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MORE SERVICES TO RELIEVE MTR CONGESTION

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MORE ALTERNATIVE MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COMMUTERS TRAVELLING ALONG THE NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY DURING THE MORNING PEAK HOURS FROM NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 1).

BEING THE SECOND PHASE OF A SERIES OF MEASURES TO RELIEVE CONGESTION ALONG THE CORRIDOR, THE NEW FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF A BUS-ONLY LANE ALONG WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE MORE NEW CROSS-HARBOUR AIR-CONDITIONED BUS SERVICES AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL AND EXTENDED FERRY SERVICES FROM TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN TO CENTRAL.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT APART FROM THE EXISTING FERRY SERVICES, AN ADDITIONAL SAILING OF ORDINARY FERRY SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED FROM TUEN MUN AT 7.45 AM BETWEEN MONDAYS AND SATURDAYS EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, AND THIS WILL BE EXTENDED TO WAN CHAI VIA CENTRAL.

ON ORDINARY FERRY SERVICES FROM TSUEN WAN TO CENTRAL, ONE ADDITIONAL SAILING WILL BE PROVIDED AT 8.05 AM. THIS, TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER SAILINGS AT 7.05 AM AND 8.15 AM FROM TSUEN WAN, WILL BE EXTENDED TO WAN CHAI VIA TSING YI AND CENTRAL.

TO HELP SPEEDY MOVEMENT OF BUSES FROM NORTHWEST KOWLOON TO CENTRAL KOWLOON, A BUS LANE WILL BE DESIGNATED ON THE EASTBOUND NEARSIDE LANE OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR BETWEEN YEN CHOW STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES TO THE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND SYCAMORE STREET FROM JUNE 1.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE BUS LANE BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 9 AM DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

TO TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF THE BUS LANE, KOWLOON MOTOR BUS AIR-CONDITIONED BUS ROUTE NUMBERS 258B, 258C, 259B, 259C, 260B AND 267S WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD ON THEIR WAY TO STAR FERRY.

IN ADDITION TO THE NEW CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE NUMBER 114 OPERATING BETWEEN SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIER AND THE MACAU FERRY PIER IN CENTRAL VIA TAI KOK TSUI FROM TODAY, FOUR NEW AIR-CONDITIONED BUS ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO STRENGTHEN SERVICES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES TO KOWLOON IN THE MORNING PEAK HOURS.

THESE ROUTES, OPERATING FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, WILL INCLUDE NO. 230X FROM ALLWAY GARDENS, TSUEN WAN TO WHAMPOA GARDEN, HUNG HOM; NO. 244X FROM TSING YI FERRY PIER TO STAR FERRY; NO. 268B FROM YUEN LONG EAST TO STAR FERRY AND NO. 271 FROM FU HENG ESTATE, TAI PO TO TSIM SHA TSUI.

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"SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL FARE OF \$0.5 WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR THESE BUS SERVICES UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THESE MEASURES COUPLED WITH THE PHASE I MEASURES INTRODUCED TWO WEEKS AGO WILL ATTRACT SOME 7,000 COMMUTERS WHO MIGHT USE MTR IN THE MORNING PEAK HOURS," HE ADDED.

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ACADEMY OF MEDICINE BECOMES CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR DOCTORS TO KEEP PACE WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELDS SINCE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THEY ACQUIRED IN MEDICAL SCHOOL WERE RAPIDLY OVERTAKEN.

OFFICIATING AT THE "WALK FOR THE ACADEMY - WALK FOR HEALTH" OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE AT TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK, SIR DAVID SAID THE ACADEMY WOULD HELP DOCTORS DO PRECISELY THAT, BY PROVIDING LOCALLY-BASED POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN A RANGE OF MEDICAL SPECIALITIES.

"DOCTORS WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AND UPDATE THEIR SPECIALISED SKILLS.

"THIS WILL ENHANCE THE ALREADY HIGH STANDARDS OF OUR MEDICAL SERVICES. IT WILL THUS BE OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID BELIEVED THAT THE ACADEMY WOULD ALSO BECOME A CENTRE OF MEDICAL EXCELLENCE IN HONG KONG AND THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME, ALL MEDICAL SPECIALITIES WOULD BE BROUGHT TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF.

NOTING THAT HEALTH WAS NOT JUST A MATTER OF CURE AND CARE BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SIR DAVID SAID ALL COULD HELP TO PREVENT ILLNESS BY LIVING HEALTHILY.

"AMONGST OTHER THINGS, THIS MEANS TAKING PLENTY OF EXERCISE AND FRESH AIR," HE ADDED.

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TV TO SCREEN CONDOM API AFTER MIDNIGHT

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AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (API) THAT ENCOURAGES ADULTS TO PRACTISE SAFE SEX BY USING CONDOMS WILL BE SCREENED ON TELEVISION FROM NEXT MONTH AFTER MIDNIGHT.

THE API SHOWS A CONDOM REMOVED FROM A PACKAGE AND A WOMAN IS TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE HER PARTNER TO USE IT. THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST AIDS THIS YEAR.

THE API HAS ALREADY BEEN SHOWN IN 14 LOCAL CINEMAS AND WILL BE SCREENED ON THE FOUR TELEVISION CHANNELS ONCE EVERY NIGHT BETWEEN 1 AM TO 5 AM FROM JUNE.

THE FIRST SCREENINGS ON THE TWO CHINESE TELEVISION CHANNELS WILL BE AT ABOUT 1 AM ON JUNE 2 (TUESDAY) AND AT ABOUT 2 AM ON JUNE 3 (WEDNESDAY) WHILE THE FIRST SHOWS ON THE ENGLISH CHANNELS WILL BE AT ABOUT 2 AM ON JUNE 2 AND 3.

COMMENTING ON THE SCHEDULING ARRANGEMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE THE API WAS TARGETED AT ADULT AUDIENCE, IT WOULD ONLY APPEAR ON TELEVISION AFTER MIDNIGHT.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE TREATMENT OF THE API WAS VERY EXPLICIT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF AVOIDING THE ISSUE OF SEX WHILE EMPHASISING THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFE SEX AND THE NEED TO USE CONDOMS.

THE API ALSO CARRIES THE MESSAGE THAT CONDOMS CAN PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST AIDS AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM THE SEXUAL EXPERIENCE.

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THREE-WAY COMMUNICATION CHANNEL NEEDED TO HELP STUDENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN RECENT YEARS AND A VARIETY OF THESE SERVICES ARE NOW EASILY AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE IN NEED, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (DESIGNATE), MR DOMINIC WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE GOOD HOPE SCHOOL, MR WONG SAID THERE EXISTED, MORE SPECIFICALLY ON BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS, A NETWORK OF GUIDANCE AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR STUDENTS INCLUDING THOSE SUFFERING FROM EMOTIONAL STRESS.

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"THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED A GREAT DEAL OF GUIDANCE AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS TO SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS, SUGGESTING WAYS OF HANDLING PROBLEMS," HE POINTED OUT.

ALREADY ESTABLISHED WAS THE WIDELY REPRESENTED ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO EXAMINE STUDENT PROBLEMS MORE CLOSELY, MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD:

- \* PRODUCE A SHORT FILM SOON TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE PROPER WAYS OF HANDLING EMOTIONAL STRESS AND TO THE REAL VALUE OF LIFE;
- \* CONTINUE TO ANALYSE EACH CASE OF STUDENT SUICIDE; AND
- \* SUGGEST FURTHER PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO TEACHERS AND PARENTS AS NECESSARY.

A GREAT DEAL HAD BEEN DONE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE DONE, HE ADDED.

"WHATEVER WE DO, HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANT AIM IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CONGENIAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS AND A THREE-WAY CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION TO ACHIEVE HARMONY," MR WONG SAID.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN TO ADOPT A POSITIVE OUTLOOK TOWARDS LIFE.

NOTING THAT EVERY ONE ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS SOMETIMES, HE SAID: "THEY ARE RARELY INSURMOUNTABLE. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN TO FACE THESE PROBLEMS.

"OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MUST REALISE THAT THERE CAN BE DIFFERENT WAYS OF SOLVING PROBLEMS, AND THEY SHOULD THEREFORE RATIONALLY ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THEM EITHER ON THEIR OWN OR SEEK HELP FROM EXPERTS AND RELEVANT SOURCES AS NECESSARY.

"SOMETIMES EVEN A DISCUSSION WITH FRIENDS, TEACHERS OR CLASSMATES WILL HELP," HE SAID.

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LAW ON PLEASURE VESSEL FUEL TO TAKE EFFECT  
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED OWNERS OF PLEASURE VESSELS THAT A NEW LEGISLATION REQUIRING THESE VESSELS TO USE DUTIABLE LIGHT DIESEL OIL FOR PROPULSION IN HONG KONG WATERS WILL COME INTO EFFECT NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 1).

HE SAID VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

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"THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR CONVICTED OFFENCE IS \$100,000 PLUS TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT, IN ADDITION TO FORFEITURE OF THE GOODS IN QUESTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXPLAINING THE LEGISLATION, HE SAID FROM MONDAY, MARKED OIL OR COMMONLY KNOWN AS INDUSTRIAL DIESEL OIL, WHICH IS EXEMPTED FROM EXCISE DUTY, WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED TO BE SUPPLIED TO PLEASURE VESSELS UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1992.

"THE CHANGE WILL NOT AFFECT OTHER TYPES OF VESSEL, INCLUDING FISHING VESSELS, AS MARKED OIL WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUPPLIED FOR MARINE USE OTHER THAN AS FUEL FOR PLEASURE VESSELS," HE ADDED.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE CHANGE, OWNERS OF PLEASURE VESSELS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO MARK CONSPICUOUSLY IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE -- "NO KEROSENE OR MARKED OIL IS TO BE PLACED IN THIS FUEL TANK" -- NEXT TO EACH INLET OF THE FUEL TANK OF THEIR VESSEL.

"A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM JUNE 1 WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THESE OWNERS TO USE UP AND CLEAN TRACES OF MARKED OIL IN THEIR FUEL TANKS."

HOWEVER, OWNERS OF PLEASURE VESSELS OF OVER 60 TONS NET REGISTER AND HEADING FOR AN IDENTIFIED PORT OUTSIDE HONG KONG CAN APPLY FOR REFUND OF THE DUTY PAID.

"AN APPLICATION FOR REFUND HAS TO BE MADE BEFORE OBTAINING THE FUEL FROM AN OIL STATION. A REFUND OF DUTY WILL BE DETERMINED AND PAID BY POST AFTER COMPLETION OF THE RESPECTIVE VOYAGE AND UPON PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ON THE NEW LEGISLATION MAY BE MADE TO SENIOR CUSTOMS INSPECTOR NG CHING-MAN ON 852 4831.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE HEARING ON UNIVERSITY

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THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE WILL RECONVENE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 1) IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

THE HEARING WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM.

INVITED TO THE HEARING WILL BE THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; SIR GORDON MACWHINNIE; MAJOR-GENERAL GUY WATKINS; AND THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS. THEY MAY RESERVE SEATS IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY OF THE CHAMBER BY CALLING 869 9492.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY (JUNE 1), STARTING AT 9 AM IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

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TUEN NG FESTIVAL A STATUTORY HOLIDAY  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT TUEN NG FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON JUNE 5 (FRIDAY), IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.

AT THE SAME TIME, JUNE 15 IS A FLOATING HOLIDAY, BEING THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, UNLESS AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY HAS BEEN FIXED FOR AN EMPLOYEE.

"UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FOR THE HOLIDAYS IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAYS," CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER, MR JAMES YEUNG, SAID.

"HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNING ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES," HE EXPLAINED.

"WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, THE HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNING DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY," HE ADDED.

MR YEUNG SAID IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE FOR AN EMPLOYER NOT TO GRANT AN EMPLOYEE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, AND THE EMPLOYER IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT PHOTO CONTEST

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ENTER A PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST TO CAPTURE THE EXCITEMENT OF THE DRAGON BOAT RACES IN SAI KUNG ON JUNE 5 (FRIDAY).

THE RACES, ORGANISED BY SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD OFF THE WATERFRONT OF SAI KUNG TOWN BETWEEN 8.30 AM AND 12.30 PM.

ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM A LAUNCH DURING THE RACES.

BOARDING PASSES TO THE LAUNCH WILL BE ISSUED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE 5R-SIZED AND NO ALTERNATIONS TO THE ORIGINAL PRINT WILL BE ACCEPTED. THERE IS NO LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES BY EACH PARTICIPANT.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED CASH COUPON, TROPHIES, AND CAMERAS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT KWONG MING COMPANY, 14 WAN KING PATH, SAI KUNG TOWN, AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE'S SUB-OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF PO NING HOUSE IN PO LAM ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O.

ENTRIES, TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO KWONG MING COMPANY BY JUNE 17.

ENQUIRIES AND RESERVATION FOR THE LAUNCH PASSES CAN BE MADE ON 792 1678.

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NEW DRAGON BOATS TO BE LAUNCHED IN TAI PO

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TWO NEW DRAGON BOATS WILL BE LAUNCHED AT AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 1) MORNING AT THE TAI WONG YEH SHRINE IN YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO.

THE BOATS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE TAI PO DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACES TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (JUNE 5) OFF THE WATERFRONT OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, LAST YEAR'S WINNERS WILL TAKE PART IN A DEMONSTRATION RACE.

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TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PO PUI-LEONG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY AT THE TAI WONG YEH SHRINE IN YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO AT 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 1).

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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	29.5.92	1,688 *
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	30.5.92	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

\* INCLUDES 700 MN O/N ASSISTANCE  
TO BE REVERSED ON 1 JUNE

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