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AMENDMENTS TO DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT PROPOSED

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PROPOSALS TO REMOVE WHAT ARE CONSIDERED "UNFAIR" CLAUSES IN DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT (DMC) HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE IN THE FORM OF A WHITE BILL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THREE MONTHS TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THIS ROUND OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION IS NECESSARY BECAUSE SOME OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE 'HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL', PARTICULARLY AS THEY WILL APPLY ACROSS-THE-BOARD TO ALL DMC'S," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THE BILL CONTAINS SOME MANDATORY TERMS WHICH SHALL BE IMPLIEDLY INCORPORATED INTO EVERY DMC, BOTH EXISTING AND FUTURE, AND SHALL PREVAIL OVER ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THE DEED THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THEM.

OUTLINING THESE MANDATORY TERMS, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THERE IS ONE ENABLING THE FLAT OWNERS, BY THE VOTE OF NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE UNDIVIDED SHARES IN THE BUILDING, TO TERMINATE THE MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT BY GIVING HIM NOT LESS THAN THREE MONTHS' NOTICE.

"NO MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT MAY, HOWEVER, BE SO TERMINATED BEFORE THE END OF ONE YEAR AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS LEGISLATION," HE ADDED.

"THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS MANDATORY TERM IS TO REMOVE THE UNFAIRNESS IN CERTAIN DMC'S THAT THE MANAGERS ARE APPOINTED MORE OR LESS IN PERPETUITY.

"IF THEY TURN OUT TO BE UNSATISFACTORY, IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FLAT OWNERS TO GET THEM REMOVED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE ARE ALSO PROVISIONS AIMING TO MAKE BUILDING MANAGERS MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF FUNDS AND KEEPING OF ACCOUNTS.

THEY INCLUDE A PROVISION REQUIRING A MANAGER TO PREPARE A BUDGET AFTER CONSULTING THE OWNERS UPON A DRAFT BUDGET.

IF THE OWNERS DECIDE TO REJECT THE BUDGET, THEN, UNTIL SUCH TIME A REVISED BUDGET IS PREPARED AND ACCEPTED, THE BUDGET SHALL BE THE SAME AS IN THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR, PLUS SUCH AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING 10 PER CENT AS THE MANAGER MAY DETERMINE.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT PROVISION CONCERNS THE RIGHT OF OWNERS TO ESTABLISH OWNERS' CORPORATION.

/THE BILL .....

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THE BILL STATES THAT OWNERS CANNOT BE PREVENTED BY THE DMC OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT FROM BEING REGISTERED AS A CORPORATION.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THERE WERE CASES WHERE THERE WAS A CLAUSE IN THE DMC OUSTING THE FLAT OWNERS' RIGHT TO INCORPORATE THEMSELVES UNDER THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE.

"CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN, IN DUE COURSE, AS TO WHETHER SUCH AN OVERRIDING CLAUSE IN THE LAND GRANT SHOULD REMAIN.

"IT IS AFTERALL THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

"THE QUESTION TO BE ADDRESSED IS WHETHER SUCH A CLAUSE IN THE LAND GRANT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECT OF THIS GOVERNMENT POLICY," HE SAID.

WHETHER THE PROPOSED CLAUSE WILL RESTORE THE CONSISTENCY OF GOVERNMENT POLICY IS A MATTER ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT, HE ADDED.

OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE BILL INCLUDE A FORMULA FOR DETERMINING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT THAT AN OWNER IS LIABLE TO PAY AS HIS SHARE OF THE MANAGEMENT EXPENSES.

IT ALSO RECOMMENDS THE PROHIBITION OF ANY PERSON FROM CONVERTING ANY COMMON PARTS OF THE BUILDING TO HIS OWN USE, UNLESS THIS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE OWNERS OR THE OWNERS' COMMITTEE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FREE COPIES OF THE WHITE BILL IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

COMMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST.

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MARINE PARKS AND RESERVES PLAN ENDORSED  
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THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS (SPEL) HAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE PARKS AND MARINE RESERVES IN HONG KONG ON GROUNDS OF CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND RECREATION, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG (MBAHK) IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DR LEE SAID RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT, ENTITLED "A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE PARKS AND RESERVES IN HONG KONG", WERE ENDORSED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD IN JANUARY THIS YEAR WHILE APPROVAL-IN-PRINCIPLE TO THE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY SPEL IN MARCH.

/THE REPORT .....

THE REPORT WAS COMPILED BY A WORKING GROUP COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM TERTIARY INSTITUTES, THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE, HONG KONG, MBAHK, AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND CHAIRED BY DR JOHN HODGKISS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

DR LEE SAID THE REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT HOI HA WAN IN SAI KUNG AND YAN CHAU TONG IN THE NORTHEAST SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS MARINE PARKS WHILE CAPE D'AGUILAR AS A MARINE RESERVE.

IT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SHELTER ISLAND AREA, SOUTH LAMMA, SOUTHWEST LANTAU AND PING CHAU TO THE NORTHWEST COULD BE SUITABLE FOR DESIGNATION BUT WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

WHILE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WAS CONSIDERED TO BE THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS, DR LEE SAID A MARINE PARKS AND MARINE RESERVES COMMITTEE WITH EXPERTISE FROM WITHIN AND OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SET UP FOR SUCH A PURPOSE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD.

ELABORATING ON THE THREE SITES PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION, HE SAID THEY WERE CHOSEN WITH GOOD REASONS.

HE SAID HOI HA WAN WAS ONE OF THE VERY FEW AREAS IN HONG KONG WHICH WAS STILL RELATIVELY UNPOLLUTED AND HAD RECEIVED EXTENSIVE RESEARCH INTEREST.

"OF THE 49 CORAL SPECIES HITHERTO RECORDED IN HONG KONG, 39 ARE FOUND IN HOI HA WAN. SIMILARLY, 50 PER CENT (31 OUT OF 63 SPECIES) OF THE LOCAL POLYCHAETE SPECIES ARE RECORDED THERE," HE SAID.

AS FOR YAN CHAU TONG, DR LEE SAID ITS COASTLINE WAS HIGHLY CRENULATE WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF LANDFORMS, ROCK CLIFFS AND BEACH TYPES RANGING FROM MUD FLATS TO ROCKY SHORES.

ITS REMOTENESS ALLOWED THE SITE TO RETAIN DIVERSE ECOLOGICAL NICHES MATCHED BY AN EQUALLY DIVERSE FAUNA AND FLORA.

MEANWHILE, CAPE D'AGUILAR IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF EXPOSED GRANITE SHORES FOUND ON THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH OF HONG KONG. SPECIAL GEOMORPHOLOGICAL FEATURES, SUCH AS DYKES AND SEA CAVES, ARE FOUND THERE.

APART FROM THE ADVANTAGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION, DR LEE ALSO SAW NEW HORIZONS BEING MADE POSSIBLE BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE PARKS AND MARINE RESERVES.

"FIRST, THIS PRESENTS A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR GOVERNMENT AND DEDICATED INTEREST GROUPS TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL, AND IN THIS CASE, CONSERVATION OF OUR MARINE HERITAGE," HE SAID.

THIS WAS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE UNDER THE PREVAILING GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND CONSTRAINTS, IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE NECESSARY MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES REQUIRED TO SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE PARKS AND RESERVES WOULD NOT BE GRANTED IN FULL AND ACTIVE INPUT FROM INTEREST GROUPS MIGHT BE NEEDED TO HELP OUT.

/"SECOND, THIS .....

"SECOND, THIS PROVIDES MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOVERNMENT AND TERTIARY INSTITUTES TO WORK TOGETHER AND RESOLVE PROBLEMS MORE COST-EFFECTIVELY BY POOLING RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE.

"FURTHERMORE, IT WILL HELP IMPROVE HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AS REGARDS CONSERVATION," HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, DR LEE STRESSED THAT THERE WERE STILL HURDLES TO BE OVERCOME BEFORE MARINE PARKS AND MARINE RESERVES COULD MATERIALISE IN HONG KONG.

"APART FROM THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, WE WILL ALSO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT TO ENABLE US TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE AND MAINTAIN THE PARKS AND RESERVES."

HE ESTIMATED THAT THE DRAFTING OF NEW LEGISLATION WOULD TAKE 12 TO 18 MONTHS.

DR LEE ADDED THAT THERE WAS ALSO THE NEED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION WHICH WOULD AGAIN TAKE TIME.

"I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT GOVERNMENT IS SINCERE ABOUT MARINE PARKS AND RESERVES AND WE ARE DOING OUR BEST," HE CONCLUDED.

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1ST QUARTER 1991 DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS  
CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN

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THE SIX MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS WITH THE LARGEST VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991 WERE : WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR; CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS; TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING; MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS; PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT; AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 80.8% OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991.

THESE STATISTICS WERE RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE ABSOLUTE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1990 WERE : CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+\$1,001 MILLION); MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS (+\$659 MILLION); WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR (+\$492 MILLION); AND TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING (+\$374 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991 OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 WERE : PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL (+19.2%); MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS (+15.4%); CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+12.4%); FOOD (+12.1%); AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+9.9%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SEVERAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1990.

AMONG THEM WERE : PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-\$515 MILLION OR -25.5%); LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND WEARING APPAREL (-\$45 MILLION OR -11.5%); FOOTWEAR, EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR (-\$42 MILLION OR -21.0%); TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (-\$38 MILLION OR -5.4%); AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (-\$35 MILLION OR -55.5%).

OUTSIDE THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM THE FISHING INDUSTRY DECREASED BY \$5 MILLION OR 3.8% AS COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICITY INCREASED BY \$56 MILLION OR 43.7%.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN ARE DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

AS FROM 1991, THE HONG KONG STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (HSIC), WHICH IS BASICALLY THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (ISIC) AFTER ADAPTATION TO CATER FOR THE LOCAL SITUATION, IS INTRODUCED FOR CLASSIFYING THE LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

THE HSIC IS TO BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) USED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS IN THAT THE FORMER IS MORE RELATED TO PRODUCTION PROCESSES WHEREAS THE LATTER IS MORE GEARED TO END USES OF PRODUCTS.

AS A MORE UP-TO-DATE AND STANDARDISED INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION ADOPTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE HSIC TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE CURRENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO ENABLES BETTER COMPARABILITY AMONG THE STATISTICS COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HSIC IN 1991, THE ABOVE STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991 ARE CLASSIFIED BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS BASED ON THE HSIC.

IN ORDER TO COMPARE THE 1991 FIGURES WITH THE 1990 ONES, THE VALUE CHANGES AND PERCENTAGE CHANGES BETWEEN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991 AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 FOR THE RESPECTIVE MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS ARE DERIVED AFTER RE-GROUPING THE VALUES OF EXPORT ITEMS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 ACCORDING TO THE HSIC.

THE HSIC-BASED STATISTICS MAY NOT BE STRICTLY COMPARABLE WITH THE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR EARLIER QUARTERS DUE TO THE CHANGE IN INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION.

CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN REFERRING TO THESE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN.

CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IN THEIR PRODUCTION.

IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH AN ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED IS NOT THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE EXPORT VALUE OF THAT ITEM.

HOWEVER, THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE ITEM HAS WHOLLY BEEN ALLOCATED TO THAT INDUSTRY.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE EXPORT VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE PART OF THE VALUE MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES AS SECONDARY PRODUCTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A TABLE ON FURTHER DETAILS OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED. IT IS ALSO OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 839 3223).

A TABLE SHOWING MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF SIMILAR STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, MARCH 1991".

/VALUE OF .....

**Value of merchandise domestic exports classified by industrial origin  
for the first quarter of 1991**

(Value in HK\$'000)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports			
	1991 1st qtr.	1990 1st qtr.	Value change	% change
<b><u>Agriculture and Fishing</u></b>				
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	2,142	2,359	-216	-9.2
Fishing	128,980	134,031	-5,051	-3.8
<b><u>Mining and Quarrying</u></b>	463	2,887	-2,424	-84.0
<b><u>Manufacturing</u></b>				
Food	472,414	421,359	+51,054	+12.1
Beverages	68,642	70,720	-2,078	-2.9
Tobacco manufactures	670,497	708,428	-37,931	-5.4
Textiles (including knitting)	8,676,868	8,302,734	+374,134	+4.5
Wearing apparel, except footwear	9,874,258	9,382,624	+491,634	+5.2
Leather and leather products, except footwear and wearing apparel	344,079	388,678	-44,599	-11.5
Footwear, except rubber, plastic and wooden footwear	157,934	199,831	-41,897	-21.0
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	128,869	141,713	-12,844	-9.1
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	1,349,318	1,227,970	+121,348	+9.9
Chemicals and chemical products	1,264,838	1,198,635	+66,203	+5.5
Products of petroleum and coal	1,574	1,321	+253	+19.2
Rubber products	28,379	42,523	-14,144	-33.3
Plastic products	1,501,804	2,016,418	-514,614	-25.5
Non-metallic mineral products, except products of petroleum and coal	100,312	108,003	-7,691	-7.1
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	2,030,525	2,061,401	-30,876	-1.5
Machinery, equipment, apparatus, parts and components	4,939,060	4,279,606	+659,453	+15.4
Consumer electrical and electronic products	9,093,501	8,092,288	+1,001,213	+12.4
Transport equipment	28,117	63,133	-35,016	-55.5
Professional and optical equipment	4,596,477	4,435,643	+160,834	+3.6
Other manufacturing industries	2,828,848	3,019,838	-190,989	-6.3
<b><u>Electricity</u></b>	185,309	128,964	+56,345	+43.7
<b><u>Miscellaneous items</u></b> (e.g. developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	27,246	29,015	-1,769	-6.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,500,454</b>	<b>46,460,121</b>	<b>+2,040,333</b>	<b>+4.4</b>

Notes : 1. Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding. All percentage changes are calculated from unrounded figures.

2. As from 1991, the above statistics are published by major industry groups based on the Hong Kong Standard Industrial Classification (HSIC). In order to compare the 1991 figures with the 1990 ones, the value changes and percentage changes between the first quarter of 1991 and the first quarter of 1990 for the respective major industry groups are derived after re-grouping the values of export items in the first quarter of 1990 according to the HSIC. The HSIC-based statistics may not be strictly comparable with the domestic export statistics classified by industrial origin for earlier quarters due to the change in industrial classification.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	30.5.91	380
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	31.5.91	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.4 \*+0.4\* 31.5.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
91-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

HKEI

ISSUE NUMBER -----	MATURING ON -----	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION -----	
Q115	10.7.91	390	+90
Q116	17.7.91	370	+110
Q117	24.7.91	558.5	-78.5
Q118	31.7.91	480	+0
Q119	7.8.91	428.5	+51.5
Q120	14.8.91	390	+90
Q121	21.8.91	435	+45
Q122	28.8.91	410	+70
Q110	5.6.91	20	+460
Q111	12.6.91	404	+76
Q112	19.6.91	375	+105
Q113	26.6.91	470	+10
Q114	3.7.91	567	-87

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
182-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

HKEJ

ISSUE NUMBER -----	MATURING ON -----	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION -----	
H164	13.11.91	190	+70
H165	27.11.91	200	+60
H004	12.6.91	120	+140
H005	26.6.91	220	+40
H101	10.7.91	53	+207
H156	24.7.91	170	+90
H157	7.8.91	159.5	+100.5

H158	21.8.91	200	+60
H159	4.9.91	80	+180
H160	18.9.91	390	-130
H161	2.10.91	170	+90
H162	17.10.91	134	+126
H163	30.10.91	133	+127

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
364-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

HKEK

ISSUE NUMBER -----	MATURING ON -----	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION -----	
Y187	26.2.92	250	+10
Y188	25.3.92	180	+80
Y189	22.4.92	200	+60
Y190	20.5.92	240	+20

AVERAGE DAILY TRANSFER FOR WEEK ENDING 31.5.91 WAS 5,474 MN

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DEFINITION OF 'HOSPITAL' IN THREE ORDINANCES TO BE AMENDED

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THE DEFINITION OF "HOSPITAL" IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE WILL BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE PUBLIC HOSPITALS MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDMENT IS TECHNICAL IN NATURE.

THE TERM "HOSPITAL" IS REFERRED TO IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE WHICH SPECIFIES THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH AN EMPLOYEE IS ELIGIBLE FOR SICKNESS ALLOWANCE AND PAID SICKNESS LEAVE DAYS.

THE TERM ALSO APPEARS IN THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

THESE TWO ORDINANCES RESPECTIVELY ESTABLISH A COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR PERSONS INJURED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND A COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR PERSONS INCAPACITATED AS A RESULT OF PNEUMOCONIOSIS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENT DEFINITIONS OF "HOSPITAL" IN THE THREE ORDINANCES COVER HOSPITALS MAINTAINED BY THE CROWN AND HOSPITALS REGISTERED UNDER THE HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES AND MATERNITY HOMES REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

ALL EXISTING GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITIONS.

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"HOWEVER, AFTER THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TAKES OVER THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS LATER IN THE YEAR, SUCH HOSPITALS WILL CEASE TO FALL WITHIN THOSE DEFINITIONS BECAUSE THEY WILL THEN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE CROWN AND WILL BE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES AND MATERNITY HOMES REGISTRATION ORDINANCE," HE SAID.

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "HOSPITALS" IN THESE THREE ORDINANCES TO ENSURE THAT WHEN SUCH HOSPITALS COME UNDER THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN THE SAME STATUS UNDER THOSE ORDINANCES AS THEY ARE PRESENTLY GIVEN, HE EXPLAINED.

THE THREE BILLS - THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1991, THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 AND THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 - ARE EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON JUNE 7, AND INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 12.

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FREIGHT TRANSPORT STUDY COMMISSIONED  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED A \$11 MILLION FREIGHT TRANSPORT STUDY TO INVESTIGATE THE SHORT AND LONG TERM FREIGHT MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND ACROSS THE BORDER.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PANG HAU-CHUNG, AND A PARTNER OF SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS, MR R.H. RAKUSEN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY WAS TO FORMULATE A FREIGHT TRANSPORT STRATEGY TO BEST SUIT THE FUTURE ROAD, RAIL AND WATERBORNE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AS WELL AS THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG.

RECOMMENDED MEASURES WOULD BE PROPOSED TO ACHIEVE THE APPROPRIATE FLEET SIZE OF GOODS VEHICLES, TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE MOVEMENTS OF GOODS, TO MEET THE PROJECTED GOODS VEHICLE PARKING DEMAND, AND TO MINIMISE THE ADVERSE IMPACT OF THE FREIGHT TRANSPORT INDUSTRY WITH RESPECT TO VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, ROAD SAFETY, HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND ENVIRONMENT.

THE 14-MONTH STUDY WILL COMMENCE IN JUNE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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COMPANIES URGED TO MONITOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

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THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED MAJOR LOCAL COMPANIES TO APPOINT THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR WHO WOULD HAVE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF THE COMPANY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "WASTE NOT, WANT NOT" CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY JUSCO KORNHILL STORE, THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG ENVIRONMENT CENTRE.

DR REED SAID THE ROLE OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH THE COMPANY'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND TO ENSURE THAT A THOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT OF THE COMPANY WAS CARRIED OUT.

"SUCH AN AUDIT NEEDS TO BE CARRIED OUT REGULARLY AND TO BECOME INTEGRATED INTO THE ROUTINE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY.

"BY DOING THIS, MAJOR COMPANIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG COULD SET AN EXAMPLE AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FIELD THROUGH THE WAY THEY CONDUCT THEIR OWN BUSINESSES," HE SAID.

DR REED HOPED THAT NOT ONLY INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING COMPANIES, BUT ALL COMPANIES WHETHER THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THE RETAIL TRADE, IN REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES OR WHATEVER COULD PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD.

"THERE ARE OF COURSE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH MAJOR COMPANIES CAN MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS SPONSORSHIP OF COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS OR HANDS-ON ORGANISATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES.

"THESE ARE ALL EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN STIMULATING COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT," HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THIS SORT OF LEADERSHIP WOULD DO MUCH TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG COULD LOOK FORWARD TO A MORE HEALTHY AND AGREEABLE PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND TO RAISE THEIR FAMILIES.

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MEASURES TO RECOVER FIXED PENALTY DEBTS

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO ENABLE THE COLLECTION OF ARREARS OF UNPAID FIXED PENALTY FINES AND RELATED COURT COSTS ON PARKING OFFENCES.

TO THIS EFFECT, A BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATER NEXT MONTH TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO REFUSE THE LICENSING OR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE OWNER WHO HAS FAILED TO CLEAR HIS FIXED PENALTY FINES.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS WHO DO NOT PAY THEIR FIXED PENALTY DEBTS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A RECORD OF ALL TRAFFIC CONVICTIONS OR NO CONVICTION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT UNDER THE FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1991, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT ON THE DIRECTION OF THE MAGISTRATE, WILL REFUSE TO LICENSE OR EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF THE DEFENDANT FOR SO LONG AS THE FIXED PENALTY FINE AND THE ASSOCIATED COURT COSTS REMAIN UNPAID.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL 1991 WILL EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO WITHHOLD THE ISSUE OF A RECORD OF ALL TRAFFIC CONVICTIONS OR NO CONVICTION UNTIL ALL FIXED PENALTY FINES AND COURT COSTS HAVE BEEN PAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDMENTS WOULD AFFECT ONLY A SMALL MINORITY OF VEHICLE OWNERS WHO HAD SHOWN A LACK OF RESPECT FOR THE LAW BY EVADING PAYMENTS OF FIXED PENALTY TICKETS.

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SPECIAL REVIEW ON SALARY STATISTICS OF MIDDLE-LEVEL MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

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THE MARCH 1991 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON THE SALARY STATISTICS OF MIDDLE-LEVEL MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.

THIS ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE METHODOLOGY USED AND SUMMARY FINDINGS OF THE ANNUAL SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES (EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SINCE 1984.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY IS TO COMPILE INDEXES TO MEASURE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES OF MIDDLE-LEVEL MANAGERIAL AND EMPLOYEES OVER TIME.

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ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF THE 1990 ROUND OF SURVEY, THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) IN JUNE 1990, WHICH MEASURES CHANGES IN SALARY LEVELS FOR THOSE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO REMAIN IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN BOTH 1989 AND 1990, HAD AN INCREASE OF 16.7 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1989.

THE ARTICLE CONTAINS STATISTICS ON MOVEMENTS OF THE SALARY INDEXES BY ECONOMIC SECTOR AS WELL AS BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP FOR JUNE 1984 TO JUNE 1990.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR SHOWED A RELATIVELY HIGHER PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN SALARY INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1984 TO JUNE 1990.

THE ARTICLE ALSO CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE PERCENTAGES OF EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY ENTITLED TO VARIOUS TYPES OF BENEFITS SUCH AS HOUSING BENEFITS AND MEDICAL BENEFITS.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$48 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND FROM THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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#### REVISION OF FEES UNDER BUILDINGS ORDINANCE

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THE BUILDING (ADMINISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 1991 AND THE BUILDING (OIL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1991, WHICH PROVIDE FOR A REVISION OF CERTAIN FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FEES INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION FEES FOR AUTHORISED PERSONS, REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND REGISTERED CONTRACTORS, AND THE FEES PAYABLE FOR EXAMINATION HELD BY THE AUTHORISED PERSONS' AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS' REGISTRATION COMMITTEE AND FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS.

THE FEES PAYABLE FOR THE ISSUE AND RENEWAL OF LICENCES FOR STORING OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN AN OIL STORAGE INSTALLATION WILL ALSO BE REVISED.

THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR CLIVE VINEY, SAID THESE FEES HAD NOT BEEN REVISED SINCE JANUARY 1986 AND THE COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES GREATLY EXCEEDED THE EXISTING FEES COLLECTED.

"SINCE THE SERVICES PROVIDED BENEFIT DIRECTLY THE PRIVATE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND RELATED PROFESSIONALS, THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT USERS SHOULD PAY FOR THE FULL COSTS INCURRED," HE SAID.

MR VINEY ADDED THAT THE REVISION WAS TO BRING THE FEES MORE IN LINE WITH THE COST OF THE SERVICES.

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HOWEVER, TO AVOID TOO DRASTIC AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE EXISTING LEVEL OF FEES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT THE FEE INCREASE SHOULD BE INTRODUCED OVER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, THAT IS TO CHARGE 75 PER CENT OF THE FULL COST IN THE FIRST YEAR AND 100 PER CENT IN THE SECOND YEAR.

THE SCHEDULE OF FEES WOULD BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PHASED INTRODUCTION OF THE FULL RATES AND ANY SUBSEQUENT INCREASE OR DECREASE IN COSTS.

THE INCREASE IN FEES WILL CONSTITUTE ONLY A SMALL PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL OPERATING COST OR BUSINESS TURNOVER OF THE AFFECTED COMPANIES. ACCORDINGLY, THE RESULTANT COST IMPACT SHOULD BE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE NEW FEES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JUNE 21 THIS YEAR.

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PR TECHNIQUES HELP CHANGE PUBLIC THINKING ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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PUBLIC RELATIONS TECHNIQUES, APPLIED THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA, HAVE ENORMOUS POWER IN CHANGING THE THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR OF THE COMMUNITY ON THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ORGANISED BY THE PACIFIC SOCIETY OF PUBLIC RELATIONS IN CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY THIS YEAR.

DR REED SAID THAT, OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN CHANGES FOR THE BETTER ON THE ENVIRONMENT SIDE, BUT HONG KONG WAS STILL FALLING WELL SHORT OF WHAT WAS NEEDED TO ENSURE IT HAD A PUBLIC ENVIRONMENT OF A STANDARD THAT MATCHED ITS PRIVATE PROSPERITY.

"THERE IS MUCH MORE TO BE DONE AND MANY DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES," HE SAID.

"HEAVY FINES AND IMPRISONMENT TERMS CERTAINLY HAVE A WORTHWHILE DETERRENT EFFECT, BUT OFFENDERS HAVE TO BE CAUGHT AND EVEN A SMALL ARMY OF POLLUTION CONTROL INSPECTORS CANNOT GUARANTEE TO CATCH ALL THE OFFENDERS."

DR REED SAID OUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO REDUCE THE GENERATION, IN THE FIRST PLACE, OF THOSE WASTES THAT CAUSED POLLUTION RATHER THAN SEEKING SIMPLY TO CONTROL THE DISCHARGE OF THESE WASTES TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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"IN ORDER TO HAVE SOME PROSPECT THAT PARTICULARLY THOSE IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WILL SEEK TO MINIMISE PRODUCTION OF WASTE, THESE PEOPLE NEED TO BE PERSUADED THAT IT IS IN THEIR OWN SELF INTEREST TO REDUCE THE GENERATION OF WASTE BECAUSE THEY CAN MAKE A LARGER PROFIT THAT WAY, OR THAT THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO REDUCE THE WASTES THEY GENERATE AND THE POLLUTION THEY CREATE.

"I BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC RELATIONS TECHNIQUES APPLIED THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA CAN PLAY A TREMENDOUS ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT THE CHANGE OF APPROACH AND ATTITUDE NECESSARY IF VARIOUS SECTORS OF OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, ARE TO START LOOKING FOR WAYS TO REDUCE THE GENERATION OF WASTES AND THE POLLUTION THESE WASTES CAUSE WHEN RELEASED TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

"IN FACT, IT IS NOT JUST INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, BUT THE INDIVIDUAL IN HIS OR HER DAILY LIFE WHO NEEDS TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE ENVIRONMENT," DR REED CONCLUDED.

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RECLAMATION AND DREDGING WORKS AT YAU MA TEI AND TUEN MUN

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RECLAIM LAND AT YAU MA TEI TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE PHASE III GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD MODERNISATION.

ALSO, IT IS TO DREDGE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,400 HECTARES OF SEABED AT URMSTON ROAD IN TUEN MUN TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

THE PROJECT AT YAU MA TEI WILL INCLUDE THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 0.7 HECTARE OF LAND AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 130 METRES OF SEAWALL AND TWO FINGER PIERS WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.3 HECTARES OF OFFSHORE AND SEABED AT YAU MA TEI.

WORK WILL START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY ABOUT MARCH 1993.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED IN THE TWO PROJECTS WAS DESCRIBED IN TWO NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORES AND SEABEDS INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE TWO UNDERTAKINGS MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE MAY 30, 1992.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

THE GAZETTE NOTICES, TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS, CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER.

THE NOTICE AND RELATED PLAN ON THE YAU MA TEI RECLAMATION CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, WHILE THOSE ON THE DREDGING WORK AT URMSTON ROAD CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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NT SITES OFFERED TO LETTERS A/B HOLDERS

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING REGISTERED OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A/B) TO TENDER FOR TWO SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FIRST SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 8,800 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT AREA 18, TSEUNG KWAN O, SAI KUNG. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 44,800 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.

THE OTHER SITE IS A 5,409-SQUARE-METRE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LOT AT AREA 22, TAI PO.

A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 16,300 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 48 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSSESSION.

APPLICANTS FOR THE SITES CAN SUBMIT EITHER A "VINTAGE" TENDER OR A "MONETISED LETTER B" TENDER CALCULATED BY REFERENCE TO A LIST OF CURRENCY VALUES PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON MARCH 15.

A "VINTAGE" TENDER WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOON ON JUNE 28.

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DTC REGISTRATION TO BE REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF DNB LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY WILL BE REVOKED WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 3 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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FEE REVISION FOR CITES RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATES

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A FEE REVISION FOR THE RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN RELATION TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

AN AFD SPOKESMAN SAID WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, THE FEE FOR A CITES RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE WOULD GO UP FROM \$65 TO \$110.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED MAINLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-EXPORTING HANDBAGS, SHOES, BELTS AND OTHER MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS MADE FROM SKINS OF SNAKES, LIZARDS AND CROCODILES; ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED PLANT MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS SUCH AS AMERICAN GINSENG ROOT; AS WELL AS HIPPO TEETH CARVINGS AND MINK COATS.

LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED A TOTAL OF 16,500 RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATES WHILE IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, 4,600 CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED, COVERING MAINLY MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF CROCODILE SKIN, MONITOR LIZARD AND SNAKE SKIN, AS WELL AS LEATHER GOODS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PREVIOUS FEE REVISION WAS MADE IN FEBRUARY 1986.

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FARMERS ON U.S. STUDY TOUR

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TWENTY LOCAL FARMERS WILL FLY TO CALIFORNIA TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO STUDY MODERN TECHNIQUES IN VEGETABLE GROWING, PLANT PROTECTION AND WHOLESALE MARKETING.

THE GROUP INCLUDES BOTH VEGETABLE FARMERS AND VEGETABLE MARKETING PERSONNEL.

SPEAKING AT A BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) HEADQUARTERS THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID BY ADOPTING SUITABLE TECHNIQUES OF ADVANCED COUNTRIES, LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WOULD BE INCREASED, MEANING MORE FOOD SUPPLY IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE ACCUMULATED FROM PREVIOUS STUDY TOURS HAD SET A GOOD BASE FOR LOCAL FARMERS TO GROW UP-MARKET EXOTIC VEGETABLES.

NOTING THAT CALIFORNIA AND HONG KONG HAVE SIMILAR CLIMATE AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTION ENVIRONMENT, DR LEE URGED THE FARMERS TO MAKE USE OF THIS TRIP TO FURTHER ENHANCE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES IN GROWING EXOTIC VEGETABLES.

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HE HOPED THE GROUP WOULD SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR FELLOW FARMERS THERE AND THUS JOINTLY PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF VEGETABLE PRODUCTION IN HONG KONG.

ACCOMPANIED BY AFD'S AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, MR NG SOO-HA, AND THE SENIOR MANAGER OF THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION (VMO), MR EDWARD LAI, THE GROUP WILL VISIT VEGETABLE FARMS, GREENHOUSES, WHOLESALE MARKETS, SEED COMPANIES AND FARM EQUIPMENT DEALERS DURING THEIR 12-DAY TOUR.

THE OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR, THE 14TH SINCE 1977, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY AFD, VMO AND THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

PREVIOUS DESTINATIONS INCLUDED THE UK, JAPAN, THE U.S., AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE.

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TMDB REPRESENTATIVE TO RC ELECTED

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING ELECTED MR SO SHIU-SHING AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

MR SO WAS ONE OF TWO NOMINEES IN THE ELECTION.

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RS URGES YOUNGSTERS TO TAKE UP CREATIVE WRITING

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN TODAY (FRIDAY) ENCOURAGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE UP CREATIVE WRITING.

"THIS WILL HELP YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS PIVOTAL TO THEIR BECOMING GOOD CITIZENS," HE SAID.

MR LAN MADE THE REMARKS WHEN HE TALKED WITH THE FINALISTS AND ADJUDICATORS OF THE CREATIVE STORY WRITING COMPETITION AT THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

THE COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION AS PART OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS SPONSORED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PAINTING EXHIBITION AT KOWLOON PARK

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (ECC) INVITES PARENTS AND CHILDREN, STUDENTS AND ALL THOSE WHO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TO SHARE A FUN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE KOWLOON PARK PIAZZA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ECC SAID.

THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION OF 50 OUTSTANDING PAINTINGS SELECTED FROM MORE THAN 1,400 ENTRIES SUBMITTED FOR THE "1991 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - STUDENT PAINTING COMPETITION".

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO BE TREATED A SPECIAL CHILDREN VARIETY SHOW PRODUCED BY THE ATV'S "TIGER UNIT".

A ECC SPOKESMAN SAID THE 1991 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - STUDENT PAINTING COMPETITION PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, EXHIBITION CUM ATV'S CHILDREN VARIETY SHOW WAS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES THE ECC ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON JUNE 5.

"ALSO ON DISPLAY IS A SET OF NINE WINNING MODELS SELECTED FROM A PREVIOUS 'DRESS UP OUR ENVIRONMENT' STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY MOBIL OIL HK LTD," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A PAINTING COMPETITION PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ECC CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR S.W. WONG; DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ATV, MR STANISLAUS TSAO; AND THE CONVENER OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY EVENTS, MR LAU KONG-WAH.

"THE COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MOBIL OIL HONG KONG LIMITED, ATLANTA SPORTSWEAR LTD, JUSCO STORES (HONG KONG) CO LTD, SHUN HING JVC LTD, AND WING FUNG P & P CO," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY CUM EXHIBITION AND CHILDREN VARIETY SHOW ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT KOWLOON PARK PIAZZA, TSIM SHA TSUI.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE THERE BEFORE 2.15 PM.

AN ADJUDICATOR OF THE COMPETITION, MR WATER POON, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE STUDENT PARTICIPANTS.

A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE PAINTING ADJUDICATION WILL BE BOXED.

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A SECTION OF ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD TO BE REBUILT

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT RESURFACING AND RECONSTRUCTION WORKS ON A SECTION OF ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH YUE KWONG ROAD NEAR HOY AU LAU TO ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE LOWER SECTION OF ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH YUE KWONG ROAD NEAR TIN FAI HOUSE TO ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

THE UPPER SECTION OF ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH YUE KWONG ROAD WILL BE RESURFACED TO IMPROVE SURFACE FRICTION.

THE STORM WATER DRAINS AT THE LOWER SECTION WILL ALSO BE UPGRADED.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN MONG KOK TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AT THE ROOF OVER THE 12TH FLOOR OF FOOK TAI BUILDING AT 24-26 SOY STREET, MONG KOK SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON AUGUST 2 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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IMPROVEMENT TO FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN, HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE RESURFACING OF THE EXISTING GAMES AREA MEASURING ABOUT 2,000 SQUARE METRES, THE PROVISION OF NEW ARBOURS WITH CONCRETE BENCHES AND A STORE ROOM.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 28.

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REMOVAL OF SWD OFFICES

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THE SAI KUNG FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) MOVED TO PO LAM ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE OFFICE, SITUATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF PO NING HOUSE, WILL CONTINUE SERVING SAI KUNG RESIDENTS ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ENQUIRIES ARE 701 9224 AND 701 9495.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT'S YUEN LONG (WEST) SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT HAS MOVED TO 12TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OFFICE IS 443 2543.

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