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## HK: A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE IN

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COMPARED WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE REGION AND THE WORLD, HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE SAFEST IN WHICH TO LIVE, YET THERE ARE PARTICULAR AREAS THAT REQUIRE MORE FOCUS, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIGHT CRIME CONFERENCE, THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, HONG KONG'S OVERALL CRIME RATE HAD BEEN CONSISTENTLY BELOW THAT OF MOST OTHER COMPARABLE CITIES.

LAST YEAR, THE LEVEL OF ROBBERY AND THEFTS IN THE TERRITORY WAS ONLY HALF THE LEVEL IN SINGAPORE, AND ONE-THIRD THAT IN TOKYO.

"THIS IS A RECORD IN WHICH THE POLICE FORCE, THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES AND THE COMMUNITY CAN TAKE REASONABLE PRIDE. BUT LIKE ALL RECORDS, IT IS SIMPLY A MARK. WE MUST AIM TO DO BETTER," MR PATTEN SAID.

THE GOVERNOR CITED JUVENILE CRIMES, DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIME AND FRAUD AND WHITE-COLLAR CRIMES AS SOME OF THE PROBLEM AREAS.

TURNING TO THE JUVENILE CRIME, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE POLICE HAD ALREADY SET UP SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAMS TO ASSIST SCHOOLS, PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS AND YOUTH GROUPS TO FIGHT TRIAD ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS.

ON THE PROBLEM OF RISING DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEEOPLE, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WE CANNOT TAKE ANY COMFORT FROM THE RATES OF DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE WELL BELOW THOSE IN MOST OTHER CITIES.

"EVEN A SINGLE CASE REPRESENTS A WASTED LIFE AND TEMPTATION TO COMMIT CRIME TO PAY FOR THE HABIT."

"IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WE WILL BE FORMULATING NEW IDEAS TO APPROACH THIS COMPLEX PROBLEM MORE EFFECTIVELY," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTH AND REPUTATION OF OUR BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, THE CAMPAIGNS AGAINST ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIME AND AGAINST FRAUD AND OTHER WHITE-COLLAR CRIMES MUST AND WOULD BE PURSUED VIGOROUSLY WITH NEW LEGISLATION.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO PRAISED THE PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION OF THE POLICE FORCE.

"THE POLICE FORCE MANAGEMENT HAS SHOWN LEADERSHIP IN THE EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH THEY HAVE ENSURED THAT WELL TRAINED OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PUT ONTO THE BEAT AND ONTO THE BORDER, BUT THEY HAVE ALSO SHOWN LEADERSHIP IN THE MUCH MORE COMPLICATED TASK OF REVIEWING A LARGE ORGANISATION AND ITS OBJECTIVES, REDEPLOYING RESOURCES TO MEET NEW AND CHANGING NEEDS, AND RESPONDING TO PUBLIC ANXIETIES," HE SAID.

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LAST YEAR, THE POLICE FORCE UNDERTOOK TO PUT 800 ADDITIONAL OFFICERS ONTO THE BEAT, AND RECRUITED AN ADDITIONAL 600 OFFICERS.

MAJOR EXERCISES TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCY AND TO MAKE GREATER USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND CIVILIAN SUPPORT STAFF TO RELEASE TRAINED OFFICERS FOR FRONT LINE ANTI-CRIME WORK ARE CONTINUING.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE OVERALL CRIME RATES WERE DOWN FOR THE THIRD YEAR RUNNING.

VIOLENT CRIME DECREASED BY FIVE PER CENT IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, AND ARMED ROBBERIES WERE DOWN 37 PER CENT.

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE GOVERNOR'S MEDIA SESSION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AFTER OPENING THE FIGHT CRIME CONFERENCE TODAY (SATURDAY):

GOVERNOR: I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADDRESS THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE THIS MORNING AND TO SEE THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES. THE FIGURES FOR CRIME IN HONG KONG ARE, AS WE ALL KNOW, BETTER THAN IN MOST COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES. BUT ANY CRIME IS TOO MUCH CRIME AND THERE ARE ONE OR TWO WORRYING TRENDS WHICH, I THINK, ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND WHICH WE'VE GOT TO RESPOND TO. FIRST OF ALL, THERE ARE CONCERNS ABOUT JUVENILE CRIME AND SECOND AND RELATED TO THAT, THERE ARE CONCERNS WHICH I TOTALLY SHARE ABOUT THE INCREASING INCIDENTS OF DRUG ABUSE WHICH IS, OF COURSE, SOMETIMES CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH JUVENILE CRIME. I THINK THOSE'RE BOTH PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE TO GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY TO AND IN GOVERNMENT, WE'LL BE CONSIDERING OUR RESPONSE TO THE SORT OF REQUESTS THAT I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRWOMEN THIS MORNING. SO, I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN DEVELOP A MORE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH IN GOVERNMENT TO BOTH THOSE ISSUES. BUT, I DO WANT TO PAY A TRIBUTE ONCE AGAIN TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE BECAUSE I THINK THEY HAVE DONE AN EXTREMELY GOOD JOB IN MOBILISING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE POLICE IN THEIR ACTIVITIES TO STAMP OUT CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO KEEP OUR STREETS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.

QUESTION: WHAT SORT OF ROLE OF SCHOOLS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE PLAYED TO FIGHT DRUG ABUSE AND JUVENILE CRIME?

GOVERNOR: THERE IS, OBVIOUSLY, AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS AS THERE IS FOR PARENTS AND FAMILY STRUCTURE. I KNOW THAT MANY SCHOOLS ALREADY PLAY A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN EDUCATING THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING WITH THE POLICE AND ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING THOSE SORTS OF ENVIRONMENTS WHERE CRIME IS LIKELY TO THRIVE. I KNOW THAT MANY SCHOOLS ALSO TAKE A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN DETERRING TRIAD ACTIVITIES AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. AS I SAID THIS MORNING, ONE OF THE REASONS FOR MAKING SURE THAT OUR TEACHING PROFESSION HAS THE STATUS WHICH IT DESERVES IS BECAUSE IF WE WANT A SAFER AND MORE CIVILISED COMMUNITY, THE EDUCATION THAT WE GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY IS A CRUCIAL INGREDIENT IN THAT.

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QUESTION: MR PATTEN, THIS AIRPORT AGREEMENT, WHY THERE ISN'T ANY SPECIFIC WORDINGS TO SHOW THAT CHINA ACTUALLY GUARANTEES THE FINANCING, THAT THE FINANCIAL MARKET HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR THIS, NO SPECIFIC WORDINGS AS I SAW?

GOVERNOR: I THINK THAT IT IS NOT THAT WHICH IS LACKING AT THE MOMENT. IT'S AN AGREEMENT ON THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AGREEMENTS WHICH WE HOPE WILL COME RAPIDLY NOW THAT THE OVERALL MINUTE ON AIRPORT FINANCING HAS BEEN SIGNED. THERE'S STILL SOME OUTSTANDING BUSINESS TO BE DONE WHICH IS WHY, I THINK, SOME PEOPLE HAVE QUITE PROPERLY BEEN, WHILE ENTHUSIASTIC RESTRAINT IN THEIR RESPONSE TO THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT. WE'VE GOT TO GET AGREEMENT ON THE AIRPORT CORPORATION BILL AND WE'VE GOT TO GET AGREEMENT ON THE FSAS AND I THINK WHEN WE'VE DONE THAT, WE WOULD HAVE PUT ALL THE OUTSTANDING MATTERS INTO THE DRAWERS AS IT WERE AND WHAT, I HOPE, WILL SATISFY BANKERS AS WELL. IT'S THE FSAS WHICH ARE REALLY CRUCIAL WHEN THE MTRC AND THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY GO TO THE BANKS FOR ANY BORROWING THAT THEY REQUIRE. BUT THOSE FSAS SHOULD FOLLOW AUTOMATICALLY NOW THAT THE OVERALL MINUTE HAS BEEN SIGNED. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY AGAIN THAT I THINK WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP BUT THERE ARE MORE STEPS WE HAVE TO TAKE BEFORE WE GET TO THE END OF THE ROAD. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT I THINK THERE IS MORE RECOGNITION IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE OVER THE MONTHS AND YEARS EVEN WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT TO BUILD THE AIRPORT. THERE ARE 11,000 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE INVOLVED IN BUILDING THE AIRPORT. THEY'VE BEEN DOING A SPECTACULAR JOB AND I HOPE THEY WILL NOW GET ALL THE SUPPORT FROM THIS AGREEMENT AND FROM FUTURE AGREEMENTS ON THE AIRPORT WHICH THEY DESERVE. ONE MORE.

QUESTION: DO YOU CONSIDER IT FAIR FOR THE TAXPAYERS THAT BRITAIN AND CHINA AGREED HOW TO SPEND OUR MONEY WITHOUT EVER ASKING US?

GOVERNOR: I THINK THAT AS YOU KNOW, ANY EXPENDITURE, ANY INVESTMENT IN THE AIRPORT OF PUBLIC FUNDS HAS TO BE VOTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHICH REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND WHICH REPRESENTS THE TAXPAYERS OF HONG KONG. SO, THEY WILL HAVE VERY MUCH A SAY IN WHAT HAPPENS. I THINK THE BALANCE BETWEEN INVESTMENT OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY AND BORROWING IS A REASONABLE ONE. AT THE OUTSET, WE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO BORROW MORE MONEY AND TO HAVE A LOWER EQUITY INVESTMENT AFTER YEARS OF NEGOTIATION, WE ARE NOW PROPOSING AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF HAVING MUCH LARGER RESERVES, INCREASE THE EQUITY INVESTMENT AND TO REDUCE THE BORROWING. WELL, YOU CAN ARGUE THE SITUATION BOTH WAYS. WHAT I THINK MOST PEOPLE ARE RELIEVED TO DISCOVER IS THAT AT LAST WE'VE GOT AN AGREEMENT AND WE WON'T HAVE TO HAVE MORE PRESS CONFERENCES LIKE THIS, TALKING ABOUT THE AIRPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, INDEED.

## GOVERNOR'S COMMENT ON FANLING LODGE SECURITY

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AFTER RECEIVING HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES AT THE AIRPORT THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING:

GOVERNOR: HOW ARE YOU ? AS I THINK MANY OF YOU KNOW, FANLING LODGE DOESN'T HAVE VERY MUCH SECURITY BECAUSE THAT'S HOW WE CHOOSE TO LEAD OUR LIVES, AND THAT WILL REMAIN THE SITUATION. SO WHEN ANYONE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IS GOING TO STAY THERE AS THIS WEEKEND, A FEW HOURS BEFORE, WE PUT IN AS MUCH SECURITY AS IS NECESSARY, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, A PLATOON OF THE TACTICAL UNIT WHO SECURE THE PROPERTY AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS SECURE. THIS MORNING, SOME HOURS BEFORE THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT WENT INTO FANLING, A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WHO CLAIMED TO BE JOURNALISTS BROKE INTO THE GROUNDS AND BROKE INTO THE HOUSE. THE HOUSEKEEPERS, WHO'RE NATURALLY VERY WORRIED, ALERTED THE POLICE AND THE TWO GENTLEMEN WERE ARRESTED. IT ISN'T, AS YOU KNOW, THE FIRST TIME THAT PEOPLE HAD BROKEN INTO THE GROUNDS AT FANLING. IT'S HAPPENED BEFORE, THERE'VE BEEN PHOTOGRAPHS, IT'S A PLANK AND NO BIG DEAL BUT IT DOES CAUSE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF AGGRAVATION TO THE POLICE. POLICE SIDE INVESTIGATIONS ARE NOW GOING ON, AND ANY ENQUIRIES ABOUT WHAT'S LIKELY TO HAPPEN TO THE TWO ALLEGED JOURNALISTS YOU HAVE TO PUT TO THE POLICE.

BUT I'D JUST WANT TO MAKE TWO OR THREE POINTS. FIRST OF ALL, ANY SUGGESTION THAT THIS PLANK WAS JUSTIFIED BY CONCERNS ABOUT THE PRINCE OF WALES' SECURITY ARE, OF COURSE, WHOLLY SPURIOUS BECAUSE THE SECURITY WASN'T APPLIED UNTIL SOME HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE. SECONDLY, IT IS AN INCIDENT WHICH HAS INEVITABLY CAUSED A GREAT DEAL OF EXTRA WORK FOR THE POLICE, AND THIS HAS BEEN FIGHT CRIME DAY. I JUST HOPE THAT THOSE WHO GAVE THE THUMBS TO THIS ENTERPRISE WILL BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY THE EXTRA COSTS THAT IT HAS INVOLVED TO THE HONG KONG TAXPAYERS, AND THE AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL POLICE TIME WHICH HAS BEEN INVOLVED, TAKING POLICE AWAY FROM OTHER RATHER MORE RESPONSIBLE DUTIES. THIRDLY, OF COURSE, IF THESE JOURNALISTS HAVE TRIED THIS ON, IF THEY ARE JOURNALISTS, WHEN THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT WERE THERE, IT COULD HAVE LED TO AN EXTREMELY UNPLEASANT INCIDENT INDEED, AND THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN WHOLLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. FINALLY, THIS AFTERNOON I WAS SHOPPING IN KOWLOON BAY, MONG KOK AND PEDDER BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL. AND I WAS SHOPPING WITH ONE POLICEMAN AND MY FAMILY. AND WHILE I WAS GOING AROUND PEDDER BUILDINGS, SOMEBODY CAME UP TO ME AND SAID: "IT'S VERY NICE TO SEE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO AROUND WITH A LOT OF BODYGUARDS." I SUPPOSE THAT'S ONE OF THE PLEASURES OF LIVING IN HONG KONG. WELL, IT IS. I DON'T INTEND TO SPEND MY LIFE SURROUNDED BY BARBED WIRE, OR SURROUNDED BY UNNECESSARY SECURITY. THE POLICE HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO IN WHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST LAW-ABIDING AND SAFE COMMUNITIES IN THE WORLD. YOU KNOW, AS WELL AS I DO, BUT IF YOU'VE ASKED BY YOUR EDITORS TO SEE IF YOU COULD HAVE GOT INTO FANLING, YOU COULD HAVE PROBABLY DONE WITH NO TROUBLE AT ALL. IT DOESN'T SEEM TO ME THAT IT'S A RESPONSIBLE THING FOR ANYBODY TO DO. I BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY IN FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PRESS SHOULD BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY. AND I DON'T THINK THAT MANY PEOPLE WILL THINK THAT THEY'LL HAVE DONE SO ON THIS OCCASION, IF THAT IS THE GENTLEMEN IN QUESTION ARE FROM YOUR PROFESSION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

JOURNALISTS ENTERING GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY): "TWO MEN THIS MORNING ENTERED THE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE AT FANLING LODGE. AFTER WALKING INTO THE GROUNDS, THEY SWAM IN THE SWIMMING POOL AND THEN WENT INTO THE HOUSE.

"WHEN CHALLENGED BY A MEMBER OF STAFF, THEY CLAIMED TO BE HOUSE GUESTS. STAFF IMMEDIATELY ALERTED THE POLICE AND THE TWO MEN WERE SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN TO SHEUNG SHUI POLICE STATION FOR QUESTIONING. THE TWO MEN WERE LATER FOUND BY POLICE OFFICERS TO BE CARRYING DOCUMENTS CLAIMING TO IDENTIFY THEM AS JOURNALISTS.

"ROUTINE SECURITY WAS IN FORCE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. FULL SECURITY APPROPRIATE FOR THE VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES WAS IMPLEMENTED AS SCHEDULED LATER IN THE DAY, WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE ROYAL PARTY'S ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG.

"THE GOVERNOR AND MRS PATTEN HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY INTEND TO LIVE AS OPEN A LIFE AS POSSIBLE. THIS INCIDENT IN NO WAY CHANGES THEIR DESIRE AND INTENTION TO DO SO.

"THE GOVERNOR AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE COMMITTED TO UPHOLDING THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT JOURNALISTS ARE ABOVE THE LAW. THE MATTER IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE POLICE."

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POLICE FORCE TO BE STRENGTHENED: CS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE POLICE FORCE TO STRENGTHEN ITS CRIME FIGHTING CAPABILITY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING THE 1994 FIGHT CRIME CONFERENCE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MRS CHAN SAID SHE WAS PLEASED THAT CRIME SITUATION IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN CONTAINED AND THAT HONG KONG REMAINED ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN THE WORLD.

ON THE STRENGTH OF THE POLICE FORCE, SHE SAID THE NUMBER OF BEAT PATROL POLICE CONSTABLES WOULD BE INCREASED BY 400.

"FORTY-FIVE ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE RECENTLY RE-ORGANISED CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU AND ORGANISED CRIME AND TRIAD BUREAU."

THE NARCOTICS BUREAU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH 38 ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS TO STRENGTHEN ITS SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID SHE WAS GLAD THAT THE RECENTLY ENACTED ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIMES BILL WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIMES.

THE POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE GIVEN SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE POWERS AND THE COURTS ARE NOW EMPOWERED TO CONFISCATE PROCEEDS OF ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIMES, SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID THE POLICE WERE IN THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP A CENTRAL WITNESS PROTECTION UNIT TO IMPLEMENT WITNESS PROTECTION MEASURES AND A FULL WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAMME.

NOTING THAT EXAMINATION OF THE SECURITY AND GUARDING SERVICES BILL BY THE LEGCO BILLS COMMITTEE WAS ALREADY AT A VERY ADVANCED STAGE, MRS CHAN EXPECTED THAT WITH THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO REGULATE THE SOPHISTICATED AND FAST-DEVELOPING SECURITY INDUSTRY.

MRS CHAN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HAD ORGANISED NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES TO GATHER PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIME.

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FIGHT CRIME CONFERENCE STIMULATING AND INFORMATIVE

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DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS PRESENTED AT THE 1994 FIGHT CRIME CONFERENCE TODAY (SATURDAY) HAVE BEEN MOST STIMULATING AND INFORMATIVE, ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, MRS MIRIAM LAU.

THE BIENNIAL GATHERING, THE SIXTH OF ITS KIND, WAS AIMED TO PROMOTE LAW AND ORDER AND TO FOSTER THE COMMUNITY'S INTEREST IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

IT SERVED AS A FORUM FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (FCC) AND THE 19 DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON WAYS TO COMBAT CRIME.

MRS LAU SAID DURING THE SESSION, THE PARTICIPANTS HAD FOCUSED THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE FINDINGS OF THE VARIOUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE ON A RANGE OF LAW AND ORDER RELATED SUBJECTS.

THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED GREATER PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT; SOCIAL CAUSES OF JUVENILE CRIMES; PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CORRUPTION; MULTI-AGENCY APPROACH TO TACKLE CRIME; WITNESS REASSURANCE; AND ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIMES.

MRS LAU SAID THE VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD WOULD BE FURTHER CONSIDERED BY THE FCC AND THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT FOLLOW-UP ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AS APPROPRIATE.

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THE CONFERENCE, OFFICIATED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 400 FCC MEMBERS AS WELL AS CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TAKING PART IN THE SESSION INCLUDED THE CHIEF SECRETARY, ATTORNEY GENERAL, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON AND COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

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FS APPOINTS MS HELEN LEE AS SFC INSPECTOR

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR HAMISH MACLEOD, HAS APPOINTED MS HELEN LEE HO-YAN, A DIRECTOR OF ENFORCEMENT WITH THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC), AS AN INSPECTOR UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT MS LEE WAS APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN SHARES IN PARAGON HOLDINGS LIMITED.

SECTION 33 OF THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE PROVIDES, INTER ALIA, THAT WHERE IT APPEARS TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY THAT THERE IS GOOD REASON TO DO SO, HE MAY APPOINT ONE OR MORE COMPETENT INSPECTORS TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF ANY LISTED COMPANIES.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MS LEE WAS MADE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SFC.

IN RECOMMENDING THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY APPOINT AN INSPECTOR, THE SFC SAID IT APPEARED THAT THE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN SHARES PURCHASED DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 1 TO MAY 31 1993 MIGHT HAVE GIVEN RISE TO BREACHES OF THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE AND THE HONG KONG CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS.

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IMPACT OF AIRPORT PROJECTS OF INFLATION

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RESPONDING TO MEDIA REPORTS THAT THE AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY PROJECTS WOULD FUEL INFLATION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID:

"THERE SHOULD BE NO UNDUE STRAIN ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BECAUSE CAREFUL ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALREADY IN PLACE ON THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME FOR CONTRACTORS TO IMPORT LABOUR AS NECESSARY. THIS WILL OFFSET THE INFLATIONARY RISKS OF EXCESSIVE DEMAND FOR LOCAL LABOUR ON THE AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY PROJECTS.

"THERE IS ALSO NO REASON WHY THE AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY'S COMBINED PRIVATE SECTOR BORROWINGS OF \$23 BILLION SHOULD HAVE ANY INFLATIONARY IMPACT.

"THESE BORROWINGS SHOULD BE ACCOMMODATED WITHOUT ANY PRESSURE ON CAPITAL MARKETS. BANKERS ARE WELL AWARE OF THE BORROWING PLANS, AND WILL HAVE MADE THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS IN THEIR ADVANCE PLANNING. THE \$23 BILLION COMBINED DEBT IS ALSO A MUCH LOWER FIGURE THAN THEY AND THE CORPORATIONS HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PLANNING FOR."

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REZONING OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS SITE APPROVED BY TPB

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THE METRO PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS AGREED TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED MID-LEVELS WEST OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IN RESPECT OF A SITE AT 75 KENNEDY ROAD WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,000 SQUARE METRES AND CURRENTLY USED AS GOVERNMENT QUARTERS (THE HERMITAGE).

THE AMENDMENT INVOLVES REZONING OF THE SITE TO "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" USE TO REFLECT ITS EXISTING GOVERNMENT USE AND OWNERSHIP TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY FOR FUTURE GOVERNMENT USES SUCH AS OFFICES.

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ALLOCATE THIS SITE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OFFICE FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

THE SITE IS LOCATED AT THE EASTERN FRINGE OF THE MID-LEVELS AREA QUITE CLOSE TO SOME EXISTING "G/IC" DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS ON MACDONNELL ROAD AND KENNEDY ROAD, THE EXISTING HEAD OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO. LTD. AND THE COMMERCIAL/GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDINGS ALONG COTTON TREE DRIVE.

WITH THE EXTENSION OF JUSTICE DRIVE TO KENNEDY ROAD, THE SITE WOULD ALSO BE CONVENIENTLY CONNECTED WITH THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ADMIRALTY AREA.

THE PLAN IS EXPECTED TO BE EXHIBITED UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE NEXT WEEK FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS.

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FIRST ISSUE OF "COMAC NEWS" PUBLISHED

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FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS (COMAC) ORDINANCE (ADMENDMENT) BILL 1994 ON JUNE 24, 1994 WHICH, INTER-ALIA, PROVIDES FOR DIRECT ACCESS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE COMAC, THERE WAS A GREAT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.

FROM JULY TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR, THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES AND WRITTEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED WAS 951 AND 348 RESPECTIVELY WHEREAS FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER WAS 418 AND 57.

THIS REPRESENTS A TWO-FOLD INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES AND A SIX-FOLD INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WRITTEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.

THE COMAC OFFICE WILL RELEASE A MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT ON THE ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS RECEIVED UNDER THE "COMAC NEWS" ON THE FIFTH OF EACH MONTH OR THE FOLLOWING DAY IF IT FELL ON A SUNDAY OR PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THIS IS THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE "COMAC NEWS" SERIES. THE NEXT ISSUE OF "COMAC NEWS" WOULD BE PUBLICISED ON DECEMBER 5.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR PRESS ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS) MISS ANNA CHAN ON TEL 805 7015.

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BALLOTING OF TAXI LICENCES TENDERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN RESPECT OF THE CURRENT TENDERS FOR TAXIS (HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES) AND TAXIS (NEW TERRITORIES), A PUBLIC BALLOT WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 7), AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR, UNITED CENTRE, 95 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG, TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING TENDERS:

- \* 11 TENDERS OFFERING AN IDENTICAL PREMIUM OF \$1,719,000 FOR THE ALLOCATION OF NINE TAXI (HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES) LICENCES WHICH REMAIN AVAILABLE AFTER 291 OF THE 300 TAXI (HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES) LICENCES HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO TENDERS OFFERING A PREMIUM IN EXCESS OF \$1,719,000; AND

/\* 10 TENDERS .....

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\* 10 TENDERS OFFERING AN IDENTICAL PREMIUM OF \$1,095,000 FOR THE ALLOCATION OF EIGHT TAXI (NEW TERRITORIES) LICENCES WHICH REMAIN AVAILABLE AFTER 92 OF THE 100 TAXI (NEW TERRITORIES) LICENCES HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO TENDERS OFFERING A PREMIUM IN EXCESS OF \$1,095,000.

ALL THE TENDERERS INVOLVED HAVE BEEN DULY INFORMED IN WRITING OF THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS AND INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT THIS PUBLIC BALLOT.

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#### UNAUTHORISED WORKS TO BE REMOVED

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A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED THAT THERE ARE "11 UNAUTHORISED CANOPIES" ON THE 73 BUILDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LATE AUTHORIZED ARCHITECT MR. HENRY IP AND COMFORT CONSTRUCTION CO.

THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT RECENTLY CARRIED OUT INITIAL INSPECTIONS ON THESE BUILDINGS. THESE INSPECTIONS FOUND 29 CANOPIES ON THE BUILDINGS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT CLARIFIED THAT THE FIGURE "11" REFERRED TO "UNAUTHORISED WORKS" ON 11 OF THESE 29 CANOPIES. THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO REMOVE THOSE UNAUTHORISED WORKS.

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#### AUTUMN FAIR BY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) HELD ITS 42ND AUTUMN FAIR AT THE STANLEY FOOTBALL FIELD NEAR STANLEY PRISON TODAY (SATURDAY).

A VARIETY OF PRODUCTS INCLUDING ARTS AND HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS, STUFFED TOYS, RATTAN AND WOODEN FURNITURE WERE ON SALE AT SOME 30 STALLS.

THE PRODUCTS WERE MADE BY INMATES AT THEIR LEISURE TIME DURING THEIR DETENTION IN VARIOUS PENAL INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

WHILE TOURING THE FAIR AND MAKING FRUITFUL PURCHASES, VISITORS ALSO ENJOYED A RICH PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDING MARCHING DISPLAY BY TAI TAM GIRLS' PIPERS AND MARCHING TEAM; AEROBIC DANCE BY WAI YEE DANCE GROUP; CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE BY DELIAN'S CHINESE ORCHESTRA; WUSHU PERFORMANCE BY WUSHU TEAM OF HONG KONG WUSHU UNION; CHINESE DANCE BY SKH BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL; DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE CSD'S DOG UNIT; PARACHUTE DISPLAY BY HONG KONG PARACHUTE CLUB AND MARCHING DISPLAY BY CAPE COLLINSON BAND.

MRS V L MCCOSH, WIFE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1994

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,961	0930	+530
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,786	1000	+530
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+530
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+530	1130	+530
LAF TODAY	-705	1500	
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 120.8	*-0.1*	5.11.94

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