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GOVERNOR TO VISIT JAPAN

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO JAPAN FROM NOVEMBER 25 TO 28 AT THE INVITATION OF THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

DURING THE VISIT HE WILL MEET THE PRIME MINISTER, MR MIYAZAWA, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR WATANABE, AS WELL AS OTHER SENIOR JAPANESE POLITICIANS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LEADING BUSINESSMEN, INCLUDING THE INFLUENTIAL KEIDANREN BUSINESS ORGANISATION.

MR PATTEN WILL ALSO LEND HIS PERSONAL SUPPORT TO THE WORK OF AN 11-MEMBER HONG KONG ECONOMIC MISSION HEADED BY BARONESS DUNN, WHICH WILL BE TRAVELLING TO TOKYO AT THE SAME TIME.

THE MISSION MEMBERS INCLUDE MR TUNG CHEE-HWA, CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ORIENT OVERSEAS (HOLDINGS); DR VICTOR FUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE TDC; SIR Q W LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE HANG SENG BANK; AND MR T H CHAU, SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 26) MORNING, THE GOVERNOR WILL ADDRESS THE 15TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN, JAPAN-HONG KONG BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES.

THE COMMITTEES WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1979 TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES OF HONG KONG AND JAPAN AND TO PROMOTE TRADE, INVESTMENT AND OTHER ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES.

MR PATTEN WILL ADDRESS A LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 600 GUESTS, BEFORE GOING ON TO THE JAPAN NATIONAL PRESS CLUB FOR A MEDIA CONFERENCE.

FOR THE GOVERNOR, IT WILL BE HIS THIRD OVERSEAS VISIT IN AS MANY WEEKS, AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LONG-ESTABLISHED POLICY OF PROMOTING HONG KONG AS ASIA'S BUSINESS CENTRE.

JAPAN IS ONE OF THE TOP THREE FOREIGN INVESTORS IN HONG KONG WITH ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE ASSETS TOTALLING SOME US\$10 BILLION IN THE TERRITORY.

THE GOVERNOR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS PATTEN; THE INFORMATION CO-ORDINATOR, MR MIKE HANSON; PERSONAL ADVISER, MR MARTIN DINHAM; AND DEPUTY PRIVATE SECRETARY, MS ANNE SHEPHERD.

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GOVT TO ENCOURAGE MORE CONSCIOUS USE OF ELECTRICITY: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO BE MORE CONSCIOUS OF HOW THEY USE ELECTRICITY AT HOME AND IN THE OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR. PATTEN ALSO SAID THE TWO HONG KONG POWER COMPANIES WERE DRAWING UP MEASURES TO PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NINTH CONFERENCE ON ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY INDUSTRY ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY OF EAST ASIA AND THE WESTERN PACIFIC.

HE SAID THERE WAS CLEARLY A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY AND THE DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY.

UNLIKE MANY OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD WHERE THE HEADLINES COMPLAIN OF RECESSION, HONG KONG ENJOYS GROWTH, MR PATTEN SAID.

"WE WILL WORK WITH THE POWER COMPANIES TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR GROWTH IS NOT HINDERED," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID BY THE END OF THE DECADE, HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD BE USING ELECTRICITY GENERATED FROM COAL, OIL, NATURAL GAS, NUCLEAR AND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SOURCES.

"THAT'S NOT BAD FOR A TERRITORY OF ONLY 440 SQUARE MILES WITH NO ENERGY RESOURCES OF ITS OWN," MR PATTEN SAID.

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LAW REFORM COMMISSION PROPOSES NEW CONCEPTS TO ARREST LAW

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THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THE INTRODUCTION OF A NUMBER OF NEW CONCEPTS TO THE LAW GOVERNING POLICE POWERS OF ARREST AND DETENTION AIMED AT MAINTAINING A FAIR AND PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN LAW AND ORDER AND THE LIBERTY OF THE SUBJECT.

THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS ARE BROADLY BASED ON THE UNITED KINGDOM POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984 (PACE) WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS TO SUIT THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

THE SECRETARY OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION, MR STUART STOKER, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE COMMISSION BELIEVED THAT HONG KONG WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE INTRODUCTION OF CLEAR LEGISLATION, EASILY UNDERSTOOD AND ACCESSIBLE BY BOTH THE POLICE AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

/THE PROPOSALS .....

THE PROPOSALS INCLUDE THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL POLICE STATIONS FOR DETAINING SUSPECTS, THE INTRODUCTION OF A PROCEDURE TO REVIEW A PERSON'S DETENTION, A DEFINITION OF ARRESTABLE AND SERIOUS ARRESTABLE OFFENCES, AND CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS SUBJECT TO LEGAL PRIVILEGE AND MATERIALS TO WHICH THE POLICE CANNOT GAIN ACCESS WITHOUT FOLLOWING SPECIAL PROCEDURES.

THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE POWER TO ESTABLISH A ROAD CHECK SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN RELATION TO AN ARRESTABLE OFFENCE AND THAT THE EXISTING POWER OF THE POLICE TO CARRY OUT RANDOM IDENTITY CHECKS WITHOUT THE NEED FOR ANY SUSPICION SHOULD BE RETAINED IN ORDER TO CONTROL ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

ON DETENTION OF SUSPECTS, THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED A DETAILED SET OF PROVISIONS SETTING OUT THE PERIODS FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY BE DETAINED BEFORE OR AFTER CHARGE.

THE PUBLICATION TODAY OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S REPORT ON ARREST FOLLOWS ALMOST FOUR YEARS' WORK BY A SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR JUSTICE PENLINGTON.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT WAS ITSELF THE SUBJECT OF DETAILED CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE KEY PROVISIONS OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS:

1. DESIGNATED POLICE STATIONS  
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ONLY THOSE POLICE STATIONS WHICH HAVE PROPER ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES ARE TO BE DESIGNATED AS STATIONS TO WHICH PERSONS WHOSE DETENTION WILL LAST MORE THAN SIX HOURS MUST BE TAKEN.

2. CUSTODY OFFICERS  
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EVERY DESIGNATED POLICE STATION MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE CUSTODY OFFICER OF THE RANK OF SERGEANT OR ABOVE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE RELATED OFFENCE. THE CUSTODY OFFICER WILL KEEP A DETAILED WRITTEN RECORD OF SUCH MATTERS AS THE GROUNDS FOR DETENTION AND DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT A PERSON'S CONTINUED DETENTION IS JUSTIFIED.

3. REVIEW OFFICERS  
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PERIODIC REVIEWS OF A PERSON'S DETENTION MUST BE CARRIED OUT BY A REVIEW OFFICER. IN THE CASE OF A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED, THE REVIEW OFFICER IS THE CUSTODY OFFICER. WHERE THE ARRESTED PERSON HAS NOT YET BEEN CHARGED, THE REVIEW OFFICER MUST BE AN OFFICER OF AT LEAST THE RANK OF INSPECTOR NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION.

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THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION PREFERS TO RETAIN THE EXISTING DEFINITION OF ARRESTABLE OFFENCE WHICH IS THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE FOR WHICH THE SENTENCE IS FIXED BY LAW OR FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY BE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN 12 MONTHS. ANYONE MAY ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT ANY PERSON WHO IS IN THE ACT OF COMMITTING OR HAS COMMITTED AN ARRESTABLE OFFENCE.

5. SERIOUS ARRESTABLE OFFENCE  
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WHERE A SERIOUS ARRESTABLE OFFENCE IS INVOLVED, THE POLICE WILL BE ABLE TO EXERCISE MORE EXTENSIVE POWERS, SUCH AS EXTENDED DETENTION, THE TAKING OF INTIMATE SAMPLES AND DELAY IN PERMITTING ACCESS TO LEGAL ADVICE. THE COMMISSION PROPOSES THAT A SERIOUS ARRESTABLE OFFENCE SHOULD BE DEFINED AS ONE FOR WHICH A SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT OF FIVE YEARS OR MORE CAN BE IMPOSED, PLUS A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC OFFENCES. THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION HAS SUGGESTED THAT THESE ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC OFFENCES SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN CONSULTATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

6. ITEMS SUBJECT TO LEGAL PRIVILEGE  
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ITEMS SUBJECT TO LEGAL PRIVILEGE INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A LAWYER AND HIS CLIENT AND ANY DOCUMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. THESE MATERIALS CANNOT BE SEIZED BY THE POLICE.

7. EXCLUDED MATERIAL  
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EXCLUDED MATERIAL INCLUDES ALL PERSONAL RECORDS RELATING TO A PERSON'S HEALTH, SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING OR PERSONAL WELFARE; HUMAN TISSUE OR FLUID TAKEN FOR DIAGNOSIS OR MEDICAL TREATMENT; AND JOURNALISTIC MATERIAL IN THE FORM OF DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS. THE POLICE CANNOT GAIN ACCESS TO EXCLUDED MATERIAL UNLESS THEY FOLLOW A SPECIAL PROCEDURE, WHICH REQUIRES THEM TO MAKE AN INTER PARTES APPLICATION TO A JUDGE FOR AN ORDER THAT THE PERSON IN POSSESSION OF THE MATERIAL PRODUCE THE MATERIAL OR GIVE THE POLICE ACCESS TO IT.

8. SPECIAL PROCEDURE MATERIAL  
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SPECIAL PROCEDURE MATERIAL INCLUDES, FIRSTLY, JOURNALISTIC MATERIAL WHICH IS NOT "EXCLUDED MATERIAL" AND, SECONDLY, MATERIAL ACQUIRED OR CREATED IN THE COURSE OF ANY TRADE, BUSINESS, PROFESSION OR OTHER OCCUPATION WHICH IS HELD SUBJECT TO AN EXPRESS OR IMPLIED UNDERTAKING TO HOLD IT IN CONFIDENCE, OR SUBJECT TO A STATUTORY RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE. BROADLY SPEAKING, THIS CATEGORY OF MATERIAL WOULD COVER SUCH THINGS AS EMPLOYMENT RECORDS OR DETAILS OF BANK ACCOUNTS, AND FILM TAKEN BY A JOURNALIST OF A NON-CONFIDENTIAL NATURE.

ACCESS TO SPECIAL PROCEDURE MATERIAL REQUIRES POLICE TO MAKE AN INTER PARTES APPLICATION TO A JUDGE FOR AN ORDER BY SATISFYING THE COURT THAT THERE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR BELIEVING THAT A SERIOUS ARRESTABLE OFFENCE HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND THAT THERE IS SPECIAL PROCEDURE MATERIAL ON THE PREMISES WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE OF SUBSTANTIAL VALUE TO THE INVESTIGATION AND TO BE RELEVANT EVIDENCE. IN ADDITION, THE POLICE HAVE TO SHOW THAT THEY HAVE TRIED OTHER METHODS OF OBTAINING THE MATERIAL AND THAT GRANTING ACCESS IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, HAVING REGARD TO THE LIKELY BENEFIT TO THE INVESTIGATION AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE MATERIAL IS HELD.

9. ROAD CHECKS  
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THE COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE POWER TO ESTABLISH A ROAD CHECK SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN RELATION TO AN ARRESTABLE OFFENCE AND THAT A ROAD CHECK BE AUTHORISED BY AN OFFICER OF THE RANK OF CHIEF INSPECTOR OR ABOVE. THE COMMISSION THINKS IT DESIRABLE THAT THE POLICE SHOULD, FOR INSTANCE, BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH ROAD CHECKS TO ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

THE COMMISSION FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXISTING POWER OF THE POLICE TO STOP VEHICLES UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE SHOULD BE PRESERVED BUT THAT THE LAW BE AMENDED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IT GIVES POWER TO STOP ONLY FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO OFFENCES UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

10. IDENTITY CHECKS  
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IN VIEW OF THE NEED TO ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENT TO CARRY PROOF OF IDENTITY, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXISTING POWER UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE WHICH ALLOWS THE POLICE TO CARRY OUT RANDOM IDENTITY CHECKS WITHOUT THE NEED FOR ANY SUSPICION SHOULD BE RETAINED.

THE COMMISSION, HOWEVER, FEELS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S CRIMINAL RECORD SHOULD NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY AVAILABLE TO THE POLICE OFFICER MAKING A RANDOM IDENTITY CHECK. AS A SAFEGUARD AGAINST ABUSE OF THE POWER, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE POLICE SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO KEEP A WRITTEN RECORD OF ANY IDENTITY CHECKS.

11. DETENTION  
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UNDER THE CURRENT LAW IN HONG KONG, THERE IS NO CLEAR LEGISLATIVE STATEMENT OF THE TIME LIMITS GOVERNING THE DETENTION OF PERSONS BY THE POLICE. THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THE PACE PROVISIONS SETTING OUT THE PERIODS FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY BE DETAINED BEFORE OR AFTER CHARGE.

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BROADLY, A PERSON SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE DETAINED FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS WITHOUT BEING CHARGED. AN OFFICER OF SUPERINTENDENT RANK OR ABOVE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AUTHORISE DETENTION UP TO 36 HOURS PROVIDED HE HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR BELIEVING THAT: 1) CONTINUED DETENTION IS NECESSARY TO SECURE OR TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE, OR TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE BY QUESTIONING HIM; 2) THE OFFENCE IS A SERIOUS ARRESTABLE OFFENCE; AND 3) THE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CARRIED OUT DILIGENTLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY.

FURTHER PERIODS OF DETENTION UP TO A TOTAL OF 96 HOURS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE AUTHORISED BY A MAGISTRATES' COURT FOLLOWING A HEARING AT WHICH THE DETAINED PERSON IS PRESENT.

THE COMMISSION SUGGESTS THE ADOPTION OF A PROVISION THAT WHERE A PERSON HAS BEEN CHARGED HE MUST BE BROUGHT BEFORE A MAGISTRATES' COURT AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE AND IN ANY EVENT NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST SITTING AFTER HE IS CHARGED WITH THE OFFENCE.

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LAW REFORM REPORT ON ARREST WELCOMED

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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR IAN STRACHAN, TODAY (MONDAY) WELCOMED THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT ON ARREST PREPARED BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION.

"THIS IS THE PRODUCT OF FOUR YEARS OF HARD WORK BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE," HE SAID.

"I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE."

MR STRACHAN SAID THE REPORT HAD MADE A LARGE NUMBER OF DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH HE WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY, TOGETHER WITH THE POLICE FORCE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS.

HE COULD NOT SAY HOW LONG THIS WOULD TAKE, BUT POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AND WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

"OUR AIM MUST BE TO ENSURE THAT THE POLICE CONTINUE TO HAVE ADEQUATE POWERS TO FIGHT CRIME AND THAT THESE POWERS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ABUSE," MR STRACHAN SAID.

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11 MORE HIV INFECTED CASES CONFIRMED

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A TOTAL OF 11 MEN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH (OCTOBER), BRINGING THE NUMBER OF HIV INFECTED PERSONS IN HONG KONG TO 328.

SPEAKING AT A MONTHLY MEDIA BRIEFING, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN (SPECIAL PREVENTIVE PROGRAMME), DR S S LEE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ONE OF THE NEW HIV INFECTED PERSONS HAD ALSO BEEN CONFIRMED AS AIDS PATIENT DURING THE MONTH.

IN ADDITION, ONE AIDS PATIENT DIED IN THE SAME MONTH.

THIS BRINGS TO 70 CONFIRMED AIDS CASES WITH 45 DEATHS. THE 25 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT THE TERRITORY.

OF THE 328 HIV INFECTED, 61 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 227 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, SIX WERE DRUG ABUSERS, AND THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION BEFORE 1985 WHEN HIV ANTIBODY TEST WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

FOR THE REMAINING 31, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 251,850 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 1,155,936 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 26 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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/AIDS VIRUS .....

AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing

Virus Unit, Department of Health

|   | Apr 85-Sep 92 |            | Oct 92      |           | Total         |            |
|---|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
|   | No. tested*   | No. +ve    | No. tested* | No. +ve   | No. tested*   | No. +ve    |
| Referrals from Public hospitals and clinics | 32094         | 136        | 482         | 4         | 32576         | 140        |
| Referrals from private practitioners        | 1941          | 64         | 15          | 5         | 1956          | 69         |
| Attendances at social hygiene clinics       | 205625        | 54         | 2389        | 2         | 208014        | 56         |
| Haemophiliacs                               | 631           | 61         | 2           | 0         | 633           | 61         |
| IV drug users                               | 7035          | 1          | 39          | 0         | 7074          | 1          |
| Referrals from Family Planning Association  | 243           | 0          | 1           | 0         | 244           | 0          |
| Health care personnel                       | 1332          | 0          | 21          | 0         | 1353          | 0          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>248901</b> | <b>316</b> | <b>2949</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>251850</b> | <b>327</b> |

\* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

|   | Aug 85-Sep 92 |         | Oct. 92    |         | Total      |         |
|---|---------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|   | No. tested    | No. +ve | No. tested | No. +ve | No. tested | No. +ve |
| Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service | 1140474       | 26      | 15462      | 0       | 1155936    | 26      |

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GOVT LAND AUCTION IN DECEMBER

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TWO GOVERNMENT LAND LOTS WILL BE AUCTIONED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 15.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE THEATRE OF THE CITY HALL AT 2.30 PM.

THE FIRST LOT IS LOCATED IN AREA 30A, SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,871 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCEPT ANY GODOWN FOR DANGEROUS GOODS).

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 17,613 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1996.

THE SECOND SITE IS LOCATED IN YIP CHEONG STREET, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,935 SQUARE METRES AND IS EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCEPT OFFENSIVE TRADE AND ANY GODOWN FOR DANGEROUS GOODS).

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 7,290 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1996.

OF THIS, NOT LESS THAN 2,430 SQUARE METRES SHALL BE USED AS MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR WORKSHOP.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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OLD AGE ALLOWANCE SCHEME WELL ADMINISTERED

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THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT PAID TRIBUTE TO THE STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT BY POINTING OUT IN HIS RECENTLY PUBLISHED REPORT THAT THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE SCHEME WAS WELL ADMINISTERED, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, SAID

AT THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE'S PUBLIC HEARING HELD TODAY (MONDAY), MR CARTLAND SAID FOUR RELATIVELY TECHNICAL POINTS OF THE SCHEME WERE STUDIED BUT THE MAIN THRUST OF THE REPORT WAS THAT THERE WAS A SOUND FRAMEWORK FOR CONTROL OF THE SCHEME WHICH WAS WELL RUN.

HE DREW MEMBERS' ATTENTION TO THE SCALE OF THE SCHEME'S OPERATION IN WHICH ABOUT 900 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT HANDLED 70,000 APPLICATIONS A YEAR WITH AN EXPENDITURE OF \$2.1 BILLION.

"THE FINDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S REPORT ARE REALLY AN ENCOURAGEMENT AND A TRIBUTE TO THE STAFF. WITH A CASELOAD OF 420,000 THEIR WORK IS LARGELY MECHANICAL, OFTEN TEDIOUS AND IT'S AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO THEM THAT THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED IN THIS WAY."

HE SAID HE AGREED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT THAT IN FUTURE THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SOUGHT WHEN THE DEPARTMENT WAS TO CHANGE THE QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR OLD AGE ALLOWANCE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

IT WAS A FORWARD-LOOKING POINT ON THE PART OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT WHEN HE INCLUDED THAT IN HIS REPORT, HE ADDED.

IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, BUT THERE WOULD BE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN ANY FUTURE CHANGE GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE PRESENT CASELOAD. FOR THAT REASON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSULTED IN FUTURE, MR CARTLAND ADDED.

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SEWAGE PUMPING STATION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) SIGNED A \$52.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI PO SEWAGE PUMPING STATION UNDER STAGE TWO OF THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT), MR CHUNG KWOK-LEUNG, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HSIN CHONG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WHICH HAS BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT.

WORKS ON THE CONTRACT INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF A PUMPING STATION AND A BALANCING TANK INSIDE THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WITH ASSOCIATED PIPEWORK AND ANCILLARY CHAMBERS.

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CONSTRUCTION WORKS WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH FOR COMPLETION BY MARCH 1995.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE PUMPING STATION WILL PUMP TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT FROM TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS THROUGH A SUBMARINE PIPELINE TO SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

MR CHUNG SAID THE COMBINED TREATED SEWAGE FROM SHA TIN AND TAI PO WOULD THEN BE PUMPED THROUGH A TWIN PUMPING MAIN, GRAVITATE THROUGH A 7.4 KILOMETRES LONG TUNNEL TO KAI TAK NULLAH BEFORE FINALLY DISCHARGING TO VICTORIA HARBOUR.

THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME IS PART OF THE TOLO HARBOUR ACTION PLAN WHICH IS AIMED AT REDUCING POLLUTION CAUSED BY "RED TIDES" IN THE HARBOUR.

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LONG AND MERITORIOUS AWARDS FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

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THERE WERE SMILES ALL AROUND AS SIX POLICY SECRETARIES AND 36 DIRECTORATE OFFICERS WHO USED TO PRESENT LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO THEIR STAFF BECAME PROUD RECIPIENTS OF SUCH CERTIFICATES THEMSELVES TODAY (MONDAY).

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND ORGANISED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, WAS JOINTLY OFFICIATED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, AND THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

THE STRENGTH OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE HAS GROWN FROM A MEAGRE TOTAL OF 79 IN 1962 TO 460 AT PRESENT.

THIS EXPANSION REFLECTS THE INCREASING COMPLEXITIES OF THE PROCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT BROUGHT ABOUT BOTH BY THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG INTO A CITY OF WORLD STATURE AND THE INCREASING ASPIRATIONS OF THE LOCAL POPULATION.

TWELVE OFFICERS RECEIVED THE 30-YEAR CERTIFICATES FROM SIR DAVID.

THEY INCLUDED MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE; MRS ANSON CHAN, SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES; MR JAMES SO, SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE; MR ANTHONY EASON, SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS; AND MR DOMINIC WONG, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

MR WIGGHAM, IN HIS DUAL CAPACITY AS A RECIPIENT AND AN OFFICIATING GUEST, LATER PRESENTED THE 20-YEAR CERTIFICATES TO 30 OFFICERS.

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AMONG THEM WERE MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE; MR HAIDER BARMA, DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES; MR MICHAEL SZE, SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS; AND MR IAN R. STRACHAN, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY.

ALSO ATTENDED THE OCCASION WERE 18 OF THE 22 "FRESHERS" WHO WERE APPOINTED UNDER THIS YEAR'S RECRUITMENT EXERCISE.

WELCOMING THE NEW APPOINTEES, MR WIGGHAM EXPRESSED HOPES THAT THEY WOULD PROCEED ON A SELF-PROPELLED COURSE OF PROGRESSION, GRADUALLY BLOSSOMING INTO WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS, AND CAPABLE OF TAKING ON AN EXTREMELY WIDE RANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

HE URGED THEM TO GIVE OF THEIR BEST ALWAYS AND TO SET THEMSELVES EVER HIGHER GOALS AND STANDARDS.

AT THE SAME FUNCTION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ASSOCIATION, MR JOHN CHAN, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID FAREWELL TO TWO RETIRING OFFICERS - MR DAVID NENDICK, SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, AND MR HAROLD KWOK, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE RECIPIENTS OF LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY:

30-YEAR CERTIFICATES:

- MR BARRIE WIGGHAM  
MRS ANSON CHAN  
MR JAMES SO YIU-CHO  
MR ANTHONY G. EASON  
MR DOMINIC WONG SHING-WAH  
MR ADOLF HSU HSUNG  
MR DARWIN CHEN  
MR ALBERT LAM CHI-CHIU  
MR PAUL WONG KAM-CHIU  
MR PETER NG KWOK-TAI  
MR LUI HAU-TUEN  
MR BRIAN L. COAK

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20-YEAR CERTIFICATES:

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MRS ELIZABETH WONG  
MR HAIDER H.T. BARMA  
MR MICHAEL SZE CHO-CHEUNG  
MR MICHAEL CARTLAND  
MR IAN R. STRACHAN  
MR NICHOLAS NG WING-FUI  
MR BILLY LAM CHUNG-LUN  
MR RICHARD J.F. HOARE  
MR ANTHONY J. MILLER  
MRS HELEN YU LAI CHING-PING  
MISS CHRISTINE CHOW KWAN-TAI  
MRS ELIZABETH M. BOSHER  
MISS ELAINE CHUNG LAI-KWOK  
MRS SHELLEY LAW LEE LAI-KUEN  
MR DAVID K. DOWDING  
MR PAUL LEUNG SAI-WAH  
MISS JACQUELINE A. WILLIS  
MR KWONG KI-CHI  
MRS RACHEL M.B. CARTLAND  
MR NICHOLAS YEK CHEK-MING  
MR RICKY FUNG CHOI-CHEUNG  
MR WILLIAM YAP CHOI-CHIN  
MR ANTHONY G. COOPER  
MR VICTOR YUNG CHUK-HUNG  
MR THOMAS YIU KEI-CHUNG  
MISS LOLLY CHIU YUEN-CHU  
MR PAUL WONG PO-WAH  
MR CHRIS WAN CHUNG-CHU  
MR JOHN WAN CHUNG-ON  
MR TIMOTHY TONG HING-MING

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SITTING-OUT AREA IN CHAI WAN

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA AT TAI MAN STREET, CHAI WAN.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN EIGHT MONTHS.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON DECEMBER 11.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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WATER CUTS IN SAI KUNG AND KOWLOON EAST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT THE SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD FROM FEI NGO SHAN ROAD TO SHAW'S STUDIO.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ALSO INCLUDE FEI NGO SHAN ROAD, ANDERSON ROAD, LUNG WO TSUEN, TAN SHA TSUEN, SAM LONG TSUEN, TSENG LAN SHUE TSUEN, PAK SHEK WO TSUEN, RAZOR HILL ROAD, PAK SHEK TERRACE, PAK SHEK WO SAN TSUEN, PIK UK PRISON, PIK UK TSUEN, SIU TO YUEN TSUEN, CLEAR WATER BAY APARTMENTS, TA KU LING SAN TSUEN, PIK SHUI SAN TSUEN, CHUK KOK TSUEN AND TAI PO TSAI TSUEN.

BECAUSE OF MAINTENANCE WORK ON WATER MAINS, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN KOWLOON EAST WILL GO OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 26).

THE AFFECTED AREAS INCLUDE SAN PO KONG, NGAU CHI WAN, CHOI HUNG ESTATE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, PING SHEK ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUNG ON ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT, SHUN LEE TSUEN THA, NGAU TAU KOK, LOK WAH ESTATE, JORDAN VALLEY, KOWLOON BAY, KWUN TONG, LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING AND CHA KWO LING.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 70.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 410.959 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 259.304 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 44.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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|                                | \$ MILLION<br>----- |
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| OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 1,420               |
| REVERSAL OF LAF                | +80                 |
| BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF  | 1,500               |
| NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY | NIL                 |
| EFFECT OF LAF TODAY            | NIL                 |
| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 1,500               |

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 113.6 \*+0.1\* 23.11.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

| TERMS     | YIELD    | TERM      | ISSUE | COUPON | PRICE  | YIELD |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 WEEK    | 3.25 PCT | 15 MONTHS | 2402  | 5.50   | 101.19 | 4.54  |
| 1 MONTH   | 3.36 PCT | 18 MONTHS | 2405  | 5.50   | 101.16 | 4.74  |
| 3 MONTHS  | 3.63 PCT | 21 MONTHS | 2408  | 4.375  | 99.16  | 4.94  |
| 6 MONTHS  | 3.84 PCT | 24 MONTHS | 2411  | 4.625  | 99.27  | 5.08  |
| 12 MONTHS | 4.32 PCT |           |       |        |        |       |

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 7,575 MN

CLOSED 23 NOVEMBER 1992

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