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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS REAPPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SIR S Y CHUNG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

ALSO REAPPOINTED AT THE SAME TIME ARE 24 EXISTING MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT A BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS.

ESTABLISHED AS AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY IN DECEMBER 1990, THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

- * TO USE HOSPITAL BEDS, STAFF, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY TO PROVIDE HOSPITAL SERVICES OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD WITHIN THE RESOURCES OBTAINABLE;
- * TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF HOSPITAL SERVICES BY DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES, SYSTEMS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES;
- * TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PATIENTS;
- * TO ATTRACT, MOTIVATE AND RETAIN QUALIFIED STAFF;
- * TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM; AND
- * TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM.

COMMENTING ON THE RE-APPOINTMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SIR S Y CHUNG AND OTHER MEMBERS, HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM IN THE PAST THREE YEARS.

"APART FROM ACHIEVING A SMOOTH INTEGRATION OF 36 PUBLIC HOSPITALS WITHOUT AFFECTING SERVICE DELIVERY, MANAGEMENT REFORMS AND NEW INITIATIVES ARE NOW SHOWING RESULTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THESE INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PATIENT-ORIENTED SERVICE CULTURE, REDUCTION IN OVERCROWDING AND WAITING TIME, BETTER HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT, CARING STAFF ATTITUDES AND IMPROVED PATIENTS FACILITIES.

"SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS ALSO BEEN MADE IN RATIONALISING THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOSPITAL SERVICE."

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE AUTHORITY WOULD KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE RE-APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GAZETTED NEXT FRIDAY (DECEMBER 3).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOLLOWING IS A MEMBERSHIP LIST OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD:

- SIR S Y CHUNG, GBE, JP (CHAIRMAN)
- DR CHIU HIN-KWONG, OBE, JP
- THE HON HO MUN-KA, MICHAEL
- MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, MBE, JP
- DR THE HON LEONG CHE-HUNG, OBE, JP
- DR LEUNG NAI-KONG
- MRS LEUNG LAU YAU-FUN, JP
- DR WILLIAM H P LEWIS
- PROFESSOR LI KWOK-CHEUNG, ARTHUR
- PROFESSOR THE HON FELICE LIEH MAK, OBE, JP
- MRS LING LI CHING-MAN, ELEANOR, JP
- PROFESSOR MA CHUNG HO-KEI, OBE, JP
- MR ANTHONY F NEOH, QC, JP
- MR NG SHUI-LAI
- MR JAMES C S RANKIN
- PROFESSOR KENNETH J SELICK
- PROFESSOR DAVID TODD, CBE, JP
- THE HON WONG HONG-YUEN, PETER, OBE, JP
- MR WOO KWONG-CHING, PETER, JP
- PROFESSOR YOUNG TSE-TSE, ROSIE, OBE, JP
- DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
- ADMINISTRATOR, HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
- DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
- CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
- SECRETARY GENERAL, HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

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MARINE DIRECTOR ATTENDS SHIP CONTROL MEETING

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR ALLAN PYRKE, WILL GO TO TOKYO TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO ATTEND THE FINAL PREPARATORY MEETING ON THE ASIA-PACIFIC CO-OPERATION ON THE CONTROL OF SHIPS AND DISCHARGES.

HE WILL BE JOINED BY SURVEYOR GENERAL OF SHIPS AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR JOHN YAN-CHI TSE.

THE MEETING IS HOSTED BY THE MARITIME TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY BUREAU, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, JAPAN, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE SHIP AND OCEAN FOUNDATION OF JAPAN.

IT WILL RUN FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 29) TO THURSDAY (DECEMBER 2).

EIGHTEEN MARITIME AUTHORITIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, INCLUDING THE BUREAU OF HARBOUR SUPERINTENDENCY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WILL ATTEND.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION, THE SECRETARIAT OF THE EUROPEAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, THE LATIN AMERICAN SECRETARIAT OF THEIR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PORT STATE CONTROL (PSC), INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION AND THE UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

"WE EXPECT THAT THE ASIA-PACIFIC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PORT STATE CONTROL (MOU) COULD BE FINALISED DURING THE MEETING AND WILL OPEN FOR SIGNATURE FOR PARTICIPATING MARITIME AUTHORITIES UNTIL MARCH 31, 1994," MR PYRKE SAID.

"THE MOU WILL THEN COME INTO OPERATION ON APRIL 1, 1994," HE SAID.

THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE MOU COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN APRIL 1994 IN BEIJING.

ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE MOU IS THAT EACH PARTICIPATING MARITIME AUTHORITY WILL HAVE ONE VOTE IN THE COMMITTEE.

"DECLINING SAFETY STANDARDS OF OCEAN-GOING SHIPS ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE SAFETY OF SEAFARERS, THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND THE VIABILITY OF THE SHIPPING BUSINESS," MR PYRKE SAID.

"GLOBAL CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT BY ELIMINATING SUB-STANDARD SHIPS," HE SAID.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HONG KONG, AS A MAJOR MARITIME CENTRE, SHOULD BE A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NEW REGIONAL COMMITTEE TO PURSUE THESE GOALS."

ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF OCEAN-GOING SHIPS OPERATING IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION CALL AT HONG KONG EACH YEAR.

"SHIPPING INDUSTRY WELCOMES HONG KONG'S EFFORT. IT WILL BRING CONVENIENCE TO THE SHIPPING COMMUNITY BECAUSE SHIPS INSPECTED BY ONE AUTHORITY ARE UNLIKELY TO BE INSPECTED BY ANOTHER WITHIN SIX MONTHS," HE SAID.

MR PYRKE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES HAD TO BE AGREED. THEY ARE:

- * WHICH MARITIME AUTHORITY WILL HOST THE SECRETARIAT THAT WILL WORK UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE MOU COMMITTEE;
- * HOW TO SHARE OUT THE FUNDING OF THE RUNNING OF THE SECRETARIAT;
- * TRAINING OF THE PSC SURVEYORS; AND
- * WHETHER THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION CONVENTIONS TO PROTECT THE WELL-BEING OF SEAFARERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE MOU.

AFTER THE MEETING IN TOKYO, MR TSE WILL ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "PORT STATE CONTROL - NEW SOLUTION OR NEW PROBLEM" IN LONDON ON DECEMBER 6 AND 7.

HE WILL DELIVER A PAPER ON "THE DEVELOPMENT OF PORT STATE CONTROL FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION".

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OWNERS TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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WITH THE ENACTMENT OF THE MAIN PROVISIONS IN THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, FLAT OWNERS CAN NOW PLAY A MORE ACTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

THIS WAS STATED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR JOHNNY CHAN, AT A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE, AFTER DUE AMENDMENTS IN MAY THIS YEAR, HAD CHANGED ITS TITLE TO THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE TO REFLECT PRECISELY ITS PURPOSES AND APPLICATIONS.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES WAS TO FACILITATE FLAT OWNERS TO FORM OWNERS' CORPORATIONS (OC'S) TO OVERSEE THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

IN ORDER TO ENHANCE FLAT OWNERS' SUPERVISION OVER THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE OC, IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROVISIONS ON THE FORMATION AND OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THE PROCEDURES OF CONVENING OC MEETING.

"THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE RANGE OF THREE TO NOT FEWER THAN FIVE PERSONS TO THAT OF THREE TO NOT FEWER THAN NINE PERSONS, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF FLATS IN A BUILDING.

"THIS PROVISION HAS ALLOWED GREATER PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION OF OWNERS," MR CHAN ADDED.

ON THE REMUNERATION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS, HE SAID THE ORDINANCE HAD STIPULATED THAT SUCH ALLOWANCES SHOULD BE APPROVED BY RESOLUTION PASSED AT A GENERAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH, BUT, NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN THE FOURTH SCHEDULE.

AS REGARDS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE BUILDING, MANDATORY TERMS ON HOW OC'S AND BUILDING MANAGERS SHOULD PROPERLY USE THEIR RESOURCES WERE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE ORDINANCE.

MR CHAN SAID THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS HAD ISSUED A CODE OF PRACTICE UNDER SECTION 44 OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE.

THE CODE STIPULATES THAT ANY SUPPLIES, GOODS OR SERVICES, THE VALUE OF WHICH EXCEEDS OR LIKELY TO EXCEED A SPECIFIC SUM, SHALL BE PROCURED BY INVITATION TO TENDER.

TURNING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE EXISTING LANDS TRIBUNAL TO HANDLE DISPUTES OVER BUILDING MANAGEMENT MATTERS, MR CHAN SAID THE JUDICIARY STILL NEEDED TO FINALISE THE MANPOWER AND RESOURCES REQUIRED TO COPE WITH THIS ADDITIONAL WORK.

"WHEN THE JUDICIARY HAS DECIDED ON THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ANNOUNCE THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE RELATED PROVISIONS AS WELL AS THE 10TH SCHEDULE," HE ADDED.

/THE SEMINAR

THE SEMINAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF HOUSING (HONG KONG BRANCH) AND HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF HOUSING, AND SPONSORED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

IT WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100 BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS, FLAT OWNERS, AND MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND OWNERS' COMMITTEES.

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COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB PRAISED FOR CONSERVING COUNTRY PARKS
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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TODAY (SATURDAY) PRAISED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) FOR HELPING TO CONSERVE COUNTRY PARKS.

IN LAUNCHING THIS YEAR'S CYC COUNTRY PARK ADOPTION SCHEME AT THE SPACE MUSEUM IN TSIM SHA TSUI, DR LEE SAID THE MEMBERS' HARD WORK AND SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY HAD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SCHEME AIMS TO FOSTER A SENSE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AMONG STUDENTS.

"CYC MEMBERS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN TREE PLANTING AND TENDING, APPLYING FERTILISER, WEEDING, PATH MAINTENANCE AND LITTER COLLECTION. THIS DEMONSTRATES THEIR CARE AND CONCERN FOR COUNTRY PARKS," DR LEE SAID.

IN VIEW OF THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT, FROM THIS YEAR THE SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED FROM A ONE-YEAR TO A THREE-YEAR PROJECT. IT WILL STRESS ON PERSISTENCE AND CONTINUITY IN PARTICIPATION.

HE BELIEVED THAT THROUGH A LONGER-TERM PROJECT, A CONSISTENT AND BROADER RANGE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES COULD BE OFFERED FOR CYC MEMBERS.

DR LEE SAID THE SCHEME HAD PROVED TO BE A POPULAR SCHOOL PROJECT SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1989. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAS INCREASED FROM 10 IN 1989 TO 70 THIS YEAR, INVOLVING SOME 4,800 STUDENTS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR HO CHI-LEUNG, SAID THE SCHEME HAD BEEN GAINING MORE SUPPORT FROM SCHOOLS.

THIS YEAR, A RECORD NUMBER OF 72 SCHOOLS TAKE PART IN THE SCHEME, WITH 420 STUDENTS ENROLLED AS JUNIOR COUNTRY PARK WARDENS.

SOME 5,000 PARTICIPANTS WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN 7,000 MAN-DAYS OF SERVICES, HE ADDED.

MR HO THANKED THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY FOR PROVIDING FORESTRY WORK TRAINING FOR PARTICIPANTS.

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SWD PUBLICISES FAMILY LIFE

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THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO STRENGTHEN FAMILY TIES FOR PROPER FUNCTIONING AND BETTER QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN WHEN LAUNCHING THE 1993/95 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN CENTRAL TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS HANDLED OVER 14,000 CASES INVOLVING FAMILY PROBLEMS LAST FISCAL YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF DIVORCE CASES HAD INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS, TO ABOUT 5,600 A YEAR.

"THE COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN HAS THEREFORE PROPOSED 'STRENGTHENING FAMILY COMMUNICATION WITH CARE AND CONCERN' AS THE MAIN THEME FOR THE CAMPAIGN," MR STRACHAN SAID.

AMONG THE 1,100 ENTRIES TO A SLOGAN COMPETITION IN AUGUST, TWO SLOGANS "OPEN THE WINDOW OF YOUR HEART AND SHARE OUR INNER FEELINGS" AND "A HARMONIOUS FAMILY PROVIDES WARMTH AND CARE" WHICH HIGHLIGHT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HARMONIOUS FAMILY TIES, HAVE BEEN SELECTED.

"THESE TWO SLOGANS WILL BE USED IN ALL OUR FUTURE PUBLICITY FORMATS," MR STRACHAN SAID.

A 13-PART RADIO SERIES "HARMONIOUS LIFE" HAS BEEN BROADCAST ON RADIO 5 EVERY SATURDAY SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER.

A TELEVISION DRAMA, WITH 13 EPISODES FEATURING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD ABUSE AND STUDENT SUICIDE, WILL GO ON AIR IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

ANOTHER SERIES OF RADIO PROGRAMMES IS BEING PLANNED.

"I HOPE THAT THESE RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES WILL CONVEY POSITIVE MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS-TO-BE, YOUNG COUPLES AND PARENTS WITH TEENAGE CHILDREN, ON HOW TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE FAMILY.

"THE FUTURE FOCUS OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS TO HELP SUCH GROUPS AND MORE INDEPTH GROUP COUNSELLING WILL BE PROVIDED," HE ADDED.

THE CLIMAX OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A PROGRAMME - "HIGHLIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY CUM MAJOR EVENT OF 1993/95 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN" - TO BE HELD NEAR THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,765
REVERSAL OF LAF	-820
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,945
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-234
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,711
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 113.8 **0.1* 27.11.93

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