION, DR TSO SAID: "ONLY WHEN EVERYONE IS ACTIVELY PLAYING HIS PART IN ORAL HEALTH CARE, WILL THE DENTAL TREATMENT NEED THAT WE SEE TODAY DIMINISH."

DR TSO SAID THE PROMOTION OF ORAL HEALTH WAS AMONG THE MANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE REPORT BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S DENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THE QUICK RESPONSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE RECOMMENDATION.

SPEAKING AT THE SAME CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS DETERMINED TO STRENGTHEN THE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE.

"THIS," HE ADDED, "WILL COMPLY WITH THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT -- HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION."

TURNING TO THE WORK ON ORAL HEALTH, DR LEE SAID A THREE-YEAR PILOT ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG WOULD BE LAUNCHED THIS YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME, WITH CHILDREN AT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES (MCHC) AND KINDERGARTENS AS THE TARGET GROUPS, AIMS TO EDUCATE AND MOTIVATE ALL ADULTS SUCH AS PARENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS, TEACHERS AND CHILD CARE WORKERS SO AS TO ENABLE THESE CHILDREN TO HAVE HEALTHY TEETH.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, THE EXHIBITION IS DIVIDED INTO SIX SECTIONS ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT STAGES OF LIFE, NAMELY INFANCY, CHILDHOOD, ADOLESCENCE, PREGNANCY, ADULTHOOD AND ELDERLY, WITH RELEVANT AND INTERESTING ORAL HEALTH MESSAGES TAILORED-MADE FOR EACH SECTION.

THE DISPLAY WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A CARNIVAL WITH VIDEO SHOWS, COMPUTER GAMES AND MOUTH MODELS TO FACILITATE VISITORS TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH ORAL HEALTH CARE TECHNIQUES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY SHOW BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4 PM EACH DAY.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS OF THE GAMES WHILE VISITORS WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS AND BALLOONS.

THE EXHIBITION, BEING HELD AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10.30 AM TO 6.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AND FROM 10.30 AM TO 4.30 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 9). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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PART-TIME ADULT EDUCATION LECTURERS SOUGHT

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THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM QUALIFIED PERSONS TO FILL THEIR EVENING PART-TIME LECTURING VACANCIES IN VARIOUS COURSES FOR 1992-93.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THE CLOSING DATE IS MARCH 28.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS IN HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

APPLICANTS SHOULD NORMALLY BE QUALIFIED TEACHERS WITH A GENUINE INTEREST IN TEACHING ADULTS IN THE EVENING.

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/OR POSSESSION OF A DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION OR ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN TEACHER TRAINING WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE.

EXISTING REMUNERATIONS FOR PART-TIME LECTURING ARE: \$245 PER HOUR FOR POST-SECONDARY LEVEL SUBJECTS; \$205 PER HOUR FOR SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL SUBJECTS; \$160 PER HOUR FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY LEVEL SUBJECTS, AND \$145 PER HOUR FOR PRIMARY LEVEL SUBJECTS.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SALE BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,002,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER BB911 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$120,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER BC18 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$113,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$2,000 FOR EV8963.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
EU9867	3,000	EV625	6,000	EV3345	6,000	EV332	35,000
EV1320	3,000	DF52	15,000	BC18	113,000	AA954	15,000
EU3927	3,000	EV368	39,000	EV310	13,000	EV6090	4,000
EV121	10,000	DM5201	3,000	DL3788	12,000	XX4000	50,000
BH557	6,000	CS9000	26,000	HK1991	70,000	EV7668	6,000
EV911	45,000	EV8963	2,000	EV1038	6,000	AF103	58,000
EU6008	6,000	AR165	11,000	AD350	11,000	EV2878	16,000
AR400	18,000	ES666	110,000	EV747	20,000	EW9911	32,000
EV1982	3,000	HK2221	40,000	BB911	120,000	XX1955	28,000
CP2133	8,000	EV139	22,000	EU6321	4,000	EV1898	4,000

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

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 174TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$133,620,105.

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BLANKETS FOR STREET SLEEPERS
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A TOTAL OF 501 BLANKETS AND SLEEPING BAGS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO STREET SLEEPERS BY SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT STAFF THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST (FRIDAY) NIGHT.

THE BLANKETS AND SLEEPING BAGS WERE GIVEN TO 174 STREET SLEEPERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 29 IN EAST KOWLOON, 221 IN WEST KOWLOON, 23 IN NEW TERRITORIES EAST AND SEVEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE DISTRIBUTION LAST NIGHT WAS THE THIRD SUCH EXERCISE MOUNTED TO HELP THE NEEDY IN THE STREETS THIS WINTER.

"MORE THAN 610 BLANKETS AND SLEEPING BAGS HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE PREVIOUS TWO EXERCISES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	6.3.92	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	7.3.92	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

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