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GOVERNOR VISITS BORDER

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, PAID A VISIT TODAY (THURSDAY) TO THE POLICE FIELD PATROL DETACHMENT MANNING THE EASTERN AND CENTRAL SECTORS OF THE LAND BORDER.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA AND THE REGIONAL COMMANDER, NEW TERRITORIES, MR TOBY EMMET.

SIR DAVID BEGAN HIS VISIT AT THE KONG SHAN POLICE POST WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE DETACHMENT.

" I AM DELIGHTED BY THE ENTHUSIASM WITH WHICH THE POLICE ARE ONCE AGAIN TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR BORDER SECURITY," SAID SIR DAVID. " THESE DUTIES ARE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FORCE TO DISPLAY ITS PROFESSIONALISM."

SIR DAVID TRAVELLED ALONG THE BORDER FENCE AND STOPPED AT SOME OF THE OBSERVATION TOWERS WHERE HE CHATTED INFORMALLY WITH OFFICERS ON DUTY. HE CONCLUDED HIS TOUR AT THE COMMAND OPERATIONS ROOM AT THE MAN KAM TO POLICE POST.

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TDC PRAISED FOR ITS EXCELLENT JOB

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THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT WITH FURTHER LIBERALISATION OF WORLD TRADE, THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC) WILL CONTINUE TO DO AN EXCELLENT JOB OF PROMOTING TWO-WAY TRADE FOR HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TDC OPEN DAY TO CELEBRATE THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL, MR BARNES SAID THE TDC HAD SPARED NO EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT IMPRESSIVE RESULTS IN PROMOTING AND DIVERSIFYING HK'S EXPORTS.

HE SAID OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS, HONG KONG'S ANNUAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAD GROWN BY NEARLY 40 TIMES TO OVER \$226 BILLION TODAY.

"OUR EXPORTS HAVE ALSO BEEN DIVERSIFIED FROM LABOUR-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURES FOR A FEW MAJOR MARKETS TO TECHNOLOGY-INTENSIVE HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCTS FOR A WIDER VARIETY OF OVERSEAS MARKETS.

"THE NUMBER OF PROMOTION EVENTS HAS INCREASED BY 17 TIMES," HE ADDED.

MR BARNES SAID THE TDC HAD ALSO MADE GOOD EFFORTS IN UPGRADING THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S PRODUCTS.

THE TDC-LEXUS AWARD FOR DESIGN INNOVATION PRESENTED TODAY WAS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY EXAMPLES WHICH DEMONSTRATED THE COUNCIL'S EFFORTS IN THIS ASPECT, HE SAID.

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ON THE OVERSEAS FRONT, MR BARNES SAID THE TDC HAD ESTABLISHED ITS PRESENCE.

APART FROM BEING REPRESENTED AT 34 LOCATIONS IN MAJOR BUSINESS CENTRES IN THE WORLD, THE COUNCIL HAD ALSO ORGANISED MANY AND VARIOUS KINDS OF PROJECTS TO PROMOTE HONG KONG'S IMAGE ABROAD.

"THE TDC AND ITS STAFF ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON ALL THESE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS," MR BARNES SAID.

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STALLED TRADE TALKS AFFECT MULTILATERAL SYSTEM
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A STALLED URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS HELD UNDER THE GATT COULD ENGENDER PROTECTIONIST INWARD-LOOKING MEASURES OR MOVES TOWARDS TRADING BLOCS.

THIS REMARK WAS MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T.H. CHAU, WHEN HE OPENED THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COALITIONS OF SERVICE INDUSTRIES AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

MR CHAU SAID THESE MEASURES COULD ONLY BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM WHICH HAD BEEN A POWERFUL ENGINE FOR GROWTH SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

"I HOPE THAT THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE SO FAR IN MANY AREAS UNDER NEGOTIATION WILL HELP TO FOSTER FURTHER PROGRESS IN GENEVA SO THAT THE ROUND CAN BE BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN THE COMING MONTHS," HE SAID.

TALKING ABOUT THE UNCERTAINTIES FACING THE URUGUAY ROUND AT THIS TIME, MR CHAU SAID THE DIFFICULTIES WERE WELL-KNOWN, AND HARD DECISIONS FACED ALL PARTICIPANTS.

"I REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT SUCH DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN SO THAT THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY THE URUGUAY ROUND CAN BE REALISED.

"BUT I AM CONSCIOUS THAT SOME MAY FEEL THAT THEY CANNOT TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO ENABLE THE ROUND TO MOVE AHEAD. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD SERVE NOBODY'S INTERESTS," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID HONG KONG MADE CLEAR AT BRUSSELS LAST YEAR THAT HONG KONG REMAINED READY TO NEGOTIATE A BALANCED URUGUAY ROUND PACKAGE, INCLUDING AN AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES.

"WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THIS TO BE IN OUR OWN INTEREST, AND IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL, AND WE WILL WORK TOWARDS THIS END IN GENEVA," HE SAID.

AS REGARDS TRADE IN SERVICES IN HONG KONG, MR CHAU SAID SERVICES ACCOUNTED FOR AROUND 70 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S GDP, AND PROVIDED EMPLOYMENT FOR OVER 60 PER CENT OF ITS WORKFORCE.

MR CHAU SAID SERVICES HAD PLAYED AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE WORLD ECONOMY SINCE THE 1970'S.

"IN JUST FIVE YEARS FROM 1985 TO 1990, WORLD EXPORTS OF SERVICES INCREASED MORE THAN 60 PER CENT.

"IN 1990, EXPORTS OF WORLD COMMERCIAL SERVICES WERE VALUED AT U.S.\$650 BILLION.

"TRADE IN SERVICES NOW ACCOUNTS FOR ONE QUARTER OF WORLD TRADE, AND IS IMPORTANT TO DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING ECONOMIES ALIKE," HE SAID.

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HK - NEW ENGLAND NETWORK TO FOSTER PARTNERSHIPS
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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, HAS ANNOUNCED THE SETTING UP OF THE HONG KONG-NEW ENGLAND NETWORK TO FOSTER BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MASSACHUSETTS.

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION IN BOSTON YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) AS PART OF A ONE-WEEK VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA, MR BARMA SAID HE HOPED SUCH A LINK WOULD HELP NURTURE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH PLACES.

THIS WORKING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MASSACHUSETTS FOLLOWED AN AGREEMENT IN HONG KONG LAST AUGUST WHEN GOVERNOR WELD AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT CONCLUDED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE OBJECT OF PROMOTING INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

MR BARMA SAID THE ASIA PACIFIC RESOURCE GROUP, A MASSACHUSETTS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY, HAD BEEN ENGAGED TO PROMOTE THE NETWORK.

EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR SUCH A WORKING ARRANGEMENT, MR BARMA SAID IN THE YEARS AHEAD, BOTH MASSACHUSETTS AND HONG KONG COMPANIES MUST FACE THE CHALLENGE OF WORLD-WIDE COMPETITION AND THAT STRATEGIC, WELL-BALANCED PARTNERSHIPS WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY USEFUL WAY TO BUILD A GLOBAL BUSINESS.

"OUR GOAL IN SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT IS SIMPLE: WE WANT TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR BUSINESSMEN IN HONG KONG AND MASSACHUSETTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD THEIR COMPANIES.

"WE WOULD LIKE THE NETWORK TO BE RECOGNISED, AND REGARDED AS AN EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR EXECUTIVES AND ENTREPRENEURS, TO EXCHANGE PRODUCTIVE INFORMATION AMONG THEMSELVES," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID HONG KONG AND MASSACHUSETTS HAD MUCH TO OFFER EACH OTHER.

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"MASSACHUSETTS HAS AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR INNOVATIVE COMPANIES WITH LEADING POSITIONS IN A WIDE RANGE OF TECHNOLOGIES.

"YOU HAVE A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH, LED BY YOUR FOREMOST ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.

"ALL OF THIS CAN PROVIDE HONG KONG WITH ACCESS TO IMPORTANT NEW TECHNOLOGIES," HE SAID.

ON OUR SIDE, MR BARMA SAID HONG KONG COULD PROVIDE MASSACHUSETTS COMPANIES WITH AN IMPORTANT REGIONAL BASE, AND A WINDOW WITH AN EXCELLENT VIEW ON THE FAST GROWTH MARKETS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

"INDEED, HONG KONG OCCUPIES A PIVOTAL POSITION AS A MAJOR FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CENTRE FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

"WE ARE ALSO THE GATEWAY TO CHINA, AND THE NATURAL CONNECTION FOR ANY OVERSEAS COMPANY WANTING TO DO BUSINESS IN OUR PART OF THE WORLD.

"WE HAVE BECOME NOT ONLY A PLACE TO INVEST IN OFF-SHORE ASSEMBLY, BUT ALSO A PLACE WHICH HAS GROWING CAPABILITY FOR HI-TECH MANUFACTURING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

"WE ARE ALSO SERVING AS A CONTROL, SUPPORT AND SERVICE BASE FOR MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS NOT ONLY IN CHINA, BUT THROUGHOUT THE REGION," HE SAID.

MR BARMA ADDED THAT THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS HAD A TRADITION OF INNOVATION AND BRINGING NEW TECHNOLOGY TO THE MARKET PLACE.

"YOUR EXPERTISE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BIOTECHNOLOGY OR IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD IS OF GREAT VALUE TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

MR EDWARD MORRISON, PRESIDENT OF THE ASIA PACIFIC RESOURCE GROUP, SAID THE NETWORK RESTED ON THE NOTION THAT - IN THE 1990S - THE FORMATION OF STRATEGIC ALLIANCES WAS A KEY TO BUILDING COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN GLOBAL MARKETS.

"BOTH NEW ENGLAND AND HONG KONG COMPANIES NEED WELL-DESIGNED BUSINESS COLLABORATIONS IN ORDER TO SURVIVE AND GROW.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE NETWORK IS TO FACILITATE THESE ALLIANCES. THEY CAN TAKE THE FORM OF DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS, LICENSING AGREEMENTS, R&D COLLABORATIONS OR JOINT VENTURES," HE SAID.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR JULY RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JULY 1991, ESTIMATED AT \$11,842.6 MILLION, INCREASED BY 20.7% WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1990, WHILE THEIR VOLUME INCREASED BY 13.1%, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET, SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 41.6% IN VALUE AND 33.0% IN VOLUME IN JULY 1991 COMPARED WITH JULY 1990.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS ROSE BY 29.9% IN VALUE AND 23.4% IN VOLUME. WITHIN THIS GROUP, SALES OF DEALERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 29.6% IN VALUE AND 18.0% IN VOLUME, WHILE SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR OTHER CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS ROSE BY 30.1% IN VALUE AND 27.4% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED BY 15.7% IN VALUE AND 9.9% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR FUELS WENT UP BY 14.5% IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 3.8% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 10.4% IN VALUE AND 0.1% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS (OTHER THAN SUPERMARKETS) FOR FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 10.2% IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 2.4% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR JEWELLERY, WATCHES AND CLOCKS, AND VALUABLE GIFT, WENT UP BY 7.6% IN VALUE AND 7.4% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR OTHER CONSUMER GOODS NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED WENT UP BY 36.9% IN VALUE AND 27.8% IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JULY 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 12.9% IN VALUE AND 5.7% IN VOLUME.

COMPARING WITH JUNE 1991, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JULY 1991 INCREASED BY 9.8% IN VALUE AND 10.2% IN VOLUME.

CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES ARE DERIVED FROM FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AFTER HAVING ADJUSTED FOR PRICE CHANGES. THE INDICATORS OF PRICE CHANGES USED FOR THE PURPOSE ARE THE RESPECTIVE COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE BROAD CATEGORY OF GOODS IN QUESTION.

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TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JUNE 1991 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JULY 1991.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN JUNE AND JULY 1991 FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS AND BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET, WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF JULY 1991 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1991 AND WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1990, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JULY OF 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 1991 RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 802 1258).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for July 1991 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$11,842.6 million
 for June 1991 (Revised Figure) = HK\$10,786.7 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR JUNE 1991 AND JULY 1991

(Monthly average of Oct. 89 - Sept. 90 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	June	July	July 1991 compared with June 1991		July 1991 compared with July 1990		Jan.-Jul. 1991 compared with Jan.-Jul. 1990	
		1991	1991	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)						
	Value	114.9	126.1	+11.2	+9.8	+21.6	+20.7	+13.0	+12.9
	Volume	105.4	116.2	+10.8	+10.2	+13.4	+13.1	+5.7	+5.7
(B) BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	Value	116.4	117.6	+1.2	+1.0	+10.9	+10.2	+14.6	+15.3
	Volume	102.5	102.5	‡	‡	-2.5	-2.4	+4.6	+4.9
Supermarkets	Value	123.8	120.8	-3.0	-2.5	+11.4	+10.4	+12.7	+12.6
	Volume	109.9	106.4	3.5	-3.2	+0.1	+0.1	+2.0	+2.0
Fuels	Value	121.1	125.1	+4.1	+3.4	+15.8	+14.5	+24.8	+26.0
	Volume	102.3	102.7	+0.4	+0.4	-4.1	-3.8	+5.2	+5.5
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	108.0	129.8	+21.8	+20.2	+38.2	+41.6	+17.9	+18.0
	Volume	95.7	119.1	+23.4	+24.4	+29.6	+33.0	+9.9	+9.9
Consumer durable goods ^a	Value	121.9	144.1	+22.2	+18.2	+33.2	+29.9	+14.0	+13.8
	Volume	113.4	134.4	+21.0	+18.5	+25.4	+23.4	+7.5	+7.4
- Motor vehicles and parts	Value	120.4	146.6	+26.3	+21.0	+33.5	+29.6	+5.8	+5.7
	Volume	107.5	130.8	+23.4	+21.7	+19.9	+18.0	-3.7	-3.6
- Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	123.0	142.2	+19.2	+15.6	+32.9	+30.1	+19.9	+19.9
	Volume	117.7	137.0	+19.3	+16.4	+29.4	+27.4	+15.6	+15.6
Department stores	Value	104.2	118.7	+14.5	+13.9	+16.1	+15.7	+8.8	+8.9
	Volume	94.0	110.6	+16.7	+17.7	+10.0	+9.9	+2.3	+2.3
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gift	Value	115.7	124.4	+8.7	+7.5	+8.8	+7.6	+7.6	+7.5
	Volume	115.4	123.4	+8.0	+6.9	+8.5	+7.4	+5.6	+5.5
Other consumer goods not elsewhere classified	Value	110.9	120.6	+9.8	+8.8	+32.5	+36.9	+12.8	+12.1
	Volume	104.0	111.9	+7.9	+7.6	+24.3	+27.8	+7.6	+7.2

NOTE : ^a This covers both "Motor vehicles and parts" and "Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts".

‡ Denotes a figure within ± 0.05

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STATEMENT ON 'HALCION'

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (THURSDAY) IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY CONTACTED THE HEALTH AUTHORITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE DRUG UNDER THE TRADE NAME 'HALCION'.

"THE ACTION FOLLOWED REPORTS THAT THE BRITISH HEALTH AUTHORITY HAS ORDERED THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE DRUG WHICH CONTAINS TRIAZOLAM.

"THE INFORMATION, WHEN RECEIVED, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE COURSE OF ACTION.

"THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM AS THE DRUG IS UNDER STRICT CONTROL OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE AND CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY PRESCRIPTION AND UNDER CLOSE SUPERVISION AT AUTHORISED SELLERS PREMISES ONLY."

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO OFFER WELFARE SERVICES TO STAFF

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LOCAL EMPLOYERS WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) ENCOURAGED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR WELFARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN A BID TO RETAIN STAFF, ATTRACT NEW RECRUITS AND FURTHER IMPROVE EMPLOYER AND STAFF RELATIONSHIPS.

THE PLEA WAS MADE BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, AT THE OPENING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SEMINAR TO INTRODUCE THE CONCEPT OF SETTING UP WORKBASED CHILD CARE CENTRE.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKBASED CHILD CARE CENTRES IS A GOOD WAY FOR EMPLOYERS TO BENEFIT THEIR EMPLOYEES," MRS GOODSTADT SAID.

SHE NOTED THAT IT WAS QUITE A USUAL PRACTICE IN SOME ADVANCED COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND EUROPE FOR EMPLOYERS TO TAKE PART IN OFFERING SOCIAL SERVICES, PARTICULARLY CHILD CARE SERVICES.

"THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE SEMINAR TODAY IS TO INTRODUCE THE CONCEPT AND SERVICES FOR WORKBASED CHILD CARE CENTRE - A NEW DIRECTION OF CHILD CARE PROGRAMME," SHE ADDED.

ATTENDING THE SEMINAR WERE ABOUT 100 EMPLOYERS FROM THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR, AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHILD RESOURCE INSTITUTE IN BERKELEY, THE UNITED STATES, MR KENNETH JAFFE, BRIEFED THE PARTICIPANTS ON THE ADVANTAGES OF SETTING UP WORKBASED CHILD CARE CENTRES.

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ALSO, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE SPOKE ON THEIR EXPERIENCES IN MANAGING THE FIRST WORKBASED CHILD CARE CENTRE IN THE TERRITORY.

MEANWHILE, UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR KENNETH JAFFE WILL HOLD A HALF-DAY SEMINAR FOR ABOUT 70 PERSONNEL FROM LOCAL CHILD CARE ORGANISATIONS TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

HE WILL SPEAK ON THE NEW DIRECTIONS OF CHILD CARE SERVICES.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS 1992-93
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THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED THOSE WHO INTEND TO APPLY FOR THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1992-93 THAT THEY SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY (OCTOBER 5).

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO A FIRST DEGREE OR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO A HIGHER DEGREE EITHER BY RESEARCH OR BY COURSEWORK.

APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE ANY SUBJECT OF STUDY OR RESEARCH AT ANY LEADING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ALL APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR CHOICE AND SHOULD BE OFFERED A PLACE SUBSEQUENTLY.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED TO POSSESS HIGH ACADEMIC PROWESS AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. THEY SHOULD ALSO DEMONSTRATE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG.

UPON GRADUATION, SCHOLARS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS.

THE VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP NORMALLY COVERS UNIVERSITY COMPOSITION FEE, A MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AND AN ALLOWANCE FOR AIR TRAVEL.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION NOTES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

- * STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY,
QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR,
66 QUEENSWAY.

- * STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY,
FIFTH FLOOR, CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING,
16 ICE HOUSE STREET,
CENTRAL.
- * EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
CAREER AND GUIDANCE SERVICE SECTION,
ROOM 206,
MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
30 LUEN WAN STREET,
MONG KOK.
- * YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING,
15 MIDDLE ROAD,
TSIM SHA TSUI.
- * THE BRITISH COUNCIL,
EASEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING,
255 HENNESSY ROAD,
WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 867 2735.

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MARINE DEPT HANDBOOK FOR SHIPPING COMMUNITY
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A HANDBOOK FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE SHIPPING COMMUNITY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO FACILITATE THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR MICHAEL C.C. SZE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT IT WAS HOPED THAT THE HANDBOOK WOULD SERVE AS A USEFUL GUIDE TO THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND HENCE RENDER THEM MORE "USER FRIENDLY".

"IT SHOULD ALSO HELP TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT AMONG OVERSEAS MARITIME ORGANISATIONS," HE SAID.

THE 100-PAGE HANDBOOK INTRODUCES THE FUNCTIONS AND ORGANISATION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE FEES CHARGED FOR ITS SERVICES.

IT ALSO CONTAINS A CHAPTER ON THE AUTONOMOUS HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION ON THE REGISTRATION AND SURVEY FEES AND THE ANNUAL CHARGE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A SHIP.

COPIES OF THE HANDBOOK ARE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE TO BOTH THE LOCAL AND OVERSEAS SHIPPING COMMUNITY.

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COPIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE IN ALL URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES FROM WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 9).

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY WRITING TO THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, HARBOUR BUILDING, 21ST FLOOR, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR BY TELEPHONING 852 4423 OR 852 4425.

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JUSTICE OF APPEAL DAVID STRONACH HUNTER DIES

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THE REGISTRAR OF SUPREME COURT, ON BEHALF OF THE JUDICIARY, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE DAVID STRONACH HUNTER, CBE, DIED YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON AT HIS HOME IN LONDON AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

THE JUDGE WAS BORN IN OCTOBER 1926 AND WAS EDUCATED AT HARROW SCHOOL AND HERTFORD COLLEGE OXFORD. HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR, MIDDLE TEMPLE, IN 1951 AND WAS MADE QUEEN'S COUNSEL IN 1971. IN 1979 HE WAS APPOINTED BENCHER OF THE MIDDLE TEMPLE.

FROM 1975 TO 1981, THE JUDGE SAT AS A RECORDER OF THE CROWN COURT AND IN 1982 WAS APPOINTED A HIGH COURT JUDGE IN HONG KONG. IN 1987 HE WAS APPOINTED JUSTICE OF APPEAL. HE WAS AWARDED CBE IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST 1991.

THE JUDGE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JANET AND THREE CHILDREN.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE HUNTER AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 7) IN COURT NO. 1 OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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HK STUDENTS JOIN INT'L COMPUTER CONTESTS

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A TEAM OF THREE STUDENTS WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG IN TWO INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD IN JAKARTA AND SINGAPORE NEXT MONTH AND IN DECEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

THEY WILL BE CHOSEN FROM 68 STUDENTS, NOMINATED BY 28 SCHOOLS, WHO WILL ATTEND A SELECTION TEST TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE IN HUNG HOM.

THE SELECTION BOARD WILL COMPRISE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COMPUTER SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTER EDUCATION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1991

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THE TWO INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE YOUNG COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS TO EXPLOIT THEIR PROGRAMMING SKILLS AND TO PROMOTE THE USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE SELECTION TEST WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE, 19 HOK YUEN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, HUNG HOM AT 2 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	2.10.91	893
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	3.10.91	-183*
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-110
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
*O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED		-293MN
OTHER FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED		+110MN
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX	111.8 *-0.2* 3.10.91	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND HKEE

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	2.10.91	3.10.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	3.86 PCT	3.99 PCT
1 MONTH	3.60 PCT	3.75 PCT
3 MONTHS	3.76 PCT	3.87 PCT
6 MONTHS	4.19 PCT	4.31 PCT
12 MONTHS	4.80 PCT	4.95 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	10,710 MN	12,375 MN*

* RECORD HIGH

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