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CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION

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IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES, A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE TWO LOWEST TENDERERS FOR THE CENTRAL AND WANCHAI RECLAMATION PHASE I CONTRACT HAD AGREED TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF THEIR TENDERS FOR A FURTHER FOUR MONTHS FROM JULY 5 TO NOVEMBER 8.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE SITE OF THE AIRPORT RAILWAY'S HONG KONG STATION TERMINUS, AND THUS FORMS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AIRPORT RAILWAY.

"BECAUSE OF THIS, WE HAVE BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CHINESE SIDE OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE ABOUT THE PROJECT AND WE HOPE THAT THE CHINESE SIDE WILL BE ABLE TO INDICATE ITS SUPPORT FOR THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO COMPLETING AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME PROJECTS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE BY JUNE 1997, IN LINE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

"CLEARLY HOWEVER, IT BECOMES HARDER TO AVOID THE RISK OF SLIPPAGE AND RISING COSTS IF THERE ARE DELAYS IN AWARDING CONTRACTS," THE OFFICIAL SAID.

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GOVERNMENT ENDEAVOURS TO MAXIMISE RESOURCES

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO THE LEGISLATURE THAT IT SHOULD ESTABLISH A MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGENCY WHICH CAN BE CALLED UPON BY DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE EXPERT ASSISTANCE IN VALUE FOR MONEY STUDIES AND TOP DOWN REVIEWS, THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID.

SPEAKING AT A HONG KONG SHIPPERS' COUNCIL LUNCHEON THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, MR TSANG SAID IN ESSENCE THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE MORE PRECISE COST INFORMATION ON EACH DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY AND WOULD ASSIST POLICY SECRETARIES IN DETERMINING WHETHER THEY WERE MAKING THE BEST USE OF THEIR RESOURCES.

"IN SHORT, WE ARE ENDEAVOURING TO BRING THE SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR INTO THE CIVIL SERVICE," MR TSANG ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW SYSTEM WAS IN ADDITION TO THOSE WHICH HAD NOW BEEN PUT IN PLACE TO HELP POLICY SECRETARIES IDENTIFY MORE CLEARLY WHERE RESOURCES WERE BEING CONSUMED.

/THE FINANCE .....

THE FINANCE BRANCH IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING A REVIEW. ITS AIM IS TO LEAVE A LEANER BUT MORE ROBUST POLICY BRANCH WITH A MORE STRATEGIC ROLE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FINANCES, WHILE GIVING POLICY SECRETARIES GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THEIR POLICY AREAS.

"TO THIS END POLICY SECRETARIES WILL NEED TO DEVELOP FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS WITH THEIR EXECUTIVE AGENCIES; OBTAIN FROM THE CENTRE THE RESOURCES THEY REQUIRE; MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE WAY THOSE RESOURCES ARE BEING USED; AS WELL AS PROMOTING AND SECURING VALUE FOR MONEY.

"THEY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO PROPERLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF ANY POLICY PROPOSALS THEY SEEK TO IMPLEMENT.

"ON THIS LATTER POINT, GIVEN CURRENT CONSTRAINTS, WE HOPE POLICY SECRETARIES WILL FOCUS EVEN MORE SHARPLY ON THE USE OF THEIR EXISTING RESOURCES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS SCOPE FOR REDEPLOYMENT TO FUND NEW INITIATIVES," MR TSANG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT PUBLIC SECTOR CURRENTLY CONSUMED JUST UNDER 20 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

"WHILE THIS MAY APPEAR LOW COMPARED WITH OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IT IS PRUDENT TO MAINTAIN IT AT AROUND THIS LEVEL.

"TO DO THIS WE AIM TO ENSURE THAT THE GROWTH OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE DOES NOT OUTSTRIP THE UNDERLYING GROWTH RATE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE," HE SAID.

"THIS POLICY HAS SERVED US WELL AND HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN SECURING THE REAL GROWTH IN THE ECONOMY FROM WHICH WE CONTINUE TO BENEFIT," HE STRESSED.

"HOWEVER TO ENSURE WE HAVE A REASONABLE CUSHION AGAINST UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCIES WE ALSO BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY RESERVES," HE ADDED.

"OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS, OF COURSE, RESULTED IN WELCOME IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR STANDARD OF LIVING. IT HAS ALSO ENABLED THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS SERVICES.

"THIS YEAR HEALTH, EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE ENVIRONMENT HAVE BEEN TARGETED FOR GROWTH. WE NEVERTHELESS ACCEPT THAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE.

"THE PROBLEM IS THAT OUR EFFORT TO CONTAIN THE GROWTH IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURE INEVITABLY RESULTS IN AN EVER-INCREASING MISMATCH BETWEEN PUBLIC ASPIRATIONS AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO FUND THEM," HE SAID.

FOR THIS REASON DECISIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF NEW RESOURCES MUST REFLECT THE TRUE PRIORITIES OF THE COMMUNITY.

WITH THIS IN MIND, BEFORE PREPARING HIS BUDGET, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TO ENSURE THAT THEIR VIEWS ARE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, HE SAID.

"SUCH IMPORTANT EXCHANGES WHICH ARE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ARE TAKING PLACE NOW FOR THE NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET," HE SAID.

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CRIME IN HONG KONG - FIRST HALF OF 1993
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POLICE TODAY (MONDAY) RELEASED THE CRIME FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

OVERALL CRIME SITUATION

CRIME FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1993 SHOWED AN ENCOURAGING FALL IN MOST SECTORS OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING WAS THE DROP IN THE NUMBER OF ROBBERIES INVOLVING FIREARMS BY 46.4% AND WITH PISTOL-LIKE OBJECTS BY 29.6% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992. VHEICLE THEFT DROPPED BY 22.2% OVER THE CORRESPONDING SIX MONTH PERIOD.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1993 WAS 40,610. THIS WAS A MARGINAL DECREASE OF 160 OR 0.4% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

THE CRIME RATE, WHICH IS THE NUMBER OF CRIMES PER 100,000 POPULATION, WAS 689, A DROP OF 1.6% COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

VIOLENT CRIME

THERE WERE 8,667 VIOLENT CRIMES REPORTED. THIS WAS A DECREASE OF 394 OR 4.3% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

THE VIOLENT CRIME, I.E. THE NUMBER OF CRIMES REPORTED PER 100,000 POPULATION, WAS 147, WHICH REPRESENTS A DROP OF 5.8% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

(VIOLENT CRIME INCLUDES MURDER, WOUNDING, SERIOUS ASSAULT, RAPE, INDECENT ASSAULT, CRUELTY TO CHILDREN, KIDNAPPING, BLACKMAIL, INTIMIDATION, ROBBERY AND ARSON)

SELECTED CRIMES

ROBBERY

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ROBBERIES REPORTED IN THIS HALF WAS 3,671 COMPARED WITH 4,302 IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1992, A SIGNIFICANT DROP OF 14.7%.

THERE WERE 15 ROBBERIES IN THIS HALF WHICH INVOLVED THE USE OF GENUINE FIREARMS; THIS COMPARES VERY FAVOURABLY WITH 28 DOWN 46.4% IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THERE WERE 159 ROBBERIES WHERE PISTOL-LIKE OBJECTS WERE USED, MARKEDLY DOWN BY 29.6% ON THE FIRST HALF OF 1992.

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THE FIRST SIX MONTHS SAW A MARKED DECREASE OF 60% IN ROBBERIES OF GOLDSMITHS/WATCH SHOPS, WITH ONLY 12 CASES RECORDED, AS AGAINST 30 IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1992.

BANK ROBBERIES DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY 4.8% WITH 60 CASES COMPARED WITH 63 IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1992.

HOMICIDE

HOMICIDES WERE DOWN 28.8% AT 42 COMPARED TO 59 DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992. (THE FIGURES FOR 1992 INCLUDED 24 VIETNAMESE KILLED IN SHEK KONG).

WOUNDING AND SERIOUS ASSAULT

THESE WERE UP WITH 2,914 CASES AS COMPARED TO 2,667 UP 9.3% IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

INDECENT ASSAULT ON FEMALE AND RAPE

THERE WERE 51 RAPES, THE SAME FIGURE AS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1992. INDECENT ASSAULTS ON FEMALES WERE 490 AS AGAINST 523 IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1992.

BLACKMAIL

BLACKMAIL CASES WERE 395 COMPARED TO 438 DOWN 9.8%, IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1992.

BURGLARY

6,936 BURGLARIES WERE REPORTED IN THE FIRST HALF UP BY 3.6% IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1992.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME

CRIMES INVOLVING MISSING MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY TO 2,389, 22.2% OVER THE SIX MONTH PERIOD, AS AGAINST 3,069 IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

FIGURES IN MOST AREAS OF SERIOUS CRIME WERE ENCOURAGING, SIGNIFICANTLY DOWN ON THE CORRESPONDING SIX MONTHS OF LAST YEAR.

PART OF THE CREDIT FOR THE DROP IN SERIOUS CRIME CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO IMPROVED CROSS BORDER CO-OPERATION AS WELL AS QUALIFIED SUCCESS IN THE PENETRATION AND NEUTRALISATION OF CRIMINAL SYNDICATES.

INCREASED POLICE STREET PATROL IS ALSO A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE DECLINE. AN ADDITION OF ABOUT 850 POLICE OFFICERS WERE BACK ON CONSTABULARY DUTIES AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANT DETENTION CENTRES, IMPROVED POLICE RECRUITMENT AND WASTAGE SITUATION AND THE RELEASE OF OFFICERS FROM CIVILIAN OFFICE WORK.

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THREE NOMINATED FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

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THREE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN RESPECT OF THE SAI KUNG CONSTITUENCY TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN THE NOMINATION PERIOD BEGINS.

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING CALLED FOR UNTIL JULY 19. THE BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 8 TO FILL THE SEAT OF MR GILBERT LEUNG KAM-HO.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATES ARE:

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	TELEPHONE
MR FRANCIS CHAU YIN-MING	32	SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR	116 3355 CALL 1717
DR LAW CHEUNG-KWOK	44	RESEARCH DIRECTOR AND ECONOMIC ADVISER	577 1572
MR WAI HING-CHEUNG	34	POST-GRADUATE STUDENT	9226 3009

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YOUNG PEOPLE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TODAY (MONDAY) URGED TO JOIN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) WHICH CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SYP COMMITTEE, MR PETER LEE, ESTIMATED THAT OVER 1.5 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE WERE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME'S 14,000 ACTIVITIES AND ENJOY A MEANINGFUL AND ENTERTAINING SUMMER HOLIDAY.

THE SYP STARTED TO PROVIDE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 6 AND 25 SINCE 1969.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY". THE SYP COMMITTEE, THROUGH FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS, HAD ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE SERVE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH JOINING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

MR LEE SAID SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL TRAINING COURSES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AWARDED TO VOLUNTEERS WHO DISPLAYED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN PLANNING AND PROMOTING SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

/MR LEE .....

MR LEE SAID THE TOTAL FUND NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR WAS ESTIMATED AT $39 MILLION. THIS WILL BE MET BY A $14 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND PRIVATE BODIES.

ON BEHALF OF THE SYP COMMITTEE, MR LEE THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAMME.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME, AN OPENING CEREMONY CUM VARIETY SHOW ENTITLING "SWINGING SUMMER" WILL BE STAGED AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS ON JULY 10.

SOME 1,000 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, AND THE SECRETRY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN.

IN ADDITION, A "JUBILEE DAY" EVENT IS SCHEDULED ON AUGUST 8 AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED AT VARIOUS DISTRICTS TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SYP, MR LEE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THIS YEAR'S SYP CAN BE DIRECTED TO ANY DISTRICT OFFICES.

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SEARCH FOR HK INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION DIRECTOR

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THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION IS LOOKING FOR THE FIRST DIRECTOR TO HEAD THE INSTITUTE.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HOLD A DOCTORATE DEGREE, HAVE EXPERIENCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION AND PREFERABLY AGED BETWEEN 40 TO 55.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND TEACHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG WILL BE AN ADVANTAGE. KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IS DESIRABLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID THE JOB CARRIED A MONTHLY SALARY OF $106,950 WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO A GOVERNMENT OFFICER AT THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT LEVEL.

OTHER FRINGE BENEFITS INCLUDE SUBSIDISED HOUSING, LEAVE, PASSAGE, CHILDREN'S EDUCATION ALLOWANCE AS WELL AS BENEFITS COMMENSURATE WITH A POSITION OF SUCH IMPORTANCE.

"THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE EXTREMELY CHALLENGING AS THE DIRECTOR IS EXPECTED TO OVERSEE THE PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION WHICH WILL BE THE KEY PROVIDER OF TEACHER EDUCATION COURSES IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HE WILL HAVE TO OVERSEE THE SUCCESSFUL MERGER OF THE FOUR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION.

/"THE DIRECTOR .....

"THE DIRECTOR THUS WOULD HAVE TO HAVE HIGH ACADEMIC STANDING AND STRONG LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, AS WELL AS EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS," HE ADDED.

APPOINTMENT WILL INITIALLY BE ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH A GRATUITY OF 25 PER CENT OF TOTAL SALARY EARNED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION.

THEREAFTER, THE INCUMBENT MAY BE RE-APPOINTED BY THE INSTITUTE'S GOVERNING COUNCIL SUBJECT TO MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

THE COUNCIL IS PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE JOB IN BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS NEWSPAPERS.

IT HOPES TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, SO THAT THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT CAN TAKE UP THE POST IN JANUARY 1994 AND PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING FOR THE CREATION OF THE INSTITUTE IN OCTOBER 1994.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO PREPARE FOR THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION.

THE INSTITUTE WILL BE A PUBLICLY-FUNDED INSTITUTION OFFERING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AT PRE-DEGREE LEVEL AND INTRODUCING DEGREE AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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BEAR SEIZED BY AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES OFFICERS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) SEIZED AN ASIATIC BLACK BEAR FROM A PRIVATE VILLA ON TAI PO ROAD AFTER RECEIVING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: "ASIATIC BLACK BEAR IS A KIND OF HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE."

"UNDER THE ORDINANCE, IT IS AN OFFENCE TO IMPORT, EXPORT, OR POSSESS A BEAR WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE ISSUED IN ADVANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT."

THERE ARE AT PRESENT OVER 9,000 SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS LISTED UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CHECK WITH THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE IMPORTING, EXPORTING OR POSSESSING ANIMALS AND PLANTS, WHETHER ALIVE, DEAD, OR STUFFED SPECIMEN.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE OFFENCE IS A FINE OF $25,000 ON FIRST CONVICTION AND $50,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE, HE ADDED.

/THE BEAR .....

THE BEAR SEIZED THIS MORNING IS A FEMALE OF ABOUT 1.5 METRES LONG AND WEIGHING ABOUT 100 KILOGRAMS. INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

IT IS NOW PLACED IN SHEUNG SHUI SHEK WU HUI GOVERNMENT KENNELS. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO TRANSFER IT TO A SUITABLE BREEDING CENTRE OVERSEAS.

ASIATIC BLACK BEAR IS USUALLY FOUND IN FORESTED REGIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, NORTHEAST AND SOUTHERN PARTS OF CHINA AND JAPAN.

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CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION DRAWS CROWDS

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THE 1993 CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION CURRENTLY STAGED AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM HAS RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, ATTRACTING THOUSANDS OF VISITORS SINCE ITS OPENING LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A CPCE SPOKESMAN TODAY (MONDAY) SAID MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS WERE YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES. THIS MORNING ALONE, SOME 2,000 PEOPLE HAVE SEEN THE EXHIBITS.

HE EXPECTED THE FIGURE TO BE FURTHER BOOSTED WHEN STUDENTS, FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN PARTICULAR, WHO HAVE ENROLLED THROUGH THEIR TEACHERS TURN OUT IN FORCE TOMORROW.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THOSE WHO HAD NOT SEEN THE DISPLAY TO TAKE PART IN THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES.

THE EXHIBITION, FOCUSES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AIMS TO IMPART RELEVANT MESSAGES THROUGH A VARIETY OF INTERESTING ACTIVITIES.

THEY INCLUDE A HANDS-ON COMPUTER QUIZ WHICH COMPRISES AN AWARD-WINNING ANIMATION VIDEO ENTITLED "THE ADVENTURE OF A WORM".

VISITORS CAN PICK UP THE TELEPHONES TO LISTEN TO FIVE DIFFERENT PRE-RECORDED SHORT PLAYS, PORTRAYING SCENARIOS TO ILLUSTRATE HOW THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE AFFECTS DAILY LIVES.

INTERFACED WITH A DYNAMIC GRAPHIC VIDEO PRESENTATION INTRODUCING THE ARTICLES OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS A SLIDE SHOW PRODUCED BY THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS ENCAPSULATING THE SAME THEME.

THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS PUT UP FOR DISPLAY A COLLECTION OF REFERENCE BOOKS ON SUCH TOPICS AS CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND LAW AND ORDER.

UP FOR GRABS ARE BOOKMARKS, CARTOON BOOKLETS AND CIVIC CARD SETS FEATURING PHOTOGRAPHS OF AND QUOTES FROM ARTISTES LIKE AARON KWOK, ALAN TAM AND JOEY WONG ON THEIR VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE SPECIAL EXHIBITION HALL OF THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM WILL END AT 5 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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TWO MOTION DEBATES ON LEGCO AGENDA

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL DEBATE TWO MOTIONS THIS WEDNESDAY (JULY 7) - ONE ON POLICY ON SERVICE INDUSTRY AND THE OTHER ON RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT STUDY.

THE FIRST MOTION WILL BE MOVED BY DR THE HON HUANG CHEN-YA WHILE THE OTHER WILL BE PROPOSED BY THE HON LAU WAH-SUM.

THE HON MRS SELINA CHOW WILL MOVE SEVEN MOTIONS UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE. THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS UNDER THE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES ORDINANCE.

MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 19 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER 12 BILLS AT THE MEETING.

SIX OF THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. DEBATES ON THEM ARE DUE TO BE ADJOURNED.

THE BILLS ARE LAND DRAINAGE BILL; EXCHANGES (SPECIAL LEVY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; BANKING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL 1993; SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 AND STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993.

DEBATES ON THE OTHER SIX BILLS WILL BE RESUMED. THEY ARE DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THEY ARE: PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; MERCHANT SHIPPING (LIMITATION OF SHIPOWNERS LIABILITY) BILL; INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) BILL 1992; BANK NOTES ISSUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; EXCHANGE FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 AND INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1992.

IN ADDITION, THE HON RONALD ARCULLI WILL PRESENT THE 1992 ANNUAL REPORT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL ALSO PRESENT THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 1992 AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 1992.

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

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 71.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 420.043 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 452.542 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 77.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,280
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,520
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,800
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-1,000
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,800

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.7 *+0.1* 5.7.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.59 PCT	14 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.51	3.94
1 MONTH	3.51 PCT	17 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.71	4.12
3 MONTHS	3.40 PCT	20 MONTHS	2502	4.75	100.76	4.30
6 MONTHS	3.53 PCT	23 MONTHS	2505	3.75	98.77	4.49
12 MONTHS	3.87 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 15,500 MN

CLOSED JULY 5, 1993

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