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Appointment of new Director of Immigration announced

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The Government today (Tuesday) announced the appointment of Mrs Regina Ip, currently Director-General of Industry, as Director of Immigration upon the retirement of Mr Laurence Leung Ming-yin.

Mr Francis Ho, currently Deputy Secretary for Trade and Industry, will take over from Mrs Ip as the Director-General of Industry.

Mr Tam Wing-pong, currently Deputy Director-General of Trade, will take over from Mr Ho as the Deputy Secretary for Trade and Industry.

The acting Chief Secretary, Mr Donald Tsang, expressed full confidence in the three officers.

"They are dynamic and competent officers who will bring their proven leadership skills to the new posts," he said.

"Mrs Ip has a wealth of experience for the Director of Immigration post, having been closely involved with a broad range of immigration-related matters in her previous capacities, like nationality, travel documents, right of abode and identity cards.

"Mr Ho is extremely well-versed in the trade and industry field, having been an Assistant Director-General of Industry for three years, and the senior Deputy Secretary for Trade and Industry since September last year.

"Mr Tam is experienced in the trade and finance fields."

Mr Tsang also thanked Mr Laurence Leung for his dedicated service in the Immigration Department in the past 31 years. Mr Leung has proceeded on pre-retirement leave earlier.

Following are the biographical notes of the four officers:

Mrs Regina Ip Lau Suk-ye, JP

Aged 46. Mrs Ip joined the Government in September 1975 as an Administrative Officer and was promoted to her present rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A in January 1996.

Over the years, Mrs Ip served in a number of branches and departments including Civil Service Branch, Home Affairs Department, the former New Territories Administration and later the City and New Territories Administration, Security Branch, Trade Department, Chief Secretary's Office and Trade and Industry Branch.

She was Deputy Director of Administration from 1990 to 1993 and Deputy Secretary for Trade and Industry from 1993 to 1995. She took up her present appointment as Director-General of Industry in September 1995.

Mr Francis Ho Suen-wai, JP

Aged 44. Mr Ho joined the Government in 1976. For the first three years, he was an Executive Officer and an Assistant Trade Officer. He joined the Administrative Service in September 1979 and rose to his present rank of AOSGB in January 1994.

While in the Administrative Service, Mr Ho took up a variety of appointments which spanned across the former Social Services Branch, the former New Territories Administration and later the City and New Territories Administration, the former Medical and Health Department, Health and Welfare Branch, Education and Manpower Branch, Constitutional Affairs Branch, Industry Department and Civil Service Branch.

He was Director of General Grades in the Civil Service Branch from 1994 to 1995. He has been the senior Deputy Secretary for Trade and Industry since September 1995.

Mr Tam Wing-pong, JP

Aged 48. Mr Tam joined the Government as an Executive Officer in July 1971. He became an Administrative Officer in November 1973 and rose to his present rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B in 1994.

Since joining the Administrative Service, Mr Tam has served in a number of branches and departments including the former New Territories Administration and later the City and New Territories Administration, Urban Services Department, Economic Services Branch, London Office, Secretariat of the Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service, Civil Service Branch, the former Monetary Affairs Branch and Financial Services Branch.

He was Deputy Secretary for Financial Services (formerly Deputy Secretary for Monetary Affairs) from 1990 to 1995. He took up his present position as Deputy Director-General of Trade in May 1995.

Mr Leung Ming-yin, Laurence, OBE, JP

Aged 55. Mr Leung joined the Government as an Immigration Sub-Inspector in 1965. Rising through the ranks, he became Deputy Director of Immigration in 1987 and was appointed Director of Immigration in 1989. Mr Leung has proceeded on pre-retirement leave earlier. He was awarded an OBE in 1992.

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Financial penalty imposed on CMB

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The Governor-in-Council today (Tuesday) decided to impose a financial penalty of \$8,000 on China Motor Bus (CMB) for its failure to operate Route 15 between Central and the Peak on September 8 last year in accordance with the directions of the Commissioner for Transport.

On that evening - the eve of Mid Autumn Festival - CMB failed to operate 40 per cent of the scheduled trips after 8.15 pm, including the last two trips from the Peak, resulting in some 200 passengers being stranded on the Peak during the early hours of September 9.

The financial penalty was imposed in accordance with section 22 of the Public Bus Services Ordinance.

Before putting the case to the Executive Council, the Commissioner for Transport, Mrs Lily Yam, had carefully considered representations made by CMB and was satisfied that the Company had had a reasonable opportunity to comply with the schedule of service in respect of Route 15 but had failed to do so.

Having regard to the seriousness of the incident, the Commissioner recommended to the Governor-in-Council that a financial penalty should be imposed.

To ensure that such penalties are not passed onto bus passengers, section 26A of the ordinance stipulates that they should be excluded from the calculation of operating expenses for the purpose of fare determination.

"This is the first time that a financial penalty has been imposed on a franchised bus company. The Transport Department will continue to monitor closely the operation of public transport services to ensure a satisfactory level of service to the public," said Mrs Yam.

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Results of development strategy review announced

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The Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands, Mr Bowen Leung, today (Tuesday) released for public consultation for about six months results of the Territorial Development Strategy (TDS) Review which provides a comprehensive planning framework for Hong Kong up to 2011.

A public consultation document on the "Territorial Development Strategy Review - A Response to Change and Challenges" was released by Mr Leung at a press conference which was also attended by the Director of Planning, Dr K S Pun, and the acting Director of Environmental Protection, Mr Mike Stokoe.

Mr Leung pointed out that in formulating strategic development options, two scenarios had been postulated to take account of the effect of development in China. Scenario A assumes the Pearl River Delta as Hong Kong's primary economic catchment while Scenario B includes both the Pearl Delta and other inner provinces of China as Hong Kong's economic catchment.

The TDS Review is built on a foundation of key assumptions. It is anticipated that, up to 2001, there should be sufficient capacity within current plans and programmes for a total population of about 6.5 million people.

For a medium-term time horizon up to 2006, additional strategic development areas could be required for planning assumption of about 7.3 million people.

Thereafter, up to 2011, it has been assumed for strategic planning purposes that the total population of Hong Kong could range between 7.5 million for Scenario A and 8.1 million for Scenario B.

Taking all growth needs into account, the TDS Review estimates that Hong Kong will need about 3,000 hectares of land - 50 per cent for urban uses and another 50 per cent for port activities - to meet the development needs by 2011.

Mr Leung said: "The 3,000 hectares of land over the long-term is equivalent to about 2.5 times the size of the new airport at Chek Lap Kok."

The TDS Review also recommends a medium-term strategy to meet housing and other needs for about one million people by 2006.

"In the TDS Review, we have considered very carefully all possible options including those which give more emphasis either on NT development or harbour reclamation.

"Having considered all relevant factors including land use, transport and environment, we have come to the view that neither a 'NT-biased' nor 'harbour biased' approach would satisfy Hong Kong's development needs.

"This is because both the Metro Area and New Territories have their own particular social and economic problems that need to be addressed in a positive way.

"In order to meet our fast development needs, the Review recommends a balanced approach in forming new land from the Metro Area and New Territories," said Mr Leung.

To achieve the above, a number of possible growth or development areas have been identified. They include Kai Tak-Kowloon Bay, Green Island Reclamation, Central and Wanchai Reclamation, Hong Kong Island South, Tsuen Wan Bay Reclamation, Tung Chung, Tseung Kwan O, Yuen Long South, Au Tau-Kam Tin, Whitehead, Lok Ma Chau/San Tin, rural NWNT, Tuen Mun-Yuen Long Corridor, Fanling North and Border Area.

"It will take a long lead time to produce new land and infrastructure as recommended in the Review. We need to consider views expressed in the public consultation and to commission a series of studies to assess various aspects of the development proposals before we can decide on the way forward," said Mr Leung.

The TDS Review reaffirms the recommendation in the third review of the white paper on the environment that a study on sustainable development in the 21st century should be commissioned as soon as possible to assess the various impacts of continuing development on the environment.

The Study was presented to Finance Committee on July 12 but was withdrawn because of members' reservations. The Government will respond and seek to re-submit it to Finance Committee as soon as possible.

Copies of the TDS Review Consultative Digest are available for collection from the Planning Department on 16th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, or any District Office.

Views on the Review should be sent in writing before the end of December to the Planning Department, Tel 2848 2402, and Fax 2877 0389.

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Infrastructure committee to hold plenary meeting in China

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The Infrastructure Co-ordinating Committee (ICC) will hold its fifth plenary meeting in Guangzhou on Thursday (July 18).

The British team will be led by the Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands, Mr Bowen Leung, and the Chinese team by the Director, Hong Kong Economic Department, the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the Chinese State Council, Mr Zhang Liangdong.

The meeting will receive reports from ICC panels and discuss the next stage of work of the main committee and its panels.

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Hong Kong Energy Statistics Annual Report 1995 on sale

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The Census and Statistics Department has published the Hong Kong Energy Statistics Annual Report 1995 which describes the situation of energy supply and demand in Hong Kong.

The report contains comprehensive statistical information relating to different forms of energy, including oil products, coal products, electricity and gas.

It also includes an overall energy balance which summarises the sources and uses of different forms of energy, and depicts their relationships in the energy transformation processes.

Regarding various oil products, statistics on list prices, storage capacity, tank stock, imports, re-exports, retained imports, average unit values of imports, and quantity of sales by type of user are presented in the report.

Figures on imports, re-exports, retained imports and average unit values of imports of selected coal products are given.

For electricity and gas, the report shows figures on tariff charges, generating capacity, production and consumption by type of user.

Annual figures for the years 1985 to 1995 are provided with respect to most of these statistics. In addition, quarterly figures for 1994 and 1995 are presented for selected items.

The report is already on sale at \$16 per copy at the Government Publication Centre, ground floor, Low Block, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong, and the Publications Unit of the Census and Statistics Department, 19th floor, Wanchai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Enquiries about the energy statistics published in the report can be made to the Industrial Production Statistics Section of the Census and Statistics Department on 2882 4171.

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83 convicted pollution cases in June

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A total of 83 convictions were recorded in the courts in June for breaching anti-pollution legislation enforced by the Environmental Protection Department.

Among them, 25 were convictions made under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance, 33 under the Noise Control Ordinance, 14 under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance, two under the Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance and nine under the Waste Disposal Ordinance.

The fines ranged from \$3,000 to \$75,000. Two companies received a fine of \$75,000 for their offences.

China State Construction Engineering Corporation was fined \$75,000 for permitting the use of powered mechanical equipment without a construction noise permit while Hong Kong Paper Mills Limited was fined \$75,000 for failing to comply with the requirement of a noise abatement notice.

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Exhibition of winning projects on civic education

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Members of the public are invited to the exhibition on winning projects of the inter-school civic education programme design competition (primary) which is now being held at the Civic Education Resource Centre.

An inspector of the Education Department, Mrs Fung Man Siu-hung, said: "The seventeen winning projects on display at the exhibition show the efforts of participating schools in organising effective civic education programmes.

"The exhibition also facilitates the sharing of experience among schools in the promotion of civic education."

Exhibits are now displayed at the Civic Education Resource Centre (Hong Kong), Room 307, 4 Pak Fuk Road, North Point, until August 10.

The opening hours are between 9 am and 12.30 pm on Mondays, 2 pm and 5 pm on Wednesdays and 9 am and noon on Saturdays.

The exhibition will also be held at the Civic Education Resource Centre (Kowloon), Room 502, 19 Hok Yuen Street, Hung Hom from August 19 to September 21. The opening hours are from 2 pm to 5 pm on Tuesdays, 9 am to 12.30 pm on Thursdays and 9 am to noon on Saturdays.

Interested parties are reminded that the exhibition will be closed in the event of school closure announcements by the Director of Education.

Further enquiries should be directed to the Civic Education/Religious Studies Section of the Education Department's Advisory Inspectorate on 2892 6517 or 2892 6516.

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Salt water cut in the New Territories

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The flushing water supply to all premises in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Chung districts will be temporarily suspended from 10 pm on Friday (July 19) to 9 am the following day for repair work on watermains to be carried out.

The suspension will affect Tsuen Wan and Kwai Chung districts including Upper Kwai Chung, Lower Kwai Chung and the Kwai Chung container terminus.

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Flushing water cut in Kowloon East

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The flushing water supply to all premises in Kowloon East will be suspended from 8 pm on Friday (July 19) to 7 am the following day to allow maintenance work on watermains to be carried out.

The suspension will affect Hung Hom, Ma Tau Wai, To Kwa Wan, Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon City, Tung Tau, Wang Tau Hom, Lok Fu, Wong Tai Sin, Chuk Yuen and Kowloon Tong, including the Hong Kong International Airport and Kowloon Hospital.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority tender results

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Tender date	16 Jul 96	16 Jul 96
Paper on offer	EF bills	EF bills
Issue number	Q629	H669
Issue date	17 Jul 96	17 Jul 96
Maturity date	16 Oct 96	15 Jan 97
Coupon	-	-
Amount applied	HK\$6,702 MN	HK\$4,370 MN
Amount allotted	HK\$1,500 MN	HK\$800 MN
Average yield accepted	5.28 PCT	5.48 PCT
Highest yield accepted	5.29 PCT	5.49 PCT
Pro rata ratio	About 77 PCT	About 40 PCT
Average tender yield	5.32 PCT	5.51 PCT

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

Tenders to be held in the week beginning July 22, 1996 -

Tender date	22 Jul 96	23 Jul 96
Paper on offer	EF notes	EF bills
Issue number	3907	Q630
Issue date	23 Jul 96	24 Jul 96
Maturity date	23 Jul 99	23 Oct 96
Tenor	3 years	91 days
Amount on offer	HK\$500+100 MN	HK\$1,500+300 MN
Coupon	6.80 PCT	
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Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

	<u>\$ million</u>	<u>Time (hours)</u>	<u>Cumulative change (\$million)</u>
Opening balance in the account	1,939	0930	+17
Closing balance in the account	1,936	1000	+17
Change attributable to:		1100	+17
Money market activity	+17	1200	+17
LAF today	- 20	1500	+17
		1600	+17

LAF rate 4.00% bid/6.00% offer TWI 124.4 *-0.2* 16.7.96

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF bills		EF notes				
Terms	Yield	Term	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	5.07	2 years	2805	6.30	99.89	6.46
1 month	5.15	3 years	3904	6.30	98.91	6.85
3 months	5.30	5 years	5106	7.23	99.43	7.50
6 months	5.49	7 years	7305	7.60	99.51	7.84
12 months	5.94	5 years	M502	7.30	99.10	7.69

Total turnover of EF bills and notes - \$8,918 million

Closed July 16, 1996

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