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GOVERNOR CALLS FOR EARLY RESOLUTION OF RIGHT OF ABODE

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THE RIGHT OF ABODE INVOLVES COMPLICATED ISSUES ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF CITIZENSHIP BUT AN EARLY RESOLUTION CAN PUT AT REST THE ANXIETY OF SOME OF THE 400,000 PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE SUCH A BIG CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL'S NEW CLINICAL BLOCK, MR PATTEN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO DO AS MUCH THROUGH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THERE WERE SCORES OF ISSUES THAT HAD TO BE DEALT WITH AND THE RIGHT OF ABODE WAS ONE OF THEM.

"IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE AND THE SOONER WE CAN PUT IT TO REST THE BETTER AND IF DIRECTOR LU PING'S REMARKS YESTERDAY SUGGEST THAT THE CHINESE SIDE ARE READY TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE, THEN WE'LL BE ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"IT WILL BE, I THINK, A TRIBUTE TO CHINESE OFFICIALS AS WELL AS TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IF WE CAN GET IT RESOLVED."

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE RECENT REQUEST BY THE PRELIMINARY WORKING COMMITTEE FOR THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (PWC), MR PATTEN REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT POSITION REMAINED AS IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN.

"WE PROVIDE INFORMATION TO GROUPS AND THE COMMUNITY WHEN THEY WANT THAT INFORMATION AND WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION IF MEMBERS OF THE PWC WANT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT EITHER THE AIRPORT CORPORATION WHITE BILL OR THE FUNDING OF THE AIRPORT," HE SAID.

"THE CHIEF SECRETARY GAVE A VERY FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE ANSWER ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY WHICH I WHOLLY SUPPORT.

"WE ARE AN OPEN GOVERNMENT. WE ARE A GOVERNMENT WHICH WANTS TO COMMUNICATE AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE.

"I AM SURE THAT THE SENSIBLE THING TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EXISTING CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION THAT WE HAVE WORK AS SUCCESSFULLY AS POSSIBLE."

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GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO REPORTERS

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL NEW CLINICAL BLOCK THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON:

GOVERNOR: I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF OPENING A NEW HEALTH FACILITY HERE, A NEW DEVELOPMENT OF THIS HOSPITAL. YESTERDAY, I ATTENDED, AS YOU KNOW, THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S SECOND CONVENTION AND WE TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANT WORK WHICH THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ARE DOING. TODAY, WE'VE SEEN ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN IMPROVED HEALTH CARE FOR HONG KONG. SO I'M PLEASED YOU'RE ALL ABLE TO COME HERE AND SEE IT FOR YOURSELF.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, ABOUT 300 000 PEOPLE MAY LOSE THEIR RIGHT OF ABODE AFTER 1997. SO, HOW WOULD YOU .....BY THIS POINT? IS THAT TRUE?

GOVERNOR: THE QUESTION OF RIGHT OF ABODE IS ONE, AS YOU KNOW, WHICH WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO RESOLVE THROUGH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP FOR SOME TIME. I THINK THAT MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WILL BE A LITTLE PUZZLED BY THE VARIOUS MESSAGES WHICH HAVE BEEN COMING OUT OF PEKING. THERE WERE, I THINK, TWO RATHER DIFFERENT IMPRESSIONS GIVEN YESTERDAY ABOUT FUTURE CHINESE INTENTION ON RIGHT OF ABODE. AND EARLIER, WE HAD ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PWC SAYING SOMETHING VERY DIFFERENT AGAIN. SO, THERE IS A DEGREE OF CONFUSION BUT IT UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF US RESOLVING THIS MATTER FOR I THINK ABOUT 400 000 PEOPLE THROUGH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO DO THAT. IT DOES INVOLVE, TO BE FAIR, QUITE COMPLICATED ISSUES ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF CITIZENSHIP BUT NEVERTHELESS, THE SOONER WE CAN RESOLVE IT THE SOONER WE CAN PUT AT REST THE ANXIETY OF SOME OF THE 400 000 PEOPLE YOU'VE REFERRED TO, WHO'VE MADE SUCH A BIG CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY HERE IN HONG KONG.

QUESTION: LU PING YESTERDAY SAID THAT CHINA WAS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THE WHOLE ISSUE IN A FLEXIBLE MANNER. DOES THAT ENCOURAGE YOU?

GOVERNOR: I THINK THAT FLEXIBILITY IS ALWAYS AN ENCOURAGING QUALITY. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH IT THROUGH THE JLG. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO DO AS MUCH THROUGH THE JLG AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THERE ARE SCORES OF ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM. IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE AND THE SOONER WE CAN PUT IT TO REST THE BETTER AND IF DIRECTOR LU PING'S REMARKS YESTERDAY, THOUGH THEY SEEMED TO BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IN THE AFTERNOON TO WHAT THEY'VE BEEN IN THE MORNING BUT IF LU PING'S REMARKS YESTERDAY SUGGEST THAT THE CHINESE SIDE ARE READY TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE, THEN WE'LL BE ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED. IT WILL BE, I THINK, A TRIBUTE TO CHINESE OFFICIALS AS WELL AS TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IF WE CAN GET IT RESOLVED.

QUESTION: WHY DID THE GOVERNMENT REFUSE THE INVITATION OF PWC TO SEND OFFICIALS TO PEKING TO EXPLAIN THE AIRPORT CORPORATION BILL? WILL THE GOVERNMENT RECONSIDER THIS MATTER?

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GOVERNOR: THE CHIEF SECRETARY GAVE A VERY FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE ANSWER ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY WHICH I WHOLLY SUPPORT. THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT WE ALREADY HAVE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. WE HAVE THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE. WE HAVE THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, THE LEGCO PANEL WHICH DEALS WITH FUNDING OF THE AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS. ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS, OF COURSE, IS THAT A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PWC ARE MEMBERS OF THE LEGCO PANEL, ARE MEMBERS OF THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY. SEVERAL OF THEM ARE IN THAT CATEGORY. SO, I THINK ONE HAS TO TAKE THIS PARTICULAR REQUEST WITH A PINCH OF SALT AND I THINK ONE HAS TO BE, PERHAPS, TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MOTIVE FOR THIS PARTICULAR REQUEST. BUT OUR POSITION REMAINS AS IT'S ALWAYS BEEN. WE PROVIDE INFORMATION TO GROUPS AND THE COMMUNITY WHEN THEY WANT THAT INFORMATION AND WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION IF MEMBERS OF THE PWC WANT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT EITHER THE AIRPORT CORPORATION WHITE BILL OR THE FUNDING OF THE AIRPORT. BUT THE CHIEF SECRETARY MADE OUR POSITION ON THE OVERALL ISSUE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR YESTERDAY. WE ARE AN OPEN GOVERNMENT. WE ARE A GOVERNMENT WHICH WANTS TO COMMUNICATE AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE. I AM SURE THAT THE SENSIBLE THING TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EXISTING CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION THAT WE HAVE WORK AS SUCCESSFULLY AS POSSIBLE AND I HOPE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PWC, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THOSE EXISTING ORGANS, WILL ARGUE THAT CASE ELOQUENTLY AND VIGOROUSLY IN PEKING AND IN HONG KONG.

QUESTION: DO YOU FIND IRONIC THAT LU PING SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNCO-OPERATIVE OVER THE ISSUE?

GOVERNOR: I THINK THAT ALL SORTS OF THING HAVE BEEN SAID IN PEKING OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS WHICH, PERHAPS, CAN BE EXPLAINED BEST BY POLITICAL ANALYSTS RATHER THAN THOSE WHO PRIMARILY HAVE THE CONCERN AND WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG AT HEART BUT I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS STAGE OF ADJECTIVES AND WORDS BEING THROWN AT US AND GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF CO-OPERATION. WE WANT TO CO-OPERATE IN THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE. WE WANT TO CO-OPERATE IN THE JLG. WE WANT TO HAVE MORE TALKS ABOUT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. WE WANT TO CO-OPERATE AND I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE OTHERS CO-OPERATING AS WELL. I AM A TENNIS PLAYER AND I KNOW VERY WELL THAT IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PLAY TENNIS ON YOUR OWN. SO THE SOONER WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO KNOCKS THE BALL BACK OVER THE NET TO US THE BETTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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TRAINING OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS DISCUSSED

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IN REPLY TO PRESS QUESTIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR GORDON SIU, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF CHINA THE POSSIBILITY OF SIGNING AN AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE AND TRAINING OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS.

"LAST MONTH THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION SENT HIS COUNTERPART A LETTER IN WHICH HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AGREEMENT BEING SIGNED SOMETIME THIS MONTH, BUT THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT, DATES AND WHO WOULD SIGN HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY IN THE LETTER," HE SAID.

MR SIU SAID NORMALLY THESE TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED BETWEEN OFFICERS OF THE TWO CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATIONS AND HE EXPECTED THE AGREEMENT ON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' TRAINING WOULD BE SIGNED EITHER BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION OR HIS TEAM MEMBERS.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF CANCELLING ANY PLANNED TRIP TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER HE HAD GONE BACK ON A PROMISE TO GO TO BEIJING ON JANUARY 26 TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT, HE SAID: "I HAVE NOT GIVEN ANY INDICATION ON WHEN I WOULD GO TO CHINA AND CERTAINLY AS FAR AS THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT IS CONCERNED, IT WILL PROBABLY BE BY THE DIRECTOR AND HIS TEAM."

HE ADDED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED WHETHER HE WOULD GO AND WITNESS THE SIGNING.

MR SIU NOTED THAT ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WAS VERY IMPORTANT AND HONG KONG ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS KIND OF CO-OPERATION AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE.

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BILL TO LOCALISE CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION

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THE CIVIL AVIATION BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATER THIS MONTH.

CIVIL AVIATION IN HONG KONG IS, FOR THE MOST PART, REGULATED BY UK LEGISLATION WHICH HAS BEEN APPLIED TO HONG KONG.

"THE BILL IS THE FIRST STEP IN ENACTING A COMPREHENSIVE BODY OF LOCAL CIVIL AVIATION LAW, WHICH IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURING THAT HONG KONG MAINTAINS ITS STATUS AS A CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL AVIATION AFTER 1997," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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IT PROVIDES FOR THE REGULATION OF CERTAIN TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF CIVIL AVIATION MANAGEMENT BY CONTINUING IN FORCE UNDER THIS BILL THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN THE UK CIVIL AVIATION ACT 1949 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1969.

THE BILL WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT THE HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION (INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS) REGULATIONS AND THE AIR TRANSPORT (LICENSING OF AIR SERVICES) REGULATIONS REMAIN IN FORCE AFTER JUNE 30, 1997.

THE CHINESE SIDE CONFIRMED THEIR ACCEPTANCE TO THE ENACTMENT OF THESE PROVISIONS AT THE 28TH JOINT LIAISON GROUP MEETING LAST DECEMBER.

"CONSULTATIONS ON OTHER CIVIL AVIATION ENACTMENTS ARE CONTINUING WITH A VIEW TO THE INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LEGISLATION TO RE-ENACT OTHER UK AVIATION LAWS APPLICABLE TO HONG KONG.

"THE INTENTION IS TO REPLACE ENACTMENTS ON A PROGRESSIVE BASIS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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#### NEW CENTRE HELPS INDUSTRIES FACE COMPETITION

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THE CHALLENGE HONG KONG INDUSTRIES FACE IS THE NEED TO ENHANCE THEIR COMPETITIVENESS IN THE HIGHER VALUE-ADDED LINKS OF THE MANUFACTURING CHAIN, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SIR HAMISH WAS OFFICIATING AT THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE.

TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, HE SAID, HONG KONG INDUSTRIES HAD TO EMPLOY NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND TO HARNESS THE OUTCOME OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

HE SAID BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS HAD DONE MUCH TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE MORE RESEARCH IN HONG KONG.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY THE FUNDING FOR RESEARCH IN THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID.

"THE APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY LTD ALSO USES PUBLIC FUNDS TO SUPPORT COMPANIES UNDERTAKING RESEARCH PROJECTS."

THE GOVERNOR HAS ANNOUNCED IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPLIED RESEARCH CENTRE IN HONG KONG, DRAWING ON SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE AVAILABLE HERE AND IN CHINA, HE ADDED.

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HOWEVER, THE TASK OF HARNESSING NEW TECHNOLOGIES REQUIRED SPECIAL SKILLS AND ALSO INSIGHT INTO MARKET NEEDS, HE SAID.

THE MISSION OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, HE SAID, WAS TO FACILITATE AND PROMOTE TECHNOLOGIES BY HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

PROMISING TECHNOLOGY-BASED COMPANIES ARE NURTURED IN PURPOSE-DESIGNED ACCOMMODATION AND PROVIDED WITH PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

THE CENTRE ALSO HELPS THESE COMPANIES IDENTIFY NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS THROUGH EXTENSIVE NETWORKING WITH RESEARCHERS IN HONG KONG, CHINA AND ELSEWHERE.

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VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN OCTOBER 1993  
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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF LAST YEAR, DECREASED BY 4.8% OVER THE SAME PERIOD THE YEAR BEFORE, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS RECORDED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 21%.

THIS IS SHOWN IN STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14%. IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY 14% IN VOLUME.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES WITH THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES BEING DISCOUNTED.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH DECREASED BY 0.6%. DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 0.3%.

PRICE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED BY CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE INDICES, WHICH ARE COMPILED BASED ON AVERAGE UNIT VALUES OR, FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES, BASED ON SPECIFIC PRICE DATA.

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX, INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 0.3% IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1993 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

TAKING OCTOBER 1993 ALONE AND COMPARING WITH OCTOBER 1992, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 10% WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14%. THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 8.3%. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS GREW BY 4.5%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 0.6% AND 1.1% RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

COMPARING OCTOBER 1993 WITH OCTOBER 1992, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF METAL MANUFACTURES WHICH RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 8.3%, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR OTHER COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED, PARTICULARLY RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-77%); FOOTWEAR (-55%); AND DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-42%).

AS REGARDS DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES, THE PRICES OF FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 8.6%.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-9.8%); TEXTILE FABRICS (-6.6%); AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-4.6%).

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 2.9% IN OCTOBER 1993 AS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1992.

CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WHEAT AND FLOUR; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL, VEGETABLE OIL AND LARD; AND TEA AND COFFEE. ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS; MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS; AND VEGETABLES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 5.5%.

COMMODITY ITEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES; CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY; WATCHES; AND CLOTHING.

HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 7% IN OCTOBER 1993 AS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1992.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR IRON AND STEEL; AND THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS. HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES; AND BASE METALS (OTHER THAN IRON AND STEEL).

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 16% IN VOLUME IN OCTOBER 1993 AS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1992.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 1.7%. NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY; SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS; AND OFFICE MACHINERY. THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; AND CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY DECLINED.

COMPARING OCTOBER 1993 WITH OCTOBER 1992, THE IMPORT PRICES OF CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 2.8%. THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS; RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; FOODSTUFFS; AND CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 10%, 1.8%, 1.2% AND 0.5% RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING OCTOBER 1993 WITH OCTOBER 1992, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS GREW SUBSTANTIALLY BY 40%. THAT OF CAPITAL GOODS; RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND CONSUMER GOODS REGISTERED INCREASES OF 19%, 18% AND 12% RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 10%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 1%. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FUELS; RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 15%, 3% AND 0.8% RESPECTIVELY. THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

DETAILS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE OCTOBER 1993 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS".

THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE AROUND JANUARY 10 AT \$8.5 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDICES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4918).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING OCT 1993 WITH OCT 1992			COMPARING JAN-OCT 1993 WITH JAN-OCT 1992		
	UNIT			UNIT		
	VALUE	VALUE	VOLUME	VALUE	VALUE	VOLUME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
CLOTHING	-9.3	-1.3	-8.3	-7.4	1.5	-8.9
TEXTILE FABRICS	-7.9	-6.6	-1.4	-3.4	-4.3	0.9

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TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-23.0	-9.8	-14.8	-14.2	-6.3	-8.5
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-27.2	-4.6	-23.6	-27.9	-1.0	-27.1
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-76.9	-1.3	-76.6	-46.2	-6.8	-42.5
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	-1.4	2.5	-3.8	5.7	-0.6	6.3
FOOTWEAR	-51.2	8.6	-55.2	-46.2	6.5	-49.6
METAL MANUFACTURES	7.6	-0.8	8.3	0.6	-2.2	2.8
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-17.3	0.1	-17.4	-3.1	-1.7	-1.4
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	-21.6	0.2	-21.7	-15.1	0.5	-15.6
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-14.9	-3.0	-12.3	-21.9	-2.5	-19.9
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-43.2	-2.2	-41.9	-23.9	-2.5	-21.9
ALL COMMODITIES	-10.0	*	-10.0	-4.6	0.3	-4.8

\* LESS THAN 0.05%

TABLE 2 : CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING OCT 1993 WITH OCT 1992			COMPARING JAN-OCT 1993 WITH JAN-OCT 1992		
	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
FOODSTUFFS	-4.0	-1.2	-2.9	-0.8	-0.8	*
CONSUMER GOODS	5.1	-0.5	5.5	16.9	-0.4	17.3

/RAW MATERIALS .....

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RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	5.1	-1.8	7.0	7.7	-2.7	10.7
FUELS	-25.1	-10.5	-16.4	5.7	-1.4	7.3
CAPITAL GOODS	4.5	2.8	1.7	20.9	3.2	17.2
ALL COMMODITIES	3.9	-0.6	4.5	13.3	-0.6	14.1

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\* LESS THAN 0.05%

TABLE 3 : CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING OCT 1993 WITH OCT 1992			COMPARING JAN-OCT 1993 WITH JAN-OCT 1992		
	UNIT			UNIT		
	VALUE %	VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	-9.7	0.3	-10.0	-2.9	-0.7	-2.3
CONSUMER GOODS	11.5	-0.8	12.2	19.1	0.2	18.9
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	14.0	-3.0	17.5	15.2	-3.2	19.1
FUELS	19.1	-14.9	40.1	61.4	-6.3	72.4
CAPITAL GOODS	19.6	1.0	18.6	34.7	2.1	31.8
ALL COMMODITIES	12.9	-1.1	14.2	20.2	-0.6	20.8

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NEW AUTHORISATION AND ANNUAL FEES FOR INSURERS

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THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AUTHORISATION AND ANNUAL FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1994 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON FEBRUARY 14.

IT PRESCRIBES THE AMOUNT OF FEES PAYABLE BY AUTHORISED INSURERS UPON AUTHORISATION AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

ON COMMENCEMENT OF THE REGULATION, THE AUTHORISATION OR ANNUAL FEE PAYABLE BY AN INSURER CARRYING ON EITHER LONG-TERM INSURANCE BUSINESS OR GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS IS \$80,000.

THE AUTHORISATION OR ANNUAL FEE PAYABLE BY AN INSURER CARRYING ON BOTH LONG-TERM INSURANCE BUSINESS AND GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS IS \$160,000.

THE LAST FEE REVISION WAS MADE IN NOVEMBER 1992.

"IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT POLICY, IT IS NECESSARY TO REVISE THE LEVEL OF FEES TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF SUPERVISION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ADJUSTMENT IN FEES REFLECTS ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION AND THE RISING COSTS OF SUPERVISION TO COPE WITH INCREASING SOPHISTICATION OF THE INSURANCE MARKET, HE ADDED.

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HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT FULL STEAM AHEAD: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG'S HOSPITAL SYSTEM IS MOVING FULL STEAM AHEAD TO IMPROVE THE FACILITIES AND THE ORGANISATION FOR PROVIDING HEALTH CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL PHASE IV EXTENSION IN TSUEN WAN, MR PATTEN SAID THE EXTENSION OF THE HOSPITAL WOULD ALLOW IT TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO A GENERAL ACUTE INSTITUTION, WITH A 24-HOUR ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE.

THE HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR COMMENDED THE HOSPITAL FOR OFFERING A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF CARE AND SUPPORT TO THOSE IN NEED, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING EXTRA BEDS AND ACCIDENTS SERVICES.

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THE SERVICES INCLUDE EXTENDED DAY NURSERY SERVICES, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, REHABILITATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

"THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS LIKE YAN CHAI IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS ABOUT HONG KONG'S SOCIAL SYSTEM," MR PATTEN SAID.

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TWO GOVT LOTS FOR AUCTION

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON JANUARY 31 (MONDAY).

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE LOT IN AP LEI CHAU WEST COVERS AN AREA OF 5,756 SQUARE METRES. IT IS INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN USE, EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADES.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 32,809 SQUARE METRES BEFORE MARCH 31, 1998.

THE OTHER LOT IN AREA 16, TUEN MUN HAS AN AREA OF 3,804 SQUARE METRES. IT CAN BE USED AS GODOWNS, EXCLUDING STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 12,000 SQUARE METRES BEFORE MARCH 31, 1997.

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

SALE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE OFFICES.

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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BOILERS CERTIFICATE FEES REVISED

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THE FEES RELATING TO THE ISSUE OR ENDORSEMENT OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS ORDINANCE HAVE BEEN REVISED.

THE NEW FEES, WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON FEBRUARY 14, WERE MADE UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1994 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE FEE FOR CARRYING OUT THE EXAMINATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ISSUE OR ENDORSEMENT OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY TO A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE WOULD BE RAISED FROM \$450 TO \$500.

THE FEE FOR THE ISSUE OF THE CERTIFICATE WILL BE ADJUSTED FROM \$210 TO \$245, HE ADDED.

THE CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE ORDINANCE TO CERTIFY THAT THE HOLDERS ARE COMPETENT TO OPERATE SPECIFIED TYPES OF BOILERS AND STEAM RECEIVERS OR TO ENDORSE THAT THE HOLDER IS COMPETENT TO OPERATE ONE OR MORE TYPES OF BOILERS AND STEAM RECEIVERS IN ADDITION TO THE TYPE SPECIFIED IN THE CERTIFICATE.

"A PERSON MAY BE EXAMINED BY THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUE OR ENDORSEMENT OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY," HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE EXAMINATION FEES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON TEL 852 4183.

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FARMLAND RESUMED FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN FOUR AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO PROVIDE LAND FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

IN YUEN LONG AND TAI PO, A TOTAL OF 52,177 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL BE RESUMED.

THE LAND IN YUEN LONG IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLOODWAY AND A CONCRETE NULLAH FOR THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE LOTS IN TAI PO ARE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MA ON SHAN TREATMENT WORKS TO PROVIDE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF MA ON SHAN NEW TOWN AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

MEANWHILE, 3,332 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN NORTH DISTRICT AND PUI O ON LANTAU WILL BE RESUMED.

THE LAND IS TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE CHANNEL TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING RISK IN MUK WU, TA KWU LING, THE NEW TERRITORIES AND AN AQUEDUCT CONNECTING THE SIU HO WAN TREATMENT WORKS WITH THE EXISTING SHEK PIK/SILVERMINE BAY AQUEDUCT.

THE FOUR PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO START SOON.

THE LAND WILL BE REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING OF NOTICES ON THE LOTS.

RESUMPTION DETAILS WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

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GARMENT TRADERS FINED \$1.5M FOR ORIGIN FRAUD

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A MANUFACTURER, AN EXPORTER AND AN AGENT OF GARMENTS PROSECUTED BY THE CUSTOMS FOR GIVING FALSE INFORMATION IN APPLYING CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$1,479,000 YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) AT SAN PO KONG MAGISTRACY.

ALL THE DEFENDANTS, EAGLE WILL LTD, PRETTY BASE LTD AND ITS DIRECTOR CHEUNG KIN WAI, ARTKEY HARBOUR LTD AND ITS DIRECTOR LAM MAN FAI, PLEADED GUILTY TO 26 COUNTS OF THE OFFENCE.

THE COURT HEARD THAT THE DEFENDANTS HAD APPLIED FOR CERTIFICATE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN FROM THE TRADE DEPARTMENT FROM DECEMBER 27, 1991 TO JANUARY 6, 1992 TO EXPORT \$1.5 MILLION WORTH OF LADIES GARMENTS TO FRANCE.

THE GOODS WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE ALL THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESS DONE IN HONG KONG.

INVESTIGATION BY CUSTOMS REVEALED THAT THE GARMENTS WERE ENTIRELY MANUFACTURED IN CHINA.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR OPERATING TUEN MUN LANDFILL

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR OPERATING THE PILLAR POINT VALLEY LANDFILL IN TUEN MUN FOR 20 MONTHS STARTING FROM MARCH.

WORKS INCLUDE THE LANDFILLING OF ABOUT 1.6 MILLION TONNES OF REFUSE, EXCAVATION OF SOME 0.5 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF EARTH FROM AN ADJOINING BORROW AREA, PROGRESSIVE COVERING OF PART OF THE LANDFILL SITE, ASSOCIATED ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS, LANDSCAPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING.

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LANDFILLING CONSISTS OF SPREADING AND COMPACTING REFUSE IN LAYERS AND COVERING EACH LAYER WITH EARTH. THE TOP LAYER CAN ELIMINATE ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES AND FIRE HAZARDS.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, SOLID WASTE DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 28.

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NEW ACCESS ROAD IN TAI PO PROPOSED

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AN ESTATE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT AN ACCESS ROAD FROM TAI PO ROAD TO ITS PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TAI PO TOWN, AND TO IMPROVE A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR TAI PO KAU AND A SECTION OF TAI PO COUNTRY TRAIL.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION, NECESSARY ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED EXCEPT FOR THE SECTION OF TAI PO COUNTRY TRAIL CONCERNED, SO AS TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL AND AT DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TAI PO AND TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 8, THIS YEAR.

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FIRST GROUP RETURNS TO VIETNAM THIS YEAR

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A GROUP OF 341 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (FRIDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER A VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.

COMPRISING 116 MEN, 99 WOMEN, 62 BOYS AND 64 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 192ND BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THIS WAS THE FIRST GROUP OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, MAKING A TOTAL OF 38,954 SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SERVICE RESERVOIR

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTING A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AT WEST POINT OF THE MID-LEVELS.

THE CONTRACT WORKS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL, INCLUDE SITE FORMATION, CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AND THE ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY WORKS.

SUPPLY, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO THE WESTERN AREA OF THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE IMPROVED WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED IN LATE 1995.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, 44TH FLOOR, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON JANUARY 28.

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CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL CARNIVAL

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A CARNIVAL FEATURING A MIX BAG OF WESTERN AND ORIENTAL CULTURAL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 9) AT PATERSON STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL CARNIVAL WILL LAST FROM 12.30 PM TO 5.30 PM. IT IS ORGANISED BY THE AREA COMMITTEE WITH THE HELP OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

FRINGE CLUB ARTISTS AND LOCAL POP SINGERS ARE INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE SECTION OF PATERSON STREET BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND GREAT GEORGE STREET.

TWENTY-THREE ROADSIDE STALLS ON PALM-READING, CARICATURES, CALLIGRAPHY AND THE MAKING OF TISSUE FLOWERS AND HANDMADE BADGES AND OTHERS WILL BE PUT UP FOR FUN-SEEKERS.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 835 2003.

THE CARNIVAL IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE HANG LUNG (REAL ESTATES AGENCIES) LTD, LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG (PACIFIC) AND TIMES SQUARE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL AT PATERSON STREET (BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND GREAT GEORGE STREET), CAUSEWAY BAY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,475
REVERSAL OF LAF	+525
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	4,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-2,349
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,651

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 127.6 \*\*0.0\* 7.1.94

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.38 PCT	14 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.26	3.61
1 MONTH	2.84 PCT	17 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.93	3.84
3 MONTHS	3.03 PCT	20 MONTHS	2508	4.625	100.98	4.03
6 MONTHS	3.20 PCT	23 MONTHS	2511	4.15	99.95	4.22
12 MONTHS	3.53 PCT	34 MONTHS	3610	4.20	98.89	4.68

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 18,882 MN

CLOSED 7 JANUARY 1994

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